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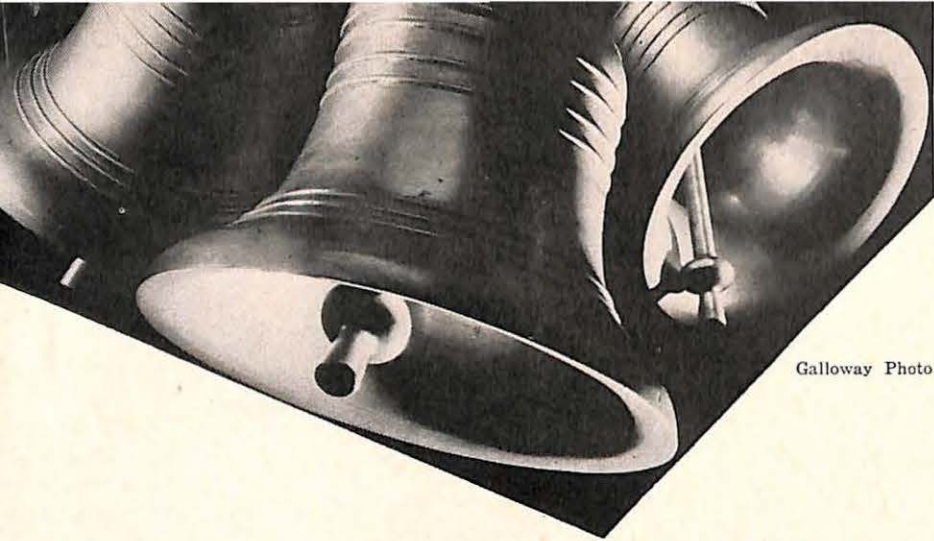
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## Ring Out, Wild Bells

by Alfred Tennyson, 1809-1892

**RING OUT**, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light;  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

**RING OUT** the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

**RING OUT** the grief that saps the mind,  
For those that here we see no more;  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind.

**RING OUT** a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

**RING OUT** the want, the care, the sin,  
The faithless coldness of the times;  
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,  
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

**RING OUT** false pride in place and blood,  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good.

**RING OUT** old shapes of foul disease;  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

**RING IN** the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

## NEWS and NEEDS...

**WEEK OF PRAYER.** January 2-6 is being observed as the Week of Prayer throughout our North American Baptist fellowship. The theme chosen is "Prayer in the Life of Teachers and Learners."

**CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE.** Remember in prayer the faculty and students at CTI, Edmonton, Alta., as they participate in their Day of Prayer and Mid-winter convocation, and also the pastors who attend the Pastoral Retreat there.

**YOUTH WEEK.** "Learners-Teachers for Jesus Christ" is the theme of youth week which is being observed in our N.A.B. Churches January 29-February 5. Resource material for this week is found in the *Youth Work Planbook 1966-67* available from the Department of Christian Education, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. 60130.

**GOD'S VOLUNTEERS.** Continue in your prayer support of these young people as they serve in evangelistic work in the following places: **Team I**—with Director Edgar Klatt at Crestview Baptist Church, Minot, N. D., Jan. 1-8, and at the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 10-22; **Team II**—with Director Connie Salios at First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa, Jan. 1-8, and at the Sherwood Park Baptist Church, Greeley, Colo., Jan. 10-19.

**CHURCH EXTENSION.** The Church Extension Builder's Project for January is the Esterhazy Baptist Church, Esterhazy, Sask., with Rev. Peter Schroeder as pastor. Information concerning this church is found in an article on page 11 of this issue of the *Baptist Herald*.

**MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK.** Jan. 1—Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr, Cameroon; Jan. 8—Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, Japan; Jan. 15—Rev. and Mrs. Richard Rabenhorst, Brazil; Jan. 22—Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens, Colorado; Jan. 29—Short term missionaries, Cameroon.

Mrs. John Binder was appointed by the Editorial Committee to serve as acting editor of the *Baptist Herald*, on a part-time basis, during the interim period brought about by the illness of Dr. Martin L. Leuschner.

Mrs. Binder accepted this assignment on very short notice and is doing excellent work in continuing the quality of and reader interest in the *Baptist Herald*.

The Editorial Committee takes this opportunity of expressing their appreciation to Mrs. Binder for the fine ministry being rendered as acting editor.

Eldon L. Janzen, chairman  
Editorial Committee

## Editorial

## IDEALS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Guest editorial by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary,  
North American Baptist General Conference

AS WE CONSIDER the spiritual needs of our churches in the New Year, we do well to seek counsel from the Word of God. I suggest that we give heed to the pattern that characterized the life of the apostolic church immediately after the pentecostal experience. After the baptism of about 3,000 new believers we read about them: "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). We find listed here four marks of the early church that can serve as ideals for our churches for the New Year.

**They continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine.** The early Christians had the privilege of receiving their gospel teaching directly at the feet of the apostles; for us this instruction must come through the Scriptures. But can anyone doubt our need for instruction in the Word of God? Since our emphasis this year centers around the theme of Christian education, let us resolve to study God's Word diligently—in the family circle, in our preaching ministry and in our educational program.

**They continued stedfastly in fellowship.** Christians not only need fellowship, they are a fellowship—the family of God. The early Christians were quick to recognize that they needed each other, for we read that they "were together and had all things in common," but we are sometimes in danger of having practically nothing in common. Have you heard someone say: "I belong to church, but I don't choose my friends from among the members of the church"? If we cannot have friends among those who share a common Savior, our Christian life rests on shaky ground indeed. May God bless and strengthen the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

**They continued stedfastly in breaking of bread.** Whatever else may be meant by the breaking of bread together, it means at least that the early Christians were faithful in their attendance at the worship services of the church and in their participation in the Lord's Supper. How we need the inspiration that comes from praising God together and from gathering about our Lord's table. Here we recognize our own insufficiency, but here we also discover the sufficiency of God's grace in Christ Jesus. How stedfast are we in our church attendance?

**They continued stedfastly in prayers.** Prayer is essential to a healthy and growing Christian life. It is an acknowledgment of our dependence on God, but it is also evidence of our faith in his willingness and ability to hear and answer. How faithful have we been in our prayer life? Do we pray regularly in our homes, and do we share in the prayer services of the church? To our shame, many of us will have to confess that we have fallen short of the New Testament ideal in this respect.

We need to experience the power of God's Spirit, and we need to recover the marks of the apostolic church. Let us resolve to follow New Testament ideals in the New Year.

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# LONG LIFE and 1967

by Glenn H. Asquith,  
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"IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE that the first immortal man is now living in our world!" Startled by these words of a speaker at an interdenominational meeting, the audience waited for the lecturer to explain that, of course, he did not mean "immortal" in the usual sense. But the scientist was quite in earnest. As he developed his theme, many of the listeners agreed as to the possibility of a human organism functioning forever.

The basis for the hope that man could escape death depended upon: new "wonder" drugs, plastic and metal substitute organs and arteries, controlled environment, established rhythms of activity and rest, chemical manipulation of emotions, individually tailored diets. And, most astounding of all, the plan for freezing a man or woman suffering from an incurable disease and keeping him or her in that suspended state until a cure for the ailment was discovered.

Is it likely that some child is among us who will profit by the accelerating progress of research and live forever? Is Methuselah soon to be classed among the "unfortunates" who died young? There is evidence that medical men are looking in this direction. Recently, a statement was issued by the International Congress of Gerontology in a more conservative vein: within fifteen or twenty years a life span of one hundred years will not be thought of as unusual at all.

Without doubt, this concentrated effort to prolong life in the physical state—with an ultimate goal of permanent existence—raises some serious questions for Christians. They may well ask, "What is life? What is the purpose of life? Is there authenticity to life dependent upon artificially controlled bodily functions? Is death a

curse or a reward? What is everlasting life in the plan of God?" As a new year is dawning, these queries take on added significance.

## WHAT IS LIFE?

On the very threshold of 1967 to inquire, "What is life?" brings to mind all the weary strugglings of philosophers who have grappled with this problem of defining something that cannot be defined.

We have a clue for our thinking found in the New Testament: "life is more than—." Jesus pointed out to his disciples that life was more than the three essentials which we learned of in school: food, shelter, and clothing.

And yet, as we hang a new calendar on the wall, we know well that many among us have not gone beyond the ancients in downgrading life; until it is no more than the fuel that keeps the fire burning. "When do we eat?" is heard constantly. A pastor's wife was boasting that stores were eager to extend her credit when they heard where she lived—a "good address." And clothing is not to keep the sun or winter wind from injuring the body—it must "do something" for the wearer. Where is life in all of this?

If resolutions are not too old-fashioned, perhaps we could find profit in some sort of intention to reassess that precious gift from God which we call life. Granted that food, shelter and clothing must be had, there is no reason to believe that the greater part of our time should be given to the search for ever greater perfection and luxury in these incidentals. Life is not made better by eating the choicest foods, living in suburban mansions, and wearing clothes designed by world-famous dressmakers or tailors.

Since life goes beyond the necessi-

ties which keep us breathing in and breathing out, what shall we do about it? We remember that Mary and Martha were singled out as examples of life direction. Martha was worried about the food and lodging for her guests, but Mary chose the better part. She endeavored to relate her life to the source of life. Many have conjectured concerning that "better part," but it may have been simply a utilization of a rare opportunity to let life be fed by more than meat or drink.

What, then, can life be this year? If nothing more, life can be treasured as something far more precious than three meals a day, a roof over the head, and several changes of clothing. For some mysterious reason, the body is a vehicle for life, but life is not physical. Life can and should be a stewardship under God.

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LIFE?

And this leads to the second question, "What is the purpose of life?" It is an awesome thing to look at the statistics for this country only and note how many who were alive at the beginning of 1966 are no longer with us. Why are we here to face the problems of war in Viet Nam, the increasing bitterness of racial strife, economic unrest, drug addiction, rebellion and immorality among our youth? What is the purpose of our life today?

By way of illustration, a young man was in a hospital some years ago, and his doctor said that he had had an internal condition that would have caused death within twelve hours had not acute appendicitis called for an immediate operation which, in turn, disclosed the more serious condition. The patient's pastor called and heard the story. His reaction was vigorous and direct: "Young man, it is clear that

God has something for you to do, and you had better find out what it is!" Since we are alive to usher in 1967 another resolution could be a determined effort to find out what God has for each of us to do separately or together in this world of turmoil.

If it is of any comfort to us, problems call for solutions. And solutions do not happen of themselves, they are brought about through the lives of men and women. Slavery was one of the nastiest problems ever to face our country, and it had so many ramifications that wise men despaired of finding an answer. But, through the life of Abraham Lincoln, a solution was found. And Lincoln becomes an example of how purpose is come upon. After much trial and error, and failure, Lincoln came to the place and at the time of his purpose for living. Through the years he had applied himself to gaining knowledge and building character; when his time came he was ready.

As our task this year, possibly we can do no more than to make of ourselves the best possible persons within our limitations. A trust in God will bring the purpose to light. In fact, our resolution to find the purpose will be fulfilled in making ready for the event. In the Old Testament there is a command something like this: "Prepare yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

## AN AUTHENTIC LIFE AND ARTIFICIALLY CONTROLLED BODILY FUNCTIONS

So far we have been looking at some convictions prior to dealing with the possibility of extremely long life. There is no avoiding the achievements and hopes of medical science. As we view ourselves and our world today, what do we think of the authenticity of a life dependent upon the body's being kept going by artificial means? A walk through a nursing home or a geriatric ward of a hospital where aged people are undergoing the agonies of treatment and surgery in order to live three or five years longer will raise doubts that the efforts are worthwhile. Life and purpose must be closely related, or breathing in and breathing out is meaningless.

For instance, if Columbus had had available modern science to keep him alive until the age of two hundred years, what other world was there for him to discover? If the new drugs that curb tuberculosis had been developed in the days of John Keats, and if that poet's life had been extended by fifty years, could he have written anything to surpass or outlive what he did during his few years of purpose?

A resolution to think deeply and critically of the implications of life artificially extended will be for the good of our souls. We may be called upon to decide how far to yield ourselves to treatment and how far to subject others to experimentation this year. A re-examination of the Biblical statement of man's life as threescore

years and ten, or fourscore years for the strong, may explain the kinks that are developing in the new discoveries.

We have learned that "germs" are developing immunity to the new wonder drugs, that the human body eventually rebels against the transplanted organs and repair parts, that side effects of treatment and medication are becoming just as serious as the first illness. We know, too, that unless our surplus population can be sent to the moon or other places in outer space, this world could not bear the increase of its inhabitants kept alive by scientific means. The other alternative would be to keep births down to the death rate. Who would prefer to live so long that a new life could not come into the world because of the space taken up?

## DEATH—A CURSE OR REWARD?

Another angle to this knotty consideration leads to the next question on our list, "Is death a curse or a reward?" Off hand, it would seem that we think death to be a curse when we make such titanic efforts to push it back by days, weeks, years, decades and, possibly, by centuries! A resolution to face the fact of death in the light of God's will may be the most rewarding pursuit of 1967. We may be able to see death as the prize of our having fulfilled the purpose of our lives, ushered into by, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Referring again to Lincoln, the work that he did has been magnified and multiplied by his having died before having to enter the arena of politics to clear up the bitter differences of Reconstruction days. John Kennedy's death has left us an ennobling legend of youthful indignation against wrong which might have been nullified had he lived to be a querulous "elder statesman."

Our study of death, however, will show that death is good only when it comes after the purpose or part of the purpose of the life. Suicide brought about by violent means, or by the slower but nonetheless sure way of neglect of health rules, recklessness, dissipation, intemperance, or sinful living defeats life's purpose and thwarts God's will.

## WHAT IS EVERLASTING LIFE?

What is everlasting life in the plan of God? First of all, we can say that it has nothing to do with physical longevity. It is a gift of God to everyone who relates his life to the life of God—"this is eternal life, that they know the only true God." A resolution in this way is that we seek to understand that life never ends with a heart beat or a worn out artery—life is unbeatable to a man or woman of faith.

## RESOLVE TO THINK, STUDY, SEEK AND BE

As activists of the twentieth century, resolutions have come to mean "doing" things. Every day, I resolve to do this and that and the other. The

suggestions in this article change the pace—the resolutions are to think, to study, to seek, and to be.

What is long life in 1967? How long do we want to live in this world? How well and courageously will we live out our natural lives until it is God's plan to translate us by reward into the new world of joy and peace?

## Esterhazy Baptist Church

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We wish him God's blessings as he follows his new calling. Since his departure, the pastor has taken over supervision of the work, which is being done entirely by volunteer labor. In this department we are most grateful to the workers who have come to help us with the construction work. A word of appreciation goes out to those who have helped from the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Central Baptist Church, Yorkton, Springside Baptist Church, Melville-Fenwood Baptist Churches, and even as far away as the Southey Baptist Church. Thank you very much brethren for standing with us in this work. This is true church extension.

## PRESENT MEETING FACILITIES

The Esterhazy Baptist Church is presently renting the facilities of the Royal Canadian Legion in which we hold Sunday school classes and conduct worship. We appreciate this privilege. However, the present arrangement leaves much to be desired and is only a temporary measure. Each Sunday partitions must be set up and later removed. The atmosphere is not very conducive to worship, especially after a late Saturday night party or dance, the revelers having left the building only hours earlier. In spite of these factors we regularly have 55 or even more in attendance Sunday morning. Sunday evening services and Wednesday prayer meeting are held in the parsonage. The church publishes a weekly news bulletin called EBC Appointments which has a circulation of about 60.

Esterhazy faces the usual problems and excesses of an affluent society. People generally are self-satisfied and religiously indifferent. We again solicit your prayers for a spiritual breakthrough in this community. We praise God for a small but dedicated nucleus who are working faithfully to establish a witness here. Potash promotes physical growth and development. Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." It is our desire to fulfill this purpose and promote spiritual growth and development. Pray for and with us that he will send more workers to this area.

## NURSE WANTED

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

North American Baptist Home  
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Philadelphia, Pa.  
Rudolph E. Jahn, Secretary

**T**HE SIGN-IN the store window read, "Closed For Inventory." The message was clear; but the brilliantly lighted room and the clerks hurrying about seemed to give the impression that it was business as usual.

I did need to make a purchase so I stepped up to the door, pressed the handle, and pushed. The door did not move. The clerks continued with their work, ignoring my presence. The store was closed.

It is not the practice of good business to lock the door to any potential customer, but in this case, the best interests of the store required business as usual be suspended in order to take stock.

Efficient business practice requires a periodic inventory to balance the gains against the losses. Only a complete assessment of the red and black entries in the books can guide the management in making responsible decision affecting the future of the business.

#### INTANGIBLE RESOURCES

The practice of taking stock suggests a very meaningful exercise for the Christian as he prepares for the new year. In addition to the listing of the usual physical assets and liabilities, the Christian inventory adds the unique feature of including the many intangible resources available to the believer in his struggle for deeper meanings in life.

The experience shared by Paul in II Timothy 4:1-13 beautifully fits the pattern of this type of stock taking. The Apostle Paul is writing what he feels is his last message to Timothy who has been unusually close to the veteran apostle.

"Timothy, I am already at the point of becoming a libation offering to God." In a very real sense Paul's life-blood was already flowing upon the altar like a drink offering before the Lord. The reason Paul could speak so calmly about this matter is due to the fact that he had settled this matter with God at a previous crisis point in his life when he sat in a Roman prison. (Phil. 4:17) Now when the stark reality of a martyr's death confronted him, he did not stagger back in confusion.

Paul was fully aware that this was not a mental reflection upon what might be some day, but it was a fact so near that he could almost hear the crunch of gravel beneath the executioner's heavy boots. "The time has come for me to cast off the moorings," Paul wrote, "for I am now ready to set sail." (The word "departure" comes from unmooring a ship in preparation for a voyage.)

The apostle then shares some of his innermost feelings as he faces the prospect of a violent death. No indication is given regarding the anguished soul-searching which may have

preceded this moment, but the findings of his soul inventory are very clear.

#### PHYSICAL ASSETS

The stock of the physical assets can be dealt with very briefly. First of all, there is a cloak. For some reason this coarse heavy wool coat, roughly resembling a Mexican pancho, was left in Troas. He now needed its warmth to protect himself against the winter's chill so he asks Timothy to bring it.

The other two items listed were the books and parchments. These items have stimulated speculation. The "books" were papyrus rolls, and the "parchments" were rolls of animal skins prepared in a special way for writing or painting.

Were they simply writing material which he hoped to use later? Were they documents and legal certificates? Were they Old Testament scrolls, or writings of the primitive church? These questions are not our immediate concern. What commands our interest is the fact that these simple items are all Paul lists among earthly possessions which he owns or are of special concern to him. This does seem a very meager return, however, for such a heavy life-long investment!

#### ITEMS UPPERMOST IN INVENTORY

It is very significant to notice that the cloak and books are mentioned

rather incidentally among his personal notes to Timothy. When Paul came to the items he considered uppermost in his inventory, he began with, "I can say with confidence that I have fought a good fight."

Paul returns to the arena in search for metaphors that can express the way he sums up his life. "I fought the good fight, I have finished the race." He leaps from one metaphor to the other in the intensity of his feeling. The heaping up of word pictures is inadequate to convey the full significance of his life. We must break beyond the forms of these words to see a whole life in God's hands spent to the limit in reaching out to others in service and love.

Whether the reference to keeping the faith refers to the pledge of the athlete to keep the rules of the game or to the faith delivered once for all to the saints is of no great consequence, for Paul faithfully fulfilled both. The Gospel of God's love in Christ Jesus became the one message of his lips and found practical demonstration in his life.

With a note of joy, that has a convincing ring of genuineness, Paul continues, "I am looking forward to my departure, for God awaits me with a crowning glory for my life that will make my whole person glow with His righteousness."

#### TRUE DIRECTION OF THE INVENTORY

The primary objective of an inventory is not simply to discover what happened in the past. The record of last year is sealed and permanently etched in the archives of history. Not even the hand of God can erase what is deposited there. The true direction of the inventory is pointed to the future where profit may be gained from the past.

Paul was aware of this and carefully weighed his words as he summed up his advice which had been tested in the laboratory of his own personal experience.

"Timothy," Paul charged, "as you stand in the very presence of God Himself, I solemnly charge you to proclaim the message above all else. Press it home on all occasions, convenient or not." The message of a redeeming God must burn in the soul. Repeated encounters with men in behalf of God made this very real to Paul.

#### CONVINCE, REBUKE, EXHORT

Paul proceeded to explain that in the preaching of the Word there were times when we must convince, rebuke, and exhort in order to be faithful to the mission entrusted to us. There must be times when the truth bears the sharp barbs of reproof. It stings and becomes very unsettling inside. Paul takes care to place the painful soul-probing of reproof between the positive approach of presenting God's full message in a convincing manner on the one hand, and teaching its great

truths on the other. This was to be done at all times in a spirit of loving patience.

Paul was granted the gift of penetrating insight into the future. He was able to predict through a Spirit-inspired vision that Christian witnesses would face strange conditions which would result in an imperceptible erosion of one's faith. Men would become more and more intrigued with myth makers who would replace the revelation from God with their attention-catching web of philosophies. Whether this would be accomplished by reducing the Bible to myths, or creating figments of their own imagination, is not made clear. The results would all be the same.

Timothy's course of action was clear. He was to leave myth making to others and concentrate upon Paul's final advice, "Be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry."

#### GUIDELINE FOR STOCK TAKING

Paul completed his inventory. The parchment was sealed, rolled up, and filed in the archives of history. Personal inventory taking, however, goes on. The real thrust of this passage is not simply to record the innermost thoughts of a dying man. It is aimed at each of us as individuals. We are to find in it the stimulus and guideline for our own stock taking. We are driven to assess our own sense of values and to uncover the deep motivations which set the course of our actions. Meditating upon this passage in depth may be God's signpost pointing the way for us to discover a more meaningful new year.

#### THINE FOR SERVICE

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Cameroon for at least a short period of time. In 1952 Rev. G. Ben Lawrence had received a two year assignment as builder when he was appointed before he drifted into other missionary service. Over the years since 1950 Mr. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford, Kansas, was sent out repeatedly for a short period to supervise a building program. In 1963 Rev. G. Schroeder, when appointed as missionary, also received a major assignment for his first year, that of supervising the building program at Soppo.

Mr. Lempke had applied for appointment as a missionary builder and was hoping that this would materialize.

However, the building program is always dependent on the specific needs and the availability of funds. For the past few years a full time builder was not needed, and the budget would not allow it. This situation delayed the appointment of Mr. Lemke at least by one year, and he was encouraged to develop other interests also.

#### VOLUNTARY ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

This past year Mr. Lemke was approached for a position in a teaching ministry in Cameroon. At the time of this approach, it was to be at the Teacher Training Center at Soppo. He was asked that if he would commit himself to the major need in a teaching ministry and consider his building interest as secondary, we could offer an appointment. After due and prayerful consideration this commitment was made. "Thine for Service, Lord" is this commitment.

The teaching field has since shifted. He is now to teach at the Bible Training Center at Ndu in Cameroon for the coming year. The request was that he be there for the opening of the school year in Sept., 1966. This was not possible since he had committed himself to the building of an addition to the Grant Park Baptist Church in Winnipeg for the late summer and early fall of 1966.

On Nov. 6, 1966, the Immanuel Baptist Church in Edmonton held a commissioning service for Mr. and Mrs. Berndt E. Lemke. Mr. Lemke gave his testimony. Representatives of our various Edmonton area churches brought greetings. The father of the candidate, Mr. Wilhelm Lemke, and the moderator of the church, Mr. Semler, also spoke fitting words of recognition and praise. The writer had the privilege of bringing the message based on Luke 10:2, "The Prayer for Laborers in God's Vinyard." He also led in the dedicatory prayer. The entire Sunday afternoon service in the new sanctuary of the Immanuel Baptist Church stood under the able leadership of Mr. Siegfried Hoppe, interim student pastor. It was a highlight experience and was followed by a fellowship hour, where a further informal program followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemke and their children left Edmonton on Nov. 24, 1966, by plane. They planned to spend a brief vacation in Germany and to arrive in West Cameroon on Dec. 8, 1966. May they experience many blessings in the service of the Lord in Cameroon.

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# Taking Stock



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# Prayer in the LIFE OF LEARNERS AND TEACHERS

Week of Prayer Theme,  
January 2-6, 1967

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Baptist Church, Michigan



**P** RAYER IS often badly misunderstood. Heretical ideas about prayer are common. Yet prayer is an essential element of spiritual living and Christian service. The church must understand and practice prayer in order to fulfill its mission in the world. Lack of prayerfulness is most likely related directly to some misunderstandings of its true nature and practice.

Prayer is not a means of twisting God's arm to obtain something which he would not otherwise give. Such techniques work on the human level.

A child harps on something he wants until wearied parents give in. Students obtain changes in grades because they are persistent in asking. It is heresy to think God is so wearied by man that he gives in to his desires. God is righteous and just and does not turn from his purposes under pressure from any source. It is degrading and wrong to think of prayer in this way.

Prayer is not a way to make God aware of our needs and release his power on our behalf. It is not a sacred recipe of repetitious words spoken in a prescribed sequence. It is the heathen who imagine that the more they say the more likely they are to be heard. A Christian believes that his Father knows his needs before he tells him. Prayer is not the way that God is urged into action by man. It is blasphemy to approach God as a tired old man who must be prodded to act. God never slumbers or sleeps. He is always actively carrying out his purposes.

Prayer is not a means of causing God to tinker with life in ways which will insure our comfort and security. Prayer is not a tool to sever the natural linkage between cause and effect relationships. It is comical and ludicrous to imagine the divine dilemma when the Sunday school prays for sun for their picnic while the farmer prays for rain for his crops. What will God do for the spendthrift who asks for wealth; the gossip requesting friends; the lawbreaker seeking amnesty? It degrades the biblical portrayal of God if we think of his acts as just a level above those of a Robin Hood, Batman or Dick Tracy. God is the great sovereign and Lord of all of life. He does not need to tinker or make adjustments.

What then is the meaning of prayer? What place does it play in the educational ministry of the church? When one rejects these false concepts what does it mean to believe in prayer? Prayer means to believe and rely upon the goodness and power of God. It means to trust his ability and willingness to work on our behalf in ways that are good and right. It means to bare before him weaknesses and faults, and to open ourselves to his working with expectant joy and unhesitant trust.

The teacher is prayerful when he honestly seeks God's truth and fully expects God to direct him. He is prayerful when he presents the best lesson of which he is capable, never doubting that God will use it. He is prayerful when he interacts with his learners concerning how the truth touches their lives, but refuses to pressure them into believing or responding to his way. He is prayerful when he steps back to give learners the freedom to respond to God and be changed by him.

The teacher is not really praying who requests God's blessing but is involved in foolish and ignorant speculations which breed quarrels. He does not pray, even though he assumes an acceptable prayer posture and mouths

proper formula, when he fails to be characterized by tolerance, gentleness and kindness in his instruction. He does not pray when he attempts forcible indoctrination, or presses for a decision which lacks the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Genuine, persevering prayer involves continuing to act as one who believes in prayer. It is a continuing trust in God despite personal inadequacies or contradictory circumstances.

The learner prays when he seeks truth honestly. He is prayerful when he transcends his past beliefs and prejudices and opens himself without reserve to God's Spirit. He is prayerful when he doubts and questions, not to be belligerent, but for clarification and insight. He is prayerful when he responds as best he knows how to the truth as he understands it.

The learner does not pray who asks to know God's truth but is unwilling to put forth the effort necessary to find it. He does not pray when he accepts unquestioningly what his teacher says without personally facing issues and coming to conclusions. He does not pray when he seeks knowledge to satisfy his curiosity rather than to submit himself more fully to the Lordship of Christ. Prayer is not just words spoken but attitudes of heart and directions of life.

If learning and teaching are for the glory and service of Jesus Christ the meaning and importance of prayer must not be misunderstood. Prayer has nothing to do with the idea that one can sway God by argument, tears or promises. It has everything to do with trusting unreservedly in God's benevolence and in acting confidently and humbly upon this belief.

What then is corporate prayer and what is the significance of a week of prayer? Uniting in prayer has always been considered a blessed privilege for God's children. Corporate prayer is an expression of mutual trust in God which results in greater boldness and power in fulfilling corporate service and work. United prayer humbles the self-sufficient and encourages the weak. Its power is not in its ability to divert God from his purposes. He does not hear the united voice more easily than the sigh of a single heart. The power of united prayer is its effects upon the lives of those who unite. A week of prayer when God's people consider together the needs of their church, community and world can be a week of transformation and great blessing. Prayerful pessimists become optimistic. Prayerful hesitators become bold. The uninvolved become concerned through prayer. The inactive are challenged. Prayerful learners and teachers open themselves to the nurture of the Holy Spirit who will transform their lives toward maturity.

Through prayer God changes people. Thank God that prayers do not change God and keep him active on man's behalf. A man cannot begin to pray until he knows that this is unnecessary, and comes to God in trust not unbelief.

**M**R. AND MRS. Berndt E. Lemke of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, have each considered missionary service since approximately 1959. They prepared themselves for such missionary service, each with a specific interest. Mrs. Lemke felt led to go into nurses' training before her marriage to Berndt, believing that this may be the area of her service. Mr. Lemke, though taking the theological course at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, showed a greater interest in technology and art and was especially interested in becoming a builder on the mission field.

For both of them plans changed or were changed by the immediate needs on the field. Marriage often changes the plans of a woman. On our mission field in Cameroon a married nurse can seldom put her training to as good a use as can a single, unmarried nurse. The present need for a full time builder also did not exist, and so Mr. Lemke had to change his main interest in building to that of teaching. Nevertheless, in his application for missionary service he stated: "We have come to recognize many areas of need within the Kingdom of God, where consecrated Christians are needed. We take it from our Lord that the demand of the hour we are to meet lies in West Cameroon. We are thine for service, Lord" We present herewith Mr. and Mrs. Berndt E. Lemke to our conference.

## VIVID EXPERIENCES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

Berndt E. Lemke was born on April 23, 1938, in West Prussia, Germany, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Lemke. He is third among five children, two sisters and two brothers. His father operated a retail outlet for all types of clothing. World War II put an abrupt end to this. Concerning this period Berndt writes: "Time will never erase some of the impressions left within my mind by this national disaster. We lost a home and a country but gained a most vivid experience of how God protects and keeps his own."

His father was conscripted into the German army. The family then settled in a small country place near Bremen, West Germany, where Berndt's boyhood days were spent. It was here where his father found his family again, after he was released from war-prison camp. Berndt received the first eight years of his elementary education in this village near Bremen.

Lilly Kupsch (now Lemke) was born on Sept. 11, 1938, in Russia to Mr. and Mrs. Leonhard Kupsch. She is the second of five children, two brothers and two sisters. During her early childhood her parents moved from the country to the city. They were fortunate to escape from Russia to Germany in 1944, near the end of the war. Her experiences concerning this period are also very vivid. She writes: "This chapter of my young life was lived in fear and vague impressions." But through

January 1, 1967

## Thine for Service, Lord

Introducing Mr. & Mrs.  
Berndt E. Lemke, newly  
appointed missionaries  
to West Cameroon

by Dr. Richard Schilke,  
General Missionary  
Secretary



Mr. and Mrs. Berndt E. Lemke

it all they experienced the leading of God; for she says: "The war years brought us closer to God and to one another as a family." In the province of Schleswig-Holstein in Germany, Lilly acquired the first seven years of her elementary education.

## VITAL EXPERIENCES FOR LIFE AND SERVICE

In the country place near Bremen where the Lemke family was again reunited following the end of the war, Wilhelm Lemke organized a Sunday school in a neighboring village, and Berndt began to receive religious instructions. At a boys camp at Bremen, he was first made aware of his sinful condition and his need of a Savior. He accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized at the age of ten on June 6, 1948, by Rev. Peludat and became a member of the Bremen church. This step brought purpose to his life. In 1952 the family came to Canada and settled in Edmonton, Alberta. Here they joined the Immanuel Baptist Church, a newly organized church composed mostly of immigrants. In this church his spiritual life was further nurtured, and his purpose found maturity.

In Schleswig-Holstein where the Kupsch family found refuge after its escape from Russia, Lilly attended church and Sunday school in a neighboring village. At a junior camp at the age of eleven, she realized that she needed a Savior, and that Jesus could wash her sins away. She accepted this Savior and followed him in baptism on Oct. 12, 1952. Rev. Vlodarik baptized her, and she joined the Baptist Church at Flensburg. In 1953 the family immigrated to Canada and first settled at Morris, Man., affiliating with our church there. Here she continued her education through grade ten. In 1958 the family moved to Edmonton and became affiliated with the Immanuel Baptist Church. Acquaintance with Berndt Lemke came here; where both had found the same church home.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR SPECIAL SERVICE

Berndt Lemke entered a four year apprenticeship in the trade of carpen-

try before he completed his high school. The vocational training of this he received at the Calgary Institute of Technology and Art. Through Boy's Brigade work in his church he learned of the tasks and needs of foreign missions, and a desire ripened in his heart to make his life count on the mission field. He then entered the high school department at our Christian Training Institute at Edmonton and completed his senior matriculation in 1959. He took one further year at the University of Alberta and enrolled in 1960 at the theological department of C.T.I. In 1963 he graduated with the B. Th. degree. In the following two years, he again attended the University of Alberta and received his B. A. degree in 1965.

Lilly Kupsch found employment in Edmonton shortly after her arrival there. After a period of searching for the will of God for her life, she came to realize that God wanted her to place her life in his service. She then enrolled at the high school department at the C.T.I. and completed her senior matriculation in 1959. In 1960 she entered the School of Nursing at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton and received her R. N. diploma in the spring of 1963.

Berndt E. Lemke and Lilly Kupsch were married on April 6, 1963. The Lord has since given them two sons: Marvin Graham, born on Sept. 11, 1964, and Milton Roy, born on Sept. 9, 1965.

During the summer months Berndt Lemke employed his knowledge and interest in the building programs, particularly in the building of churches in Edmonton and in Winnipeg. He had hoped to pursue additional training towards a diploma in technology. However, family responsibilities kept him from this in this past year. He had to seek employment to provide for the family. The preference of such employment was for him the building of churches.

## VARIED NEEDS IN MISSIONARY SERVICE

From time to time our Mission was in need of a full time builder in

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# God's Volunteers 1966-67

## GREETINGS FROM GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM I 1966 and 1967

By Mr. Larry Mitrovich

At the present time we are in the middle of our third campaign in Saskatoon, Sask., at the Hudson Bay Park Baptist Church where Rev. Edmond Hohn is the minister.

God's richest blessings have been upon us from the time that our training period first began in Edmonton, Alta. We arrived in Edmonton Aug. 5, and the teams were chosen the next day after auditions.

Our team is made up of Gail Neuman from Edmonton, Alta. Gail is 21. She sings soprano and serves as our team treasurer. Last year she worked in a government accounting office in Edmonton. Nita Neubert is from Lincoln, Neb. Nita is 20 and also sings soprano. Last year Nita was a nurse in Lincoln. Both of these girls have fathers who are ministers in North American Baptist Churches.

Next on our list is Wayne Herringer, age 20, from Anamoose, N. D. Last year Wayne graduated from a two year college with a degree in architecture. Wayne plays the trombone and sings tenor. He serves as car custodian and group leader. Nancy Norman is from Watertown Wis. Last year Nancy was a freshman at Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. D. She is 19, plays the violin, piano and organ and sings alto. With Nancy's great ability in music, we have elected her our music coordinator.

The last girl on our team is Helene Mayer from Richmond, B. C. Last year Helene was a student at Augustana College, Souix Falls, S. D. Helene is 19 and as secretary of our team is kept quite busy. She sings alto and plays the piano, organ, and trumpet. The youngest member of Team I is Larry Mitrovich who just recently turned 18. Last year Larry was a senior in high school in Hazel Park, Mich. Lar plays the accordion and tries to sing bass. He is also our reporter to the *Baptist Herald*.

We had wonderful campaigns in Medicine Hat and Hilda, Alta., before coming to Saskatoon. We are ever in prayer for the lost souls that the Lord is sending to us. We hope that our work will be a blessing to everyone with whom we come in contact. We need your prayers to succeed in God's great work. Will you enlist as a prayer partner and take a part in the ministry of God's Volunteers?

## GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM II

By Judy Michelson

**G**REETINGS FROM God's Volunteers Team II. This is our first and foremost report to the *Baptist Herald*. Rev. Salios is our wonderful, vivacious director.

All twelve of us arrived at C.T.I. Sept. 5 to receive five weeks of Bible training. The instructors were very

patient with us. We give them a great big "Thank You" along with everyone at C.T.I. for all they did for us.

During training, we tried to learn about personal evangelism, Bible study, child evangelism, the Gospel of John, different religions, voice, how to tell a children's story and give a personal testimony effectively. I must not forget to add that most fascinating subject, North American Baptist history.

One of the hardest things to do while in training was to divide the group into two teams and get them organized. Now that the twelve of us are separated into two teams and have gone our separate ways, we miss each others' fellowship.

This year as Team II we have labeled our little burgundy Dodge "Moose" and our little burgundy trailer "Junior."

Now I would like to introduce every member on the team. Our dear director, Rev. Connie Salios, is from Lombard, Ill. His vivacity keeps us alert mentally, physically and spiritually.

Our group leader is Howard Golz (22) from Yorkton, Sask. Last year Howard attended C.T.I. with already having two years of biological science at the University of Saskatchewan. He plans to continue his education in this area.

From Turtle Lake, N. D., comes Chuck Klein (20). On our team he serves as car custodian. Last year Charles attended Sioux Falls College majoring in psychology. He plans to start his junior year at Sioux Falls College after this year.

Norma Lemke (18) comes to us from Camrose, Alta. Last year Norma graduated from high school and plans to continue her education. Norma is our youngest.

Lynn Dudek (18) from Milwaukee Wis., is our very efficient treasurer. Last year she also completed high school and plans to continue her education.

Arlene Paschke (19) comes from Morris, Man. Before being on the team she was a stenographer. Arlene is planning to resume this type of work when she has completed God's Volunteers. On our team she is music arranger and co-ordinator.

Then there's I—Judy Michelson (20) from LaSalle, Colo. Last year I attended Colorado State College, majoring in nursing. I plan to continue my studies in nursing after this year. I am the statistician and reporter to the *BAPTIST HERALD*.

We have just completed our first campaigns in the Central Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alta., and the First Baptist Church in Sidney, Mont. It is hard to determine the results of our campaigns, but we trust that we have sown a seed and ask everyone to keep praying for the past and present campaigns. We all feel highly privileged that we can serve our Lord and Master in this way as a team of God's Volunteers.

# Esterhazy Baptist Church, Saskatchewan

The Church Extension Builders' Project for January, 1967

by Rev. Peter Schroeder, Pastor

**P**POTASH has been of tremendous importance to man down through the years; although we have not realized its true value for agricultural purposes until more recent years. Potash (nitre) is mentioned twice in the Bible (Prov. 25:20; Jer. 2:22) and also in Hebraic documents dating back to 1600 B. C. In those times it was used as a cleansing agent and for medicinal purposes because of its antiseptic qualities. It was produced by burning wood or even bulrushes and then boiling the ashes. The North American Indians used ashes and fish to promote plant growth. The fish, no doubt, supplied the phosphorous and the ashes, the potassium, to the needy soil. Both are vital for successful food production.

Potash (K—potassium) is being used today the world over as a fertilizer. It acts as a stimulant which promotes plant growth and development and results in higher quality products as well as increased production. The word GROW appears in large letters on the buildings of the International Minerals and Chemicals Corporation here in Esterhazy, and thus in one word the story of potash, and Esterhazy is graphically told. The IMC installations here at Esterhazy are the largest single development anywhere in the world. The potash from this plant is shipped to all parts of the world—approximately 75 million tons is exported to Japan alone annually.

## ESTERHAZY—A BOOMING TOWN

The town of Esterhazy continues to boom. The population is now well over the 4000 mark and increasing. Two new schools were opened on January 1, 1966, to take the overflow from the large central school. Two additions to the present school units are presently under construction; in the meantime every available space suitable for classroom use has been pressed into service. New businesses and supporting industries are mushrooming, and local contractors are hard pressed to keep up with the demand for housing. All this in a community that was a lackadaisical little town of about 370 people a few short years ago.

## ESTERHAZY BAPTIST CHURCH

The word GROW is also the story of the Esterhazy Baptist Church though perhaps not as spectacular as that of the town and the mine. One reason is that the church is still in its earlier stage of development, but we have great hopes for the future. Let me bring you up-to-date on our growth thus far.

Land was purchased for a building site last year—about an acre—in the heart of a new development on the west side of town. In July of this year the initial stake out of the ground was made by Mr. Berndt Lemke, who also drew up the plans according to the expressed needs of the church. The plans were approved by the local building

large foyer, and an auditorium which will seat 200 worshippers comfortably. The foyer is so designed that it will be adequate also; when our second unit will be built which will house the sanctuary proper. The second unit is envisioned some years in the future. The photos appearing with this article will give you some idea of the stage of con-



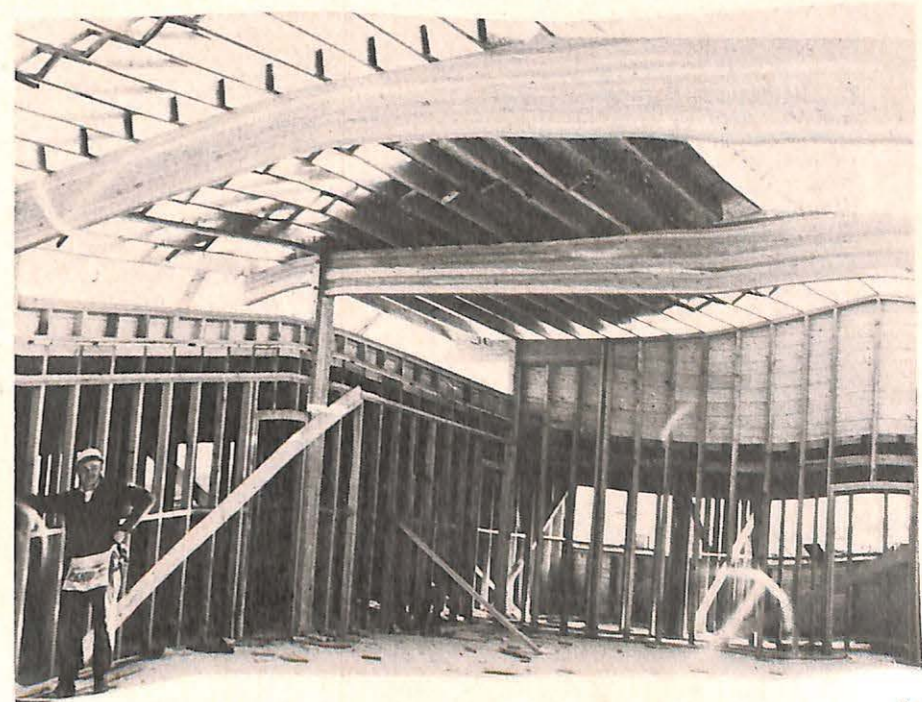
authorities, and so on July 31 we met on the building site for a ground breaking ceremony. This first unit which is designed primarily to meet our Sunday school needs, is being built on grade with only a small basement room to house the furnaces. All duct work and plumbing has been installed under the cement slab floor.

The building will provide space for ten Sunday school classes, a study, a storage room, a kitchen, washrooms, a

struction as of Oct. 24, 1966. By the time you read this, we hope to have the building entirely enclosed, and the heat turned on. We hope to have the building ready for use early in the new year.

Mr. Berndt Lemke has been our chief architect and construction foreman. However he had to leave in order to fill his commitment as missionary teacher on our Cameroon mission field.

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# General Conference Housing and Registration

by Detroit Housing and Registration Committee, Mr. David Battishill, Chairman

JUST A FEW words about housing accommodations. The local Housing Committee has visited all the hotels in regard to class, type of accommodation and conveniences. We believe the Statler-Hilton, Sheraton Cadillac and the Fort Ponchatrain are the finest hotels in the city. A word about the Statler-Hilton is in order, because it has been designated as our Headquarters Hotel.

Comfort, beauty and convenience are artfully blended at Detroit's Statler-Hilton to provide you with the perfect atmosphere for relaxation, business or entertainment. Fine food and excellent service may be found in each of the Statler-Hilton's five distinctive restaurants. The Cafe Rouge, situated on the lobby floor, offers good food moderately priced, and the Cafeteria, just below the lobby floor will be of particular interest to the budget-minded and guests traveling with children.

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room just 23 steps above the lobby accommodates 1400 people for meetings and can seat 1000 for banquets. In addition, a wide range of smaller function rooms are available. All rooms are completely air-conditioned and convenient to kitchen facilities.

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Because of the special room rates offered by the Statler-Hilton Hotel to our people, we highly recommend these accommodations. Friendly, courteous Hilton people are anxious to make your visit to Detroit a memorable one.

The Tuller and Wolverine Hotels and the YMCA and the YWCA provide accommodations which would be considered average.

There is only one motor lodge with

swimming accommodations available in the downtown area. Request for lodging must be in by the end of February for the Travelodge Motel.

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

A word on *Registration Procedure*: Please read and follow the directions for registration as listed below:

1. Read the list of lodging facilities which will be made available to you through the local church and determine what accommodations you will need, what price range, and in which hotel, motor lodge or dormitory you would like to be. Please express two or three choices, marking them first, second and third.

2. Carefully furnish the requested information on the Registration and Reservation Form (page 6), clip this page of the leaflet at the dotted line and send it with your total registration fee to:

Mr. David Battishill, Chairman—18954 Dresden Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48205.

3. Enclose a check or money order made payable to **NORTH AMERICAN BAPTISTS, INC.** for your Registration Fee only in the following amounts: \$3.00 single; \$5.00 couple; \$1.50 for each child 12 years of age and over when accompanied by parents. Also, if you wish to purchase tickets in advance for the separate functions listed, please include this amount with your Registration Fee. The registration fee money can be in United States or Canadian funds. **Special Note:** Canadian residents please forward equivalent of U. S. currency for any separate functions you may wish to attend.

4. Upon receipt of your registration and reservation requests and your

registration fee, the Registration and Housing Committee will proceed the following way: Send you a form letter with an acknowledgment of your request and receipt of your registration fee; your reservation form will be forwarded to the hotel of your choice, and they in turn will send you a confirmation of reservation.

5. Those wishing trailer and tent accommodations, please follow steps one, two and three stating **TRAILER OR TENT** in hotel space on reservation form. We will forward a small map for your convenience with your "acknowledgment of registration."

May we encourage advance registrations so that your visit to Detroit may begin pleasantly. Your co-operation and advance preparation will eliminate the necessity of standing in long lines with those who fail to plan ahead. Please remember, **deadline for reservation of lodging facilities is June 24, 1967.** After this date you must make your own accommodation.

Your Detroit Housing and Registration Committee.

## LODGING FACILITIES

To assure desired accommodations send in your reservations early. **Deadline for reservations is June 24, 1967.**

HOTELS	Single	Double	Twin	Air Conditioning	Swimming Pool	Free Parking	Distance to Central Methodist Church
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TULLER	5.50 (extra cots \$4.00)	9.00	9.00	Some rooms	No	No	1½ blocks
WOLVERINE	7.00-9.00 (extra cots \$4.00)	9.00-13.50	15.00-20.00	No	No	No	1 block
PONCHATRAIN	14.50-16.50	17.50-20.00	18.50-23.00	Yes (Children 12 and under—same room with parents, free) (Putting green for golfers—restaurants)	Yes	Yes	8 blocks and 1 block to Cobo Hall and Ford Auditorium
SHERATON CADILLAC	7:00	11.00	12.00	Yes	No	Yes (50c service fee each time car is used)	5 blocks
YMCA (men only)	4.75	7.50	None	No	Yes	No	1 block
(ministers)	4.50	7.00	None	No	Yes	No	1 block
YWCA	3.00-5.00		5.50-6.00	No	Yes	No	3 blocks

## DORMITORY FACILITIES—With public bath

	Rates per person
STATLER-HILTON	4.50 — approximately 6 to a room.
TULLER	4.00 — 4-6 per room
WOLVERINE	4.00 — 6 per room

## MOTOR LODGE

	10.40	12.48	14.56	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 Miles
TRAVELODGE							

One night's lodging deposit required. Deadline for reservations for Travelodge is February 28, 1967.

NOTE: 4% Michigan sales tax on all rooms.

## TRAILER FACILITIES

WAYNE COUNTY 4-H Fairgrounds, near Belleville, Michigan—500 sites available. \$1.25 per night—electricity included. 30 minutes from downtown Detroit via expressway. Swimming available in Belleville, Michigan.

Please note: There are no facilities in Metropolitan Detroit for camping trailers.

## DENOMINATION IN ACTION

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MR. AND MRS. McCOY GLENN CELEBRATE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Sept. 18, 1966, Mr. and Mrs. McCoy Glenn of Greeley, Colo., celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at the Sherwood Park Baptist Church, Greeley, with an Open House. This happy occasion was arranged in honor of the couple by their children and the Sherwood Park Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn are active members of the church, serving their Lord wherever they can. McCoy Glenn is a member of the Board of Trustees.

The program included a meditation

by Pastor Raymond Harsch; a family history by Archie Glenn; a duet by Rev. and Mrs. R. Harsch; a song by the grandchildren, Sherry and Colton Glenn; and greetings expressed by the church moderator, Mr. Merle Schramm. Many friends attended this happy occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn were married Sept. 20, 1916, at Dadeville, Mo. Later they moved to Greeley. The Glens are the parents of a son, Archie Glenn of Fort Collins, and two daughters: Mrs. Wildon McCandless of Englewood, Colo., and Mrs. Hazel Croissant of Sterling, Colo. They have nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. (Raymond Harsch, Reporter.)

**LINTON, N. D.** Rev. Ervin J. Faul of Hebron accepted the call to become the pastor at Linton. He began his ministry on Sept. 11. For the welcoming service in the evening the Herreid, S. D., church folk were guests and their pastor, Rev. Iver Walker, was the guest speaker. Rev. Faul, Mrs. Faul, son Terry, and daughters, Grace and Beverly, were officially welcomed by representatives of each organization of the church. The eldest daughter, Sylvia, could not be there, since she had gone to Minneapolis for a year of floor work at Northside Memorial Hospital as part of her nurses' course with Jamestown College.

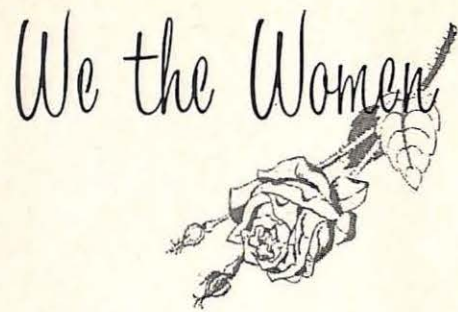
In response Mrs. Faul made a few remarks and sang a solo. Rev. Faul responded, also. After the service all gathered in the lower auditorium of the church for a more personal welcoming and refreshments. We do pray God's blessings upon us as a church and upon the Fails as they pastor here. May his work ever come first. (Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer, Reporter.)

**NORTHERN NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION.** The sessions of the Northern North Dakota Association, Oct. 14-15, were splendidly hosted by the members of the Martin Baptist Church, N. D., and their pastor, Rev. Reuben Grueneich. Our theme, "The Word at Work, was challengingly developed through the ministry of Dr. Frank Veninga, President of our North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D., Missionary Ida Forsch and in messages by pastors Jacob Ehman, Howard Westlund and Willis Potratz. Mrs. Frank Veninga shared with her husband in presenting the 1966-67 General Conference program, "Our Mission in Christian Education."

In the business sessions, under the lively leadership of our moderator, Elmp Tahran, Chaplain A. W. Bibelheimer reported on the Baptist Home, Bismarck; Caretaker Phillip Dockter on Crystal Springs Baptist Youth

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

### MY NEW YEAR'S PURPOSE

"To be a little kindlier  
With the passing of each day;  
To leave but happy memories  
As I go along my way;  
To use possessions that are mine  
In service full and free;  
To sacrifice the trivial things  
For larger good to be;  
To give of love in lavish way,  
That friendships true may live;  
To be less quick to criticize,  
More ready to forgive;  
To use such talent as I have  
That happiness may grow;  
To take the bitter with the sweet,  
Assured 'tis better so;  
To be quite free from self-intent  
Whate'er the task I do,  
To help the world's faith stronger grow  
In all that's good and true;  
To keep my faith in God and right  
No matter how things run;  
To work and play and pray and trust  
Until the journey's done;  
God grant to me the strength of heart,  
Of motive and of will,  
To do my part, and falter not,  
This purpose to fulfill."

There is a story told of a young boy who listened to his pastor preach on the duty and privilege of the Christian. Nudging his mother, he asked, "What is a Christian?" Mother, being an informed believer, replied, "A Christian is a person who loves Christ, believes in him and follows him." The boy blinked a moment and then asked innocently, "Do we know any?"

How do you recognize a Christian? Many of you have experienced being in a foreign land or may have been here in America among a group of people who neither spoke nor understood your language. You made yourself understood through signs, motions, and facial expressions. You communicated not by what you said but by what you did.

What would happen to Christians and their witness for Christ if everyone spoke a different language, if we were no longer able to tell others about our faith? Would our Christian testimony then put greater stress upon deeds?

To what extent are we 'talking Christians' only? To what extent are our W.M.U., our church, and all churches 'talking churches' only? It is what a Christian does, not what he says, that really witnesses his faith. We need to know the Word of God; we need to sing of our faith; we need

# The Minister's Workshop

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

by Prof. Hugo Lueck of the North American Baptist Seminary Faculty,  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

### WHAT IS THE SABBATICAL YEAR AT OUR SEMINARY?

The origin of the Sabbatical Year we find in the Old Testament. In the Laws of Moses it was enjoined to let the fields rest every seventh year; the slaves were freed and debts were cancelled to signify that the generous act is "the Lord's release."

Such humane laws are surprising, when we consider that in those primitive times despotism was usually the order of the day and human rights were disregarded. In modern days the need for a sabbatical year has again arisen, but for different reasons. We live in days when knowledge increases so rapidly, that even the best trained men can quickly become antiquated.

Instructors in theological seminaries may also discover their fine teaching methods or their good knowledge out-of-date. They are usually so engrossed with their work and their responsibilities that there is little time left to keep up with all the newest learning coming out almost daily. To be efficient in these hectic days, even men with the best of training must refresh their knowledge by taking time out for some new studies.

The administration of our Seminary and of our Denomination was wise and gracious enough to grant the sabbatical year also to our faculty, as more and more theological institutions are doing to-day. Every professor obtains the seventh year, or close to that period, to be used for further studies at some university, or to do research work, or to teach as a visiting professor in some other institution, at home or abroad. Such sabbatical year consists of one semester and a summer vacation or may be extended to a full year at half salary. My first sabbatical was in 1959. I went to Europe taking some lectures in church history, as well as attending lectures in theology by the famous Professor Helmut

to speak of our faith, but we must also LIVE this Christian faith among ALL people, if we would witness for Christ!

"... he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen" (I John 4:20). Every Christian faces the challenge of matching his words with his deeds.

"Mummy, what is a Christian?"  
"Son, a Christian is a person who loves, believes, and follows Jesus Christ."

"Mummy, do we know any?"

Thielicke at the Hamburg University. I also went to Rawdon, England, my "alma mater," lived with the students in the Seminary and lectured for four weeks on the Reformation. Altogether I visited five Baptist Seminaries; besides Hamburg and Rawdon I paid short visits to the Baptist Seminaries in Bristol and Oxford and also in Rüschiikon in Switzerland.

All my theological education I received in Europe 30 years ago, except for one year at the University of Chicago. By visiting different theological schools and consulting professors during sabbatical, I acquainted myself with the present European philosophy of education and methods of teaching.

After another seven years of teaching at our Seminary, my sabbatical year is due again. While I was busy thinking how to make the best use of my second sabbatical year, the Lord opened a door for me, of which nobody was thinking.

The Pioneer Baptist Conference of Brazil (the former German Baptists of Brazil) a group of some 3200 members, are going to open their own seminary and have asked me to help them in their undertaking. I could not accept this as a permanent occupation, as it is too late for me to start a new life and learn another foreign language. Neither would I give up my present work, which I love very much.

However, I can use my sabbatical year in helping them to get started with the school. Besides giving advise my main task will be teaching, since at first all teaching will be done in German.

This will also serve as a good point of contact between our denomination and the Pioneer Baptists of Brazil, as we are starting our own mission work there. The German Baptists in Brazil are now beginning to use the Portuguese language besides the German in their churches. Their work is beginning to expand beyond the German population to the Portuguese. They also started a mission among the native pagans of Brazil.

As often in the history of the church, and also with our own denomination, the work began under humble circumstances, grew and expanded under God's blessing and help, so it may be with the beginning of a small seminary of the Pioneer Baptists. Through my sabbatical year, granted by our denomination, we are having a small share in the first steps of the theological training program the Pioneer Baptists are undertaking.

# Success in Preschool Churchtime

by Lorraine Eitel

"SHORT" IS A word to keep in mind when planning activities for preschool children during church-time. Whether you work with two's and three's or with four's and five's, a variety of short activities, some active, some quiet, can fill your whole hour with worthwhile learning experiences.

It's good to have a structured program with a schedule of activities that the children grow to expect. This gives them a comfortable, secure feeling. Yet, it is also wise to be able to rearrange your schedule, when a certain activity doesn't seem to be working at the time. For example, initiated youngsters expect rest time to follow snack time. They are ready for it when it comes (even if they protest), and if you tried to skip it you'd notice the difference in about ten minutes. On the other hand, your handwork time can be switched to earlier or later in the hour if your intuition tells you it would help the children's mood or if it would better implement the lesson aim then.

### CHOOSING TIME

Young children need scattered periods of free time during the hour. This does not mean that choosing time activities are wasted time. In the long run it may be well that the attitudes taught during free-choice periods will have as much value as the formal teaching you do. This is a time to learn informally about God's world, getting along with others, understanding ourselves. And most important, it is a time to learn that the church is a happy place where people care about us because they love God.

Ideally, it is good to have interest centers, each staffed with an adult who can talk with the child as he plays with the blocks or "reads" the books or cares for the baby. However, with a limited staff I have found it useful to emphasize a special activity during each free time, not forcing any child to participate, but interesting him in the particular activity. For example, I have inserted a book time right after resting time so that children can enjoy a quiet, yet independent free time. Some of my most rewarding teaching experiences with very young children have come as we talked about the pictures in books—who made the apples, who takes care of the firemen. Playdoh provides another quiet free-time activity that children enjoy. Yet there must also be some more active times when children walk around or play a game to give them big-muscle exercise.

### SNACK AND REST TIME

Even when nibbling on a cookie or acquiring a kool-ade mustache, the young child is learning something about church. If he has thanked God for his cookie he has begun to learn the

habit of thankfulness. As he talks quietly with his teacher, he learns that she cares about him. He finds a place to talk about things that are important to him. At times the teacher may even find this a good time for Bible story remembering in an informal way.

Rest time is a matter of routine. Perhaps no other place in the schedule will your absence the previous Sunday be noticed as when you lead the children to relax. If you have a regular staff, discuss with them the gimmick or conversation you use so that there will be continuity from Sunday to Sunday. Play restful records as the children lie down or put their heads on the tables, or sing to them softly. After rest time it's good to have a good, tall stretch to undo cramped muscles.

### HANDWORK

Children like to make things, and they like to do it themselves. Establish rules for use of materials, but let the children have a degree of freedom of expression. I have found a package of colorful gummed paper (made by Denison) valuable as a substitute or emergency activity material. Two's and three's enjoy licking and pasting shapes that are pre-cut. Four's and five's can cut and arrange scraps to make a design. The key to learning with handwork is that it have a direct relationship with the teaching aim of the day. One little boy was verbal in his disappointment that we didn't make animals that day I used a lot of animal pictures talking about God making the world. When I explained that God made the stars and moon too, he was happy to do his work. He had grown to expect a close correlation between story and handwork, yet I to recognize my responsibility to show him that correlation. Handwork is a valuable reinforcement to more formal training. It has a very important place in your Sunday morning schedule.

### WORSHIP AND TELL-ME TIME

You cannot "schedule" a worship experience for anybody, let alone very young children. Worship may come at various times during the hour. Yet you can schedule a time when the child learns some of the procedures used during formal worship. This involves singing, listening to a story, and praying.

Most preschool singing is done without a piano. Many of us prefer it this way, some have no choice. Using a record to sing along with has better success with older preschoolers than with the very young. With two's and three's it is just as valuable to clap the rhythm as you sing. Many teachers find the churchtime a valuable time for teaching and explaining new songs.



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You have heard it said that young children have one minute of attention span for each year of age. You have undoubtedly seen the rule of thumb broken—I have had four's and five's sit interested for a good ten minutes, while two's start to wander off long before their two minutes are up—yet, it is a good rule to follow as you prepare your story time. On days when the children are exceptionally responsive you can embellish the story to make it more interesting and worthwhile. But there are days when you'd better have planned your story so you come to the point right away.

If you work with two's and three's and have an adult to help you, ask him to take the two's to another room, if you can, and aim your story for the three's, who are much more responsive to story-telling. If two's must be included, you will be forced to keep your story extremely short. A child-life story will be more meaningful when the children are shown its relationship to the Bible story they learned in Sunday school. Even if your Bible Story Remembering Time has been earlier in the hour, bring the story point up again in a sentence as you tell the child-life story.

Phrase-praying is effective with preschoolers. As the teacher prays a short phrase of a prayer and the children repeat it after her, the children are involved in prayer as participants not spectators. Ask very young children to simply repeat a sentence that you pray.

### ENJOY YOURSELF

It is possible to become so involved in your schedule and program that you lose sight of what you are doing. The children, not the program, are the important part of the churchtime hour. Remember to smile. Enjoy being with the children. Let their personalities interact with yours. Teach them that churchtime leaders are not anxious, self-pitying people, but rather joyful, peaceful, God-led Christians. After all, isn't that what it's all about? (Reprinted by permission from *The Standard*, August 15, 1966.)

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# sunday school lessons

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## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 8, 1967

Theme: JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

Scripture: Luke 4:16-19; 5:18-26

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT.** When Jesus began his ministry, it was the beginning of new life for the world.

**INTRODUCTION.** When once Jesus resisted the first onslaught of temptation, he lost no time in preaching the Gospel. He made his decision and then immediately proclaimed his Messiahship in word and deed. Simply because Christ did not turn stones into bread did not mean that he would refrain from using his power to help the poor and the sick. Many miracles were performed in his short ministry, but not once did he perform a miracle or act sensational for selfish reasons. He used his powers for the purpose for which God had given them to him—to seek and save the lost, to heal the broken-hearted and relieve the sick and the suffering. As the theme indicates, his was a healing ministry, including the heart, mind and body of man.

Probably the greatest tragedy and sin are ascribed to the Pharisees, hypocrites and Jewish priests and elders who consistently tried to prevent Jesus from doing good. While the common people heard him gladly, the Pharisees and Sadducees never gave him a sympathetic hearing. Suspicion grew into open hostility, until finally it ended in Christ's crucifixion.

Most of us have blind spots, many of which are difficult to remove, but the Jewish leaders were unwilling to have theirs removed, and they remained "blind leaders of the blind" to the very end. Jesus came as the light of the world, but he cannot help those who deliberately choose to dwell in darkness.

**I. JESUS' MINISTRY BEGUN IN WORD.** Luke 4:16-19.

Those who make all kinds of excuses for not going to church will find a classic example in the habits of Jesus on the sabbath. He could have repeated all the excuses which we still hear today; yet he went to the synagogue as his custom was even though he was in danger of his life.

In this instance Jesus read a portion of Scripture which was seldom read and even less understood. In fact, what Jesus did was to announce his program to the people through the Scriptures. It fitted well the role which Christ was to play as the Redeemer of the world. It is important to note that he chose, first of all, the words which he felt in his heart and soul: "The Spirit

of the Lord is upon me." This must be the conviction of every messenger of God, if his message is to mean anything. There is no substitute for the anointing of the Holy Spirit, no matter how many holy hands are laid upon the person's head.

**II. JESUS' MINISTRY BEGUN IN DEED.** Luke 5:18-26.

The poor in general, as well as the poor widows, were often taken advantage of by the Pharisees and hypocrites as was mentioned later. Because of their ignorance of the Scriptures, they were kept in fear, and because of their ignorance of civil law, they were kept in poverty. Jesus came to bring the truth of the Gospel to these dispossessed.

To wipe away tears and put faith in the place of sorrow is an important part of the ministry. This was demonstrated again and again throughout his short time upon this earth. Comfort for God's people and for those who suffer can be given only in its true sense through the comforting words of Jesus when he said later, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe God, believe also in me." A doctor can mend a broken leg, but only Christ can heal a broken heart. Spiritual pain is always felt more intensely and more deeply than physical pain. Jesus meant to bring bondage from sin and to heal bruised spirits and heal spiritual blindness. But his help and healing in physical illness was also known throughout the land.

### Questions for Discussion

1. Does Jesus give too much emphasis to the social gospel?
2. Can we be helped by the faith of others?
3. How do you fit into the social and spiritual emphasis of Jesus?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 15, 1967

Theme: THE MARKS OF A CHRISTIAN

Scripture: Luke 6:20-36

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT.** The marks of a Christian are evident in what he says, in what he does, in what he thinks and in what he believes.

**INTRODUCTION.** In Matthew, beginning with chapter five and ending with chapter seven, we have what is referred to as the Sermon on the Mount, and although there was a multitude of people around him, he turned and addressed himself to his disciples.

When we come to Luke, we have a different kind of reporting, and we are not sure whether Luke is even re-

ferring to the same event. In chapter six Luke also reported Jesus' trek up into a mountain, but it was for the purpose of choosing his twelve disciples. This he did when he returned the next day to the foot of the mountain. It was also during this time that he healed many that were sick and vexed with unclean spirits. Nevertheless, in spite of the many who wanted to touch him, he turned his eyes upon the disciples and began to teach them. The discourse in this instance is referred to as the Sermon on the Plain; even though some of the same beatitudes are used in slightly different terminology. The sermon is in a form of a confidential discourse and is only three quarters of a chapter long. On the whole it is a disturbing and explosive sermon that would not be appreciated nor understood by the majority of people. Their sense of values were so confused that it would have meant little to them. Even the disciples did not fully understand Jesus at this time.

**I. THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN.** Luke 6:20-23.

Jesus did not mean to say that poverty was a virtue and that riches was a vice. There are many sinners among the poor, and there are saints among the rich. Yet, in spite of a dearth of material possessions, the kingdom of God is available, to the poor, who according to Jewish tradition did not deserve it: for their meager possessions were evidence of the absence of God's blessing.

In Jesus' words we must be careful to find the balance between physical and spiritual hunger and thirst. Hunger and thirst go beyond the physical necessities; for he himself said that "man does not live by bread alone." We need something to live for, just as we need something to die with and something to die for.

**II. THE PRACTICAL LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN.** Luke 6:27-36.

Jesus becomes very positive here. He does not say we ought to do this or try to do it. This is a divine command which is often unheeded. But what would happen, if we practiced this kind of love? Would not the world take advantage of us? Remember, however, that Jesus lived this kind of life, and he did not let anyone simply "run over him" or take advantage of him. We are to live a different kind of life, a positive, active life of goodness.

Of course most of us do not get what we deserve. We enjoy many unearned blessings. If God therefore blesses us whether we deserve it or

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# OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

## EVANGELISTIC SERVICES & BAPTISMS

**GOODRICH, N. D.** One high point in our church was the Billy Graham film evangelism from Sept. 25-30. The following films were shown: Souls In Conflict, Touch Of Brass, Shadow Of The Boomerang, Lucia, Man In The Fifth Dimension, and Copenhagen. Eight young people made decisions for Christ during this time. (Mrs. Albert Schmidt, reporter.)

**CATHAY, N. D., GERMANTOWN.** Eight young people from our church were saved during Bible camp and Bible school and followed the Lord in baptism and were received into the fellowship of the Germantown Baptist Church in August. Our pastor, Rev. E. S. Fenske, conducted the service. (Mrs. Elmer Faul, Reporter.)



Recently baptized at the Germantown Baptist Church, N. D., were Ted Barajas, Becky Burkette, Bonnie Seidel, Laurie Buechler, Laurel Seibold, Patrice Birstahler, Wallace Buechler and Karen Pepple by Pastor E. S. Fenske.

**STARTUP, WASH.** Summer in Startup certainly is a busy time. Pastor and Mrs. Kendrick Gould arrived in time to share it with us. V.B.S. was in full swing June 7 through 11. Our District's Summer Camp soon followed. We were happy that four of our youth were able to attend Junior camp and reap the rich blessings that followed.

Preparations began late in April for a bigger and better Sunday school and church picnic to be held on July 31. Newspaper and handbills carried the news throughout the valley inviting all to make it family day at S.S., church and picnic. Camp-site devotions were held by Pastor Gould in the evening.

On Sunday, August 28, our Church traveled to our new church extension neighbor, Cypress Baptist, some twenty miles from Startup, for a baptismal service. To many of us who were visiting our host's church for the first time, the degree of beauty and worshipful atmosphere of the new facility came as a surprise. Their congregation provided us with spontaneous friendship. Song, testimonies, and refreshments were shared generously. Pastors R. Grabke and K. Gould conducted the joint service that was both informa-



New members received into the Startup Baptist Church, Startup, Wash., by Pastor K. Gould.

tive and inspirational; seven young people, after preparing themselves by attending pastoral study sessions and giving account of their faith and its application in daily life, followed the example of Jesus in baptism. Six additional candidates requested membership in our fellowship. On Sept. 4 all thirteen were welcomed as members.

Pastor and Mrs. Gould are performing an excellent ministry in our valley, and we are looking forward to growth in grace and numbers. (Ron McCullough, Reporter.)

**FESSENDEN, N. D.,** October 2 was truly a day of rejoicing for us. In the morning promotion was had in the Sunday school and various awards were presented to the students for their faithful work in Scripture memorization. Two grand awards were given for completion of nine years of work. Leonard Martin, our superintendent, presented these awards to Loretta Siebold and Phyllis Fuhrman.

In the evening we had a Baptismal and Communion Service. Ten candidates gave public confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by entering the baptismal water. The hand of fellowship was extended to the ten who were baptized and also to five more who were taken into our fellowship upon confession of their faith. (Raymond Hoffman, Pastor.)



Baptismal candidates and new church members at the First Baptist Church, Fessenden, N. D., are (from l. to r. front row) Bruce Siebold, Eita Fuhrman, Linda Rappuhn, Karen Fuhrman, Beverly Branson; (second row) Rick Olschlager, Mrs. Dewey Lacy, Mrs. Robert Branson, Mrs. Paul Johnson and Richard Fehr; (third row) Larry Severson, Allan Hart, Robert Branson, Robert Fehr, Larry Rappuhn, with the Pastor Ray Hoffman.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

**VANCOUVER, B. C., EBENEZER.** "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee" could well have been the motto of the Sunday school session Sept. 11, 1966, as 131 children and teenagers received their awards for achievement in the Scripture Memory Course. Of this number, 97 also memorized the extra honor verses in recognition of which the Sunday school presented them with a gift. May the precious Scriptures they have memorized bear eternal fruit in their lives. We thank the Scripture Memory Sponsor, Mrs. Frieda Zilke, for her excellent leadership in this course. (Mrs. Helmut Konner, Reporter.)



Special honor was extended to Philip Daum, Shirley Epp, Darlene Harmel, Jonathan Konner and Ellen Zinn who completed the full nine years of the Scripture Memory Course at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C.

**ANAHEIM, CALIF., SUNKIST.** Due to limited meeting facilities at Sunkist Baptist Church the Five-Day clubs held in members' homes or garages this past summer proved a profitable, interesting substitute for the usual VBS.

Supervised by Cliff Holland, then Director of Christian Education, and a loyal staff of capable teachers, many children in the neighborhood were reached with the Gospel. New families have begun to attend church and Sunday school. Also favorable contacts have been made for visitation by church officers, teachers and home department callers. (R. Mellan, Reporter.)

**LODI, CALIF., FIRST** Tables beautifully decorated with clusters of grapes and saf-flower pods arranged in golden stemmed compotes centered with a candle, enhanced the atmosphere of fellowship which prevailed at the Fourth Annual Church Workers' Banquet held in the First Baptist

Church social hall on Sept. 27. Well over 100 were in attendance.

Duane Linstrom, Master of Ceremonies, gave words of welcome, after which chairman, Milton Fischer, led those in attendance in group singing.

The theme verse was taken from I Cor. 15:58. Rev. Alvin Harsch, pastor of the Swain Oaks Baptist Church of Stockton, gave a heart searching and challenging message on the subject, "Workers Who Excel."

Special music was provided by a ladies trio comprised of Geri Palmer, Grace Rauser, and Beverly Ranger and accompanied by Carol Ranger from Elk Grove. ElRoy Pankow, Dale and Glen Baumbach rendered two delightful trumpet trio numbers accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Buhler.

At the close of the program, Harvey Mehlhaff, Director of Christian Education, led in a charge of dedication to which the workers responded in unison. The Ladies' Missionary Society contributed much in preparing and serving a most delicious ham dinner. (Rev. A. Buhler, Pastor.)



Dale Leischer (pictured with his parents) recently completed nine years of Scripture Memory work at the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis.

**WATERTOWN, WIS.** On Sept. 8, after a Sunday school fellowship dinner, Mrs. Art Krueger, Scripture Memory leader of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., presented Scripture Memory awards to Randy Stibb, Gene Rusk, Connie Gay, Clarence Gay, Jon Bratz and Dale Leischer. Dale completed nine years of Scripture Memory Work and received the picture of Sallman's "Head of Christ" from our headquarters, as his award. (Mrs. J. Abel, Reporter.)

**CORN, OKLA.** The Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Okla., held their annual Children's Day picnic at Red Rock State Park, Hinton, Oklahoma, June 5. Prior to the basket lunch, the children presented a short program. After the meal, swimming and various types of recreation were enjoyed. (Judy Leppke, Reporter.)

**CORN, OKLA.** The Scripture memory Program, Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Okla., was held on June 19. The two grand award winners were Susan Thiessen and Vickie Kroeker. There were 20 who received Scripture Memory pins. Everyone enjoyed lunch after the program. (Judy Leppke, Reporter.)



Loretta Siebold and Phyllis Fuhrman (l. to r.) received Scripture Memory grand awards from Supt. Leonard Martin at First Baptist, Fessenden, N. D.

**CORN, OKLA.** Sept. 25 through Oct. 2 the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn observed their Sunday school Week. The activities of the week included a Sunday school picnic at Cordell Park Sept. 25, with the promotion of students to new classes and the receiving of promotion certificates. On Sept. 29, visitation night, several Sunday school classes visited their absentees and prospective members. On Oct. 2 the Sunday School Talent Night was observed with every class participating with at least one number. In the months ahead our Sunday school will be busy participating in Mission Projects, Christmas programs, Youth Week, study courses, and contests. (Judy Leppke, Reporter.)

## CBY {youth} fellowship

**ELK GROVE, CALIF., FIRST.** The Commissioned Baptist Youth of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., had their annual Fall Kick-off on Sept. 10, which took place out-of-doors. Boating, swimming and water skiing was on the program, after which each furnished their own steak, plus other food for the dinner. For the close of the day the guest speaker was Richard Viet, a student at Fresno State, who spoke to the group of about 35 young people. He is a member of the church and C.B.Y.F. (Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter.)

**CORN, OKLA.** The Calvary Baptist C.B.Y.F. of Corn, has been keeping busy with various activities during the summer months. July 20 to 23 all of our young people attended the Oklahoma Association Church camp at Roman Nose State Park near Watonga, Okla. Aug. 4 three of the C.B.Y.F. members attended the Southwestern Conference Youth Banquet at Hillsboro, Kan. They were Pam Unger, Charlotte Nikkel, and Judy Leppke. Throughout the year the C.B.Y.F. members have been in charge of making posters for the various activities of the church. On August 22 to 28, 15 members attended the Second C.B.Y.F. Congress at Estes Park, Colo. Everyone

received many blessings from fellowship with other Christians and spiritual blessings from the Bible studies. They are looking forward to the next conference. Young people from our church attending Southwestern State College, Weatherford, Okla., are Florence Ratzlaff, Judy Leppke, Sherry Reimer, Linda Kosanke, and Carolyn Schmidt. Stanley Kosanke is attending Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla. (Judy Leppke, Reporter.)

## woman's missionary societies

**ANAHEIM, CALIF., MAGNOLIA.** "A DEEPER LIFE" was the theme for the fifth annual Women's Missionary Society Retreat for the ladies of Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, on Sept. 23 and 24 at the Edendale Christian Retreat in Brea, Calif.

Mrs. Narge Niquetta, General Director of Plaroma Bible Fellowship in Long Beach, touched hearts with her messages and testimony. Her daughter, Patt, favored all with special music.

The 51 ladies who attended the retreat enjoyed a weekend of swimming, hiking, cake decorating class, singing by the campfire, cabin devotions, wonderful food and fellowship, which made the retreat a mountain-top experience. (Mrs. Geraldine Jeffries, Reporter.)

**STEVENSVILLE, MICH.,** The Women's Missionary Society of the Lakeshore Baptist Church, Stevensville, Mich., entertained the ladies from the other area NAB churches: First Baptist, St. Joseph; German Baptist, Benton Harbor; Napier Parkview, Benton Harbor, on Oct. 18, 1966, at the church.

Mrs. Elmer Parchert, president, presided over the program. Special music was provided by Mrs. Leonard Elsner and a ladies ensemble. Missionary nurse, Mrs. Eugene Stockdale, led the devotion. The program was entitled, "Portraits of Great Women," and was directed by Mrs. Roger Bollenbacher. Ladies appropriately costumed as Deborah, Jezebel, Eunice and Lois provided the background while biographical sketches were given. Mrs. Bollenbacher coordinated the program with interesting comments and poetry. A time of refreshment and fellowship followed. (Dona Moss, Secretary.)

**ANAHEIM, CALIF., SUNKIST.** The start of a Christian book library has been made by WMS members of Sunkist Baptist Church with Mrs. Reinhard Kwast, general devotional chairman.

Following a talk at a society meeting from Mrs. Helen Koolman from Buena Park Bible Bookstore on "Today's Woman and Her Reading," many members purchased Christian books to read and later donate to the WMS library. A fine selection has been received with more coming in each month. Eventually this may well be the nucleus of a church library to the glory of God and inspiration to victorious Christian living. (R. Mellan, Reporter.)

**ANAHEIM, CALIF., SUNKIST.** The Sunkist Baptist Church under the capable guidance of Mrs. Dayton Smith, are busy accumulating silverware for their new church. She has received from society members and friends, from a national cake mix coupon offer, spoons and forks as well as stamp books to be redeemed for coffee pots and other needed kitchen and tableware necessities. (R. Mellan, Reporter.)

**ELK GROVE, CALIF., FIRST.** The Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., had their Annual Anniversary Program on Sept. 18 in the evening. Those who participated in the program were Mrs. Fred Hietzmann, Mrs. Art Dockter, Mrs. Merle Brenner, Mrs. Marvin Hieb, Mrs. Larry Maynard, Mrs. Melvin Schauer and Mrs. Bob Davis. Guest speaker was Mrs. Charles Holsinger, former missionary to Formosa. We had refreshments and a time of fellowship in the social room. The offering amounted to \$89.40, which was designated for mission work in Japan. (Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter.)

**GOODRICH, N. D.** On Sept. 22 the ladies of the Women's Missionary Society presented a program and took kuchen and angel food cake to the Baptist Home in Bismarck. Our church has been blessed under the ministry of our Pastor Jacob Ehman. We look to the Lord for even greater blessings. (Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Reporter.)

**WATERTOWN, WIS.** The King's Daughters' Society First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., held its annual banquet on Sept. 12, with Mrs. Roger Leischer, president, as mistress of ceremonies, and Mrs. Marie Fluth of Minneapolis, Minn., as guest speaker.

Mrs. Fluth spoke and showed slides of their recent trip to Africa where they visited their son, Dr. Jerome Fluth and family, who are serving as medical missionaries in the Cameroons.

Mrs. Fluth said the warmth of the African Christians, the radiance and dedication of the missionaries, the service rendered in education, and the spiritual blessings received in songs and testimonies, greatly impress all visitors. Mrs. Fluth's illustrated talk was greatly appreciated and enjoyed. (Mrs. J. Abel, Reporter.)

## special events

**ST. JOSEPH, MICH., FIRST.** "On Aug. 7, 1966, Mr. Robert Parks, Music, Youth Director, of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., resigned his position to accept a call to the music faculty of the Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music in Grand Rapids, Mich., effective August 31, 1966. A farewell was given Mr. and Mrs. Parks after the evening service on August 28, 1966.

The church is prayerfully considering another man to take over the tasks left by Mr. Parks." (Mrs. Alvin Wetter, Reporter.)

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Pastors and representatives from sister churches and officers of various branches of the Missionary Baptist Church, Parma, Ohio, at the ground breaking service.

**PARMA, OHIO, MISSIONARY.** Often people tend to take credit for things they accomplish and fail to realize it was the Lord's doing. How wonderful the Lord is, and he still answers prayers. He answered the prayers of the Missionary Baptist Church when we prayed for a minister, when we bought the parsonage and when we bought the lot for our future church. Often we were down-hearted, because there was no money, and it seemed as if building of our church would never begin, but the Lord heard our prayers.

On August 21, 4:00 p.m., the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the educational wing of the Missionary Baptist Church took place. Our pastor, Rev. Erhard Knoll, turned the first spade of earth where the building will be erected. Other denominational churches were invited to rejoice with us, and a devotional was held on the church lot. Pastors of the different churches expressed their best wishes and thanked the Lord for his goodness.

Our architect, Mr. Godley, and the chairmen of different committees also spoke and led us in prayer. The choir and the congregation sang praises to the Lord. Deep in the hearts of the people was the hope that here will be a place for the glorification of our God. Even when we pass on, others may come to this church and receive Christ as their Savior. This is our aim. (Olga Popadyuk, Reporter.)

**WARREN, MICH., REDEEMER.** Again September was Missionary Month. Every Sunday and Wednesday we were able to hear missionaries tell us about the particular field they were serving.

Rev. Ken Ouellette began the month by telling us more about the Detroit Rescue Mission and the Remedial Reading class they have to help these people read the Word of God.

Dr. Eugene Stockdale, Medical Missionary to the Cameroons, spoke about his work with leprosy and showed slides on Sept. 11.

Dr. R. Schilke, Mission Secretary, spoke on Sept. 14. On Rally Day, Sept. 18, we had 607 out for Sunday school. In the evening service, Rev. Guy Duff, Far Eastern Gospel Crusade, spoke. He related that the heathen is not

only found in the jungle but is anyone who has no regard for God or the Bible.

Miss Violet Burton, Wycliff Translator in Vietnam, told how God works to save souls in the midst of a terrible war.

While our pastor, Rev. Braun, was away holding services at the Aplington Baptist Church, Iowa, Rev. Elmer Wolfenden, Wycliff Translator, spoke of his work in the Philippines.

The challenge to help spread the gospel was presented. We pray that some of us will be able to accept the challenge. (Doris Kintzer, Reporter.)

**WESSINGTON SPRINGS, S. D.** The Ebenezer and Immanuel Baptist Churches held their annual Harvest and Mission Festival at Immanuel Baptist Church, October 9. The Church was appropriately decorated for the occasion.

A program was rendered by the Sunday school children during the Sunday school hour. This consisted of recitations and songs.

Rev. Donald Madvig of the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls was guest speaker for the occasion, bringing heart stirring and challenging messages. Special music of the day was choir, girls' sextet, duet, trio and men's quartet. A potluck dinner was served at noon.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Lutz were surprisingly honored for their six years of service here. Appropriate remarks were given by each church clerk in appreciation for the loyal, faithful, kind and dedicated services of Rev. and Mrs. Lutz. Mrs. Lutz was presented with a corsage, and Rev. Lutz with a boutonniere. A cake in their honor was served after the service in the afternoon. Rev. Lutz responded with words of gratitude.

The offerings of the day which goes to missions was \$1,170.00. (Darlene Kludt, Reporter.)



Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Lutz honored.

**PORTLAND, ORE., TRINITY.** On Sunday evening, Sept. 25, a special farewell service was conducted for Dr. and Mrs. John Wobig. The church choir sang a medley of favorite hymns of the couple, also an anthem based on Psalms 68:4, composed by our choir director, Don Palmer. Greetings, testimonials, and gifts to the Wobigs for their 20 years of service to the Lord at Trinity Church were given by various groups of the church and denomination, to which both Dr. Wobig and Mrs. Wobig responded with brief talks. Following the service, refreshments and a time of fellowship were enjoyed. As Dr. Wobig begins his retirement



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1 Tithe!



Mr. Otto Stolz of Tacoma, Washington, is a Licensed Professional Engineer in Mechanical Engineering for the State of Washington.

It was the early part of 1920. Der Sendbote had featured some articles on Christian stewardship and tithing. Special emphasis had been put on this at the church under the leadership of Rev. Wuttke.

I came home one Sunday night and made a firm decision that from that day on I would give a tenth of my income to the work of the Lord.

When I married a year later, I found my wife to be wholeheartedly in support. We have never gone back on this decision in all these 46 years.

It's remarkable how things began to happen immediately after I became a tither. Before the first week was over, I received a totally unexpected raise in wages. What made it more remarkable was, that the payday on that Friday was for the previous week and a raise ordinarily would not show up till the next Friday. But this took effect immediately, and before I could put my tithing into practice a raise in pay more than offset my tithe.

This was only the beginning of many blessings and favors from the Lord. Just to name one: I have no higher education, but I have become a Licensed Professional Engineer for the State of Washington in Mechanical Engineering. For this I praise the Lord.

I would urge all Christians to become tithers. Not to obtain material blessings but to recognize the ownership of everything we have by the

• The Ellice Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, has had a council with Winnipeg area churches and requested to become a North American Baptist General Conference church. The church is now awaiting recognition by the Northern Conference. Organized in 1963, the membership is 58 with Rev. Wilh. Glesmann as pastor and Mr. Arthur Schulz as moderator.

• Rev. G. Ben Lawrence, former missionary to Cameroon, has been appointed the Executive Secretary for the Educational Co-ordinating Council

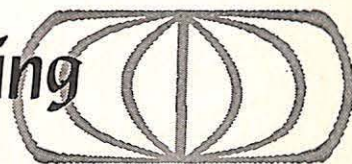
since 1963, has resigned and become the pastor of the Beloit Road Baptist Church, West Allis, Wis.

• Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred Weick of Randolph, Minn., announce the birth of their second daughter, Jana DeLynn, on Oct. 23. He is the pastor of the Randolph Baptist Church.

• Rev. Reinhold Wilde, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Valleyview, Alberta, has resigned from this pastorate effective in January, 1967.

• Rev. John Kemnitz of Baltimore,

## what's happening



of the State of Oregon. His responsibility is to co-ordinate all educational agencies in the State of Oregon, administer and distribute federal funds coming to Oregon under the Higher Education Acts and to insure that Oregon's educational needs are being cared for by some agency in the state. He assumed the position Dec. 1, 1966. The Lawrence family is moving to Salem, Oregon.

• Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Klein were pleasantly surprised on Sept. 25 by the members of the Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn., on the occasion of their fortieth wedding anniversary. Mr. Stanley Maas, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, represented the congregation and presented the Kleins with a monetary gift. A wedding cake made by Mrs. William Maas was served by Mrs. Edward Adam. Those serving the lunch were Mrs. Earl Rehbein, Mrs. Marvin Daniels, Mrs. Everal Hedtke, Mrs. Stanley Maas and Miss Anna Maas. Rev. Klein responded in gratitude to the congregation as well as to the Lord for the blessings during the Klein's married life. (Mrs. Wilmar Luedtke, Reporter.)

• Rev. Vern A. Slater, pastor of the Odessa Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash.,

Lord. If we first seek the kingdom of God, these other blessings will follow. Some people are afraid to start for fear that they might not be able to carry through. Why not covenant with the Lord to tithe for six months. Then you will be free to quit. I know that if you go into this with the right attitude of heart, your joy in the Lord will increase so much that you will not want to quit.

Maryland, former pastor of the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Mo., 1936-1941, visited a few days with friends in the Mt. Sterling area and preached at the prayer meeting service of the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, August 24, 1966. This is Rev. Kemnitz's second return visit to our church. He was with us for the Centennial Celebration, 1955, his first return visit. We, as a church, appreciated his pleasant visits with us. (Ricka Leimkuehler, reporter.)

• Mr. Helmuth Strauss has become the pastor of the New Leipzig Baptist Church, New Leipzig, North Dakota.

• Rev. and Mrs. David Harrison of Ponoka, Alberta, Canada, announced the birth of a son, Kevin David, born November 17.

• Rev. and Mrs. John Binder of Westchester, Ill., announce the birth of a son, Douglas John, on Nov. 22. They have one daughter, Laurette.

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