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Out from the warmth and joy of fellowship in our church.
Out because He commanded us to go.
Out because He has made us His ambassadors.
Out in obedience because we love Him.
Out because we do care for the lost.
Out to those who do not know our Saviour, bringing them into our church.

Into the highways and hedges...

Where a baby is born every two seconds.
Where parental and juvenile delinquency is rampant.
Where an immigrant crosses our borders every two minutes.
Where life's highways lead to school, shop, office, store, or farm.
Where others march to the beat of Uncle Sam's drum.
Where people are groping for reality.

And compel them to come in...

That the seeker may find truth.
That the sorrowing may find comfort.
That the weary may find rest.
That the troubled may find peace.
That the sinner may find eternal life.
That the Christian may train for service.

—First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn.

NAB MEN AT DENOMINATIONAL SERVICES CONFERENCE, GOSPEL LIGHT

The annual meeting of the Denominational Services Conference of Gospel Light Publications was held January 3-6, 1967, at Gospel Light Publications, Glendale, Calif. Representing North American Baptists were Rev. Eldon J. Janzen, Manager of the Roger Williams Press; Rev. Bruce Rich, Director of Children's Work; and Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary of the Department of Christian Education. Approximately twelve other denominations were represented for these sessions with the editors and administrative staff of Gospel Light.

Among the new products available in the fall of 1967 is fourth grade material edited by Miss Ruth Bathauer, Editor of Junior Materials for Gospel Light. Miss Bathauer formerly served as Director of Children's Work with North American Baptists. Another new and exciting publication will be Sunday school lesson materials for grade

12, available for the fall quarter, 1967. A new Cradle Roll Packet, in addition to the present one, will also become available in April of 1967. Gospel Light is also projecting major revisions and new productions of grades 5 through 11. The dates for the release of these materials will be announced in the future. College/Career and Adult Elective Courses are also being produced, and announcements will be forthcoming.

These sessions of the denominational representatives with the Gospel Light editors and administrative staff provide unique opportunities to exchange ideas and relate concepts dealing with content, philosophy, and methods which should be included in future materials being produced by the publisher.

CHARLES TANGWA. Pray for Mr. Tangwa, a recent graduate from B.B.T.C., Soppo, who is the new Hospital Chaplain at the Bansa Baptist Hospital, Bamenda, West Cameroon, as he ministers to the spiritual needs of the patients and staff.

NEWS and NEEDS...

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS. Team I with Rev. Edgar Klatt is serving at the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. D., Feb. 7-19 and at the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. Feb. 21-March 5. Team II with Rev. Connie Salios has been and will be serving in the Northern California churches, Feb. 1-March 5. Remember them in prayer and become a prayer partner.

MINNIE KUHN. Miss Kuhn is well on her way to recovery from back surgery. Her cast was removed on Dec. 21. She is presently taking studies in tropical medicine in Loma Linda, Calif.

BRAZIL. Remember Rev. and Mrs. Richard Rabenhorst and Rev. and Mrs. Herman Effa as they are engaged in an extensive survey during February of three southern states in Brazil in regard to the location of our mission work there.

WHITE CROSS SHIPMENT. Another shipment weighing 1,724 pounds was shipped from Forest Park, Ill., to Cameroon, West Africa, on Jan. 12.

WILSON'S DISCOVERY. This fine filmstrip which presents the work of our denomination has been purchased by 60 churches. If your church has not yet made this purchase, encourage the leadership to do so.

BIBLE DAY. March 12 will be observed as NAB Bible Day. Special offerings should be designated for the Bible fund which provides Bibles and Christian literature for our mission fields and the God's Volunteers' ministry.

OUR MISSIONARIES in Brazil report that mail deliveries there are not too efficient. Some mail gets lost either by negligence or other reasons. Parcels are examined and may not be delivered. It is being suggested that parcels be sent in care of Rev. Vernon D. Anderson, Caixa Postal 621, Sao Jose do Rio Preto, Estado do Sao Paulo, Brazil, South America.

REV. AND MRS. HISASHI MURAKAMI began their pastoral ministry with the Baptist Church at Tsu-shi, Mie-ken, Japan, October 1, 1966. The church has about twenty resident members. The average attendance on Sunday is twenty-five. The Sunday school has seven teachers and four classes. Their new address: Rev. Hisashi Murakami, 4-60 Minamishinmachi, Tsu-shi, Mie-ken, Japan.

SAM BECKE. The vice-principal of B.B.T.C., Great Soppo, Cameroon, is the first Cameroonian to be chosen to study in America under the new scholarship fund which has been established by our denomination for sending students to the U.S.A. for university training. Mr. Becke is enrolled at the University of Oregon at Eugene. Pray for him as he studies there.

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Editorial

WAIT ON THE LORD!

by Dr. Martin L. Leuschner

Usually we run ahead of the Lord. An impatient pace of life with its nerve-wrecking tensions takes us far from God's Way on which we ought to walk with uplifting joy. One of the most beautiful pictures of those who wait in the Name of God is given by the Psalmist: "I am like a green olive tree in the house of God" (Psalm 52:8). Such are the saints of God who wait on the Lord day by day and keep his ways and for whom God's promise is an everlasting covenant: "He shall exalt thee" (Psalm 37:34).

In waiting on the Lord, we discern the blessing of God's good time. It takes faith—a firm, invincible faith—to believe that God's will ultimately will bring blessing and victory to us. The Psalmist testified that he would "have fainted unless he had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living" (Psalm 27:13). He had his times of trouble (v. 5), and his enemies were like a host encamped against him (v. 2), with false witnesses breathing out cruelty against him (v. 12). But by waiting on the Lord and seeking his face, the Psalmist believed that in his good time God would set him up upon a rock (v. 5).

This long view and victorious faith of the Christian into the uncertain future are gained only by waiting on the Lord. The late Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas, Texas, used to say repeatedly, "God's will is always right. God's ways are always best." This is echoed by the prophet Isaiah: "For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for thee" (Isaiah 64:4).

This spiritual waiting requires both patience and discernment. The Bible speaks often of "God's due season," when in his good time he will reveal his will and his goodness to those who love him. "The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord" (Lamentations 3:25-26).

In waiting on the Lord, we renew our strength and peace in the things of God. What spiritual riches await the Christians who experience the fulness of God's love and his salvation! They are the ones who will not be greatly moved. The prophet Isaiah compares the righteous man with a potter's vessel. It has to be molded, sometimes broken and strengthened in the fire from the hearth, but in this "quietness and in confidence shall be your strength" (Isaiah 30:15).

All of us must find more of this quiet time of waiting on the Lord. We need to meditate on God's Word. We must study his truths diligently. We must seek out God's ways in times of adversity and illness. For "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

So ye who are faint of heart and ye who hurry to and fro with restlessness of spirit and confused minds, wait on the Lord and the glory of God will be revealed to you.

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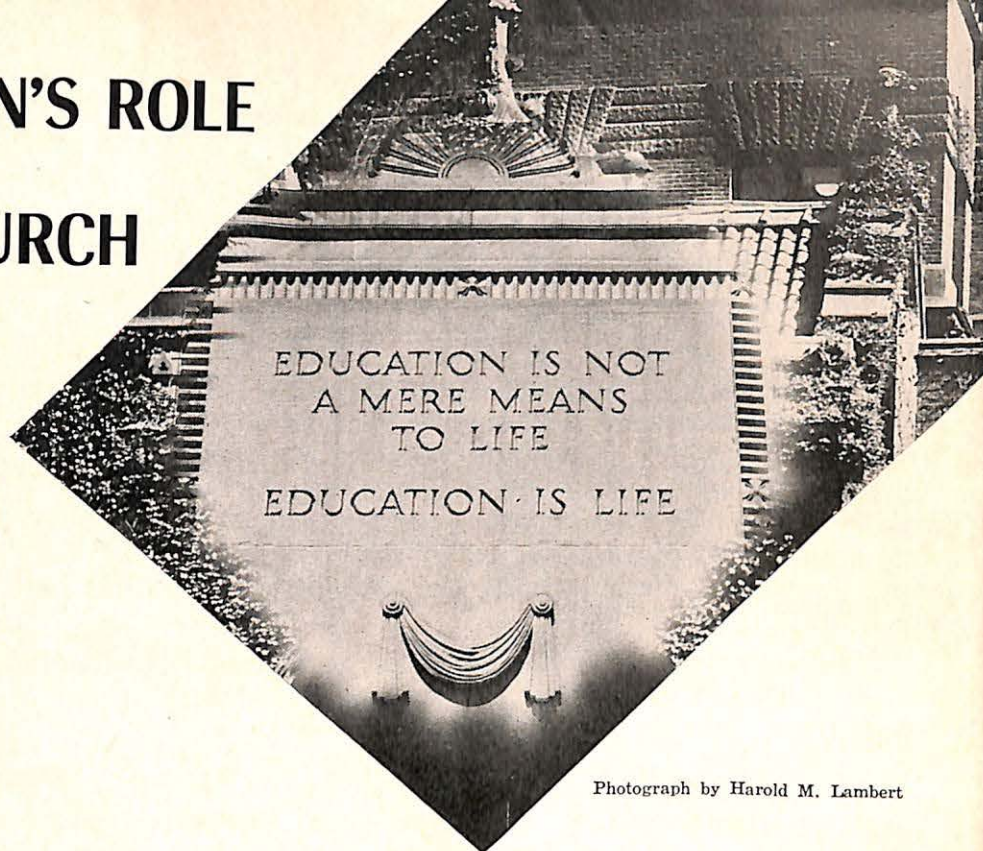
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THE CHRISTIAN'S ROLE THROUGH CHURCH AND STATE IN EDUCATION

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Photograph by Harold M. Lambert

IN THE SHADOW of the impressive nation's capitol building in Washington, D. C., clergymen, educators and others representing eight Baptist denominations met to discuss and debate past, present, and possible future direction of "The Role of the Christian Through Church and State in Education." The conference was sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs October 5-7, 1966, and was the Tenth Annual Baptist Conference on Religious Liberty. It was the purpose of the conferees to momentarily pause and study the contemporary church-state issues from various angles seeking first of all clarity for contemporary policies and secondly a study of the separation of the powers and functions of the church through education. The following report is a reaction and reflection of a lay public school educator.

BAPTIST HIGHER EDUCATION

Dr. Kenneth S. LaTourette opened the conference by conveying the following interesting thoughts on "Baptist Higher Education." He stated that the Christian college is not only an adventure but also a challenge to "prepare students to serve as Christians in the world and to advance knowledge and learning." Baptists basically talk the language of the common people, and because they felt their basic function was to preach the gospel to the poor, the Spirit of God has given Baptists growth and status. Dr. LaTourette also observed that students who emerge from Baptist homes have little interest in higher education, or if they do, they seemingly cannot

meet the tuition obligation that church-related institutions find necessary to charge. For the most part, he states, Baptist students tend to come from humble people, economically and socially. If they choose to go to college, they usually go to some city college or state school where the tuition is very nominal; consequently, we must give greater concern to the ever increasing percentage of Baptist students in state schools. (Over 80% of the Baptist students attend state schools.)

At a later session one recommendation which had general agreement was that provisions be made for a conference on the question of the church's ministry on the campuses of the state schools. The question may be asked, "What is the actual purpose of the church-related institution of higher learning?" It seems as though some individuals in attendance did not possess a clearly defined purpose or objective in Christian higher education.

Some Southern Baptists seemed to be experiencing difficulty as to who is to control the college with due regard to academic freedom—the trustees? conventions? or local churches? The purpose of the church-related college ought to be continually examined and should reflect not only the unique and distinctive ideals, aspirations and imperatives of the Christian faith as well as our explicit denominational heritage, but also claims and demands which are related to the pursuit of excellence in education.

In an age of statistics and impersonality, many church schools have at their disposal a unique view of the worth and dignity of the individual which can give to undergraduate

teaching an ingredient sorely needed. Also, they are in an excellent position to give priority to good teaching.

The adult world with its problems and precepts is being examined by the younger generation and the findings do reveal inconsistencies between the written word, the spoken word, and the actual deed. Youth is in search of a master. It seems to me that Christian related schools very often tend to isolate the student; consequently, he may find it very difficult to relate adequately to the outside world which continually attempts to press in upon him.

LACK OF FUNDS FOR CHURCH-RELATED COLLEGES

Because of the lack of funds, the Christian college very often cannot and does not offer the same opportunities as does the secular college. Perhaps the Christian college should become more involved with the state colleges thereby benefiting in areas not presently experienced. Front line experiences may be necessary and essential to increase the effectiveness of a true Christian witness. I feel that since Christians are unavoidably involved in public education either through taxation, their children's education, active participation or its influence on society, the Christian's role in public education can be expressed in the following ways: (1) by a career devoted to education in a teaching capacity, (2) by an active concern for the policies of the local school board and school administrators, and (3) by co-operation of school officials to produce quality education for all children.

The Christian educator ought to re-examine his role and work in and

through the state schools to accomplish his end and fulfill his purpose—to help Christianize the world.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The Rev. Msgr. James C. Donohue spoke during one of the sessions on "The Future of Catholic Education." He is director of the Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. The following points and excerpts are to be observed with much sobriety, for Catholic education is a dynamic force in our society. It is to be noted that one out of seven children attending school go to a Catholic school, and since 1900 the number of children in parochial schools has grown over six times as compared with an increase of less than 2.5 times for the public schools. Many students are currently being turned away for lack of facilities. More than at any other time in history Catholic parents are interested in religious education for their children. In many Catholic parishes as much as seventy-five to eighty per cent of the available funds are being used to support their parochial schools.

Rev. Donohue stated, "We've got to be willing to face the Catholic school problem constructively, openly, optimistically, creatively, joyfully, enthusiastically, and fearlessly." We in public education can do no less! He also stated, "Catholic education must be reorganized using more lay teachers and more parents. Catholic school facilities will hopefully be put at the service of the entire community or parish. The parish will change course from a child-centered and often Catholic school child-centered parish toward a plan to encompass youngsters in public schools for religious formation as well as adult education. Parochial means limited—closed. In days ahead they must become open—a service of love which reveals Christ to all men." He further stated that we must develop an attitude of genuine concern of the entire community in the areas of (1) race relations, (2) family planning, (3) religious liberty and peace.

FEDERAL AID MORE ACCEPTABLE

Should Baptist institutions accept money from the federal government? Some say "No," others say "Perhaps, under certain circumstances." We know that church-related institutions have not enjoyed the same prosperity as have more public institutions and their wealthier independent colleges and universities. Case in point: low salaries and inadequate, weak libraries are a serious handicap. Some schools which are church-related are, however, currently receiving grants for specific projects. Federal aid to the institution seems at this time to be unacceptable; however, the principle may no longer be one of "separation of church and state" but rather that of *religious liberty*.

In other words, it seems that Baptists in need of funds would ac-

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The Story Of STEP In Corona

by Rev. L. D. Potratz



Photograph by Harold M. Lambert

WE REJOICE that God used STEP ONE wonderfully in the First Baptist Church of Corona, S. D. He had prepared our church for this means of stewardship education. So it was introduced into a favorable climate. As we look back, we can see two years of progressive development in preparation for STEP ONE and two more years in the reaping of its blessings.

In the first place our church constitution gives our mission committee the responsibility of stewardship education for the entire church. In 1963 these men had recommended that the church set the month of October as a Stewardship Study Month and the month of November as a Missionary Month. The church accepted this recommendation, and a planned program of stewardship testimonies, sermons, literature, and prayer meeting Bible discussions was used. Rev. David Draewell was invited in 1963 to be one of the Stewardship Month speakers, but his busy schedule was not open until a year later.

In March 1964 a deacon, who was retiring from office, gave a strong, convincing plea for tithing to the church board. This deacon had no knowledge of STEP, but he spoke unexpectedly for about 20 minutes. God used his testimony to prepare for the coming of STEP.

In June of 1964 I heard Rev. David Draewell present STEP in our Dakota Conference sessions and received my first glimpse of STEP material. After studying the packet prayerfully at home, I ordered three more, one for each missionary committee member.

CAREFUL NURTURE FOR STEP

With this preparation we began five months of careful nurture for STEP'S acceptance. In September 1964 I began having some discussions about STEP with the mission committee. They recommended that we use October and November for stewardship and missionary emphasis, as we did the year before; but STEP was new. It's possibilities were still hidden. When we finally became involved with STEP to the extent that we discovered the deacons were expected to make the

preliminary recommendation of STEP to the church, the committee quickly decided to turn their packets of material over to our three deacons for study. Later, in a combined meeting of the deacons and the mission committee, the green light of progress was gained, and the six men gave unanimous consent for STEP to be presented to the church for decision.

Two definite efforts were made to help the church understand the meaning of STEP. All the prayer meetings during the church approved Stewardship Month were used to discuss STEP and tithing problems in general. Prayer was not neglected in these meetings; however, it, too, was part of our learning process.

Secondly, when Rev. David Draewell came to speak, in November, 1964, he was asked to present STEP during the Sunday school hour to all the classes of high school age and over. This is the only time that I know of that our Sunday school lessons were set aside, so the classes could meet together in the sanctuary to consider something else.

We felt it unwise to hurry the church into a decision. So we prayed for God to guide the church in its decision which would be made six weeks later in a regularly scheduled business meeting. It was accepted in a secret ballot, with few negative votes.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STEP

The program was carried out in 1965 according to the direction book in almost every detail. We found the directions clear and very practical, but we did make three exceptions. Our pastor mailed one extra letter of his own composition to the mailing list of the church. For literature, we avoided having posters or papers around the church building to bother those who opposed the program. We used bulletin inserts and mailed tracts liberally. And we mailed the decision cards with a letter of explanation instead of visiting the homes.

The results are gratifying, and we thank God for his unusual blessings.

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Missionary Furloughs and the Local Church

by Dr. Richard Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

THE PURPOSE OF A furlough year for a missionary is three-fold: (1) to replenish his physical and spiritual strength spent in service on the foreign field, often in tropical climates and under adverse conditions; (2) to engage in a period of formal study in line with furlough policies in order to replenish his intellectual resources and be better equipped for another term of service; (3) to present to the home constituency the work of the Lord among a people to which he was sent and to give information in the most effective way.

THE PURPOSE OF A FURLOUGH YEAR

The first purpose, to replenish his physical and spiritual strength, is of vital importance to the missionary coming home on furlough. He cannot give his best ministry if his body is racked with fatigue and all manner of tropical diseases. Rest alone will not restore his health if his body has contracted tropical germs. A medical examination is taken as early as possible in his furlough year by a physician who has experience in diagnosing tropical diseases. If such are present, a series of prescribed treatments will follow which may require more time than the ordinarily recommended first three months of rest before any deputation ministry is undertaken. The local church should understand this and not make demands for the missionary's service before his health is restored.

The second purpose, to engage in a period of formal study, may be a requirement coming from the field where service is rendered or coming from the Board of Missions, if the Board gives special assignments. Perhaps in most cases it may be the personal desire of the missionary. The Board recognizes and encourages this and has allowed time in the furlough year for such formal study, provided the furlough year is properly planned.

A furlough year is definitely not a time to be planned and used to engage in prolonged studies in order to receive an advanced degree. The missionary should have his basic training, college and seminary (or in other specialized areas), before he goes to the mission field. Except where special field assignments require it, furlough studies have the purpose of refresher courses. Where and when the missionary plans otherwise, he does this on his own time and not on mission time. This may require a leave of absence with the consent of the field and the Board.

The third purpose, to present to the home constituency the work of the Lord, is of primary importance as part of a furlough year. To lose sight of this is to miss a wonderful opportunity while at home and to fail both the Lord and his people through whom he is carrying on the cause and outreach of missions. It is with this third purpose that we shall deal in the rest of this article.

THE MISSIONARY PLANS A FURLOUGH YEAR

In our NAB circles there are periods with special missionary emphases. The summer period from Memorial Day to Labor Day requires the presence of missionaries in conferences, associations and camps. The fall period from Labor Day to Thanksgiving requires missionaries in additional association meetings, in harvest and mission festival days and in missionary conferences. These are the two heavier periods with demand for missionary deputation. The winter and spring period from about the middle of January through April has need of missionaries mostly in missionary conferences and in local churches.

Knowing this, the missionary coming home may know in advance and in accord with his other furlough plans in what type of missionary deputation he may be engaged. To a certain extent

he can thus plan accordingly and fit himself into the need of that period and plan the major part of his availability for the specific need. Such a choice can only be tentative since requests for missionaries must be met as far as possible within the time of their availability and within the established furlough policy. But advance planning and the timing of one's homecoming can determine to a certain extent how and when one's time in deputation may be used.

It is not customary in our NAB circles that the missionary home on furlough sets up his own deputation schedule, except in the immediate area where he and his family reside and for such time which does not conflict with the deputation schedule. Missionary deputation and visitation are correlated through the Home Office. Requests for conferences, associations and camps are considered through the denominational visitation committee. Requests for missionary conferences and visits to individual churches are correlated through the Missionary Secretary. This is done in order to make the best possible use of deputation time with the least amount of travel expense.

THE CHURCH REQUESTING MISSIONARIES

Requests from churches for missionary speakers are always given serious consideration. However, not all requests can be met. There simply are not enough missionaries home on furlough to meet all the requests. Only part of the furlough year can be used in a deputation ministry. It is our sincere desire that all our churches should have an occasional and periodic visit by a missionary.

The local church when making a request for a missionary speaker should be flexible as to time and should give several dates as choices. This is very helpful in making a missionary speaker available. The invitation should be



A visit with students at Mounds-Midway Nursing School.



Mr. Miller has a co-operative ministry with existing groups on the University campus. Pictured are (l. to r.) Bruce Youngquist, Inter-Varsity; Bruce Youngquist, Campus Crusade; and Merry Terveen, Mr. Miller.



Myrna Brust (l. to r.), Mr. Miller, and Diana Wolff viewing One Way.

OUR CAMPUS MINISTRY IN THE TWIN CITIES

by Rev. Donald N. Miller, Campus Chaplain, Minnesota Area

I think if I were a modern young person, I'd get a bit weary of being worried about all the time. One can hardly pick up a daily newspaper or a popular magazine that does not carry a feature story about the problems of our youth today. Several things are wrong with our younger generation—no question about that! But personally, I'm impressed with the good I see in so many of the kids I meet in my campus travels.

For example, I'm impressed with the number of college and career young people who do go to Sunday school and church. Not all of them sleep in on Sunday morning. Several of the young people I know drive some 45 minutes across town every Sunday morning (many of them evenings as well) in order to be present in a worship service. There's Judy, for example, who can't wait to graduate, so she can serve Christ in the slums; and Lois, who is thinking of going on to seminary following college to prepare for work in Christian education; also Jan, who is headed for a career in teaching. Any one of these girls would restore your faith, if only you could meet them!

I'm impressed, too, with the "inquiring" faith that so many college students seem to have. I think, for example, of the morning I addressed a group of students at a College Orientation Week-End. I was happily surprised when some 75 students of a possible 150 came voluntarily to the outdoor service. I was further surprised by the earnestness with which these youth listened, and by the fact that a number of them wanted to "talk" following the service. Said one pretty-eyed coed in response to the sermon, "I had always thought that love was something between two people—you know, something romantic. I never thought it could apply to all of our relationships. I want to thank you for lifting this word out of the gutter for me."

Further, I'm impressed with the Christian love and fellowship so many young people find in the homes of our Twin Cities' churches. I'm sure that a meal in a home, an outing in the park, or an evening's entertainment at a concert has provided the stabilizing force that many young people away from home for the first time have needed. On one occasion an Inter-Varsity staff worker said to me, "One of the greatest things we can give these young people is **friendship**." I've come very much to agree with that statement.

Granted the work of a NAB Campus Chaplain is only a drop in the bucket. But Jesus said that even a little leaven can spread through the whole lump, if only we will give it a chance (Matthew 13:33).

specific whether it is for a Sunday morning, evening, or a week night. It must, however, be realized that in order to utilize the deputation time of the missionary, week days must also be used. When several churches in the same neighborhood can only use the Sunday evening for their specific program, it means that the same missionary must be kept in the area, with a possible loss of deputation time, or another missionary must come which means additional travel expense.

The local church which desires a missionary conference and invites several missionaries should, if at all possible, plan such a missionary conference together with the neighboring churches. There is no reason that each participating church cannot look upon such a missionary conference as both its own as well as a united venture. Valuable deputation time is lost when several

missionaries are kept at one local church for several days or even a week. By a rotation of the missionary among the churches on what is known as "Round Robin Missionary Conference" (see the leaflet by that name), several churches are being served, and the missionary's deputation time is fully utilized.

Frequently various church organizations request a missionary speaker for their special functions or meetings in addition to visits to the entire church. Important as that may be for effective missionary education in that particular group, it poses a real problem. It usually means that if missionaries are made available to meet this request, it would have to be done at the expense of not including another church which should have a visit by a missionary. The best possible use of the missionary should be made at the time of

his presence in the area. With proper planning on the part of the local church, the missionary's visit can usually be made far more effective than is frequently the case.

It is not enough that the engagement has been confirmed through the Home Office. The pastor and the church must be informed just how and when the missionary will arrive, and this final notice is the specific task of the missionary. The Home Office confirms the engagement but does not arrange the travel of the individual missionary. It might be well for the missionary to have a form letter ready which he can date as he mails it, and in which he makes some general suggestions as to his presentation, lists some specific needs, and states some pertinent prayer requests. In this way the church will be made aware of his coming.

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THE INSIDE STORY

(A report of the 48th annual meeting of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society, New York City.)

by Mrs. Delmar L. Wesseler, WMU Representative

AS THE ADVISORY COUNCIL assembled in the 150th Anniversary year of the American Bible Society, seventy participating denominations were represented under the banner "The Inside Story." This theme is also the name given to a special anniversary printing of New Testament books—Luke, John, Acts and Romans—translated by J. B. Phillips. The Society is very grateful for the denominational conventions and conferences' recognition of their anniversary in their programming, news stories, and other means of emphasis. During the first session, however, when the budget was presented, the Council called for even greater participation from the denominational churches. In the 1940-49 period, their contribution was 39.4 percent of the budget, and it is now only 19.7 percent of the budget. This request for greater response from the churches seems valid, for all churches need to realize fully the strategic place of the Bible in native tongue for all of their fields of operation. The need has increased sharply, and a budget of over seven million dollars is desired for 1967.

TRANSLATIONS DEPARTMENT

The translation responsibilities of the American Bible Society are great as is clearly evidenced by the fact that the Translations Department is directly re-

lated to translation and revision projects in more than 500 languages. Through programs of shared planning and support (i.e. Wycliffe, Foreign Bible Societies, etc.), it is indirectly related to more than 250 other languages in all, representing the language of 80 per cent of the world's population. An objective of the Society is to provide the Scriptures in a language the people understand, and for prices they can afford to pay. Portions of Scripture are now available in 1,250 languages.

Among the problems of the translator is that of being able to determine the level of readability of the people for whom the translation is intended. The goal in translation is to provide the Word of God to every man, in every language, in every station, so that he can meet the Lord Jesus Christ on the pages of Holy Scripture. The purpose is to deliver the message, not merely words, for "the power is in the message." A good translation does not add to the original, it only makes explicit the original. At present one-half of the new translations are being prepared by nationals, but in 25 years it is expected that 90 percent of the translations will be produced by nationals.

Many fascinating details of foreign production and supplying of translations were disclosed, including the marked increase in popularity of Bible portions after native artists were used to supply paintings or drawings for the covers.

Dr. Eugene Nida, secretary for translations, who lectured at our Seminary, told of the many problems encountered in translation. He related that from some Third Century fragments, a group were certain that they could find the truth concerning a bit of controversial text. Word by word

they went until they reached the key word, where they discovered a tiny hole appearing in the parchment. This one letter would make all the difference in the meaning of this portion, so they measured the tiny hole and also the letter which would fit into it. The controversial letter wouldn't fit into this small space, so it was generally agreed the other might be correct!

The first new English translation sponsored by the American Bible Society is entitled *Good News for Modern Man* by Dr. Bratcher in which he presents the New Testament, Today's English Version, with illustrative line drawings.

During the sessions, several movies were shared, including "Faith for Every Frontier," "The Spirit in the Tree," as well as one-minute radio and television spot announcements. Bud Collyer, television M.C., read from the Scriptures and shared devotional thoughts after a dinner meeting. He is among many who give untiringly of their time and talents in the cause of the American Bible Society, often being featured in their film presentations.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE BIBLE

One session chaired by Dr. O. C. J. Hoffmann, speaker of the Lutheran Hour, was devoted to "The Place of the Bible in the Roman Catholic Church Today." Father Walter M. Abbott, S.J., appointee of the Vatican Secretariat, spoke on work with Bible Societies and on the value of a common English translation. He reported that the new text of the 1968 Roman Catholic Catechisms will draw heavily on Scripture itself. He further stated that the Bible is one of the significant bonds between all Christians. Collaboration with Protestants, undreamed of in the generations gone by, is now a possibility. He feels a common Bible is necessary if Christendom is to reach the unchurched two billion people of the world. He suggested the inclusion of the Apocrypha between the Testaments or as a separate volume and pointed to the different vocabularies in the various segments of Christendom. With regard to the notes and comments usually included in a Catholic edition, he referred to Canon Law. However, he indicated that these notes might be restricted to objective, textual, or cultural-historical notes, and that dogmatic notes would not be absolutely required. The Vatican Council II has put new focus on the role of the laity as people of God, on Biblical studies, and on reliance on Christ and the Spirit as they work through the Word.

Recommendations were later approved to explore the possibilities of making available to Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and other churches not at present associated with the A.B.S. the work of the Bible Societies on the basis of its established policies and practices and to reaffirm the Bible Societies' historic position of wider distribution of the Holy Scriptures without doctrinal note or comment.

As part of the 150th Anniversary of the American Bible Society, Britain's famed conductor, Sir Malcolm Sargent, who is also a Vice President of the British and Foreign Bible Society, directed the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and the Westminster Symphonic Choir of 250 voices, along with distinguished soloists, in a magnificent rendition of Handel's *Messiah* in Lincoln Center's Philharmonic Hall. A number of our local church people were able to attend, along with Dr. Frank Woyke, who is on the Executive Board of the Council, Mr. Delmar Wesseler, and other guests of the Society.

All of us were keenly interested in a tour of the functional new Bible House. Several workshops and meetings convened there.

PROGRAMS OF WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

The newly developed program of Women's Activities for the American Bible Society over the past year has been one of expansion and creativity, particularly with respect to its National Speakers Bureau. However, they feel that some of the most significant contributions to the Women's Activities' growing program are being made by the officers of the national women's organizations of the churches. Twenty-seven denominations have designated a woman officer to receive new materials and new challenges from the ABS to be shared with the women's groups of her denomination. Our own WMU has benefited from several of their programs for our packet, and we developed the "Read All 66 in '66" from their Bible reading emphasis this past year. Currently they are emphasizing among other things, joining the BIBLE-A-MONTH CLUB in which you don't get...you give a Bible a month!

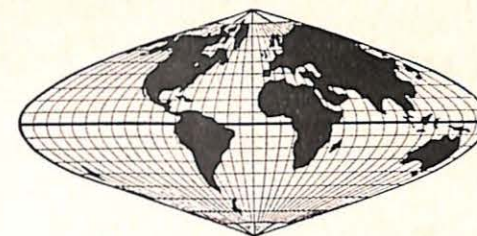
ADDITIONAL MINISTRIES

An increasing number of churches have adopted personally hand-marked New Testament program suggestions. This is a plan whereby church groups and individuals mark New Testament verses for stewardship, witness, comfort of the bereaved, to tell the Advent story, and for many other special uses.

American Bible Society ministry to the armed forces continues to be vital as does their Campus Ministry. The Scriptures for the blind are provided free or in exchange for any contribution the recipient can make. In this way every blind person who desires the message of God's Word can have it. Their free illustrated catalog fully describes all of their many Bibles, portions of Scripture and other materials.

Special note was taken of the present opportunities for use of the Bible in public U. S. schools. Conferences are taking place with educators, and guidelines are being supplied with regard to the use of the Bible as text materials in public school courses "in terms of the manner in which such programs are affected by recent legislative and court decisions."

Production of the Scriptures in 1966



NEWS AND VIEWS

BURMA. Meddling with the activities of the Christian missionaries continues unabated. One of the recent moves is the nationalization of four leper homes and asylums conducted by missionaries in Rangoon and Mandalay. More than a year ago the government took over five missionary hospitals. All the missionaries who arrived in Burma since independence was declared in 1948 had to leave the country by Dec. 31, 1966.

PREACHING. According to a representative sample of Protestant ministers in the U. S., preaching and sermon preparation were rated as the most important functions of the clergy. Calling on the sick or shut-ins was rated second in importance, and the minister's own private prayer and devotions ranked third. Participation in community social action was listed in fifteenth place. Working for committees and projects outside the church ranked twenty-second at the bottom of the list.

NORWAY. Lawmakers are considering a bill that would eliminate some of the restrictions placed on non-members of the national church (Lutheran) in Norway. Presently, Christian education in public schools is taught exclusively by members of the national church. Under the proposed revision, members of other denominations would be permitted to teach, if their major doctrines were in agreement with those of the Lutheran Church, and if they receive endorsement from the king.

ABC. The American Baptist Convention's General Council declined to join other Western Hemisphere Baptists in a united evangelistic "Crusade" in 1969.

reached forty-four million, and the 1967 budget provides for the production of fifty-two and a half million copies of Scripture. Two hundred million people become literate each year, thus the number of leaders in the world is rapidly increasing. An increase which is probably overdue is in the number of church people becoming regular readers of the Word.

In summing up, the "Inside Story" can be told only if the Gospel is preached, and the Scriptures are put into the hands of the people. The barriers are not merely resistance on the part of the people but especially the limited number of willing workers in the churches. The church should be the place from which all of its members are sent forth with the Word of Life.

J. EDGAR HOOVER. The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Hoover, called for a return to Christian principles within American society and decried open crime, recent court decisions, and public apathy. Today's criminal is convinced that an unco-operative public will delay his arrest, and that new court decisions will postpone or prevent his prosecution. "All the while, apologists under various professional disguises will relieve his conscience of guilt—and blame society."

HOLY WAR. At the Hindu World Congress in Allahabad, India, which was attended by nearly 25,000 delegates from twelve countries, it was decided to resist the missionary efforts of Christian missionaries and request the government in India to pass laws forbidding winning converts from the Hindu people.

CHRISTIANS IN CHINA. It is reported that there are at least 700,000 Protestant and Catholic Christians in today's China. At present there is only one theological seminary in Nanking. The theological courses are taught by twelve teachers. Last year 85 students attended the school.

LAGOS, NIGERIA. Twelve Bible missionaries are engaged in Bible and tract distribution. Very effective work is being done in the harbor area.

JEWS IN ISRAEL. Only 17 per cent of the World's Jewish population lives in Israel. It is claimed that close to 12,000,000 Jewish people are living in other countries.

STATISTICIANS' MEETING. U. S. government will not include questions on religion during the 1970 census.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY. The Roman Catholic church desires to co-operate in the distribution of Bible portions and the Bible. The American Bible Society will print and forward Bibles without note or comment.

CIVIL RIGHTS. Among 176 members of predominantly Negro churches surveyed, nearly half believe the nation owes them compensation for past injustices. Only 20 per cent of white churchmen agree with this view. It is reported that hostility to civil rights is greater among metropolitan church members than on the Great Plains. In the big city and suburban churches, 62 per cent felt Negroes were moving too fast toward equality, while only 45 per cent of the Great Plains church members expressed this view.

Church Extension in "The Steel City"

(The Calvary Baptist Church, Penn Hills, Pennsylvania, is the Church Extension Builders Project for February.)

by Rev. Donald Hulin, Pastor

WE ARE VERY glad for this opportunity to introduce our church to the members of our denomination through the *Baptist Herald*. We are the Calvary Baptist Church of Penn Hills, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Most new NABGC churches begin with a nucleus of friends who are familiar with the denomination. In our case no one knew of the denomination when the church was founded. It began as an independent Baptist church, so we have been trying in every way to "make up for lost time" by working with our denomination and getting to know it better. This is one of the reasons we are particularly glad to be chosen as a church extension project. Our people have deeply appreciated the fellowship we have found with North American Baptists, have enjoyed participating in the conferences on all levels, and are trying to co-operate in every possible way.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Here is a bit of background by way of introduction:

Before we were accepted into the NABGC in 1963, the church held a kick-off dinner and within two weeks \$25,000 worth of bonds were sold. This money was used to buy the present church property, a valuable four and one-half acre piece of land with a parsonage on it.

Despite the fact that one year after being received into the denomination the pastor left and for the next year the church bravely carried on without a resident minister, there were significant property improvements made during those years. Also, from the beginning between 10 and 15 percent of the income has gone to foreign missions.

It was in June of 1965 that Rev. Donald N. Hulin, who was at that time directing Youth for Christ of Greater

Pittsburgh, was asked to be pastor of the church. During the past year there has been consolidation and growth with attendance and offerings increasing gradually throughout the year until the fall of 1966 showed the highest average attendance and income. In November of 1966, a capital funds drive was launched, and \$8,000 more was raised for the building fund. This is in addition to the development of the present property which has gone on this year. Building plans have been approved by both the state and our denomination, and we are looking forward to definitely breaking ground this spring.

PRESENT MEETING PLACE

Presently we meet in the Penn Hebron Garden Club and run a full program of meetings averaging between 60 to 75 Sunday mornings. A large group of young people come from all over the city, and we have over 25 on our college age mailing list. Our church property is four and one-half acres of choice ground in Penn Hills, a twenty square mile suburb on the eastern border of the city of Pittsburgh.

Extensive improvements have already been made on the property, including a complete remodeling job on the parsonage done by the men of the church. In addition to the financial investment involved, this took almost a whole year of the men's free (?) time. City sewers were installed along the road, and connections made for church and parsonage. The road in front of the church has just been widened and resurfaced. All these things have increased the property value by a considerable amount.

PENN HILLS—AN EXPANDING COMMUNITY

Penn Hills is a rapidly expanding community. In fact, it grew 230 per-

cent between 1940 and 1960. Pioneers first settled on the land now known as Penn Hills Township in 1770. Located on the eastern border of the city of Pittsburgh, the 19.17 square miles of land in the township are deeply serrated and range in elevation from 900 feet on the Allegheny River boundary to 1200 feet in the central portion. This topography has been a prime factor in shaping nearly every facet of community life.

Since 1900 Penn Hills has changed from a rural farming community to the second largest municipality in Allegheny County and currently is a commuting suburb of metropolitan Pittsburgh. The 1960 census provides revealing statistics regarding the nature of Penn Hills citizens. A young community, the average age was 28, with the 1966 census showing a continuing trend with the average age being 26. The average level of education for people over 25 was 12.2 years in 1960.

One of the intriguing aspects of church extension projects is to notice the different ways in which the churches have developed under God's leading. It is another practical illustration of the lesson taught by the Apostle Paul when he wrote concerning "the body." Each project has its share of problems, failures, sorrows and triumphs, but they are different in each case.

The same is true in the individual Christian life. Christian living is not a competition with one another in morality or service. It is finding your place and doing what God wants. There need not be either copying or competition.

HAVE MINISTRY: NEED BUILDING

In the same way, some churches put up a building in order to have a ministry. We have the ministry, and now

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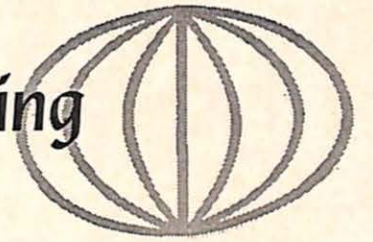
● On Dec. 12, 1966, a recognition council was held in behalf of the Church Extension Church in Creston, B. C., Canada, Rev. Jake W. Neudorf, pastor. The council approved the membership of the church in the Greater Alberta Association and the Northern Conference.

● Rev. Alex Sootzman plans to begin his ministry at the Faith Baptist Church, Vernon, B. C., during the middle of Feb., 1967.

● The new church auditorium of the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. D., suffered extensive damage during the night of January 17. A fire swept through the sanctuary. The congregation is worshiping meanwhile in the old church building on 11th Street and Avenue B. God's Volunteers with Rev. E. Klatt as director were holding special meetings with congregation. Rev. Allan Strohschein is pastor of the church.

● Rev. Gordon Huisinga, pastor of the Littleton Baptist Church, Parsippany, N. J., has accepted a call to First Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. D. Mr. and Mrs. Huisinga plan to begin the ministry there the end of February, 1967.

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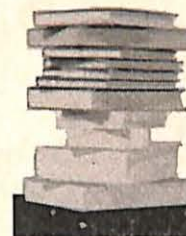
● Dr. Richard Schilke, General Missionary Secretary, plans to leave for Japan, Feb. 27, 1967. He plans to visit our mission field, attend missionary conferences and take part in the dedication of Osaka Biblical Seminary on March 21, 1967. If all goes well, he plans to return to the office at Forest Park, March 23, 1967.

● Rev. William Neuman, Acting Superintendent, Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill., reports that the following pastors have been secured for Sunday and week day religious services: Rev. John Grygo, Rev.

Herbert Freeman, Rev. John Binder, Rev. Connie Salios, Rev. Richard Goetze and God's Volunteers.

● Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Mayforth, Madison, S. D., announce the birth of a baby daughter on Dec. 21. Polly Anne comes to join a sister, Pamela Sue. Mr. Mayforth is the pastor of the West Center Street Baptist Church.

● Rev. Paul Zoschke has been called as interim-pastor by the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Zoschke will begin their ministry there on Sunday, January 29, 1967.



BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

WHAT CAN YOU BELIEVE? Edited by David K. Alexander and C. W. Junker. Broadman—1966—119 pages—\$1.75 (paper).

The thought expressed in the preface is apropos to our generation, particularly the student generation: "Ideas are dangerous. They provide solutions to some of our problems, but they also disturb us—shatter our complacency, attack our neat categories, expose our pet answers."

The student will not find all the answers in this book, but he will have a better understanding of the relationship between theology, including the concept of God, Christ, salvation, faith and the Bible. The question of science and religion as well as an understanding of yourself as a person is also discussed in some detail. Rules and regulations are kept at a minimum but the guidelines are clear and definite.

HOW TO LIVE WITH YOURSELF by Robert J. Hastings, Broadman—1966—95 pages—\$2.00.

There are so many books written on how to be better children of God that we sometimes feel there must be many unhappy Christians in the world. And there are!

The author has revealed an important

and solemn truth, that your relationship with yourself is reflected to a large degree by your relationship with your fellowmen. God has so little to work with because you have given him so little of yourself. Let him into every area of your life and see what happens.

LIMITING GOD by John E. Hunter. Zondervan—1966—159 pages—\$2.50.

Through biblical example and sometimes by way of practical personal counseling the author has not put the emphasis on "limiting God" but on spiritual success through the unlimited power of God. Analysis of our failures is necessary, but we need not stop there. God has the answer.

HOW TO ENJOY THE CHRISTIAN LIFE by Don Mainprize, Zondervan—1966—116 pages—79c (paper).

This is not a self-help book in which a Christian tries to follow religious rules and regulations and thereby improves himself every day. It is based on the joy of the Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit through prayer, meditation, and the reading of God's Word.

WHAT ABOUT TONGUE SPEAKING? by Anthony A. Hoekema, Eerdmans—1966—161 pages—\$3.50.

With a new interest in tongue speak-

ing or glossolalia, the Christian may be interested in acquainting himself with a fairly complete history of this movement, beginning in the first century to the twentieth. The chapter on the biblical evaluation would be of particular interest to pastors as well as laity.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN by Juan Isaias, Eerdmans—1966—104 pages—\$1.45 (paper).

There are serious tensions on the mission fields also. This particular volume, in story form, delineates the problem in a dramatic, but not unrealistic way. From the viewpoint of a South American Latin, the missionary may be a failure in spite of the sacrifices he feels he is making and in spite of his calling and his faith in being led of the Holy Spirit.

Agur, a Latin Christian, has a great deal to say in the chapter on *The Dawn of a New Day*. If the missionary is going to live there all his life, he must not only speak in their language but also learn how to enjoy himself in their company. Preaching and teaching is not enough. So many people need someone to talk to them.

Progress can be made if tensions between missionaries can be resolved so that the work of God can have a wholesome and saving effect.

BOOK ORDERS

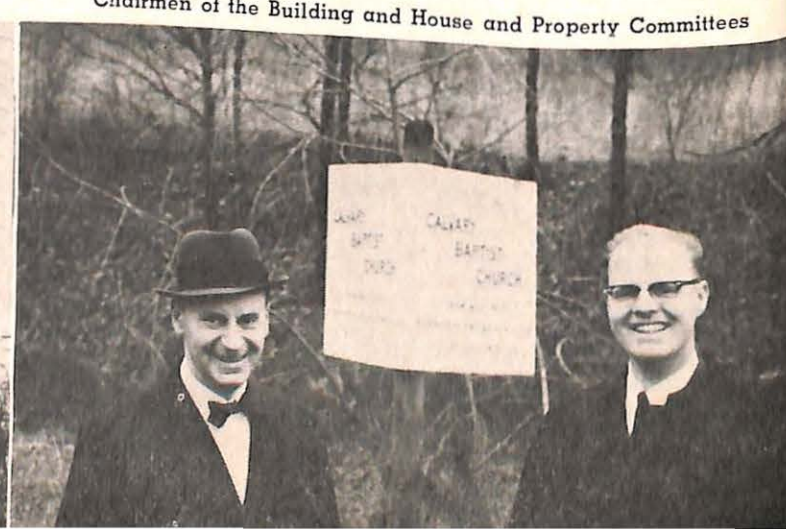
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THE ADDED TOUCH

Mrs. Raymond Yahn,
Program Packet Editor

Isn't it strange how easy it is for us to get "wrong impressions"? Perhaps you have come across those, as I have, who feel that the Women's Missionary Society is only for the "older women" of the church. Actually nothing could be further from the truth. Our missionary societies are for *all* the women of the church! In the important work God has given us to do, how we need, perhaps as never before, the "added touch" of the vigor, strength and enthusiasm of the younger women of our churches.

As editor of the English Program Packet, I have found, too, that some have wrong impressions concerning the Packet. Never was it meant to be a "crutch" to lean upon completely in our programming; it is *resource* material. Its purpose is to stimulate your thinking along certain lines and to prompt *your* planning and preparation. When we just read prepared material without personal thought, preparation, and the sharing of our own views and ideas, we have really helped no one, not even ourselves. We simply have had "another meeting," but what have we accomplished for the Lord? I believe one of the main purposes of the Woman's Missionary Union is to create a greater concern for God's work on the mission fields, at home and abroad, and I personally believe that as we grow and mature in him, this will be the natural result. Our programs are planned with this in mind, but we cannot fulfill our purpose without your individual "added touches," as you *adapt* the Packet material to your local needs and situation.

Have you caught a glimpse of our 1967 Packet theme? Yes—"The Added Touch." We believe it is an encompassing theme, one upon which you can readily build. First, we have tried to emphasize the great need for the "added touch" of the Holy Spirit in our lives, for realizing anew how we must let him empower us and work through us to accomplish God's work. Then we have tried to stress the importance of putting "the added touch" in all that we do, not being content with just mediocre work for the Lord, but putting forth our *very best* efforts for him. It is simply our way of saying, "Give your *best* to the Master!"

Why? Why "the added touch"? Because "WE ARE THE WITNESSES!"

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SPEAK UP!

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

Dear Dr. Ihrie,

Many, myself included, have wondered why, when there is such a shortage of pastors, laymen are not used as editors, youth directors, and many other things. Surely we have dedicated, qualified and willing Christians who would be very capable. Why are these pastors not sent to preach in churches where they are so desperately needed and for which they were ordained? I enjoy your column and am glad to be able to ask these questions, as this has been discussed several times.

Another question which comes to my mind is why was the *SENBOTE* changed to English letters, when there are so many old people who cannot read the English at all? They cry, "Now we have nothing to read at all anymore," my mother and mother-in-law included. Both have asked me to discontinue their subscriptions. I was told because of the immigrants. Well fine, but our parents, who were here first, should be considered, also. Many were unable to go to school. It seems some German could have been left, if a change had to be made. My mother-in-law lives in a Lutheran home for the aged, so her *Sendbote* was read by at least a dozen people who cannot read it anymore and that was the only fundamental reading, outside of God's Book, which I'm afraid is not read as often.

Sincerely, in Christ,
(Please withhold name.)

Dr. Ihrie's Comment:

Thank you for sharing your concerns with us. You are not the only one to raise these questions, and I am sure they are of interest to all of us.

There is certainly no objection to employing laymen to serve in the various capacities and positions within our denominational life. You are correct in assuming that some laymen are as qualified as some pastors. This would be especially true in work requiring business and administrative skill.

However, there are a few factors which are also important in the selection of personnel. For one thing, our work does involve churches and church people. This means that certain sensitivities, perspectives and understandings of a pastoral nature are basic to everything that is done. Men who have received pastoral training and who have had pastoral experience are usually more fitted for denominational assignments. I do not refer merely to speaking ability; although this would be part of it. Through their under-

PLEASE NOTE

As of February 15, 1967, all letters received for the "Speak Up!" column must be limited to 250 words or less, otherwise they will be edited to that amount.

The Editorial Committee

standing of group relations, individual needs, and through their orientation in beliefs and practices, pastors are often the ideal trainees to work in the religious field.

There is also the matter of salary. I'm not sure just how many laymen would be willing to study for seven years above high school in a field of specialization (which is the kind of work you are speaking of) and then live for years on the limited funds available for religious work. You have to be called to it. It isn't a matter of just "hiring in."

To imply that these men should be in a local pastorate might seem to bypass the fact that they are actually "pastors at large." We need these, too.

As to the printing of the German paper in English letters, I can only assume that it was felt that percentage-wise, more people would enjoy the present type than the German letters. I would request Mr. Grygo to add his comment.

Thank you much for writing. Please correspond some more. May the Lord bless you much.

Mr. Grygo's Comment:

"The Publication Board acted upon the preference and request of the majority of the German readers in making the change from Gothic to Latin type."

Dear Dr. Ihrie,

What is your opinion of the John Birch Society? Is it right for Christians to belong to political organizations? Doesn't the Bible teach that there will be wars and trouble until Jesus returns? What good does it do to spend a lot of time trying to make things better when we know from the Bible that they won't get better, but things will most likely get worse and worse?

Mrs. Harvey Kuhlman

Dr. Ihrie's Comment:

As far as the John Birch Society is concerned, I am not qualified to comment. From what I have read of their

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By Miss Sara Lou Gunst
Part-time Editor of Christian
Education Literature

THE GENERAL Christian Education Committee met for the annual meeting Nov. 29 through Dec. 1, 1966, in Forest Park, Illinois. Local conference Christian education secretaries and youth representatives, denominational staff members and guests of the Committee met to review the Christian education activities of the denomination of the previous year and to make further plans for the coming year.

REPORTS BY THE STAFF MEMBERS

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary of Christian Education and Director of Adult Work, presented an encouraging report on the progress of the Christian education emphasis throughout our denomination. The denominational emphasis for 1966-67, which centers on OUR MISSION IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, has required a considerable amount of time to prepare necessary promotional materials and resources to implement the program. The program guide, which outlines the suggested procedures and themes, has received wide circulation in our churches. The poster, which depicts the emphasis, was also distributed to all of our churches. The flip charts, used to present the program . . . have been widely used in our churches, associations, and area workers' conferences.

Some of the items which Mr. Zimmerman mentioned specifically in connection with adult work were the current emphases on our ministry with senior citizens and Adult Institutes for workers and leaders. Another Adult Institute is scheduled for April 3-7 at the Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

Rev. John Binder, Assistant General Secretary and Director of Youth Work, reported on the success of the "Second CBYF Congress" held last summer at Estes Park, Colorado. About 400 youth from 24 states and provinces attended the Congress. Mr. Binder also reported on the progress of Gospel Light revisions in the area of high school and college material, as well as the progress of our Campus Ministry, including the publication of the *Student Census 1966-67*, providing the names and addresses of our students. These were sent to all students and pastors. Another project which has received attention and interest is the "Youth to Youth Ministry."

His report further states, "The Christian church has a new and most challenging opportunity to be light and salt in this radically changing world. This generation of youth, I think, will make a greater contribution toward freeing man, if adults will give them authentic opportunities. Hopefully, our denominational theme this year, Learners—Teachers for Jesus Christ, and these sessions will help to provide such

opportunities." Youth activities for the coming year include those planned for the General Conference in Detroit, Michigan, July 1967. Suggestions were also made for the program of the "Third CBYF Congress," after evaluation and analysis of last summer's Congress. Preliminary plans were determined for a denominational tour for our young people to the Baptist World Youth Conference in Berne, Switzerland, in the summer of 1968, including a work project for the young people while they are in Europe. The theme of the *Youth Work Planbook for 1967-68* was discussed, and the book will give attention to youth evangelism and the world in which youth are living.

ADULT COMMITTEE: (l. to r.) Prof Arnold Rapske, Rev. Gary Miller, Rev. Karl Bieber, Dr. Floyd Moore, Rev. Oliver Strong, Mr. Carl Jenkins, Rev. Donald Richter, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Mr. Sidney Morrison, Rev. Bruno Schreiber.

General Christian Education Committee's Annual Sessions

Some of the highlights of the Children's Work Committee decisions included: the endorsing of Gospel Light Vacation Bible School material as our official Vacation Bible School curriculum; a plan to establish contact with leaders of week-day groups and clubs for children and youth; the addition of Baptist Publications' Junior training hour material to our list of recommended materials; the development of a systematic, comprehensive mission education plan for our churches, expanding the content of "Contact" to accommodate this program; and the providing of six Vacation Bible School mission stories, beginning with 1967, in light of the trend toward five-day schools.

Miss Sara Lou Gunst, part-time Editor of Christian Education Literature, reported on writing being done in cooperation with Harvest Publications for our take-home papers, "Today" and "High." A major concern expressed throughout the days of the Committee meetings was the need for a full-time, permanent Editor of Christian Education Literature, so that Christian education material may be expanded and improved continually, and existing programs may be extended to their fullest effectiveness.

LOCAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports from each of the nine local conference secretaries highlighted the Christian Education Committee's activities at associations and local conferences and the presentation of the Christian education theme for the year. Youth Committee representatives also recapped their individual activities within the local conferences such as

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CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE: (l. to r.) Miss Eva Cornelius, Rev. Wilfred Weick, Mrs. Clarence Walth, Mrs. Lois Curley, Miss Dorothy Pritzkau, Mr. Alvin Bibelheimer; (standing) Rev. Loren Weber, Rev. Bruce Rich.

YOUTH COMMITTEE: (l. to r., seated) Mrs. John Emr, Rev. John Binder, Rev. Ray Harsch, Rev. August Post, Rev. John Ziegler, Rev. Fred Mashner; (standing) Rev. Irvin Schmuland, Miss Sara Lou Gunst, Miss Erica Loewer, Rev. Harvey Mehlhaff.





sunday school lessons

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

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 19, 1967

Theme: GOD YEARNS FOR THE LOST

Scripture: Luke 15:11-24

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. The Son of God yearns to save all the lost sons in the world.

INTRODUCTION. We can easily imagine that Jesus had his listeners spell-bound; although this was not his intention. His ultimate goal was to capture the hearts of his audience and have them Spirit-bound.

Of all the parables which Jesus told, this is probably the most dramatic and favorite for teaching and preaching purposes. All of Jesus' skill and effectiveness as a master teacher are brought together in this heart-breaking and heart-warming story. It seems that Christ literally poured out his heart in order to let the hard-hearted know how much God loves them.

In this chapter Jesus already revealed the dignity, the importance and the value of the individual person. He said that God loved men and cared for them as a shepherd cares for his sheep. That God would go to any extent to save one sheep out of the entire flock illustrates his concern for the lost. God went out in search of sinners as a woman searched her house when she lost a coin and rejoiced when that coin was found. Above all God was like a loving father who loved his children, no matter how far from home and sinful they were.

I. THE LOST SON. Luke 15:11-19.

We sometimes lose sight of the fact that there were two lost sons. One was lost because of the sins of the spirit and the other because of the sins of the flesh. Jesus focused his thoughts on the latter.

The Savior knew what was going on in the homes, villages and cities. When he told a parable such as this, we need not think that it was a "made up" story. The tragic truth is that it happened all too often but not always with a happy ending.

The young man thought that if he could get away from home and the discipline of his father it would be like heaven on earth, but all of a sudden he found himself in hell.

II. THE LOVING AND FORGIVING FATHER. Luke 15:20-21.

God sometimes has to let us go all the way down, before we have a desire to have him lift us up. The young man "came to himself." There was a better self inside, but that self was lost. This selfish, greedy, lustful fool was not his true self. Visions of his former home overwhelmed him. He

began to feel the security and comfort of home, but most of all he became aware of a loving and concerned father. He also knew that he was a sinner, and that confession and repentance would bring health to the soul. He craved his father's love and forgiveness more than he craved food and clothing. To have a loving and forgiving father is one of the greatest gifts on earth.

III. THE RESTORED SON. Luke 15:22-24.

The prodigal was surprised that he was restored as a son and not treated like a servant. Humanly speaking, the father had every right to disown his son. But his heart would not permit it. Only one thing spoiled the party—the attitude and jealousy of the elder brother.

Questions for Discussion

1. Do you think all men need to be prodigals before they see the true value of life with the Father?

2. What are some of the things which could not be restored to the prodigal son?

3. How do you think you would have reacted if you would have been the elder son? Is it difficult not to feel a little jealous?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 26, 1967

Theme: FAITHFUL IN LITTLE AND IN MUCH

Scripture: Luke 16:10-15; 17:7-10

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. If you have a little talent and let God have full use of it, it is better than a great talent that is wasted in the world.

INTRODUCTION. After the story of the Prodigal Son, Jesus began to speak very solemnly and seriously to the Pharisees and to his disciples. He realized how much their hearts were set on worldly possessions and went on to give warnings and instructions as to their attitude toward them and their proper use of them.

Not all of Jesus' parables are easily understood. The story of the unjust steward is a little more difficult to interpret. Certainly he does not genuinely commend the wicked steward for his flagrant dishonesty and craftiness. It seems strange that Jesus should use the illustration of an evil man to enforce a spiritual lesson. It is nevertheless a lesson on practical stewardship. Wicked and evil men often use their positions as well as their possessions in order to provide for the future. If this is so, then the righteous should be all the more concerned, because they have an eternal future for which to prepare.

Our relationship with God will de-

termine our attitude toward our possessions. If you love God with your whole heart, you will also love him with your whole pocketbook. Heavenly treasure will be more important to you than earthly treasure. The thought uppermost in your mind should not be, "How little can I give and still remain a respectable Christian," but, "How much can I give to show my love for Christ and his kingdom?"

I. FAITHFULNESS IN THAT WHICH IS LEAST. Luke 16:10-12.

A successful business executive is someone who is faithful in much. But this is not how he began. In the beginning he may have begun as an office boy who was given minor duties. As he showed talent and faithfulness he moved up the ladder of success. The person who is unjust in little things soon has a reputation for dishonesty, and no one will trust him with a great treasure. Who then will give him responsibility in the spiritual realm where the real values of life are evident. Here the eternal souls of men are at stake.

II DIVIDED LOYALTIES. Luke 16:13-15.

A servant had to be a full-time servant. He had no time for "moonlighting," because there were no "after hours." All of his days and hours belonged to his master. Being a Christian is not a part-time job. God does not care for Christians who wish to serve him only in their spare time.

Jesus warned the covetous Pharisees, because God already knew what was in their hearts. Their religion was an abomination unto the Lord. A relationship with God was not a matter of looking holy but of being holy.

III. FULL COMMITMENT TO GOD. Luke 17:7-10.

It is easy to pray for more faith, but it is not always easy to meet the conditions. The Lord let his disciples know that the power of faith is not dependent on quantity but on quality; not how much do you believe but how deeply. Like a slave who is totally committed to his master, so we must be totally committed to God. Then it is not necessary to think of the great things we can do for God, because God will be able to do great things through us.

Questions for Discussion

1. Do we know any Christians who are as dutiful as was expected from the servant in this parable?

2. Are you afraid that Jesus would overwork you, if you surrendered totally to him?

3. What did Jesus mean by "that which is your own," and why should he not trust this to us? Verse 12.

our denomination in action

sunday school programs & events



NORTH SEATTLE, WASH., CYPRESS. Pastor Richard Grabke of the Baptist Church and Dr. Leslie Chaffee (left) display the plaque awarded their Sunday school at the Annual Sessions of the Pacific Northwest Association for having the fastest growing Sunday school within the Association this past year. Dr. Leslie Chaffee is the General Sunday School Superintendent of our Sunday school and Pastor Grabke is the newly elected moderator of the Association. The 1967 sessions will be held at Cypress Baptist Church. (Jan McCourt, Church Clerk.)



Mrs. Margaret Schuneman (right) presenting the Scripture Memory grand award to Paul Kirstein (center). Pictured also is his father, Rev. Elton Kirstein, pastor, First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

STEAMBOAT ROCK, IOWA, The Scripture Memory group of our First Baptist Church completed another year of learning Bible verses in June. Twenty-five young people were enrolled last year. On Sept. 25 our Scripture Memory director, Mrs. Margaret Schuneman, presented the picture of Sallman's "Head of Christ" to Paul Kirstein who completed the nine year course. Paul is the son of our pastor, Rev. Elton Kirstein. All the boys and girls who completed the course were given awards—pins for the first year, wreaths for the second year and bars for the other years. (Mrs. Henry Trittlen, Reporter.)

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WISHEK, N. D. The Wishek Baptist Church had an enrollment of 40 boys and girls in Scripture Memory work in the year of 1965-66; 35 of the 40 completed Course III. Two of the 35 completed the nine year course. These two make this 23 who have finished the nine year course of Scripture Memory. The leader the past year was Mrs.

Charles Bettenhausen. With many others willing to help throughout the year, the 23, who have finished the nine year course, received the picture of Christ from headquarters. Also, the Sunday school paid for each one's fees for Bible Camp at Crystal Springs. The pastor is Rev. C. Weisser. (Mrs. Charles Bettenhausen, Reporter.)

special seasonal programs

ABERDEEN, S. D. On Dec. 11, the choir under the direction of Mrs. Thielenhaus, presented the cantata, "The Choir of Bethlehem." On Dec. 14 the choir also presented this cantata at Venturia, N. D. A great time of fellowship was enjoyed afterward.

On New Year's Eve we had a watchnight service featuring the Billy Graham film, "The Shadow of the Boomerang." (Willard Tesky, Reporter.)

ENID, OKLA. The West Broadway Baptist Church, Enid, Okla., had the joy of hearing the Journeymen Quartet on Jan. 2. Their "Journey in Music" was also enjoyed and appreciated by the Immanuel Baptist Church of Loyal who joined us for the evening.

The Sunday school sponsored and presented the Christmas program entitled, "The Characters of Christmas Speak," by Moody Press. Mrs. Milton Greb served as director for the impressive service which involved the children as well as the youth of the church. (Mrs. Wesley Gerber, Reporter.)

CALGARY, ALTA., GRACE. As the year 1966 drew to a close, the Home Builders had new reasons for praise to God. All meetings in the past year contributed to the development of mind, body and soul.

Our annual Christmas program and luncheon was well attended. The speaker for the evening was Mr. G. Schultz, Christian business man of Calgary, also a former employer of our pastor. His timely message in testimony as well as the choir numbers, quartets and duets were a challenge to all.

We were privileged to have in our midst Rev. W. Sturhahn who led in closing prayer. Visitors and friends then gathered in the church basement for fellowship and a delicious lunch. (Mrs. C. Becker, Reporter.)

SACRAMENTO, CALIF, WILLOW RANCHO. On Dec. 18 during the morning service, all church choirs (from junior to adults) sang the cantata, "Love Transcending." In the evening the young people presented a play, "The Touch of His Hand." Terry Neher did some excellent acting in the lead role. It was a day of great joy and blessing.

Our Sunday school program was presented to proud parents on Dec. 21.

On the last evening of the year we had a potluck dinner with a mortgage note burning and the first showing of the site plan for our new church. Dick Harold, Building Committee Chairman, challenged us with the possibility of sitting in our new church by next Christmas.

Everyone should attend a Candlelight Communion as we did on New Year's Day; it was beautiful. Mr. Harvey Rueb of Tyndall, S. D., joined his brothers here, Wilfred, Allen and Irving, in a quartet number.

On Jan. 6 the Reverends G. K. Zimmerman, Eldon Janzen and Bruce Rich brought Sunday school literature, class studies and a sermon exhorting each of us to be a "Learner-Teacher of God's Word." (Mrs. G. D. Epps, Reporter.)

WACO, TEXAS. On Sunday evening, December 18, the choir of Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, presented the Christmas Cantata, "THE SAVIOUR HAS COME." Soloists were Mrs. Chris Hansen, Jr., Miss Linda Kittlitz, Mrs. Douglas Boyd, Mrs. Herbert Stobbe and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Kittlitz. Mr. Milton Lippert is choir director, and accompanists were Miss Mary Lou Hoeffner, organist, and Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, pianist.

Immediately following the rendition of the Cantata, the choir brought cheer to shut-ins, as they went caroling.

On December 21 the elementary departments of the Sunday school presented a fine program of playlets, recitations and songs at the annual Sunday school Christmas program. Rev. Kenneth Howe is pastor of Central Baptist Church. (Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, Reporter.)

STOCKTON, CALIF. Our annual Christmas pageant, "The Lord Reigneth," was beautifully presented Sunday evening, Dec. 18 under the direction of Joe Champion. The evening of Dec. 21 the Men's Brotherhood sponsored a real Old Fashioned Christmas Party. Pastor Alvin Harsch showed the film, "Three Wise Boys." Refreshments were served, including candy for the children. About seventy-five members and friends enjoyed the party.

Our annual Watchnight Service began at nine P.M. with the showing of the film, "In Times Like These," portraying how life may become victorious and fruitful for all those who would dedicate their lives to the Lord. After a time of refreshments, the service was concluded with an inspiring Candelight Committal Service. (Walter Claypool, Reporter.)

BETHLEHEM, PA. A great disappointment to all at Calvary Baptist in Bethlehem, Pa., was the cancellation of our Christmas Eve service and

evangelistic services & baptisms



Recent baptismal candidates at Calvary Baptist, Aberdeen, S. D., were (l. to r.) second row) Leonard Rath, Mrs. Leonard Rath, Keith Rath, Mr. Peda, Donald Fischer; (first row) Karla Bertsch, Laura Schell, Collette Bertsch, Sheryl Strobel and Randy Fischer. Debbie Arlt is not pictured. Rev. Thielenhaus is pictured on the far right.

ABERDEEN, S. D. December 4 was a happy day for the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. D. That evening 11 candidates followed the Lord in baptism. Later, the hand of fellowship was extended by Rev. Thielenhaus to the 11 that were baptized and to the following who were taken into our fellowship upon confession of their faith: Mr. and Mrs. Staves, Mrs. Peda, Mr. Rhinehold Stotz, Mr. and Mrs. Strobel and Rodney and Susan Strobel. (Willard Tesky, Reporter.)

ENID, OKLA. In November our church hosted the Pastors' and Deacons' Clinic for the Oklahoma Association. A ten day evangelistic crusade was held by Rev. LeRoy Schauer of Columbus, Neb., from Nov. 14-23. His practical messages were an inspiration to us. Our sister churches, being in attendance often, contributed to the services with special music.

We praise the Lord for his continued blessings. (Mrs. Wesley Gerber, Reporter.)

ANAMOOSE, N. D. Fall Crusade Meetings were held from Nov. 6-18 at the Anamoose Baptist Church. On Nov. 6 the film, "In His Steps," was shown. Services were held each evening with Rev. W. D. Dachtler of the Crestview Baptist Church, Minot, bringing the messages. Each service included a time for stories, special music, and a soul stirring message. We were also privileged to have special

all services on Christmas Day because of a heavy snowfall. However, we rejoice that we did have a very inspiring and blessed Watchnight service on New Year's Eve. Pastor Harold Gieseke reviewed the highlights of our church's year, after which the film, "Born to Witness," was shown. A time of testimony and prayer followed the fellowship hour. On New Year's night our senior choir rendered John Peterson's cantata, "Born A King." This had been postponed from Christmas night. (Mrs. Ernest Zentgraf, Reporter.)

numbers by the members of the Crestview Baptist Church for two evenings. Through these services, four came forward to receive Christ. A fellowship dinner was held on Sunday for members and friends. Rev. Alvin Auch is pastor of the Anamoose Baptist Church.

DALLAS, TEXAS. Hearts were filled with praise and rejoicing as we witnessed the first baptismal service held in our new church. Two candidates followed their Lord's example and instruction and thus expressed their desire to unite with our fellowship. Pastor Gordon Thomas conducted the service the evening of Dec. 4 as Mrs. Jeanette Cramer and Paul Thomas confessed their faith in Christ and were baptized. A short service followed the baptisms. During this, Pastor Thomas challenged others to demonstrate their faith in Christ by taking the step of baptism. (Mrs. James Westage, Reporter.)

SACRAMENTO, WILLOW RANCHO. We are happy to announce that Ann Wilkinson, Stuart Wilkinson, Janet Douglas, Patti Sanders, Mark Honeycutt, Mike Henry, and David Lore were baptized on Sunday evening, Nov. 13. (Mrs. Grady Epps, Reporter.)

STEAMBOAT ROCK, IOWA. During the week of Nov. 6-11, the First Baptist Church held special evangelistic meetings with the Carter Gospel Team of Wallingford, Conn. Mrs. Carter played the organ and Miss Treatre Thumith the piano. Rev. Edward Carter brought the messages.

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Persons recently baptized at the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Kansas, by Pastor Edwin Walter.

HOPE, KAN., FIRST, DICKINSON COUNTY, JUNCTION CITY, KAN., HIGHLAND. Sunday evening, Nov. 13, ten persons were baptized in a joint service of the Highland Baptist Church, Junction City, and the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Hope, Kansas. The service was held in the sanctuary of the First Church, which only this Fall completed the celebration of the centennial anniversary.

Rev. Edwin Walter, host pastor, led the service and preached briefly on the meaning of church membership; after a solo by one of his congregation, Rev. David Priestley preached on the meaning of baptism. In a darkened sanctuary, the baptistry illuminated by candlelight, Mr. Priestley baptized six teen-agers and the mother of three of them; Mr. Walter baptized two young people and a mother and closed the service with a few remarks and the benediction from the baptistry.

This was a moving service for those of the Highland Baptist Church; because it was the first formal indication of God's increase through the ministry of this congregation. Highland Baptist is a relocation of the former Mt. Zion Baptist from fifteen miles in the country into this growing city of 23,000 people. These baptisms have justified the efforts of three years at the present location and have encouraged the church to commit herself in faith to a building program, so services need no longer be held in the pastor's home.

For the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, it was a fitting capstone to the celebration of one hundred years of God's blessing in the

"mother church of Kansas." (C. A. Zoschke, Reporter.)



Persons from Highland Baptist Church, Junction City, Kan., baptized by Pastor David Priestley

LEHR, N. D. Team II of God's Volunteers spent from Nov. 7 through 20 at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, N. D., with Rev. C. Salios as speaker. During the last week of nightly meetings, the church was filled to capacity several times. The group, with their ministry of preaching, testimony, singing and visitations meant much to the entire community. We know that the seed has been sown, perhaps not to be harvested now, but later. (Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter.)

Woman's missionary societies

CLEVELAND, OHIO, PARMA HEIGHTS. A combined meeting of the Parma Heights Baptist Women's Missionary Society was held on Dec. 16, 1966. A potluck dinner was served by the Florence Miller Circle. Twelve candles were lit as twelve Bible passages were read telling how Jesus is the Light of the World. Our combined Christmas project this year was toys for the City Mission.

Mildred Ferritto introduced the speaker for the evening, Mrs. Ruby Suriot from the City Mission, who told of her work at the Mission with the youth and her experiences in visiting broken homes. Appropriate vocal and instrumental solos were rendered throughout the evening.

Circle Christmas projects were as follows: Florence Hagan Circle—doll pin cushions and new sheets for the missionaries; June Haupt Circle—floral pieces to eight shut-ins; Alma Henderson Circle—packages to boys in military service; Barbara Kieper Circle—Mrs. Frink, a shut-in; Laverne Mehlhaff Circle—shower for the Hills, missionaries to Venezuela; Florence Miller Circle—food for a family behind the Iron Curtain.

Helen Vortman gave the closing prayer. Thelma Jett led us in a medley of Christmas carols. (Mrs. Jean Miller, Secretary.)

CARBON, ALTA. The theme for the fall program of the Carbon W.M.S. was "Hands." By using visual aids which portrayed hands actively participating in various avenues of service,

we stressed the many tasks which our hands could do in the service of our Heavenly Father.

A missionary meeting with Ida Forsch as guest speaker, a church extension talk given by Mrs. Allan Gerber of the Parkdale Baptist Church, Drumheller, and a visit to the Old Folks Home at Linden, Alta., were a few of the other highlights of the year.

With impressions of these meetings upon our minds, we thank God for the past year and look forward to another fruitful year, as we serve our Lord through the W.M.S. in the year which lies ahead. (Phyllis Buyer, Reporter.)

EDMONTON, ALTA., NAMAO PARK. On Sunday evening, Nov. 20, the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Namao Park Baptist Church presented a program at the church. Our guest speaker was Mrs. W. Sibley. Our topic was "Hands in His Service." We were all much inspired and encouraged from this program. Following the service we gathered in the lower auditorium for refreshments and fellowship. (Mrs. H. Mandzie, Reporter.)

CBY {youth} fellowship

EDMONTON, ALTA., NAMAO PARK. On Sunday evening, Dec. 4, the CBYF of the Namao Park Baptist Church and the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., presented a White Christmas program at the Namao Park Baptist Church. It consisted of musical numbers and a play entitled "The Church Bell Rings Again!" It was a blessing to all who heard. (Mrs. H. Mandzie, Reporter.)

special events

WACO, TEXAS. The Central Baptist Church, of Waco, Texas, Rev. Kenneth Howe pastor, was richly blessed as "The Journeymen" quartet, students at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D., visited in our church. They presented a program at the Watchnight Service on Dec. 3, and again on Jan. 1 during the worship hour. It was indeed a privilege to have these fine young men in our midst. (Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, Reporter.)

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., FAITH. On New Year's Eve an abbreviated service was held from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning with a dessert luncheon, the showing of colored slides of the year's church activities and climaxing with a worship service in the sanctuary. Many were the blessings of the past calendar year. Pastor and people are working

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together harmoniously; souls were saved (14 baptized on Christmas Day); others transferred their church letters to our church; the \$45,000.00 budget for the fiscal year shows signs of becoming oversubscribed; and attendance is continuing to increase. The first week of 1967 finds us busy with preliminary preparations for the publishing of a Pictorial Directory. Rev. Donald N. Miller is the Pastor. (Mrs. Flora H. Woyke, Historian.)



Mrs. Fred Paul

BEATRICE, NEB. Mrs. Fred Paul, director of the West Side Baptist Church choir, Beatrice, Neb., for 30 years has resigned for health reasons. During the morning service, Nov. 6, Mrs. Paul was presented with a gift of sacred recorded music and also a corsage.

The choir sang Mrs. Paul's favorite hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." Mrs. Paul is also teacher of the older ladies' Sunday school class. (Mrs. C. M. Ellison, Reporter.)

LA CROSSE, WIS. Bible Baptist Church, La Crosse, observed family month during October. Four special messages were given: "A Growing Family Love," "Will The Family Circle Be Broken In Heaven?" "How To Pray Together As A Family," and "How To Have Family Devotions."

Another aspect was for families to invite somebody who had never been in their home for dinner and fellowship. This did promote family togetherness among church members as they got to know others better.

Our young people presented two skits at evening services on "How Not To Have Family Altar."

We observed our fourth baptismal service of the year and saw three adults follow Christ. Two more family names were added to the church roll. (N. J. Johnston, Reporter.)

EMERY, S. D., FIRST. On Sunday evening, Dec. 4, a group of students from the Emery and Sioux Falls College presented the play, "One Man's Moon," at the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. D. It had a vital message, and the young people did a commendable job of presenting it.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bender and Brent were honored at a fellowship and lunch after the evening service on Dec. 4 at the church. Mr. Bender, a senior student at Sioux Falls Seminary, has been faithfully serving the church since June 1 and at this time brought his interim pastorate to a close. (Mrs. Walter Heitzman, Reporter.)

APLINGTON, IOWA. A surprise "Appreciation Night" was held in the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, Nov. 17, honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Donald Patet and children, Jeffrey and Janice. The event, planned by the church advisory board, marked the tenth anniversary of Rev. Patet's service to the local church.

A gift of matching "his and hers" lounging chairs was presented to the family. The parsonage was recently recarpeted and draped. Mrs. Patet and Janice were given corsages, and Rev. Patet and Jeffrey received boutonnieres.

Donald Lindaman was master of ceremonies, introducing the speaker, the Rev. Elton Kirstein of Steamboat Rock Baptist Church. The Rev. John Roskam led in devotions. Officers of the church organizations spoke briefly, expressing appreciation of Rev. Patet's ministry. A solo was sung by Miss Carol Lindaman.

Mrs. Earl Stukenberg and Mrs. Bernice Lindaman served punch. Mrs. Folkert DeVries and Mrs. Frank Lindaman poured coffee. Dining room hostesses were Mrs. Henry G. Groeneveld and Mrs. Paul Huisinga. (Mrs. Paul Voogd, Reporter.)



Rev. and Mrs. Paul Deal and Family

BENTON HARBOR, MICH., NAPIER PARKVIEW. Rev. Paul Deal, youth director and assistant pastor of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., since June of 1964, terminated his duties Oct. 31. He left Benton Harbor to become minister of the Gull Lake Bible Church at Hickory Corners, Mich.

In addition to his work as youth director and assistant pastor, Pastor Deal assisted in the local Y.F.C. and the Southwestern Michigan Conservative Ministers Fellowship. He, his wife Merita, and their children, Daniel and David, will be sorely missed. (Lois Breitzkreuz, Reporter.)

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WARREN, MICH., REDEEMER. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ratzliff of Saskatchewan, Canada, are doing their missionary internship at Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Mich., under the Sudan Interior Mission. They will serve in Ethiopia upon completion. (Doris Kintzer, Reporter.)



New parsonage for Pastor K. H. Tonn and family, Moosehorn, Man.

MOOSEHORN, MAN. On Sunday, Nov. 27, it was our privilege to have a service of dedication for our parsonage. A member of the Building Committee, Mr. Ed Semler, gave words of thanks to all members and friends who had a part in the building of the parsonage. The members of the Building Committee—Mr. G. Nickel, Mr. F. Newman, Mr. W. Russell, and Mr. Ed Semler—burned the mortgage, after which the congregation participated in a responsive reading of Scripture. The pastor led in a prayer of dedication.

At first it seemed IMPOSSIBLE for our church to be able to build a parsonage, but when everyone pitched in, this impossibility became a reality and in 21 months the parsonage was built and completely paid for. We are grateful to God for enabling us to accomplish this task.

We trust that in a similar manner we will be able to build a much needed church for the advancement of the Gospel message. (K. H. Tonn, Pastor.)

LEOLA, S. D. Nov. 28 the members of the First Baptist Church, Leola, S. D., bade farewell to their pastor Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Oster, and family, who have accepted the call from the First Baptist Church, Bison, Kan.

A special program with Deacon Walter Rueb moderating included the deacons and a representative of each organization of the church speaking words of appreciation and best wishes. Special music and readings were given by various groups of the church.

Rev. Harris, pastor of the Methodist Church, spoke words of appreciation for the fellowship that was enjoyed with the Osters.

The Osters were presented with a love offering as a token of appreciation from the church.

Rev. and Mrs. Oster responded with words of thanks and appreciation.

Our prayer is that God will continue to bless them and use them as they go forth into a new field serving their Master. (Mrs. Elmer Feiock, Reporter.)

RAPID CITY, S. D. On Oct. 30 Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Dachtler and family bade farewell to members and friends of the South Canyon Baptist Church to accept a call to the Crestview Baptist Church, Minot, N. D. A special afternoon service was held in honor of the Dachtlers during which members from each organization of the church expressed their appreciation for their services to us and wished them God's blessings as they go to their new field of service. A potluck supper and time of fellowship followed the afternoon service.

During the time the Dachtlers served here, our new church was built, and the parsonage, which was formerly used for the church, was completed. Both the church and parsonage were dedicated in the spring. (Mrs. Erwin Meyer, Reporter.)

KENOSHA, WIS. On Nov. 20 our pastor, Rev. Milton Zeeb, baptized two of our young people and a young married man during the morning service. The hand of fellowship was extended to them and also three others who came to us by letter.

On Nov. 27 we said good-bye to Rev. and Mrs. Zeeb and daughters, Faith and Joy, who labored so faithfully among us but felt led to accept the call of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. In the evening the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., met with us. Their pastor, Rev. George Breitzkreuz, brought the farewell message. Words of appreciation were spoken by the leaders of the various organizations, and a monetary gift and picture were presented to the Zeeb family. A time of fellowship followed with refreshments. We thank God for sending them our way.

We are also grateful that he so soon answered our prayers; for Pastor Clifford Barker came to us from Anaheim, Calif. and on Dec. 25 already filled the pulpit. A reception was given for Pastor and Mrs. Barker and children, Colleen, Craig, and Caryn, on Jan. 8. Words of welcome were given by the various chairmen, and Rev. John Grygo, Editor of *Der Sendbote*, was the speaker of the evening. The Grace Baptist Church of Racine joined us in a time of food and fellowship. We are looking forward to many years of working together in his vineyard. (Mrs. Dan Behr, Reporter.)

KILLALOE, ONT., CALVARY. On Nov. 27 the fiftieth anniversary of our brick church was celebrated. A capacity crowd of members and guests filled the church both in the morning and evening services, which were marvelously conducted by the pastor, Rev. P. Hunsicker. The sanctuary was decorated beautifully. We were happy to have a share in a special anniversary offering, and the church gratefully received the gift of a Wurlitzer electric organ by Mr. and Mrs. G. Burke in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Burke. There were special messages, "Church in Our Time" and "Meaning of the Church," by Pas-



The Choir of Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ont.

tor Hunsicker and hymns from the choir.

The pastor acquainted the congregation with the records of the founding of the first little white Presbyterian Church and the five charter members still living, who are Mr. Henry Zummach, Mrs. Martha Zummach, Mrs. Annie Bloedow, Mrs. Minnie Chatsick, and Mrs. Minnie Wilkie. He honored them with a corsage, and each shared a few memories of the earlier days pertaining to the purchase of the church property, which we still occupy.

With a prayer of dedication the day was ended, and each one felt the need of saying thanks to our faithful pastor and our God. (Jean Weckworth, Reporter.)



MR. AND MRS. ALFRED BRACHLOW CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brachlow of the Faith Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minn., recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The happy occasion, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Cal Brachlow, was held on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Brachlow were united in marriage on Nov. 17, 1916, in Anamoose, N. D., by the Rev. J. Eichler.

The Rev. Donald N. Miller, pastor, gave a brief meditation and word of commendation to the Brachlows for their faithful Christian witness in the life of the church. Dr. J. C. Gunst also spoke briefly and led in prayer. (Rev. Donald N. Miller, Reporter.)

CENTRAL DAKOTA—MONTANA ASSOCIATION, MEN'S BROTHERHOOD. The Annual Singfest of the Brotherhoods of the Central Dakota-Montana Association was held at Ashley, N. D., on Nov. 20. Mr. Art Bender, president of the Association Brotherhood, led the services. Twelve Brotherhoods participated in at least one of

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the services. The singing—ah, how these men sang—was not for competition but to witness for Jesus Christ.

The program consisted of solos, duets, trios, quartets, choirs, the mass choir directed by Rev. Isador Faszer, and two inspiring messages by Dr. Donald H. Madvig, Sioux Falls, S. D.

There is great interest in the Singfest. One Brotherhood traveled over 300 miles and had 36 in their group. Five hundred people attended the afternoon session and over 800 the evening program. The offering of \$405 is for improvements at the Crystal Springs Youth Camp.

A hearty thank you to the Ashley Church for the fine preparations, hospitality, and evening meal. The 1967 Singfest will be at Aberdeen, S. D. (Rev. R. H. Zepik, Reporter.)

STEAMBOAT ROCK, IOWA. The First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa, was host to the Iowa Baptist Association, Oct. 7-9. Special speakers were Dr. J. C. Gunst, district secretary; Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Stockdale, medical missionaries in the Cameroons; and Dr. Ralph Powell of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D. Ladies' and men's breakfasts and meetings were held Saturday morning. A youth banquet was held Saturday evening. The final service, a missionary rally, was held Sunday afternoon following a delicious dinner served in the Fellowship Hall. The attendance was good, and all were richly blessed and challenged at every service. (Mrs. Henry Trittlen, Reporter.)

PAUL, IDAHO. Friends and members of the First Baptist Church were full of expectation and happiness for the Harvest Mission Festival Day on Nov. 6, which included having Rally Day in Sunday school, observing the Lord's Supper in the morning worship, and enjoying family potluck dinner.

The special afternoon program planned by the Board of Deacons and Pastor Penner included two selections each from the Junior Choir and Adult Choir. Then, families, youngest to oldest, shared their thanks to God for blessings experienced in the year. Families brought tokens of the vegetable and fruit harvest to our cornucopia display in the sanctuary. The film, "Anything Can Happen," presented a real challenge to us. Our morning offering was for N.A.B. Missions and the afternoon for the Building Fund which combined totaled over \$1250.00. This was a wonderful day in the house of the Lord experiencing our great God challenging his people to do great things.

Two weeks later our Union Thanksgiving Service was held with other local churches participating. Our pastor,

Fred Penner, delivered the message, "Making Requests With Thanksgiving." The attendance was the highest for the past several years. The offering went to the American Bible Society. (Mrs. Fred M. Penner, Reporter.)

WACO, TEXAS. During November a missionary conference was held in the North Texas Association area of the Southern Conference. It was our privilege to have as guest speakers in Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, Rev. Elmer Strauss, Missionary to the Cameroons, Africa, and Miss Florence Miller, Missionary to Japan. Rev. Strauss and Miss Miller showed slides of their work and gave interesting reports.

On Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, Rev. Strauss spoke to our women. At the Anniversary Program of the W.M.S., Miss Miller showed slides and challenged each one as she spoke of her work. Refreshments were served following these meetings. Each one was given opportunity to get acquainted with our missionaries and ask questions in regard to their work. Rev. Kenneth Howe is our pastor. (Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, Reporter.)

BEATRICE, NEB. A Missionary Conference was held at the Westside Baptist Church, Beatrice, Neb., Oct. 30-Nov. 3, with Miss Rosemarie Hackmann, Dr. Eugene Stockdale and Miss Ida Forsch as guest speakers. Sunday morning Miss Hackmann spoke. In the evening Dr. Stockdale spoke and showed colored slides of the work in the Cameroon. On Monday evening an informal meeting was held with Dr. Stockdale with discussion on the medical work on the mission field. On Tuesday evening the young people met with Miss Forsch for an evening of fun and discussion. She also spoke at the mid-week services on Thursday. Miss Forsch was our guest at the Ladies' Missionary Society noon luncheon and spoke to the group at the meeting. She stated that through the faithful teaching of God's Word, by the missionaries, many of the natives were slowly overcoming their superstitious beliefs and accepting the Lord as their Savior. (Mrs. C. M. Ellison, Reporter.)

LASALLE, COLO. Guest for the day and special speaker for the Harvest Mission Sunday for First Baptist Church, La Salle, Colo., was Miss Pamela Martin of the Cameroons. Miss Martin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest K. Martin of our Cameroons Educational system. She is a student for the year at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo.

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presented Miss Martin with a pantry shower upon the occasion of her visit.

Miss Martin talked about her conversion to Christ and of mission work in Africa. (Rev. Edwin Michelson, Pastor.)

SACRAMENTO, WILLOW RANCHO. On Nov. 20 we had a great day with Norman Nelson singing at both services. Mr. Nelson is known as the "Singing Ambassador," having spent about ten years in the Orient.

On Monday and Tuesday we had the privilege of hearing two missionaries from the Cameroons: Miss Ida Forsch and Rev. Elmer Strauss. On Wednesday Dr. Richard Schilke spoke to us about missions. It is always a blessing to hear about the works of the Great Mission. (Mrs. Grady Epps, Reporter.)

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camp, rallies and other meetings. Many successful Christian education workshops and workers' conferences were reported.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Curriculum Committee presented a report to the General Christian Education Committee pertaining to progress on the series of leadership manuals to be published. The manuals include the following: *Our Ministry in Evangelism*, *Our Ministry with Adults*, *Our Ministry with Youth*, and *Our Ministry with Children*. The Curriculum Committee also listed elective courses for adult Sunday school classes.

A definite accomplishment of the Curriculum Committee was the presentation and acceptance of a set of denominational Christian education objectives, prepared by Rev. Arnold Rapske of the Christian Training Institute. These objectives were painstakingly written over a period of time, then carefully and thoroughly reviewed and revised before being adopted by the General Christian Education Committee. This set will now provide guidance, not only for editorial work and the writing of materials for our denomination, but also for anyone who wishes to be an effective teacher or worker, providing a basic guideline and background for interpretation and presentation of Biblical and doctrinal materials.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Mrs. Lois Curley, Gospel Light representative from Glendale, California, presented and discussed matters of importance to our denomination as imprints. She provided information on such matters as the history and development of new materials, denominational services, and new trends in publishing new materials. Miss Eva Cornelius, area Gospel Light representative, was also present for the meetings.

We ask your prayers in the carrying out of the plans projected at these meetings, as well as your support

through active participation in the Christian education program of our denomination, as we all attempt to carry out Christ's commission to teach the Gospel.

MISSIONARY FURLOUGHS

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CHURCH AND MISSIONARY SET GOALS

Both the church and the missionary must be clear as to what they wish to accomplish. The deputation ministry of a missionary is not just to fill in time and get it over with nor is it to be just another meeting for the church. The missionary is a servant of the Lord of the harvest. His main task is out on the field where God has placed him, but he is no less his servant here at home. He represents God's cause abroad, and while at home he is confronted with the obligation to present this his cause to God's people.

What are some of the goals that should be set? First of all, it is important to get the prayer support of God's people. Second, young people should be challenged to answer the Lord's call to the mission field. Third, the church should be challenged so that the result of the presentation will also become evident in a joyous and sacrificial offering.

When these simple goals are achieved, both the missionary and the church will come to see that they are really together in this missionary enterprise seeking to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." He will realize that God has need of him to go in person, and that God has need of his people at home to make his going possible. And thus together they are "co-laborers with God" in the greatest venture, for the greatest cause, with eternal results: the salvation of souls.

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since we began using STEP. During the year we worked with STEP, our farm area had an excellent crop, and our people gave so liberally that we met our annual budget during the first eight months of that fiscal year—something unheard of here before! At the close of our study, 53 of our 106 active members returned a signed pledge to tithe. The pastor was voted a liberal bonus at the year's end.

RESULTS OF PARTICIPATION IN STEP

It's almost a year now, since we closed STEP ONE. Our increased giving still continues. We are only half way through our fiscal year, but the present rate of giving indicates we should meet the annual budget several months before the end of the fiscal period. This church operates on a unified budget, with 30% of all income pledged to missions. In addition, there are other signs of added growth. Seven of our families joined the Seminary's "Corps of 100" this year. There is

definitely new interest in our N. A. B. budget needs.

Locally, the new stewardship concern has expressed itself toward the physical appearance and needs of the church property. Already this year we have new gravel on the parking lot, new sidewalks and lawn around the church and parsonage; we have voted to redecorate the church inside and out; and new furnaces have been ordered for both the church and parsonage! We hope everyone will praise God with us and join us in the blessings of greater giving to God.

SPEAK UP

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materials I am in sympathy with their general goals. They seem to contend for individualism and against collectivism in government, the protection of free enterprise against bureaucracy, and the enforcement of established laws against the trends of revolution and civil disobedience. This is called conservatism, and I find myself in general agreement with it. Whether these people are too "one track minded" to be sensible and whether they lack enough balance to see the need for certain changes or improvements, I cannot say. I hear them accused of this.

As to sharing in political responsibility, it seems to be a "must." The Lord didn't create a Christian conscience and then tell us to wait until we get to heaven before we start exercising it. We need to let our convictions be known, and our influence count even though we may be advocating a losing cause. Society may not be totally redeemed, but sin will certainly be restrained by the presence of Christians in key points of influence.

CHRISTIAN & EDUCATION

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cept federal aid as long as the government did not threaten or violate the religious liberty of the institution and/or the individual. Federal Aid is intended to stimulate greater self help in all agencies, institutions, and organizations at every educational level. Very recently the Association of State Colleges and Universities approved a resolution to encourage Congress to provide for judicial review of existing federal aid legislation that covers private colleges, including those with religious affiliations. Consequently, the protest against taxation and the use of (all) people's monies for religious educational activities will continue to lessen. If we as Christian educators lack insight, imagination, and courage to initiate new ideas and concepts, all we can expect is the continued conveyance of the old traditions which may or may not be adequate for this present age. Baptist educators and laymen must become more involved in social and political problems. We must always be alert to witness the Gospel of Christ and serve mankind in love through all areas of living.

Obituary

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

MRS. JACOB J. HILL of Okeene, Oklahoma

Mollie Geis Hill was born Aug. 28, 1888, near Durham, Kan., and passed to eternal reward on Dec. 15, 1966, in Watonga, Okla. Mrs. Hill's parents, George and Katherine Geis, moved to Oklahoma with their family in the year 1893. On Jan. 4, 1907, Mollie Geis was united in marriage to Jacob J. Hill. The couple made their home on a farm near Loyal, Okla., and became members of the Immanuel Baptist Church near Loyal. In 1946, Mr. and Mrs. Hill retired from farming and moved to Okeene. They united in fellowship with the Zion Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hill was preceded in death by her husband on Jan. 2, 1951, and a son, Elmer, who met with untimely death on March 20, 1965, after the demise of her husband. Mrs. Hill made her home with her daughter and family, Mrs. Percy Dobrinski; until several years ago when she became a guest at the Hillcrest Manor, Watonga, Okla.

Mrs. Hill leaves to cherish memories of her, her sons: Wilbert E. Hill of Kingfisher, Okla.; Alfred Hill of Loyal, Okla.; Lester Hill of Enid, Okla.; and Irvin Hill of Okeene; her daughter: Mrs. Percy (Norma) Dobrinski of Okeene; thirteen grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many relatives and friends.

Zion Baptist Church
Okeene, Oklahoma

KARL E. BIEBER, Pastor

MRS. BARBARA GRENZ of Napoleon, North Dakota

Mrs. Barbara Grenz was born on Sept. 10, 1873, in Peterstal, South Russia, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Nathan and went to be with her Lord, Oct. 17, 1966. She came to America in 1883 with her parents, settling near Eureka, S. D.

Mrs. Grenz accepted the Lord as her Savior, was baptized in June of 1893, and joined the Eureka Church. She was united in marriage to Christian Grenz on December 22, 1889, in Eureka by Rev. Andrew Barrett. This union was blessed with thirteen children of which seven preceded her in death, along with her husband who died Feb. 1, 1935.

Survivors include four sons: Christian of Toledo, Ohio; Otto of Napoleon, Julius of Bismarck, and Rev. Richard Grenz of Billings, Montana; two daughters: Mrs. Hulda Gohring and Mrs. Fred (Freda) Zerr of Napoleon; a sister, Mrs. Carrie Hink, of Medicine Hat, Canada; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Grenz was a humble and faithful servant of the Lord and a constant inspiration to all whose lives were touched by her testimony.

Napoleon Baptist Church
Napoleon, North Dakota

R. THOMAS HARFST, Pastor

MR. CARL G. BERTSCH of Eureka, South Dakota

Carl G. Bertsch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Bertsch, was born Sept. 18, 1889, in McPherson County near Greenway, S. D. He grew to manhood on the farm of his parents.

At an early age he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. George Bergdorf. He became a faithful member of the Bertsch Station Church near Venturia, N. D. He held various church offices, such as organist and treasurer for many years.

Mr. Bertsch was united in marriage to Emelia Breittling on October 27, 1912. To this blessed union ten children were born, one of whom preceded him in death. Following their marriage they settled on a farm near Eureka, S. D. In 1944, they retired, moved to Eureka, and became active members of the church here.

After a brief illness, the Lord called Brother Bertsch to his Heavenly Home on Nov. 15, 1966, at the age of 77 years, one mo., and 27 days. He was preceded in death by his wife. Surviving relatives who mourn his passing include: five sons: Arthur of Isabel, S. D.; Alvin of Eureka, S. D.; Enoch and Ted of Aberdeen, S. D.; and Leo of Salem, Ore.; four daughters: (Esther) Mrs. Leon Haas, Moorhead, Minn.; (Ruth) Mrs. Alan Haas, Ashley, N. D.; (Ida) Mrs. Eugene Joachim and (Thelma) Mrs. Clarence Hoff, of Eureka, S. D.; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three sisters; six brothers; and a host of other relatives and friends.

First Baptist Church
Eureka, South Dakota

F. H. FUCHS, Pastor

MR. ADOLF HORN

of Springside, Saskatchewan

Adolf Edward Horn, born in Zezulin Province, Lublin Poland, Oct. 26, 1890, went to be with His Lord Dec. 10, 1966, at the age of 76 years, one month and 14 days. He was converted and baptized by Rev. Martin Lasch at the age of 11 years. In the year 1907 he emigrated to Winnipeg, Man. Here he joined the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church. On May 22, 1915, he was united in marriage to Matilda Lutz. In 1918 they moved to Springside, Sask., and settled in the Homestead district where they engaged in farming until 1947, when they retired and moved to Springside. Mr. Horn was active in the church serving as deacon, treasurer and church clerk. He was preceded in death by one son, Edwin George, on Sept. 12, 1920, and also by three grandchildren. He leaves to mourn his wife, Matilda; six daughters: Eleanor (Mrs. Martin Arndt), Springside, Frances (Mrs. Wilfred Patzer), Ebenezer, Constance (Mrs. Alvin Bohn), Ebenezer, Olive (Mrs. Eric Patzer), Yorkton, Phyllis (Mrs. Reubin Ziolkowski), Yorkton and Evelyn (Mrs. Ivan Muth), Yorkton; 18 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Springside Baptist Church
Springside, Saskatchewan

ROBERT R. HOFFMAN, Pastor

MR. GRANT C. PALMER of Parkersburg, Iowa

Grant C. Palmer, son of John and Emma Waters Palmer, was born on a farm in Grundy County, south of Parkersburg on Dec. 15, 1893. On June 23, 1921, he was married to Miss Mildred Wiley at Parkersburg. The family farmed south of town until 1945, when they began operating a retail grocery in Parkersburg.

Mr. Palmer, after accepting Christ as his personal Savior and following the Lord in the waters of baptism, was received into the membership of Calvary Baptist on July 1, 1945. He served on the Board of Trustees for a number of years.

He passed away at his home on Dec. 6 at the age of 72 years. He had been in failing health for some time. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and an infant daughter. He is survived by his wife, Mildred; one daughter, Shirley (Mrs. Don Lindaman) of Aplington, Iowa; one son, George, of Parkersburg; six grandchildren; and two sisters, Nita and Grace, of Parkersburg.

Calvary Baptist Church
Parkersburg, Iowa

RAYMOND F. DICKAU, Pastor

JOSEPHINE DOSTAL of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Josephine Dostal who had "walked with God" for 55 years was called into her Lord's presence Nov. 16, 1966. She would have reached age 82 on March 28, 1967. Born in Hungary in 1885 where she was also raised, she married Peter Dostal in 1903. Together they emigrated to America in 1905, settled in Bethlehem, Pa., and became citizens in 1914. Several years earlier both acquired "citizenship in heaven" by surrendering their lives in faith to Christ Jesus. Into this life-changing experience they were led by Mr. Paul Elexy and Rev. John Kepl. As baptized believers, in 1911, they became charter members of the German Baptist Church of Bethlehem. In 1920 they moved to Philadelphia and joined the Second German Baptist Church now Pilgrim. Peter Dostal passed away in 1940.

Mrs. Dostal was a very active and devoted church member, with a great capacity for love. Not only was she the recording secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society for many years, but also the gifted teacher of the Woman's Bible Class. She persevered until her health failed. She attended worship services until she became bedridden. Her daughter, Mrs. Erma Ford, chauffeured her faithfully to and from church and was the devoted nurse by her sickbed assisted

in every way by her husband Bill. Mrs. Dostal had a clear, Bible-based testimony to the very end and longed to be with the Lord. At the funeral services in Philadelphia and Bethlehem, Pastors Assaf Husmann and Harold W. Gieseke, respectively, brought messages of comfort and Christian hope. Her passing is deeply mourned by Erma and Bill Ford, as well as by other relatives and many Christian friends.

Pilgrim Church
Philadelphia, Pa.

ASSAF HUSMANN, Interim Pastor

MRS. FREDOLINE GESSEL of Vancouver, British Columbia

Mrs. Fredoline Gessel passed away on Dec. 2, 1966, at the age of 80, after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Gessel emigrated to Canada with her parents at an early age. She lived in Winnipeg, Man. From here she moved to Limberg, Sask. She moved to Vancouver in 1929, where she resided until the time of her death.

She is survived by seven daughters: Mrs. Katie Schmidt, Regina, Sask.; Mrs. Theresa Anderson, Vernon, B. C.; Mrs. Melba Silzer, Qu'Appelle, Sask.; Mrs. Louise Riemer, Kelowna, B. C.; Mrs. Betty Firth, Mrs. Anne Lequiere, Mrs. Gary Sanders, all of Vancouver, B. C.; four sons: William, Port Arthur, George, Holberg, B. C.; G. G. and John, Vancouver; 35 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; one brother, William Bolenback, Oliver, B. C., one stepbrother and three stepsisters.

Mrs. Gessel accepted the Lord as Savior early in life and was a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. She died with the confidence of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

Ebenezer Baptist Church
Vancouver, British Columbia

PAUL SIEWERT, Pastor

CHURCH EXTENSION

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we are coming to you to help us erect a building in which to work.

Because of the unique ministry of our pastor and some of the members, the percentage of high school and college age youth attending the services is very high. This is wonderful to see, but you can understand how it would cause difficulty in meeting the expenses. Young people simply cannot give enough to support the ministry they need. Our adults have shown understanding and dedication in this regard which is exemplary.

If you ever come to Pittsburgh, be sure to visit us. But attend our services with your prayers, anyway. And send in your gifts so there will soon be a building to house this very effective ministry.

WE THE WOMEN

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(Isaiah 43:10). It is upon this verse that our devotionals are built. And so you have foretaste of our 1967 English Program Packet available Feb. 15 from our headquarters at Forest Park at \$1.75 per Packet. It is the earnest prayer of all who have contributed to the Packet that you will find it stimulating, thought provoking, and extremely helpful in making your society a living, growing, vital instrument in God's hands.

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MAN TO MAN

By Aaron Bertsch
of Eureka, South Dakota
Baptist Life Association Representative
Central Dakota Area

I would like to share with you a few words, man to man, as a husband and father.

As a young boy I missed a lot of good blessings, because I did not have God first in my life. So many times we pray for God's blessings and forget that his blessings are here in this wonderful world of his, if we are just willing to go after them. In Proverbs 22:6 it tells us to train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will never depart from it. I found as a young husband and father that a man will have to take God as his partner in trying to raise two sons and a daughter, so they will find what God wants them to do.

First of all, we, as men, must know that God is God, and that he can lead a man, if he is willing to be led. There are many Scripture passages in the Bible to lead us, if we are willing to look for them, believe them, and do them. So many times we are hearers of the word and not doers.

We as fathers, must be honest with ourselves. By this I mean, we have no strength in ourselves. God is our strength and guide. We must take him and his word for our leading. Then and only then we do a wonderful job.

We must also play the game fair with our children. We must know that our children are also persons, not just children. They also have ideas of their own. We must be willing to listen to them, and not only listen, but let them use their ideas of life in many ways.

Our children must be taught also to



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play the game fair, so they will be successful in life. In order to train a child to play the game fair, we must be honest, truthful, fair, kind, firm, trustworthy, and willing to do what we expect our children to do.

Today we hear so much about our children going bad. This is true, but where do they get it from? Children like to walk in our path, so we as fathers must have a true and straight

path.

In closing I would like to leave you with a few verses as we find them in James 4:17: "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin," and James 5:16: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

CONTRIBUTIONS SUMMARY

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Conferences	Dec. 1966	Dec. 1965	Dec. 1964
Atlantic -----	\$ 7,460.47	\$ 8,301.74	\$ 7,312.29
Central -----	35,434.20	59,796.62	45,211.39
Dakota -----	23,266.42	26,883.07	23,106.02
Eastern -----	5,065.67	5,281.79	3,448.05
Northern -----	19,926.22	16,692.10	16,156.87
Northwestern -----	16,771.81	15,717.61	15,786.22
Pacific -----	17,583.64	25,325.22	22,310.91
Southern -----	2,561.41	3,294.98	1,890.84
Southwestern -----	12,589.93	12,391.07	9,729.06
Inter-Conference -----	3,330.10	4,203.91	3,682.93
Total Contributions -----	\$143,989.87	\$177,888.11	\$148,634.58

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Total Contributions
For the month of Dec., 1966 -----	\$132,889.72	\$ 11,100.15	\$143,989.87
For the month of Dec., 1965 -----	160,492.07	17,396.04	177,888.11
For the month of Dec., 1964 -----	134,746.52	13,888.06	148,634.58

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1966 to December 31, 1966 -----	\$766,881.68	\$ 63,138.14	\$830,019.82
April 1, 1965 to December 31, 1965 -----	691,686.88	57,149.16	748,836.04
April 1, 1964 to December 31, 1964 -----	653,678.71	55,143.56	708,922.27

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