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The Art of PARENTHOOD

"OF ALL the commentaries on the Scriptures," wrote John Donne, "good examples are the best."

In practicing the art of parenthood an ounce of example is worth a ton of preachment.

Our children are watching us live, and what we are shouts louder than anything we can say.

When we set an example of honesty our children will be honest.

When we encircle them with love they will be loving.

When we practice tolerance they will be tolerant.

When we demonstrate good sportsmanship they will be good sports

When we meet life with laughter and a twinkle in our eye they will develop a sense of humor.

When we are thankful for life's blessings they will be thankful.

When we express friendliness they will be friendly.

When we speak words of praise they will praise others.

When we confront failure, defeat and misfortune with a gallant spirit they will learn to live bravely.

When our lives affirm faith in the enduring values of life they will rise above doubt and skepticism.

When we surround them with the love and goodness of God they will discover life's deeper meaning.

When we set an example of heroic living they will be heroes.

Don't just stand there pointing your finger to the heights you want your children to scale.

Start climbing and they will follow!

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NEWS and NEEDS...

FAMILY MONTH OR FAMILY WEEK. Suggestions and resource materials for observation of Family Month or Week has been made available by the Department of Christian Education. The theme for 1967 is "The Christian Home in a Changing Society." Weekly emphases are "The Role of the Holy Spirit," "The Role of the Mother," "The Role of the Children," and "The Changing Society Threatens the Father, Mother, Son, and Daughter."

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS. Pray for the Volunteers as they conclude their ministry in this special service. *Team I* with Director Edgar Klatt are at the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ont., April 30-May 7 A.M. and then their closing campaign will follow at the First Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ont., May 7 P.M.-14 *Team II* with Director Connie Salios concludes their G. V. ministry at the Community Baptist Church, Xenia, Ohio, May 2-14. We praise God for the effective ministry in which these young people and their directors have engaged.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK. As you remember our total mission, remember specifically the following missionaries in May: May 7—Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer, Cameroon; May 14—Miss Lucille Wipf, Japan; May 21—Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Sandoval, Spanish-American work; May 28—Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, Cameroon.

CHURCH EXTENSION. Church Extension Builder's Project for May, 1967, is the work in Burlington, Ontario, under the leadership of Rev. Walter Kerber. An informative article concerning this work appears on page 9 of this issue.

CHILDREN'S DAY. Program suggestions for the observance of Children's Day on June 11 have been sent to all pastors and Sunday school superintendents.

SPECIAL DATES. Remember the following in prayer: the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, as they participate in the graduation banquet, baccalaureate and commencement exercises on May 6-7; the Finance Committee meeting in Forest Park, Ill., May 12-13; the General Council sessions; as important decisions and recommendations are made, Forest Park, Ill., **May 26-27**; the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D., graduation banquet and commencement exercises, May 20-21.

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Stewardship Issue
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Editorial

The Christian Home in a Changing Society

Guest Editorial by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman
General Secretary of the Department of Christian Education

This is a unique age to be engaged in helping to mold and guide individuals toward a purposeful life; since this is a rapidly changing society. People live longer than ever before. In 1900 the life expectancy was 47 years. A person born today has a life expectancy of 70 years. The life span will surely be lengthened even more with our knowledge of factors which make for better care of the human body. Change is also very evident when we consider this age of cybernation. The rate of production through automation would have seemed totally unrealistic 30 years ago. The computer has accelerated educational procedures to the point where a high school teacher can correct more than 50 test papers within minutes and immediately give the results to the students. Communication by means of telephone has made it possible for each home to have its own switchboard on a simple dial, making long distance calls possible without the aid of an operator.

Communication has made it possible to relate new events almost momentarily to remote areas of the world. This has especially called our attention to the evils in our society which usually make the news media as headlines. One is sometimes persuaded that man is more rebellious in our time than in any other time of history because we hear so little about the good which man does and so much about the evil. Should family members consider the feature stories in newspapers and magazines as "the thing to do" then only chaos could be the result. Change in society and "doing evil in the sight of the Lord" has always been part of man's history. The accounts in the Bible accent this fact as one reads the acts of many of the kings who "did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord."

What are the hopes for the family in this changing society? If one of our leading newspapers in our larger cities should ever undertake to devote one-half of its space for news items to feature the good which is done by people, we would be amazed to find the reasons for our success in a world which today appears so extremely evil. Most young people in our community grow up to be responsible and well-equipped citizens who assume more duties than their forefathers did in leading the community. One writer stated that 95% of the young people fall into this category, whereas only 5% become involved with the law. These facts are greatly distorted because we read about the acts of the 5% but not very much about those who become honorable persons in their community.

Today's family faces an unprecedented task in the attempt to adjust to the changes in society, but never before have we had such a wealth of resources, such as are offered through the church, school, printed materials, visuals, travel, communications by telephone and mail. Parents in our day have the resources available to "train up a child in the way he should go," and thereby meet the demands of our age. We cannot afford, as parents, to ignore the newness of our society, but we also cannot afford to ignore the everlasting values of the Message in the Bible which appears so old and yet new for every age no matter how much change has come to pass. "Thy Word is true from the beginning: and everyone of thy righteous judgments endureth forever" (Psalm 119:160).

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WHAT'S A MOTHER FOR?



by Blaise Levai

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IT WAS THE start of one of those "off" days. Everything went wrong. The alarm clock failed to go off at 6:15, and the whole family overslept.

Marian was rousing the kids and me. Between getting breakfast, pulling the previous night's load of clothes out of the dryer, making sandwiches for the children, posting notes for the babysitter—Nancy, our nine-year-old, kept hunting for her unmatched sock. "What's a mother for?" she grumbled.

The comment made Marian, who works in New York City, ponder as she finished making one of the six beds. Along with 16 million other American working women, she tries to care for the needs of five over-charged children, ages 14 to 4, and incidentally, a working husband.

Sometime every working mother has to ask herself some basic questions regarding the overall effect this double life has on her family: "What is my influence as a mother?" "Are the chil-

dren deprived of certain emotional and spiritual stability?" "Is there a sense of general well-being and family unity?" "If not, how can a closer relationship under such circumstances be developed?"

Since every husband is not fully convinced he wants his wife to work—especially when he has to pitch in washing dishes and babysitting after a rugged day, it pays to come up with some frank answers.

REASONS FOR WORKING OUTSIDE THE HOME

Mothers work outside the home for various reasons. There are no pat answers. The most obvious reason is financial. One mother said: "Frankly, I work so that we may have some of the so-called 'better things of life'."

Another mother explained: "By my working at least we manage to keep from being plowed further into debt."

Some mothers work because it provides an escape from the frustrating

boredom of house chores and all the tedious tensions that go with taking care of children.

Still others feel trapped because the talents they have are not being used creatively. Betty Friedan, throughout her much discussed book, *The Feminine Mystique*, stresses this problem of conflicting ambitions. Motherhood and the home do not present the modern well-educated housewife with adequate challenges. Consequently, four of every ten mothers who have children of school age, work outside the home.

WITH LOVE OR DUTY-BOUND?

What really matters in this never-ending debate is how her temperament affects the rest of the members of the home. How well does she manage her other more important job as wife and mother after returning home each evening? There are many at-home wives who feel empty and exhausted. The attitude the mother reflects is fundamental in making for a happy

home whether she works or not. Children have sensitive antennae; they detect with amazing accuracy whether the mother performs her duties with love and satisfaction, or because she feels "duty-bound."

A further pertinent factor which makes for a contented, adjusted home is the co-operative role of the babysitter... the substitute mother. Imagine what happens when the babysitter arrives late or, for that matter, does not show up! Bedlam! The entire day is thrown out of schedule. And with pre-school age children, the mother is unable to even set foot out of the door until other arrangements can be made. Only by knowing she has a compassionate babysitter who seriously cares for the children is the mother enabled to work outside the home with some semblance of sanity and freedom of unnecessary worry. Undoubtedly for this reason, many working mothers ask their own mothers or relatives to care for home and children during their absence. This, however, frequently raises additional inter-personal conflicts. A reliable babysitter is often the deciding factor as to whether a mother can continue outside work.

FAMILY LIVING—CONSPICUOUS TRANSFORMATION

Against this background the pattern of contemporary American family living is undergoing a conspicuous transformation. Visitors from other lands frequently sense a lack of family consciousness in the average American home.

Dr. Martin Niemöller, known as "the Iron Curtain Bishop of Germany," said after touring our country and living as a guest in numerous homes: "One of the difficulties that the modern-day family in America, and increasingly in Germany, faces is that the evening meal spent together no longer exists as it did in former times. Somehow, American families today don't seem to live in the same place. They merely sleep in the same house. Christians must rediscover methods by which daily Bible readings may be brought back into the integral life of the home."

In Dr. Neimöeller's youth the Bible was considered the "house Book" read by the father as the head of the household. The family table was the altar—the center of religious life. Here God's Word was read; prayers rendered; plans and dreams shared. Belief in God's will linked the family together.

In contemporary homes it is somewhat difficult to know who actually is the head of the household. In most American homes the mother generally assumes leadership in family devotions. Nielson's current television survey on VIEWING HABITS AND HOURS, provided by the National Association of

Broadcasters, reports: "The average American household watches television almost six hours a day or 41 hours and 52 minutes every week."

One distressed mother said dryly: "Sure, we agree; Scripture in our daily life is necessary. But when is there time to read it? Either the members of our family are out or glued to that one-eyed monster."

The age-old insights of the Bible are still relevant in dealing with personal problems. Granted, daily reading of the Bible and attempting to understand its significance for our lives take discipline. But it reinforces fresh faith and strength into our harassed lives.

GREATEST TEXTBOOK ON BEHAVIOR

The Christian psychiatrist, the late Dr. Smiley Blanton, commended the calming effect Bible reading can have in family life. "It's the greatest textbook on human behavior ever put together," he was fond of saying.

When both mother and father are absent much of the day, they are not always in the most composed mood when they return after a ruffled day to find the kids using the brand new couch in place of a trampoline. In our family we find reading Bible passages at the table, just before the evening meal, does have a calming effect on each member of the home. It sets the mood to discuss the events of the day and braces us for the children's last spurt of energy before bedtime.

Kathy, our eighth-grader, recently forced Marian and me to take an honest look at ourselves when she brought an essay home from school: "There's a kind of behavioral chain reaction in our family. Somehow it starts when Daddy brings work home from the office. And when he loses his temper—then Mommie takes it out on us, and we feel like orphans. But we know that they don't mean it—not really."

The essay helped us to see that, as parents, we neglect to find out the views of our children. How do they feel about their mother working outside the home?

Nancy, our fourth-grader, summed it up this way: "So, I get mad when my clothes are still in the dryer. But gee, down deep, I'm proud of the work Mommie is doing. And her being away from home makes me appreciate her all the more when she's at home."

APPRECIATION OF EACH PERSON

Here, it seems to me, is the answer. Frankly, what is immediately important is learning how to appreciate each other as a person and using wisely the time we have together as a family. Maybe it's not the easiest way to live. There are inconveniences. And clashes

are bound to be expected. But here are seven simple suggestions that have helped our family live together as a team:

- (1) develop mutual respect for each member of the family,
- (2) thoughtfully listen to each other,
- (3) hold informal discussions where each member can express himself unafraid,
- (4) get aside alone as husband and wife, so that problems may be shared intimately and appraised,
- (5) maintain a sense of humor to help lift morale in conflicting situations,
- (6) keep in focus a sense of identity and purpose,
- (7) attempt in some way at some time during the day to have family devotions together.

WHAT'S A MOTHER FOR?

What's a mother for? She cooks, shops, washes dishes, takes care of laundry, folds clothes, mends, chauffers the children, feeds the pets, helps the children with homework, gets them to brush their teeth and ready for bed. Countless times she bends down to tie shoelaces, but she also points up to the stars, directing inquiring minds to spiritual values that stand eternal. And in these unshakeable standards of God's Word, she replenishes her own strength and faith, for she knows that she is unable to give faith unless she herself has faith.

A mother's love makes home the one place on earth where each member of the family still feels he belongs. It is where he finds shelter from the stress of a competitive world that is often hard and unfair, but in which he can live courageously and in which he has a part.

BLESS THIS HOME

*BLESS O Lord, this home.
Fill each room with Your Presence.
Teach us anew how to live here without
hurting each other by harsh words
or unkind actions.
Deepen our trust in one another so that
we can honestly accept each other as
we are.
Show us that here we do not have to
impress.
In such fellowship—help us to know
You better so that we in turn may
be unafraid to know ourselves.
And as we go back into the world—
help us to go forth with Your confidence.
Amen.*

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SHOULD A MOTHER WORK?

LO, CHILDREN are an heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is his reward (Psalm 127:3).

Whether or not it is wise to work in the years that her children are young is a question that every mother has to answer for herself. Individual needs, such as financial, emotional and intellectual, vary from one woman to another.

In Luke 15:28 our Lord admonishes us to "count the cost." Since our needs differ, we must ask ourselves, "Am I willing to pay the price to let others mold and influence the children that God has entrusted to me in order to give them more of material things?" "Should I leave my home in order to bring in more money, or can we do without some unnecessary luxuries; so I will not have to work outside the home?" Only God can give us the answer to these questions. When we consider that he has a plan for each of our lives, we are in a better position to answer many important questions; such as whether we should spend more time with our family or leave them and bring home a larger pay check.

Today more and more women are working full time outside the home. Many columnists and writers would have the modern woman believe that she just isn't living unless she leaves her monotonous household duties and goes out to find fulfillment in the business world. Many mothers are believing that the title "housewife" has all the connotations of a dull, boring and unfulfilled existence.

Perhaps the mother who has gone through college and worked hard for

two or four years to earn a degree may feel it is being wasted during the years she spends at home while her children are growing. If a Christian woman has children, they present the greatest challenge of all.

TIME OR THINGS

In her book, *The Child In the Christian Home*, Margaret Jacobsen writes, "Parents who love deeply and sacrificially do not offer their children things as substitutes for themselves, but give them a grownup's most cherished possession—their time. For such parents the routine of parenthood is absorbed by the joy that grows out of this deeper love." The years our children are little and growing are really so few and go by so quickly. We have to count the cost before these precious years are past, and before it is too late to go back and see what we and our children have missed. We can never go back for a second chance to "train up our children in the way they should go."

Many friends of mine are working part-time during the hours that their children are in school. With all the time saving appliances that are available today, many women find they have extra time on their hands and spend these hours working as sales women in department stores, typists, stenographers, substitute teachers or in other areas of work.

In two years our oldest son will be ready to enter college. I realize now that in order for our four children to have this opportunity for higher learning, I will have to work part-time to help meet these expenses. However, my first responsibility will be to make

my home a happy one.

Every woman working outside the home, whether it be full or part-time, is well aware of the disadvantages it brings. She must take the remaining hours in the day to prepare the meal, clean the house, wash and iron clothes, and so forth and still give her best to the ones she loves the most. She must also find the time and energy to listen to her children, hold them tightly and dry their eyes when life disappoints them, encourage them in their school work, read the Bible and pray with them, and fill the needs that only a mother can fill.

LITTLE TIME LEFT FOR THE LORD

All this leaves little time left for the Lord and the things he would have us do for him, little time to visit the elderly, sick, or those who need encouragement in their faith, little time to do White Cross work for our missionaries and little time left to pray for them, and little time to do the things that will count throughout all eternity.

We, as mothers, are now fashioning our children's memories of home, shaping their lives for good and influencing their relationships with God. Looking back to my formative years, I am thankful for the mother God gave me and for the warm, happy memories of a Christian home where we went to church and Sunday school together, camped together in the summertime, prayed and played together. For her, being a mother was a full-time job, an investment that brings a wealth of human dividends.

We are living in a day and age
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IS DADDY GONE AGAIN?

by Stanley C. Johnson

THERE IS A pretty sound rule which says that if you want to really gauge the effectiveness of a man's service to Christ, start by taking a good look at his family. Many a man who has been able to sway multitudes in the pulpit or has gained wide recognition for his outstanding accomplishments in lay work has been a miserable failure in his own home.

If anything, the pressures of this age in which we are living with its constant frustrations and demands make the problem more acute. The examples are not hard to come by, nor is it hard to find fitting admonitions in Scripture that point out vividly a man's responsibilities to his loved ones. For example, Paul admonishes young Timothy that if a minister "Provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (I Timothy 5:8).

Neglect, disregard and abuse of your own family—even when going enthusiastically about Christ's work outside the home—are severely condemned by the Word of God.

On the other hand, an attitude of subordinating a man's calling to his family also received stern rebuke from our Savior when he walked this earth: "He that loveth father or mother . . . son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" was the very straightforward statement of the Lord.

Are these Scriptures contradictory? No. But they do call for a good deal of careful thought from a dedicated man anxious to step into the open doors of service God has placed before him without neglecting his family responsibilities.

I recently read a statement by Mrs.

Ruth Graham, wife of the famed evangelist, made to an interviewer who asked her reaction to her husband's long periods of absence from their home: "I'd rather spend a little time with him than a lot of time with anyone else."

Dr. Graham's official biographer, John Pollock, explains why: "When Dr. Graham does come home, he gets some rest and then makes the most of that time he does have home giving generously of himself to his wife and children. When he is home, it is a lift to all of their spirits; as they all share in the golden moments of pleasure, devotion, responsibilities and recreation together. Then daddy must leave for another crusade."

Now I doubt if many of us are gone more or carry heavier responsibilities than those carried by Billy Graham. Yet the Grahams enjoy a happy and warm family life.

Of course, a man can be gone so much that he neglects his family. But can any such man neglect them more than the one who, out of a sense of duty, stays home only to nag and complain, or hide all evening behind a newspaper, or in front of a television set, or in a den pouring over office work. Surely neglect can be as much *What* you are, as *Where* you are.

GUIDELINES FOR A FATHER

Let me suggest a few guidelines for a busy man of God, so that he may be true to the ministry that God has called him to and at the same time be faithful to his responsibilities at home:

(1) Plan an effective use of your time at home. Spend time with the children and their interests. Don't be men-

tally and emotionally *gone* when you are home. Take time to find out about their schooling, accomplishments, problems, and so forth. Let them sense very keenly your interest.

(2) Plan outings with the family. Set aside time first to be with your wife. How long has it been since you hired a babysitter and took your wife out to dinner, or on a short trip, or did something she wanted to do? When did you last have an evening out with your children whether you went to a concert, a Little League game, the school play, or to the park?

(3) Have them feel a part of your ministry. Now a man shouldn't force the responsibilities on his family that are his, but he should certainly let them share in his ministry and activities wherever possible. Take the family to a conference, church outing, speaking engagement, and so forth. And when it isn't possible for them to go along, be sure they are fully aware of what is happening—the needs and the blessings.

(4) Be sure and let them know how you value their faithfully standing behind you with their love and their prayers. A card or a phone call when you're away can mean so much.

If Daddy can't be home all the time, he can make the most of the time when he is. When he is away, he can know that a family with whom he shares a mutual love appreciates him; because he's done his very best to make his home a little bit of heaven on earth. No one could ask for more.

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Kirsteen Johnson

Grandparents Still Belong



Eastern Photo

by Floyd E. Moore

IN ORDER to feel secure, at ease, worthwhile, happy and truly alive, everyone needs a sense of belonging. And belonging in this instance is not confined to childhood or youth. Grandparents are people, too, and sometimes they come in young models. Whether or not we really had dear grandparents when we were young or just wished we had them, most of us have some special ideas about grandparents. These ideas tend to change from generation to generation and are quite different from country to country. Time was in the Orient that older adults were treated with such respect that it approached parental worship. Quite in contrast, the present American attitude is too often characterized by those who make baby sitters of them until they are unable to perform that function; then, in many cases, they usher them into an old folks home without the grandparents having opportunity to exercise personal choice in the matter. Somewhere between these two extreme attitudes must be found a wholesome Christian concept of the rightful place of grandparents: one that will bless all three generations, whether or not they all live under one roof.

In her poem, "Labor of Love," Carrie L. Warf pictures a grandmother who must have felt needed and wanted, and who had a true sense of belonging:

"I pieced a pretty baby quilt
For Grandchild Number One,
And labeled it, "From Grandma, to
Her Very First Grandson."

How quickly did the number grow
From one to three—and four—
And every time it happened, I
Would cut and piece some more.

Again the "signs" begin to show:
Its time I started, then,
To piece another baby quilt;
This one for Number Ten!"

LISTEN TO GRANDCHILDREN'S PROBLEMS

Quilts can be beautiful, useful and express much to all concerned; but grandparents have more to contribute to their children and grandchildren than quilts. Loving counsel should be sought from grandparents by both children and grandchildren; and in this fast moving age with so many working mothers and fathers gone from home long hours, grandma and grandpa

might be the only persons who will take time to listen to the big problems of growing girls and boys. Their labor of love reaches much deeper than just piecing quilts, and they can add a dimension to life that is much needed today.

In the very highest sense, psychologically speaking, grandparents can be better counselors than parents. They can, and should, counsel without having the responsibility of being disciplinarians. This places them in a favorable position to be extremely helpful to grandchildren. Parents should recognize this for its true worth and not let envy rob them and their children of this wise counsel and patient sympathetic ear.

Grandparents have the experience, and in many cases the extra time, to add much creativity to the home and church as well as to the community. Many of them are unusually blessed in abilities to fix a leaky faucet, treat a dying shrub, patch up a cut finger, recommend a trustworthy lawyer, go on a note at the bank, help plan a wedding or a vacation trip, or a thousand and one other things around the home.

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Rev. and Mrs. Walter Kerber, Merilee and Melodie



Sunday, March 5, Congregation, Burlington, Ont., church extension project.

GOD'S WORK IN THE SATELITE CITY

by Walter Kerber

BURLINGTON, Ontario, is located in the center of the "Golden Horseshoe" which has attracted 30% of the total manufacturing activity of Canada. It lies between a great steel producing city (Hamilton), an oil refinery and future petro-chemical area. Burlington sees itself as rich with promise, the town with a "go-go" future. Its Mayor proclaimed, "We're going to be a city in the suburbs." The ex-Mayor said, "It's going to be a delightful place to live." Burlington, with a present population of 68,500, is the largest and fastest growing town in Ontario. The plan projects a population of 166,000 by 1985 or an increase of 186% in 18 years. By 1952 the population stood at 6,700. The growth rate accelerated as new highways double-linked the town with Hamilton and Toronto. Construction valued 20 million dollars in 1964. In 1965 Burlington was rated among the top ten of central Canada's growing areas; by 1966 it boasted of an impressive hospital, an eye-catching city hall, and highly educational, medical and city-run recreational services. Job opportunities are among the best in Canada. The scenic Niagara Falls is within an hour's drive from our town. In spring, summer and fall, the country is laden with the most beautiful flowers, fruit, and multi-colored forests. Along with progress, material wealth and recreational op-

portunities, there is a great spiritual dirth, affluence, and neglect of God. This place needs to strengthen its gospel witness.

FIRST PASTOR AND MEETING PLACE

My wife and I felt led of God to answer the call of the N.A.B. Church Extension Committee, and arrived on the field from Yorkton, Saskatchewan, in May of 1966.

The Elizabeth Gardens Public School located in the east end of Burlington was secured for services. All Sunday activities are still held at the School which has very adequate facilities. The halls are used for classes and the auditorium for the worship services. The amount of \$100.00 is paid in rent monthly.

IMPORTANCE OF VISITATION AND CANVASSING

The first Sunday school and worship service was held at the beginning of June. It was a joy to have 15 people present in that historic first service. Since we had no parent church and no nucleus of people to begin this church, progress during the summer months of July and August was rather slow. Most of my time was taken up with visitation and canvassing of the area. Each day 80 to 100 calls were made throughout the summer. So far we

have called on approximately 4,000 homes. It was primarily through our visitation and knocking on doors that our Sunday school and church attendance was built. May I reflect on a few unique experiences:

The first day of my calling I met the father of a family on the lawn, and as I approached him and spoke with him, he replied, "We are confused and completely undecided about church, but we will be in your church next Sunday." This family, with two children, have been with us ever since. Both husband and wife are now teachers in the Sunday school.

At another home I was invited in by the lady of the house. The mother said, "Pastor, we don't believe in God, there are too many tragic accidents in the world, but would you be our pastor, anyway?" It was a delight to tell them why and how I know there is a God, and I volunteered to be their pastor.

I have met agnostics who usually ask, "Why did God make man? If he needed man he is a small God." Atheists replied, "I can do without church and God." Materialists said, "Oh no, religion is not for me; you are wasting my time." Backsliders wept and sorrowed about their spiritual dirth but do nothing about it. Others, at times, replied, "Pastor, mind your own busi-

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**CAMPUS
MINISTRY**
Kansas Area



PERSONAL VISITS REWARDING

A personal visit with a college student is rewarding. Eating a meal together, chatting in the dorm, or drinking pop in the Student Union, we discuss dating, spiritual growth, scholastic problems, Christian commitment, military service, or the relation of faith to studies. It is always a thrill to have a student ask, "Can our conference use someone with my training and interests?" This enables me to tell them about God's Volunteers, short-term missionaries, student service, our seminary and other local opportunities.

I have been asked to speak to Inter-varsity Christian Fellowships and to an entire student body. This brings me in touch with other students who also need a sympathetic ear.

Personal visits and public talks aren't my only contacts with students. Each year I try to write and mail at least two devotional letters to NAB students in and from Kansas. This Easter I arranged a college student retreat to stimulate them to think through and discuss together some of the implications of Christian faith. Two NAB couples from Kansas and my wife worked with me to plan and lead the retreat.

**PARENTS, CHURCH, CHAPLAIN—
AN OBLIGATION**

The job of the campus chaplain is not his alone. The student's parents and his church have an obligation to encourage him, to try to understand and help him. Today's collegiates are thinking, wondering, questioning; church and family dare not ignore them. On our campuses God is preparing people to serve him in the years ahead. By his grace parents, churches and the campus chaplain are sharing in this preparation.

Rev. David Priestley is campus chaplain for the Kansas area and pastor of the Highland Baptist Church, Junction City, Kansas.

Panel discussion on Christian view of dating, sex and marriage at Emporia State College Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship with (l. to r.) Rev. and Mrs. Priestley and the Hinksons participating. (Far left) Rev. Priestley. (Center left) Easter Retreat planning session (l. to r.) Harold and Pat Hood (Ellinwood), Ed and Hazel Moreland (Emporia—originally Wichita), and Rev. Priestley.



TEAM I

by Larry Mitrovich

IT WAS A seemingly normal day for us, February 21. Rev. Klatt had gone home for a short few days of rest from his strenuous schedule.

We were traveling to our next campaign on Interstate 94. Wayne, Gail and Nancy rode up front, and Nita, Helene and Larry rode in back. The sun was shining brightly, but the ground was covered with dirty snow that would soon melt into spring. The terrain rolled by lazily and put us into our usual relaxed traveling moods—Wayne with his mind on driving, Gail and Helene chatting about new spring fashions, Nancy looking at a road map, Nita writing letters that should have been answered long ago, and Lar, as usual, sacked out. Sometimes I think he can fall asleep at the drop of a hat. Little did we realize what was in store for these easy-going Volunteers. As the miles went by and hours passed, we hardly noticed the steady growth of populated area that was blotting out our once relaxed terrain.

From the front seat came the sound of Wayne's voice: "Chicago ten miles. Nancy, you navigate, try to find that street guide." The relaxed moods vanished. Instantly everyone was wide-eyed, taking in the view of Chicago's city limits.

As luck would have it, it was 5 o'clock. Rush hour! We had just traveled 60 miles in one and one-half hours. And it took us another hour to travel 15 miles in Chicago. By the time we got to Foster Avenue Baptist Church, the relaxed team was no longer relaxed. The tension of traffic and the hustle and bustle of the big city had given us headaches, and tension was rising. It seemed as though Mighty Chicago was reaching out to grab us

**GOD'S
VOLUNTEERS**



Pictures taken at the First Baptist Church, Bellwood, Ill.

up in the webb of fast-moving life.

We quickly adjusted ourselves to the big city. And now after five weeks in Chicago, two of which were spent at the First Baptist Church of Bellwood, it is nothing to travel through the famous loop (if that's possible).

We have agreed that the fast moving life that people in the city lead is constantly leaving God out. It seems there just isn't time. Got to make an extra dollar . . . no time for him. It shows in the nervousness, worrying, headaches, ulcers and many more ills of people in the city.

God really opened up a field in the Chicago area for our team. There are many things to do for our Lord in this Windy City, where people march, and protest and try to make God dead. We must constantly strive to serve him and show "Our Living God." Have you done your part today?

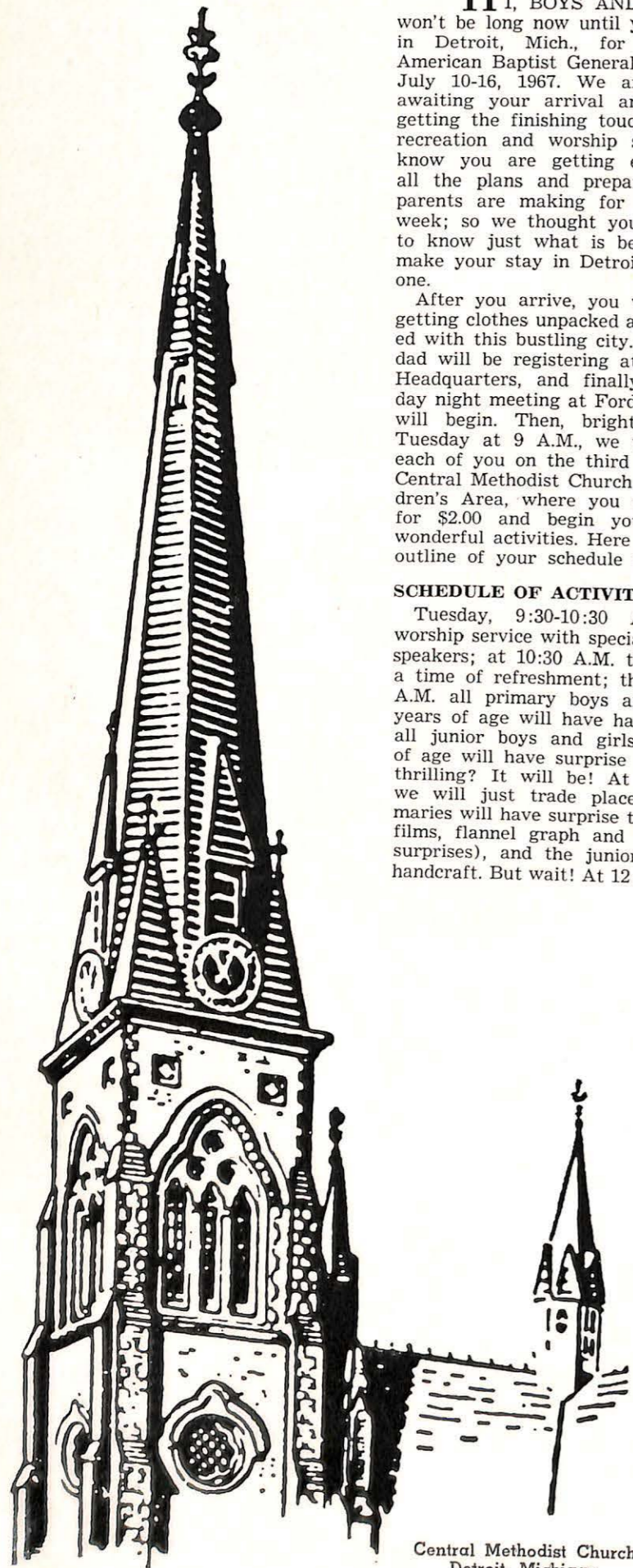


**CAMPUS MINISTRY SERIES
No. 5**

by David Priestley

DURING MY first year as campus chaplain, I became familiar with a variety of campuses and ministration personnel and acquainted with many students. My second year is much easier with this background of contact. Seventy-five young people attend colleges in Kansas, the closest is Kansas State, 20 miles away; it also has the largest group of NAB students. The furthest campus is 230 miles distant; the others average about 100 miles. Because of the distances, I occasionally take a two-day trip to visit the students farther away.





Central Methodist Church
Detroit, Michigan

HI, BOYS AND GIRLS! It won't be long now until you are here in Detroit, Mich., for the North American Baptist General Conference, July 10-16, 1967. We are anxiously awaiting your arrival and are busy getting the finishing touches on your recreation and worship services. We know you are getting excited with all the plans and preparations your parents are making for that special week; so we thought you would like to know just what is being done to make your stay in Detroit a pleasant one.

After you arrive, you will be busy getting clothes unpacked and acquainted with this bustling city. Mother and dad will be registering at Conference Headquarters, and finally, the Monday night meeting at Ford Auditorium will begin. Then, bright and early Tuesday at 9 A.M., we want to see each of you on the third floor of the Central Methodist Church in the Children's Area, where you will register for \$2.00 and begin your week of wonderful activities. Here is a general outline of your schedule for the day.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, 9:30-10:30 A.M.: your worship service with special music and speakers; at 10:30 A.M. there will be a time of refreshment; then at 11:00 A.M. all primary boys and girls 6-8 years of age will have handcraft, and all junior boys and girls 9-12 years of age will have surprise time. Sound thrilling? It will be! At 11:30 A.M. we will just trade places. The primaries will have surprise time, (magic, films, flannel graph and many other surprises), and the juniors will have handcraft. But wait! At 12:45 P.M. you

will be dismissed for lunch with mother and dad; then about 1:45 P.M. you will meet back at the Central Methodist Church where buses will be waiting to whisk you away for an afternoon of fun, games, swimming, and playing. Getting excited? After you have exhausted all your energy, you will be taken back to the church where mother and dad will pick you up by 5:00 P.M. and take you to your living quarters where you can rest before the evening service.

Wednesday's morning schedule will be the same as Tuesday's, but you will have the afternoon off; so you can plan to visit places of your choice. On Thursday you will follow the same morning plan; then for lunch you will be taken to the park where we will have box lunches. This is so mother and dad can attend the luncheons. Then come Friday, all day, and Saturday morning. The week will be gone so fast! This day we will finish handcraft, have pictures taken and give out prizes for the boy or girl who has memorized all the verses for the week and prizes for "quiet chairs."

Now we are sure you can hardly wait until July. If you like, you can register ahead of time by mailing your registration fee of \$2.00, name and age too: Mrs. J. Cann, 27625 Haverhill Dr., Warren, Michigan 48092. Make checks payable to North American Baptists, Inc. This registration fee is to cover handcraft, box lunch, milk and swimming charge. Don't forget your swimming suit!

Mrs. June Cann of Warren, Mich., is Chairman of the Children's Recreation and Service Committee for the 35th General Conference.

CHILDREN'S RECREATION AND SERVICE AT CONFERENCE

by June Cann

NAB's Top Giving Goal!

North American Baptists have topped their giving goal for the fiscal year of 1966-67. When the books were closed, they revealed that \$1,167,475.89 had been contributed to the mission program of the denomination. This was \$17,475.89 above the total goal approved in faith by the General Council last May. It was also \$120,065.41 more than North American Baptists have ever given before in a single year.

A good start helps to ensure a good finish. April is "Launch Month" for a new program of mission outreach at home and abroad. This program depends upon you to help supply the fuel for a successful take-off. Your continued giving will help to tell the world that North American Baptists care!

David J. Draewell
Secretary of Stewardship

SENIOR CITIZENS

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Up to 45 persons take chartered bus trips, some trips requiring more than one bus. Just prior to last Christmas, a group visited a Chicago Loop department store for breakfast and to see the Christmas decorations. Cost per person was \$3.00.

Occasionally members make vacation reports; sometimes giving slide presentations. "Other Peoples—Other Lands" programs are added innovations.

A salaried director and another employee conduct the program which is supported by the Community Fund and donations from organizations such as Kiwanis, and so forth.

SERVICE TO OTHERS OR SELF ENTERTAINMENT

Interested churches should give programs for retired persons thorough consideration before attempting a start. The Committee on Adult Work of the General Christian Education Committee will make some proposals for pilot experiments in this field.

It is the opinion of the authors of this article that from our survey and subsequent discussions with others that unless SERVICE TO OTHERS rather than self entertainment is the principal objective of church-related programs for retired persons there will be little satisfaction for the participants. We are convinced that both the young and older Christians find their faith relatively meaningless unless they give expression to it through service, particularly to those who might be won for Christ through a working, living testimony.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jenkins are members of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill.

May 1, 1967

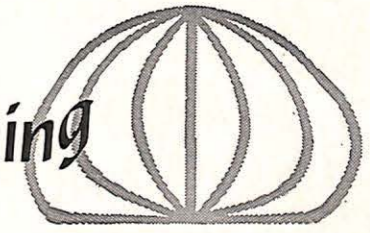
● **Rev. and Mrs. Fritz Goliath** announce the birth of a daughter, Esther Marie, on March 20, 1967. Rev. Goliath is the pastor of the Hilda Baptist Church, Hilda, Alberta.

● **Mr. Richard E. Lamphear** has resigned from the position of Director of Christian Education at the Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich.

● **Mr. Hisashi Murakami**, pastor of the Tsu Baptist Church, Tsu, Japan, was ordained on March 19, 1967. Dr. Rich-

D., has accepted the call of the Central Valley Baptist Church, Donna, Texas, to become the pastor of the church. Mr. Bender is a member of the 1967 graduating class of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D., and will assume his duties on June 4.

● **Rev. Rubin Herrmann**, pastor of the Brentview Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta, since 1962, has accepted the call to become the pastor of the First



what's happening

ard Schilke, who was in Japan at that time, preached the ordination sermon. Mr. Murakami is a graduate of our North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D.

● **Rev. Donald Mostrom**, pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, Union City, New Jersey, since 1958, has resigned this pastorate and accepted the position of administrator of a Bible camp in New York state.

● **Rev. Fred G. Moore**, has been elected as the president of the Osaka Biblical Seminary in Osaka, Japan. Election took place during the February business meeting of the Board of Trustees. The presidency of the school is a three year term. Rev. Moore and his wife were appointed as missionaries to Japan in 1957 by the North American Baptist General Conference Missionary Society.

● **Mr. Oliver Bender** of Venturia, N.

Baptist Church, Auburn, Mich., effective July 2, 1967. He succeeds Rev. M. Wolff, now of Emery, S. D.

● **Mr. and Mrs. John Stroh**, announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Jean, to Norman L. Glewwe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Glewwe, St. Paul, Minn.

Miss Stroh is a graduate of the University of North Dakota and attended the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D. Her finance, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, is now serving as a short-term missionary builder and teacher in West Cameroon, West Africa. Miss Stroh is also serving as a missionary teacher in West Cameroon under The North American Baptist General Missionary Society, Inc.

They will return to the United States in the summer of 1967. They plan a fall wedding.



Members of the Class of 1967, and their wives, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D., who visited the North American Baptist Offices, Forest Park, Ill., March 27-29 are, pictured with Executive Secretary Dr. Frank Woyke, (l. to r.) Werner Lemke, Oliver Bender, Alfred Grams, Mrs. and Mr. Thomas Kramer, Mrs. and Mr. Jesse Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson, Mervin Kramer, Harry Hiller, Mrs. and Mr. David Sampf.

We the Women

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

LEGACY FROM MOTHER

My friend proudly displayed lovely dishes and other items which were her newly acquired legacy from her grandmother. All too frequently we think of family bequests only as items of a tangible nature. Do you realize that one can bequeath spiritual heirlooms, heirlooms of talent, and heirlooms of tradition, among other things?

I am always inspired by the influence of Timothy's mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois. Eunice and Lois sent Timothy along with Paul after he had been fully trained in certain qualities. He had now become a man of evident unselfishness, one who had the capacity for generous devotion, one who was warm-hearted and loyal, one who was willing to sacrifice himself without reservation to the cause of Christ. These were qualities such as only a consecrated mother and grandmother could bestow upon a son.

Paul knew better than any other that the religious faith of Lois and Eunice had been handed down to Timothy in overflowing measure.

Paul expresses this when he says, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Tim. 3:15). This is a tremendous memorial to a devoted mother and grandmother who had grounded Timothy at a young age in upright living.

As we think of the influence of the home upon development of talent, what better gift can a parent give his child than helping him discover and unfold his God-given abilities? It is not just the inherited gift of a talent, but the training in the use of their abilities and thus gradually discovering new capacities. One child decorated boxes and made up little rhymes to go into boxes of goodies which they made for visits to shut-ins. The hobby continued and interest in art and poetry developed into a profession. Every child does some things well and should be encouraged in every way possible.

Heirlooms of tradition are indeed precious. In our modern way of living, when miles separate members of the family, what a joy it is to know that each family is praying the Lord's Prayer together at breakfast time, celebrating the birthdays with a certain traditional cake recipe, having home-made ice cream on July 4, preparing for a special family program

with the birthday cake for the Christ child on Christmas night, and knowing that as many of the family members that can possibly come for Christmas will come to be a part of the traditional Christmas eve service at the church.

Indeed there are many legacies beside what one writes in his will. These precious memories and traditions will always give real meaning and depth to life itself. You, as a mother, can determine much of your family's happiness, sense of security, and dedication to God.

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By Emma Mueller

I do not remember the exact date that I began tithing, but I do remember that learning to give was impressed upon my mind at an early age. However, not until I was earning my own money was I aware of the true meaning of tithing.

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July 10-16, 1967

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North American Baptist General Conference
7308 Madison Street
Forest Park, Illinois 60130

SEND completed registration form and fee and your request for lodging to Mr. David Battishill, 18954 Dresden Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48205.

In 1962 the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, now known as the North Highlands Baptist Church of which I am a member, began making plans to relocate, and at that particular time the members' uppermost concern was how could the church undertake such a large project? I, along with other members, pledged to give sacrificially; which meant far above our tithe. How amazingly the Lord led and how faithfully the members responded to Malachi 3:10. God answered our prayers, and our dreams became a reality when we dedicated our new church building on Feb. 6, 1966.

I would like to challenge others to join me in this venture of faith. I can assure that the Lord will bless exceeding, abundantly above all that we ask or think. Tithing since has also brought a new sense of appreciation, love and concern. My heart is full of thanksgiving to the Lord for his great love and for the privilege of being able to share. I once heard a great saint of God challenge a group of people, "not to give until it hurts, but until it makes one happy."

Why should we worry about our tomorrow when God so graciously provides for our today. God has given clear instructions for tithing in I Corinthians 16:1-2. We are to give with a grateful heart and with a cheerful spirit in proportion of our ability and always in an intelligent way. Not until we live up to the Lord's standard of giving will the Lord bless our efforts. Yes, I am a firm believer in tithing.

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Senior Citizens In the Church and Community

by Carl and Marge Jenkins

THE ASSIGNMENT to survey some of the activities available to retired persons was given to us partly because one of us is retired from business employment, and the other is still wondering when a wife may retire from her household duties. The latter is somewhat complicated by having the male member around the house more of the time; although admittedly this is not as disturbing as many suggest it could be.

We mention this, because retired togetherness sometimes is one of the so-called problems and is a reason for the consideration of programs to avoid the monotony of limited or self-restricted activity.

We do not consider retirement a problem; as we always have been vulnerable to getting involved. What we are now experiencing confirms some of the things we have read about the retired; viz: those who keep busy are not bored.

NO LONGER GAINFULLY EMPLOYED

"The retired" in this article refers to those who because of their matured age no longer are gainfully employed. We do not use the term "aged," because this has a connotation of people over 90 years. In our time, business and industry retire employees or even partners at 65 or earlier.

While retirement heretofore may have referred to men, we now also have retired women, and planned activities therefore must give consideration to both sexes.

Our survey comprised both visita-

tion and telephone contact with Senior Citizens' Clubs in the suburban area of Chicago. These clubs are sponsored by organizations including churches, frequently in co-operation with the Community Chest Fund. Co-operating agencies furnish the meeting places rent free.

COMMUNITY-RELATED CLUBS

Successful clubs, aside from church-related, have the assistance of a representative advisor from a local recreation association. Club members elect their own officers and board of directors. Dues range from \$1.00 to \$3.00 annually. Active clubs meet once a week and generally from noon to 4:00 P.M. or from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. Meetings start with a short business session including committee reports and announcements. Light refreshments are served at nominal cost.

In the community-related clubs, crafts, group singing, kitchen bands, shuffle board, pool, table games such as cards, and so forth, are the popular activities. These are supplemented by picnics and outings, trips to places of interest, and civic projects.

CHURCH-RELATED CLUBS

In one church-related club, each program consists of a short devotional, table games, and refreshments. Thanksgiving and Christmas luncheons are held for members and friends. Another group which uses a church building has card games as its major interest. At a monthly birthday party, brief talks are given by members having birthdays during that month.

A club which meets in a high school field house consists only of women. The few men who previously attended had dropped out. On the day one of us visited, only twelve women were present; four were playing cards, and eight were just talking. The group does not want crafts, "they're too tired." Vision restricts their reading; they like book reviews but cannot afford customary fees.

Principal activities of other community-related clubs including one which claims 250 members and an average attendance of 80%, are card playing, sewing, quilting and Red Cross work.

AN ACTIVE VILLAGE CLUB

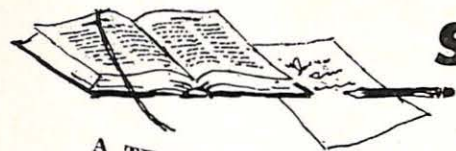
The most active club we visited is one which meets in a village-owned community house. Membership is restricted to village residents, but persons holding memberships who have moved elsewhere may continue. The club is open five days a week from 10:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. and claims 600 members. For the meetings during October, 1966, the total attendance was 1208 or an average of 60. Facilities are provided for weaving, basketry and woodworking. Travel films are shown weekly, and a reading group discusses specific books, previously assigned to those who plan to attend. Literary workshops are conducted at which participants write and discuss their works. Book reviews are also given. A singing group of twenty-five has been formed. Speakers are generally not paid.

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A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 7, 1967

Theme: A WITNESSING FELLOWSHIP

Scripture: Acts 4:23-33

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. If we want to continue to serve Christ then we must continue in prayer and fellowship.

INTRODUCTION. When reading the record of the early Christians, it strikes us with the conviction that this was a very unusual church. In any comparison with the present day spiritual power inadequate and weak. Something, we feel, is missing, or would it be more correct to say that Someone is missing—the power of the Holy Spirit as a permeating force in the lives of the church members and in the entire activity and functions of the church. Without question organization is necessary and vital to the operation of the church of Jesus Christ. Paul admonished the Corinthians to make sure that all things were being done “decently and in order.” But he also had a great deal to say about being “filled with the Spirit.”

On the other hand we know of the life and activities of only a few outstanding members of the early church. We do not know where the thousands met for prayer and worship other than in the temple. Winning eight thousand within such a short time must have taxed the leadership to its capacity. What kind of follow-up program was initiated we do not know.

I. THE NECESSITY FOR PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP. Acts 4:23-28.

What a welcome they must have received when they joined their company! What a contrast these Christians were to the cold, legal religiosity of the scribes, Pharisees and members of the council. They had faith that God was with them, and this was all that mattered. The entire company joined in fellowship and prayer, and there must have been some fervent “amens” from the congregation.

Although these early Christians were greatly in need of help, their prayer was not for themselves or for their protection. They did not even ask for a way of escape in some miraculous way even though they saw the peril that lay ahead. Their prayer began with a clear recognition of the sovereignty of God. As long as they had the conviction that he was ruler over all there was nothing to fear.

II. THE NECESSITY FOR BOLDNESS. Acts 4:29-30.

The apostles knew where their great-

est danger lay, and they were aware of their greatest need. Although they were filled with the Holy Spirit, this was no guarantee against temptation. And the temptation of the early disciples, as well as of us today, was the temptation to keep quiet when they ought to speak.

If we want the fullness of the Spirit just for the exhilaration of an emotional experience, then it will do little good. The Holy Spirit is given for a purpose—to speak the Word of God with boldness.

III. THE NECESSITY FOR UNITY AND POWER. Acts 4:31-33.

This was the ideal New Testament church, because it was an answer to Jesus' prayer in John 17:21: “That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee.” The ideal did not last very long, but that is no excuse for failing to pray for the fullness of the Spirit.

These first Christians had the highest type of communal property, but they were not Communists. Spiritually and materially they stood ready to help in time of need.

Questions for Discussion

1. Were you ever in a prayer meeting in which you actually felt the power of the Holy Spirit in an unusual way?
2. Would the kind of communal life of the early Christians be practical in today's world?
3. What is the best way of sharing our possessions today? Is merely giving the tithe the answer?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 14, 1967

Theme: GOD WILL PREVAIL

Scripture: Acts 5:27-39

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. God cannot fail, but he needs faithful, bold and obedient men to help him.

INTRODUCTION. In our country we are quite fortunate as Christians, because the church has become a respectable institution in the community. It has made its influence felt in education, government and industry. There is little or no fearfulness of persecution because the law of the land is its protector. Under these circumstances it is difficult to put ourselves into the position of the early Christians who had few rights and privileges. They had little or no recourse to the governmental authorities, and Roman and Greek paganism as well as Judaism were against them. We would think it tragic, if we had no one to appeal to for help except God. But because of these circumstances, their faith in God had to be so much stronger, and their dependability on the power of the Holy

Spirit had to be unquestionable. They were not concerned so much about physical protection as they were about spiritual protection. Spiritual death was their only concern; physical death did not frighten them.

Even though we feel more fortunate in the twentieth century, we are not to invite or seek persecution for its own sake. God's same power is with us, and his purposes can be known. Let us commit ourselves to him for the accomplishment of his will.

I. SELFISH FEARFULNESS. Acts 5:27-28.

The Jews thought they had the facts established; so that the Roman authorities would be blamed for the death of Christ. Now they were reminded that Christ's blood is on them, and this was a matter of great fear and concern. By preaching Jesus Christ to the people and working miracles in Jesus' name, the apostles were bringing honor to the one whom they had caused to be slain. Their power was being shaken, and they stood in fear of losing everything they possessed. They were concerned, not about God, but about protecting their own interest.

II. FAITHFUL BOLDNESS. Acts 5:29-33.

Peter had an intense audience, but they were a hostile audience. The sermon did not lead them to repentance but to hatred. They did not seek forgiveness but revenge. It is strange how the Word of God works in the lives of men. The oftener some men hear the Word of God the more their hearts become hardened. Others have hearts which are open and are receptive to God's Word.

Peter makes clear that he is no longer under the authority of the high priest and Jewish leaders. The Holy Spirit is speaking through him, and he has no fear of what man can do to him.

III. HELP FROM THE CAMP OF THE ENEMY. Acts 5:34-39.

There was a wise man in the council by the name of Gamaliel, at whose feet Saul of Tarsus sat, and who was a very respectable and godly man. He was convinced of God's sovereignty. What he was saying in effect was, “Watch out what you do to these men. You may be doing yourselves more harm than good.” They may find themselves in the most unenviable position—fighting against God. To oppose truth and righteousness in any generation is a calamity.

Questions for Discussion

1. Is it possible to be put into prison in our country for preaching the gospel? How would you witness in Russia

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SPEAKERS AT GENERAL CONFERENCE

Dear Brother Ihrie:

The reason for writing these lines is that today when I received the *Baptist Herald* I noticed the ten pictures of the guest speakers at our General Conference in Detroit. As I looked at these strange faces, I felt very, very sad that we, as a denomination, must go so far to get speakers for our “Family Gathering,” as you call it. Not one of the lecturers knows our churches, our struggles, our sacrifices and our victories. I think that I am speaking for many of our faithful pastors when I say that I feel disappointed for not having one of our pastors on the list as a special speaker. What do these men know about our work? Can you imagine the Mennonites or the Southern Baptists at their General Conference surrounded by strange men from all parts and sections of North America? I feel that we are proclaiming to all that we are bankrupt, that we have not one person who can give us something worthwhile at our own conference. We will come to our own conference, but how much happier our people would have been to hear one of our own men. A heart to heart message of our own is much more important to me than the scholarly lectures of men who don't care nor know our work.

Some of our faithful men have labored many years in our churches, have shared the joys and sorrows of our people and are pushed aside for some of the sensationalists. At former years our professors, leaders, missionaries and evangelists had their pictures in our periodicals and our people were greatly blessed.

Yours in Christ,
Walter Stein

Ihrie's Comment to Walter Stein:

Dear Brother:

Thank you for expressing your feelings concerning the General Conference program, July 10-16, in Detroit. We all look forward to it as a great occasion and a source of deep inspiration. The program committee has done its best to follow guide-lines laid down by the best advice they could secure from other program committees and general reactions to other conferences.

Right or wrong, it would seem that most of our people like to hear someone who is well-known in a specific field of Christian endeavor. This is certainly no reflection on our pastors, whom our people hear at local conferences and in the various exchanges and special meetings throughout our denominational life.

As far as knowledge or interest in our struggles, sacrifices, and victories may be concerned, it is felt that our main speakers should take us out from and beyond our own selves into matters of importance along lines above and away from our usual orientation. This does not mean irrelevance to our own needs and interests but enrichments from sources not always present among us.

May 1, 1967

SPEAK UP!

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

Pray for the conference and all who will share in it. Pray for the boards and committees who will report and for the business at hand. Important matters to the future of our conference will be brought to us from the pulpit and from the business floor. Tell all the brethren to be sure to attend. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will bless and guide this occasion in every detail.

RACIAL PREJUDICE

Dear Dr. Ihrie,

The Minnesota LaCrosse Conference CBYF held its annual Mid-Winter Institute in February. . . . The theme . . . was “The Church in Civil Rights,” I John 3:17. The purpose . . . was to expose our young people to the problems faced by the Negro minority and to suggest ways in which the church and the individual Christian might deal with these problems. . . . There has been some feed-back from the adults who attended or heard about the conference, . . . reactions . . . ranged from highly positive to violently negative.

The negative reaction . . . points up a disconcerting fact: Some of our members have enough racial prejudice to make them wish to prevent Negro Christians from joining our church. From what I've heard of other N.A.B. churches, I suspect that Faith is not unique in this respect, and that in many, perhaps most N.A.B. churches, there are some members who would like to keep Negro Christians out of their church. I believe that Scripture teaches us that such prejudice is wrong (e.g. I John 3, 4; Galatians 3:26-28, Acts 17:26). If it is true that racial prejudice is wrong and that it exists on a wide scale within the N.A.B., then it is obvious that something should be done to correct the situation.

For example, what Faith needs is a long-term exposure to the problems of Negro community in Minneapolis, including face-to-face meetings with members of that community, coupled with a program of education about the forms and origins of prejudice. A joint program such as this would help eliminate the stereo-types which the racially prejudiced person tends to hold and would teach that person that many of the gut-level feelings he has about race are irrational and indefensible. Perhaps other N.A.B. churches would benefit from a similar program. It should be obvious that such programs are least likely to appear in the churches that need them most. What is needed is leadership from Headquarters. The question isn't whether we should “help” the Negro or get involved in the Civil Rights program. The question is whether we are going to cure the spiritual sickness in ourselves which is called racial prejudice. To do so we will need God's

help and the help and understanding of our Negro brothers. We will also need leadership from Headquarters to get some sort of program going on a long-term basis.

The problem of racial prejudice in our churches is very real. We can ignore it and let it continue to grow. Or we can root it out and so move closer to a truly Christ-like life. . . .

Yours in Christ,
David Wick
President, Minnesota LaCrosse C.B.Y.F.

Dr. Ihrie's Comment:

Thank you, my brother, for a clear analysis of our situation based on your experience at Faith Baptist. What you describe is undoubtedly typical of many if not most of our churches.

As to practical solutions, you sum them all up in your statement, “What Faith (and all other churches—ed.) needs is a long term exposure to the problems of the Negro community . . . including face to face meetings with members of that community, coupled with a program about the forms and origins of that prejudice.”

The implementing of these recommendations is not difficult once there is a will to do so. The real problem is that among most of our people there is the feeling that we should leave bad enough alone and wait for sociological changes to do the implementing for us. This is the “passive approach.” In the long run it will probably work. Civil rights legislation, cultural advances among Negroes, open housing pressures, military life, influence from the academic community and many other sociological factors now at work will bring every Caucasian face to face with reality in due time.

It is this “due time” which bothers most Negroes and not very many Caucasians. For those who want to speed up the process, there are many strategies. Inviting Negroes into individual homes, arranging discussion groups with Negro churches, exchanging pulpits with Negro ministers, sharing youth retreats with Negro youth groups, and combining ladies' society meetings with Negro sisters in Christ are just a few of the possibilities.

The actual prejudice will need to be somewhat removed before these projects would become feasible. This may be accomplished by sermons and studies from courageous pastors, but I don't know how the denominational leaders will be able to help much on the local level. Baptists don't respond very well to pontifical pronouncements. We've never been issued a papal bull.

I would like others to comment about these things. What is your reaction? Please feel free to Speak Up.

OUR denomination in action

baptism — evangelism



PARKERSBURG, IOWA. On Easter Sunday evening the Calvary Baptist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa, witnessed these candidates obey the Lord in following him through the waters of baptism: (front row, l. to r.) Sheila Davis, Marcia Powell, Debbie Van Lengen; (back row, l. to r.) Patty Van Lengen, Mrs. Mary Lou Lindaman and Mr. Jim Boelman. The following Sunday the pastor, Rev. Raymond Dickau, had the joy of extending the hand of fellowship to these and to Mr. Bernard Hagen, who came by transfer of letter. It is our prayer that they will find much joy in serving their Lord.

ROCHESTER, N.Y., ZION. The first baptismal service of the Zion Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., was held at the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., on Feb. 26, 1967. On March 5 the hand of fellowship was extended at the Communion Service to those baptized the previous Sunday: Christine Hellmann, Hannah Hellmann, Alfred Schneider, and Ruth Singer. Mrs. Otto Kind, who came by letter, was also welcomed into the church membership. (Walter C. Damrau, Pastor.)



New members received into the Immanuel Baptist Church, Brookfield, Wis.

BROOKFIELD, WIS. Each Sunday evening during the Lenten Season, members and friends of the Immanuel Baptist Church were privileged to witness on the screen the film series entitled, "The Living Christ," which began with the virgin birth of Jesus Christ and culminated with his crucifixion and triumphant resurrection. It is with a thankful heart and a

humble spirit that we rejoice over his continued blessings showered down upon us. Following our Palm Sunday morning worship service, we witnessed the baptismal service of three candidates namely, Mrs. Helen Brautigam, Misses Janette La Duron and Julie Neubauer. Mr. Joseph Brautigam, Mr. Gerhart Marks and Mrs. Shirley Marks were accepted into our fellowship upon confession of faith. We pray that these new members may lead a consecrated life and find much joy in serving our Lord Jesus Christ.

An enthusiastic group of approximately 135 people attended our Sunrise Easter breakfast and program sponsored by the three M's young adult Sunday school class. During the regular Sunday school hour, the children presented a program interspersed with singing and recitations. A cantata entitled "The Garden and Sepulchre" was given by the choir at our morning worship service.



Recently baptized at the First Baptist Church of Norridge, Ill., were (l. to r.) Debbie Henn, Kerry Palmer, Steven Henn, Steven Burrell, Pastor Miller, Glen Burrell and Kenneth Fanter.

NORRIDGE, ILL. Six young people of the First Baptist Church of Norridge, Ill., followed the Lord in baptism on Jan. 8, 1967, after hearing Rev. Norman Miller speak on Paul's message to Timothy (I Tim. 4:11).

On Feb. 5, Pastor Miller extended the hand of fellowship to the previously baptized six young people. Debbie Mann, Kay Miller and Mr. and Mrs. George Melcher joined our church this same Sunday by letter of transfer from other Baptist churches.

Myra Tinnes, who could not be baptized with the group of baptismal candidates on Jan. 8, took this step of faith on Feb. 26.

Everyone at Norridge rejoices in the testimony already exhibited in the lives of these young converts and pray for their continual spiritual growth in speech, conduct, faith, love and purity. (Ruth J. Hess, Reporter.)

EDMONTON, ALTA., CENTRAL. January 1, 1967, was a day of rejoicing for our congregation when seven precious souls entered the baptismal waters. As this was a joint service with the Namao Park Baptist Church, the Rev. Fred Pahl, pastor of the church, baptized one person, and our own pastor, the Rev. R. Hohensee baptized six. The Rev. Fred Pahl brought the message of the evening on "New Life in Christ,"

and as we left the sanctuary we all felt that we had been especially blessed. The six young people from Central Baptist and one young lady who came to us by letter, were given the hand of fellowship at our communion service the following Sunday. We pray that the Lord will give these young people strength for each day that they might be a true witness for him. (Mrs. B. Jeske, Reporter.)



Baptized recently at the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., were Wanda Ketelhut, Martha Plumley, Mary Simonton, Paul Simonton, Ken Jackson, and Ray Shubinski.

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. Easter Sunday evening at the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., was highlighted by a baptismal service in which six persons followed the Lord in the waters of baptism.

The pastor, Rev. Kenneth Fenner, had a sermon on "Baptism," and following the last candidate, he sang the song, "There Is Room at the Cross for You," to close the service. (Mrs. Alvin Wetter, Reporter.)

seasonal programs

GRAND FORKS, N. D. A Palm Sunday program was presented at the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. D. The program also featured pictorial illustrations of the Passion Week theme drawn and painted for the occasion by Michelle Wolff (granddaughter of Mrs. Rosa Wolf, the Baptist Home, Bismarck, whose husband was a former pastor) and Chester Faul, Jr. Selections given by the Junior Choir included three arrangements of Negro spirituals, a Palm Sunday canon, hymn, and a group of chorus arrangements. Members of the Choir are Tim and Jacque Loven, Camille and Brian Edinger, Bradly and Brenda Ross, Jo Lynn and Jeff Ackerman, Randy and Danny Jorgenson, Alana Voiss, Tim Keple, Billy LaBelle, Nancy Montgomery, Peggy Terry, Yvonne Walters, Valery Reid, Michelle Wolff, Lynn Dermam, Susan Burdick, Cindy Faul, Leora Potratz, Keith Carlson, Rodell Ottum and Sidney Bender. The Choir was under the direction of Mrs. Harold F. Nelson with Marion Olson, accompanist.

The Senior Choir also performed with Bill Keple as the director and Mrs. Willis Potratz as the accompanist. A Ladies' trio, comprised of Elaine Becker, Marcella Edinger and Sylvia Eldridge, sang. Beverly Voiss was the narrator. A violin-trumpet duet with piano accompaniment by Ed Carlson, Mrs. Nelson and Marion Olson thrilled the audience. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Don Becker and Bill Keple. Shirley Werre and Mrs. Charles Fuhrman played the prelude and postlude on piano and organ.

The program closed with the congregation singing, "He Lives," with the trumpet, violin, piano and organ accompaniment. All who attended were enriched and greatly blessed. (Mrs. Charles Balogh, Reporter.)

GRAND FORKS, N. D. An Easter sunrise service was held at Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. D., with the theme being "Were You There?" Young people of the church were in charge of the service with Ken Chatlos, director, Steven Potratz, Wilson Weigle, Stuart Edinger, Robert Fehr, Terry Jorgenson and Janice Reck taking part.

An Easter breakfast was served immediately after the service by the Men's Brotherhood of the church.

Pastor Willis Potratz spoke on the topic, "Life Through the Empty Tomb," at the 11 A.M. service.

At the evening service the sermon topic was "Living Pictures of the Resurrection." The ordinance of baptism was administered to nine young persons on profession of their faith in Christ. One other will be taken in by letter.

The services were well attended, and the blessings were many; as we rejoice in the message once again of our resurrected Christ. (Mrs. Charles Balogh, Reporter.)

special events

OKANAGAN VALLEY, B. C. A Deacons' Clinic was conducted Jan. 27-28, 1967, in the Okanagan Valley, B. C. Deacons of four churches met in the Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna.

This was the first Deacons' Clinic in the valley, and it was received with much enthusiasm. At the beginning of each of the three sessions, a deacon from a different church gave a testimony on "What Being A Deacon Means to Me." Following that, Rev. Sonnenberg lectured on some vital aspect, such as the work of the deacon, pastor or church discipline. The group was then divided into four smaller groups for discussion and exchange of ideas. These buzz sessions were very much appreciated, and many healthy and encouraging thoughts and experiences were imparted. The younger deacons were eager to learn from the older ones.

The wives of the deacons participated eagerly in this endeavor. Close to the end of the clinic the groups

came together, and the important findings of each group were shared and discussed.

The Trinity Baptist Church and its pastor, Rev. John Wollenberg, deserve a great big Thank You for their hospitality, kindness, and refreshments. (Rev. E. Hees, Reporter.)

STOCKTON, CALIF. At Swain Oaks Baptist Church, Stockton, Calif., we were blessed with the privilege of having God's Volunteers the first three days of February. The evening of Feb. 2, the team met with members of our church in an hour of Share Time, as they shared their impressions and experiences in contacting homes in our area. Through this time of discussion we were able to gain much valuable knowledge about visiting and witnessing.

Sunday evening, Feb. 26, Pastor Alvin Harsch showed the picture, "The Wilson's Discovery," a filmstrip produced by the Stewardship Dept. of our N. A. B. Conference. Special invitations were sent to our new members, as well as prospective members of the church. A question and answer period was conducted. The filmstrip is very informative and was received with real interest and satisfaction.

We are encouraged with the substantial growth being experienced here at Swain Oaks, both spiritually and in membership and especially with our Sunday school attendance. (Walter Claypool, Reporter.)

ROCHESTER, N. Y., ZION. On Feb. 19, 1967, Rev. Elmer Strauss, missionary, Cameroon, brought the message at the opening service of the annual missionary conference of the Zion Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y. At the Midweek Service Mr. Norman Haupt, Cameroon, was the guest speaker.



New parsonage of the First Baptist Church, Colfax, Wash.

COLFAX, WASH. Nearly two hundred people participated in the open house and dedication of the parsonage of First Baptist Church, Colfax, Wash., when the new structure was officially dedicated March 12.

The builder, Robert Repp, presented the keys to Herbert Mohr who represented the Building Committee and the church. He in turn gave the keys to the pastor, Bernard Edinger. Mrs. Edinger cut the ribbon, and the pastor and his wife entered the building to begin the open house. Mrs. Edinger presided at a guestbook in the kitchen, the end of the tour.

The house is a five-bedroom home

with four of them completed at the present time. A large recreation room will provide facilities for various youth activities and other gatherings. The exterior is stone.

Pastor and Mrs. Edinger and the family moved into the house on March 13, assisted by a number of men of the church. The \$30,000.00 structure when completed was nearly half paid for. The people rejoice that this much needed home is completed. (Mrs. John Huber, Secretary.)

women's missionary societies

LEDUC, ALTA., FIRST. February 10, 1967, First Baptist Church was host to four neighboring churches for the "Women's World Day of Prayer." Approximately 75 ladies were present. Hearts were challenged through musical selections. An inspirational message was given by the guest speaker, Mrs. Jake Leverette of Calvary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin.

The main event of prayer time, involved two groups, consisting of three ladies per group, offering prayers of praise, thanksgiving, and intercession.

The fellowship of this blessed day terminated with a lunch and time of fellowship. (Mrs. Lily Seutter, Reporter.)

ANAHEIM, CALIF., SUNKIST. The first general meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the newly organized Sunkist Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., was held, June 21, 1966, in the community room of the California Federal Savings and Loan building, with 50 ladies present.

Mrs. Joe Quast, president, opened the meeting with prayer. The business session included reading and accepting the new constitution presented by Mrs. Frank Cole, recording secretary. The society voted to give \$300. toward purchasing chairs for the new church and a monetary gift to Miss Carol Hull, member working with the Campus Crusade.

Devotions from Matthew 5:13-16 were brought by Mrs. Andy Mellen.

Special personal tributes honoring Mrs. Walter (Emma) Paulus were given by Mrs. Dayton Smith, Mrs. Clarence Schneider, Mrs. Mellee Remland, Mrs. Edith Baudisch and Mrs. Joe Quast. Mrs. Paulas, a charter member of Sunkist Baptist Church, whose tragic death occurred on the Riverside freeway within a few miles of her home, had been scheduled as the evening speaker to review her tour of the Orient with her husband, Mr. Walter Paulus.

Mrs. Clarence Schneider is the White Cross general chairman, and Mrs. August Litz is the corresponding secretary.

Mrs. William Hoover, program chairman and installing officer, combined the installation ceremony with an in-

spiring talk on "The WMS Sunkist Tree in God's Garden."

The initial meeting of the new Sunkist Baptist WMS began its history with encouraging success with records revealing the five circles totalled 76 charter members to start the new work. (Ruth Mellen, Reporter.)

receptions—farewells



C. Roland Johansson, (l. to r.), representing the Deacon Board, Rev. M. Wolff, Mrs. Wolff and Edie, and Bert R. Braun, moderator, who presented the Wolffs with a tape recorder on behalf of the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Mich.

AUBURN, MICH. February 12, Rev. M. D. Wolff and his family were honored at a farewell program and reception. Special music was provided, and leaders of various organizations expressed their thanks to Rev. Wolff, Mrs. Wolff and their three daughters Nancy, Terri, and Edie.

Rev. Wolff has accepted a call to the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. D., after serving us faithfully for six and one-half years. We thank God for their ministry among us and pray that he will continue to bless and use them in their new pastorate. (Mrs. J. E. Franko, Reporter.)

MINOT, N. D., CRESTVIEW. On October 29, 1966, a farewell banquet was held at Crestview Baptist Church, Minot, N. D., for Rev. Elmo Tahran, founding pastor of Crestview, and for his family. Following the banquet Rev. McCoy, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jamestown, N. D., (and also Mrs. Tahran's father) gave a short message. The Tahran family was then presented with a farewell gift from the members of Crestview.

Pastor Tahran came to Minot in 1959, when the church was organized. Services were held in the pastor's residence until the church was constructed. The Tahrans have five children. Pastor Tahran is now the pastor of the Bloomfield Hills (Mich.) Baptist Church.

On Sunday, Nov. 6, Crestview Baptist's members welcomed their new pastor, Rev. Will Dachtler. Pastor Dachtler formerly served the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. D., for three and one-half years. He is a graduate of the Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College and Seminary, Grand Rapids, Mich. The Dachtlers have three children. (Mrs. Kay Hedger, Reporter.)

anniversaries



MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR KROECKER, SR., MARK 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kroecker, Sr., of 624 Harris Hill Road, Lancaster, marked 50 years of marriage at a reception Oct. 16 at 8 P.M. in Bethel Baptist Church, Williamsville, New York, given by their children.

Mr. Kroecker, 74, retired in 1962 after operating his own empty-container business for 44 years. His wife, 70, is the former Martha Ulrich.

They have two sons, Arthur, Jr., and La Verne of Bowmansville, New York, one daughter, Mrs. Marian Kern, the former Mrs. Harley Geissler, and seven grandchildren. All attend the Bethel Baptist Church, former pastorate of the late Rev. Peter Geissler. (Mrs. Joseph W. Kern, Reporter.)



Chilliwack Progress

MR. AND MRS. CONRAD MONTIE CELEBRATE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY. It was Dec. 26, 1906, in Romania, when Mr. and Mrs. Montie were married. On Dec. 26, 1966, it was a great joy for the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church to celebrate with the Montie family the diamond wedding

anniversary of the wonderful couple. Special decorations were put up by the family for the occasion. Rev. R. Jaster was in charge of the program, leading in singing, and bringing a short talk. Poems and readings were given by various members of the congregation; a mixed quartet sang; an accordion solo was given by Otto Schulz. An old acquaintance who grew up with Mr. Montie in Romania did some humorous reminiscing of past years. Their son, Fred, spoke in behalf of the family, reminiscing about the past and thanking the parents for their Christian influence upon the lives of their children.

In 1908 the Montie's emigrated to South Dakota, and then moved to Winnipeg, Man., Canada in 1909. In 1911 they moved to Yorkton, Sask., where they farmed until 1944 when they moved to Chilliwack, B. C. In Yorkton Mr. Montie was Sunday school superintendent for 17 years and active in other phases of the church as well.

When the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church was organized, Mr. and Mrs. Montie were among the charter members; Mr. Montie was trustee for seven years and instrumental in securing the building lot for the church; as he was in real estate business at that time. Mrs. Montie was secretary of the ladies' group for six years and helped along as much as she could. Mr. Montie (80 years) and Mrs. Montie (78) show a keen interest in the life and growth of the church, attending when their health permits them. They live in their own home. Their daughter, Beth, assists them on week ends. The Monties have two sons and two daughters: John of Chilliwack, B. C., Fred of Winnipeg, Man., Erna (Mrs. Tom Morton) of Powell River, B. C., Beth (Mrs. Artus) of Burnaby, B. C.; ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The children were all present for the occasion. After the program a lovely lunch was served by the family of the Monties and enjoyed by about 50 guests. (Mrs. R. Jaster, Reporter.)

youth activities

BEATRICE, NEB. The West Side Baptist Church was the site of a Youth Sweetheart Banquet held on Feb. 14, with 70 young people and 13 adults attending. Represented were the following five churches of Beatrice: Church of God, Assembly of God, Calvary Baptist, Church of the Nazarene, and West Side Baptist Church.

Chosen to reign as King and Queen for the evening was Bob Broadbooks from the Church of the Nazarene and Joyce Harms of the West Side Baptist Church.

Main speaker for the evening was the Rev. James Tapley, pastor, Church of the Nazarene, Hastings. Special music was provided by Mrs. Tapley, as well as by young people of the various churches.

Mrs. Delbert McKiddy, West Side

Baptist Church, was chairman of the meal committee.

The congregations of these same churches have been meeting every other week following the Sunday evening services for a Singspiration. We are thankful for this fellowship of other Bible-believing churches, especially since we are separated from our other North American Baptist churches by such a far distance. (Mrs. C. M. Ellison, Reporter.)

christian education activities



The Sunday School Choir of the Sherwood Park Baptist Church, Greeley, Colo., pictured with the pastor, Rev. Raymond Harsch, and the director, Mrs. Harsch.

GREELEY, COLO. The Sunday school choir sings every Sunday at the Sunday school hour and frequently at the morning worship service. The training they are receiving is wonderful—not only for now but for years to come when they will be in an adult choir.

We all look forward to hearing these children, under the direction of Mrs. Raymond Harsch, sing praises unto the Lord; they are a real blessing each time they sing. We are grateful to Mrs. Harsch for her work with the children.

Sherwood Park Church is one of the extension churches of the North American Baptist General Conference. (Mrs. Walter E. Wacker, Reporter.)



Those receiving Grand Awards in Scripture Memory, First Baptist Church, Auburn, Mich., were (l. to r.) Lori Franko, Susan Rogers, Sheron Jezowski, and Mrs. Paul Rinas, Scripture Memory leader.

AUBURN, MICH. Three of our young people of the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Mich., were honored for having completed their nine years of Scripture Memory work.

We are thankful that young people

PURPLE HEART AWARDED PEORIA MAN POSTHUMOUSLY



Peoria Journal-Star Photo

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Schultz, Creve Coeur, Ill., members of North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, are pictured here accepting the Purple Heart awarded their son Pfc. Kenneth E. Schultz posthumously. He died Dec. 17 from wounds received in military operations in Vietnam while on patrol as a member of Company D, First Battalion, Ninth Cavalry, First Cavalry Division. He was buried with military honors in Swan Lake Cemetery, Peoria, Dec. 24. Making the presentation in ceremonies conducted at the church Feb. 26 is Major Robert F. Miller, Subsector Commander of Peoria. (Inset) Pfc. Schultz, who was a member of the church. (Walter Kohrs, Reporter.)

are still willing to take time to memorize God's Word; as it was necessary for these girls to do make-up courses because the Scripture Memory program was not started in the Auburn Church until December, 1961. This past year 22 girls and boys completed their prescribed course. (Mrs. J. E. Franko, Reporter.)

BEATRICE, NEB. A "Christian Education Fair" was held at the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Neb. Exhibits were displayed showing the activities being done by all the different groups and classes of the church: the C.B.Y. groups, Vacation Bible School, Vacation Bible School Camp and the Ladies' Missionary Society. The film, "Every Child," was shown. Refreshments and a fellowship time were enjoyed by all. (Mrs. C. M. Ellison, Reporter.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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or other Communist countries?

2. Why cannot men like Gamaliel or Nicodemus become Christians? Were they not good and godly men?

3. Do we have cause for civil disobedience in our nation?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 21, 1967

Theme: **STEPHEN—A MAN OF FAITH**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. The first Christian martyr was not a minister but a layman.

INTRODUCTION. After so many thousands were added to the church, the apostles saw a need for some kind of organization. There was some murmuring and dissatisfaction beginning to creep in among the believers. The Grecian Jewish Christians complained that the Hebrew Christians were getting a greater share of material assistance in time of need for their widows. Whether this was done purposely or not, we do not know. Evidently there was some justification for the charge, because it was not denied. Where there is a loose organization, this can easily happen. The Apostle Paul later advised the Corinthian church: "Let everything be done decently and in order." This certainly included fairness.

Since the apostles could not do everything, they wisely delegated some authority to others. As a result seven outstanding men were chosen to help

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administer the relief program. They are usually referred to as deacons, but nowhere in the New Testament record are they specifically called by that name. Their appointment depended on three important qualifications: they had to be men of good report, full of the Holy Ghost and full of wisdom. After the apostles prayed and laid their hands on them, they were ready for service.

I. THE TALENTS OF A LAYMAN. Acts 6:8-12.

Although the seven men were chosen for the specific work of "serving tables," it is quite evident that Stephen had talents that went far beyond relief work. From the record we get the impression that he had all the talent and ability to qualify him as an apostle. The gift of healing and the working of wonders was certainly not restricted to the apostles. Stephen's zeal, courage and knowledge of the Scriptures, plus his preaching ability made him an outstanding witness among the people.

II. THE COURAGE OF A LAYMAN. Acts 7:51-53.

There were a number of synagogues in Jerusalem which had Greek-speaking services and no doubt Stephen attended these in order to witness to the Saviorhood of Jesus Christ. He soon found himself to be one against many. His spiritual power was irresistible. These men decided that if they could not win their arguments fairly, they will win them by "hook or by crook."

III. THE SACRIFICE OF A LAYMAN. Acts 7:54-60.

Actually Stephen's fate was sealed even before he was brought before the Sanhedrin. He never had a chance so far as his life was concerned, but he did have a chance to testify and to preach one of the most powerful sermons recorded in Acts. His intention was not to win an argument or to win the most points in a debate. He had a message to proclaim.

The greatest redeeming factor in the stoning of Stephen was the fact that Saul of Tarsus was a witness to his death. In the midst of death there was already the seed for a new life.

Questions for Discussion

1. Do we find similar Christian courage today? Where?
2. Why were Stephen's enemies so violently opposed to him? What were they afraid of?
3. Could Stephen have saved himself, if he had appealed to the Roman authorities? Was this execution legal?

GRANDPARENTS BELONG

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SOURCE OF STRENGTH AND STABILITY

Grandparents can be, and very often are, the source of strength and stability in a church program. Many are still

most active in the church ministries and are not just givers of advice. In a recent survey of 400 Methodist congregations, it was found that 54% of the teachers of adult Sunday school classes were between 40 and 60 years of age; 14% were between 61 and 69; and 9% were over 70. This would possibly be true in many Baptist churches. Grandparents are not only busy teaching Sunday school classes; but pastors speak of their loyalty in matters of attendance, encouragement, witnessing and giving to local and world-wide mission causes. Some, after retirement, spend many hours in special service through their church.

Belonging in the home and church is already being a part of the community life, but in a more definite way grandparents are making a special contribution to society through civic groups and community activities. Much of the physical beauty and cultural life of the community can be attributed to the efforts of our maturing adults. Grandparents still have keen interest in the best schools for their grandchildren, and in good government for all.

EXAMPLE IN PROPER RELATIONSHIPS

Yes, grandparents still belong! And in the days ahead, Christians should set the example in proper relationships for the world to see. In the words of Robert Browning we see that:

"Our times are in his hand
Who saith, A whole I planned,
Youth shows but half; trust God:
See all, nor be afraid!"

It might be well, as some have advised, for adults and even young people to consider what type grandparents they want to be; for we are told that we do not suddenly change when the first grandchild is born. Grandparents are the same persons they were as young adults and still have the same likes and dislikes. Will you be able to truly belong to your generation as a grandparent?

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GOD'S WORK

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ness," but I came back with the answer, "This is my business." Most of the people, however, have been very friendly, helpful, and interested in the church in their neighborhood. This experience of church extension is indeed enriching and adds much flavor to a pastor's life.

On one occasion we needed a typewriter that could be used in the typing of our "Mid-Week Reporter." Soon after this need became apparent, a lady came to our church who took a real interest in the work. She volunteered to do the bulletin; as she had an electric typewriter and Gestetner

in her home. The Lord provided typewriter and typist.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH

Our Sunday school has grown to an enrollment of 120 in nine months. The Lord has given us very fine and dedicated teachers. A junior choir of 25 directed by Mrs. Patzia and Mrs. Kerber adds much to the Sunday school. A nursery and children's church is being conducted during the service. Very fine musical and vocal talent in our church is appreciated by the congregation. A regular Bible study, C.B.Y.F. and W.M.S. are being held.

Our congregation is made up of various nationalities and religious backgrounds. Each Lord's Day we are reminded of Pentecost Day in Jerusalem at which there were Medes, Parthians, Elemites, Romans, Jews, and proselytes. It seems we have them all in Burlington.

The purchase of a church lot has been approved by the Church Extension Committee.

God has given us wonderful opportunities. Do pray that we will be sensitive to the will of God, that we will be courageous in obeying his bidding, and that we will always be faithful in "telling the story of Jesus" until he comes again.

We thank you for your contribution in May.

Rev. Walter Kerber became the first pastor of this church extension work in Burlington in 1966.

SHOULD A MOTHER

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where liberalism and "old immorality abounds." We are witnessing a real turning away from God. The strength of our nation is not in the size of our armed forces, the Capitol in Washington, or even Wall Street, but our Christian homes are the strength and hope of America. There are many things one can do during a lifetime, but there is nothing more important than working full-time maintaining a spiritual home for one's husband and children.

We can learn from many mothers of history, such as Eunice, Timothy's mother, and Lois, his grandmother, the mother of Charles and John Wesley, Susannah, that the years a mother cares for her children are not wasted. In the last stanza of a poem by Mrs. G. Christian Weiss, she describes the voice of God saying:

"Some day before the throne you'll stand in glory
And hear from Me these words of comfort clear;
Those years of motherhood, they were not wasted,
For lo, dear one, your children are all here."

Mrs. John Emr is a member of the Second Baptist Church, Union City, N. J., and is youth representative, Atlantic Conference Christian Education Committee.

Obituary

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

REV. GUSTAV L. FREIGANG of Tacoma, Washington

Rev. Gustav L. Freigang was born in Poland on March 24, 1867, and died in Tacoma, Wash., on Feb. 16, 1967. He married Carolyn Zowr, a union which the Lord blessed with two sons and two daughters. While still a young man in Poland, he became a school teacher. He came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized on Oct. 27, 1902. It was just a short time after that when he felt the call of God into the ministry. He responded to this call and was ordained in August, 1908.

For a while he served churches in Europe and then emigrated to the United States with his family, arriving on May 19, 1913. He was an old veteran of the cross who served a number of North American Baptist Churches in Michigan, the Dakotas, and Oregon before retiring to Tacoma in 1932. Here he was active at the Calvary Baptist Church until incapacitated several years ago.

He would have reached the ripe old age of 100 years had he lived until March 24 of this year.

His wife preceded him in death on April 24, 1927. Surviving him are two sons: Emmanuel of Seattle, Eugene of Tacoma; two daughters: Mrs. Edythe Lindsay of Seattle, Mrs. Irene Glosser of Tacoma; 13 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren. He also left many other relatives and a host of friends.

Calvary Baptist Church
Tacoma, Washington
EDGAR B. WESNER, Pastor

MRS. LENA WAMSER of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Mrs. Lena Wamser was born in Austria on April 10, 1894, and went to be with the Lord in Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 21, 1967. In April, she would have been 73. As a young woman of 17, she emigrated to this country, settling in Bethlehem. Here she found the Lord as her Savior in 1912 and was baptized by the Rev. E. G. Klieze, joining the Calvary Baptist Church, where she has been a member for 55 years. On Feb. 11, 1914, she was united in marriage to Mr. Mike Wamser, with whom she walked life's pathway for 53 happy years.

To this union were born five children: (Helen) Mrs. Robert Bartholomew; (Esther) Mrs. David Stangl; (Carrie) Mrs. Albert Lehman; Alfred, and Edward. Husband and all five children now mourn the loss of a dear wife and mother. Also surviving are an aged brother and sister in Austria; ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wamser was a member of the Ladies' Missionary Society of Calvary Baptist Church since its very beginning. Her sweet testimony for Christ; her deep love for her family and church will ever remain a blessing.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 24, 1967, with her pastor speaking on the text (Prov. 4:18). Burial was in Nisky Hill Cemetery, Bethlehem.

Calvary Baptist Church
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
HAROLD G. GIESEKE, Pastor

PAUL KEPLE of Portland, Oregon

Paul Keple, son of the late Rev. and Mrs. John Keple, was born April 19, 1919, at Rochester, N. Y. He was married to Irene Eckart on July 1, 1944. He served in the U. S. Army from February, 1942, until October, 1945.

Paul received Christ as his personal Savior at the age of eleven and three years later was baptized by his father. He made his home in Portland since 1940 where he was an active member of Trinity Baptist Church,

singing in the choir and the male quartet, serving as a deacon and as chairman of the publicity committee.

After having had previous heart attacks, he suffered a fatal attack on February 25, 1967, at the age of 47. Those who sorrow, but not without hope, are his widow, Irene; daughter, Susan; two brothers: John of Regina, Sask. and William of Grand Forks, N. D.; three sisters: Mrs. Anne Schultz and Mrs. Martha Rust of Portland, and Mrs. Betty Legan of Cleveland, Ohio; and step-mother, Mrs. Bertha Keple, of Portland. One brother, David, preceded him in death.

Trinity Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon
ROBERT SCHREIBER, Pastor

MRS. CHRISTINA SAUER of Southey, Saskatchewan

Christina Butz was born in Austria in June, 1888. In 1909 she married William Sauer. Through this marriage five children came into the world, one of which died in 1915 at an early age. Mr. Sauer died in January, 1947. Of the offspring, there are four children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Sauer is survived by four sisters and two brothers. These are Mrs. Dora Brandt, Mrs. Lena Kornelson, Mrs. Mollie Orthner, Mrs. Minnie Linzmeier, Mr. John Butz, and Mr. George Butz. One brother, Mr. Frank Butz, preceded her into eternity.

Most important of all is the fact that Mrs. Sauer came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ in 1907 after which she became a member of the Southey Baptist Church. Therefore, we may say that on February 25, 1967, Mrs. Sauer went to be with her Lord and Maker.

Southey Baptist Church
Southey, Saskatchewan
LEN STRELAU, Pastor

MRS. JACOBINA ZIMMERMAN of Bismarck, North Dakota

Mrs. Jacobina Zimmerman, wife of the late Gottlieb Zimmerman, passed away on February 28, 1967, at the Baptist Home, Bismarck, N. D., where she had resided for about three years.

Jacobina Kerner was born Aug. 2, 1887, at Yankton, S. D., the daughter of John and Fredericka Kerner. In 1897 she came with her parents to North Dakota where they settled on a farm northwest of Gackle.

She was united in marriage to Gottlieb Zimmerman, April 9, 1905, at the Bloomerfield Baptist Church northwest of Gackle. They farmed near Gackle until they moved to Jamestown where her husband was employed in the State Hospital.

In 1947 they moved to Gackle for their retirement. Mr. Zimmerman died in 1949. She was a member of the Grace Baptist Church and a member of the Ladies' Aid in Gackle.

Surviving are her children: Edward, Streeter, N. D.; Emma (Mrs. Emanuel Sommerfeld), Ruby (Mrs. Marion Griffith), both of Los Angeles, Calif.; Emil, Alice (Mrs. Otto Ammon), both of Gackle; Ruben, Bridger, Mont., Elda (Mrs. Jake Sommerfeld), Vancouver, Wash.; thirteen grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; one brother, Gust Kerner, Billings, Mont.; three sisters: Lydia (Mrs. Gust Ammon), Jamestown, N. D., Helen (Mrs. Oscar Brosz), Ida (Mrs. Otto Geohring), both of Gackle, N. D.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers and three sisters.

Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer, chaplain, Baptist Home, brought the message.

Grace Baptist Church
Gackle, N. D.
R. C. STADING, Pastor

EMANUEL A. HUBNER of Avon, South Dakota

Emanuel R. Hubner, the son of Andrew and Anna Hubner, was born at Alt Danzig, Southern Russia, Oct. 10, 1885, and died in Yankton, S. D., Feb. 28, 1967, at the age of 81 years, four months, and 18 days.

While still a small baby, his parents came to the U.S.A. and settled on a farm near Tyndall, S. D. Later they moved to a farm north of Avon, S. D.

In the fall of 1915 he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was shortly thereafter baptized by the late Rev. John Reichert and received into the Danzig Baptist Church, where he remained a faithful member until he was called to his heavenly home.

He was married to Pauline Engel, Nov. 11, 1913, by Rev. Reichert. This union was blessed with five children: Burnell of Sioux Falls, S. D., Velma (Mrs. La Velle Meiers), Clifton, Joyce (Mrs. James Janssen), Clar-Clifton, Joyce (Mrs. Reiff), all of Avon, S. D. In 1951 they retired from the farm and moved into Avon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and four sisters. He is survived by his wife, five children, 14 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one brother of Pierre, S. D., two sisters: Mrs. Christine Engel of Wagner, S. D., and Mrs. Laura Witzei of Kasson, Minn., as well as by several nieces and nephews, the members of his church and many friends. Services were held from the Crosby Funeral Home, Avon, and the Danzig Baptist Church, Tyndall, March 3, 1967, conducted by his pastor.

Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches
Tyndall, South Dakota
DAVID ZIMMERMAN, Pastor

HENRY FENSKE of Regina, Saskatchewan

Mr. Henry Fenske, son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Fenske, was born in Manitoba on April 4, 1891, and spent his early years in Saskatchewan and North Dakota, where his parents served in various parishes. He accepted the Lord at the age of nine and was baptized at a service conducted by his father.

On Dec. 12, 1911, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Scheer, and settled in the Nokomis district of Saskatchewan in 1916. He was an active member of the Nokomis Baptist Church, serving as Sunday school superintendent for some seventeen years.

He moved to Regina in 1944, where he became a highly respected businessman of the city. When Faith Baptist Church was established in 1954, he was a charter member and served on its first Board of Deacons. He was an active promoter of the Echo Lake Camp program, was zealous in the work of the Gideons, and served on the boards of the Briercrest Bible Institute and the Haven of Rest Home for the Aged.

In December, 1966, after exploratory surgery, he learned that he had only a few weeks to live. His radiant faith told friends simply that he was ready to go and glad for the little time he had left. In the early morning hours of Feb. 5, 1967, he entered into the presence of the Lord whom he had loved and served so faithfully all his life.

His funeral service was held Feb. 7 at Faith Church, Rev. Henry Hildebrand, president, Briercrest Bible Institute, officiating, assisted by Rev. Ian Brown, Argyle Road Baptist Church, and Rev. Homer Edwards, future pastor of Faith Baptist Church.

Mr. Fenske is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; five sons: Gordon, Toronto, Ont., Earl, Calgary, Alta., Lloyd and Harvey of Regina, and Norman of Kelowna, B. C.; two daughters: Mrs. Edgar Martens (Ruth), missionary of Aruba, and Mrs. Dennis Kroeker (Irene) of Waldheim, Sask.; and twenty-two grandchildren.

THE FAMILY

MR. GEORGE FUHRMAN of Bismarck, North Dakota

George Fuhrman was born in South Russia on Feb. 8, 1875, and passed away on Feb. 4, 1967, in the Bismarck Hospital just four days short of his 92nd birthday.

At the age of 18 he emigrated to America with his parents and settled at Eureka, S. D. Here the family farmed for four years. From there they moved to Wells County, North Dakota, and homesteaded five miles south of the site where the town of Bowdon was later founded.

On Feb. 8, 1899, he was united in marriage to Charlotte Schelske at Fessenden, N. D., by the Rev. Golling of Fessenden. To this union were born thirteen children. Brother Fuhrman accepted the Lord as his Savior in 1896. After being baptized, he was received into the membership of the Eureka Baptist Church. After coming to Wells County, North Dakota, he united with the First Baptist Church, Fessenden. Here he served as a faithful member and also was a member of the Board of Deacons for many years. He was an honorary deacon at the time of his passing. For the past year he and his wife have made their home at the Baptist Home, Bismarck.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Charlotte; six sons: Theodore and William of Roberson, Victor, Oscar and Gus of Bowdon, and Charles of Grand Forks, N. D.; six daughters: (Ida) Mrs. Carl Mielke, Osakis, Minn., (Alice) Mrs. Howard Shipley, Steele, N. D., (Lydia) Mrs. John Jensenf Steele, N. D., (Gertrude) Mrs. Otto Roeder, Hankinson, N. D., (Edna) Mrs. Julius Ritter, Burnstad, N. D., and (Clara) Mrs. Merton Harrop, Arena, Wis.; three sisters: Mrs. Caroline Schelske, Portland, Ore., Mrs. Sophie Wurm, Bird Island, Minn., and Mrs. Elizabeth Wurm, Anaconda, Mont.; 31 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends, one daughter preceded him in death.

First Baptist Church
Fessenden, North Dakota
REV. RAY HOFFMAN, Pastor



NEWS AND VIEWS

WASHINGTON, D. C., SENIOR CITIZENS. (HEW). There are about 19 million older Americans—men and women aged 65 or over—a number equal to the combined populations of 20 States.

About 1 out of every 10 in the U. S. population is 65 years and over.

More than 13,000 Americans have passed their 100th birthday.

Since retirement age comes earlier now, the average retiree may have 14 years in retirement—the equivalent in hours of free time of an entire working life.

By 1985, the 65 plus population is likely to be 25 million; by the year 2000, more than 28 million.

More than half of all older women are widows.

Approximately 27 per cent of older men and 10 per cent of older women are in the labor force—either full—or part-time.

Older people spend about \$1 billion for medicines.

There are 2,242,000 living American veterans aged 65 and over.

Unemployed workers who are 45 or over comprise 27 per cent of all the unemployed, and 40 per cent of the long-term unemployed.

Half of all private job openings are barred to applicants over 55; a quarter are closed to applicants over 45.

Many older men and women are unemployed because they are not fitted for the jobs of modern technology, because they live where there are no longer any jobs, or because they are seeking the jobs of a bygone era.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (ABNS) Social security protection for clergymen was endorsed here by Franklin Clark Fry, president of the Lutheran Church in America.

Testifying before the House Ways and Means Committee, Dr. Fry said that he and the LCA's Board of Pensions support proposed legislation which would ensure automatic Social Security coverage for ministers, allowing for individual exemption on grounds of conscientious objection.

At present, ministers are exempt from Social Security tax, unless they sign a waiver authorizing taxation commensurate with their income. Seventy-five per cent of clergymen have requested such voluntary coverage, Dr. Fry pointed out. However, breakdown of this figure reveals that 95 per cent of older ministers have elected coverage, but only 60 per cent of younger ones. "As a result, over the long run, the proportion of ministers who are covered may well drop to only 50 per cent," he said.

Dr. Fry gave two reasons for the smaller proportion of young ministers

enrolled in the plan: financial, based either on a belief that better protection can be obtained elsewhere, or a desire to spend less money currently; and political, a personal dislike of governmentally-sponsored welfare programs.

Rhodes bill, (HR 5940), should have general appeal because it exempts only those who are conscientiously opposed to Social Security on religious grounds, Dr. Fry said.

NEW YORK (ABS). National Bible Week and Worldwide Bible Reading will run concurrently from October 15 through October 22. Worldwide Bible Reading will then continue through Thanksgiving for a total of 40 days. The united effort will contain many special features designed to start the habit of daily Bible reading.

The concern of a group of businessmen during the dark days of World War II gave birth to National Bible Week. On December 7, 1941, the Laymen's National Committee radio program, commemorating the first anniversary of Bible Week, as interrupted with the announcement that Pearl Harbor had been bombed.

And in 1943 a lonely Marine on Guadalcanal sparked the idea of Worldwide Bible Reading by asking his parents to join him in reading the same Scripture passage each day. His mother shared the idea with the ABS, which developed Worldwide Bible Reading. Since then almost 300 million free bookmarks containing a schedule of daily Bible selections have been provided around the world.

Vice-Admiral William F. Raborn, Jr., United States Navy (retired), Vice-president of Aerojet General Corporation, and a Southern Baptist, has been named national chairman of an inter-faith program for encouraging use of the Bible. It combines the previously separate programs of the American Bible Society and the Laymen's National Committee, which have been united this year in an all-out effort to reach the greatest number of people of all faiths.

CHINA. According to a number of reports, cases of persecution of Christians in China are becoming more and more frequent. It seems, however, that the victims are not attacked because of their religious convictions as such but as supposed opponents of the Government. According to information received in Paris, all Christian churches, not only in Peking but throughout China, have been closed since last August; those in Peking especially have been used to house Red Guards or as the scene of their meetings. This measure seems to apply not only to Christian churches but also to Buddhist

temples. It is also reported that Anglican Bishop Ting Kwang Hsun, Head of the Theological Faculty in Nanking and Chairman of the Federation of Chinese Churches, has not been seen or heard of since September, 1966. (*Atlantic Baptist*.)

CANADA. Three editors, one United, one Evangelical Baptist, and one Roman Catholic have been appointed, and a name given—FERMENT 67—to Canada's newest religious journal. The new journal is to provoke dialogue between rabbis, priests, ministers, and laymen. The editors intend that "FERMENT 67 will be open, controversial, responsible, and honest." We want to be able to disagree without being disagreeable," says Dr. Paul Smith of the People's Church. Rabbi A. Gunther Plaut of Toronto's Holy Blossom Synagogue has been elected Chairman of an editorial advisory board with members from many denominations and faiths. Rev. John Burbidge of Lakeview United Church, Port Credit will be Senior Editor. Mr. Paul Harris, formerly Executive Director of the Roman Catholic Information Centre, and Rev. Leslie Tarr, well-known Baptist writer, will be associated. (*Atlantic Baptist*)

GHANA. One year after the downfall of President Nkrumah, who warred on organized religion, there is a striking evidence in Ghana of a revival of religious fervor. The evidence was the thousands of Ghanaian Protestants who attended a service in Accra Stadium marking the first anniversary of last year's Feb. 24 coup. A year ago, under Mr. Nkrumah, such an open-air service in a Government-owned stadium would have been unthinkable. The sermon was delivered by the Rt. Rev. Richard Roseveare, the Anglican Bishop of Accra, who was expelled by President Nkrumah in 1962 and, for more than three months, denied re-entry into Ghana. The Government not only made the stadium available, but provided the Ghanaian Army band to lead the hymns and permitted the program to be printed on Government stationery. Seven of the eight members of the ruling National Liberation Council are Christians and all seven attended the ceremony. The eighth member is a Moslem. (*Atlantic Baptist*.)

WASHINGTON, D. C. (GCC AFP) Everyone knows there have been chaplains since colonial days but few know of the organized efforts of the churches working together in support of all chaplains since 1917.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary, a half-century of service, of the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel, Washington, D. C.

In recognition of the fiftieth milestone, the Commission is publishing in the May and June issues of its magazines, THE LINK and THE CHAPLAIN, historical and other appropriate materials.

Special observances were held on Sunday, April 23, 1967.