

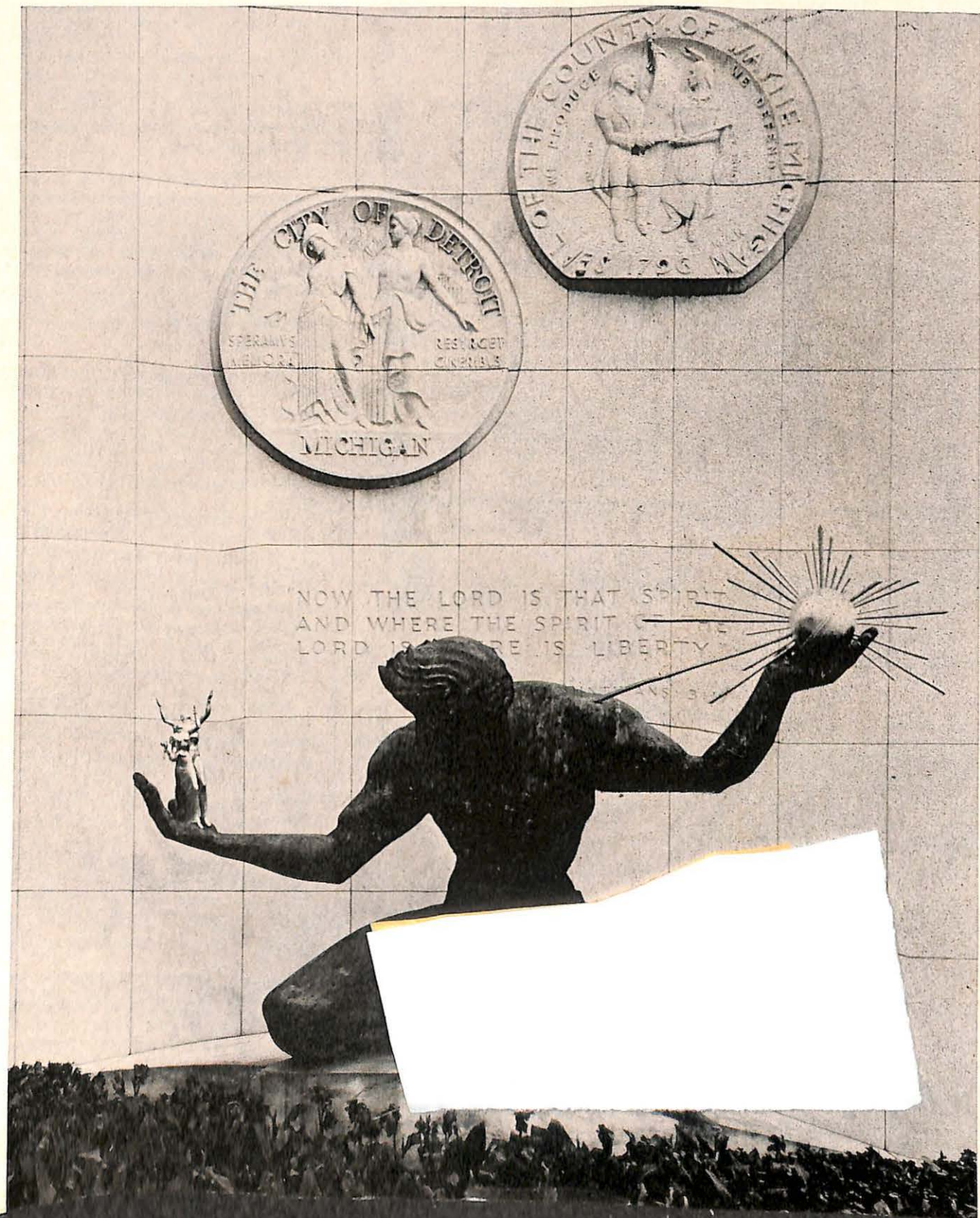
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## NEWS and NEEDS...

**BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY.** February 5 will be observed as BWA Sunday, at which time the work of the BWA is to be emphasized as well as remembered in prayer. It is suggested that the Communion Offering be designated for the work of the BWA.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.** The World Day of Prayer, Feb. 10, will be observed by the Women's Missionary Societies throughout the world. The theme which our North American Baptist W.M.U. has prepared program materials around is "Of His Kingdom There Shall Be No End." The offering is designated for our North American Baptist General Conference Missions, specifically for the education of our missionaries' children in Cameroon, Africa, and Japan.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** Workshop sessions for denominational administrative personnel will be held as well as the committees planning Summer Visitation (requests for special speakers), Student Service Placement, God's Volunteers, Church Extension and Church Loan Fund meeting in Forest Park, Ill., Feb. 21-25. Remember these in prayer.

**CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS.** The February project is the Calvary Baptist Church, Penn Hills, Pa., with Rev. Donald N. Hulin as pastor. Support this work with your prayer as well as with your contribution as a church extension builder.

**GOD'S VOLUNTEERS.** Pray for the Volunteers and their Directors as they serve at the following places: *Team I* with Rev. Edgar Klatt at the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. D., Feb. 7-19, and the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., Feb. 21-March 5; and *Team II* with Rev. Connie Salios at the Northern California churches, Feb. 1-March 5.

**MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK.** Remember in prayer the following missionaries of the week: Miss Laure E. Reddig (Feb. 5), Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson (Feb. 12), Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern (Feb. 19), and Rev. and Mrs. Herman L. Effa (Feb. 26).

**STEP.** Rev. Ernest A. Hoffmann of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa., reports that this church is using STEP materials. The First Baptist Church, West New York, N. J., with Rev. Gary Miller as former pastor, has adopted the STEP program.

**BAPTIST BIBLE TRAINING CENTER, GREAT SOPPO.** This college in Cameroon, West Africa, has 273 students enrolled with 49 of them being girls. This is a considerable increase in enrollment as reported by Rev. Ernest Zimbelman.

## Editorial

### Family Reunion - 1967 Style

Guest Editorial by Dr. A. Dale Ihrle, Moderator  
North American Baptist General Conference

Let's not call it a conference—that sounds too formal and business-like. Let's not refer to it as our triennial session—that sounds too automatic and routine. Let's not even call it a denominational meeting—that sounds too impersonal. Let's call it what it really is—our family reunion.

There was a time when this was almost literally so. Most of our people from Europe were related either directly or indirectly. Families were anxious to travel for miles to see old neighbors and relatives by blood or by marriage. The business sessions were undergirded by the delightful sense of renewed relationships on the very personal level. It was the custom to avoid hotels where possible—not for saving money only, but for the happy experience of staying in the homes of fellow-believers where love for Christ and a common heritage made for deep and meaningful companionship.

We are still a family. We are not so large that the personal element has disappeared from our denomination. To be sure, we are not as closely knit by blood as our fathers were, but the ties that bind us together are at least as strong—in some respects stronger.

We are joined by a common missionary task greater than a previous generation would have thought possible. We are the caretakers of a spiritual influence on the continent which is growing every year. We are bound together by visions and challenges that are so compelling they compete with each other within our own ranks. We are cemented into a fellowship by the providence of God in a period where Christian convictions are being sorely tested. We are not only members one of another, but we truly need one another.

During the week of July 10, 1967, we shall be meeting to consider our family affairs under the shadow of God's abiding Presence. We shall seek together the guidance of the Holy Spirit in important areas of our common stewardship. We shall renew our pledge to be loyal to our Scriptural inheritance and to our Baptist convictions. We shall pray together, worship together, sing together, study together and counsel together.

Will our comradeship during that time be like a Bible Conference? Yes, because we will partake of the Word of God in a deep and meaningful manner. Will it be like a convocation? Yes, because we will be sharing our thoughts and ideas with each other to the end that our part in Christ's cause may be more fruitful. Will it be like a workshop and planning session? Yes, because we will seek practical answers to the questions that are relevant among us. Will it be like a "deeper life" experience? Yes, because the entire procedure will be permeated by an atmosphere of devotion and inspiration. Will it be like the upper room prayer meeting before Pentecost? Yes, because we will be earnestly seeking the power of the Lord on our entire ministry.

But none of these things convey the real sense of Christian love and fellowship which underlies all we do. Our relationships in Christ are not jeopardized by the time or distance which separates us between sessions. The ties that bind us are very strong—stronger

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### Message for BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY

February 5, 1967

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God" (1 John 4:7).

OUR WORLD, this Baptist World Alliance Sunday 1967, is a world in need of love and peace.

War rages in Southeast Asia. Ideological conflicts, reflecting man's distrust of his brother, are seen in the halls of the United Nations and in human relationships in all parts of the world. Millions of refugees, driven from their homes by natural and man-made catastrophes, stand in need of rehabilitation. Other millions of people suffer from malnutrition and disease.

Amid all this conflict and suffering, uncounted millions await the saving knowledge of the gospel. Christian evangelism is not keeping pace with the booming increase in world population.

Let us therefore, as fellow Christians who profess "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all," come prayerfully this day to a recognition of our relationship to Him. Let us thank God for all his blessings to us. Let us pray that the love of God may become more meaningful in our lives.

Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, came to earth because of God's love for man. He taught men of love, understanding, and peace. He rose from the grave and commissioned his disciples to tell the story of his love to all men.

The love of God casts out fear. God's love brings peace to the hearts and minds of those who respond to it. And as we share this love with our neighbors, an ever-enlarging circle of love reaches out to the community, the nation and the world until peace ideally comes to all men.

Twenty seven million Baptists, worshipping, witnessing and serving the Lord in more than a hundred countries recognize this obligation to teach, and to practice, the love of God. Let us, as Baptists, join hands in the fellowship that is already ours. And let us, in company with other Christians bearing different names but confessing the same Christ, magnify the Lordship of Christ, that the love of God and His peace may reign in men's hearts everywhere.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9). "And now abideth hope, faith and love, but the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13).

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BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

### ABOUT THE COVER

This massive statue, "Spirit of Detroit," by Marshall Fredericks dominates the main entrance to the City-County Buildings in Detroit's Civic Center. Called "The Spirit of Detroit," the statue represents the spirit of man holding in his hands symbols of God and the family. Behind the statue on the symbol wall are the official seals of the City of Detroit and the County of Wayne, whose principal governmental offices are housed in the building. The inscription is from II Cor. 3:17 and reads, "Now the Lord is that Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

### FAMILY REUNION

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than mere boards or committee membership, stronger than mere organization. The cords between us are those of love for Christ and each other.

This is why it isn't enough to call it a conference or a mere meeting. We are looking forward to the personal pleasure of seeing and being with each other—at our family reunion.

### STUDENT SERVICE.

We urge churches and camps to request the services of very competent Christian students who have applied for summer service, and who are anxious to serve. Churches and camps are missing a tremendous opportunity for help if they do not apply for these students.

All are invited to write to Rev. John Binder, Secretary of the Student Placement Committee, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois 60130, for information and to make application.

# Highlights of the 35th General Conference

by Rev. H. J. Waltereit,  
Chairman, Program Committee

AS CHAIRMAN of the Program Committee of the 35th General Conference of North American Baptists to be held at Detroit, Mich., from July 10-16, 1967, I am naturally prejudiced in favor of the program that has been planned. But I am also convinced that you, as readers of the "Baptist Herald," will agree with me, as well as the general reaction we as a committee have received from those who have seen the program, that it is outstanding. It was prayerfully designed to be deeply spiritual, challenging, evangelistic, and informative.

The very theme that was chosen, "The Conquering Faith in This Age of Crisis," based on I John 5:5: "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God," was arrived at after much careful deliberation, because we wanted it to be truly relevant and helpful in these difficult days. As a nation, as a world, and as individuals, we are faced with one crisis after another it would seem. How important, then, that we realize anew that the gospel of Jesus Christ does not just sustain us, but it is a truly conquering force.

## OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS

The same prayerful care was exercised in our choice of speakers. In faith we decided to invite some of the outstanding Christian personalities of North America and beyond, hoping they would be willing to come. We were more than pleased when most of them accepted our invitation almost immediately. I am convinced when you read their names in the next paragraphs you will not want to miss hearing any of them.

The keynote speaker on Monday evening, July 10, will be the widely-known pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, Okla., Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs. Some of you may know him as the popular speaker on the weekly "Baptist Hour" program. He is also a Vice-President of the Baptist World Alliance. His subject will be "The Church and the Changing World." He will be followed on Tuesday evening

by an outstanding Canadian Christian layman, the Right Honorable John G. Diefenbaker, who served his nation as Prime Minister from 1957 to 1963 and is at present leader of the Conservative Party in Canada. He is respected for his Christian convictions, as an able speaker, and he will address us on the timely subject, "Facing the Great Social Issues of Our Day."

Wednesday evening will prove to be another highlight long to be remembered in that it will be our privilege to see and hear—to my knowledge for the first time in our history—a Christian Negro statesman, namely the Honorable William R. Tolbert Jr., who serves as Vice-President of his nation, Liberia, but also as the first Negro President of the Baptist World Alliance. His topic is truly spiritual and will sound a very positive note, "Affirmations of Our Faith."

Many of you have read some of his books or have heard Dr. Clyde M. Narramore, Christian psychologist and president of the Narramore Christian Foundation in Pasadena, Calif., on his nation-wide radio program. He will address the conference delegates and visitors on the up-to-date subject, "Christian Morals in an Uncertain Age." Parents and young people are faced increasingly with problems along this line and will not want to miss this evening session. Dr. Narramore is also featured as leader of one of the workshops that will be conducted after some of the afternoon sessions, as well as the speaker at the Saturday evening banquet.

Our never-ceasing, all-important task of winning the lost will be emphasized on Friday evening when Evangelist Mel Dibble of Cincinnati, Ohio, will speak on "Bringing Christ to Modern Man." God has used Evangelist Dibble mightily to win souls for him, as he has conducted evangelistic campaigns in some of our churches in recent years.

## MOMENTS OF MEDITATION

A truly spiritual feast awaits all those who will attend the devotional period, "The Conference in Meditation

and Bible Study," which will bring the morning sessions to a close each day. Prof. Gerald L. Borchert of our North American Baptist Seminary has chosen the general subject, "Biblical Themes and the Twentieth Century," for this hour. Having heard him once, you will want to hear all of these Bible studies.

Much the same could be said about the half-hour period, "Missionary Moments and Meditation," at the beginning of each day's sessions during which some of our own missionaries will speak on such topics as "Faith to Teach and Heal," "Faith to Work Among Minority Groups," "Faith to Meet Cultural Crises," to mention just a few. Among these personalities you will also see and hear Mr. E. K. Martin who is presently serving as the Education Secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Convention.

Not to be overlooked are the stirring musical presentations by the mass mixed and male choirs of the Detroit area as well as the other daytime sessions which will feature the various aspects of our denominational enterprise. During the business sessions some of the important findings and proposals of the Denominational Advance Planning Committee which has been hard at work since the 34th General Conference in Sacramento will be discussed and decided upon. Some of these proposals may prove to be of crucial importance for the future of our work. A number of things are being planned exclusively for our young people, such as fellowship hours, workshops, excursions (including a "Moonlight Cruise" on the busy Detroit River), and the like.

Since it proved to be so popular at Sacramento in 1964, our committee has again planned to leave Wednesday and Saturday afternoons free for the various tours being offered, sightseeing, shopping, or relaxation. Time will prove to be far too short to visit all of the exciting things to be seen in this thriving industrial city of Detroit, such as one of the auto plants, Henry Ford Museum, historical Greenfield Village, the Detroit Institute of Arts, and others.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

On Sunday morning delegates and visitors are given a wide choice as to which services they would like to attend. All of our eleven Detroit area churches will feature guest speakers that day and would be most happy to welcome you as honored guests. For those preferring to remain downtown there will be Sunday school and service held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. Dr. Bernard Schalm of our C.T.I. faculty will be the speaker at the worship service. The closing session on Sunday afternoon will feature a stirring dramatic presentation now being prepared by the Christian Training Institute, the presentation of new missionaries, and the installation of denominational officers. Need I say more about this outstanding program? We are eagerly looking forward to seeing you in Detroit in July!

# Our Detroit Churches Welcome You

Grosse Pointe Baptist Church seeks to support the influence of the Christian home by a coordinated and unified program of Christian education and worship. The ultimate goal of this program is the development of spiritually mature and effective Christians. Our task is to help the individual develop the inner resources which will enable him to stand firm within a society which seems to be losing its values. Thus, we have Church School for all ages.

Worship services are at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. on Sunday. Our Junior church for the fifth and sixth graders worships in the chapel during the morning worship. Youth fellowships are at 6 P.M.

Wednesday night is family night. We have a program designed for Christian growth which involves every age group, included are a children's Bible time, a youth choir and discussion time, and an adult Bible study and prayer time.

Our Baptist Men's Fellowship sponsors interesting occasions for Christian fellowship. Our Ladies' Missionary Society provides delightful fellowship with Christian women.

Our world ministry embraces home and foreign mission responsibilities through our denomination, the North American Baptist General Conference. We also share in fellowship with all Christians who acknowledge the Lordship of Christ and the authority of the Bible as the Word of God.

Mr. Alfred Schultz is the Minister of Music and Pastoral Assistant; Dr. Edwin Potts, is the Minister of Christian Education, and Dr. A. Dale Ihrie is the Pastor.

Sparked by aggressive lay leadership and cooperation, Ebenezer Church reaches out to its own community through an intensive Community Visitation Enlistment Campaign, the fully departmentalized Sunday school which now features elective courses for youth and adults, the Pioneer Girls and Brigade Boys activities, as well as Youth Training Unions. "Reality" is our weekly radio program bringing our testimony to this Michigan area.

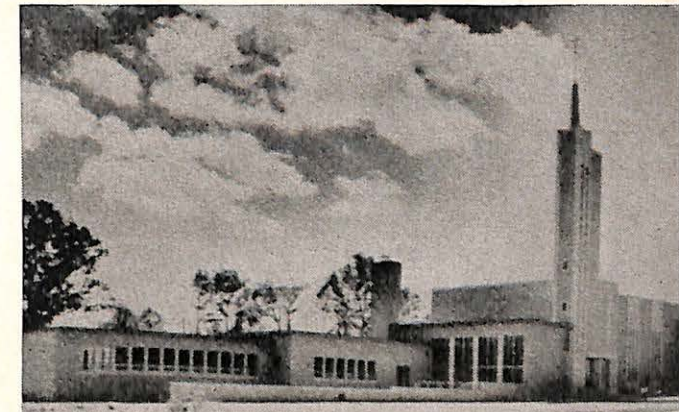
World missions is the heartbeat of our church life. Approximately \$50,000 is contributed annually to the support of some 37 missionaries in 17 different countries. Included is a substantial sum in support of our "daughter" church, Bible Baptist. Our Ladies Missionary Circles share faithfully in the preparation of White Cross materials and the Meals for Missions project.

Music has a large share in our services of worship and evangelism. The Chancel Choir, Young Adult Choir, Men's Chorus, Male Quartette and gifted individuals regularly participate.

Our Bible teaching ministry, with an evangelistic and missionary emphasis, is undergirded by people "whose hearts God had touched" sharing in the fellowship of prayer.

Ebenezer Church endeavors to be a house of prayer, a birth place of souls, and a home base of missions.

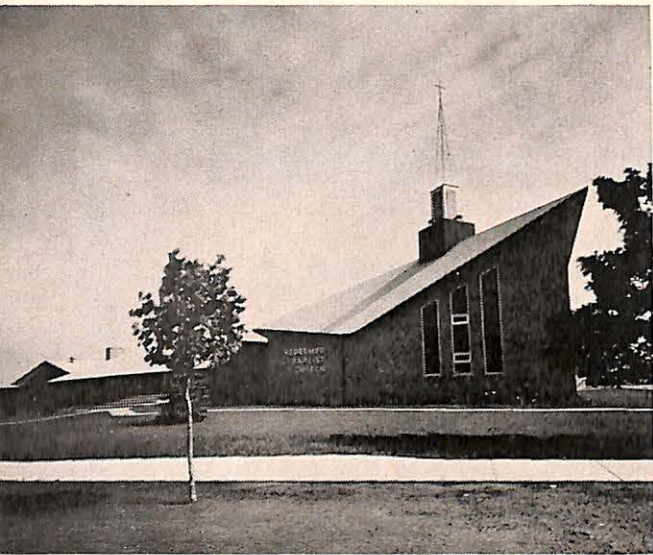
Dr. Jack Scott is the pastor, and the Director of Christian Education is Edward C. McKeehan.



GROSSE POINTE BAPTIST CHURCH,  
GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICH.



EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, DETROIT, MICH.



REDEEMER BAPTIST CHURCH, WARREN, MICH.



COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH.



RIDGEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH, EAST DETROIT, MICH.

In the midst of the fastest growing city of the United States, Redeemer Baptist Church of Warren stands as a lighthouse to the surrounding community. It shines forth the light of the Word of God on the beams of its growing church program. In addition to the regular Sunday and Wednesday services, there are Boys' Brigade and Pioneer Girls programs, C.B.Y.F., Children's Churches and a regular visitation program.

Many have indicated their desire to affiliate with this church in its stand for Christ and the Word of God in this time of darkness. Forty-four members were added within the last three months—half of these by baptism. The growth of the congregation has made necessary two Sunday morning services to accommodate all who wish to worship with us. We trust we will soon have under way a Building Program to give additional space for Christian education.

The staff also has increased. Working now with Pastor Adolph Braun are Mr. Ed Willms (Minister of Visitation), Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ratzliff (Missionary Interns), Mr. Jerry Heath (Minister of Music) and Miss Elayne Howard (Secretary).

As part of its outreach, the church supports nine missionary families in various parts of the world; it also supports various agencies in the States.

The people of Redeemer have a real love for Christ and because of this love, are concerned about those about them who do not know him who is the light of the world. It is their desire to redeem the time, to reach souls and bring them to the Light, Jesus Christ.

The history of the Community Baptist Church can be summed up in these words: Vision, Venture and Victory.

God gave a vision of himself. Once we have a clear vision of our Lord we will see the need of mankind. In November of 1954 the Community Baptist Church had that vision and organized itself into an ecclesiastical corporation of the State of Michigan to minister to the spiritual needs of St. Clair Shores, Mich. Having seen the Lord and the need, three families under the leadership of Rev. George Crosbie ventured to do what was required to meet that need. To those that ventured, victory came with souls being saved and Christians being built up in the faith through the faithful preaching of God's Word.

Today, the Community Baptist Church seeks to continue this ministry through a coordinated program of Christian education and worship. We minister through the Sunday school, Brigade program, Men's Fellowship, Ladies Missionary Society, youth groups and our regular Sunday and mid-week services. We are praising God for the 55 families that are fellowshiping with us.

Our ultimate goal is the development of spiritually mature and effective witnesses for Christ. Rev. Chester H. Dundas is the pastor with Herbert Williams as Sunday School Superintendent and Edward Torp as Director of Music.

The Ridgemont Baptist Church of East Detroit, Mich., was originally founded in 1935 as the Conner Baptist Church of Detroit. At the time a group of German-speaking members of the former Burns Ave. Baptist Church (now Grosse Pointe Woods), decided to carry on an all-German program for a number of years to come. The new church building was erected right in the midst of a strongly German-speaking area. The membership increased rapidly. The wave of post-war immigrants in the early 1950's brought many new members.

Increasingly the membership began to move to the suburbs, so the present building facilities were erected in the suburb of East Detroit, with the educational unit being dedicated in 1955 and the sanctuary in 1958. In the spring of 1961 a group left to begin a new church extension work in Sterling Township, the present Fellowship Baptist Chapel.

The present membership of about 350 consists of approximately 85% post-war immigrants and their families. For a number of years now the church program has been bi-lingual. All Junior Department Sunday school classes are in English, as well as all youth work. The church has engaged the Rev. C. L. Halstead, instructor at the Detroit Bible College, as Youth Pastor, whose main responsibility consists in teaching a youth class and conducting a Youth Service on Sunday mornings. All evening services are in English. Because of the language situation, the present outreach of the church is somewhat limited. However, there is a fine missionary and progressive spirit prevailing. Three N.A.B. missionary couples are being supported. Rev. H. J. Waltereit is the pastor.

Bible Baptist Church, Troy, Mich., was the result of an outreach seen by the small congregation of Bible Baptist Church, Detroit. This small group purchased the present site and began construction of a new sanctuary. Application was made to the North American Baptist General Conference. Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit came to their aid financially, as well as assisting and guiding this small group.

The present pastor is Rev. Eugene K. Stroh.

Since those early days, the church has grown in number and size. This past year an educational unit was added which doubled the size of the existing building; the parking lot was paved; and a lovely parsonage acquired. There are now improved facilities for Sunday school as well as a much needed nursery.

Spiritual outreach has grown tremendously in the past few years. With only about a hundred members, the following active programs are flourishing: Sunday school for all age groups, a CBY group, Ladies Missionary Society, a Christian Service Brigade, Pioneer Girls, a teachers' training class, mixed choir, as well as the usual committees and boards.

As financial obligations lessen, it is the intent of the church body to proportionately enlarge the missionary program. Once each month the Wednesday evening service is designated for Missions, which permits the congregation to stay in constant touch with the Lord's needs around the world and at home.

Recently the church's first missionary conference was held.

The Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church is the result of the desire of one family to establish a New Testament witness in the area. As a result of this desire, eight other families were found with the same spiritual thinking. Thus, on March 8, 1960, the Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church was organized with 23 charter members. The first public worship service was conducted at a school in Bloomfield Hills on April 3, 1960. The church was incorporated as a Baptist Church on April 7, 1960. The first pastor was Rev. Wallace Alcorn.

A Watch Night service on Dec. 31, 1961, was the first service held in the \$100,000 chapel and educational wing. Rev. Harold Gieseke began his ministry with the church in January, 1962. Dedication of the building was on June 10.

The Grosse Pointe Baptist Church was a source of help and inspiration in that they were led to undergird this church with help in establishing a building program and a bond issue.

The Lord has blessed this church over the past six years, and today its membership is 110. Not only has the membership grown but also the program of ministering the Word of God has developed to where there is a Choir Director and a Christian Education Director.

The music program has developed under the leadership of Mr. Rick Hartsoe, Choir Director, so that choirs are developed from kindergarten age through the adults.

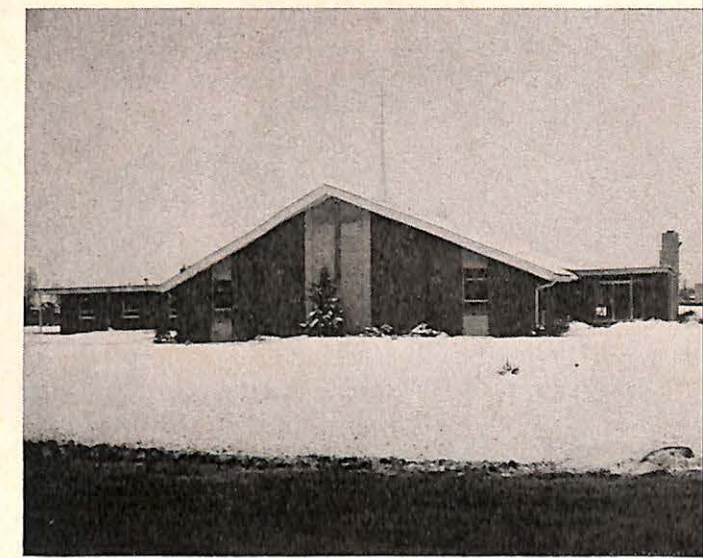
The youth program under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Lehman and adult sponsors has three groups which meet Sunday evenings before the evening service. Rev. Elmo Tahran became the pastor of the church in November, 1966.

Fellowship Baptist Chapel, 12875 Fourteen Mile Rd., is a new work which began in April, 1961. It began with the purchase of a seventy-five year old schoolhouse located on a very fine lot. The schoolhouse was thoroughly renovated on the inside, and new additions were added. On Oct. 1, 1966, work began on a new sanctuary which will be completed on June 1, 1967. The people attending Fellowship are largely from the growing communities of Warren, Fraser, and Sterling Township. The work began under the ministry of Rev. Waiter Stein, and the present pastor, Rev. Frank Walker, began his ministry on Sept. 1, 1965.

Theme for our evangelistic outreach is every member a witness in thought, word, and deed. In addition to the theme, we are trying to gear our program to total family involvement in Christ's work. Plans are laid for heavy emphasis on community outreach for the church, including such things as special meetings, Sunday school contests, survey, and witness teams. Though we are thankful for the fact that our morning worship has doubled in the past two years, and Sunday school has shown appreciable gains, we have hardly begun to fight the good fight of faith. It is our prayer that we may GROW in, GAIN for, and GLORIFY the LORD.

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BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, TROY, MICH.



BLOOMFIELD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH  
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MICH.



FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHAPEL, WARREN, MICH.



Courtesy of The Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, Mich.

**I**F CITIES were represented by colors, Detroit's would be all the hues of the rainbow. Like the automobiles for which it is famous, the Motor City has something to please everyone regardless of taste or pocketbook. Diversified . . . historical . . . modern . . . fun-loving . . . sophisticated . . .

## Detroit . . . The City With Something For Everyone

hospitable . . . aggressive . . . cosmopolitan . . . beautiful. The Detroit area is all of these and more. It is an ideal setting for the 35th North American Baptist General Conference.

### CITY OF CONTRASTS

Detroit's many-faceted character makes for interesting contrasts. The roots are deep in American history. Founded in 1701, it is the oldest city between the Allegheny Mountains and the Pacific Coast. Yet, striking new buildings dominate the skyline, and its program for urban renewal is a model for the nation. For more than two centuries the city was a bastion of independent capitalists and merchants, but today it is also a major headquarters of organized labor. Located nearly a thousand miles from any ocean, Detroit is a major international cargo port, and the Detroit River carries more commercial traffic than the Suez or Panama Canals. Detroit voters constitute one of the country's most solid sources of Democratic political strength, but the city charter provides for non-partisan elec-

tion of all officers of municipal government, and two of the last three mayors have been Republicans. The residential population is a mixture of practically every race, creed and national origin. Mansions whose owners trace back their ancestry to the first French settlers stand near the homes of sons and daughters of

immigrants. In the 20's and 30's gangland activities in Detroit made headlines around the world. Now organized crime is practically non-existent, and the city is known as one of the "cleanest" in the nation.

### CITY UNDER THREE FLAGS

The Detroit story began when Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac was commissioned by French secretary of state Jerome Phelippeaux, the Count Pontchartrain, to establish a new outpost for protection of French fur trade in the Great Lakes territory. Cadillac selected the narrowest point on the straits connecting Lake Huron and Lake Erie and built Fort Pontchartrain d'Etroit, (Fort Pontchartrain on the Straits). For 59 years the settlement remained a French stronghold, until it was surrendered to the British in 1760 along with all of Canada. In 1796 the British surrendered the fort to the United States, which had been ceded rights to the territory under the Treaty of Paris of 1783. The village had a population slightly over 2,000 at the time it became a U. S. possession. The settlement remained primarily

a military and trading post until well into the 19th century when it began to grow as a manufacturing, mercantile, and metalworking center. Population was in excess of 21,000 by 1850, and mushroomed to more than a quarter of a million by the turn of the century.

Today more than 1,600,000 people live in Detroit and the population of the metropolitan area encompassing three counties (Wayne, Oakland and Macomb) exceeds 4,500,000.

### DETROIT AND THE AUTOMOBILE

Shortly before the advent of the 20th century several relatively obscure events took place that were to profoundly influence the future of Detroit and the history of the world.

In 1896 a young mechanic named Henry Ford built a motor vehicle and successfully operated it on the streets of Detroit.

In 1898 the Detroit Automobile Company was formed, the forerunner of the Cadillac Motor Car Company, now Cadillac Division of General Motors Corp.

In 1899 automobile manufacturing began in earnest in Detroit when the Olds Motor Works was established and built its first car for sale.

By 1903 Henry Ford had gathered enough backing to form the Ford Motor Company. That same year the Packard Motor Car Company moved to Detroit from Ohio.

In 1908 the General Motors Corporation was formed. That was also the

year Henry Ford began to produce the Model T.

The Age of the Automobile had dawned, and Detroit was the motor car capital of the world.

In the years since, as the automobile has changed the nation's economy and the living habits of people everywhere, Detroit's role as the Motor City has pushed it to the forefront of the industrial and commercial centers of the world.

Greenfield Village  
Courtesy of The Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, Mich



Ford Rouge Plant

Today the Detroit area is headquarters for all four of the great automobile manufacturing firms, American Motors Corporation, Chrysler Corporation, Ford Motor Company, and General Motors Corporation.

Detroit-area plants manufacture nearly 25% of all autos made in America.

### DETROIT HAS MANY KINDS OF INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY

The name "Detroit" will probably always be synonymous with automobile manufacturing, but even without that great industry, the city would be among the nation's industrial-commercial leaders.

With auto workers excluded, the Detroit area's total of manufacturing jobs still exceeds such prominent industrial centers as Pittsburgh, Cleveland, St. Louis and Boston.

More than 6,000 plants are located in the area. Their activities cover 369 of the 453 major classifications of industrial work recognized by the United States Census Bureau.

Detroit is a major source for machine tools and accessories, gray iron foundry items, metal stampings, industrial inorganic chemicals, drugs, paints and varnishes, hardware, wire works, commercial films, office machinery and rubber tires.

Research, the magic key to economic progress, is also a prime Detroit-area product.

Public and private research centers exploring in many directions are springing up in the city, its suburbs and outlying areas.

The mighty automotive giants are responsible for a large share of this activity. The auto companies are constantly expanding their laboratories and bringing in more engineers, scientists and technicians to push inquiries into new fields as they seek to find better, safer, more pleasant ways to transport people and goods.

The General Motors Technical Center in Warren, just north of the Detroit city limits, is a \$100-million example of the Motor City's research facilities.

In addition to the automotive re-

search facilities more than 100 other laboratories are located in the metropolitan area, and the city recently established a new 63-acre park in the heart of town near sprawling, fast growing Wayne State University, itself a major center for research.

In Ann Arbor, less than an hour's drive from downtown Detroit, the University of Michigan, one of the nation's great centers of learning, has spawned a vast and rapidly expanding complex of privately owned research facilities.

This combination of diverse, massive production for today and broad based, far reaching research for tomorrow means the Detroit area's products and people will have a direct impact on the lives of people around the world for generations to come.

### VISITORS CAN SEE INDUSTRY AT WORK

Detroit's industrial-commercial magnificence is a mighty magnet for visitors. Here they can see first-hand much of what makes the modern world function.

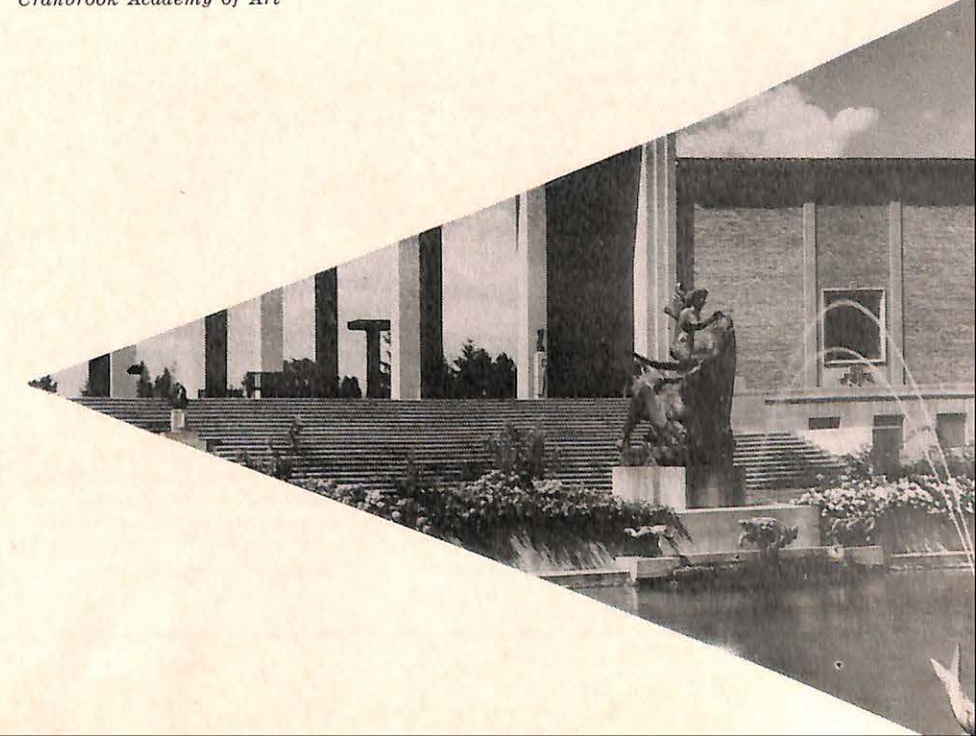
Tours of the auto plants are a must. Eleven different makes of automobiles are manufactured in the Detroit metropolitan area. The visitor can see the complete production cycle from lake freighters unloading iron ore to the starting of the car's engine at the end of the final assembly line.

At the research centers he can view sketches and mock-ups that will be super cars of tomorrow, while at the Henry Ford Museum his children can marvel at the first cars that frightened horses from the streets before the turn of the century.

Many other aspects of American industry at work await inspection by the visitor to Detroit.

Convention delegates can make arrangements to see the manufacture of chemicals, steel making, pharmaceutical production, milk processing, a

Cranbrook Academy of Art



Harvey Croze

great newspaper being put together, a nuclear reactor at work.

For adults and children alike, the Detroit area can be a window to the inner workings of modern industrial civilization.

### THE ARTS FLOURISH IN DETROIT

Detroit is a working, driving town. But all work and no play would make for dull cities as well as people.

Detroiters play as hard as they work, and their tastes run across the whole spectrum of leisure time activity. The result is an exciting variety of attractions that can make a visit to the Detroit area one continuous run of fun.

For example, the thirst for cultural activity permeating the nation is nowhere more evident than in the Motor City.

One of the first projects finished in the renewal of the city's riverfront area was the Henry and Edsel Ford Auditorium where the Detroit Symphony Orchestra under the batons of Paul Paray and Sixten Ehrling has established itself as one of America's premiere orchestras.

In the summer months, music moves outdoors. Leading soloists appear with the Detroit Symphony in the recently inaugurated Meadowbrook Music Festival, and there are outdoor concerts at the State Fairgrounds and on Belle Isle, a 1,000-acre island park in the Detroit River.

The "Culture boom" is evident in other ways.

The Detroit Institute of Arts ranks among the great U. S. museums. Its collection of American art is world famed, and the Institute is headquarters for the Archives of American Art. A nine million dollar building program will triple the museum's size by 1968.

The Institute of Arts is located just a few minutes north of downtown on Woodward Avenue, Detroit's main thoroughfare, in the city's "Cultural Center." The area also encompasses

the Main Library, the Detroit Historical Museum, the Children's Museum, the International Institute, Rackham Center of the University of Michigan, and the Detroit Institute of Musical Arts.

This concentration of cultural facilities is immediately adjacent to the campus of Wayne State University, one of America's fastest growing urban educational centers.

The Cultural Center has become a favorite spot for visitors. In addition to the variety of interesting exhibits and events, the buildings and grounds offer some outstanding examples of modern architecture and urban planning.

Magnificent as it is, Detroit's Cultural Center is still in its infancy. On the drawing boards is a 200-million dollar master development plan the city's leaders believe will make it the world's outstanding center for the arts

and sciences within the next two decades.

Efforts to satisfy the cultural curiosity and visitors are not restricted to the Cultural Center.

To the west of Detroit, in Dearborn, home of Henry Ford and the empire he built, is the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

Here, on 260 acres of carefully manicured grounds, is a collection of Americana unmatched elsewhere on the globe.

The village and museum were established in 1929 by Mr. Ford as his personal contribution to the preservation of America's past. More than 1,000,000 visitors tour the exhibits and historic buildings each year, and the complex has been among the top ten U. S. tourist attractions almost since its opening.

The museum itself covers 14 acres and contains vast collections of decora-

tive arts, communications and power equipment, full scale replicas of early American shops and the world's largest collection of restored automobiles.

Scattered throughout the rest of the village are more than 100 historic buildings tracing the development of the American home and American industry from colonial days to the late 19th century. Many, like the Menlo Park laboratory where Thomas Edison lit the first electric bulb and the bicycle shop where the Wright Brothers started man on his way to the stars, were brought from their original sites and reconstructed in the village.

Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum welcome visitors year around. They are a "must" for every first-time trip to the Motor City, and many local residents visit several times each year.

The Cranbrook Academy of Arts and Sciences, located north of the city amid the plush homes of suburban Bloomfield Hills, has also become a major tourist attraction.

Visitors can browse through an art gallery, a science museum and a planetarium surrounded by classically landscaped gardens and highlighted by some of the country's most serenely beautiful architecture.

To recapture some of its distinctive past, Detroit has established a Military Museum within the fortress walls of Fort Wayne, which has guarded the Detroit River since 1848. Further up the river on Belle Isle is the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, the only building in the country devoted exclusively to the history of America's inland seas.

Man's story—his trials, his constant scientific quest, his striving for beauty—is told in vivid and intriguing detail by this myriad of Detroit-area cultural attractions.

For the visitor, young or old, who seeks to know more of himself and his heritage, these things alone would make a visit to Detroit rewarding.

(Article from Detroit Convention Bureau)

Ford Auditorium

Maurice C. Hartwick Photo



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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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whom he loved and longed to save. How gladly Jesus would have liked to redeem them, but they would not permit him to save them. Their refusal ended in the destruction of Jerusalem. If anything, this is God's cry of hunger for the salvation of man over against man's utter and tragic rejection of God.

#### Questions for Discussion

1. How many times have you heard the call of God before you repented?
2. How can we compare national repentance with individual salvation? Do you see any indication of a national repentance?
3. How can you tell that the chance for repentance which God offers now may not be the last chance?



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

#### PRAYING BIG

Alexander the Great once rewarded one of his favorite generals with a blank check on his treasury. When the check came in, it was so large that the treasurer protested. "Give the man the money," Alexander said, "he has honored me and my kingdom by making a big draft."

Often we forget that our God is rich and bountiful, and we fail to ask largely. We need to learn to pray big and to expect great things from God who "is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Jesus has told his followers to "ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." These are precious, generous promises to those who will step out on them in faith, praying and believing.

I feel that as we observe World Day of Prayer on Feb. 10, we will "pray

big"! We hope that you will make an effort to participate in a group or create a group on that day both to pray and to consider the topic, "OF HIS KINGDOM THERE SHALL BE NO END." This topic is used throughout the world by Christians everywhere, including our Cameroon people, our sisters in Europe, and our mission areas of Japan and Brazil.

Mrs. Clarence Walth of Chicago, Ill., has written our W.M.U.'s inspirational program material this year. We are grateful to her for this guide on our World Day of Prayer. The offerings which are received on this Prayer Day will have an important role in our total mission program, one in which we women shall again have a special "heart" concern. Two-thirds of our total offerings will be used to help pay for educating our missionaries' children in Africa and one third for our missionaries' children in Japan.

Most certainly the time we spend in prayer daily and on this special day will be indeed blessed. Can we consider moments spent "looking up" to God in prayer "lost time"? There is a fascinating painting which depicts a Christian farmer who has stepped aside from his plow in the early glow of the morning as he takes time to pray. It is interesting to note that while the man is lifting his heart to God, an angel is going on with his task of plowing. It is a parable in paint to show that moments we spend looking up are not lost time.

Annie Johnson Flint gives the fol-

lowing directive for those who wish to see "His Kingdom come. . ."

"Three things the Master hath to do  
And we who serve Him here below  
Who long to see His Kingdom come  
May Pray or Give or Go.

He needs them all—the Open Hand,  
The Willing Feet, the Praying Heart—  
To work together, and to weave  
A three-fold cord that shall not part.

Nor shall the giver count his gift  
As greater than the worker's dead,  
Nor he in turn his service boast  
Above the prayers that voice the need.

Not all can GO; not all can GIVE,  
To speed the message on its way,  
But young or old, or rich or poor,  
Or strong or weak—WE ALL CAN PRAY!"

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FEBRUARY 10

TOPIC: "Of His Kingdom There Shall Be No End"

OFFERING—Two-thirds for educating our missionaries' children in Africa, and one-third to educate our missionaries' children in Japan. Please make checks payable to North American Baptists, Inc., and send to "World Day of Prayer Offering," Woman's Missionary Union, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois 60130

#### YES, I TITHE

As long as I can remember, I have always tithed. As a very young Christian, the Holy Spirit spoke to me regarding this very question. He laid it on my heart to set aside one tenth of my earnings from odd jobs, my paper route and the small allowance from my parents. It gave me great joy from that time on to know that the Lord commends such action.

My wife and I wish to convey this spirit of tithing to the children also, for even with the few cents they earn, the Lord's portion is separated from the rest and channeled to the various directions through which he leads. It is our desire that the children will never know a time when they have not tithed.

I find it expedient to remove the Lord's portion from my income immediately. There is a rather uneasy "hot potato" feeling until it is in his hands. There is the sense that the Lord has, perhaps in the life of some other person, a need for the gift to show his mighty power and to encourage them to greater faith in him. Many times testimonies have revealed a person in great need who has witnessed of the works of the Lord from an unknown source.

To me tithing is that which is requested by God. In other words, the interest on a tremendous loan of ma-

terial and spiritual gifts. Any amount given about makes a small dent on the principle—though I know we cannot on our puny way ever repay the Lord for his blessings. I nonetheless receive a much greater joy going beyond the tenth.

Tithing should not be just a mechanical bit of accounting. There should be prayerful consideration as to what his will is for one's gift. I do not feel tithing is as much a demand as it is a joyous privilege to be a part of his plan. A step of faith will lead a person to say, "Lord, I wish now to give you 15%. I know you will provide." Even on a fixed income, the Lord can lead the way to allow other personal and household expenses to be reduced, if he needs your complete dependance on him and an experience of greater depth of Christian living in order to provide a step beyond the tithe.

Anyone reading this article who wishes a thrilling adventure of faith will find great satisfaction in joining with the Lord with your tithes plus and will receive his promise of showers of blessings. You cannot miss when you perform an action which pleases our Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit to make you uncomfortable to use his share of your substance on yourself. Watch the Flood Gates open wide and overwhelm you completely.



Dr. Harlan A. Anderson, Chiropractor, Minneapolis, Minn., is a deacon, Faith Baptist Church.

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— ELEVEN YEARS OF TRAVEL EXPERIENCE —

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Trinity Baptist Church was first a mission of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church. In 1954 the church became independent and incorporated under the laws of Michigan as an ecclesiastical organization.

In 1956 the church purchased three acres of land on the present 11174 13 Mile Road, Warren, Mich., location. A basement unit was first constructed. The present education wing and the sanctuary were completed and dedicated in 1964. The church now has 200 members.

It provides for a weekday Youth Program: Pilgrims, Colonists, Brigade and Stockade. Strong emphasis is placed upon an active visitation and mid-week prayer program. A fine choir, Sunday school, youth service, and morning and evening services minister to the needs of the people every Sunday. A steady growth in every department is obvious. Rev. Albert Fadenrecht, is the pastor.

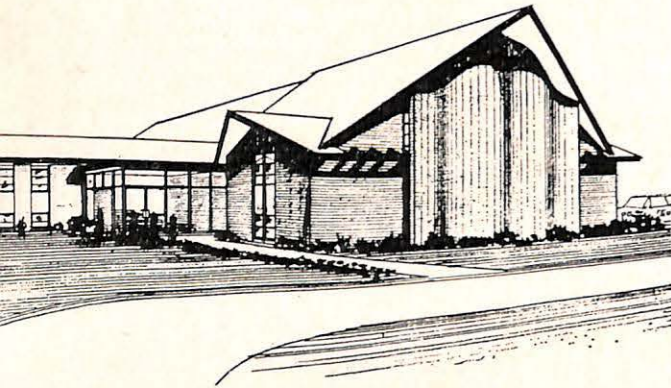
Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, is now beginning its second century of service in the Detroit area. Since its organization in 1864, it has been sensitive to the needs of the community, and in response to new challenges, it has relocated four times. The first church home was built at Joseph Compau and Arvdt, the second at St. Aubin and Mullett, the third at Iroquois and Mack and the final move was to the present location where the church has ministered for the past eight years. The original church was torn down for urban renewal, and we were able to obtain the original cornerstone which now resides on the present church property.

In tracing the history of Bethel, it is interesting to note that four of the other conference churches in this vicinity were organized by groups of Bethel members who formed the nucleus for the new work. These churches, many of them now larger than the mother church, include Grosse Pointe Baptist, Ebenezer Baptist, Linden Avenue Baptist and Colonial Baptist, Lansing.

Bethel has, through the years, been mission minded, but the expansion has been more substantial in the past ten to fifteen years. Bethel presently helps to support missionaries in Cameroun, Congo, Philippines, Haiti, India, Assam, Okinawa, Ecuador and Germany. The present pastor, Rev. Herman Riffel, is serving for one year as a chaplain to missionaries at a station in Quito, Ecuador.

Previous ministers at Bethel besides Rev. Riffel include Rev. Daniel, Rev. Paul Wengel, Rev. J. Lester Harnish, Rev. Owen L. Miller, Rev. Stanley Sommerschild. Rev. Floyd Crompton is presently serving as the pastor in the absence of Rev. Riffel.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH.



TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH, WARREN, MICH.

### BOOK REVIEWS

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Collyer as the popular host of *To Tell the Truth*. Few know him as a Sunday school teacher and lay preacher.

The messages, in poetic form, are simple in their devotional style. An example of the Easter messages goes as follows:

"Our friends in Moscow also have a tomb.

It really is a most impressive room; And inside is a most impressive guest,

Expressing Communism at its best. . ."

"It's true our tomb is empty of the dead. No corpses can be found inside; instead, It's full of life and all that is alive And all that lives in faith and will survive. . ."

**FRACTURED QUESTIONS** by Warren

Mild. Judson — 1966 — 125 pages — \$1.95 (paper).

Questions about race, family, church, education, competition, God and many others are asked and discussed in a pizza-spot atmosphere. The questions may be fractured at times, but the answers are not all included in the repair kit. Some of the material may be used for purposes of discussion in high school and college groups.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

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## AROUND THE WORLD

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● **Dr. Walter Howen** was one of the adults who accompanied the 50 voice Lodi High School Acapella Choir on a tour of Japan, Dec. 19-31. Connie Kandt and DeLois Williams are members of this choir. They and Dr. Howen are members of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif. While in Japan they visited missionaries, Dr. Walter Sukut and family, in Kyoto.

● **A final service of the Liberty Street Baptist Church**, Meriden, Connecticut, was held on Sunday, December 4, 1966. The church existed since 1873. Dr. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Illinois was the guest speaker. He took his message from Revelation 3:6-8; 20-22; the theme was What the Spirit says. Rev. Rubin Kern acted as the chairman of the service, he also led in the prayer. Mrs. Clarence Korn sang a Solo "I will lift up mine eyes." Special guests in attendance were: Rev. Nicholas Titus, Executive Secretary of the Connecticut Baptist Convention; Rev. Clinton Barlow, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Meriden; Rev. and Mrs. August Lutz and Rev. and Mrs. A. Elsesser.

● **Rev. Arthur Fischer** resigned from the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin and plans to continue his ministry at the First Baptist Church, Leola, South Dakota. Rev. and Mrs. A. Fischer plan to begin their ministry there February 1, 1967.

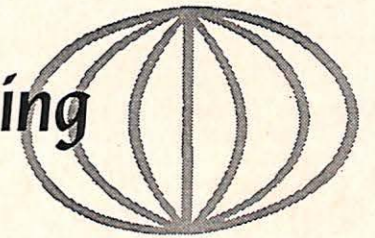
● **Rev. Howard Westlund** of the Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, North Dakota, has resigned and plans to move to Wisconsin where he will become pastor of a Evangelical Free Church.

● **Rev. Walter Coles**, of the Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, resigned recently. The congregation plans to call another pastor.

● **Rev. Peter J. Wiens**, Avon, South Dakota, accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Hebron, North Dakota. The Wiens family will move to North Dakota before February 1, 1967.

● **The congregation of the former Andrews Street Baptist Church**, Rochester, New York, was able to sell the old church property.

## what's happening



● **Rev. Bert A. Itterman**, of the Lakeshore Baptist Church, Stevensville, Michigan, plans to conclude his ministry at the church during the month of February 1967.

● **Rev. Henry D. Smith** of the First German Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan, resigned Sunday, January 1, 1967. He plans to take up the teaching profession and is moving to California with his family before February 1, 1967.

● **Tuesday evening, December 20**, the office personnel and their families enjoyed a fine Christmas program at the Forest Park headquarters. Rev. B. C. Schreiber was the chairman. Dr. Frank H. Woyke welcomed the happy guests. Mr. Richard and Miss Dorothy Fuchs brought a piano and violin duet selection. A ladies choir, a duet by Mrs. D. J. Draewell and Mrs. C. Salios, and a mixed choir cheered everybody. Missionary, Rev. Gerhard Schroeder, brought the well received Christmas message.

## Church Extension In The Pacific Northwest



By **Rev. Richard Grabke** Association moderator and **Pacific Northwest Church Extension Committee** Chairman

A FEW YEARS ago we had two churches in our Association on the coast-Calvary in Tacoma and Startup some 60 miles distant. To-day we have Portland Avenue Baptist in Tacoma, Sierra Heights Baptist in Renton, Cypress Baptist in North Seattle and

Evergreen Baptist Chapel in Maple Hills as four newly organized and established churches as a result of the endeavors and support of our denominational Church Extension Program and a very active Association. In 1966 alone three new Church Extension Project sites were purchased. It is felt that others should be prayerfully investigated.

### EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH

The Evergreen Baptist Church is located seven miles from our Sierra Heights Baptist Church in Renton. Even though they were only two years old, they were already becoming a mother church. Members of their church formed the working nucleus of a branch Sunday school, and through their efforts it was possible to organize into a church. On Sept. 17, 1966, the Evergreen Baptist Church was duly recognized, and on Oct. 9 Recognition and Ground Breaking Services were held. On Nov. 13 Rev. and Mrs. LeRoy Kiemele were welcomed as the first full-time workers of this Church Extension Project.

### OPPORTUNITIES IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

In the meantime Rev. R. E. Grabke, pastor of Cypress Baptist Church, and Rev. Ken Gould, pastor of the Startup Baptist Church, together with 25 laymen conducted an extensive survey of the total area north of Seattle up

to the Canadian border. The entire Snohomish County is bursting with opportunities. Due to various industries, but in particular the recent aerospace industry, Snohomish County has become the fastest growing area in the State of Washington and also in the whole United States. One development of some 2000 acres including three golf courses and artificial lakes is a planned city called Olympus with an expected population of 40,000 in a few years. A church site has been purchased and on Dec. 4 friends and members of our neighboring churches crowded into a home on the site to share in the blessings of having experienced God's marvelous leading. Rev. Ken Gould brought the message entitled "Possessing the Land" and emphasized that there is still much land to be possessed, if only we have the faith to move ahead in spite of the giants of obstacles. Rev. LeRoy Kiemele offered the prayer of dedication of this new site.

Another Church Extension site has been purchased in the South Everett area, where in three years they are predicting an increase in population of 87,000 people. Many of the areas here are experiencing an increase in growth of over 200% of their population only five years ago. We cannot afford to sit by while there are such tremendous opportunities. May we be equal to this great CHALLENGE OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

February 1, 1967

# SPEAK UP!

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

Dear Dr. Ihrie:

I have read with interest the debate regarding the seminary and C.T.I. Having been so closely associated with C.T.I. while living in Edmonton for a number of years, and though I was not a student in the school, C.T.I. has been and will continue to be close to my heart. There is no question about the quality of education offered there and with a more intensive recruitment program in the last couple of years, it has been shown that they can and do draw from a wider denominational area. This is particularly true of the Bible College department which has shown a large increase.

However, as a senior student at the North American Baptist Seminary, I have also come to appreciate the progressive and foundational theological education of that school. From my vantage point I see little conflict between the two schools, their training programs, and their purposes. In fact, most people who are quick to criticize do so while largely uninformed as to where the key emphasis at C.T.I. lays. I have never heard any member of

**PLEASE NOTE!**  
Dr. Ihrie has received some letters which were not signed. It is the policy of the editorial committee of the **Baptist Herald** not to publish unsigned letters.  
The Editorial Committee

the C.T.I. faculty claim that their institution was to become a "second seminary." Rev. Draewell's reply was helpful, if his position was contained in that statement, for his leadership in cooperation is vital.

Important though it may be to clarify our goals and air our differences, I see our greatest task as God's people to aim at encouraging the youth of our churches to prepare for Christian service. How many churches even let their students know they are concerned for them? The world and all its inviting frontiers are tugging at the shoulders of our youth, but as a church we find ourselves offering discipline instead of love and understanding, and, above all, encouragement to searching

youth. A prayerful word, a letter to a young person away at college or seminary, or even a bit of financial assistance can go a long way toward pointing a young person to the area in which God has called him. And God may even use our prayer, our letter, or our check to speak to some young heart. I know, because it happened to me.

In His Service,  
Harry H. Hiller

## DR. IHRIE'S COMMENT

Your emphasis on student guidance is certainly in order. Men are not coaxed into Christian service, they are led and prayed into the call from God. Almost every full-time minister will tell you that some individuals or group was instrumental in his calling, because that person or those people took a definite personal interest in his spiritual life.

Promising and talented young people need to be sought for Christ's service. This may be one of the pastor's most important assignments under God.

As to C.T.I., your comments are well made, Harry. From a number of conversations and letters, I feel that some real fine results have come from our discussions. A lot of clarifying and reconciling of viewpoints has taken place. Some fears and reactions which were apparently below the surface have been brought out and relieved considerably. The pleasures of open discussion in a Christian spirit always lead to progress and understanding. Your letter is along this very line.

family were the virtues of love, tenderness and authority of mothers. The soundness of his Christian philosophy is all the more surprising when we realize that this was written in the eighteenth century.

The occasional footnotes on many of the pages are biographical in nature and give interesting insights into the life of William Law.

## EFFECTIVE EVANGELISTIC PREACHING

by Vernon L. Stanfield. Baker—1965—78 pages—\$2.00.

If one can use three words to describe a book such as this, then the words applicable, spiritual and practical would certainly come to mind. Applicable, because no area of evangelism is excluded; spiritual, because this is a work of God, and the author has used illustrative sermon material from spiritual giants in the field of evangelism; practical, not only because it worked so well for these men of God, but also because every evangelist and minister can learn from those with more experience.

## WITH THE WHOLE HEART

by Bud Collyer. Revell—1966—96 pages—\$2.75.

Many television viewers know Bud  
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# Vacation Bible School?

by Rev. Bruce A. Rich, Director of Children's Work, Department of Christian Education

"WE'RE NOT having a Vacation Bible School this year. We just don't have the time for it." "We can't get anybody to help in Vacation Bible School." "There aren't enough children in our community to make a Vacation Bible School worthwhile." "We're not interested in being baby sitters for two weeks." "Vacation Bible School has lost its effectiveness as a ministry of the church."

Why are these questions and statements being raised? Has the Vacation Bible School become an antiquated means of training boys and girls? Is it too great a burden for the average church?

## WHY DO WE HAVE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL?

Each church needs to evaluate its own situation objectively and decide if it should conduct a Vacation Bible School. A satisfactory answer needs to be given for "Why conduct a school?"

Our primary aim for having a Vacation Bible School should be to meet the needs of children. They have spiritual needs; they need to learn Biblical principles and Christian character. Children have free-time, and through the Vacation Bible School we can provide from 15 to 30 hours of additional religious training within a week or two weeks. For some in the community this may be the only religious training they receive. Through this type program of concentrated Bible study much can be accomplished in amplifying the limited ministry of the Sunday school and in supplementing home training.

In meeting the spiritual needs of children, the Vacation Bible School objective should be developed through a program which provides for children to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and which seeks to teach and train for a more complete understanding and expression of the discipleship which Christ demands of those who would call him Lord.

The 239 churches which reported a Vacation Bible School this year in our denomination recorded 579 conversions. Some experienced many conversions, others none, but this illustrates the potential which we have in Vacation Bible School as well as the great responsibility to give these training and guidance as they develop in their Christian lives.

## THE OPPORTUNITIES

Through a Vacation Bible School the church not only has the privilege and

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joy of presenting Christ to children, but also opens a doorway into many homes, as children share their experiences from Bible school, bring papers and craft projects home, and bring their parents to the closing program where the message of Christ's concern for all men is being proclaimed.

The Vacation Bible School can bring the church into contact with new homes and open a continuing ministry with these. It is one way of saying to a community, "We care about you."

In-service training of staff members is another opportunity of a slightly different nature. Some men and women do not accept teaching positions in the Sunday school because they feel inadequate, are unable, or are unwilling to devote the time required for the weekly responsibility. These same people may serve on the staff of the Vacation Bible School and gain valuable experience and confidence in teaching. Some may become convinced of the responsibility and importance of Christian nurture and volunteer for other service in the church.

## THE CHALLENGE

Some churches are really confronted with difficulties in conducting a Vacation Bible School. For some, finding a suitable time and a willing staff is a real problem. Others are hindered by the often high cost of sponsoring the school. Some admittedly lack concern and therefore have no motivation to minister in this area.

Each church will need to re-evaluate its purpose in conducting a Vacation Bible School. It will need to take an objective look at its community and the people it would serve and then rise to meet the particular needs where they are.

## FAMILY MONTH ACTIVITIES FOR May 1967

Theme: "The Christian Home in a Changing Society"  
Suggested emphasis for each Sunday:

- May 7: "The Role of the Holy Spirit in Maintaining Family Unity"
- May 14: "The Role of the Mother"
- May 21: "The Role of the Father"
- May 28: "The Role of the Children"

Resource materials will again be made available to pastors and directors of Christian education by the Department of Christian Education. Articles will also appear in the May 1 issue of the *Baptist Herald*.



The possibilities of the Vacation Bible School can be a challenge to any church. It can be a challenge to would-be staff members if a definite purpose and goal is set forth and then conscientiously worked toward with enthusiasm.

When a need is honestly recognized, a church will find a way to minister to it. Churches have varied the length of their schools from four to ten days while others, have met once a week for ten weeks. Others have scheduled their schools during spring vacation. Of the 239 schools reported by our churches, 170 (71%) were five days in length. Of these 60, or about one-third, held both morning and afternoon sessions to increase their teaching hours.

Where workers and the church in general have seen the challenge and possibilities, some churches have increased their outreach by conducting more than one school. One church reportedly conducts their own school and then proceeds with two more mission schools of two weeks each. Others have found the opportunity to meet in neighborhood garages and some on public beaches.

When the church facilities are overcrowded, some have split the school so the children come in the morning or afternoon, and the young people and adults in the evening. Other possibilities are two shifts of children, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, or to conduct two separate schools and limit the enrollment. When cost is a factor some churches make a charge for each child to help defray the expenses. Where there is a vision and concern there is a way to meet the need.

As you contemplate Vacation Bible School for 1967 give it some careful thought and evaluation. Set well defined goals. Make adequate advance preparation. Be bold and sell others on its importance as a means of winning others for Christ and training them in Christian discipleship. If your workers have a clear concept of their purpose and a sense of the opportunities, they will serve gladly and you will find your church saying, "We can't afford not to have a Vacation Bible School!"



# BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

## STREAMLINED THOUGHTS

by Ann Allen. Wm. Collins Sons and Co.—1965—63 pages—\$1.00.

This compact but meaningful anthology is filled with pin-pointed inspiration. Not all are what might be referred to as religious, but they certainly add to the wisdom and common sense which a Christian should have. Some of the thoughts may sound familiar to the reader, but there are many new ones which will prove helpful in the building and growing of a virtuous character.

## A SERIOUS CALL TO A DEVOUT AND HOLY LIFE

by William Law. Eerdmans—1966—313 pages—\$1.95 (paper).

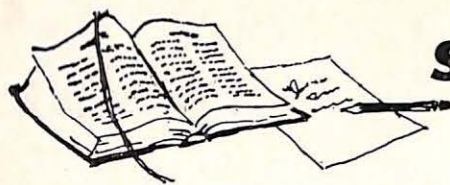
This devotional and hortatory volume was published for the first time over 200 years ago, and it has since

then become a religious classic. As an apostle of the inner light, this saint of God would not prescribe for others what he himself failed to practice. His was a practical mysticism which was not developed in a monastery but in the daily, ordinary associations which brought all spheres of life within its compass.

Although the title may sound solemn, serious and religiously rigid, one should study his chapter devoted to devotion and happiness. It was not his intention, for himself and for others, to live a dull, uneasy and melancholy existence. William Law found the highest degree of happiness in this kind of Christian discipline; even though financially he could have led an easy and carefree life.

It is interesting to note the high regard he had for women, and how important in the emotional life of the





# sunday school lessons

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

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 5, 1967

Theme: THE DANGER OF HYPOCRISY

Scripture: Luke 11:37-44; 12:29-34

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT.** Christianity is the best armor that a man can wear, but it is the worst cloak.—John Bunyan

**INTRODUCTION.** We come now to one of the greatest dangers among Christians—insincerity. Many members in the churches today are make-believe Christians. To them Christianity is a game in which they strive to fool as many people as possible. They do not realize that there is no make-believe heaven or hell and that it is impossible to fool God. At the end the tragic truth will be realized when they discover there is no make-believe judgment.

Hypocrisy can also be detected in the general category of respectability. Simply going to church or having one's membership there and making regular contributions gives a person a good standing in the community. It adds to a man's public relations and makes for a good impression in the files of the credit union. In the final analysis it is our record in heaven that really counts. There is an old song which we do not sing so frequently anymore and yet there is an important truth in its words: "Is my name written there, in the book white and fair, in the book of thy kingdom, is my name written there?" Some of the most respectable people sometimes turned out to be swindlers and embezzlers. Our true record will be revealed at one time or another.

**I. THE NEED FOR GENUINE CHRISTIANITY.** Luke 11:32-44.

Jesus accepted invitations from all kinds of people. He even dined with publicans and sinners. All of this he did to win people. He believed in true Scriptural separation but not in isolation. He did not become one of them even though many frowned on the practice and judged him as being guilty by association. Actually Jesus was always willing to go where he was needed most, hoping that somehow he would be able to fulfill the need.

Here, as in other places, Jesus was in conflict with Jewish tradition and ceremonial law. The washing of hands was not for hygienic purposes but for the practice of a long and involved ceremonial performance. Jesus thought it was foolishness, and he said so in no uncertain terms. To wash the hands, the cup and platter was useless unless the heart, the mind and the spirit are

washed. It is possible to be a saint with soiled hands but not with a soiled heart.

All of man belongs to God, inwardly as well as outwardly. He must be wholly holy. If the Pharisees would have been aware of all the needs around them, it would have had a better cleansing effect on their hearts than all the ceremonial water.

**II. TOTAL DEPENDENCE UPON GOD.** Luke 12:29-3.

Jesus does not mean that we are not to be concerned about food, clothing and shelter, but we are not to make them the major emphasis of our lives. There is more to life than food and drink. These are the things which are constantly the concern of the world. Jesus criticized the Pharisees, but it was constructive criticism. He offered an alternative—to seek first the kingdom of God and not to worry about non-essentials.

The treasure one seeks will reveal the health of one's heart. A loving heart will seek the treasures of God which will result in a joyful and a useful life.

### Questions for Discussion

1. What are some of the things Christians practice in order to give people the impression that they are holy and devout?

2. Has the nature of people changed much since Jesus days?

3. If people really believe that God knows and sees all, would people act the way they do?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 12, 1967

Theme: THE CALL TO REPENTANCE

Scripture: Luke 13:1-9, 34-35

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT.** It has been aptly said by someone that "repentance is taking the first turn to the right."

**INTRODUCTION.** The greatest need in the world is the need to see that our life needs to be changed. It is difficult to see ourselves as others see us, but it is even more difficult to see ourselves as God sees us. We blame our sorrows, our sufferings and our troubles on other people and fail to see how much sorrow suffering and trouble we cause our fellow men. While we reveal the sins of others, we try to keep our personal sins covered. Or as Jesus indicated, we point out the splinter in someone else's eye and fail to see the beam in our own eye. While we have our eye upon someone else, God's

eye is upon us. God did not call us to judge other people, he called us to repentance.

The theme of repentance is found throughout the Bible. Failure in this area has always been the cause of death and destruction. All of Noah's preaching failed to win a single person to repentance, outside of his immediate family. The history of Judah and Israel was a series of successes and failures depending upon repentance or the lack of it.

The manifesto for the new dispensation was uttered by John the Baptist when he thundered in the desert, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand," and Jesus began his ministry on the importance and necessity of repentance.

**I. JUDGMENT AND REPENTANCE.** Luke 13:1-5.

Because sin and punishment were synonymous in Jewish thought, they could explain the tragedy only in these terms. They sincerely believed the Galileans were not killed accidentally but by a deliberate act of God, because they were unusually great sinners, even if the sin was not evident to them.

Jesus, however, did not agree with them. Tragedy is no sign that one is out of favor with God; suffering is not proof of sin; trouble is no evidence of wickedness.

In the case of the second incident involving the tower of Siloam Jesus points out again that sin and suffering do not always go together. This, however, does not lessen the universal demand for repentance. At one time or another all of us must die. Death may be due to natural causes, old age, sickness, accident, war, or any other way. Unless we repent we will not be ready for it. Jesus was emphasizing preparation for any emergency in life, including death.

**II. GOD'S GRACE AND PATIENCE.** Luke 13:6-9.

In the parable of the fig tree planted in the vineyard Jesus meant to remind the people of the love and mercy of God which was bestowed upon Israel. No nation had a better opportunity to grow and bear fruit, but the opportunity was wasted and now judgment was fast approaching. God's patience was taxed beyond measure, for he waited long enough for the fruits of righteousness but none appeared.

**III. GOD'S YEARNING TO SAVE.** Luke 13:34-35.

This is Jesus' lament over the city of Jerusalem, symbolic of all Israel

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BAPTIST HERALD

# OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

CANAAN BAPTIST 75TH ANNIVERSARY CRAWFORD, TEXAS

by Rev. O. K. Ringering, Pastor

The Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas, gratefully proclaim their Lord for the 75 years of his grace. Much of it hinges around one man whom the Lord provided. Mr. Heinrich Engelbrecht came from Germany to avoid the military service and was caught up in the Civil War. A Yankee shot him in the arm, but he returned and after sometime purchased 1600 acres of land in the Crawford-Coryell community. He encouraged Baptists to settle on his farms. Rev. J. E. Sydow moved from the same Brenham, Texas, area as Bro. Engelbrecht but to west of Gatesville. Rev. Sydow by horseback carried on services alternating between Gatesville and here.

On Oct. 24, 1886, Rev. Sydow helped organize the the Bethel Baptist Church in the Coryell community but took the records to Gatesville. Each community had their own Sunday school and officers.

At a conference, representatives of Coryell discovered that they were not organized as a church. On Oct. 25, 1891, a meeting was called. While lunching in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Engelbrecht, Rev. F. J. Gleiss noted the milk and honey set before them and commented, "Why don't we call our church Canaan?" At the meeting it was so called. Rev. Gleiss of Cottonwood became the moderator and Rev. Sydow of Bethel the clerk with forty charter members.

In 1893 Rev. Louis Vogt, a professor in the Rochester Seminary, accepted the call of 13 ballots for a salary of \$50 per year and half the expense of the trip. A church was built in the following year which is the big center of our church today. The Lord prospered the work.

In 1898 Rev. Vogt resigned, and Rev. Sydow took up the work but to serve only every second week. Rev. Ernest Petske from the Seminary carried on the ministry from 1902-1905, when Bro. Sydow again became pastor. A number of souls had been brought to the Lord. A storm blew the church off the foundation, and it had to be restored.

In 1916 Rev. Sydow resigned, and Rev. A. Stern of the Cottonwood church became pastor and baptized eighteen during his ministry.

From 1924-1926 Rev. George Hege from Waco served as the pastor. Rev. C. C. Laborn of the Bethel Heights Church, after an evangelistic campaign, baptized 28 souls.

Rev. C. C. Gossen from Mowata began his ministry of 16 years in October of 1927. A revival blessed the church. The building was enlarged with side wings with drop doors for Sunday school rooms. A tower was added, and

electric lights were installed.

In the year 1933 Mr. Heinrich Engelbrecht went to be with the Lord at nearly 90 years of age. Now on the 75th Anniversary the Lord has graciously honored us with his son, Mr. Henry W. Engelbrecht, who will be 92 January 25.

In 1943 Bro. Gossen resigned because of broken health. Rev. J. K. Warkentine came from Henriette, Texas, in February, 1944. A new parsonage, a car shed, and barn were built.

Rev. Robert Schreiber from Wetaskwin, Alberta, arrived in May, 1945, and remained until August 31, 1947. Rev. Arthur Schultz came from Marion, Kansas, in March, 1948, and served until May, 1952. Extensive remodeling was done. A fellowship and classroom annex was built. In 1953 Rev. J. K. Warkentine returned for nine months.

Rev. Joe Bob Alexander of Fort Worth served from 1954-1957. Rev. Charles Diebert followed until 1958. In June, 1959 Rev. Walter Weber arrived from Kansas to serve about four and a half years. A supply pastor, Rev. Jim Ford from Baylor, became pastor in 1963 to the fall of 1965. Since April Rev. Oliver K. Ringering has been pastor.

The Lord has blessed the church through the years. It is caught in the trend of the young people moving to the cities, but it still has a live and going testimony for Christ.

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION.** The Pacific Northwest Association of North American Baptists, consisting of ten churches, met for their sessions Oct. 20-23 at the Portland Avenue Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash.

The theme of this Association was ". . . the truth shall make you free," taken from John 8:31, 32. Dr. A. S. Felberg and Rev. Joe Sonnenberg spoke in challenging and forceful messages, as they carried out this great theme in its various phases.

Rev. and Mrs. Gerhard Schroeder, Cameroon missionaries, presented the great work of this mission field. We were so richly blessed in making their acquaintance and in gaining much understanding of their work on the field with its greater challenges and opportunities yet before us as a denomination.

The women's and men's luncheons and business sessions were held on Friday. Workshops of interest were most valuable. Our business sessions and reports gave better understanding of our united and separate goals and accomplishments.

New church extension work at the Maple Hills Development, Renton, Wash., and also at the planned city of Olympus near Everett, Wash., give us inspiration and impetus to put forth greater united effort to keep our church family growing. (Mrs. Ben G. Schmidt, Reporter.)

**ORDINATION OF MR. KLAUS TONN.** The First Baptist Church of Moosehorn, Man., invited the ten other southern Manitoba North American Baptist churches to participate in the ordination council for Mr. Klaus Tonn.

Mr. Tonn was born in Germany and moved to Canada at an early age. He received his education for the ministry at the Winnipeg Bible College. Mr. and Mrs. Tonn recently had their first child.

Mr. Tonn gave an account of his salvation, call to the ministry, educational background and plans, and his doctrinal beliefs. After considerable questions to test his printed statements as well as determine his stand in regard to our denomination and its work, the council adjourned to private session to find itself satisfied with Mr. Tonn's presentation.

The church proceeded with the council's recommendation and ordained Mr. Tonn to the full work of the gospel ministry the evening of Nov. 18. We welcome Rev. Tonn into our North American Baptist fellowship. (Donald Richter, Reporter.)

**GREATER ALBERTA ASSOCIATION.** The German session of the Greater Alberta Association of the Northern Conference took place in Medicine Hat, Alta., Nov. 10-13, 1966, at the Grace Baptist Church. The theme was based on II Tim. 1:7.

Our guest speaker was Dr. B. Schalm of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta. It was a time of Christian fellowship with the neighboring churches of our denomination participating. There was good attendance.

Meals were served in the lower auditorium of the church, where the fellowship was enjoyed in a great measure. For the final service we all gathered at the Temple Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon with music by the Mass Choir directed by Rev. R. Kanwischer of the Baptist Haven of Rest. This service was also led by the chairman, Rev. N. Laudon, who served us well throughout the Association.

We were also thankful for our pastor, Rev. G. Poschwatta, who worked hard and is the vice-chairman for the coming year. For the afternoon message we again were privileged to hear Dr. B. Schalm.

We would not forget all the pastors and co-workers that took part in bringing God's blessing so richly to us. (R. Makus, Reporter.)

**SOUTHERN MANITOBA MISSIONARY CONVENTION.** The varied programs began on Nov. 13 with services in the ten churches and a united youth rally at the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church. Monday evening the women gathered in the Mission Baptist Church for a Women's Missionary Rally, and the men met in the Ellice Avenue Baptist Church for a forum

as well as slides on the Cameroons by Mr. Harold Johns. Tuesday noon was a luncheon in a local restaurant (sponsored by one church) for guests, pastors, and interested lay leaders. A two hour discussion of our denominational missionary promotion and program followed. That evening eight workshops were held in the Rowandale Baptist Church. Some topics were: The Awakening Africa, Opportunities in Missions for Youth, and Women's Work in Africa. Wednesday afternoon there was a Tea for all the ladies and women missionaries at the Grant Park Baptist Church. Closing services were held at the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church and the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris with over 700 in attendance that evening. An offering was received solely for our general missionary work with other expenses already met. (Donald Richter, Reporter.)



Guest speakers at the Southern Manitoba Missionary Convention were (back row, l. to r.) Dr. George Dunger, Mr. Peter Aaldyk, Rev. and Mrs. Gary Schroeder, Miss Rosemarie Hackmann, Mr. Harold Johns, Rev. William Rentz, and Rev. William Sturhahn. Pastors participating were the Reverends Henry Pfeifer, Donald Richter, Walter Stein, Heinrich Gartman, Alexander Hart, Wilhelm Gleisman, and Manfred Taubensee.

**ST. JOSEPH, MICH., FIRST.** A Missionary Christmas was highlighted at the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., on Oct. 30. The Rev. Kenneth Fenner is the pastor.

The entire day was devoted to missions, with a sermon on "The Stewardship of Missions" by the pastor in the morning service, and in the evening service special music was sung by the choir. Recent slides and tape recordings of several of our missionaries the Sunday school supports were presented. After the program, there was a fellowship hour where members and friends of the church could view the gifts that were purchased for the various missionaries from different departments of the Sunday school. The gifts were then packed and shipped to the missionaries along with pictures and slides and tape recordings of the service and of the table arrangements for their particular field. (Mrs. Alvin Wetter, Reporter.)

**KANKAKEE, ILL.** Rev. and Mrs. Gary Schroeder, missionaries, on furlough from the Cameroons, were the featured speakers at a recent Missionary Conference at the Immanuel Baptist Church.

The featured musicians on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Jordan from Quito, Ecuador.

Miss Rosemarie Hackman, also missionary nurse, in the Cameroons, showed beautiful colored slides of her work on Sunday evening.

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Rev. and Mrs. Schroeder were the featured speakers at the Men's and Women's meetings. Rev. Schroeder spoke to the men and showed slides. Mr. William Libby is the president of the Men's Fellowship.

Mrs. Schroeder spoke to the ladies on "The Missionary Wife." and showed slides of the women's work.

Mrs. Robert C. Johnson, president of the Women's Missionary Union, presided. Devotions and prayer were given by Gilbert Luhrs on the Thanksgiving theme. Mrs. David Magana sang, accompanied by Mrs. Marshall True. A missionary offering was taken. Mrs. Floyd Bailey, Mrs. Carl Morin and Mrs. Walter Ranz were in charge of refreshments.

Rev. Schroeder brought the Thanksgiving message on Wednesday evening. There was a good attendance at all services and many blessings were received. (Alice Luhrs, Reporter.)

**ODESSA, WASH.** We at Odessa were richly blessed with our Harvest-Mission Festival and Missionary Conference held Oct. 16-20. Joining with Spokane and Colfax we shared the experiences, messages and pictures of Rev. and Mrs. Gary Schroeder and Dr. A. S. Felberg, all of whom won a very warm and welcome place in our hearts. We praise God for the privilege of having these dedicated missionaries as our representatives.

Rev. Schroeder was our guest speaker on Sunday during our Mission Festival. He presented a series of slides showing the Cameroon building program. On Monday afternoon Mrs. Schroeder joined her husband in a special meeting with our women. The Monday evening message was presented with slides giving us a view of the Cameroon work in schools, hospitals and evangelistic outreach.

Dr. A. S. Felberg was with us Tuesday through Thursday. He presented the work of our schools, as well as giving inspirational and evangelistic type messages.

Our total offerings amounted to \$1110.00. Of this amount \$310.00 was designated for our Pacific N. W. Association Church Extension project. (Vern Slater, former pastor.)

**CLEVELAND, OHIO, PARMA HEIGHTS.** The Parma Heights Baptist Church is thankful to God for the ministry of Mr. Warren E. Adams who recently joined our staff as Director



Mr. Warren E. Adams

of Music and Visitation, and General Assistance to the Pastor, Dr. Douglas H. Gallagher. He comes to us from the London School of Bible and Missions, London, Canada, where he was on the faculty of music for three years.

Mr. Adams has developed a total music program. On Dec. 11 we had our Annual Christmas Musicales featuring our Cherub Choir, Junior Choir, Junior High Choir, Senior High Choir, and Adult Choir. The Youth Choir Cantata, "Childe Jesus," by Clokey was accompanied by the organ and harp. The Adult Choir sang "Cantata 142" by J. S. Bach accompanied by an instrumental ensemble and organ.

Dr. S. Franklin Logsdon of Largo, Fla., was at our church for a week of Deeper Life Meetings. Our hearts were stirred to a greater dedication.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner was held Nov. 15. Our guest speaker was Dr. Dale Ihre of Grosse Pointe Woods Baptist Church, Michigan. Our Thanksgiving offering was set at \$12,500.00. (Mrs. Ruth Pech, Reporter.)

**BEATRICE, NEBRASKA.** West Side Baptist in Beatrice, Creston Baptist, Redeemer Baptist in Columbus, and Shell Creek Baptist of rural Columbus, in Nebraska, held a Missionary Conference from Oct. 30-Nov. 2. Guest missionaries were Dr. Eugene Stockdale, Miss Ida Forsch, and Miss Rosemarie Hackman. Partial financial support for Dr. Stockdale is raised by the Beatrice and Shell Creek churches.

The round-robin approach was used as the missionaries rotated among the four churches for morning worship and evening inspirational services, and also meeting with the women's organizations of each church. Two joint services were held in the Columbus area. The one at the Redeemer church was centered about a panel of two missionaries and two pastors based on the topic: "The Role of Educational and Medical Missions in Cameroons." The closing joint rally was held at the Shell Creek church with Miss Hackman and Dr. Stockdale as guest speakers. At this service, the host pastor, Elwyn Zimmerman, led in a call to personal commitment, through means of a dedicatory prayer prayed in unison by the congregation. It involved the commitment of self, financial support, children, and more definite prayer to God in furthering the work of missions. Offerings by all the churches were received during the Conference days for our denominational missions program. (LeRoy Schauer, Reporter.)

**KILLALOE, ONT., CALVARY.** We have continually enjoyed rich blessings and an atmosphere of co-operation and eagerness to attain thanks to the untiring effort of our pastor. On Thanksgiving Day the sanctuary was beautifully and impressively decorated. Our own Brother D. Zummach and his good family and a number of faithful helpers had spared neither time nor effort to make each worshiper feel that he had entered into a place of worship where hands and hearts work together to honor and glorify God. Our pastor con-

ducted three services on this day. In the morning he spoke on "Are We a Thankful People?" The afternoon was set aside for a special German service which was much enjoyed by all who had not had such a privilege for a good many years. A group of friends had come up from our German Church in Toronto to assist in special music. The evening message was on the topic, "The Prayer of a Child of God." The day ended with greater joy in all our hearts for a wonderful close relationship between congregation and pastor. God grant us many happy years together.

October 25 to November 2 our pastor was helped by a good friend of his, the Rev. J. Reimer of Chicago, Ill., in an effort to bring about a revival and the winning of the unsaved. Our hearts were deeply moved by his stirring messages. Two young souls accepted Christ. (Jean Weckworth, Reporter.)

**KANKAKEE, ILL.** The Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, and his wife and family were honored at a farewell party following an evening service at the church in November.

At the party, Donald Vaupel, chairman of the deacons' board, presented Rev. Schreiber an electric typewriter and a check, Mrs. Schreiber received an orchid, and the pastor a boutonniere. About 275 members and friends attended the farewell.

The Rev. Oliver Strong gave the blessing. The Friendship Sunday School class, taught by Mrs. E. Richard Tallmadge, was in charge of refreshments.

Additionally, Mrs. Schreiber was honored by the choir at a gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall True, choir director and organist, respectively.

The Schreibers' daughter, Carol, left for Peace Corps training in San Francisco. Following training, she will be assigned to duty in Micronesia in the South Pacific. Mr. and Mrs. Schreiber have two sons, Timothy and Fred.



Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., recently honored Rev. Assaf Husmann on his 68th birthday and for his interim service as pastor of the church. Pictured are (l. to r.) three grandchildren of Husmanns', George Husmann, Mrs. Assaf Husmann, Rev. Husmann, and son, George Husmann.

**PHILADELPHIA, PA., PILGRIM.** The sermon was prepared, but never delivered! On Sunday evening, Nov. 13, a grateful congregation paid tribute to the Rev. Assaf Husmann on the occasion of his 68th birthday. The usual order of service was followed until it was time for the preaching of

the sermon, at which time the organ struck a chord, and the congregation sang heartily "Happy Birthday" to a surprised and bewildered pastor. We immediately moved to the lower auditorium for a time of speeches, song and fellowship around the tables. The Husmann's son, George, and family joined us for this celebration.

At the close of the festivities our interim pastor was presented a "money tree," very cleverly and artistically made by one of our members, Lydia Kosik. Mr. Husmann served us faithfully for twenty-three weeks and relinquished these responsibilities at the arrival of our new pastor, the Rev. Milton W. Zeeb. We are grateful to them and the Lord for having had the privilege of their ministry. (Katherine Yung, Reporter.)

**TACOMA, WASH., CALVARY.**

Many changes have taken place in our Tacoma church in the past months. In July our assistant pastor, Rev. A. Kranz, left us to serve the church in Harvey, N. D. In August Rev. D. Ganstrom left for Anaheim, Calif. In the meantime Dr. John Wobig of Portland, Ore., ably filled in as interim pastor. Rev. Edgar Wesner of Stafford, Kan., began his ministry here in January. We praise the Lord for his leadership and direction in all things.

On Nov. 22 we had our harvest-Mission Program which was given by the children of our Sunday school. Much food gifts were brought for our Tacoma Rescue Mission. (Mitzie Neumann, Reporter.)

**DURHAM, KAN.**

The First Baptist Church, Durham, Kan., celebrated its 70th anniversary at the annual Harvest-Mission Festival, Oct. 30, 1966. Guest speaker for the celebration was Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Forest Park, Ill. Fifteen ministers have served the church since its beginning, and Rev. Henry Lang is the present pastor. One young man has gone into the ministry from the church. This was Stanley Geis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Geis. The week following the anniversary celebration deeper life meetings were held with Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Voegelé of Wichita, Kan., leading the services. These meetings were very profitable and well attended. (Mrs. Glen Klinkerman, Reporter.)

**PORTLAND, ORE., TRINITY.**

On Nov. 2 the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., had an installation service for the new pastor, Dr. Robert Schreiber. Participants in the service were Rev. Showalter, assistant pastor, Rev. Eric Kuhn, representing the Oregon Association, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, installation sermon, James Billeter, Victor Steinfeld, Mrs. Florence Wahl, Ron Began, and the choir. A welcoming reception was held for Dr. and Mrs. Schreiber and Timothy following the service. (Mrs. Miriam Krueger, Reporter.)

**MADISON, S. D.** A thanksgiving service was held at West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. D., on Nov.

24. After a program of readings and special music by the Adult Choir, members of the congregation shared thanksgiving by telling of the blessings for which they were most thankful. The offering of \$986.80 received goes to the mission of our denomination. (Mrs. Carl Frautschy, Reporter.)



The ground breaking ceremony of the Sunkist Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., included the following: (front row, l. to r.) Rev. W. Hoover, Mrs. Hulda Smith, visiting member from Northern California, Mrs. Marie Duesterhoeft, oldest member, and Susan Issler, youngest member, Paul Jungkeit, church moderator; (back row) Robert Martin, Ch., Board of Deacons and Planning Committee, Joe Colombo, architect, and Joe Baumgartner, contractor.

**ANAHEIM, CALIF., SUNKIST.** The newly organized Sunkist Baptist church, Anaheim, ground breaking ceremonies took place on the property site of the proposed new church sanctuary on Nov. 6.

Led by Rev. William Hoover, pastor, over 270 members and friends marched two blocks from the temporary, meeting place of the church in Benito Juarez Elementary School, to the church property singing.

Donald Melvin, member of the Deacons Board, led the congregation in singing. Rev. Hoover gave thanks to God for every blessing which made possible this momentous day and sought continued guidance to the glory of God.

The church choir, directed by Mrs. Dan Chiles, sang, accompanied on the accordion by Mrs. Frank Cole. A mixed quartet comprised of Dr. and Mrs. Dan Chiles, Mrs. Melvin Bennett and Mr. Joe Love sang.

Rev. Hoover introduced Mr. Joe Colombo, architect, and Mr. Joe Baumgartner, contractor, in charge of building the new church. Each responded with praise for the wholehearted cooperation of the several church boards and planning committee.

June 1967 is the tentative date set for completion of the sanctuary as the first unit in the combined plan to include several additional buildings for Christian Education work and other church facilities.

A challenging message from the Book of Nehemiah was brought by the Rev. William Hoover on "Why Are We Here?" Closing prayer was given by Clifford Holland, former director of Christian education in the church. (Ruth Mellen, Reporter.)



**MR. AND MRS. JOHN SCHASER OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** On October 15 members and friends of the Hillcrest Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, gathered in the church as guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Schaser and their family to observe their golden wedding anniversary. After a sumptuous banquet, which was arranged by the Schaser children, we enjoyed an evening of fellowship and shared in a well-planned program led by the pastor, Rev. Edward Kary. Two granddaughters, Cathy and Marian Schaser, sang a solo and a duet, and David Schaser, a grandson, gave a reading. Mr. John Krech, a life-long friend, recalled many experiences. The Pastor gave a brief resume of the life of the Schasers.

Mr. Schaser was 16 years old, and Mrs. Schaser was 14 years old, when they left their homeland of Transylvania to come to America to make their home in Cleveland. Before his retirement Mr. Schaser had worked, uninterrupted, for 52 years in a large industrial firm in Cleveland. For the past 43 years Mr. and Mrs. Schaser have been intimately associated with our church and have made a host of friends. God has richly blessed them, both materially and spiritually.

Becky Schaser brought the closing good wishes for her grandparents and sealed them with kisses. May God continue to bless this honored couple. (Edward Kary, Pastor.)



**MR. AND MRS. HENRY J. WETZLER CELEBRATE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** A festive reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Wetzler of Palos Verdes Estates, Calif. in celebration of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 20. The joyous event was hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wetzler, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Porter (Betty), and Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Wetzler. Their five grandchildren also assisted in making this a memorable day. Harold Wetzler, their son, and his wife, Helen, graciously greeted and registered the guests. The Wetzlers are active members of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church of which the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt is pastor.

Presiding at the beautifully decorated serving table were Mrs. Agnes Kaho, Mrs. Marjorie Wetzler, Mrs. Betty Porter, and Marilyn Heiman. Marilyn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heiman, also members of The Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, were celebrating their "Silver Anniversary" the same day. The Wetzlers were presented with a pair of beautiful gold leaf candle holders as a gift from the church.

The honored couple were married on November 21, 1916, in the bride's family home in Los Angeles, Calif., by the Rev. Max Leuschner. The original attendants, Mrs. Ruth E. Schulz, Portland, Ore., sister of the bridegroom, and Edward Freudenberg, Temple City, Calif., brother of the bride, helped greet the guests in the receiving line as they did fifty years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Wetzler are beloved members of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, as were Mrs. Wetzler's devout parents, the August Freudenbergs, who were charter members. Mrs. Wetzler was church organist for 25 years, and Mr. Wetzler, among other church activities, is Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the past twenty years. God has blessed them wonderfully for which they are humbly grateful to their Lord and Master. (Esther Johnston, Reporter.)

**EMERY, S. D.** The First Baptist Church of Emery, S. D., participated in the South Dakota Association Round Robin Missionary Conferences on Nov. 6 and 7. Miss Rose Marie Hackman spoke and showed slides on Sunday evening, as did Dr. Eugene Stockdale on Monday evening. They are missionaries in the Cameroons. (Mrs. Walter Heitzman, Reporter.)

**SPRINGSIDE, SASK.** At a joint program of our J.C.B.Y. and the junior choir, four of our young people received the grand award for Scripture memorization. Mrs. Sylvia Nehring our sponsor, presented the prizes to Florence Goltz, Joy Kriger, Nelson Arndt and Ellen Goltz.

Nov. 7-13 were days of spiritual enrichment as we joined in Deeper Christian Life meetings. We were happy to have one of our own young men, Rev. E. Strauss, pastor of Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, Richmond, B. C., as the guest speaker. The presence of the Lord was evident as he spoke to us. The messages challenged us to examine our walk with the Lord.

Nov. 11-13 we were happy to sponsor the "Youth Retreat" with approximately 10 young people attending the activities. Lively discussion followed lectures given by visiting pastors, Rev. Kern, Rev. Taylor, Rev. Strauss and Rev. Hohn. (Mrs. R. Ziolkowski, Reporter.)

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

**LYNBROOK, N. Y., EVERGREEN.** The King's Daughters of the Evergreen Baptist Church, Lynbrook, N. Y., at their November meeting held the Installation Service of the new officers for 1966-1967. They also welcomed into the King's Daughters (Women's Missionary Group) seven new members. The women are once again working on their White Cross and planning for a full year of work for the Lord.

We had a fine time of Christian Fellowship at the Annual Christmas Tea. This event brings together many past members who have moved away and also brings new friends to the Church.

Once again we must give all the praise to our Lord and Savior for our answered prayer. (Anna Steinhoff, Reporter.)

**DETROIT, MICH., W.M.U.** The Detroit Baptist Women's Missionary Union held its semi-annual banquet at Ebenezer Baptist Church on Nov. 11. Dinner was served in the fellowship hall, and afterwards we adjourned to the sanctuary for the program. Dr. Jack Scott of Ebenezer Baptist led the song service.

The special music included two vocal numbers by Mrs. Marian Miles of Grosse Pointe Baptist and Mrs. Virginia Fadenrecht of Trinity Baptist who played two violin pieces. The guest speaker was Dr. Eugene Stockdale, home on furlough from the Cameroons. He showed interesting slides of his work at the leprosy settlement in the Cameroons. (Treva Silver, Secretary.)

**MADISON, S. D.** The Women's Missionary Society of the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. D., presented their annual program Nov. 27. Welcome, Scripture and prayer were given by the President, Mrs. A. Krombein. Special music was provided by a trio composed of Mrs. Ella Jung, Mrs. Krombein and Mrs. Ronald Mayforth.

A memorial service for Mrs. Hilke Dirksen was conducted by Mrs. Mayforth. Miss Joyce Ringering, librarian at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, showed slides of her trip to the Cameroons.

A delicious lunch was served in the church parlors after the program. (Mrs. Carl Frautschy, Reporter.)

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The first slate of officers of the Sunkist Baptist Church Women's Missionary Society (from l.to r.) Mrs. William Hoover, installing officers; Mrs. Kenneth Keesee, vice-president; Mrs. Frank Cole, recording secretary; Mrs. Joe Quast, president; Mrs. Duane Craig, treasurer; Mrs. Leonard Justus, assistant treasurer and Mrs. August Litz, corresponding secretary, elected at the first general meeting of the W.M.S. on June 21, 1966, with 50 ladies present. (Ruth Mellen, Reporter.)

**ATLANTIC CONFERENCE W.M.U.** The Fall Retreat of the Atlantic Conference W.M.U. was held on Nov. 4 and 5, 1966, at Keswick Grove, N. J., with our new president, Mrs. A. Lamprecht, Ridgewood Church, Queens, N. Y., presiding. Our theme was "The Bible—The Difference It Makes In Our Lives."

Delicious refreshments were served by the ladies of the First Baptist Church, Jamesburg, N. J. Mrs. Virginia Schell, Second Baptist Church, Union City, N. J. served as pianist. Mrs. Ella Beck of Ridgewood Church, N. Y. beautifully rendered two solos. Our guest speaker at all services was Miss Irene Brainard of Calvary Baptist Church, Manhattan.

Devotions were led by Mrs. C. Carpenter, Walnut Street Church, Newark, N. J. Mrs. H. Hiller, Immanuel Church, Woodside, N. Y., brought a most complete and interesting survey of N. A. B. missions. We were favored by a vocal trio from the Second Church, Union City, N. J. Discussion groups used as a general theme, "How can we as women witness for Christ and help spread the word of God?"

In the afternoon a group of women worked on a quilt to be sent to one of the missionary guest rooms. The rest of the ladies were divided into groups and under the leadership of Jean Nolte, Pilgrim Church, enjoyed a treasure hunt and nature walk around the beautiful grounds of Keswick.

The Roll Call revealed that 110 ladies were present. A choir under the direction of Mrs. D. Mostrom, Cornerstone Church, Union City, N. J. sang. An offering amounting to \$135.00 was received, half of which went to our N.A.B. Women's Project and half to the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer offering. (Mrs. H. J. Arnold, Reporter.)

**CHANCELLOR, S. D.** The Mission Circle of the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, observed its thirtieth anniversary, Oct. 18, with members and friends enjoying a special program and fellowship hour.

In September, 1936, the Circle was organized with 12 charter members, under the leadership of Mrs. Josephine

Borchers, the pastor's wife at the time. Five of the charter members attended and were presented corsages. Letters from former pastors' wives and members were read, a review of the Circle history was given, and an impressive candlelight ceremony in memory of departed members and also honoring charter members was observed. A commission to present and future members to go forward as witnesses for Christ the Light of the World was given. "Living Abundantly for Christ" as the theme portrayed with dialogue and music.

Our membership is 33, and our aim is to be a true mission society to fulfill our motto, Gal. 6:9. The sick and lonely are cheered with visits, cards and gifts. White Cross work helps supply the needs of the mission fields. The church

## evangelistic services & baptisms

**ARNOLD, PA.** The Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa., has so much for which to praise the Lord. We held an evangelistic crusade with one of our own young men, Ron Susek, as evangelist, and Dave Boyer, a former night club entertainer, as the minister of music.

The church was crowded night after night with top attendance at 344, and a total of 86 decisions recorded for salvation, re-dedication, and assurance. God opened many doors of opportunity through the efforts of the pastor, Rev. Allen B. Herman, at the Kiwanis Club, two Business Men's Luncheons, the New Kensington High School, on KDKA TV Channel 2 in Pittsburgh, the "Daybreak" program, and on Radio Station WAVL in Apollo. The morning worship service was broadcast over Radio Station WKPA in New Kensington.

The Mayor of the city, Mr. William DeMao, a Roman Catholic, welcomed the crusade to the city. Many Roman Catholics were in attendance.

As a result of the crusade the pastor arranged a meeting with all interested pastors to launch a valley-wide crusade in September 1967. Union Baptist has really seen God move miraculously. (Florence Pressick, Reporter.)

and community have experienced the helping hand of the Mission Circle in many ways. It is truly a blessing for each one of us to serve the Lord in these ways. (Mrs. John Schroeder, Reporter.)

**LEOLA, S. D.** On Oct. 6 the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Leola held a Missionary Tea with Mrs. G. Schroeder, missionary to Cameroon, Africa, as their guest speaker. About 100 women from neighboring churches attended to make this a joyous spiritual afternoon. Mrs. Schroeder was presented with a corsage. Various societies presented special music for the occasion.

Mrs. Schroeder then spoke to us and gave us many enlightening experiences of the years she spent in Africa serving God's people. Closing prayer was said.

Refreshments were served around tables decorated with African huts and palm trees.

Indeed this was a blessed time spent with one of our many missionaries. May God richly bless her as she goes about serving God. (Mrs. Walter Rueb, Reporter.)

**MADISON, S. D.** The Ann of Ava Guild of West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. D., entertained 54 women from the W.M.S. and three visiting women's groups on Nov. 7 for the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer. Beside the printed program, there were several readings and special music. A social time and refreshments were enjoyed after the meeting. (Mrs. Carl Frautschy, Reporter.)

**RIVER HILLS, MAN.** A baptismal service was held by the Whiteshell Baptist Church, River Hills, Man., on Aug. 28 at the Whitemouth River. After a brief message, our pastor, Rev. Bruno Voss, had the joy of baptizing five candidates on confession of their faith in Christ. The choir sang "I Surrender All" as each person entered the water. These five together with the parents of three of the boys baptized, were received into the fellowship of the church at a communion service held immediately following. (Mrs. Walter Kretchmer, Reporter.)

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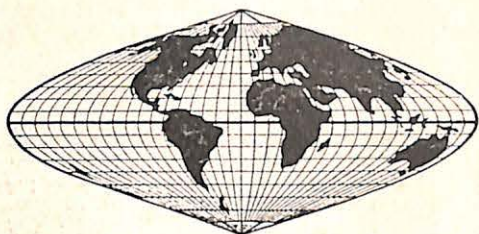
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# NEWS AND VIEWS



PROGRAM PLANNERS FOR BERNE.

Here are the people who gathered in Washington recently to work out program outlines for the Baptist Youth World Conference at Berne, Switzerland in 1968. Group conferences, designed to encourage every delegate to voice his mind and to help all to know each other better, will be emphasized. Shown, left to right, are Miss Betty Smith, of the Baptist World Alliance staff; Chris Gruener, Bap-

tist General Conference; Jeffrey Barth, North American Baptist General Conference; Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance; Gunnar Hoglund, chairman of the B.W.A. Youth Committee; John Binder, North American Baptist General Conference; Lovelle Maxwell, National Baptist Convention of U.S.A., Inc., and Larry Partain, Southern Baptist Convention.

**THE ASIAN EVANGELISTS COMMISSION** last month completed the largest evangelistic crusade ever in Colombo, capital of Ceylon. Total attendance was 36,200, and more than 1,000 inquirers were counseled. (Christianity Today)

**REV. JAKOV ZHIDKOV**, 81, chairman of the Soviet Union's All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists died recently in Moscow, two weeks after he was replaced as chairman by Ilya Ivanov, pastor of Moscow's Baptist Church. Baptist leaders from England and North America attended the funeral. Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, represented the Baptist World Alliance.

**THE WORLD FAMILY OF BAPTISTS** has at present 27,127, 983 members. There are 418,700 in Africa, 911,604 in Asia, 209,801 in Central America, 1,132,265 in Europe, 808 in the Middle East, 279,176 in South America, 105,212 in the Southwest Pacific, 178,470 in Canada, 40,000 in Mexico, 23,851,947 in the United States; a total for North America 24,070,417. Germany has 97,096 members.

**IN THE WHOLE OF CONGO** there are some thirteen schools which train medical workers' on the high school level. Of these, three are in Protestant hands. The government looks to the work of the Protestant churches as of crucial significance in the desperate struggle to provide a minimum of health care in a badly disrupted country.

**ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA.** Plans are being formulated to enable 50,000 Sudanese refugees to use available land to produce their own food. The refugees are resettling in a rural region in Ethiopia which is difficult to reach by either land or river. It is nearly impossible to supply the refugees with enough food to survive and for this region the All Africa Conference of Churches is going ahead with a project to create gardens or small farms which would make the refugees self-supporting.

**COMMUNISM IS ONE OF THE THREADS** to evangelism, Chinese and South Korean speakers told the Congress on Evangelism in Berlin. Dr. Helen Kim said, "present indications are that there is no surviving church in North Korea." Dr. Andrew Loo said, "Communism looks upon Christianity as its arch enemy. . . . In all her history, the church of Christ has never encountered so great and subtle an opponent." (The Sunday School Times)

**EUGENE NIDA**, secretary for translations of the American Bible Society, was awarded an honorary doctor of theology degree by the University of Muenster, Germany. It was the first time in the 186-year history of the university that an honorary degree had been awarded to an American scholar.

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