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Is the Message of Christ Meaningful?

FROM time to time people are kind enough to extend a compliment to our Osaka Biblical Seminary. But there has never been a more gracious or perhaps more meaningful compliment paid to OBS than the one quoted below. At the Dedication Service of our new classroom-administration building, March 21, 1967, Mr. Wakamatsu, the head of the local residential area of Soen in which OBS is located, brought these words of congratulation. Mr. Wakamatsu is not a Christian, but he has much contact with our school and with the missionaries and Japanese Christians associated with it. Here is his brief message, translated from the Japanese:

"It is my privilege and honor to be given this opportunity to offer my words of congratulation as a representative of this Soen district.

"Frankly speaking, I did not know much about Christianity prior to and through World War II. But after the war as the Mennonite Brethren church was built here in this Soen district, I came to have much opportunity to come in contact with missionaries and Christians. I saw that they were very

kind to us; they did nothing dishonest in their business dealings; they were obviously happy and found great joy in life. I think that this happiness must come from the wonderful power hidden in Christianity.

"An old proverb says, 'Sharp stomachs make short tempers,' or, to put it positively, 'Well fed, well bred.' More than twenty years have passed since the end of the war, and the post-war confusion and poverty are now entirely forgotten. It is time to show the fruit of the saying, 'Well fed, well bred.' But as yet, there is no sign that the depravity of the human mind is being cured. The wise are grieved because of this condition. If there is an increase in the numbers of Christians who have such a way of life as you have, then these fears will surely disappear.

"I hear that this school is a training institute for Christian pastors and workers. I wish heartily that more pastors might be trained in this school and sent out to proclaim the true teaching of Christ, to contribute to the happiness of mankind and the peace of the world."

NEW BROCHURES. Attractive brochures recently printed by and available from the Department of Stewardship, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois 60130, are "Double Your Mission Giving the Easy Way!" "Fiscal Planning in the Local Church," "Teaching Stewardship Truths to Children," "Why Give?" "Witness," and "Every Woman Should Have A Will of Her Own."

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE. Rev. David J. Draewell, secretary of stewardship, reported that *eight of our nine conferences increased their giving last year. The Central Conference still remains the leader in total contributions, but the Northern Conference showed*

the largest increase. The Eastern Conference had the largest percentage increase of giving last year.

Local conference per capita giving for the last two years also reveals some encouraging gains:

Conference	1966-67 Per Capita Giving	1965-66 Per Capita Giving (Decrease)	Increase
Atlantic	\$15.69	\$13.35	\$2.34
Central	26.33	23.94	2.39
Dakota	20.41	19.49	.92
Eastern	14.84	11.41	3.43
Northern	21.77	16.80	4.97
Northwestern	20.21	19.47	.74
Pacific	20.32	18.85	1.47
Southern	15.71	16.48	(.77)
Southwestern	32.97	31.06	1.91
Total for the denomination	21.72	19.50	2.22

The Southwestern Conference continues to lead all conferences in per capita giving. The Northern and Eastern Conferences, however, show the largest per capita gain.

Contributions for the triennium, April 1, 1964-March 31, 1967, also set a new record. Giving for the three years totalled \$3,222,837.38. The increase over the previous triennium was \$315,922.07.

ABOUT THE COVER

Featured on the cover is the new building of the Osaka Biblical Seminary, Osaka, Japan. An article and additional pictures in this issue give information concerning this progress on our mission field in Japan.

NEWS and NEEDS...

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK. The missionaries of the weeks of June are as follows: June 4—Rev. and Mrs. F. Kenneth Goodman, June 11—Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, June 18—Rev. and Mrs. David Kiery, June 25—Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Zimbelman.

CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS. The project for the month of June to be remembered in prayer as well as in your contribution is the Anderson Road Baptist Church Extension Project in Houston, Texas, under the leadership of Rev. Elton Kirstein. Information about this very recent project is found on page 10 in this issue.

CAMPUS GUIDANCE. A new leaflet, "Choosing a College," by Rev. David Draewell has been made available for distribution to youth throughout our denomination. The leaflet discusses motivation for attending college, different types of Christian colleges and advantages in choosing either a Christian or a secular college. It is available for senior high camps, CBYF's, and also will be available at the General Conference in Detroit.

PRAYER REQUEST. Mrs. Walter Sukut was flown to Chicago, Ill., from Japan on May 9 for health reasons. Further tests for diagnosis are necessary and can only be done in the United States. It is anticipated that Rev. Walter Sukut and the children will return to the U. S. in July. Pray for the Sukuts at this time, as well as for the work which they left behind in Japan where missionaries are needed so vitally.

MISSION AIDED CHURCHES AND PASTORS. The past fiscal year 48 churches received mission support. Many of these churches have shown fine growth, but many are also small and do not find much opportunity for growth and expansion. Dr. Schilke reports that four churches became self-supporting with the beginning of the fiscal year. They are as follows: the Fort George Baptist Church, Prince George, B. C.; Snowview Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, Rev. Ray Niederer, pastor; Salem Baptist Church, Kitchener, Ontario, Rev. Herbert Haut, pastor; and Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, B. C., Rev. John Wollenberg, pastor. The Temple Baptist Church, Jamestown, N. D., with Rev. Irvin Schmuland, pastor, has been transferred from church extension support to the mission aided church category.

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Editorial

A NEW LOOK AT JAPAN

Guest Editorial by Rev. Fred G. Moore, President,
Osaka Biblical Seminary, Japan

Ever since I was a child, I've had to wear glasses because of the myoptic condition of my eyes. But I wonder if sometimes we Christians aren't plagued with spiritual near-sightedness when it comes to looking at the task the Lord has committed to us. We so often focus our attention on the problems and difficulties and neglect to look into the farther horizon of opportunity and blessing.

I must confess that after a number of years of ministry in Japan, I was beginning to get bogged down, concerned about the problems we were facing on the field, and frankly, discouraged. The ministry of the Gospel in Japan seemed to be so slow in producing results. Opportunities for expansion and outreach seemed to be slipping by us, with no one of our Japan mission staff in a position to take advantage of them. So many of the few missionaries, and our national workers, too, were trying to hold down several responsibilities, far more than they should attempt, but there seemed to be no help forthcoming. The pressing problem of educating the children of our mission staff seemed almost insurmountable.

But just recently God spoke to me through the wonderful words of Psalm 121:1, 2: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills. From whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." Yes, that's what I needed—to lift up my eyes, off the trees of difficulty standing all around, and onto the beautiful forest of God's blessing and strength. Truly the Lord *has* been doing wonders on our field in Japan! Souls are being won to Christ; churches are being established; national workers are being trained for the Gospel ministry, and in every area we can see evidences of the hand of God in our midst!

In March of this year it was our great privilege to have Dr. R. Schilke, the General Missionary Secretary, as the guest of our Japan mission field for three weeks. During this visit, Dr. Schilke pointed out to us how much actually has been accomplished in our work in Japan since his previous visit eight years ago. As we realized anew what *God* has done, our eyes were opened, and our hearts were filled with praise!

I hope that you will enjoy a new look at Japan through the fine pictorial article by Dr. Schilke, "After Fifteen Years in Japan," featured in this issue of the *Baptist Herald*. It will thrill your hearts as it does ours! Problems still remain, but we firmly believe that great things lie ahead for *your* mission field in Japan. *Praise God—and pray!*

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LIKE MANY other mission boards, we entered Japan with missionary work in the post war years and then somewhat later than many others. The open door to Japan was still there in 1951, but there were already some signs that they were no longer as wide open as before. Our first missionaries to Japan left the homeland for Japan at the close of 1951 during the month of November. A period of language study and adjustment followed, so the actual work did not begin until early in 1953.

It was a difficult task for our first missionaries to choose a first location for our Mission. After several brief surveys of various areas where the evangelical witness was either not established or was very weak, the choice was made for Ise in the Mie Ken Prefecture, noted for the location of the Grand Shrine of Ise, the sun-goddess. This was asking for the difficult places, like Caleb who said, "Give me the mountains." But in Japan it is difficult anywhere to make an impact with the Gospel. Japanese life and culture is so interwoven with its Shinto and Buddhist beliefs that it is indeed a hard and difficult task to break through and lead a soul from its darkness of heathenism to the light of the Gospel of Christ. It is very difficult for the Japanese to extricate themselves from centuries of culture and religion and accept what they consider is western and not national. Christ and Christianity are foreign to the national mind.

WE LABOR TODAY IN FIVE AREAS

It was my privilege to visit our mission in Japan eight years ago, early in 1959, the year that Protestantism celebrated its centennial in Japan. At that time we had expanded into one other area with our witness, to Kyoto. This step was taken because of its practicality. Our other new mission-

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by Richard Schilke

aries, following the first ones, studied the language in Kyoto, and this led to the establishment of our witness in that city of over one million population. After eight years. I was to visit Japan a second time. This was done in March, 1967. I concluded my three week stay in Japan and wrote this report on my homeward way. What has transpired in these last eight years?

Eight years ago we labored in two areas, but we had as yet no chapels. Further areas in the Kansai peninsula were considered at that time and, in the course of the following year, entered. These were the cities of Tsu and Matsusaka, both above the 100,000 mark in population and both close to Ise in the Mie Ken prefecture. The work in Matsusaka was begun and carried on by the missionary residing in Ise. To the Tsu area a missionary moved and resided there. The city of Tsu is a university city, and Mie University is located there. This led naturally to student work at the beginning. Through this ministry a number of university students were won to Christ who in the course of years heard the call of God for the Christian ministry. Several are preparing themselves at this time for this ministry.

Today we have chapels in each of these four areas. The land on which the chapel in Matsusaka stands is only leased and still needs to be purchased. The other three chapels stand on land purchased and owned by our Mission. The church at Ise has its own na-

tional pastor who became our first ordained Japanese pastor. Rev. Yoshio Akasaka has been ministering to the church since he first came to us about eight years ago. A missionary no longer resides in Ise. The church at Kyoto is still served by one of our missionaries, Rev. Walter Sukut, but it hopes to have its own national pastor full time when he graduates from Osaka Biblical Seminary two years hence. It is expected that he will take charge of the work of the church during his senior year. The work at Matsusaka is carried on jointly by one of our missionaries and a national pastor who is not yet ordained. The church at Tsu was organized during the last full term of service of Rev. and Mrs. Edwin C. Kern. During that time the land was also purchased, and the chapel and parsonage built. With the return to Japan of Mr. Hisaski Murakami, after his studies in America, he became the pastor of the church at Tsu. On March 19, 1967, my last Sunday in Japan, Mr. Murakami was ordained into the Christianity ministry in a very impressive service. He thus becomes our second ordained national pastor.

WE ARE ENGAGED IN A CO-OPERATIVE TRAINING PROGRAM

The fifth area where we labor is in Osaka, the second largest city in Japan. Here we stand together in a co-operative training program at Osaka Biblical Seminary with the Mennonite Brethren Conference and the Baptist General Conference. This co-operative ministry is also in part a result of the visit eight years ago.

The Mennonite Brethren Conference is located in the Osaka-Kobe area. In 1959 they were in their second year of a newly begun Bible School. While in Japan eight years ago, I proposed the idea of a co-operative educational institution for the three Missions. Several meetings were held with representatives of the three Missions with respect to this proposal. After further deliberations over the next few years, a co-operative educational work was entered into, first on a trial basis of three years and then more permanently. The program of the Bible school was enlarged, and the level of training raised to that of a seminary, giving both BD and BTh degrees with a diploma department in Christian education for women students.

A little over four years ago land was purchased in the Ishibashi area, a suburb of Osaka. For slightly over one acre of land more than \$70,000 had to be paid jointly by the three missions. The building program had to be delayed, but this gave time to raise the necessary funds and also to stabilize

the educational program. In July, 1966, the building of the first unit was begun, the administration and classroom building, housing also the library. March 21, 1967, was an important day for Osaka Biblical Seminary. On that day this first building was dedicated to the Lord. Perhaps one of the main reasons for my present visit to Japan was the invitation from the Board of Osaka Biblical Seminary to participate in this dedication service by bringing the dedication message. It was indeed a joy and privilege to accept this invitation, and I am thankful to my own Board which made this visit possible.

The cost of construction of this first unit came to a little over \$84,000, again jointly for the three Missions. The next step in the building program is a much needed dining hall and at least one dormitory unit. The OBS Board in March has gone on record asking for \$60,000 for their next phase. Whether this can be made possible in the next two years is not known at the time of writing this report. The respective home Boards will have to consider this first of all. If they say yes, it will mean that each of the Missions will have to provide \$20,000 in the next two years.

I should also state that a distinct honor has come to us in a recent OBS Board meeting. Our missionary, Rev. Fred G. Moore, has been president of the seminary this past year. The OBS Board in its February meeting re-elected him as president for a term of three years.

WE HAVE ENTERED A PROGRAM OF TRAINING SOME NATIONALS ABROAD

After some prayerful consideration, we brought to America, for the first time, in 1961 a national Japanese student. Mr. Hisashi Murakami was that student. I met him in 1959 on my first visit to Japan. He was then helping our missionary in the Kyoto work. Mr. Murakami had several years of university training so that he could finish his college work for his B A degree in one year at Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In 1965 he completed his seminary training at our seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and was granted the B.D. degree. During his senior year we also brought to America his gracious wife. He continued his studies for one more year at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa., and was granted the MTh degree in 1966. In August he returned to Japan and became the pastor of our church at Tsu in October, 1966.

Perhaps we have waited too long before thinking of bringing another national student to America and to our

seminary. However, the Japan Field Committee, with whom I met on this visit, is now proposing to enter a program of bringing over several students successively for at least one year of additional training at our seminary. We hope and pray that this will become possible in the next few years. It will mean much to our brethren, to our churches and to our mission work in Japan. We need more national workers and pastors in Japan and we need well trained men in this land of learning and culture, whose young people are very educationally minded.

OUR MISSIONARY FORCE IS STILL SMALL

Fifteen years should have brought more missionaries for us to Japan. The casualty list, very typical for Japan, has also caused us to suffer. For several years we were only able to replace instead of increase the number. For the past five years the number has stood at eleven. That these few could do the task is only by the grace of God. For the past several years the request has been for additional couples. However, no couples volunteered for Japan. To be sure, there was a budget problem, should it come to increasing the missionary personnel. But how seriously can this problem be considered if there is no candidate? Has God not called any from our ranks in these last five years? Or has that call of God been subdued by some who may have heard it?

Again our Japan Field Committee is renewing its request and going beyond it. It is asking for one couple to be appointed in the area of church evangelism and another couple in the area of student ministry and evangelism. May God give us both the candidates and the finances to make this urgent appeal a possibility.

WE SHOULD EXPAND INTO OTHER AREAS

Our mission is strategically located in one of the fastest growing areas in Japan; Osaka is connected with Tokyo by a wonderful transportation system. The new Tokaido Railway Line has an hourly super express train also called the "bullet train" which covers the distance of about 315 miles from Tokyo to Osaka in three hours and ten minutes with stops in Nagoya and Kyoto. There is also hourly plane service during the day from Osaka to Tokyo. It is envisioned that the entire region between Japan's two largest cities may become one vast megalopolis. In 1970 Osaka will host the World Fair, and plans are made by the Baptist World Alliance to hold the 1970 Baptist World Congress in Tokyo.

Our missionaries have for some time been considering entering Nagoya, the

third largest city in Japan. More serious consideration was given to this in the recent meetings of our Japan Field Committee. It went on record to request finances for the purchase of land for the missionary residence in Nagoya. A lot of about 50 tsubo (1800 sq. ft.) in a suburb would cost over \$5,000 if bought now. It will cost more a year from now. Land for a church in that area is also needed, and that would cost more than \$10,000.

About half way between Tsu and Kyoto a new city is being laid out and developed, one train stop away from present Nabari. Entire sections of the city are presently being built. It is estimated that at least 13,000 people will be living there within the next decade. Here land is still more reasonable, about 1/3 the cost as compared to Nagoya. Our Japan Field Committee also went on record to begin a work in this new area within the next few years and to request finances for the purchase of land before prices rise too high. A present investment in this area would bring good dividends in the years to come and could materially aid in obtaining additional locations elsewhere.

To carry out these plans will not only require finances but also additional missionary personnel and additional workers. Osaka Biblical Seminary seeks to prepare the additional national workers. From our ranks at home must come the additional missionaries. "Pray Ye the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers into the harvest."

A problem which faces our missionary families is that of the education of their children. Kyoto has an International School but only through grade six. Tokyo, Kobe and Nagoya each have an International School through high school. The first two also have boarding arrangements; the third has no such arrangements. Tuition and other costs are constantly rising, and this causes hardships to either the Mission or the missionaries or to both. We have not yet found the solution to this problem, but we are working at several aspects in the hope that if some plans can be put into practice, we may at least have a partial answer to the problem. Unless some satisfactory answer can be found, we run the risk of losing some of the present missionary staff. This would indeed be a great loss for our work in Japan. Here, too, we need to pray for wisdom as to what further steps must be taken. This, too, is a phase which belongs to expansion in order to materially aid in direct missionary outreach. One step in helping in this problem is to find young people who would volunteer for the task of teaching at the existing schools. Those interested in this phase should contact me for further information.

(See pictures on page 12 and 13.)

Dr. Richard Schilke is the General Missionary Secretary, North American Baptist General Conference.



Our Missionaries in Japan



Tsu Shinmachi Christian Church and Parsonage



Ordination of Mr. Hisashi Murakami, (l. to r.) Deacons Yamamoto and Kogawa, R. Schilke, F. Moore, C. Mayforth, W. Sukut, Y. Akasaka.



Morning Worship at Tsu Church



Miss Yakota teaching S. S. class.



TSU SHINMACHI CHRISTIAN CHURCH

by Rev. Hisashi Murakami

In October, the church was able to call Mr. and Mrs. Murakami to serve this pastorate. They have been called by the church, and the church calls them their own. We also extended our call to Miss J. Batek to do hospital evangelism under the guidance and direction of the church and pastor. All these are signs of healthy and encouraging development of indiginity.

We set up a new organization in which every member of the church has only one responsibility and in which every one is able to give one's single effort for it. The significance does not lie in the new organization itself, but in the fact that they find joy in giving themselves to the accomplishment of their individual responsibility, and that they became aware of the truth that they are the church. However, so far as their Biblical knowledge is concerned, it is poor. Not much effort has been put forth to educate them to grow in the knowledge of the Bible and, therefore, in Christian maturity. Concerning their giving and life we can witness their full commitment and consecration, but there are still a small number of people who know nothing about their responsibilities and necessity of a consecrated life.

Our present membership is 30. We had three baptisms. We also have begun to have Home Meetings in the apartment where Miss Batek lives. We want to emphasize having as many home meetings as possible as our goal for the next year, for we realize that this type of meeting is most effective in bringing the message of redemption and reconciliation to homes.

Rakuyo Baptist Church, Kyoto

by Rev. Walter Sukut

The Rakuyo Baptist Church in Kyoto has in many ways had a thrilling and encouraging year. In some respects it has been one of the best years that the church here has experienced. The budget which the people had determined to raise was raised and all the financial needs met accordingly. The attendance reached a high average of 35 in the morning worship services for the month of November; and the overall average of the year has come up to 30.

Eight members were added to the church through baptism, and two by letter, bringing our total membership to 27.

The church in its annual meeting in February (1967) voted to call as their pastor Mr. and Mrs. Aoki. Mr. Aoki is a student at the Osaka Biblical

Seminary, so he will not be able to assume full charge of the pastoral duties for some time yet; but the people are willing to make the best of this arrangement. In order that Mr. Aoki's studies will not need to suffer too much the church has requested that if at all possible a missionary continue to serve in the church at least until their pastor graduates.

Ise Baptist Church

by Rev. Yoshio Akasaka

The membership of the Ise Baptist Church, the oldest of our Japan churches, stands presently at 42. We have 10 who are considered "inquirers"; they are interested in and attending the services of the church, but have not yet been won to Christ.

Attendance at our various services during the past year was as follows: Sunday school, about 25 to 35; Morning Worship Service, about 21 to 29; Evening Evangelistic Service, about 10 to 16; and the Midweek Prayer meeting, about 9 to 13. We also have two regular "Home Meetings" per month, with an average attendance of 9, and other meetings in a local Juvenile Home.

Our church, even though small, has been blessed in many ways, and the members have been faithful in giving to the Lord's work, meeting and even exceeding their budget. We praise the Lord for his blessings, and ask your continued prayer for our outreach for Christ in Ise.

Matsusaka Baptist Mission

by Rev. C. Richard Mayforth

The staff of the Matsusaka Baptist Mission for the past year consisted of Pastor and Mrs. Yukio Hanazono and Mr. and Mrs. C. Richard Mayforth. They were assisted on weekends by Mr. Arita, a student of the Osaka Biblical Seminary. Two young sisters constitute the other baptized believers of the Mission.

The main activities of the mission were as follows: (1) Sunday Morning Worship, attendance between ten and twenty; (2) Sunday School, classes for kindergarten, lower primary school and upper primary school ages, total attendance between ten and twenty; (3) Sunday Evening Bible Study, attendance between five and ten; (4) Home Bible Studies, held monthly in the homes of the leaders or families, attendance between five and ten; (5) Bible Classes in English, on Saturday afternoons classes for Jr. High, High School, and College ages, on Tuesday evening an adult class, total attendance between fifteen and twenty-five. Mr. Mayforth also teaches first and second year English conversation classes once per week at the local Women's Junior College.

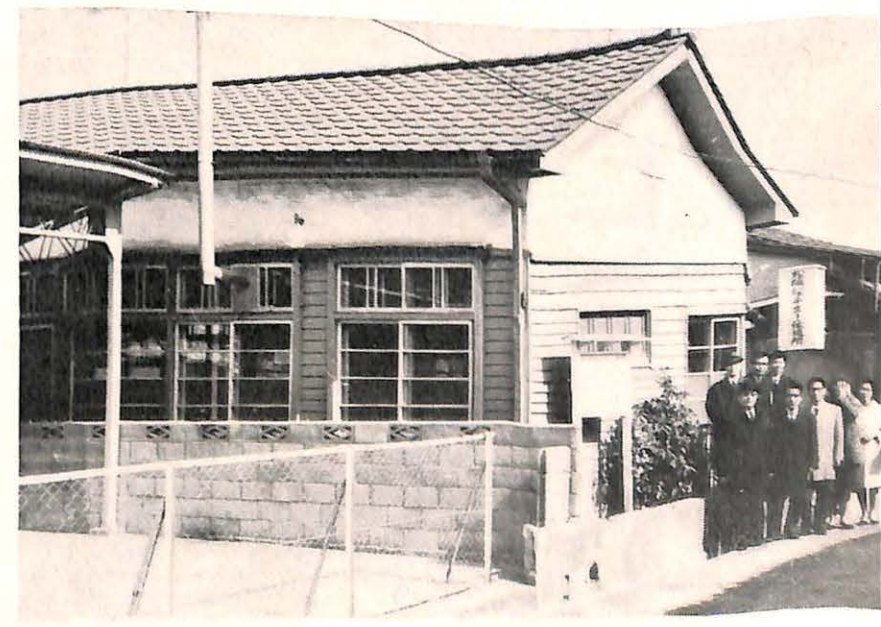
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Rakuyo Baptist Church, Kyoto, with Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut and Mr. Aoki.



Lunch at Rakuyo Baptist Church, Kyoto.



Matsusaka Baptist Mission.



The Ise Baptist Church



University Students with Missionaries W. Sukut and F. Moore.

Special evangelistic services were held for four days in November with Pastor Akasaka of the Ise Baptist Church as evangelist.

A program of tract distribution to all of the high school students in Matsusaka has been undertaken.

We are still hopeful that the home Bible studies will attract mature people to Christ. We intend to begin more of these studies as the homes open up to us.

CHURCH EXTENSION

(Continued from page 9)

- Thomas—(has land and unit)
 (12) Parkdale Baptist Church, Drumheller, Alberta—Rev. Allan Gerber—(has land and unit)
 (13) Phoenix, Arizona (pastor to be called)—(needs land and unit)
 (14) Redmond, Washington (pastor to be called)—(has land, needs unit)
 (15) Sherwood Park Baptist, Greeley, Colorado—Rev. Ray Harsch—(has land, needs unit)
 (16) Twin Pines Baptist Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa—Rev. Ron Derman—(has land, needs unit)
 (17) West Broadway Baptist Church, Enid, Oklahoma—Rev. Wesley Gerber—(has land and unit)
 (18) Zion Baptist Church, Rochester, New York—Rev. Walter Damrau—(has land and unit)

Projects approved in principle are

- (1) Olympus, Washington (has land)
 (2) St. Catharines, Ontario (needs land)
 (3) South Edmonton, Alberta (has land)
 (4) South Everett, Washington (has land)
 (5) Winnipeg, Manitoba (needs land)

Church Extension Builders

New Builders have continued to enroll during the past year so that the contributions were somewhat higher than last year. Builders have given as follows during the past three years:

1964-65	\$38,148
1965-66	36,876
1966-67	38,241

Church Extension Building

A total of \$31,974.41 was received

during the past fiscal year in designated building funds for specific church extension projects.

Additional Capital Fund Appropriations

Because of tremendous new developments in the Pacific Northwest due to Boeing Aircraft and other industrial expansion in the area, the local Association Church Extension Committee has advised that we secure several future church sites in the area before the price of land becomes prohibitive. The denominational Church Extension Committee has consequently purchased four strategic church sites recently in the Greater Seattle-Everett, Washington area at a combined cost of approximately \$70,000. These sites are located in Renton, Redmond, Olympus and South Everett. This represents an excellent capital investment, since the price of property is skyrocketing in this entire area.

Rev. Daniel Fuchs is the Director of Evangelism and Church Extension, NABGC.

SPECIAL EVENTS

(Continued from page 23)

SPOKANE, WASH. On the evening of April 4, the Royal Players from Bethel College and Seminary presented an inspiring and fast moving play, SACRIFICE, with Biblical scenes taken from "Christ In the Concrete City." The play was a contemporary crucifixion drama highlighting the Lord's Crucifixion and man today. Man was confronted with situations comparable to his everyday life. Many of the contemporary scenes were taken from actual church experiences. (Mrs. C. W. Cade, Clerk.)

SPOKANE, WASH. On Palm Sunday the choir of Terrace Heights Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash., presented a "Sacred Festival of Easter Music" in four parts, under the direction of Mrs. Merlin Schmutz. The four parts included the Triumphant Entry into the City, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, and His Coming Again.

Good Friday Services were held at the church in the evening. Appropriate hymns, poems and special music were interspersed throughout the story of the Lord's betrayal and crucifixion. "Thirty Pieces of Silver" was sung by Mrs. Robert Schmidt and Mrs. Merlin Schmutz. A trio number, "He Could Have Called Ten Thousand Angels" was sung by the above two and Mrs. Myrl Thiesies.

Easter morning we joined with the NAE Sunrise Service. Following the service a breakfast was served at the church by the men.

The Sunday School presented a program, "Beneath the Cross," under the direction of Mrs. Merlin Schmutz. The Easter Story was read in parts by juniors and junior highs, with several appropriate numbers sung by the Junior Department throughout the program. "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" was sung by Diane, Debbie, and Denise Thiesies, and "Sing Hosanna" by Terri Schmidt. (Mrs. C. W. Cade, Clerk.)

WARREN, MICH., REDEEMER.

March came with sorrow and left with the joy of Easter. Several weeks ago we wrote that the Lord had called from our membership, Mr. Ed Willms, to be our Minister of Visitation. His full time service was short, for the Lord called him home on March 5, 1967, after a very short illness. Instead of flowers, his family asked that a memorial fund be set up for Robert and Margaret Ratzliff's passage to Ethiopia where they will serve as missionaries. The fund amounted to \$733.46.

While our pastor, Rev. A. Braun, was away in Kansas, Rev. Richard Wilkinson, missionary to Montreal, spoke of his work there.

Our choir, under the direction of Mr. Jerry Heath, gave a short concert on Palm Sunday and another on Easter. This year 110 persons joined our fellowship; sixty-seven through the waters of baptism. We pray that the rest of us might be stepping stones and not stumbling blocks for these who are so new in the faith. (Doris Kintzer, Reporter.)

Our Ministry in Evangelism and Church Extension

By Daniel Fuchs

BEFORE HIS ASCENSION, Jesus commissioned his followers to be his "witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in all Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The Gospel which he gave them was not something to hide or keep within their church walls, but something to share with the world.

He told them how they must share this Gospel with the world. "You shall be my witnesses," Jesus said. He did not say: "You shall be my attorneys who will argue with people for me, or you shall be my judges who will sit in judgment over people for me. The moment a person argues or sits in judgment, he ceases to be a witness and becomes an attorney or a judge."

As witnesses of Jesus Christ, we were privileged during the past year to carry the Gospel of life to men, women and youth wherever they were and actively share Christ with them in the strength of the Holy Spirit. We have much reason to praise God and be thankful for victories experienced in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

The work of our Department of Evangelism and Church Extension continues to be tremendously challenging. The following is a resumé of some of the highlights of this work.

OUR MINISTRY OF EVANGELISM Conference Statistics

According to statistics available we received approximately 3,374 members into our churches during the past year. Of this number, 2,020 were received by baptism. We had a net gain of three churches this past year so that our total number of churches stands at 332 and our total membership at 53,742.

We continue to be concerned with the problem of membership conservation. Our largest loss in membership continues to be by erasure and adjustment. This reduces our net membership gain tremendously and should be a matter for our prayerful concern.

God's Volunteers Program

The God's Volunteers Committee met for its annual meeting on February 24, 1967, to review the work of God's Volunteers and make plans for the 1967-68 season. Applications of 31 girls and 12 young men were carefully considered and the following were appointed as the new 1967-68 God's Volunteers teams: Linda Frey, First Baptist Church, Appleton, Iowa

Ruth Hiller, Immanuel Baptist Church, Woodside, New York
 Judy Leppke, Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Oklahoma
 Beverly Luiken, First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa
 Myra-Jeanne Nordheimer, Capilano Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta
 Heidrun Schaffrin, Fellowship Baptist Chapel, Utica, Michigan
 Sharon Schroeder, Temple Baptist

Church, Swan River, Manitoba
 Karoline Sigmund, Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana
 David Grabke, Fellowship Baptist Church, Camrose, Alberta
 David Lake, Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta
 Robert Lang, First Baptist Church, Durham, Kansas
 Milton Luginbuhl, First Baptist Church, Trenton, Illinois

Invitations have been received from over 60 churches for the services of God's Volunteers during the 1967-68 God's Volunteers season. A tentative schedule for each team has been set up.

Volunteer Pastor Evangelists and Bible Teachers

We still have requests from churches for this service. Approximately a dozen campaigns were arranged through our office this past year.

Evangelism Resource Committee

This committee consists of representatives from the Christian Education Department, the two God's Volunteers Directors and the Director of Evangelism and Church Extension. The purpose of this committee is to keep reviewing the total evangelistic thrust of our denomination with the view of promoting a more consistent and co-ordinated evangelistic outreach in our churches.

The committee is presently planning to produce a resource book for our North American Baptist pastors, Sunday school superintendents and teachers, youth leaders and all other Christian workers who promote evangelism in our churches. This book is to help tie together the various ministries of evangelistic outreach in our denomination and give unity and co-ordination as well as directive and motivation to our total evangelistic program.

Crusade of the Americas

Baptists from 25 countries of the Western Hemisphere will unite in a great simultaneous Baptist Evangelistic Crusade that will encompass North America, Central America and South America as well as the Islands of the Caribbean in 1969. The theme of the Crusade will be: "Christ the Only Hope."

The entire hemisphere has been divided into six geographic regions. Each area has a regional office with a regional co-ordinator. There is a central office with a general co-ordinator located in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

It is hoped that all Baptist bodies co-operating with the Baptist World Alliance in the Western Hemisphere will participate in this great evangelistic Crusade. Each convention or conference participating in the Crusade "will be free to adapt its own plans for the Crusade and participate as it desires according to its own patterns, procedures, and organizations." There

will be an exchange of ideas possible as well as various helps and materials available through the regional offices of the geographic areas. The Crusade will be conducted as much as possible at the same time to create the greatest impact on the churches as well as on the world.

OUR MINISTRY OF CHURCH EXTENSION

We have to date organized and assisted approximately 80 new churches through our program of Church Extension. These new churches have at the present time a combined membership of approximately 7,100 and approximately 8,500 Sunday school scholars. This represents nearly one-fourth of the total number of churches and more than one-eighth of the total membership of our North American Baptist Conference. We had a net gain of approximately 1,600 members and 2,000 Sunday school scholars in our Church Extension Churches during the past triennium.

Churches supported jointly by the Board of Missions and the Church Extension Committee are the

- (1) Calvary Baptist Church, Hoisington, Kansas—Rev. W. Cowell
 (2) Hudson Bay Park Baptist Church, Saskatoon, Sask.—Rev. E. Hohn
 (3) Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas—Rev. G. Voegelé

Churches supported by the Church Extension Committee are the

- (1) Anderson Road Baptist Church, Houston, Texas—Rev. Eldon Kirstein—(has land, needs unit)
 (2) Creston Baptist Church, Creston, B. C.—Rev. Jake Neudorf—(has land, needs unit)
 (3) Crestview Baptist Church, Minot, North Dakota—Rev. W. Dachtler—(has land, first unit and needs educational unit)
 (4) Cypress Baptist Church, North Seattle, Washington—Rev. R. Grabke—(has land and unit)
 (5) East Burlington Baptist Church, Burlington, Ontario—Rev. Walter Kerber—(needs land and unit)
 (6) Esterhazy Baptist Church, Esterhazy, Saskatchewan—Rev. Peter Schroeder—(has land and unit)
 (7) Evergreen Baptist Church, Renton, Washington—Rev. LeRoy Kiemele—(has land, needs unit)
 (8) Hillside Baptist Church, Dickinson, North Dakota—Rev. Wilfred Dickau—(has land, needs unit)
 (9) Lincoln, Nebraska (pastor to be called)—(needs land and unit)
 (10) Lincoln Village, Sacramento, California—Rev. Bill Acton—(has land, first unit and needs educational unit)
 (11) North Highlands Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas—Rev. Gordon

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Church Extension in Houston, Texas

(Church Extension Builders' Project, June, 1967)

by Elton Kirstein

Houston, Texas, is the nation's sixth largest city, located in the coastal prairie region, forty miles from the Gulf Coast. The principal industrial center of the South-Central United States, it is also headquarters for the Manned Spacecraft Center which manages the development of spacecraft, trains astronauts, tests equipment, and directs the historic voyages of the Gemini astronauts. The Port of Houston, an inland waterway, connects this city with the sea lands of the world through a 50-mile channel, the third largest seaport in the United States in total tonnage moved.

The Houston region has extraordinary supplies of oil, gas, salt, sulphur, lime, timber, industrial soil, sea water and fresh water. Along with the resources, rice, grain, cotton, fruit, vegetables, sorghum and cattle are highly important in the farm picture of the area.

A University center, there are more than 36,000 students enrolled in the 20 universities and colleges in the area. The world famous Texas Medical Center was authorized in 1946 and more than nineteen buildings now occupy 134 acres representing a present investment exceeding one hundred twenty-five million dollars. The cultural and entertainment facilities are excellent, with Sam Houston Coliseum, Albert Thomas National Space Hall of Fame, the Astrodome Stadium, Jones Hall, museums and parks.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

The Southern Conference Church Extension Committee was appointed in 1965, and immediately they began to explore the possibilities of establishing a North American Baptist Church in this city. A year later, this Committee recommended to the Southern Conference that they move ahead by implementing a working plan to start an extension work in this city of great opportunity, with its 1,200,000 population. This recommendation was received with great enthusiasm, and the

Extension Committee, under the leadership of Dr. W. H. Barsh as chairman, endeavored to carry out a program of outreach.

LAND PURCHASED

In cooperation with the Denominational Church Extension Committee and our NAB greater missionary vision, it was possible to purchase five acres of land at a cost of \$35,000, in a new area in the southwestern part of Houston, where over 4,000 homes are already occupied. The projected building program will add another 15,000 homes and a large shopping center.

The financing of the first church unit and ground development is through the selling of church bonds, with the Trinity Church Bonds, Inc., of Houston, Texas, employed to arrange a bond program, sell the bonds, provide architectural drawings for the building, and supervise the construction.

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas, has been willing to be the parent church of the extension work in Houston, which will be known as the Anderson Road Baptist Church, 5114 Anderson Road, Houston, Texas. As a parent church, Immanuel is the legal incorporation, and in faith have voted to have the bonds issued in their name, with the pastor and a trustee signing \$65,000 worth of bonds. This church is to be commended for this act of love and confidence of faith in a God who is able to supply all our needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

We rejoice in the genuine spirit of optimism and confidence found in the Southern Conference. Together the churches of this Conference have pledged their support to the work in prayer and sacrificial giving of time and means. On April first bonds for the Anderson Road Baptist Church went on sale, and the response in purchasing them was truly gratifying.

Not only will the people of the Southern Conference purchase many of the bonds, but they will also give to the Church Extension budget each month, which will include down payment on the parsonage, beginning operating expenses, and payment of \$10,000 to our Headquarter's Office in Forest Park for the purchase of the land. With this united spirit of God's people, we move forward, and in this labor of love, we pray that many will come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

GROUND-BREAKING SERVICE

The days of April 21 and 22 are memorable days, as volunteer people from far and near came to the Anderson Road Baptist Church site, with willing hands to clean up the church grounds, as well as paint and clean the house on the property. The Ground-breaking Service for the first unit of the church was held on Saturday morning, April 22 at 11:00 A.M., followed by a catered ham dinner. Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Church Extension Director from our Forest Park office, was the special speaker for this joyous ground-breaking occasion, and we praise God for the many people who came to witness this good beginning. We can say with David in Psalm 145:9: "The Lord is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works." The dedication of the people of the Southern Conference is truly gratifying.

The first unit of the church will have a seating capacity of 250 people. The main sanctuary will be so constructed as to be made into eight classrooms by the use of folding doors. With the small house which is now on the property and the first unit, there will be 17 classrooms available for Sunday school work. The contract cost of the first unit will be \$55,000, with \$10,000 for land development. Construction of the building was started.

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Ground-breaking ceremonies of the new Anderson Road Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, church extension, April 22, 1967.



Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Stockdale Resign

It is with sincere regret that the Board of Missions received and accepted the resignation of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Stockdale, missionaries to the Cameroons. The Stockdales have served with distinction at Bamenda New Hope Settlement since 1956.

In Luke's Gospel we read that "As Jesus entered a certain village there met him ten men that were Lepers." As in the days of our Savior, many, literally thousands of Lepers have met the master in the healing ministry of body and soul through the Stockdales. The Board of Missions, on behalf of the whole denominational family, would express deep appreciation for the dedicated service of the Stockdales in our Cameroon field. We extend also prayerful best wishes as they see God's will for the future and in their continued service for our Lord.

The Committee

Howard Johnson, Chairman
Sheldon Preston
Eldon Schroeder



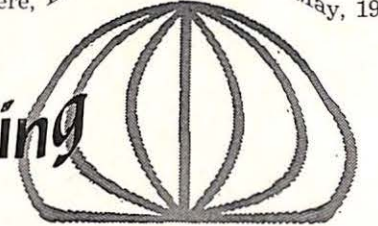
Members of the Board of Missions meeting April 25-28, 1967, Forest Park, Ill., were Dr. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, (l. to r.) Rev. Lyle Wacker, chairman, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, director of evangelism and church extension, Rev. Eldon Schroeder, Dr. Frank Woyke, executive secretary, Mr. Henry Fluth, Rev. Gerhard Schroeder, Mrs. Edward Kopf, Rev. Richard Paetz, Rev. William Sturhahn, Rev. Rubin Kern, Dr. George Dunger, Rev. Kenneth Howe, Dr. J. C. Gunst, Rev. Ernest Hoffmann, Rev. Walter Damrau, Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, Rev. Iver Walker, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Mr. Sheldon Preston, Rev. Howard Johnson, vice-chairman, and Mrs. H. J. Mollenhauer.

- Dr. Douglas Gallagher presented his resignation as the pastor of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, effective September 1, 1967. He has served this pastorate since 1963.
- Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Stockdale, missionaries in the Cameroons, presented their resignation to the Board of Missions in April effective the end of May, 1967.
- Missionaries who are to return to the United States for furlough during the month of June from the Cameroons

Iowa, effective the end of June. He has served as the church extension pastor of the Community Baptist Church since 1960.

• Rev. James Schacher, pastor of the Creston Baptist Church, Creston, Nebr., since 1963, has resigned this pastorate and assumes the pastorate of the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas, July 1, 1967.

• Rev. Edward Pritzkau became the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware, the end of May, 1967.



what's happening

are Miss Patricia Heller and Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Kwast.

• Miss Dorothy Pritzkau presented her resignation as the Director of Christian Education at the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, effective July 23, 1967.

• Rev. Herman Riffel has been serving as the pastor of the English Fellowship Church in Quito, Ecuador. The congregation consists of families from the English speaking colony who are engaged in work at the embassy, in the military, U. S. Aid, NASA tracking station, Peace Corps, private business as well as missionaries from practically every mission board of Ecuador. Mr. Riffel had the privilege of touring the Aca village of Taiweno with Rachel Saint.

• Rev. John Ziegler resigned his pastorate at the Community Baptist Church, Xenia, Ohio, and accepted the call to become the pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington,

Prior to this pastorate he served the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, from 1963-1967.

• Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Kramer announce the birth of a daughter, Nancy Lynn, born April 22. Mr. Kramer is a member of the Class of 1967, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D.

• Rev. Henry Unrau, public relations director, Briarcrest Bible Institute, Caronport, Sask., has accepted the call of the Fort George Baptist Church, Prince George, B. C., to become the pastor in August, 1967.

• Rev. Laurence Prast accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, West New York, New Jersey, effective June 15, 1967.

NOTICE EBENEZER BAPTIST WESSINGTON SPRINGS, S. D., TO OBSERVE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, South Dakota, will celebrate their fiftieth anniversary on Sunday, June 25, 1967, and we herewith extend an invitation to all former pastors and members to be our guests for the occasion. If you cannot attend, a word of greeting will be most welcome. Address all correspondence to: Mrs. Jerry Kludt, Secretary, Wessington Springs, South Dakota 57382.

CHOIR MUSIC

The Wishek Baptist Church has the following choir music they will be willing to give to any church desiring it. We do ask that you pay postage on same.

23 Hard covered copies of **English-German Anthem Gems** containing a collection of 60 anthems for mixed voices by George Kessel. Some **Choir Heralds** and **Choir Volunteer**, about 15 copies of each issue. These are old issues from the 1940's but contain much good music.

If interested please contact Mrs. Ernest Herr, Wishek, N. Dak. 58495.

Rev. and Mrs. Elton Kirstein, Paul and Jeannie.

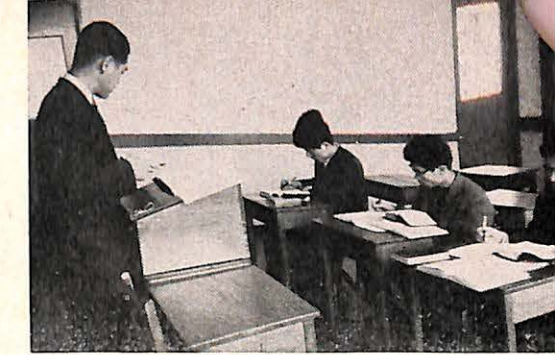


Dedication of Osaka Biblical Seminary, Japan



OBS Dedication with President-elect Fred Moore, (l. to r. on platform) Dr. Richard Schilke, speaker; Rev. H. Murakami, interpreter; and Mr. Arita, in charge of the program.

Missionaries must spend much time learning Japanese, a difficult language; Miss Lucille Wipf studies with teacher Kashiwaga Sensei.



This past year 25 students attended OBS, coming not only from the three co-operating groups, but also from many other evangelical churches and missions. Pictured is Mr. Arita, teacher, with a first year class.



The OBS Library with stack provisions for 13,000 volumes (a present stock of 4,000 volumes). The OBS Building was built and equipped at about \$85,000.



The first permanent building on the OBS Campus, a ferro-concrete structure, houses offices, four classrooms, a library and chapel.



Rev. Fred Moore, Rev. C. R. Mayforth, and Rev. Walter Sukut, missionaries, looking over Ikeda City and Tshibashi from the top of Osaka Biblical Seminary.



Persons attending the Dedication Service of Osaka Biblical Seminary with Mr. Wakamutsu (second from right), head of residential area of Soen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- (1) Pray for additional missionaries for Japan
- (2) Pray for full-time Japanese teachers for OBS
- (3) Pray concerning the need for permanent dining hall and dormitory facilities
- (4) Pray that many may be reached for Christ this year

Miss Florence Miller has taught in the Christian Education department. Rev. Fred G. Moore was appointed in July as president of OBS for a three-year term.



Mr. Kitano, teacher (retired) with a class at Osaka Biblical Seminary. OBS is meeting a real need in providing a sound Biblical theological training in the Anabaptist-Free church historical tradition.



OBS was staffed by an average of four full-time missionary teachers and nearly 12 part-time teachers, almost entirely Japanese. Above Miss Elaine Nordstrom is teaching a class.





BY MRS. DELMAR WESSELER
of Lorraine, Kansas

President of the Woman's Missionary Union

BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS

Some years ago, a wealthy family in England were weekend guests of a friend who lived on an expansive estate. As their children were swimming, one of the boys had trouble and began to drown. The screams of the other children brought the son of the gardener who pulled him out and revived him. The parents, exceedingly grateful for this act of heroism, asked the gardener if there might be something they could do for the young man. The father replied that his son wanted to go to college and become a doctor, but there was not enough money. The parents pledged themselves to pay for his education.

Forty years later, when Winston Churchill was stricken with pneumonia following the Teheran Conference, the King of England instructed that the best doctor in the land be sent to care for the Prime Minister. After his recovery, Winston Churchill said of this Dr. Fleming, the one who discovered penicillin, "Rarely has one man owed his life twice to the same rescuer," for it was Fleming who had saved Churchill's life in the swimming pool!

Good deeds, like bread cast upon the waters, do not return to us void. We might ask, "Why do many fail to try to do good, to become involved, and to be a true witness?"

When we receive the Holy Spirit into our lives, and as we encourage him to possess more and more of us, this is when he can reveal himself through us. No longer will we be inclined to hold back in our witness but will continuously desire to give a "portion" of ourselves. We will not be constantly worrying that we are doing more than another or hurting ourselves with "generous" giving. We are then experiencing this growth by adding "graces" to our lives. Will you picture with me FAITH being the first rung of the Christian ladder of graces, the first step Godward in our development of character?

"Faith without works is dead" (James 2:20). To be of any value, faith must be linked with that VIRTUE or courage of conviction which compels us to action. As we progress to our third rung of KNOWLEDGE, we realize this is essential for healthy Christian growth.

To know good and not do it is useless as is faith without works; so we must progress to TEMPERANCE or

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CAMPUS MINISTRY NEW YORK CITY— NEW JERSEY AREA

by Arthur Boymook

STUDENTS ON Campus are an interesting group of society. North American Baptist students are no different than any other student anywhere. Our students are affected by those things which affect students everywhere. All too often the church from which the student comes is not aware of the pressures and tensions that a student from one of our churches feels on Campus. Often we do not realize, that at best, he will be in a group of, which on the average, 90% who do not have contact with any form of organized Christianity. Since he comes from a church background, he is immediately in the 10% minority. This immediately presents problems. He is challenged to look at what he has believed about himself and about what his church has taught him. If he has never before examined these beliefs, this may be a threatening experience, one which may give rise to doubt and disillusionment. Should he arrive on the home scene expressing some different ideas, he may well be cast aside as having gone astray. What we missed was the fact that he was looking for answers in the process of becoming the person God intends him to be. My brief experience this past year has brought the realization that the home church needs to trust their students more, rather than being just judgmental of that which they see in the student.

A SEARCH FOR MEANING

We need to realize that students are searching for not only knowledge, but also for meaning for himself for the present and for his future. He thus explores and associates himself with those things which give him an intense sense of existing and of being relevant to something. This at times may give rise to problems, but here again we need to understand why this is happening. The student during this time needs to feel that someone cares for him in this struggle. The home church can do much by keeping in touch with him through letters, some good books, some home baked goodies or even a few dollars now and then go far in expressing care and concern.

Though students are in a large group on Campus, they are often lonely, though their actions may not indicate this feeling. Being such a small minority as a Christian on Campus creates a



Solomon Gwei (upper picture) from the Cameroons in his room at Princeton Seminary; (middle) Herman Benezet in the infirmary at Rutgers University; (lower picture) Kenneth Milton and Richard Shaw at Northeastern Collegiate.

greater feeling of loneliness. It has been our hope in the Campus Ministry to have our students associate with other Christians and other groups, to create an atmosphere of support which overcomes this sense of loneliness and loss. We hope that this will develop into relationships that are wholesome and satisfying.

A MOST IMPORTANT CHALLENGE

The simple report of Chaplains making contact with students on a Campus is not enough. The churches as a whole, must be made aware of the great ministry that is the task of the church on the Campuses of our nation. The Campus work is one of the most important challenges that will face North American Baptists in the years ahead. We hope that it will not be said as we look in retrospect, "too little, too late."

Rev. Arthur Boymook is the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jamesburg, N. J., and the Campus Chaplain for the New York City-New Jersey Area.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION STAFF NIGHT CO-ORDINATION

by Mrs. Donnie Thomas

TO ASSIST YOU in improving your Christian education ministry, we share with you the following plan being used by the Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim, California:

A puzzle can be in the form of a picture or a pile. It all depends on arrangement—the co-ordination of pieces!

Savings in time, increase in efficiency and co-ordination of effort have resulted from Christian Education Staff Night initiated at our Magnolia Baptist Church. This unique quarterly personnel get-together has a way of putting the pieces of the puzzle into a sensible picture. It co-ordinates all of the workers into a total church perspective!

What need does it meet?

- (1) It frees other nights in an already too busy calendar.
- (2) It provides an ideal opportunity for distributing new materials.
- (3) It allows general instruction of generally needed principles.
- (4) It co-ordinates the different agencies dealing with the same pupils.
- (5) It develops church unity, not agency superiority.
- (6) It facilitates communication of general goals and policies.
- (7) It reveals areas of overworking, overlapping and overlooking.
- (8) It underscores service for Christ, not personal glory.

How is it organized?

Someone must direct the program. In large churches the directors of children's work, youth work and adult work plan the agenda. Smaller churches pool the resources of the Sunday school superintendent, children's church director, and youth training hour director. The essential element is enough representation to reach a balanced program and to decide upon a mutually beneficial emphasis for the particular night.

7:00-7:30—INSPIRATION AND PRAISE

Laborers together need to rejoice together, share blessings and enthusiastically re-affirm their goals. It is inspiring to realize that scores of people are purposefully at work for Christ. You are not alone but are an important part of a greater work. This half hour sets the tone and theme for the evening.

7:30-8:00—CORRELATION AND PRAYER

During this time workers are divided according to the age levels of the ones they teach. All people directing some phase of the work with juniors meet together; e.g., junior department workers in Sunday school, children's church, Junior CBY and week-day activities. Here they get a correlated view of what will be taught and done with the same juniors but by different agencies.

Staff Night brings an awareness to the individual group of the overall Christian education program. Here is the place to present social plans, to solve transition difficulties, to develop consistent classroom management and pupil control. Such correlation, bathed in prayer for details and persons, eliminates the spirit of competition, friction and confusion.

8:00-8:15—STRETCH AND REFRESH

Hot chocolate, coffee and pastry, mixed with chatter and friendship, prepare all for the next session.

8:15-9:30—INSTRUCTION AND POWER

Now we have moved from the general to the specific. There are certain things that can only be discussed and solved by dividing into departments. Here materials are distributed and explained. Special demonstrations are performed giving opportunity for participation, discussion and experience. The basic theme of the evening is now developed with specific consideration to how it applies to this one department in one agency. Projects, goals, policies and procedures are established for the new quarter.

This program is just as flexible as you want it. Basically, it is trying to provide a three-fold telescopic gaze. We want people to look at the work from three angles:

- (1) General Session—Inspiration: "All of us are serving the Lord."
- (2) Age Level Session — Correlation: "Some of us are serving the Lord teaching primaries."
- (3) Departmental Session — Instruc-



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tion: "A few of us are serving the Lord teaching primaries during the Wednesday evening prayer and Bible hour."

Mrs. Donnie Thomas is a member of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., and a member of the Board of Christian Education there.

WE THE WOMEN

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self control. PATIENCE naturally follows, for it is quite nearly impossible for an intemperate person to be patient and able to "endure."

Having gained control of oneself to become patient, one is conditioned to radiate GODLINESS, real devotion to God or God-likeness. Kindness toward those around us, or BROTHERLINESS, involving one's self naturally follows.

Now we are on the highest step, the eighth rung of the Christian ladder, CHARITY or Christian love for all, even those who hate us. This is our CROWNING GRACE! The arrangement of these graces is not accidental or haphazard, but is in logical order as is all of God's planning.

What is the result of cultivating these eight graces in our lives? "If you have these qualities existing and growing in you, then it means that knowing our Lord Jesus Christ has not made your lives either complacent or unproductive. The man whose life fails to exhibit these qualities is short sighted—he can no longer see the reason why he was cleansed from his former sins (II Peter 1:8, 9, Phillips). As we "grow in grace and knowledge," we, too, will involve ourselves and will "cast our bread upon the waters" in proportion to what has been given to us.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Edwards, Rev. Homer B., 53 Darke Crescent, Regina, Sask.
Martin, Rev. Flavius Kum, Cameroon Protestant College, Bali, Bamenda, West Cameroon, Federal Republic of Cameroon, West Africa.



sunday school lessons

B. C. SCHREIBER

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 11, 1967

Theme: SALVATION FOR ALL MEN
Scripture: Acts 11:1-18

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. There are areas in our personal lives and in the life of the church where barriers must be broken down so that the gospel of Jesus Christ might have more freedom in fulfilling its worldwide mission.

INTRODUCTION. This lesson should be studied seriously by Christians for the purpose of self-examination. No matter how devout Christians may be, they are still held, in part, by former customs and traditions from which they find it difficult to free themselves. Often it takes years of prayer, Bible study and Christian education before the Holy Spirit can give further illumination concerning the will of God and the more abundant life in all areas.

Although these early disciples received the fullness and the power of the Holy Spirit, they still had a great deal to learn about God's plan of salvation for the world. So far the gospel had spread out from Jerusalem into Samaria. This was understandable and acceptable; because the Samaritans had Jewish blood in their veins. Their religious customs were also quite similar. Both continued to observe many of the religious laws which they had been taught from childhood. None of this was thought to detract from their total commitment to Jesus Christ as their risen Lord. They had yet to see that there was a serious barrier between Jew and Gentile which had to be removed before a worldwide mission for Christ could be truly effective.

I. PETER CONFRONTS THE CHURCH. Acts 11:1-3.

According to the record Peter had suddenly become very unorthodox. He had taken part in the conversion and acceptance of the Gentile, Cornelius, into the church. This was a serious problem to the Jews for they doubted whether Romans, Greeks and all others should be welcomed into the Christian fellowship. Evidently "the circumcision party" was already established in the church, and they believed strongly that Christians must honor and obey the ancestral laws. The fact that Peter preached to Gentiles and that they received the gift of the Holy Spirit was not the immediate problem. Philip was instrumental in leading an Ethiopian to Christ and baptizing him, and no one criticized him. Peter's so-called sin was the fact that he went into the house of a Gentile, sat down with him and ate with him.

II. PETER'S REVELATION. Acts 11:4-10.

Peter's opening statement is impor-

tant. He was in the spirit of prayer; therefore whatever happened was not something that originated in the human heart. Acceptance of Gentiles into the Christian fellowship was not his but God's. The purpose of the vision was not to force Peter to change his eating habits but to convince him that in Christ the barriers which separated him from Gentiles had been removed.

III. PETER'S REPORT TO THE CHURCH. Acts 11:11-18.

All's well that ends well! Peter spoke through the Spirit, and evidently the people listened to the Spirit. We can almost see Peter lifting his arms in a gesture of surrender to God and saying, "What else could I do when God's will was revealed so plainly to me?" Would that every business meeting might end on a high spiritual note of praise for God's wonder and salvation for all people. The soul of a person has no color; it has no nationality or race. In the sight of God every soul is priceless.

Questions for Discussion

- (1) Does our outreach of our fellowship include persons of other nationalities and races?
- (2) How do you suppose Cornelius became such a devout man outside of the Jewish religion?
- (3) Are there any people with whom you would not like to worship?
- (4) Why does God not always reveal things so clearly to us, as he did to Peter?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 18, 1967

Theme: A GROWING CHURCH
Scripture: Acts 11:19-30

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. The church will grow only as the individual grows "in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man."

INTRODUCTION. The wonderful story of the spread of the gospel and the growth of the church becomes more exciting as we continue to read the Book of Acts. It is both interesting and inspiring to see how The Great Commission was being fulfilled to the letter according to geographical as well as national and racial lines. Peter and the other apostles began to preach in Jerusalem. Philip witnessed to the Samaritans and later Peter, with the aid and direction of a vision, preached the word to Cornelius, a "God-fearer," or Jewish sympathizer who was a Gentile. Step by step the influence of the gospel was being felt until it progressively reached "the uttermost part of the earth." Later Paul was able to write to the Colossians (1-6) and say that the gospel has "come unto you, as it is in all the world."

Today we think of the gospel as reaching into parts of the world that, in the time of the early church, were still unknown, and yet we often fail in our outreach because it does not even reach across the fence to our next door neighbor.

I. GROWTH THROUGH PERSECUTION. Acts 11:19-20.

During the persecution there were many Christian "refugees" in all parts of the world. They did not return to Jerusalem but continued to witness where they were. The best contact they had was with fellow Jews in the synagogues, and it was here that their missionary efforts were most rewarding. Some of them found their way to Antioch where they preached to Greek-speaking Jews. Here they found people who needed Christ; it was almost unbelievable, and it is left to our imagination as to the great number who believed and turned to the Lord.

II. GROWTH THROUGH LEADERSHIP. Acts 11:21-26.

Barnabas fits the best description of a Christian: "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." It did not take long before the church in Jerusalem heard of the remarkable response to the gospel in Antioch. When Barnabas arrived, he was soon convinced that things were even better than he had hoped. Instead of returning to Jerusalem, he went to Troas to look for Saul. The work was so promising that he decided to bring in more help. For an entire year they helped the church to grow in spirit and in truth so that the church would be well established in the faith. This was Christian education at its best. Here, for the first time, the disciples were called Christians.

III. GROWTH THROUGH PRACTICAL SERVICE. Acts 11:27-30.

A great emergency was anticipated by Agabus, and surprisingly the Christians in Antioch responded to the occasion as every man was able. A generous contribution was sent by the hands of Barnabas and Saul. It was a wonderful Christian gesture which revealed the love of the Gentile Christians for their Jewish brethren. Many were already destitute because of what they suffered through persecution, yet they were willing to share what they had.

Questions for Discussion

- (1) How can we estimate the success or failure of a church today?
- (2) How do the methods and organization of the early church compare with ours today?
- (3) Do we have any prophets in the literal sense of the term in our present day churches?

CONCERNING MR. MILLER'S LETTER

Dear Dr. Ihrie:

The letter by Mr. John E. Miller, which appeared in the SPEAK UP column in the April 1 issue of the *Baptist Herald*, requests replies regarding our slow membership growth. We share with Brother Miller our great concern about the slow growth in church membership, Sunday school and youth group enrollment. At a recent meeting with leaders of eight small evangelical denominations, we compared gains in Sunday school and youth groups and, with the exception of about one or two denominations, there was a very similar problem of slow membership growth. We do not consider these problems insurmountable; because we are aware of the large number of people who are not being reached for Christ through the Christian education program of the local church. Let me state some of the answers to the problems highlighted in the letter:

First, we need personally committed believers in Christ, who are willing to become involved in reaching new people for Christ. Our culture is taking on a very definite characteristic of living anonymously and isolated. This is contrary to the teachings of our Lord who emphasized that we are to be a fellowship of believers who draw others into the fellowship. We need to find answers to this problem by individually, or as families, analyzing our efforts to foster fellowship with prospects for our Christian education program.

Second, we can experience a more rapidly growing enrollment through regular day by day and special outreach efforts in our respective communities. The mobility of our society was described in a recent official report which stated that more than thirty-eight million Americans moved this past year, which means that nearly 20% of the Americans are on the move annually. This trend requires more frequent community census taking to find prospects for our churches. The Department of Christian Education has made resource materials available to our churches to be used in special outreach or expansion campaigns, and yet so few of the local churches implemented these programs. What obstacles do local church leaders face in using these resources?

Third, we must train more local church leadership to upgrade our ministry of Christian education. Brother Miller is right when he states, "It takes strong, imaginative and dynamic leadership to make organizations grow..." Our records of leadership education courses being offered in our churches indicate that too few courses are being offered in our churches to reinforce and improve leadership at the local church level. The Department of Christian Education has promoted leadership training programs and participated in teacher training courses to the extent that time permitted. A new 1966 edition of the *Leadership Education Curriculum Guide*, which lists

SPEAK UP!

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

some two hundred recommended courses, was made available to all of our pastors, directors of Christian education, Sunday school superintendents and CBYF presidents last fall. It would be of great help to us and to our churches to have leaders like Brother Miller share with us why so many churches do not plan for more leadership training courses.

Brother Miller expresses his feeling that as leaders we are not keeping "pace with people's needs and changes in society." We agree that it is not always easy to keep up with so many varied needs of a local church; however, here are some of the ways we have attempted to provide for a stronger North American Baptist Christian education program:

- (1) A total curriculum for the Sunday school,
- (2) Program resources for youth (junior through college age),
- (3) Weekday program materials for boys' and girls' work,
- (4) Leadership training curriculum,
- (5) Attendance campaign and outreach programs,
- (6) Missionary education resources, including our own publication, CONTACT,
- (7) Camping curriculum for children and youth,
- (8) Family camping suggestions and resources,
- (9) Student ministry which includes part-time services by twelve chaplains and assistance to students employed by churches and camps during the summer,
- (10) Youth Congress which is held every three years, approximately five hundred attending the 1966 Congress exceeded all previous records, plans for youth activities at local conferences, as well as General Conference (See November 15 issue of *Baptist Herald*),
- (11) Scripture Memory program correlated with Sunday school curriculum,
- (12) Our ministry with the aging,
- (13) Resources and suggestions for special observances, such as Christian Education Week, Bible Day, Family Month, Youth Week, Children's Day, Christmas, etc.; and
- (14) Vacation Bible School curriculum and specially prepared resources highlighting North American Baptist missionary activities.

After reviewing this list of available services and resources, you will immediately recognize that it takes a devoted local church leadership to accomplish the goals of a growing Christian education ministry.

Merging with other Baptist groups, as Brother Miller suggests, may lessen some problems, but to perform a successful ministry in any local church

remains a primary responsibility of the local church leadership.

We covet your continued prayers and co-operation to fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord to "make disciples."

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman,

General Secretary,

Department of Christian Education

Dr. Ihrie's Comment:

Thank you, Gideon, for your insights and faithful service. May God bless you in the work which we share as a mutual responsibility among all our N.A.B. members.

AGAINST MERGER

Dear Friend:

Some of the younger ministers, most of whom have not much experience, want a union with the former Swedish Conference. I, as a layman of 70 years, a Baptist, am very much against it. We are now on the upgrade all around largely due to fine leadership at Forest Park.

First—the record of the National Council of Churches shows that we are leading the Baptists in giving. The other conference is a good bit below us per member.

Second—the records also show that they do not pay their ministers as much as we do.

Third—I read their paper for years, and I doubt very much that they have just as solid leaders as we have at Forest Park.

Fourth—they want our money to build their College that costs millions to build. I get letters for donations almost every month. With me, NAB comes first all the time.

Last, but not least—they add a postscript to Our Master's Great Commission—their postscript is in North America. All services must be held in English. That is not in my Bible nor in your Bible. Those of us who attended the Conference at Edmonton can recall the very fine program we had: the very fine music, and we should disown these Germans just on account of the narrowness of the Swedes! Also, our fine Cameroon work is in pidgin English. In short, I say in German "Rausch Mit" the union.

I'll see you in Detroit as usual. I have not attended as many General Conferences as Rev. Willibald Argow has, but I have one in common with him. His first General Conference he attended was in 1895 at Dayton; that was also my first Conference. I was only eight years old. How well I remember the long beards that the older ministers wore. Rev. Argow was a Dayton boy. His father had a German bookstore. Later on his father, the Rev. Wm. F. Argow, became pastor of our German Church at Toledo, Ohio.

I have only attended 11 General Con-

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ferences and 16 Central Conferences. That is not bad for an ordinary layman. These Conferences keep me young although I am almost 80 years old.

Yours respectfully,
Helmuth Behrend

Dr. Ihrie's Comment:

Thank you, brother, for a personal viewpoint from a very loyal member of our denominational fellowship. May God bless you in these later years.

A RESPONSE TO MR. MILLER

Dear Sir:

I am writing in response to Mr. John E. Miller's letter suggesting merger with the Baptist General Conference. I enjoyed 18 years of fellowship and service in the Baptist General Conference and am now a happy and satisfied member of the North American Baptist General Conference, serving my fourth year at the Seminary. I would look forward to a merger of the two denominations with genuine joy.

It is Mr. Miller's reasons for merger that bother me. I am disturbed when people talk of merger as the only means of survival, or as an answer to present failure. We are doing a good work. Rev. Binder is to be commended for his fine contribution in the area of youth work. Our denominational giving the past year is a real victory even though it might be less than our full potential. Our seminary is well on the way to full accreditation. Many other advances could be listed. God is blessing.

That which ought to challenge us to consider merger with the Baptist General Conference is the possibility that we could do even greater things for Christ together than we can do separately. We have much to offer them even as they have much to offer us. Just as one small example, their few churches in North Dakota would suddenly find themselves a part of a larger fellowship.

We are working together in the Osaka Biblical Institute in Japan and in some ways here at home. Even without a merger there are many exciting possibilities for mutual assistance if we but use a little sanctified imagination. May God grant us a spirit of adventure in seeking to further his kingdom.

Sincerely in Christ,
Donald Madvig

Dr. Ihrie's Comment:

Thank you, Professor Madvig, and you can be assured that all the pros and cons of merger will be brought to the surface during the next months and years. One thing we all need to keep in mind: there is a rather wide gap between the ideals of amalgamation and the practical implementation of these high goals. Sometimes we talk of denominational unions as being similar to courtship and marriage. The analogy is too naive. This is not to say that such discussion is out of order, but that we must not let enthusiasm for merger blind us to the fact that we are discussing a long-range and multifaceted issue. The merger may ultimately occur—or it may not—but it

will take more than an exciting decision to "purchase a license and see the nearest minister."

ON JOINING THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Dear Sir:

In reply to the question of joining the General Conference in order to have a better youth program, I am a new Christian and am just beginning to be interested in what is going on in the other churches. I don't profess to know a lot about either conference.

A lot of our young people seem to be leaving our churches, but I believe this to be true of many other churches, too. As Christian parents we want our children to continue in our churches; so I think we should start when the child is small to teach them to appreciate the small as well as the big things that the Lord has given us. We must explain the Lord Jesus to them, too. We must see that the Word of God is taught so they may learn to listen to the Lord. Before we can teach these things, we must search our own hearts to know how much we love the Lord ourselves. Our actions are sometimes better teachers than many words. I don't believe that it will make any difference to a boy or girl how large or how many activities the church has, if they have really committed themselves to the Lord. This is most important.

I attended a large Baptist Church in another city some years ago. I was asked to the young people's meeting, but as I remember it, it was more of a place to go to meet boys than it was to really speak of the Lord. Our young people need social activities and a chance to meet other Christians, but let us remember they should serve the Lord first not second. Again we must remember that we adults are teachers with our actions as well as words. As adults we must ask ourselves, "Why do I go to church?" Is it to serve the Lord or to gain socially?

As for the young people that we are trying to draw into our churches so that they may learn of the Lord, I think the best answer to that is to love them and show a real concern for them. As for the programs for our youth, everyone of us in the church has a chance to make suggestions, so I think that it is up to all of us to use our imagination and leadership abilities to plan for the youth in our area. Let us remember to call on the Lord to help and guide us.

Dr. Ihrie's Comment:

Even though your letter was not written specifically for publication, we feel it ought to be printed because it represents a certain viewpoint. We are withholding your name, but are very grateful for your interest and concern.

CHURCH EXTENSION

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ed in May, with the anticipation of a completed unit by September 1.

The uniqueness of this project is that the building will be constructed before regular worship services are held.

There are small groups of people meeting in homes for prayer fellowship, but the real outreach to the community will come when the building is completed.

A new four-bedroom parsonage is being provided by the Southern Conference, and will be occupied some time in June, located one mile from the church, in the Dumbarton Village, 4315 Brownstone Drive, Houston.

We, as the Church Extension pastor and family, covet your prayers, and ask that God will give us the wisdom and strength to labor for him in this great field of Houston, Texas. We would welcome the names of your friends and relatives who are living here now or who will be moving to Houston.

Rev. Elton Kirstein moved to Houston, Texas, in March to assume the responsibilities of pastor of this new church extension work.

women's missionary societies

WARREN, MICH., REDEEMER. Our missionary society held their annual election in March. Mrs. Helen Sonnenberg was elected president, and Mrs. Alice Timm was elected treasurer. Mrs. Sonnenberg is also one of our church librarians and recently, at our Teachers and Officers Meeting, gave an interesting account of the history of Baptists. (Doris Kintzer, Reporter.)

LANSING, MICH. The Women's Missionary Society of Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., held its annual program Sunday evening, April 9, 1967. Our guest for the evening was Beatrice Bush Bixler, composer, soloist and pianist from Woodburn, Indiana, wife of an Evangelical Mennonite minister. Mrs. Bixler played her own accompaniment when she sang selections. The Singspiration Song book of Mrs. Bixler's songs, entitled *Life Is A Symphony*. (Mrs. Janet Goff, Secretary.)

LEHR, N. D. The Ladies' Missionary Society presented their annual program on March 5. The theme for the program was "Calvary and Easter," with Mrs. D. Heringer as leader. Poems were read with the music interspersed in the form of solos, duets, trio and group songs.

On March 21, members of the Ladies' Missionary Society prepared and served a three course dinner at the Lettermen's Banquet in the church parlors to approximately 160 people. The Banquet was a new undertaking by the Commercial Club members of our city and promises to be an annual feat.

We thank God for faithful, energetic and willing workers, and we are looking forward to even greater accomplishments under the guidance of our enthusiastic pastor, Rev. Daniel Heringer, and family. (Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter.)

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Mr. and Mrs. Ben Auch Celebrate 50th Anniversary

A large group of relatives and friends gathered at the city hall in New Leipzig, N. D., in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Auch. The honored guests with their sons and daughters were seated at a beautifully decorated table. A large wedding cake (baked by Mrs. Raymond Auch), streamers and other decorations in the golden theme also graced the table.

Willard Auch served as Master of Ceremonies. Readings, musical numbers consisting of group singing and solos were rendered by the grandchildren. A quartet number was rendered by four of the sons. Jeffrey Auch gave a report of the history of the couple, recalling the many years of happiness and blessings in their lives. Devotions were led by Alvin Auch. Carl Okken spoke on behalf of the church.

Good wishes, cards and gifts were received by the honored couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Auch came to know Christ as personal Savior and were baptized. They have been faithful servants for many years. Presently they are serving him in the New Leipzig Baptist Church.

God blessed them with nine children: Rueben of L. A., Calif.; Walter, Mott, N. D.; Mrs. Richard Klein (Florence) Billings, Mont.; Raymond, Sidney, Mont.; Clemence, Fenwood, Saskatchewan; Mrs. Lyle Wacker (Alice), Corn, Okla.; Willard, New Brighton, Minn.; Alvin, Anamoose, N. D.; Jeffrey, Bismarck, N. D. There are 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

On March 29, 1967, Mr. and Mrs. Auch were blessed with 50 years of married life. Truly, God has blessed this couple in a marvelous way. (Mrs. Alvin Auch, Reporter.)

MILWAUKEE, WIS., BETHANY. On March 5, 1967, Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., celebrated its 35th Anniversary at its evening service.

Rev. Eldon L. Janzen, manager of Roger Williams Press in Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker for both

the morning and evening services.

Recognition was given to our charter members. Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, our church clerk, read the names of our charter members. The members present at the service were presented with a carnation in remembrance of the occasion.

Greetings from former pastors were then read by our pastor, Rev. Walter Schmidt, and Mrs. Elizabeth Miller. Letters were received from Rev. Herbert Hiller, Dr. Frank Veninga, and Rev. Wilmer Quiring. A letter was read from one of our sister churches, German Bethel of Milwaukee. Greetings were brought in person from German Zion Baptist Church of Milwaukee, by Mr. Brenner, and from Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, by Rev. R. Woyke, pastor.

After the service, there was a time of fellowship and refreshments in the church's Fellowship Hall. (Barbara Meier, Reporter.)

baptism — evangelism

ANAHEIM, CALIF., BETHEL.

Members and friends of Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., had great reason for rejoicing on March 19, 1967! Nine young people were baptized during the evening service by the Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, Bethel's new pastor. Those following the instructions of Christ and taking the step of baptism were Bradley Ennis, Terry Studebaker, Robert Campbell, Guy and Garth Chase, Mary Anne Hilliker, Dennis Trapp, and Andy and Irene Cool.

These young people were happy to receive the right hand of fellowship Easter Sunday morning.

Transferring membership by letter to Bethel Baptist early in 1967 were Mrs. John Mahaffey and daughters, Cindy and Cathy. (Joyce Cool, Reporter.)

APLINTON, IOWA. On the evening of March 5 a baptismal service was held in the church when three young people followed their Lord in baptism: Darrell and Darwin Sents and Lorraine Poley. During the morning worship service on April 2, the hand of fellowship was extended by our pastor to the following: Mrs. Max Poley, Lorraine, Clarice, and Myron; Mr. and Mrs. Montford Wightman and Clarence; Darrell and Darwin Sents. (Mrs. William G. Lindaman, Reporter.)

BILLINGS, MONT. The Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Mont., was blessed on April 2 when two young people and seven adults from Billings, Mont., North Dakota, South Dakota and Missouri united with the church by letter. The right hand of fellowship was extended by our pastor, Rev.



New members received into the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Mont., are (r. to l.) Mr. and Mrs. R. Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Friez, Todd Friez, Laura Friez, Mrs. J. Dockter, Mr. and Mrs. B. Hauff, and Rev. R. Grenz.

Richard Grenz. May the Lord bless them and the church as together we serve him. (Mrs. Ray Kapptie, Reporter.)

EDMONTON, ALTA., MEADOW LARK.

On April 16 Rev. Wm. W. Sibley, assisted by Rev. W. Muller, had the joy of baptizing eleven converts at the Meadowlark Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta. The candidates were baptized at the beginning of the service and were extended the hand of fellowship after the message. Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Morris, Man., brought the message which was entitled, "Four Reasons For Believers' Baptism." An invitation was given for others who would like to be baptized and unite with the church. God was gracious as there was a response, and we are planning another baptismal service for May. The membership of Meadowlark now stands at 132, and we have sent for the letters of three more which will bring it up to 135. The average attendance at Sunday School and the Worship Service is now close to 200. There have been a good number of converts thus far in 1967. On Communion Sunday in March there were five saved following the Communion Service, and for four Sundays in a row, men and women and young people came at the conclusion of the morning service, either to receive Christ or to give profession of their faith. We thank God for his faithfulness in this work. (Wm. W. Sibley, Pastor.)



New members of the Esterhazy Baptist Church, Sask., are (left to right) with the pastor, Rev. P. Schroeder, Philip Jordan, Penny Wagantall, Linda Priebe, Richard Wagantall.

ESTERHAZY, SASK. On Easter Sunday morning the resurrection message was graphically illustrated as four young people stepped into the waters of baptism to publicly testify to their new life in Christ. It was a joyous occasion for the entire church as well as the participants, as we rejoiced at this demonstration of his power and love. It was the first baptismal service held in our new building and with our own facilities which had been rushed to completion only the night before. Even though the rest of the building is far from complete, we enjoy it very much and thank God for it.

Our church, which was organized in September of 1965 with 18 members, has increased to 35. Nine of these have come by baptism. (Rev. P. Schroeder, Pastor.)

EUREKA, S. D. The First Baptist Church, Eureka, S. D., has been blessed with witnessing two baptismal services so far this year. One during the Watchnight Service when three followed Christ's example, and again on Easter Sunday evening when five young people went through the baptismal waters. We praise God for the continual witness of his Spirit at work in the hearts of men and women. (Mrs. F. H. Fuchs, Reporter.)



New members at the First Baptist Church, Hebron, N. D., are (l. to r., back row) Mrs. Vernon Martin, Mr. Vernon Martin, Rev. Peter J. Wiens (pastor); (front row) Lee Miller, Monty Schneider, Lynn Heinle.

HEBRON, N. D. A baptismal service was held in the First Baptist Church of Hebron, North Dakota, at the evening service on Palm Sunday. After a challenging message on the significance of scriptural baptism by the pastor, Rev. Peter J. Wiens, five candidates followed the Lord in baptism. These were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Martin, Lee Miller, Monty Schneider, and Lynn Heinle. The church choir sang as each candidate was baptized.

The hand of fellowship was extended to these new members after which the communion service was observed. (Mrs. R. Stanley Schneider, Reporter.)

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. The Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., continues to grow, as we have added sixteen new members to our Sunday school since January and two members to our church roll. We feel the

Lord is blessing us. (Burl Ashley, Reporter.)

MC CLUSKY, N. D. March 27 to April 7 was a period of special blessing to the people of the McClusky Baptist Church. Rev. Peter Wiens of Hebron, N. D., was our speaker during this time for a series of special meetings. The children's stories which were brought every evening by Rev. Wiens were very interesting, attracting the attention of young and old alike. The messages were inspirational, causing us to depend more fully on the Holy Spirit for his leading in our lives. We are looking forward to a continued blessing and the harvesting of souls as our pastor, Rev. W. Gerthe, labors in our midst. (Mrs. Alan Wahl, Reporter.)



Persons recently baptized by Rev. Rubin Grueneich at the Martin, N. D., Baptist Church.

MARTIN, N. D. Sunday evening, April 9, the Martin Baptist Church was privileged to witness the baptism of eight persons by our pastor, Rev. Reuben Grueneich. Six from the Martin Baptist and two from the Rosenfeld Baptist Church were baptized.

A duet was sung by Joyce Franklin and Kathy Putz. After the message of the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Michelson favored us with another duet.

After the baptismal service, communion was served, and the candidates, one by letter, were accepted into the church as members.

Sunday evening, March 26, an Easter program was presented by the Martin Baptist Sr. C. B. Y.

April 2, the Martin Baptist Mission Circle presented their annual program with the neighboring churches attending. (Miss Joyce Franklin, Reporter.)

PORTLAND, ORE., GLENCULLEN. On Sunday, February 25, Glencullen Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, had its first Sunday worship service in the sanctuary of the new church. That evening a large group of people were baptized and received into its fellowship. Pastor Schauer had conducted a six week course on baptism and church membership, prior to this service. We thank our Lord for this harvest.

The new church was scheduled to be dedicated on May 21, 1967, and services honoring it held all day. We are truly humble and thankful for this new church and all the blessings thereof. (Florence M. Johnson, Reporter.)



New members received into the Glencullen Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., pictured with Pastor Schauer (in back row left end) Debbie Kasen, Margine Altig, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rutter, Ole Kittleson, Stephen and Kevin Billings, Georgenia and Diana Rowe, John Kreig, Diane Pierce, Cherie Reincke, Rose Wilson and Melissa Kovenz. Next to the Pastor is Mrs. Blanche DeLoe who joined on experience. Not in the picture, but also baptized were Pamela Wilson and Steve Coffman, making a total of sixteen and of new members, seventeen.

SPOKANE, WASH. On Jan. 1 Terrace Heights Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash., held a baptism and communion service. Each of the following was baptized: Mrs. Janet Roth, Nancy Hauck, Terri Schmidt, Debbie Thiesies, Pamela and Larry Moad. Rev. Thiesies extended the hand of fellowship to each one. We were also delighted to welcome into our church Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hauck, Linda and David Hauck. The Lord's Supper was then served. A fellowship luncheon followed the service. (Mrs. C. W. Cade, Clerk.)



Pictured are some of the new members of the Terrace Heights Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash.: (front row, l. to r.) Larry Moad, Terri Schmidt, Debbie Thiesies, (middle row) Alvin Hauck, Leona Hauck, Pamela Moad, Nancy Hauck, (back row) David Hauck, Rev. Thiesies.

WATERTOWN, WIS., FIRST. An impressive service was held in the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., on Easter Sunday evening when Rev. Paul Meister, pastor, baptized Mr. Gene Rusk upon confession of his faith in Jesus Christ. (Mrs. J. J. Abel, Reporter.)

christian education events

APLINGTON, IOWA. A meaningful observance of Bible Day took place in the Aplington Baptist Church on Sunday evening, March 12. A group of adults and young people, under the direction of Mrs. Harm Sherman, par-

ticipated in the interview presentation, "You Are There." The platform was fittingly decorated with a large white Bible and flowers. Blue floodlights were focused on the Bible. The play dealt with the spreading of the word of God by various translations, recordings for the blind, tracts and other means to many parts of the world. A tribute to the Bible was given by Mrs. Sherman. Music was provided by a group of high school girls and the pastor, Rev. Donald Patet. (Mrs. William G. Lindaman, Reporter.)

LEHR, N. D. Beginning Feb. 6 the Sunday school teachers, assistant teachers and Sunday school officers met in the church parlors for a series of three hour sessions for a study on the book of Hebrews by Herschel H. Hobbs with the pastor, Rev. D. Heringer, as director. During the recess period the women took turns serving coffee and a snack. The group numbered about 18. (Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter.)

conferences

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE PASTORS' FELLOWSHIP

The week of April 3-7 found a majority of the pastors of the Southwestern Conference back in school. Their instructors were two of the professors from the North American Baptist Seminary, Dr. George Lang and Dr. Donald Madvig. The program, aptly designated the Pastors' Continuing Education Program, was held on the beautiful campus of Tabor College, a Mennonite Brethren school in Hillsboro, Kansas.

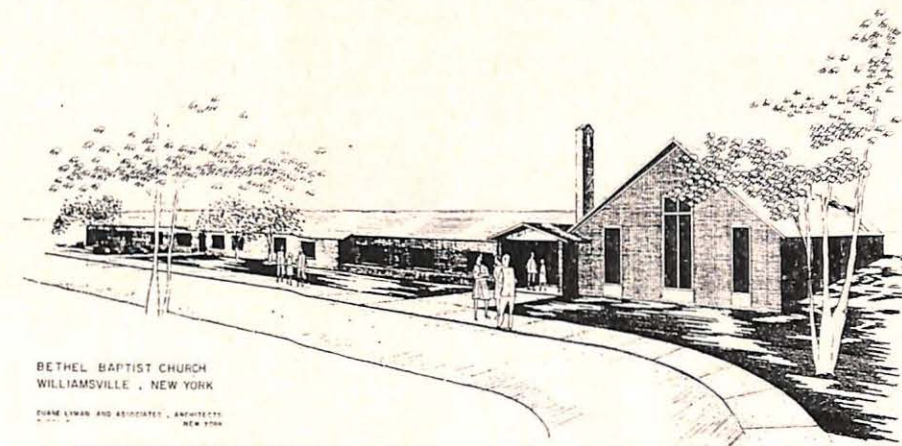
The subject area, "Preaching from the Old Testament," could hardly have been more practical for a group of pastors. A team-teaching approach was used, with Dr. Madvig dealing with the theological aspects of the study, and Dr. Lang lecturing on the homiletical. Each morning during the week, two study sessions were held, one conducted by each instructor. The afternoons were begun with a report on one of the books which all of the pastors had been required to read beforehand. This was followed by a discussion based on the contents of the book. The remainder of the afternoons were set aside for informal discussion, fellowship, and recreation. The evening sessions were greatly varied and included a demonstration sermon from the Old Testament and a sample film-strip on Old Testament archaeology.

There is a growing trend in North American Baptist circles for churches to send their pastors to a refresher course such as this. Although this was the first time such a program was held in the Southwestern Conference, the reactions of a majority of the pastors indicate that they endorse this program as a very worthwhile investment on the part of the churches. (Elwyn Zimmerman, Reporter.)

church building

LEHR, N. D. On Feb. 26 after the morning worship service, the entire congregation gathered in the lower auditorium where a short dedication service took place for the remodeling project of the lower auditorium where the walls had been paneled, also clean-

ed, painted and all doors had been refinished. Rev. D. Heringer spoke and led in a unison reading followed by remarks by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Gottfried Harr. All partook of a potluck dinner with several business men and their families present. An offering was taken which more than covered the cost of materials used for the entire project. (Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter.)



BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
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GROUND-BREAKING SERVICES . . . BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, AMHERST, NEW YORK

Ground-breaking services for the Bethel Baptist Church, Amherst (Buffalo), New York, were conducted on Palm Sunday, March 19, at 3:30 P.M. An opening service was held at the present church building, and then a motorcade was formed to take the members and friends to the new church site, approximately three miles away. The form of a cross, fifteen feet long by ten feet wide had been marked off for the occasion, and the ground was turned within this area. Participants in the service included the Pastor, Rev. William Christensen, Mr. Elmer Miller, Building Committee Chairman, Mr. Harold Stocker, Trustee Chairman and representatives of all boards and organizations of the church.

A highlight of the service was the participation by the children of the Sunday school. Special souvenir shovels were provided for each child, and the members of each class were invited to come and to share in breaking ground for their new church building. About 175 persons attended the services in spite of very cold weather. Portions of the service were broadcast on the Sunday evening newscast of one of the Buffalo television stations.

Bethel Baptist Church which moved from Buffalo to its present location in 1959-60, has been compelled to relocate because of the acquisition of its property for a State University complex. The new building will include both sanctuary and Christian education facilities and is expected to cost \$300,000 including furnishings. (Wm. E. Christensen, Pastor.)



Rev. E. Kirstein, church extension pastor, Rev. Barsh, pastor, Immanuel, Kyle, Texas, Charles King, Trinity Bonds, Inc., and Daniel Fuchs, delivering dedication message.



Emil Schmeltkepf, chairman, Trustees, Immanuel Church, Kyle, Texas, with "gold" shovels for ground-breaking.

GROUND-BREAKING FOR HOUSTON, TEXAS, CHURCH EXTENSION

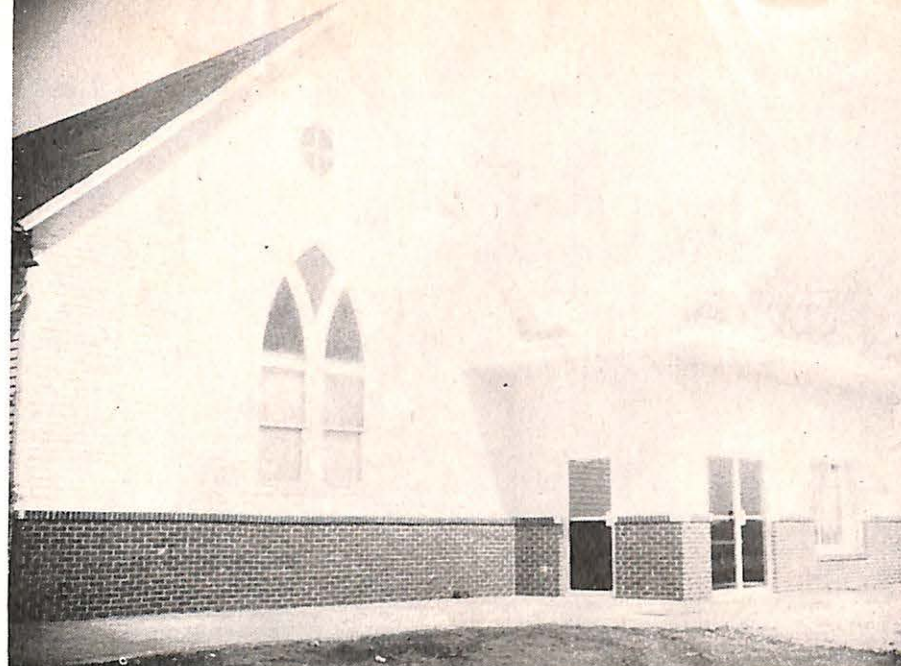
"There shall be showers of blessing. . . ." and certainly all who attended the ground-breaking service that morning in Houston, Texas, felt the wonderful blessing of God's love. Many months of prayer, planning and preparation has passed since the people of the Southern Conference first felt the Lord's leading towards this new work.

At 11:00 A.M. on April 22, approximately 60 people gathered at the future site of the Anderson Road Baptist Church. Mr. Lyle Grenz, of Houston, opened the service by leading us in singing, "O Happy Day," and "Showers of Blessing." It was a warm and beautiful day of sunshine (not always the case in rainy Houston). Dr. W. H. Barsh, the chairman of the Southern Conference Church Extension Committee, served as the moderator for the occasion and spoke from Nehemiah 4:4-6; 5:3-4, relating the text to the opportunity of this contemporary situation. The prayer of dedication was given by Rev. Kenneth Howe. Mr. Charles King, representing Trinity Bonds Inc., and also a deacon and Sunday school teacher in a Houston Baptist Church, then spoke of his personal interest in our church extension project. Mr. John Lengefeld, the conference Brotherhood President, and also a conference church extension committee member, related the occasion one year previous when the annual brotherhood banquet was held in Houston with Rev. Daniel Fuchs as guest speaker. The W.M.U. was represented by Mrs. Nellie Lengefeld of Branch, Louisiana. Rev. Elton Kirstein, the Houston Church Extension pastor, was then introduced, after which he spoke from Jeremiah 32:27, with the text: ". . . is anything too hard?" His remaining text was found in verses 37, 39 and 40 ("gather," "give," and "work"). He spoke thankfully, encouragingly, and challengingly, pointing out the opportunity at hand but reminding us that it will involve a day by day approach.

No offering plates being available, the men simply "passed the hat," and the first offering from the Anderson Road Baptist Church of Houston was received and sent directly to Forest Park as a mission offering.

Dr. Barsh then introduced the guest speaker for the occasion, Rev. Daniel Fuchs. Rev. Fuchs first described the history of our Houston project, after which he brought out the necessity of God's power through the Holy Spirit. His text was Mark 5, which speaks of God's power . . . "and all power is given unto me." "To God and his ability to save the lost we dedicate this project" were the words with which he closed the service. A note of commendation was then read from Dr. J. C. Gunst, and the program was then concluded with Dr. Barsh and Mr. Emil Smeltekopf, the trustee of the Houston project, unearthing the first shovel of ground for the new project.

Preceding this service of Dedication



Newly remodeled Strassburg Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas

there was a day of preparing the property. This was a day when the lay-people and some of the pastors gathered for a time of painting, plumbing, clearing trees and tearing down old buildings no longer needed on the property, along with repairing the present structure which is to be used for educational and fellowship purposes as it contains a kitchen and a beautifully laminated pine paneled living room with fireplace. The ladies of the Southern Conference W.M.U. provided the draperies and curtains and spent many hours preparing the inside. Approximately 30 ladies and men met for this work project.

The building for the first unit began May 15. This early date was made possible due to the fact that within 21 days after the bonds were made available our Southern Conference people purchased bonds totalling \$40,000.00. This is well over the required 50% necessary to begin building. As the bonds sell for 7% interest it is expected that interested persons will soon purchase those remaining. The bonds are now being sold through the Southern Conference pastors. (Mrs. Kenneth Howe, reporter.)

DEDICATION OF THE STRASSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

Dedication of the newly remodeled and expanded facilities of the Strassburg Baptist Church was held on March 12, 1967.

The church choir led the congregation in worship, and Mrs. Howard Babb sang the dedicatory solo, "Bless This House." Rev. Adolph Braun of Warren, Mich., was guest speaker using the theme, "The Divine Program for the Church."

Steve Jost of Marion supervised the church construction. Men of the church donated over 1,500 man hours of labor helping to keep the cost down. The donation of time and talent made for a close knit fellowship and a sense of accomplishment on the part of the church.

The old steps, two sets of them, were torn away and the entrance to the church was completely changed. There is an expanded foyer on the northeast side of the church. The foyer is functional with all vinyl flooring, coat racks and two modern rest rooms just off the entry way.

The exterior of the foyer and the front of the old church was decorated with red brick veneer. It is attractive and carries the eye along tying the old and the new structures together so as not to look "patched on."

A nursery with its own rest room and two additional classrooms have also been added with a lot of useful storage space provided.

All the newly added facilities are heated by electric heat which is thermostatically controlled.

The entire church structure, old and new, has been redecorated with matching interior colors. Good use was made of wood paneling, accoustical ceiling techniques. Ceramic tile was used on the walls of the rest rooms.

We of the Strassburg Baptist Church are pleased with our remodeled and expanded facilities. The total cost of remodeling and addition was done for a little over \$14,000. (Donald Decker, Pastor.)

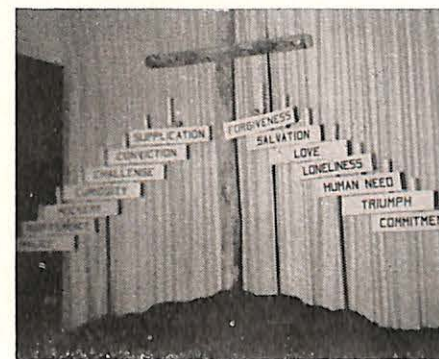
special events

ANAHEIM, CALIF., BETHEL. Sunday afternoon, March 12, 1967, the Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom of Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., held "Open House" in their new home at 825 South Avocado, the first home they have ever owned. Sharing their happiness were his parents, the Stanley Ganstroms, of Concordia, Kansas, here on a visit; sending greetings were their college son and daughter, Norris and Glennis, presently in Washington. One hundred and twenty church members and friends attended.

Highlights of the afternoon was a dedication service in which the Ganstroms pledged their home unto the Lord and rededicated themselves into his service.

Mrs. Walter Gooden played "For the Beauty of the Earth" and "Make Me A Blessing" at the piano, setting the mood for the special program. Rev. Henry Hirsch used the Scripture text of Genesis 12:7-8 for his devotional message. Mrs. James Fallon sang "Bless This House," accompanied by Mrs. Vernon Thompson. Gifts of appreciation were presented to the Ganstroms from the church by Moderator Walter Gooden and from the Women's Missionary Society by President Mrs. Thompson.

Assisting at the tea table were Mrs. Stanley Ganstrom, Mrs. Jerry Hackett, wife of the Bethel Baptist Youth Director, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Fallon. Hostess guides were girls from Mrs. Ganstrom's college Sunday school class. High school girls aided the social committee. (Joyce Cool, Reporter.)



Platform setting of the Good Friday service at the Danzig Baptist Church, S. D., set up by Wilbert Buchholz.

DANZIG, S. D. The special Good Friday service at the Danzig Baptist Church, South Dakota, was planned by the following committee: Mrs. Wilbert Berndt, Mrs. Jean Hebner, Wilbert Buchholz, Harlen Voigt and Mrs. David Zimmerman.

The choir consisted of over 40 voices, high school age and up (mostly young people).

The words were placed in position after being recited, including the reference, by the junior high Sunday school pupils.

The platform decoration was set up by Wilbert Buchholz. A spotlight centered on the cross. The candles were lit preceding the procession. The program was in two parts.

The offertory trombone solo, "Holy City," by Dale Zimmerman, and the announcements were between the two parts. (Mrs. David Zimmerman, Reporter.)

EUREKA, S. D. It was the privilege of the First Baptist Church, Eureka, S. D., to see the fruit of their efforts come to a climax when the mortgage on the parsonage was recently burned. In August, 1963, our people built an \$18,500 home for the pastor's family, and by the end of 1966 the debt was completely paid. The Chairmen of the Boards of Trustees, Finance, Deacons,

and Christian Education participated in the service along with the Pastor. We praise God for the faithfulness and dedication of his people. (Mrs. F. H. Fuchs, Reporter.)

ELK GROVE, CALIF. The First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif. appreciated the enthusiastic and helpful ministry of God's Volunteers Team II very much in March. Their happy faces and wonderful messages in music were a blessing to all as well as the sermons and testimonies. Rev. C. Salios brought the messages.

On Palm Sunday our pastor, Rev. Merle Brenner, brought us a message entitled: "If the King Should Enter Elk Grove," using the Scripture Matt. 21:1-17. On Good Friday the community service was held at the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove with the Elk Grove Ministers' Association taking part from 1 P.M. to 2 P.M. The church choir sang, "Were You There," under the direction of Edwin Schuh, choir leader.

The Easter Sunday service was also a community affair, and many of our church attended at the Elk Grove Park at 6:30 A.M. The morning service message, "Easter Faith and Hope," was Rev. Merle Brenner's topic at which service 310 were in attendance. The C. B. Y. members were in charge of the evening service with the Pastor bringing the communion meditation, "Easter in Your Heart." All Sunday offering receipts were for the annual Easter Mission Offering which amounted to \$604.75. (Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter.)

PARKDALE EXTENSION WORK, DRUMHELLER, BECOMES A CHURCH

On Friday afternoon, March 31, 1967, pastors and delegates came from neighboring sister churches at the invitation of the Parkdale Church Extension Project, Drumheller, Alberta, to consider and recognize the local group as a properly constituted and organized Baptist Church.

Pastors and delegates were present from the following churches: Calgary: Brentview, German, and Grace; East Olds, Trochu, Carbon, and Zion. After a hymn and opening prayer in which God's blessing and guidance was asked, Rev. Allan Gerber, church extension pastor of Parkdale read from Eph. 4:1-9, 11-13.

The Council organized with the following serving as temporary and later permanent officers: Rev. R. Neuman, chairman, and Rev. Oscar Fritzke, secretary. Mr. Bill Bender represented the local group and brought us the testimony of Parkdale on its background and beginning, prospects and future, doctrinal views, constitution, and denominational attitudes. After a question and answer period, the Parkdale people withdrew while the council discussed the testimony of the group. The council members felt well satisfied with the testimony, views, and answers given to the questions. It was the council's unanimous decision to recommend that Parkdale proceed with the

recognition service that night, and that they apply to the local association and conference for recognition and acceptance.

Rev. E. L. Thiessen was made chairman of the evening service. Song service was lead by Mr. Max Reichel; Scripture was read by Rev. W. Laser. The Parkdale group rendered three special numbers in the form of duets and a trio. Rev. Bert Milner lead in the dedicatory prayer; Rev. Oscar Fritzke gave the challenge to the Church. Rev. Fred Ohlman gave the recognition service address. The representatives of the churches present brought greetings to our newly recognized Parkdale Baptist Church. The service was closed by Rev. Allan Gerber leading in prayer. May this newly established work grow and be a lighthouse in the new area in which they are. (O. Fritzke, Secretary.)

SHATTUCK, OKLA. Missionary pictures of our denominational work in Africa were shown in our church Dec. 31 by Joyce Ringering; they were enjoyed very much by the members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Shattuck, Okla.

On Feb. 9 we had one of our missionaries, Berneice Westerman, with us as guest speaker. We're very much interested in our mission and this work in the Cameroons. On Feb. 10, as Baptist women praying the world over, all the W.M.U. of Oklahoma met at Okeene for that Day of Prayer.

Also on March 12 our W.M.S. had a short program and showed slides of the White Cross work.

On March 19 our C.B.Y. gave an Easter program and showed the film, "Hymns of the Cross." Truly in the Cross of Christ we glory. (Esther Schoenhals, Reporter.)

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BREAKFASTS, LUNCHEONS, AND BANQUET

(35th General Conference, July 10-16, 1967, Detroit, Mich.)

LUNCHEONS, breakfasts, special gatherings and the banquet particulars are listed here so that you may decide which you will be attending and be able to secure your tickets for them immediately upon your arrival at the General Conference in Detroit. Payment for all tickets must be made in U. S. funds. Plan to attend those especially for you, as you will experience wonderful fellowship and receive excellent information and inspiration.

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY ALUMNI BREAKFAST

Date: Wednesday, July 12, 7:00 A.M.
Place: Central Methodist Church—4th floor

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION EXECUTIVE BREAKFAST

Date: Wednesday, July 12, 7:00 A.M.
Place: Mariner's Church, 170 E. Jefferson Avenue

CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE ALUMNI BREAKFAST

Date: Thursday, July 13, 7:00 A.M.
Place: Harold Mistele home, 15500 Windmill Pt., Grosse Pointe

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION 60th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

Date: Thursday, July 13, 12:45 P.M.
Place: Cobo Hall

PURCHASE OF TICKETS

All tickets for the special breakfasts, luncheons, and the Conference banquet are to be purchased on arrival in Detroit at the Central Methodist Church at the time of completing registration.

BAPTIST MEN'S LUNCHEON

Date: Thursday, July 13, 12:45 P.M.
Place: Woodward Avenue Baptist Church, 2480 Woodward Avenue

MINISTERS' FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Date: Thursday, July 13, 12:45 P.M.
Place: Central Methodist Church—4th floor

CHURCH EXTENSION PASTORS' FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Date: Thursday, July 13, 9:30 P.M.
Place: Stouffer's Restaurant — Gold Room, 1501 Washington Boulevard

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BREAKFAST

Date: Friday, July 14, 7:00 A.M.
Place: Harold Mistele home, 15500 Windmill Pt., Grosse Pointe

PASTORS' WIVES' FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Date: Friday, July 14, 7:00 A.M.
Place: Central Methodist Church—4th floor

NAB CORPS of 100

Date: Friday, February 14, 9:30 P.M.
Place: Stouffer's Restaurant — Gold Room, 1501 Washington Blvd.

MISSIONARIES' BREAKFAST

Date: Saturday, July 15, 7:00 A.M.
Place: Stouffer's Restaurant, 1501 Washington Blvd.

GENERAL CONFERENCE BANQUET

Date: Saturday, July 15, 6:30 P.M.
Place: Cobo Hall

SPECIAL BREAKFAST

(Complimentary breakfast for all NAB pastors and their wives who have served in the active ministry 30 years or more or who are retired, for widows of these pastors, and for other full-time Christian workers.)

Date: Sunday, July 16, 7:30 A.M.
Place: Statler-Hilton Hotel

COMMITTEE—BREAKFASTS, LUNCHEONS, BANQUET

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Mrs. Joan Reid



Cobo Hall: Scene of Women's Missionary Union Luncheon and Conference Banquet.