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# WHAT THEY SAID

## IT WAS SAID AT THE 35th GENERAL CONFERENCE

You better study to have some words; you better pray to have some life.—*Dr. Gerald Borchert.*

The most important word is "live."—*Dr. Gerald Borchert.*

May every resolution be dealt with in the Spirit of Christ. May every appointment and election be directed by the Spirit of Christ.—*Dr. Gerald Borchert.*

The missionary is often under suspicion because he brings a new way of life to people.—*Rev. David Keiry.*

Before we can speak together, we must first learn how to think together.—*C. Emanuel Carlson.*

When Baptists co-operate, they can exercise their stewardship of influence.—*C. Emanuel Carlson.*

The counsel of the district secretary is usually sought after hearts are hurt and heads are hot.—*Rev. Rubin Kern.*

The district secretary is not a trouble shooter but a trouble soother.—*Rev. Rubin Kern.*

Too often the district secretary's job is helping the church get a pastor or how to get rid of him.—*Rev. Rubin Kern.*

The denomination is doing the work of God broadly what the church is doing locally.

In Paul's day the world was looking for the kind of a God which the present church has declared to be dead.—*Dr. Gerald Borchert.*

We talk a great deal about ourselves, but how much do we talk about God?—*Dr. Gerald Borchert.*

Christ will see to his own defense. Let us not forget that he is God.—*Dr. Gerald Borchert.*

Churches are more concerned about shuffling Christians and baptizing children of believers than in witnessing to non-believers.—*Otto Piper as quoted by Dr. Gerald Borchert.*

People are always interested in knowing and reading about other persons when the chips are down.—*Dr. Gerald Borchert.*

There was a death of God, but there was also a resurrection.—*Dr. Gerald Borchert.*

By saying that God is dead, you are really saying that "I am dead" and that God cannot do anything about it.—*Dr. Gerald Borchert.*

The Master is not so pleased when we call him Lord as he is when we do his will.—*Dr. William R. Tolbert, Jr.*

You are not my brethren because of race, color or creed, but because we have the same Lord.—*Dr. William R. Tolbert, Jr.*

Much of our time is tied to perfectionism. It is about time that we join the human race.—*Dr. Gerald Borchert.*

It is in the confession of our weakness that God supplies the answer.—*Dr. Gerald Borchert.*

The do's and don'ts have no power to overcome.—*Dr. Gerald Borchert.*

The Christian's acceptance of his frustrations does not lie in Christ but by Christ.—*Dr. Gerald Borchert.*

God has a great program going on and you should be in that program.—*Dr. Clyde Narramore.*

The church is often too much concerned with delivering faith in a packet or a package. Faith is a personal thing.—*Dr. Josef Nordenhaug.*

Jesus never says "come" without also saying "go."—*Dr. Josef Nordenhaug.*

We often become frustrated because we look at the dangers rather than at the opportunities.—*Dr. Josef Nordenhaug.*

The real issues of life are often far removed from Christian commitment.—*Dr. Gerald Borchert.*

Sin is a reality and must be dealt with in a real way.—*Dr. Josef Nordenhaug.*

Paul accepted Jesus as Lord before he accepted him as Savior. We have turned it around, and we ask people to accept him as Savior and hope that in the next thirty years they will accept him as Lord.—*Dr. Bernard Schalm.*

The Saviorhood of Christ is derived from his Lordship, not his Lordship from his Saviorhood.—*Dr. Bernard Schalm.*

We present to man tidbits of love and compassion when what he needs is a major operation.—*Mel Dibble, evangelist.*

Bring me back to a simple faith that can change my life and transform it.—*Mel Dibble, evangelist.*

May every delegate and visitor go home, not smarter than he came, but more dedicated to Jesus Christ.—*Mel Dibble, evangelist.*

(Collected by B. C. Schreiber)

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BAPTIST HERALD

Editorial

## WHY DO YOU STAND GAZING?

North American Baptists are confronted with this challenging question today. It's the question that was asked the followers of Christ almost 2000 years ago when they stood spellbound, gazing into the sky.

Jesus had just given them their marching orders. "Go ye and make disciples . . .," he had commanded them. As his glorious presence ascended from their view, they stood there gazing and day-dreaming.

God's voice came to them in no uncertain terms: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?" (Acts 1:11)

This is a jarring question. It's God's question to North American Baptists today when we stand preoccupied with thoughts and emotions about the good old times of yesteryear when the glorious presence of Christ was so real to us and people were won for Christ in our churches with wonderful success. It is God's question to us when we stand gazing blurry-eyed into the sky, discouraged and frustrated, because the methods of evangelism which once we used with effectiveness no longer produce the desired results, and the very presence of Christ seems removed from us as by a cloud.

God comes to North American Baptists and says: "Men and women who bear my name, why do you stand looking into heaven? Get going! Go quickly and share with lost persons everywhere the good news that Christ died for their sins and rose again for their freedom from guilt, and that by repentance and faith they can experience forgiveness of their sins."

In keeping with the hemisphere-wide Evangelism

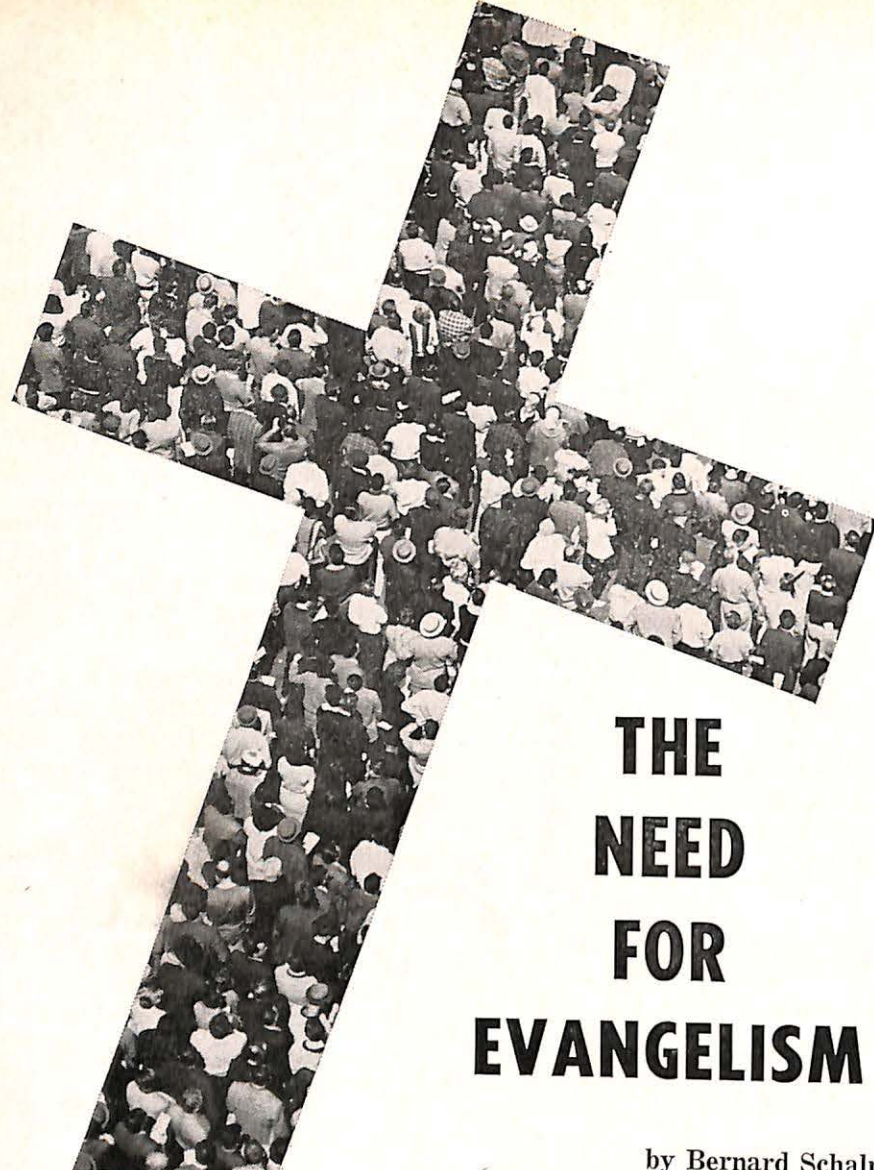
Crusade of the Americas which is being planned for 1969, our denominational emphasis for the next three years, 1967-1970, will be "Our Ministry in Evangelism." During this entire triennium specific emphasis will be placed on cultivation, commitment, and conservation evangelism. This issue of the *Baptist Herald* is the lift-off issue for this triennial emphasis.

The theme chosen for 1967-1968 is "Learning to Witness" based on Acts 5:32, "We are his witnesses of these things." Our primary goals are to study the content of the gospel, the biblical basis for evangelism, and to take the steps necessary in all of our local churches, associations and conferences for cultivating, committing and conserving people for Jesus Christ and his church. Watch for new materials to help implement this theme, "Learning to Witness," in your church.

What will you do about it? Of the disciples the Bible says, first they got together, and then they prayed. "They went to the upper room where they were staying. . . . All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer. . . ." (Acts 1:12-14). Nothing less will suffice for a Holy Spirit empowered ministry of evangelism in this Twentieth Century.

We will learn to witness today within the basic patterns of the early church when we get together spiritually, heart to heart, in our local churches, associations and conferences to study and share, plan and pray together. Only then can the Holy Spirit empower us to go and be witnesses of these things.

—*Rev. Daniel Fuchs,*  
assistant general secretary,  
General Missionary Society



# THE NEED FOR EVANGELISM

by Bernard Schalm

Harold L. Lambert

THE DAY of parting had come. Many words had been spoken; many deeds done. There remained but one more request. Looking upon his disciples, in whom he had invested so much, Jesus said: "Go . . . and preach the gospel. . . ." This gospel which the church has offered to the world for nearly two millennia is the *euangelion* or *good news*.

In his prologue to the New Testament, Tyndale speaks of the gospel as "good, merry, glad and joyful tidings, that makes a man's heart glad, and makes him sing, dance, and leap for joy." Tyndale's words merely re-echo what the prophet Isaiah said seven centuries before the birth of Jesus: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation" (Isaiah 52:7).

Isaiah's prophecy depicts three essential truths which bear directly on the church's ministry in evangelism. First, Isaiah gives us a glimpse of the essence or nature of the gospel: it consists of "good tidings." Second, Isaiah suggests two basic ways whereby the gospel is brought to the world, ways which were also emphasized by

Jesus: "Go" and "publish." Third, Isaiah describes the effect of the gospel on man: it brings peace and salvation. In other words, Isaiah tells us something about the *What, How* and *Why* of evangelism. Let us focus briefly on the *What* and *Why* of evangelism.

## EVANGELISM—WHAT IS IT?

What is evangelism? That Christians are not agreed on a definition is evident from the fact that evangelistic services vary all the way from a formal lecture on social ethics to an emotion-packed evening of entertainment. The Biblical idea of evangelism is contained in the word itself, which in the Greek is *euangelizo*, and is translated best as "bringing or telling good news."

What are these good or glad tidings? Let us examine the *kerygma* or preaching of the early church. Using Peter's sermons in Acts (2:14-39; 3:12-26; 4:8-12; 5:29-32; 10:28-43) as an example, we arrive at the following outline:

- (1) Establishing rapport with the audience
- (2) Presenting the credentials: the Old Testament Scriptures
- (3) Introducing Jesus Christ as the

Son of God and Messiah of the Old Testament

- (a) His earthly life and ministry
- (b) His death at the hands of sinners
- (c) His resurrection and exaltation
- (d) His lordship
- (e) His second advent
- (4) Inviting listeners to repent of their sins, believe on Jesus Christ, and be baptized.

In brief, the message of the early church was: "Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior."

## EVANGELISM—WHY?

Why was the message of the lordship and saviorhood of Jesus Christ *good news*? This question relates to the *Why* of evangelism. The Bible says: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). In other words, man is alienated from God and is under sentence of death. In theology we say that man is "totally depraved," which simply means, man is incapable of regaining his sinless state without divine intervention. Sin, however, is not merely a barrier which prevents man from coming to God, it is a demonic force which enthralls and holds captive the whole man. The mind is darkened and unable to perceive spiritual realities; the heart is deceitful and desperately wicked; the body is addicted to greed and lust. To such enslaved people comes the message of deliverance: "If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature. . . ." (II Corinthians 5:17). Or, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, "He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound" (Isaiah 61:1).

Do we need evangelism? Does a sick man need health? Does a prisoner need deliverance? Does a man under sentence of death need mercy? The greatest need of the world today is to hear the gospel of peace and salvation. The greatest need of the church today is to go and publish the gospel of peace and salvation to the world.

## EVANGELISM: TWO DIMENSIONS

New Testament evangelism has two dimensions: the vertical and the horizontal. It is concerned on the one hand with revealed truth and on the other with the contemporary situation to which divine truth must be related. The Word must become flesh. Only then can we see the glory of the only begotten of the Father. Through faith we become anchored vertically; through love we become anchored horizontally.

Both faith and love demand room for expression. The two primary avenues for such expression are worship and evangelism. If deprived of this opportunity they will die. The church which has a living faith and has not lost its first love will witness to Jesus Christ continually, and some of its most effective evangelism will take

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# FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM

by Willis Potratz

FRIENDSHIP and evangelism are words which evoke strong images. As nearly everyone readily volunteers that a particular sermon, for example, was a "good" sermon or a "poor" sermon, so the two words of our title bring forth responses with conviction. Used together, these words become especially heart warming to those who have come to know Jesus Christ and have a longing to help others know him. They really say, "This is what to do and this is the way to do it."

Evangelism is our response to what God has done in Jesus Christ. It is the Christian's action motivated by his wonder and joy in the love of God which was manifested particularly in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Evangelism is defined in II Corinthians this way: "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself. . . . We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (5:19, 20). The word "friendship" coupled with the word "evangelism" shows us how to express response effectively.

## RELATING OUR CONCERN

Through the building of genuine friendships we can *relate our concern* for others. It is usually essential to communicate a real concern in order to gain a hearing for the gospel. As no one was really deceived by the betrayal kiss of Judas, unworthy motives have a way of showing through any veneer. Even so, it is not always easy to communicate a real interest. It usually requires building a friendship which can relate our concern. Without this, it is easy for the individual to feel that our interest in him is only as a prospective customer, a likely addition to our number or a financial potential. This is particularly the situation for those of us who labor within the framework of our smaller churches. A pastor of a church with a very large membership commented to the writer, "In our church the last thing we need is more people." Obviously this could allow a witness for Christ with less risk of having the concern misunderstood. To evangelize we need to relate a con-

cern, and this is best done through genuine friendships.

## CONCENTRATION OF EFFORTS

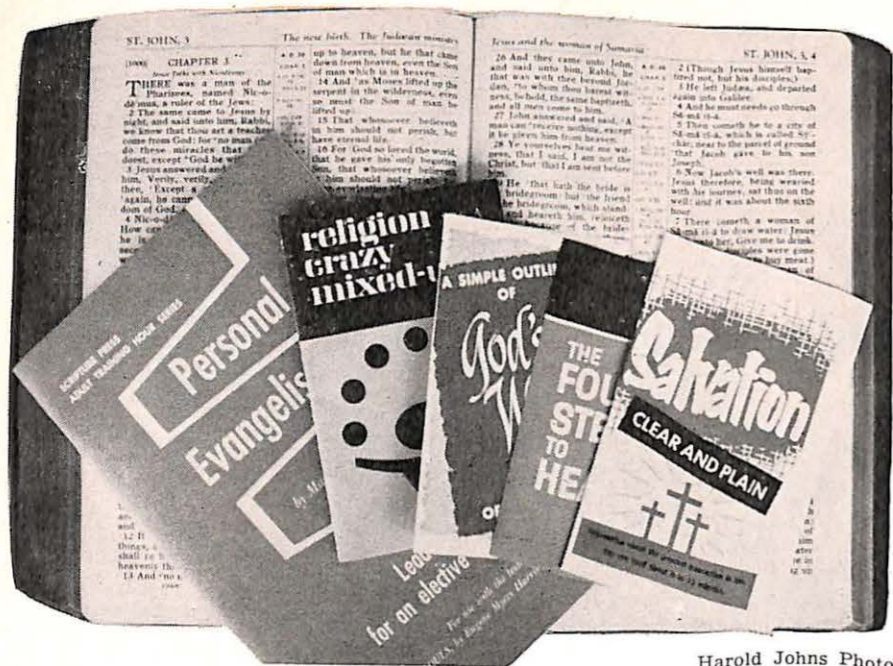
The building of genuine friendships *allows a concentration* of efforts. We need to be friendly to everyone. But friendly evangelism emphasizes the values of concentrating efforts upon one individual, or family, as the Lord leads, to the point of preparing the way to share the saving message of salvation with them. The writer has heard of one family who, in this way, have been able to lead a new family to the Lord each year over the past seven years. In preparation they have sought to be "full of good works" (Acts 9:36) in order to build genuine friendships which opened the door for evangelism.

## PERMITS COMMUNICATION

Building genuine friendships *permits communication*. This is such a needed essential for evangelism. In every neighborhood there are the many "white unto harvest," who are not particularly opposed to Christ. He just is not in their considerations. They have never come to know their need of him. No one has communicated his enormous importance to them. Through the building of genuine friendships we earn the right to be heard and are thus permitted to communicate the "good news" of eternal life.

In this matter of friendship evangelism be encouraged, too, in recognizing that usually the thing which converts a sinner is not some complicated discussion of some difficult Scripture, but a sincere explanation of the simplest Bible truths in an atmosphere prepared by friendship. Someone has said that "Deeds are the fruit of living faith on the one hand, and they are the seed of living faith on the other." Look for the deeds of friendship you can do to open the hearts of others, and you will find that the complicated and difficult problems will take care of themselves.

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## USING LITERATURE IN EVANGELISM

by Connie Salios

"SEND ME a man who reads." This is the by-line of an advertisement of a paper company. Men are reading today. It is estimated that last year we read a billion magazines and more than 20 billion newspapers. Literature, as an evangelistic tool, has been recognized since the advent of printing. It is the concern of this article to point out the effective use of literature.

Tracts, Bibles or portions of Scripture, books and periodicals all have their place in an evangelistic outreach. These materials are to be used wisely, prayerfully and with full consideration for the individuals we are seeking to reach for Christ.

### TRACTS

Tracts are particularly valuable in a ministry to individuals. Everyone can use them. Almost every evangelical denomination and religious groups of all kinds publish their own. Independent publishing groups, such as the American Tract Society, Good News Publishers and Peak Publishers provide a continual stream of tracts. Some are lengthy, others are brief. Some contain only Scripture; others are narrative in style.

Some guidelines to follow in using tracts are

(1) Select the appropriate tract for each individual. Tracts are not to be given out indiscriminately; although there may be some occasions where you will want to have a mass distribution of certain tracts.

(2) Tracts are to be offered to people and not forced upon them. The Volunteers in their ministry of personal evangelism have learned to ask people for the privilege of leaving materials (mainly tracts) that will explain more fully the spiritual matters they have been discussing. These

tracts when offered in this manner are seldom, if ever, refused.

(3) Tracts are to be theologically sound and intellectually respectable. They should also have some aesthetic quality. A significant message that is poorly printed on inferior paper will hardly command anyone's attention in this sophisticated age.

(4) Tracts are to be read and studied by those who use them so that they can be given out with enthusiasm.

(5) Tracts can be placed in the narthex of the church. They can be mailed out each month to the church membership with the suggestion that they be given to a non-Christian friend. They can be handed out with the church bulletins occasionally. They can be left in homes when visiting, placed in railroad and bus stations (permission, of course, will need to be secured), left in hotels, motels and restaurants. They can be carried personally and used whenever the right occasion presents itself.

### BIBLES AND PORTIONS OF SCRIPTURE

The American Bible Society in its promotional material stressing Worldwide Bible Reading and National Bible Week has some excellent suggestions concerning Scripture portions or New Testaments that can be given out. This is a very definite evangelistic outreach.

Especially significant in our day is the publication of *Good News for Modern Man*, Today's English Version of the New Testament. This attractive but inexpensive edition of the New Testament is ideally suited for distribution on a wide scale basis. One church, under the leadership of its youth, promoted a house-to-house sale rather than give-away of this New Testament.

New ways need to be thought of so that the distribution of the Scriptures can become even more effective. One idea that has been suggested is to rent small reading rooms in airports and provide these reading rooms with modern version Scripture portions as well as attractively printed and written gospel tracts.

### BOOKS

In one sense, some books could be considered as lengthened tracts. Books, such as *Basic Christianity* by John R. W. Stott, have been used to help interested people study Christianity more in depth. The writings of C. S. Lewis (*Mere Christianity* and *Surprised by Joy*) are most helpful for college-age and intellectually-minded persons. Leith Samuel in his book, *Personal Witness*, published by Intervarsity Press, has a very good listing of books, booklets and tracts that can be used for purposes of evangelism. Care needs to be taken that the books given out or loaned will suit the person and his needs.

### PERIODICALS

Magazines, such as *Decision* and *Campus Life* can be used to reach our friends for Christ. Sometimes a subscription to the magazine is purchased as a gift for the individual. At other times, a particular copy is given, because the contents of that issue might be especially suited to the person's interests and needs. Some magazines even provide special evangelistic issues that are to be used to reach people for Christ.

Of the making of books, tracts and periodicals there will be no end. But they will not be read unless they are distributed with care and prayer.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL REACHING SINGLE YOUNG ADULTS

by W. L. Howse III

THE EMPHASIS currently being placed on the single adult is relatively new in our society. This emphasis also is making its impact on the churches of today.

### DEFINITE CHARACTERISTICS

Generally speaking, the single young adult is in what may be termed a transitional period. He is beginning to accept the adult role and the adult responsibility in society. This transitional period has some definite characteristics.

The first characteristic is *mobility*. Most single adults live in apartment houses; therefore, they are free to move quite often. These moves may be necessitated by the cost of rent, the inability to get along with roommates, or the need to be nearer a job. Single adults also frequently move from city to city.

The second characteristic is a varied *economic status*. In urban areas, especially, there are single adults in all economic categories; for example, the young executives, who are the professional and career persons; the skilled workers, who are the trainees from business and trade schools; and the semiskilled workers, many of whom are high school dropouts.

The third characteristic is the *unmarried state*. Although some young adults may remain single by choice, they still may face difficult adjustments. Most single young adults, moving to the larger cities, have hopes

of meeting their future spouses.

Such questions as these haunt the single young adult: "Why have I not fallen in love?" "Why hasn't the right one come along yet?"

The fourth characteristic is that of *vocational achievement*. Many single adults find themselves engrossed in, or preparing for, such fields as finance, corporate management, engineering, and life insurance.

### ROLE OF THE CHURCH

With these characteristics in mind, a church with single adult prospects must work at developing a ministry to this age group.

The beginning place is to recognize single adults as a distinct group of persons with definite needs, desires, and potential.

Second, a church needs to provide adequate space and leadership for Bible study. Separate departments and classes should be organized where possible. If prospects are not available, perhaps single adults can be trained and used in the Sunday school and other organizations.

Third, a church is challenged to provide adequate social and recreational activities for single adults. Their need for fellowship is constantly present. Department and class activities, as well as occasional retreats, can meet this need.

Fourth, a church needs to develop a warm relationship between single adults and the staff. The pastor and

other staff members should make themselves available for counseling and guidance opportunities with these persons.

### CHALLENGE TO LEADER

The worker with single adults should be concerned for their total life needs. He should minister to them with a compassionate concern.

The worker should be a real friend to single adults. They need fellowship and friendship. It is important for them to know that some one cares.

The worker should know single adults. Knowing them means knowing their needs, characteristics, and desires.

The worker should gather resources. He needs to know where to go for help to deal with the questions and problems that arise. Books, magazines, and other persons form a good foundation for resources.

The Bible-study needs of single adults offer a rich and rewarding challenge to the church and its leadership. Now is the time to accept this challenge and begin leading the Sunday school toward reaching single adults.

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# Evangelism in Church Organizations



A. Devaney, Inc.

by Paul K. Meyer

ARE WE over-organized in our churches today? How can we justify the many organizations in our churches? These questions challenge the existence of the organizations within our churches and deserve an answer. The mere fact that a church organization is active in evangelism is not enough. It must accomplish the work in a way not possible in any other church organization if we are to be good stewards of the time, talent and money being invested in the Kingdom's work. In other words, its evangelistic ministry must be unique.

But organizations are only tools with which to evangelize. They require people to do the work, and to do the work effectively these people must be trained, dedicated Christians. All too often people accept (willingly or otherwise) positions in church organizations without the benefit of even knowing what the job entails, let alone any

training. Small wonder that the organizations are ineffective! But a trained and dedicated staff is not sufficient to guarantee effectiveness. A dynamic church program requires 10-15% of the congregation involved in visitation. Visitation is required for all church organizations to be successful.

Let us examine the various organizations, common to most of our churches, in their task of evangelism and identify their unique role in this ministry, the role their staff members play, and the importance of visitation in maintaining a dynamic, growing organization.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The fact that 85% of the church members come from the Sunday school is overwhelming evidence of its evangelistic ministry. It is unique in that it is the only organization in the church that begins its evangelistic

ministry with the birth of a child (cradle roll) and does not cease until that person dies (home department for shut-ins). It is the only organization that patiently and methodically unfolds to a person the wonderful, loving nature of God and his plan of salvation at a pace and to the degree of his ability to comprehend. A closely graded Sunday school is especially effective in this respect.

The Sunday school has a unique outreach in the community in that parents are very often willing to allow their children to be picked up to attend Sunday school (for various reasons), even though they themselves never attend church. Here is where visitation can double the Sunday school's evangelistic outreach! By visiting the child in his home, the teacher not only learns about the child's home life but also shows concern for the spiritual welfare of the child and has

an opportunity to witness to the parents. Such concern on the part of the teacher frequently leads to the winning of the parents to Christ. It cannot be over-emphasized that the responsibility of the teacher does not end in the effective delivery of a well-prepared lesson to his class. While that may satisfy the educational aspect of the Sunday school program, it does no more than half-a-job in evangelism. Without visitation, the teacher can only minister to the needs of the faithful whose needs are not nearly as great as those who are unfaithful or unreached with the gospel. Without visitation, the Sunday school is evangelically asleep. No doubt this is why out of every 100 beginners in the Sunday school, only 15 are left as young married couples and these 15 comprise 85% of the church members.

## YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Young people attract young people. Herein lies the opportunity for a unique evangelistic ministry. If, however, the young people's meetings are merely an evening Sunday school hour, the organization has lost its justification for existence. The youth sponsor or director must guide the young people in the planning and execution of a dynamic, meaningful program that deals with a young person's interest and problems in the light of God's Word. To do this effectively the sponsor or director must be trained, dedicated and concerned with the spiritual welfare of the youth. His concern will be evident in his visitation and counseling of young people. A large measure of the youth organization's evangelistic ministry is indirect in that herein can be presented the training required for effective witnessing on the part of young people and the challenge to serve God either on the staff of organizations in the church or in full-time Christian service as his will leads them.

## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

The evangelistic ministry of men's and women's organizations is primarily indirect. They are unique in that they are aimed at men and women exclusively.

The evangelical program of the men's group is principally to encourage men to provide Christian leadership in the home and in the church and deals with the problems and interests of men specifically. From this group should come the visitation workers and dedicated staff members that shoulder the responsibilities of the various organizations in the church. Notice I said "from" not "to." An organization of lay leaders is merely self-sustaining. It, in itself, has no evangelistic growth. The effective men's group requires a leader's leadership at the helm; one who can develop a program of interest to men which at the same time confronts them with the challenge to be men and accept their responsibilities as Christians.

The women's organization with which we are most familiar is the Women's Missionary Society. Its evangelistic ministry is indirect in that it provides for the physical needs of missionaries and encourages correspondence and intelligent prayer support through its educational programs. Normally full-time foreign or home missionaries and mission work are discussed. However, a large field of home missions is often untouched—visitation work and the shouldering of responsibilities such as teaching Sunday school, helping in the church nursery, and other organizational staff responsibilities as well as personal evangelism. The leader of this organization must be one who can develop, through the programs and studies of the W.M.S., a sense of personal responsibility for the evangelistic outreach of Christ's church.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' ACTIVITIES

Specifically aimed at the interests of boys and girls, these activities are normally undertaken by organizations such as the Boys' Brigade, Pioneer Girls or Scouting groups. Its primary concern is the evangelistic outreach in the community. It appeals to boys and girls through the studies of nature and development of crafts and skills, but the continual presentation of the gospel in the devotional sessions is the basis of its evangelistic ministry. As with the other organizations, it cannot grow and become an effective church program without visitation. Indeed, without visitation it has lost its vision of reaching the community with the Gospel and only serves the interests of the church family.

The staff members have a very challenging role in that they must be knowledgeable and skilled in the activities that are undertaken and be able to present the Gospel to the children through the activities as well as in formal devotional sessions.

There are some boys' and girls' activities that are temporary; that is they do not operate continuously; such as, Vacation Bible School. The VBS is a concentrated evangelistic thrust into the community. Its goals are entirely evangelistic. It may be compared to the Sunday school as special evangelistic services are compared to the normal Sunday church services.

## ARE WE OVER-ORGANIZED?

YES, if the organizations duplicate the work of other organizations and, in so doing, have lost their uniqueness, or if they have lost their evangelistic ministry, be it direct or indirect. If either of these things have happened, the solution is not to eliminate them, but to restore them as the tools they are intended to be in the hands of dedicated, trained workers serving faithfully in the cause of Christ.

Paul K. Meyer, engineering specialist, LTV Aerospace Corporation, is the chairman of the Board of Christian Education, Fellowship Baptist Chapel, Warren, Mich., is married, and they have two children.

# "LEARNING TO WITNESS"

## PARTICIPATING IN THE CRUSADE

North American Baptists will participate in the Crusade of the Americas. This was approved at the General Conference in Detroit.

The Crusade of the Americas is a great simultaneous evangelistic Crusade planned for 1969 involving Baptists in North America, Central America, and South America. Each Convention or Conference whether it be North American Baptist, Brazilian Baptist, Southern Baptist, Canadian Baptist, or other Baptist, will schedule and conduct its own campaign. All will co-ordinate their efforts, however, into one great hemisphere-wide simultaneous evangelistic program.

During the last week in July, 1967, about 80 Baptist leaders from throughout the Western Hemisphere met in Louisville, Ky., to map the Crusade of the Americas. They planned what they believe to be the "basic solution to man's basic problem." "Man's priority problem is man, himself," said Dr. Rubens Lopez of Sao Paulo, Brazil, who is the chairman of the Crusade.

The immediate goal of the Crusade is to mobilize every Baptist church from Buenos Aires and the tip of South America to the Hudson Bay in northern Canada "to preach the gospel from the pastor down to the individual member."

"Man is maladjusted in his heart, his character, and has to be transformed on the inside," Dr. Lopez said. He has to undergo "a radical change in personality." Such a transformation can be achieved only through "the Christ of the gospel." "Christ, the Only Hope" is the theme of the Crusade.

The leadership of the Crusade of the Americas is deeply concerned with the spiritual preparation necessary for this hemisphere-wide evangelistic effort. The mechanics of organization and planning are necessary, but the success of the Crusade will depend on church members in North America, Central America, and South America, relating themselves properly to the Lord Jesus Christ.

You personally can participate in the Crusade as you feel the need for get-

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Pastor Neudorf (l. to r.) Rev. Fred Merke, Rev. Henry Schumacher, and Rev. Reinhold Kanwischer at the scene of the ground breaking ceremony.

## A New Church In Creston, B. C.

by J. W. Neudorf



First persons to be baptized from the church extension work.

**C**HURCH Extension work in Creston, B. C., was begun by the late Rev. Rudolph Milbrandt on January 12, 1964. Regular Sunday church services were held; people met for prayer meetings in different homes; and a large group of young people met each Friday. On September 21, 1965, the church was organized with nineteen members. Due to illness Mr. Milbrandt resigned in February, 1966, and passed away in September of the same year.

Mr. Rudy Mathezuik, a student, was called for those summer months. Rev. J. Neudorf was considered on a per-

manent basis; he accepted the call and began his work in August of 1966.

On December 12, 1966, a recognition council was called, and the Creston Baptist Church became a duly organized Baptist Church; it was later received into the Northern Conference. Since that time it has also been registered with the government of British Columbia. On January 23, 1967, a church extension council was organized which consists of Temple Baptist Church in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Grace Baptist Church in Medicine Hat, Alberta, and the Bethany Baptist

Church in Lethbridge, Alberta. The Creston Church is very grateful to these churches for their help in guidance, spiritual fellowship, and prayer support. Together with the Temple Baptist Church in Calgary and the Hilda Baptist Church, these churches took on a great responsibility in aiding with the purchase of the present parsonage.

### PRESENT BLESSINGS

Since September, 1966, there have been eleven conversions. Out of these two families made their decisions for Jesus Christ. One family is now baptized and active in the church. A few months later the pastor had the privilege of baptizing nine candidates, and with others joining the church, the present membership is thirty-six.

There is an active senior youth group which meets every week. Out of this group the Lord has called one young man into our seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and a young lady to attend the C.T.I. at Edmonton, Alberta.

The church is now meeting with some 80 people in the worship service and between 50 and 60 in the evening service. The mid-week Bible study is attended by 20 to 25 eager participants who pray for our missionaries and for God's blessings on his work. A mission offering is taken the first Sunday of every month for the missionary work of the North American Baptist General Conference.

### CHURCH BUILDING

Construction began on the church building on July 25, 1967. The dimensions of the proposed building are 34 by 84 feet. An office, 16 by 16 feet, is to be added. The church building under construction is the permanent place of worship and will have a complete basement. It will have a seating capacity of 230 people, good Sunday school facilities, and is so planned that a two story educational unit can be added in future years, if needed. The calculated cost for the present church building and office is \$38,000.00 including the purchased land.

There is not much industry in this valley, so we cannot depend upon transfers from our other Baptist churches; thus we will have to go and bring people to Christ, baptize and discipline them to bring others to the Lord. There seems to be a good response in this beautiful valley and a thirst for righteousness.

We feel there should be a Baptist witness in the Creston Valley which has a population of 11,000. Many of these people are not being reached with the Gospel. Please pray for us that we might be a consecrated and dedicated church, so we can reach these people with the message of Christ.

*Rev. J. W. Neudorf is the pastor of the church extension project in Creston, B. C.*

by Gideon K. Zimmerman

**W**HAT PROGRESS are you making in your church to reach people for Christ? Answers to this question were given by several pastors serving churches in new and old communities, and it appears that their problems are very similar. Their statements were as follows: "We are losing four of our most faithful families because of new places of employment." "High rise apartments make it difficult to get to people, and once you do reach them and they come, it is very often for a short time, because mobility among apartment dwellers is the highest." Other statements strongly supported the fact that those complexities of our society caused by mobility and isolationism have made the task of reaching new people a more difficult one. At the same time we must recognize that the commission of our Lord must be heeded to lead people to a personal faith in Christ as Savior and Lord.

### THE ANSWER: PERSON TO PERSON MINISTRY

The Lord has revealed marvelous ways to overcome obstacles, and we seem to be in need of revitalized efforts to find solutions to our declining attendance at church activities. The solutions which can be offered may seem far fewer than the problems cited; however, the answers need our attention. It needs to be said that reaching people for Christ requires contacting people personally. We have much confidence in our new means of communication; such as telephone, radio, TV, the mail, advertising and transportation. As marvelous as these achievements may seem, there is no change in man's need for another person to express his concern and do so personally. People who are on the move, or live isolated in apartments and isolated in rural areas as well, need the person to person concern if we are to win them to Christ. The simple truth expressed in the various commissions given by our Lord highlights the fact that the goal of witnessing is most effective through a person to person ministry. This approach seems so archaic in a day when we have so many other means of communication. Let it be said that our communication of the gospel through the printed page, radio, and TV, can be effective and should be used whenever possible, but not at the expense of the most meaningful approach which is a person to person witnessing.

### SPECIALLY DESIGNED CAMPAIGN

We are pleased to share with our churches a specially designed enlargement campaign program to aid you in an outreach program. The theme of this program is God Speaks. The planning guide introduces this program by stating the following:

"For many thousands of people absorbed in twentieth-century living, the voice of God has been drowned out by the clamor of a materialistic society. Through the ages God has never ceased to speak to man, but man has

allowed God's voice to become almost imperceptible as he has given priority to other, lesser voices. This Sunday School Enlargement Campaign seeks to place new emphasis on the fact that God *does* speak today, that his message is relevant, and that his primary mouthpiece is the Christian believer. Thus the overall theme, **GOD SPEAKS!**

"The sub-themes for the campaign are designed to illustrate the various ways in which God speaks, as follows:

**GOD SPEAKS... To Warn**  
**GOD SPEAKS... To Save**  
**GOD SPEAKS... To Judge**  
**GOD SPEAKS... To Guide**  
**GOD SPEAKS... In Love**

"A Sunday school conducts such a concerted effort as an Enlargement Campaign for the purpose of reaching new people in the community and building the Sunday school enrollment. But such a campaign must first capture the imagination of the current Sunday school members before it can make an impact on the people of the community. So the planning for this campaign undertakes a two-pronged objective:

(1) To challenge Sunday school members to participate in the evangelistic effort of the campaign and to

help build the Sunday school enrollment;

(2) To convince the visitor or newcomer that God speaks today and that his message is relevant to modern life.

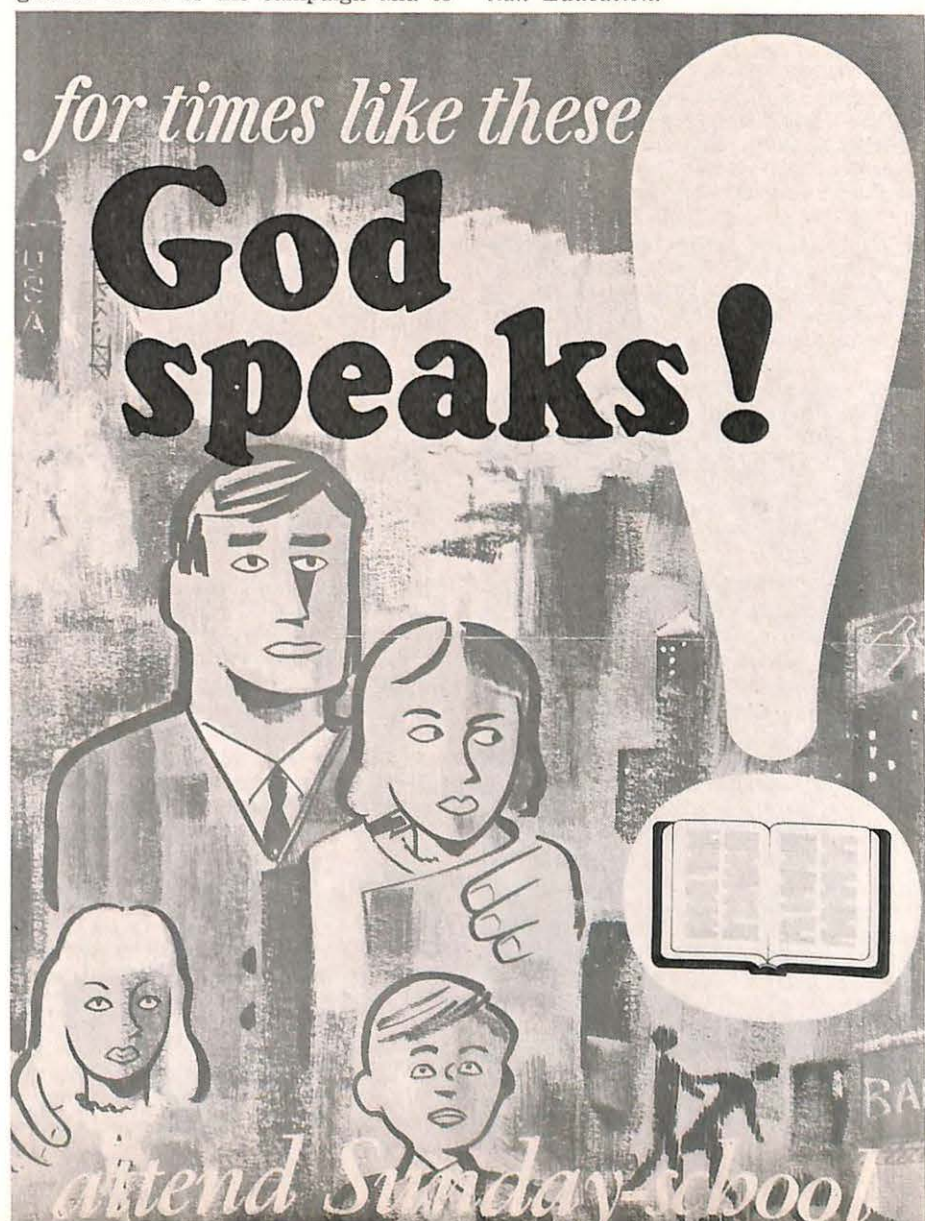
"The effectiveness of the campaign and the extent to which each Sunday school member becomes involved will be largely determined by your preliminary planning. Prayer and spiritual preparation are also factors necessary to the success of the campaign. Make plans early, inform and involve your workers, ask God to bless your efforts, and your Sunday school is sure to grow."

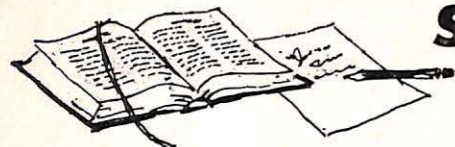
The materials are non-dated; however, to assure necessary supplies for the campaign, we would urge you to plan your campaign for this fall. Sample copies of the material were mailed to pastors, directors of Christian education, and Sunday school superintendents.

Follow the suggestions in the planning guide for an effective outreach program. Pray for God's leading as you undertake this important task of obeying as **GOD SPEAKS.**

*Rev. G. K. Zimmerman is the general secretary of the Department of Christian Education.*

RESOURCE IDEAS FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION





# sunday school lessons

B. C. SCHREIBER

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 24, 1967

Theme: CHRISTIAN WITNESS  
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Scripture: Acts 28:23-31

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT.** The circumstances of a Christian might change from time to time but his mission remains the same—to make Christ known.

**INTRODUCTION.** The last chapter is an important climax to the ministry of Paul. We often wish we had more detailed records of his life after this, but we know enough to know what kind of a man Paul was, the service he exemplified and the Christ-like spirit of life. He was Christ's faithful apostle to the end.

After the shipwreck, all two hundred and seventy-six people who were on the ship either swam or floated to shore and landed on the island of Melita. The barbarous people to which Luke refers are non-Romans who nevertheless were under Roman rule. The island is now known as Malta.

Paul made a remarkable impression on the inhabitants during the three months he was compelled to stay there. Two incidents were of particular importance, because they led to a witness to do with the poisonous viper in the bundle of sticks which Paul gathered thought to be a murderer, but when nothing happened he was looked upon as a god. The second had to do with Publius, the island governor. The mir-acles spread like wildfire and led many for help and healing. There is no doubt that Paul took advantage of every opportunity to witness for his Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

**I. WITNESSING TO FRIENDS.**  
Acts 28:23-24.

The apostle thought it best to call the chief of the Jews together and explain his case to them. He had nothing to hide, and he was not ashamed of anything. The word "brethren" is used in reference to both Jews and Christians, and it is not certain whether those who met him on the Appian Way were one or the other. They seemed to know nothing about Christianity except that everywhere it was spoken against. But Paul was happy to witness to his own people, and he expounded and testified for a full day. As usual there were some who believed and some who disbe-  
lieved.

**II. WITNESSING TO STRANGERS.** Acts 28:25-29.  
If the Jewish people, who were giving the first choice, would not respond

to the gospel, then Paul had no other choice but to go to the Gentiles. This did not rule out the Jewish nation, but it did mean that the gospel would be preached to men and women all over the world. He was very sorry that he had to give his own people a word of warning. There are none so deaf as those who will not hear and none so blind as those who will not see.

**III. WITNESSING AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.** Acts 28:30-31.

Paul was never long discouraged. He had many opportunities for witnessing for Christ, and his house served as a refuge for all those who sought God through Jesus Christ. Even the soldiers who guarded him heard the story of Jesus, because according to his letter to the Philippian church (Phil. 1:13), he claimed that the gospel was known in all the palace and in all other places. He believed with all his heart the words we so often quote but never fully comprehend: "All things work together for good to them that love God." What happened to him has really served to advance the gospel.

### Questions for Discussion

- (1) Why was Paul able to live in his own rented house while other prisoners had not this privilege? Can you see the providential hand in this?
- (2) Do you have barriers which you think are hindering you from witnessing? Are they greater than those which Paul had?
- (3) Is there any place where we are forbidden to preach the gospel?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 1, 1967

Theme: WHEN PROPHETS ARE  
NEEDED

Scripture: II Kings 14:23-25;  
Amos 8:4-7, 11

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT.** History has always had brave men in perilous times. The prophets were conscious of God when Israel and Judah were no longer aware of his presence.

**INTRODUCTION.** There seems to be a sharp contrast when the lessons suddenly go from Acts in the New Testament to the prophets in the Old Testament. However, there is also a close similarity. Both were spokesmen for God, and they had a message to proclaim. The apostles in Acts proclaimed the message of salvation which is more relevant to us today because it was based on Jesus Christ, his life, death and resurrection. But this does not cancel out the message of the prophets. Remember that Jesus said he did not come to destroy the law and the prophets but to fulfill. In the light of the New Testament these messages of the prophets can be even

more meaningful today than they were thousands of years ago. They spoke for God against the evils of their day in a renewed commitment to God. Sin and evil leads to destruction, and no one saw more clearly what the future would bring if this way of life is continued. Temporarily the present may not look so bad, but the long-range view of the prophets could see clearly the seeds of distress and disaster. The New Testament prophecy is expressed in simple language when it is said, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

**I. PROSPERITY IN THE MIDST OF GODLESSNESS.** II Kings 14:23-25.

It often seems strange to us to see the godless prosper or to see a godless man live a long life. This was true of Israel under the rule of Jeroboam II. He reigned for forty-one years. This seems like a long time compared to others who lasted only a few years or sometimes only a few months. On the surface it looked like a long and peaceful reign. But the truth was that he was not a favorite of God. Jeroboam was primarily interested in protecting his position as king. He gave no thought to the guidance and examination of the moral and spiritual qualities of the nation. His evil influence went far beyond the bounds of his household. Prosperity and peace were primarily the result of Syria's trouble with Assyria and because he was a good ruler, although he doubtless took credit for his territorial gains.

**II. THE WORD OF GOD IN THE MIDST OF GODLESSNESS.** Amos 8:4-7.

God has never left the world without some witness. At this time it came through the prophet Amos. Most of us do not like to have our conscience disturbed. We like to choose a way of life that will be most profitable to us, even though it may not be altogether honest or above reproach. Amos was a conscience disturber. He was the kind of man the Israelites did not want around when they were doing business. The rich had no compunctions about crushing the poor and no regard for human life or value. Their cold and heartless greed left no room for sympathy and compassion.

**III. THE FUTURE OF A GODLESS NATION.** Amos 8:11.

Amos reminded them that God will not forget their works. There is an eternal justice which will become evident in this life or the next. The famine which he predicted was of a serious nature. It is a fearful thing when we see emaciated bodies hungering for food. But a spiritual famine

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## DOROTHY PRITZKAU APPOINTED EDITOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LITERATURE



Miss Dorothy Pritzkau was appointed by the Board of Trustees, Roger Williams Press, to the newly created full-time position of Editor of Christian Education Literature. She assumed her new responsibility on September 1, 1967, in Forest Park, Ill.

After receiving her Master's degree in Religious Education from the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 1961, she became the Director of Christian Education at the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, the position which she held until July, 1967.

Previous to receiving her MRE degree, she received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. From 1956-1959 she taught commercial subjects and was the choral music director at a high school in North Dakota. Her home church was Napoleon Baptist, Napoleon, N. D.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BAPTIST HOME, BISMARCK, N.D.

The Corporation of the Baptist Home, Bismarck, North Dakota, will have its Annual Business Meeting at the Home Oct. 3, 1967, at 10:00 A.M. The annual program will be held at 2:00 P.M. All members are encouraged and others are invited to attend the annual meeting and program.

Richard A. Grenz, secretary  
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### SUNKIST BAPTIST CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED

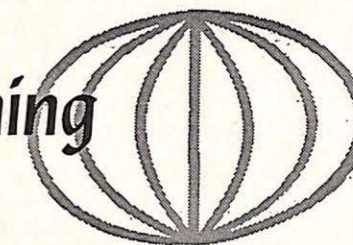
The Sunkist Baptist Church, 701 South Sunkist St., Anaheim, Calif., will be dedicated on Sunday, September 1, 1967. Dr. Frank Woyke will be the guest speaker. Rev. William Hoover is the pastor.

● Rev. Walter Sukut, recently returned missionary to Japan, has accepted the call to become the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Avon, South Dakota. He and his family are now on the field.

● Rev. Alfred Grams, 1967 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D., left the U. S. A. for Hamburg, Germany, in September where he will engage in

● Church Extension Builders' projects for the next months are as follows: Sept. 1967—Creston, British Columbia, Rev. Jake W. Neudorf, pastor; Oct. 1967—Hillside Baptist Church, Dickinson, North Dakota, Rev. Wilfred A. Dickau, pastor; Nov. 1967—Lincoln, Nebraska, Rev. Thomas Kramer, pastor; Dec. 1967—Redmond, Washington, Rev. John Hisel, pastor; Jan. 1968—South Edmonton, Alberta, pastor being called.

## what's happening



studies at the Baptist Theological Seminary as an exchange student from our North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D. He served as the interim pastor at the First Baptist Church, Avon, S. D., during this past summer.

● Rev. Kenneth Howe, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, since 1964, resigned from this pastorate and accepted the call to become the Minister of Christian Education at the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, effective September 1, 1967.

● Rev. W. G. Gerthe presented his resignation as the pastor of the McClusky Baptist Church, McClusky, N. D., effective the end of July, 1967. He assumed the pastorate of a church in Glenwood, Minnesota, in August. He had been pastor of the McClusky Church since 1963.

● Rev. Raymond Harsch has accepted the call from the Cedarloo Baptist Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa, and is to assume this responsibility September 24, 1967. Mr. Harsch has served as the pastor of the Sherwood Park Baptist Church, Greeley, Colo., since 1963.

● Miss E. Ardice Ziolkowski and Miss Katie Michelson are scheduled to leave the United States for the Cameroons, on September 28. Miss Ziolkowski has just completed her furlough year, and Miss Michelson begins a two-year term of service as secretary to the Field Secretary in the Cameroons. Pray for these as they travel and as they assume their new responsibilities on the mission field.

● Newly elected local conference mission secretaries are as follows: Eastern Conference—Rev. Walter C. Damrau, Buffalo, N. Y.; Central Conference—Rev. Richard W. Paetzel, Stevensville, Mich.; Dakota Conference—Rev. Manuel D. Wolff, Emery, S. D.; Northern Conference—Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Morris, Man.; and Northwestern Conference—Rev. Walter Schmidt, Milwaukee, Wis.

● Mr. Dennis Eggert accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., to become the Director of Christian Education and Music, effective July 1. He is graduate of Moody Bible School.

● Sammy Martin, son of Mr. E. K. Martin, education secretary, Cameroon, will be a student at Reed College in Oregon this fall.

● Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Gutowski of Winnipeg, Manitoba, announce the birth of a daughter, Chrisandra Lee, on August 14, 1967. The Gutowski's were appointed as medical missionaries to the Cameroons and will leave sometime this fall.

● Cheryl Anne Zinz, daughter of Chaplain (LTC) and Mrs. George W. Zinz, became a member of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing (WRAIN)

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Rev. Raymond Yahn, pastor of the River-view Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., is the newly appointed Campus Chaplain for the Minnesota Area. He succeeds Rev. Donald N. Miller in this position.

IN 1964 AT our General Conference in Sacramento, California, we launched the program of "God's Volunteers for Cameroon," which since then has also become known as short term missionary service. This program became a challenge to our young people in our churches to give of their time, talent, and life for the work of Christ in Africa for a period of two years on the volunteer basis. This volunteer basis meant that they would serve for slightly more than one half the allowance which a full term missionary receives. The reason for this is that, as a self-support program, the education grant in Cameroon for the two year period does not leave over more than that after the return trip and other necessary expenses are paid.

Our young people took up this challenge. In 1965 we sent out eight short term missionaries. The *Baptist Herald* issue of October 7, 1965, introduced them to our people. In 1966 we sent out a second team of four short term missionaries. The *Baptist Herald* issue of September 1, 1966, introduced them to our people. Five of the first team of eight volunteered to stay a third year; the other three have returned in July of this summer. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Dermody and Mr. Norman Glewwe for the two years of service which they rendered and which was very much appreciated. They filled a real need at Cameroon Protestant College at Bali, at the Teacher Training College at Soppo, and at Kom Teacher Training College at Belo. We thank the other five for continuing their service for a third year and thus continuing to fill a real need.

#### FIVE PERSONS APPOINTED

This is again the General Conference year, and this year we can announce that a third team of five young people were appointed by the Board of Missions at its annual session in April. These five have left for Cameroon during the last week in August. They looked forward to this service as eagerly as did the others, and their experience will be similar to those of the others. They are filling a great need in our secondary schools in Cameroon. We assure them that their dedicated service is very much appreciated as they help our other missionaries in sharing and carrying the burdens on the mission field. Let me introduce them to the readers of the *Baptist Herald*.

#### EUNICE MARILYN EDINGER

Eunice Marilyn Edinger was born on July 31, 1945, at Redwing, Minnesota, to Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Edinger. Her father has been pastoring several of our churches and at the present time is the pastor of our church in Colfax, Washington. Early in her life she accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized by her father in 1956, and joined the First Baptist Church, Selfridge, North Dakota, where the family was residing and her

# OUR THIRD TEAM OF SHORT TERM MISSIONARIES

by Richard Schilke



Eunice Edinger

father pastoring the church.

Eunice Edinger completed her high school education in Gackle, North Dakota. During her high school days she participated in musical-vocal groups, took part in plays and the speech program, and was editor of the high school year book. In 1963 she enrolled at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minnesota, and graduated in June, 1967, received her B. A. degree with a major in sociology and a minor in psychology.

Concerning her interest in the mission field, Eunice said: "We have always had missionaries in our home because my parents have always been missionary-minded." These associations with missionaries in her family home left their lasting impressions. Always in the back of her mind was the possibility that she, too, would some day be a missionary, but only during her senior year at college did she give this matter serious consideration. Eunice said that she can readily relate her experience with Christ; thus her primary purpose would be to present to others Jesus Christ and the kind of life he can give.

#### CAROLE ANN HELL

Carole Ann Hell was born on July 8, 1939, at Wayne, Michigan, to Mr. and Mrs. Rowland T. Hell. Early in her life she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized in the summer of 1949 by Rev. Barkowski. She became a member of a Baptist church of the General Association of Regular Baptists near Gladwin, Michigan. Some time after that she moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and became a member of our Snowview Baptist Church.

Carole Hell completed her high

school education in Spring Arbor, Michigan, after having had three years of high school at Gladwin, Michigan. In 1958 she enrolled for one year at Trinity College, Clear Water, Florida. She transferred to Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio, where in 1964 she received her B.S. degree in Christian education. When she indicated her interest in missionary service, she was advised to continue her education at our seminary and possibly enroll for the M.R.E. degree. In endeavoring to do so, the deficiencies in her college preparation became evident. It became necessary for her to take two additional years at Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, whereupon



Carole Ann Hell

the college recognized her degree which she had previously received. During that time she also took some courses at our seminary in Sioux Falls and enrolled for the fall semester of 1966.

Concerning her missionary interest and purpose, Miss Hell said: "My missionary purpose is to help in or rather be used in introducing those to Christ and his love who do not have the opportunities we have in our country to read or hear God's plan and provision of salvation. It is not only to see them born again but also to aid them in their growth."

#### CLIFFORD HAROLD SCHILKE

Clifford Harold Schilke was born on August 31, 1944, at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to Rev. and Mrs. Richard Schilke who were then pastoring the

Central Baptist Church in Edmonton. Early in his life Clifford accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized on April 18, 1954, by Rev. Rubin Kern, and became a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois.

All his elementary and high school education was received in Oak Park, Illinois. In 1962 he enrolled at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, where in 1966 he graduated cum laude and received his B. A. degree with a major in philosophy and a minor in English. He also attained membership in Phi Beta Kappa. During his senior year he was editor of the college yearbook. For the fall semester of 1966 he attended Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut.

For some time Clifford had been thinking of Christian service, but felt that he wanted to take time out of his studies to enter the practical aspect of the service, and thus he applied for the short term service to Africa. Concerning his missionary interest and purpose, he said: "Having decided to interrupt my theological education, I want to engage in some occupation which is closely related to the ministry of the church and in which I can be of some service. I wish to understand better how the gospel has an impact and how the church fulfills its ministry in a non-Christian culture."



Clifford H. Schilke

#### MR. AND MRS. LARRY HOYT STAIR

Larry Hoyt Stair was born on June 25, 1942, at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, to Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Stair. Early in his life he accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized in

1955 by his father, and became a member of the Barron Baptist Church, Barron, Wisconsin, previously a church of the Conservative Baptists but now of the General Association of Regular Baptists. Recently he moved to Randolph, Minnesota, where he became a member of our Randolph Baptist Church.

Larry received his high school education in Barron, Wisconsin. In 1960 he enrolled at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minnesota, where he graduated in 1965 and received his B. A. degree with a major in European history and a minor in physical education. For the past two years he has been teaching at Cannon Falls High School, Cannon Falls, Minnesota.

Concerning his missionary interest



Mrs. Sue Stair

and purpose, he said: "As an educator I feel that this is a unique opportunity of special service which would benefit me spiritually as well as those whom I would serve. I want to serve him by making what contributions I can with the qualifications he has given me." Missionary service has been his special consideration for the past two years.

Larry Hoyt Stair married Marilyn Sue Griffith on August 14, 1965. His wife shares his missionary interests with him and concerning both of them, he said: "We feel that now is the time we would best be able to go with his leading."

Marilyn Sue Stair, nee Griffith, was born on March 15, 1943, at Ashland, Kentucky, to Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Griffith. Early in her life she accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized in 1952 by Rev. Burt Poole,

and became a member of the Edgewater Baptist Church, Edgewater, Colorado, a church of the Baptist General Conference.



Larry H. Stair

Marilyn Sue completed her high school education in Edgewater, Colorado. In 1961 she enrolled at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minnesota, graduated in 1965 and received her B. A. degree with a major in elementary education. Since her graduation and her marriage, she has been teaching in elementary schools in Cannon Falls, Minnesota, for the past two years.

Concerning her missionary interest and purpose, she said: "The desire for full time Christian service began long ago in my own home and church. This was reawakened when I heard a missionary from West Cameroon speak in the Randolph Baptist Church. I felt teaching a way for me to serve. My purpose is to serve my God in any way he has trained and prepared me. He has given me training in education, and I would like to use it while serving him."

The missionary to whom Mrs. Stair referred was Mr. W. Norman Haupt who visited the Randolph Baptist Church during the month of March and challenged both Mr. and Mrs. Stair for the short term program in Cameroon. Not only was his message a challenge to Mr. and Mrs. Stair, but it should also be stated here that his message became a challenge to the pastor of the church and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred Weick. They also decided under God to apply for missionary service. Though they applied with a special interest in Cameroon, they were subsequently challenged to consider Japan and received the appointment to Japan which they also accepted. To Mr. Haupt this must be a special blessing to know that his service was honored by God in leading young people to two continents to serve under the banner of Christ. A

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# We the Women

By Mrs. Herbert Hiller  
of Woodside, New York, president,  
Woman's Missionary Union, 1967-70.



Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Hiller,  
Harry and Ruth.

In this the first "We the Women" column of a new triennium, I would like to greet all women of our North American Baptist General Conference, whether you are presently members of a Women's Mission Society, a Guild, or not.

At our General Conference in Detroit, you have elected me, a busy homemaker and pastor's wife, mother of two grown children who are now active in the Lord's service, to be the president of our Woman's Missionary Union. This is an honor, but also a solemn responsibility which I can shoulder only through the enabling strength of the Lord and your co-operation.

Through the past sixty years, and in many local churches even longer, the women's Missionary Society has played a very active and important role in the life of the church. Dreams and visions have been realized; young peo-

ple inspired to missionary service; helping hands have been stretched out to those in need; women have taken the time to pray with women of other languages, color and faiths...; so that now we number 445 societies with 12,648 members and have a mission field that not only encompasses United States and Canada but also stretches around the world.

A great heritage has been passed on to the new 1967-70 executive committee and all WMU members, and we cannot fail because Greater Works Shall Ye Do has been selected as the new theme, with John 14:12 as the theme verse. Christ has given us the promise, and so we accept the challenge—and offer it to all women of our denomination. Will you help in achieving the goals that are placed before us? We need your assistance.

The WMU is only as strong as its weakest link. If you are not already actively engaged in our great missionary enterprise, please pray about the matter and see if there is not a place for you in your Missionary Society. God has entrusted some talent to each woman; so please, "use it or you will lose it."

The hour of service is here; the work is already laid out for us; three years will pass all too quickly. Let us begin NOW at the opening of the triennium and give of our best to the Master, give Him first place in our service, and consecrate every part. Then our theme, Greater Works Shall Ye Do, will be realized!



**PHILADELPHIA, PA. (ABNS)** After six years as president of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Eastern Baptist College, Philadelphia, Dr. Thomas B. McDormand retires from that position this autumn to become general secretary of the Atlantic United Baptist Convention, in

Eastern Canada. This is Dr. McDormand's home convention, and covers the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland.

**CHICAGO, ILL. (ST)** Slow response forced cancellation of the Quadrennial convention of CYF, Baptist General Conference, scheduled for Chicago in August. That's the word from the Bible school/youth office which made the decision after studying registration figures earlier in the summer.

**AMERICAN BAPTISTS.** Only American Baptists, among the 14 largest Protestant bodies in the United States, lost membership between 1950 and 1965. The other principal bodies gained 31% in the 15 year period, going from 41,265,000 to 54,050,000.

**MADRID. (BPA)** The Spanish Cortes (parliament) has adopted a new religious liberty law for Spain which has been greeted with less than enthusiastic Baptist reaction.

Although news reports indicate that the law gives non-Catholics in Spain equal rights with Catholics, Baptist leaders here say the new law is more restrictive than the Vatican Council's statement on religious liberty.

Both Spanish Baptist pastor Jose Cardona of Madrid and Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, commended the new law for an opening article which states:

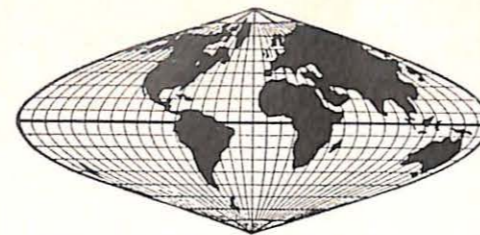
"The Spanish State recognizes the right of religious liberty as founded on the dignity of the human person, and ensures the necessary protection in providing immunity against any coercion in the legitimate exercise of this right."

Nordenhaug said, however, that the 40 articles which follow whittle down this right by limitations, restrictions and regulations which apply only to non-Catholic religious groups.

Nordenhaug listed these limitations in the 40 articles in the body of the law:

\* Non-Catholics must submit annually a complete list of members to the Minister of Justice. The financial records of each non-Catholic church must be open at any time to the inspection

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## NEWS AND VIEWS

**NEW YORK, N. Y. (ABNS)** A proposal designed to provide flexibility in the appointment and terms of service of United Presbyterian missionaries currently is being considered by the church's commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations.

The proposal stipulates that career appointments no longer would be made initially. Instead, appointments would be made for periods of ten years, five years, three years, and two years or less. Normal minimum appointments for families would be for five-year terms. After five-ten years service and reapplication, a career appointment may be made.

Purposes of the proposal, as outlined in a three-page document, are to: involve larger numbers of qualified laity and clergy in term appointments overseas at different stages of their careers; identify at an earlier stage of career those with potential for overseas life service; and provide counseling, placement, and training opportunities for persons in transition from one assignment to another within or outside church structures in the USA or overseas.

Terms of appointment would be determined by the nature of specific assignments. Ten-year appointments would be based on the need for long-term involvement or extended language study. Five-year appointments would be made for places where the work can be performed without extensive language training, as would three-year appointments. Three-year appointments also would be made "if there are specific advantages to brief service or if the Commission desires to limit the length of its involvement with a particular person or situation. Ordinarily this will be the minimum appointment for all but highly-qualified specialists for whom there is particular need."

Appointments of two years or less would be made for experienced teachers who take leaves-of-absence from other employment or for other highly qualified specialists needed for strategic action in special circumstances.

During the year prior to the end of a missionary's term of service, the missionary, if he desires reappointment, would meet with a Commission representative to determine these matters: his mastery of language and quality of involvement in the life and culture of the country in which he is serving; evidence of his ability to participate creatively in the life and mission of the church and of the country; and the likelihood of continued need for the work he is doing. It would be after this stage, if the missionary has served five-ten years, that a career appointment would be made.

A decision regarding the proposed

new personnel policy will not be made until the November meeting of the Commission.

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.** A new breed of "responsible non-conformists" is emerging on college and university campuses and stealing the thunder from the bearded, sandal-footed protestors against almost everything, says a University of Southern California educator. Dr. John Cantelon, university chaplain and director of the School of Religion at USC, believes the new breed will become a vanguard of social change and provide leadership of the future.

"The new Young Turks," says Dr. Cantelon, "primarily are graduate students, many of them in professional schools. They share the humanist values, such as devotion to peace, love, understanding, and a concern for the quality of life so often expressed by the radical minority of Hippie-type protestors.

"But the similarity ends right there," says Dr. Cantelon. "The radical but vocal subculture tends to react only in a negative fashion; some protest for the sake of protesting. These people distrust institutions and many of them become dropouts.

"The merging cult of responsible non-conformists, on the other hand, recognizes the need for institutions in the implementation of social action and change. While maintaining their concern for humanist values, they identify with well-established professions and institutions. Because of this they actually have greater liberty than their radical counterparts to accept or reject a wide range of ideas. Those ideas accepted may then be implemented through schools or professions which the non-conformist recognizes and with which he identifies," says the USC educator.

"Perhaps the real difference between the Hippie-types and the emerging new breed is that the latter hasn't been 'deculturated' and sees no need to be so."

While Dr. Cantelon believes that the so-called campus radicals of recent years have been shortsighted in their distrust of adults and institutions alike, he credits them for crystallizing the feelings of a whole generation.

"They must be studied to be understood; their contribution has been good—not bad. They've opened the doors of thought, not closed them. But they've limited their own effectiveness by their negative-only response, which leaves them in rigid, unfree position, much determined by what already exists—the status quo, the 'establishment.' They can't look at the full

range of ideas and alternatives."

"Out of all this comes the new cult of campus non-conformity. We wouldn't have it without the old one."

**MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. (BGEA)** 1000 pastors and seminary students were expected to attend the Billy Graham School of Evangelism in Kansas City, Sept. 11-15. A new idea in Billy Graham Crusades is already growing: Schools of Evangelism. Originally set up for seminary students at certain key Graham Crusades, the schools are now enlarging to include pastors. Each school is intended to help implement one of Graham's major concerns: a continuous program of evangelism in the local church. By working with clergy and seminary students in both classroom and crusade, Graham Team members hope to share the inspiration as well as the methods for an increasing, rather than decreasing, evangelistic emphasis throughout the church. Classes dealt with the theological basis for evangelism and with the practical methods of involving lay members of churches in evangelism.

**GLENDAL, CALIF. (GLP)** TEACH, idea magazine published for Sunday school workers by Gospel Light Publications, was named "Christian Education Periodical of the Year" at the Evangelical Press Association Convention held in Chicago, Illinois, May 8-10.

This is the fourth time in TEACH's seven years of publication it has won the award in its category, one of eight divisions of judging in EPA national competition. In addition, TEACH was named "Periodical of the Year" in its first year of publication, thus earning a total of five national honors.

The award covers issues of TEACH published during 1966, which marks the first year the magazine has been under the editorial direction of Ron Widman, Managing Editor, who succeeded Fritz Ridenour in this position in 1965.

**MAIL TO WHITE HOUSE.** The mail coming into the White House and the Congress is much more effective than the letter-writers realize. These letters are expressing the moral conscience of the nation. They are arguing for equality of the races. They are calling for moderation in the war and protesting violently against the activities of those who have been accused of misusing political power.

Public opinion in America in this way still exercises great influence. It affects the decisions of the Executive and the Legislature. It is for equality, peace and freedom. It is more powerful than the lobbyists for special interests. And it is a much greater force for moderation than is generally realized. —James Reston in *The New York Times*.

**WASHINGTON. (BPA)** The Judiciary Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives has approved a bill that would make it a Federal crime to publicly burn or otherwise defile or mutilate the American flag.



Baptist leaders from 30 countries attended the meeting of the central co-ordinating committee of the Crusade of the Americas, held on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., July 24-28. A large part of the approximately 75 who registered as committee members and guests stood in front of the library building, where the sessions were held, for this official photograph. Rev. Daniel Fuchs represented the North American Baptist General Conference at this meeting.

# 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.

## THE SUBJECT OF MERGER

Dear Friends,

Although we have not the privilege of local membership in an N.A.B. Church, yet, because we consider ourselves one with every born-again believer, we are concerned for the North American Baptists and pray for "our" N.A.B. Churches.

Re: John Miller's letter in the April 1 issue of the *Baptist Herald* on the subject of merger: First of all, if we are truly born again, we are "merged" into the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is far the most significant merger anyone can make.

I Cor. 11:29b-If every Christian would rightly discern the Lord's Body, made up of all born-again believers, no matter what their outward affiliations might be, seeking to nourish and protect each member of His Body, many blessings would result, as in I Cor. 12:25-27: "... That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."

When we rightly discern the Lord's Body, then we will: (1) *desire to "grow up into Him" (Eph. 4:15).* (2) *Rightly divide the Word of Truth (II Tim. 2:15).* (3) *Therefore, a correct understanding of Bible prophecy (I hesitate to use that much misunderstood word "dispensations") is surely important for both minister and layman.* (4) *A correct understanding of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in this age, and a willingness to obey him is likewise important.*

A. The individual will enjoy his proper recognition and status as a child of God.

B. The local church will come in for a greater measure of appreciation as a bulwark of the faith, for when each member rightly discerns Christ's Body, his sense of belonging will deepen, and he will enjoy the fellowship described in I John.

C. The denomination will then appear in its right perspective, an instrument of convenience and protection for its members for the purpose of preserving doctrine and propagating the Gospel. If we understand prophecy correctly, however, there will be many who will depart from the truth in these last days, and alas, some Baptists will, also. Baptists seem especially vulnerable because of the amount of "freedom" the individual has in our churches.

Also, we would not tend to limit our-

"Speak Up!" letters are to be addressed to the Editor, *Baptist Herald*, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill. 60130 from the present time on. Dr. Ihrie's last column appears in the Oct. 1 issue of the *Baptist Herald*. Letters should not be more than 250 words in length, so that more people may have the opportunity to have their letters appear in print.

The Editorial Committee

selves so much in unscriptural ways, shutting ourselves off from other like-minded and scripturally-oriented groups but instead maintaining communication with them. Believe it or not, there are interdenominational groups who are fundamental, focusing on the individual.

D. Finally, I believe that rightly discerning the Lord's Body would fully take care of the question of ecumenism, because each member would be in a scriptural group enjoying scriptural fellowship. Need we, then, be discouraged because our Christian group might be small in number, unless it be caused (God forbid) by the chastening of the Lord for departing from him in some manner, because it is many times the small, even despised things (or people) that God uses to his Glory (I Cor. 1:26-29).

Most sincerely,  
Florence M. Downen

## Dr. Ihrie's Comment:

Thank you for your expression.

## Eternal Security

### Dear Dr. Ihrie:

Recently a mild controversy arose in our church over the doctrine of eternal security. This seems to me to be a dangerous doctrine—true God will not desert us nor forsake us, but he has made us creatures of a free will, not animals. It seems to me that we could backslide until we had so weakened our conscience that we would reject the love of God completely and be lost. I do NOT believe that we can be converted over and over again. I simply believe that there could come a time when we could lose our salvation never to regain it. (Heb. 6:4, 5, 6; Gal. 5:4; I Tim. 4:1; Heb. 3:6, 12, 13; II Tim. 2:18; I Tim. 5:12; Luke 8:13.)

There are so many verses on this order, exhorting us to "hold fast" or "beware . . . of the one who could cast our body into Hell." These letters were all written to Christians who are warned to "watch and pray."

Dr. DeHaan seems to change some verses around in his booklet, for example, he says the verse, "He that shall endure to the end, the same

shall be saved," could read, "Those that are saved shall endure to the end." He quotes it from Matt. 24:13 and says to remember that it was speaking of the tribulation period. However, we find the same verse in Matt. 10:22 where he is saying it to his disciples. In Mark 13:13 he is saying it to Peter, James, John and Andrew.

I have also heard the verse, I Cor. 9:27, explained in this way: that castaway means shelved. I can't see how they can change that word. They also say that the five foolish virgins were never saved; still their lamps had been lit, because it says, "they were gone out." And what about the seed which germinated and sprung up but died because of poor seed beds or too many thorns, or what of the prodigal: "This my son was lost and is found."

I truly believe that salvation is a free gift, but we have to accept it. And having accepted it, we must cherish it and keep it. We must not dash it on the rocks in our carelessness, coldness or lack of love. We must keep the oil in our lamps; we must provide a fertile seed bed in our children that when they receive the love of God, it will grow strong roots. In Matt. 10:28 he is telling his disciples to fear the devil, who is able to destroy both body and soul in hell.

I could go on as there are many more verses along this line. I do not wish to be troublesome and I do write this in a spirit of wanting to know if I am blind. I feel very safe and secure in the love of God and have no desire to forsake him. But we all know how easy it is to skip Bible study because of the pressure of life; we have all felt the lure of pleasures which are innocent enough unless they take the place of worship. I do feel there are weak Christians of whom we should think. They should know that they must stand fast, or they may become "entangled with the yoke of bondage" or "give heed to seducing spirits."

Sincerely in him,  
Mrs. Sid Nielsen

## Comment:

Your remarks are all interesting, and I am sure that many of our readers will find them helpful. This matter of eternal security is one that we can go "round and round" with—and come out exactly where we began in most cases. For myself, I believe in all the Scriptural evidences for eternal security as properly applied to believers who are here and now walking in good and close fellowship with the Lord and his people. If there is backsliding, however, then I think the person has no right to apply these verses to himself but must listen to what God has to say on the other side of the picture. How's that for an escape "between the horns of the dilemma?" It doesn't solve anything, but it gets the persons concerned to read the Bible, and I think this is more important than finding answers to the mysteries of eternity. Incidentally, the real answer to the question is in Deuteronomy 29:29. Care to look it up?

## BOOKS ON BAPTIST INFORMATION

LUTHER RICE: BELIEVER IN TOMORROW by Evelyn Wingo Thompson. Broadman—1967—\$3.95.

BAPTISTS AROUND THE WORLD by Theodore F. Adams. Broadman—1967—\$1.50.

BAPTISTS AND CHRISTIAN UNITY by William R. Estep. Broadman—1966—\$4.95.

BUILDING AND MAINTAINING A CHURCH STAFF by Leonard E. Wedel. Broadman—1966—\$3.50.

Luther Rice cannot be understood nor studied without taking his associates into account: Cary, Marshman and Ward, the great Baptist missionary triumvirate in India and, of course, Adoniram Judson. Rice and Judson were not Baptists when they left for the mission field but were convinced of its importance through the study of Scripture.

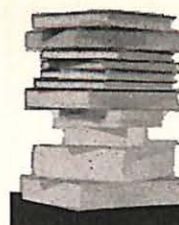
It was because of the dictatorial power of the East India Company that they were forced to leave India and begin the first American Baptist mission work in Burma. Rice returned to America to seek the desperately needed funds. He was peculiarly gifted for this work. He was an excellent speaker and musician; he had a full storehouse of anecdotes and a bouyant humor. However, he was weak in organization and the keeping of personal records. Fund-raising is a sensitive area and for an idealist like Luther Rice, it ultimately led to his dismissal. Nevertheless, without his devotion and enthusiasm, it is doubtful whether missions and education would have had such an early beginning.

*Baptists Around the World* is based on Dr. Adams' odyssey during which he met, spoke and fellowshiped with Baptists, including the present president of the Baptist World Alliance, William R. Tolbert, Jr., and an unknown and unnamed farmer in eastern Europe.

*Baptists and Christian Unity* gives us a picture of the ecumenical movements up to the present time. Many Baptists are asking more and more questions requiring factual answers. Dr. Estep has given a thorough and complete history of the ecumenical ideal which was begun in the first century. From the days of the New Testament, Christians have been divided in their allegiance. Party loyalty has at times taken precedence over loyalty to Christ.

Emphasis on unity is often considered by some to be the most important gift of God; however, it is at the same time looked upon as more of an outward expression than an inward reality. Not even a Baptist is able to draw up a document that would be completely acceptable to all Baptists. On a wider scale, no cheap unity can be a substitute for genuine inner convictions.

The chapter on *Guidelines for Chris-*



# BOOK REVIEWS

By B. C. Schreiber

*tian Unity* is important, especially for the Baptist position.

*Building and Maintaining a Church* is not, strictly speaking, peculiar to Baptists, even though it comes from a man who has worked for many years with the personnel of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The church is an important organization in which, as Paul says, "everything should be done decently and in order." Mr. Wedel has suggested some guidelines as to the hiring, training and maintaining of an efficient church staff.

## BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

THE CHILD'S STORY BIBLE by Catherine F. Voss. Eerdmans—1967—436 pages—\$6.50.

PLEASE TELL ME A STORY by Velma B. Kiefer. Baker—1966—152 pages—\$2.95.

STORY SERMONS FOR CHILDREN by Luther Cross. Baker—1966—102 pages—\$1.50 (paper).

LITTLE HUNCHBACK GIRL OF KOREA AND OTHER MISSIONARY STORIES by Dorothy C. Haskin. Baker—1966—88 pages—\$1.95.

*The Child's Story Bible* was a very ambitious undertaking. Mrs. Voss had the first volume published in 1934 and the third in 1936. Four years later they were combined in a one-volume edition. The latest edition has been revised by her daughter in order to conform more closely to the modern idiom.

Some of the Old Testament narratives are not easily told to children. The story of David and Bathsheba, or as her title describes it, "How the Good King Sinned," is done in excellent taste.

The gospels are given the important attention which they deserve. Stories, parables and experiences which are related in the synoptic gospels and in John are noted according to chapters. Wisely enough she has run out of children's stories after Acts, although one on Corinthians and one on Revelation are included in a modified portrayal. Beautifully illustrated.

*Please Tell Me a Story* is a volume of good short stories which can be used in the home or church. Some have the element of idealistic response, but children will like them nevertheless, and continue on their merry way without feeling overly "religious." The moral and Christian teaching will no

doubt develop later.

*Story Sermons for Children* demands a little more preparation because of the additional use of puppets, chalk art and object displays. The stories can also be used where props are not available.

*Little Hunchback Girl of Korea* and other missionary stories will appeal to those who are interested in children around the world; although most of these are based on experiences in the Far East.

## BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

THE SECRET CHURCH by Louise A. Vernon. Herald Press—1967—\$2.50.

IF YOU TALK TO TEENS by Louis O. Caldwell. Baker—1966—\$1.95 (paper).

YOU'RE IN THE TEEN-AGE GENERATION by Paul Hostetler. Baker—1966—\$1.00 (paper).

THE DIGNITY OF YOUTH AND OTHER ATAVISMS by Edgar Z. Friedenberg. Beacon Press—1966—\$1.95 (paper).

THIRTY-SEVEN YOUTH PROGRAMS FROM THE BIBLE by B. Hoyt Evans. Baker—\$1.50 (paper).

PLEASE GIVE A DEVOTION, FOR YOUNG PEOPLE by Amy Bolding. Baker—1966—\$1.95.

FIFTY DEVOTIONAL PROGRAMS by E. C. Andrews. Baker—1966—\$1.50 (paper).

*The Secret Church* gives young people a segment of church history with which they ought to become acquainted. The word *Anabaptist* is an unfamiliar term in religious conversation. In simple novel form the author has given some important insights into the history of the Reformation movement which should be of interest to Menonites and Baptists.

*If You Talk To Teens* is a source book which can be used for individual information or as a group discussion guide. In spite of all the jokes, wisecracks and some profound quotations, there is some material that is both amusing and helpful.

*You're in the Teen-Age Generation* is down to earth teen-talk about God, the church, the Reformation, witnessing, salvation, the Bible, smoking, drinking, marriage and a host of other subjects discussed succinctly and yet in a meaningful way.

*The Dignity of Youth and Other*  
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# our denomination in action



**MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM WIESNER  
CELEBRATE 60TH WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY**

On the evening of June 15, 1967, relatives and friends gathered at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Wiesner, who were married June 15, 1907, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, by Rev. Hoffman. In 1910 they moved to Nokomis, Sask., and lived there till 1937

## baptism— evangelism

### CLEVELAND, OHIO, MISSIONARY.

The Lord has blessed members and friends alike during the first half of this year. Though we are still worshipping in our temporary quarters, the number of prospects, who worship with us, is increasing. We were privileged to welcome couple after couple on the respective Communion Sundays in March, April, and May, who came to us from other Baptist churches. (Erhard Knull, pastor.)



Persons recently baptized by Dr. John Wobig and Dr. Wm. Appel at the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., are Gail Graf, Miriam Rich, Robin Rich, and Jimmy Crawford.

when they came to Vancouver, B. C. Their family was blessed with 11 children: two girls and nine boys; 22 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Upon their arrival in Vancouver they joined the Ebenezer Baptist Church and have been faithful members. Mrs. Wiesner has served for many years on the Union Gospel Mission and is still a very faithful participant.

The celebration was arranged by the Women's Missionary Society. Our president, Mrs. Louise Eggert, was in charge of the evening program during which we heard music by the German Choir, trios, trumpet and piano solos by their grandchildren, and recitations. Mrs. Marion Weiser placed a diamond crown on the bride and expressed congratulations. Rev. Siewert and Rev. Daum spoke. Friends reminisced about the couple's life. Mr. Don Wiesner gave a report of the history of the couple, recalling the many years of happiness and blessings in their lives.

A crystal vase was presented to the couple, and refreshments were served by the Women's Missionary Society.



**CAMROSE, ALTA., FELLOWSHIP.** An "open house" was held at the home of Leonard Busenius, Hay Lakes, on Sunday evening. Gladys Lemke sang "Bless This House," and Ralph Berkan, on behalf of the congregation, presented the family with a wall plaque and extended a welcome into the congregation of the Fellowship Baptist Church, Camrose. The Homemakers group served lunch to all in attendance.

### PORTLAND, ORE., BETHANY.

During the months of June and July, we at the Bethany Baptist Church have been privileged to have two impressive baptismal services. On June 18 Dr. John Wobig brought the morning message following which he had the joy of baptizing his oldest granddaughter, Gail Graf. Dr. Wm. Appel, our beloved interim pastor, then baptized four other young people: Robin and Miriam Rich, Paul Nofziger and Jimmy Crawford. On Sunday morning, July 16, following the morning message, Dr. Appel baptized the following: Donna and Mark Stoller, Jeff and Pam Nafziger, Patty Lee, Linda Shackelford, Debbie Guillory and Pamela Lustoff. We are thankful for the testimony of these young lives and pray that God may bless them and us as we labor together for him. (Mrs. D. B. Graf, reporter.)



On Palm Sunday a joint baptismal service was held by the Snowview Baptist Church and the Missionary Baptist, Cleveland. Three young people were baptized by the pastor, Rev. Erhard Knull, Missionary Baptist. We do rejoice with these new members, praying, that they will continue to live close to the Lord Jesus whom they profess: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fain, (l. to r., back row) Mr. and Mrs. Emil Malis, and Mr. and Mrs. Dieter Buchholz; (l. to r., front row) Friedhelm Kirsch, Leo Junak, and Andrew Molzan. (E. Knull, reporter.)

## christian education events

**BILLINGS, MONT.** A blessed Vacation Bible School was held in the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Mont., June 12 to 16 with 52 children of which 39 had perfect attendance. The theme was "Exploring God's Hidden Wonders." Fourteen teachers and helpers served with Mrs. Ray Seidel, the director. The total mission offering of \$27.75 was designated for the new field in Brazil, South America. The program was given on Sunday morning, June 18. Following the worship service many gathered at the North Park for the annual Sunday school picnic. Rev. Richard Grenz is pastor. (Mrs. Ray Kapptie, Reporter.)

**CATHAY, N. D., GERMANTOWN.** Vacation Bible School was held at the Germantown Baptist Church, N. D., June 19-23.

Mrs. E. S. Fenske, our pastor's wife, was the director with seventeen children attending.

The teacher for the beginner class was Mrs. Adolph Pepple with Beverly Broschat as her helper. Primary teachers were Mrs. Calvin Edinger and Mrs. Arlo Seidal. Junior class teacher was Mrs. E. S. Fenske with Rev. Fenske giving the Bible study and morning devotions. Pianist was Miss Terry Seidal.

A program was given on June 23. This gave parents and friends a chance to see the many things the children made. The offering for missions came to \$26.34. Lunch was served following the program. Material used was Standard, "Walking Jesus' Way." (Mrs. Elmer Faul, Reporter.)

### EDMONTON, ALTA., CENTRAL.

Vacation Bible School, Central Baptist Church, took place this year from July 17-21. Under the theme of "Explore God's Hidden Wonders," an average of 85 children and 20 teachers gathered together each evening from 6:45 to 8:55 P.M. for a time of fellowship, Bible study and handcraft. The single devotion on the part of the teachers and real eagerness to learn more about Jesus on the part of the children made this week a worthwhile event. Everybody only regretted that VBS lasted only five days. Peter Ristau was the V.B.S. Director.

The closing program of Vacation Bible School took place on July 30. Both the teachers and the children did a wonderful job to make the evening closing program of VBS a great success. (Mrs. Karin Ristau, reporter.)

**LODI, CALIF., FIRST.** The First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., held its annual Vacation Bible School from July 10-21 under the able leadership of Mrs. Ardella Fandrich. The superintendents of the various departments were Mrs. Hazel Hellwig, junior; Mrs. Lorraine Goehring, primary; and Mrs.

Alice Jolly, kindergarten. There were 69 staff members, teachers and helpers, and there were 21 classes. The enrollment was 233, with an average attendance of 181.

The theme was "Explore God's Hidden Wonders," and the memory work and arts and crafts correlated with the lessons. Rev. Gideon Bader, New Missions Tribe, was the daily missionary speaker. The missionary offering for the week totaled \$200.00.

On the last day the school held open house for the parents of the children, and much interest was shown as the parents visited the different classrooms and heard and viewed what had been accomplished during the short period of time. (Mrs. Emil Bansmer, reporter.)

**RIVER HILLS, MAN.** From July 24-29 Vacation Bible School was held at Whiteshell Baptist Church with an attendance of 64 children. "Sing, Sing Everyone Sing" and "How Great Thou Art" were the theme songs. But wonderful was the day when Jesus Christ was the hero in our studies, and a number of girls and boys gave their heart to the Lord. These were precious days for both scholars and teachers. Rev. B. Voss is the pastor of the church. (Mrs. Herb Knopf, reporter.)

**STOCKTON, CALIF.** Vacation Bible School was held at Swain Oaks Baptist Church, June 12-15. Our theme this year was Exploring God's Wonders.

Ninety-one children were enrolled with an average attendance of eighty-three. Pastor and members were much encouraged, as this was a record attendance at Swain Oaks.

There was a total of eighteen workers, directed by Mrs. Vella Burzloff with Mrs. Lura Caswell, assistant director; Anita Porter, publicity chairman; Anne Jantzen, crafts chairman; and Fern Tell, refreshments.

Pastor Alvin Harsch acted as planning advisor, assisted with pre-registration, and taught the second grade class. Our V. B. S. was concluded with the children participating in a program on June 15. About twenty mothers of new children attended the program.

Our missionary project was to purchase an easel and flannel-graph board for the Lincoln Village Baptist Church in Sacramento. (Walter Claypool, reporter.)

## church building

**MINITONAS, MAN.** Sunday June 25, 1967, was a day which will be long remembered by members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Minitonas, Man. The morning service was held in the new sanctuary with Rev. Wm. Sturhahn bringing a short sermon in English, and Rev. Walter Stein, former pastor of the church, bringing the morning message in German. Special numbers were presented by the choir.

At 2:30 P.M. a crowd of about a thousand people had gathered outside

the doors to witness the official opening of our new sanctuary. After the door opening ceremony and dedicational prayer by Dr. Richard Schilke, the church doors were opened by Ed. Lausman, chairman, Board of Trustees. The worshipers were ushered into our warm, but beautiful, sanctuary.

The dedication service began with notes of "Joy, Joy, Joy" sung by our dedication choir, after which our pastor, Rev. Herman A. Pohl, read from Psalm 100 and welcomed all guests present. Reports of the Building Committee and numerous greetings from neighboring churches and others followed. The message of dedication was brought by Dr. Schilke, former pastor of the church. Rev. Wm. Sturhahn led in the prayer of dedication. Choir, trio, quartet, and solo numbers were sung which inspired us to rejoice in Christ for the great things he has done for us. After the service, all were invited to a church supper and a time of fellowship.

A missionary service was held in the evening with a missionary report of the Northern District by Rev. Wm. Sturhahn and the message by Dr. Schilke. The Home Builders' Choir presented the special music.

Our impressive new building is of laminated open beam wood frame construction, 52 feet wide by 102 feet in length, standing on a full size concrete basement. Stained wood and brick facing compliments its clean cathedral lines. Attached to the northeast corner is a 20 by 30 foot main entrance which gives access to the sanctuary designed to seat up to 500 persons and also to the basement auditorium, 30 by 70 feet, surrounded by individual Sunday school classrooms, with a capacity of up to 200 children.

On the main floor are other rooms, nursery, pastor's study and ushers' room. All floors, except the basement, are carpeted. Valley contractors supplied building materials, plumbing, hot water heating system and wiring. Volunteer help by church members held the total cost down to \$88,000. The architect was Eric Proppe of Calgary, Alberta.

We praise the Lord for his protection and guidance while the work was being done. May our church, God's house, stand as a lighthouse in the community. (Arthur Siewert, reporter.)

**SUMNER, IOWA.** May 28 was a joyful day for the members of the First Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa, when the dedication of the newly remodeled church was observed.

Beginning in February the men of the church set to work and contributed many days of labor, paneling the church auditorium, lowering the ceiling, installing a new lighting system, adding an addition to the front of the church, installing a baptistry, and carpeting the floor.

All of this was made possible as the men worked together in unity of spirit, assisted by the ladies who worked whenever possible, and the fine lead-

Rev. Arthur Boymook, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jamesburg, N. J., recently baptized eleven candidates (left to right, top row): Cesar Cruz, Barbara Kilbourn, Thomas Lee, Pastor Boymook, Mrs. and Mr. Whitcomb; (seated): Mr. and Mrs. McCarty, Linda Bradham, Mrs. Dennis Worthington, Mr. Kuntsch, Denis Swirski. We pray that the Lord will richly bless these eleven people.

ership of our interim pastor, Dr. M. Vanderbeck.

Furnishings were made possible through memorial gifts.

A beautiful scene of the Jordan River in the baptistry, was painted by a girl of the church and assisted by a foreign exchange student from Belgium.

Rev. Willis Potratz, a son of the church, Grand Forks, N. D., delivered the message at the morning worship service. An anthem was sung by the choir.

The re-dedication service of the sanctuary and the dedication of the baptistry took place in the afternoon. Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Forest Park, Ill., brought the message. Greetings were brought and read.

Dr. M. Vanderbeck, our interim pastor, brought the evening message. The Methodist Church Choir rendered selections, and the E.U.B. Church gave a special number. New song books, slide projector, and Sunday School



New church building, First Baptist Church, Minitonas, Manitoba, Canada.



Improvement Committee and Board of Trustees of the newly remodeled First Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa, with interim pastor, Dr. M. Vanderbeck (center)

Board were dedicated at this service. Lunch was also served, fellowship was enjoyed.

We, as a church, are very grateful and thankful to Dr. M. Vanderbeck under whose ministry our beautifying of the sanctuary, making it a more effective place of worship, was accomplished. We pray that this has all been done to bring more praise and glory to our wonderful Savior. (Mrs. M. B. Potratz, reporter.)

## conferences associations

**SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION.** "The Christian Faces the World" was the theme of the Saskatchewan Association which convened at Southey, Sask., June 9-11, 1967. Miss Ida Forsch met with the ladies and told how the missionary faces the world of superstition, spiritual darkness, and fear. Dr. Roy Seibel, meeting with the pastors and laymen, discussed the need for more ministers and how the church may help to meet this need.

During the first evening service, Miss Forsch shared her personal testimony and call to the mission field. Dr. Seibel explained how we as Christians are to relate the gospel to the world. He challenged the Christian to utilize new methods to aid in the spreading of the gospel.

Saturday was given to business. Rev. Eugene Kern started the day with a period of devotions, and Rev. Clemence Auch opened the afternoon session with devotions. Five new pastors were welcomed into the Association. Reports revealed the advances being made and recommended further expansion; as in the area of a local filmstrip library, support of the Interfaith Chaplaincy in mental institutions of Saskatchewan, improvements needed for our camp. Rev. C. I. Wiebe was re-elected moderator, Rev. C. Auch as vice-moderator, Rev. E. Hohn as secretary, and Mr. Art Fritzke as the treasurer. Other offices were filled by capable people to serve in the Association.

Saturday evening centered about the banquet. Mr. Howard Goltz reported on his experiences with God's Volunteers. Miss Forsch presented the challenge of the short term missionaries.

Dr. Seibel stirred our hearts with the theme, "Dare to be a Square." Good music by young people also highlighted the evening. Sunday morning the time was spent in an hour of Bible study followed by a period of worship. Dr. Seibel brought the message in which he emphasized the need to rely upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our task of relating the gospel to the world.

The highlight of every Saskatchewan Association is the Song Fest and Missionary Rally held during the afternoon. Rev. W. Kroguletz led the service as well as directed the Mass Choir. The choir of the Central Baptist Church of Yorkton was the guest choir. Solos, instrumental numbers and other special music inspired us. Miss Ida Forsch concluded the associational meetings with the challenge: John 17:18, 19. (Clemence Auch, reporter.)

## receptions— farewells

**DAYTON, OHIO, COMMUNITY.** Our pastor, Rev. John Ziegler, accepted

a call to pastor the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, and began his ministry there on June 19. It was with deep regret we bade goodbye to the Zieglers. Rev. Ziegler has been the only pastor of our church since its beginning, September, 1960. We are deeply grateful to Rev. Ziegler for his seven years of leading and directing our church.

On Sunday, June 18, our church held a farewell fellowship for the pastor and his family. They were given a set of stainless steel flatware and a cash gift as a remembrance.

We thank God for the wonderful ministry of Rev. Ziegler in the Beaver-creek area, and we pray that the Lord will continue to bless him in his new ministry. (Mrs. Russell Driver, reporter.)

**INDIANAPOLIS, IND.** On July 22 members and friends of Bethel Baptist Church held a reception for Rev. and Mrs. Jesse G. Hood and daughters, Marilyn, Sandy and Debbie.

After a covered dish supper, the program began with congregational singing led by Mrs. Patricia Davis, Scripture reading and prayer by Mr. Richard Davis.

Words of welcome were extended by Mr. Burl Ashley, chairman, Board of Deacons; Kathy Ashley, youth group; Mrs. Jessie Birr, Women's Missionary Society; and Mrs. Edith Sanholtz, Sunday school. Rev. Hood responded with words of appreciation and thanked the members for the surprise pantry shower and the redecorated parsonage.

Special music was enjoyed with solos by Mrs. Cora Mae Hood and Mrs. Patricia Davis.

Gifts of appreciation were given to several members who were so helpful during the time we were without a pastor.

Mr. Ashley then asked the deacons, the trustees and Mr. and Mrs. Hood and children to come forward. After closing prayer by Mr. A. C. Cross, the congregation sang "Blest be the Tie," and all went forward to welcome our pastor and family. (Bertha Seeger, reporter.)

**MC CLUSKY, N. D.** On Sunday, July 30, a farewell service was held for Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Gerthe and family at the McClusky Baptist Church. The program consisted of words of appreciation by representatives of the various departments and presentation of their gifts. Two musical numbers were rendered by the mixed and men's choirs.

A love offering was given to the Gerthes. Words of appreciation were expressed by Mr. and Mrs. Gerthe.

We shall continue to pray for God's blessings upon the Gerthes in their new work in Glenwood, Minn. (Mrs. Alan Wahl, reporter.)

**PEORIA, ILL.** North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., began the first of this summer's "Drive-In" services in the conventional manner,

with those attending sitting in their cars to hear the service amplified over a loudspeaker system, but the wail of storm warning sirens and a fast-breaking downpour sent the car-borne congregation into the shelter of the church basement. The service continued there.

The service, held July 23, was followed by a farewell reception for Rev. Richard Paetzel and family, who have accepted the pastorate of the North American Baptist church at Stevensville, Mich. George Axmann, chairman of the North Sheridan Board of Deacons, presided at the reception at which the Paetzels were presented with a gift. (Walter Kohrs, reporter.)



Mr. Dennis Eggert

**ST. JOSEPH, MICH., FIRST.** On July 9, 1967, the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., welcomed Mr. Dennis Eggert, as our new Minister of Christian Education and Music. The Eggerts were presented with a check from the church moderator, Mr. Clarence Peterson. The pastor, Rev. Kenneth Fenner, spoke on the topic, "Re-thinking Christian Education."

A time of fellowship followed so that all could become acquainted with Mr. Eggert, who is from our Victor, Iowa, church and a 1967 graduate of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Ill. He received his degree in the Sacred Music Course in June, 1967. His wife, also attended Moody's.

We are looking forward to many blessings and times of spiritual enrichment with the Eggerts, as they work with the pastor and people in this great phase of the church. (Mrs. Alvin Wetter, reporter.)

**STAFFORD, KAN.** On June 11 we had a farewell for Rev. and Mrs. Paul Zoschke. He served as interim pastor for almost five months. Mr. Harve Fritzemeier led this meeting and expressed appreciation for the spiritual guidance the Zoschkes gave us through their work while in our midst.

A men's quartet consisting of Richard Newell, Bob Wendelburg, Robert Hildebrand, and Ken Whitehouse sang. Rev. and Mrs. Zoschke responded giving expression to their feelings. After closing prayer we had a time of fellowship when all had an opportunity to wish the Zoschkes well as they returned to Benton Harbor, their home. (Mrs. J. B. Giedinghagen, Reporter.)

**STAFFORD, KAN.** July 2 was a happy day for the Calvary Baptist Church. The time to welcome our new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. James Schacher and son, Kenneth, was a reality.

Mr. Norman Hildebrand presided at the reception. Misses Mary Lichte and Ronda Hildebrand sang. Mr. Ken Whitehouse spoke words of welcome from the church and reminded all to work in unity and to uphold the Schachers in prayer. Mr. Schacher responded asking the church to uphold them in prayer. Maurice Fritzemeier sang.

After the program we gathered in fellowship hall, where a pantry shower was presented to the Schachers. There we enjoyed refreshments and became acquainted with the Schachers.

It is our desire and prayer to work together that God's work might prosper here in Stafford, Kansas. (Mrs. J. B. Giedinghagen, Reporter.)

**STEAMBOAT ROCK, IOWA.** The First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, held a farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. Elton Kirstein and family on March 30. A potluck supper was enjoyed by the church. Later in the evening there was a program consisting of several musical numbers, words of farewell by a representative of each organization of the church and a challenging message for pastor and people by Rev. Bernard Fritzke, formerly of Cedar Falls, Iowa. We pray God's richest blessings on Rev. and Mrs. Kirstein, Paul and Jeanette as they work in the field of church extension in Houston, Texas. (Mrs. Ernest Luiken, Reporter.)

## special events

**DALLAS, ORE.** Rich blessings have come to us during the month of June as Allen Wilcke, North American Baptist Seminary student, along with his wife, Peggy, has served Salt Creek Baptist as student pastor. They took charge of our Junior High Department during Vacation Bible School, assisted his father, Pastor Wilcke, in the pastoral duties of our fellowship and then very ably substituted for his father, enabling his parents to have a much needed time of vacation. (Mrs. Ernest Villwock, reporter.)

**GRAND FORKS, N. D.** Our Pastor received an increase in salary again this year at the annual business meeting. Some very nice testimonials were

given in honor of Rev. Willis Potratz, pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. D. He continues to carry a very heavy load with all the various responsibilities that he has each day.

Ken Chatlos was of much help to our church and pastor during the winter in guiding the youth program.

During the winter, students attending the University of North Dakota were assigned school term parents. These "parents" kept in touch with the student with phone calls, invitations to dinners and perhaps, on occasion, a little remembrance. Each was richly blessed.

We are now involved with the "Summer Institute of Linguistics." Persons have been coming each summer to study and return again to their various fields of service in the fall. An all church dinner was held in the church, June 25, with those attending the Summer Institute as our special guests. Approximately 190 attended. They also took charge of the entire evening service following the dinner. We, as a church, are richly blessed by the S.I.L. students who worship with us and give so willingly of their time.

The Lord has been good to us. May we always be found faithful in serving him. (Mrs. Charles Balogh, reporter.)

**RANDOLPH, MINN.** The Baptist Church of Randolph, Minn., had the privilege of participating in two commissioning services. The first one was for Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stair, short term missionaries to Africa. Rev. J. C. Gunst gave the commissioning message and prayer.

The second commissioning service was for our pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred Weick and two daughters, Joyel and Jana, who were commissioned as missionaries to Kyota Shi, Japan. The service was conducted by Rev. Leland Friesen. Special music was presented by the ladies' trio, choir and a solo. The Scripture and prayer was given by Rev. Raymond Yahn. Dr. George Dunger from the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D., gave the message and commissioning prayer. The benediction was given by Rev. F. E. Klein. Refreshments and a time of fellowship followed the services.

On Wednesday evening, Rev. Weick and family were honored at a farewell dinner. The program consisted of the singing of choruses, special music, and various organizations expressing their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Weick. We thank God for their ministry among us and pray that he will continue to bless and use them as they study the language and are our ambassadors to Japan. (Mrs. Nathan Lufi, reporter.)

**RANDOLPH, MINN.** The Randolph Baptist Church was privileged to have a special Recognition Service on June 4, 1967, for Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stair. The Stairs have been appointed as short-term missionaries to the Cameroons in Africa. During the past year, they have been faithfully attending our church. They joined our fellowship

and contributed a great deal to our services. When Missionary Norman Haupt was at Randolph in March, he told us of the need for short-term missionary teachers in the Cameroons.

Dr. J. C. Gunst, our district secretary, gave the message. Our pastor, Rev. W. L. Weick, made a few remarks concerning the Stairs and thanked them for their willing service. We had several special musical numbers. A fellowship dinner was served in their honor.

We, at Randolph, will miss them, but we will be praying for the Stairs, as they leave for the Cameroons. We are glad we can send them forth as our ambassadors. (Mrs. Milton G. Eckstrom, church clerk.)

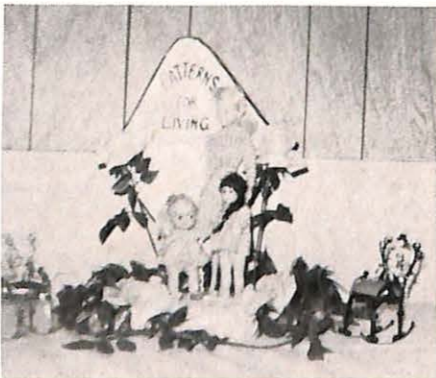
**SACRAMENTO, CALIF., WILLOW RANCHO.** "A Day of Music and Meditation" was observed on May 28. Music by the Church Choir, the Men's Chorus, the Women's Chorus, Teen Choir and Children's Choir as well as solos, duets, trios, quartets and instrumental numbers was an inspiration to all those who attended. The music was interspersed with Scriptural narrations by our pastor, Dr. Louis R. Johnson. Mrs. Richard Harold directed the music, Mrs. James Gossen was organist and Mrs. Vernon Jungkeit, pianist.

## women's missionary societies

**ENID, OKLA.** On May 11, 1967, the West Broadway Baptist Church, Enid, Okla., held a Mother-Daughter tea. Devotions, "The One Perfect Pattern," were given by Mrs. Don Grothe. Each member answered roll call by reading a verse about mother. The program, "The Young Lives We Touch," was given by Mrs. Albert Hill.

The Social Committee served. Mrs. Herb Menser presided at the tea table, assisted by Miss Sharon Menser, Mrs. Albert Hill and Mrs. Erma Stebens.

The program was closed with a duet by Mrs. Frank Bush and Mrs. Milton Greb. (Kyla Pricer, Reporter.)



The center piece used at the Mother-Daughter Tea, West Broadway Baptist, Enid, Okla. It was made by Mrs. Virgil Laubach.

**GOODRICH, N. D.** The Women's Missionary Society of Goodrich, N. D., met on July 6 for their regular monthly meeting. After the meeting our pastor's wife, Mrs. Jacob Ehman, was honored with an handkerchief shower as a going away gift. As the ladies viewed the handkerchiefs, they were pinned on to an umbrella and presented to Mrs. Ehman.

Rev. and Mrs. Ehman moved to Steamboat Rock, Iowa, to continue their work.

We as a Society have 22 members. We meet the first Thursday of every month. Our theme is The Added Touch, and our Bible study is personal research on the Christian life. We look forward with sincerity and prayer for great blessings in 1967. (Mrs. Albert Schmidt, reporter.)



Mrs. Jacob Ehman with handkerchief umbrella.

**HEBRON, N. D.** The Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Hebron, N. D., recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. It was organized on April 12, 1917, with eight charter members. Of these only one, Mrs. Katie Klein, is still living.

At the present time there are eight members with the following as officers: president, Mrs. John Stading; vice president, Mrs. Art Frey; secretary, Mrs. Mike Diede; treasurer, Mrs. Charles Heinle; White Cross chairman, Mrs. Gottlieb Schneider. The meetings are still conducted largely in the German language.

A program was presented by the members of the society. Miss Berneice Westerman, guest speaker, spoke and showed slides about the work in the Cameroons.

Following the program, a time of fellowship was held with lunch served by the ladies. (Mrs. R. Stanley Schneider, reporter.)

**RACINE, WIS.** The Women's Missionary Society, Grace Baptist, Racine, Wis., sponsored a Mother-Daughter Banquet in May. Mrs. Clifford Barker was our guest speaker. She is the wife of Rev. Barker of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis. The Men's Fellowship had their Father-

Son Banquet in June, with Dr. Holt, pathologist of Kenosha General Hospital, as their special guest. (Mrs. William Genich, Reporter.)

**SACRAMENTO, CALIF., WILLOW RANCHO.** "Sew and Show" was the theme of the Mother-Daughter Banquet sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society on May 19. A group of 140 guests enjoyed a delicious dinner and a fashion show in which a large number of ladies and girls modeled clothing which they, themselves, had made. Devotions, special music and readings were enjoyed by those in attendance, and gifts were given to the oldest mother and the mother with the newest baby. Mrs. Wilfred Rueb, our new W.M.S. president, presided over the event.

**VANCOUVER, B. C., BETHANY.** The Dorcas Circle of the Bethany Baptist Church sponsored a Centennial Tea on May 30 and 31, in order to commemorate the 100th birthday of our great and growing nation—Canada. The first evening the ladies of our neighboring churches were invited, and the second evening we hosted our families and friends.

Our ladies presented a pantomime entitled "Go Ye Faithful Witnesses" which depicted Christianity in the following scenes: Jesus' command of "Go ye into all the world," early Christians in prison, Pilgrims coming to North America, pioneer families coming out west, women in the present day home, and a missionary sharing the Good News. Mrs. Edwin Kern (home on furlough from Japan) took the part of missionary. (Trudy Zindler, reporter.)

## youth activities

**CRYSTAL SPRINGS, N. D., JUNIOR HIGH CAMP.** Junior High Camp at the Baptist Youth Camp near Crystal Springs, N. D., was held from June 26-July 3, with Rev. W. Potratz, director; Rev. E. Kopf, dean of men; Mrs. Daniel Heringer, dean of women; Rev. Daniel Heringer, camp pastor; Mr. Joe Bowdon, music director; Miss Carol Fehr, crafts; Rev. Gordon Huisinga, recreation director. Rev. Peter Wiens, Miss Joyce Wood, probation officer of Brown County, S. D., Miss Berneice Westerman, and Mr. Solomon Gwei, Cameroons, were guest speakers.

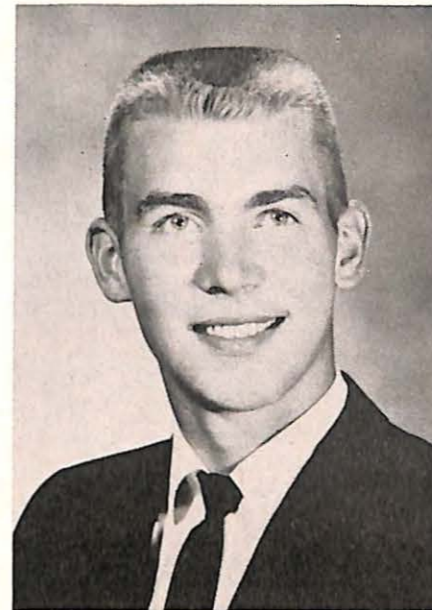
Total staff members numbered 36. We had 94 girls and 53 boys registered for the entire week. Three classes on "How We Got Our Bible" were taught by Rev. J. Ehman, Rev. I. Schmuland and Rev. A. Strohschein; three classes on "The Christian in the Home" were taught by Mrs. Ernest Herr, Mrs. Edward Carlson and Rev. Leon Bill.

The camp theme: "Dedication Days," Psalms 37:1-7, was followed in all morning and evening cabin devotions prepared by Rev. D. Heringer.

Two were saved, 13 re-dedicated

themselves, nine received assurance of their salvation, and two dedicated themselves for full-time Christian service.

The mission offering for Foreign Student Scholarship Fund was \$191.60, and for camp improvement was \$35. (Mrs. Elmer M. Schauer, reporter.)



GALEN FRICK NAMED "MOST INSPIRATIONAL"

Galen Frick, outstanding varsity member of the Kansas State University Wildcats basketball team the last two years was voted "Most Inspirational Player" of the 1966-67 season by his coaches and squad members. He was presented with a trophy so engraved.

Frick, of First Baptist Church, Durham, ranked ninth in the Big Eight on rebounds in the 1966-67 season, in spite of the fact that he missed three games because of an injury. During his athletic career he has been a consistent Christian witness and also an honor student at Kansas State. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Frick of Durham. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Frick, are also members of the Durham Church. (Mrs. Glen Klinkerman and Mrs. Larry Hamm, reporters.)

**KANSAS C.B.Y.F. CAMP.** Camp Wood was the scene of the Kansas State C.B.Y.F. Camp on July 28-30, 1967. The theme was "God Is for Real—Man!"

Three excellent speakers, Rev. Bruce Rich, director of children's work, Forest Park, Ill.; Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, Cameroon missionary, Africa; and Miss Agnes Tanyi, native of Africa, studying in the United States, were present. Each person attending the camp was able to become well acquainted with them and their work.

New officers elected for the 1967-68 year are: president, Dennis Dewey; vice-president, Carlene Gableman; secretary, Teresa Seifert; treasurer, Keny Brenner; missions promoter, Adele

Johnson; co-editors of "Vision," Mary Riffel, Karen Guthals; camp pastor, Rev. Henry Lang; camp manager, Rev. Ted Keck; camp dean, Rev. James Schacher.

The treasurer announced that the missions goal of \$2,000.00 for George and Alma Henderson had been reached and exceeded.

Everyone had a very enjoyable time at camp as well as a spiritually uplifting experience. (Gayla Widener, secretary.)



**GEORGE, IOWA, FIRST.** The Senior CBYF, First Baptist Church, was happy to host a Missions Banquet for the Baptist Youth of the George area on June 10. The speaker for the evening was Rev. Fred Moore, president, Osaka Biblical Seminary. Also as special guests were Mr. Moore's family and Miss Janet Schneiderman, missionary to Nigeria. The toastmaster for the evening was Mavis Arends. The program included special numbers, some group singing, and Mr. Moore's challenging message to the group. (Gaylin Arends, reporter.)

## ADDRESS CHANGES

Rentz, Mr. and Mrs. Wm., 7 Venus Bay West, Winnipeg 19, Man., Canada.  
Richardson, Rev. Albert W., P. O. Box 338, Odessa, Wash. 99159.  
Samson, Miss Sharon, 8230 Warren Blvd., Center Line, Mich. 48015.  
Showalter, Rev. Leonard, Inwood, Iowa 51240.  
Sonnenberg, Rev. Fred, 560 Carthage Drive, Xenia, Ohio 45385.  
Thiessen, Rev. E. L., 312 Foritana Road, Calgary, Alta., Canada.  
Unrau, Rev. Henry, 1600 Johnson Street, Prince George, B. C., Canada.  
Wacker, Rev. Lyle O., 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill. 60130.  
Waitkus, Rev. Werner, 10810—78th Ave., Edmonton, Alta., Canada.  
Warkentin, Rev. Melvin L., 245—42nd St., Rapid City, S. D. 57704.  
Weick, Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred L., 4 Nishisonjoin Cho, Kinugasa, Kita Ku, Kyoto Shi, Japan.

## DIRECTRESS WANTED

A Christian lady wanted as Directress of the Baptist Residence for Women in New York City, N. Y. Must live in.  
Baptist Residence for Women  
225 East 53rd Street  
New York City, N. Y. 10022  
Mrs. Charles G. Kling, secretary

## NEED FOR EVANGELISM

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place when the church is unaware of the fact that it is evangelizing. On the other hand, if such New Testament faith and love are wanting in a church, no biblical command, no superior methodology, and no eloquence of preaching will recover the sense of urgency and the spirit of fervency which was so characteristic of the early Christians.

*Dr. Bernard Schalm is academic dean and professor of New Testament and psychology, Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.*

## LEARNING TO WITNESS

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ting close to God and become willing to obey him in being "his witness of these things." As through prayer, Bible study and personal commitment you bring your life into harmony with God, you can help initiate the Crusade of the Americas and become a channel through which the lost can be brought to Christ.

*Daniel Fuchs is assistant general secretary, General Missionary Society.*

## SHORT TERM MISSIONARIES

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previous article told the story of Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred Weick.

## ORIENTATION COURSE

For the past two years a brief orientation course was held at our Forest Park office for these short term missionaries. This year such a brief orientation course is to be held for them immediately upon their arrival in Cameroon.

Prior to their departure for Cameroon, a missionary rally was held at the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, on August 31. The main speakers on the program were Miss Berniece Westerman and Dr. J. C. Fluth. Miss Berniece Westerman then accompanied the short term missionaries to West Cameroon in West Africa, returning herself for the fifth term of service. As she shares her experiences with them along the way, they will already experience their initial introduction and orientation into African life and culture. May they all find real joy in serving their Savior through the ministry of teaching in Cameroon.

Now that these have left for their fields of service, we are already looking toward the year 1968. Who will take up the challenge in this short term service beginning next year? The needs continue. Is God calling you? If he is, what will your answer be? Today is the acceptable time. As of today the door is still open. May God lead you through this open door of service before it closes.

*Dr. Richard Schilke is general missionary secretary, NABGC.*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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program during swearing-in ceremonies conducted in June, 1967, by MG John M. Hightower, commanding general. Miss Zinz will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps following her studies at Huntington College in Indiana and medical training at the University of Maryland.

● **Rev. and Mrs. Aaron Buhler of Lodi, Calif.**, were honored by the members of the First Baptist Church on July 23 on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. After the Sunday evening services, a program was given in their honor, followed by refreshments. Mr. and Mrs. Buhler have a daughter, Mrs. Donna Schimke, and two sons, Ross and Dwight. (Mrs. Emil Bamsmer, reporter.)

● **Miss Doris L. Wagner, director of public health nursing for the Marion County Health Department, Oregon**, was honored at a farewell public reception on March 29. Miss Wagner has become the chief public health nurse for San Jose Health Dept., San Jose, Calif. A Salem resident for the past two years, she has been a Sunday school teacher and choir director as well as a member of various church committees at the Riviera Baptist Church, Salem.

## BOOK REVIEWS

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*Atavisms* is definitely for college youth—the thoughtful and educated college youth. An exception may be in order, for I am sure that those in secondary education would appreciate the essay on "THE MODERN HIGH SCHOOL: A PROFILE." The hostile, aggressive and revolutionary may also find some ammunition for his quasi-socio and political idealistic intentions and activities. He must be particularly careful not to be overruled by his sentimental assumption that a victim is made morally superior by having been victimized, as the author points out in his preface.

The essays, based on lectures and book reviews, deserve more than a cursory reading, especially when they involve men such as Clark Kerr, James B. Conant, Ginzberg, Erikson and others. In the light of what is happening to education in California, it would be rewarding to read Clark Kerr's chapter on "THE USES OF THE UNIVERSITY."

The book is ideal for those who enjoy a purely intellectual discussion.

*Thirty-Seven Youth Programs* is based on a survey of the Bible from Genesis to Acts. Highly "content centered."

*Please Give a Devotion* is geared to the needs of young people. Most of the short messages are in the form of stories and illustrations.

*Fifty Devotional Programs* is not strictly adapted for young people, but as the author intimates in the subtitle, "suitable for many groups and

various occasions." Many of the meditations are related to life situations.

## BAPTIST NEWS—SPAIN

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of government authorities.

\* Places of worship must be approved by the state and permission to hold religious services anywhere else must be secured from the authorities "in ample time." Signs on non-Catholic churches and advertising of services must be only on "a scale adequate for their needs."

\* The Spanish Ministry of Justice will establish a register of non-Catholic ministers and on non-Catholic confessional associations. Evangelical ministers will be subject to draft into military service.

Cardona further pointed out that there is a provision which makes it compulsory for non-Catholics in the armed forces to attend church parades "as an act of service." The original law, he said, exempted them from this on grounds of conscience.

Nordenhaug said that the "liberty" advertised for non-Catholics is severely limited by these and other regulations. The law merely grants to non-Catholics the right to apply for permission to exercise their religion within these limits, he declared.

While they welcome such things as the law's recognition of Protestant marriages as valid, they, too, question whether some requirements can be described as promoting true religious freedom.

Under the new law, among the rights which Protestants will enjoy for the first time are those of worshiping publicly, putting signs on their churches and listing the time of services, conducting schools and seminaries for their own members, distributing books to their members and having their own cemeteries.

Also, Spanish Protestants will now be able to hold commissions in the armed forces and public offices, below that of chief of state which must be held by a Catholic.

Protestant organizations also will be able to own property for the first time, rather than having the property registered in the name of one of their members, as in the past.

But Spanish Baptist leaders fear that adoption of the new law will make it mandatory upon the authorities to enforce the projected restrictions, thereby making conditions more difficult than in the past.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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is a tragic event, for the people themselves will find that they will be out of touch with God.

### Questions for Discussion

(1) How was the message of Amos both national and personal?

(2) Is it possible to suffer a spiritual famine today?

(3) Does the church and how do the ministers truly speak for God today?

## Obituary

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

### REYNOLD C. HARMS of Steamboat Rock, Iowa

Mr. Reynold C. Harms of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, was born March 21, 1896, in Wymeen-Ostfriesland, Germany, and passed away Feb. 17, 1967, at the age of 70. He came to America with his parents and eight brothers and sisters.

He accepted the Lord and followed him in baptism in his early twenties and became a member of the First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock.

He was married to Hannah Wubben of Steamboat Rock, July 2, 1924, and was engaged in farming until he retired to Steamboat Rock a few years ago.

Mr. Harms was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his wife, Hannah, one son, Elvin, and three sisters.

First Baptist Church  
Steamboat Rock, Iowa  
MRS. ERNEST LUIKEN, Reporter

### HIE H. FOLKERTS of Steamboat Rock, Iowa

Mr. Hie H. Folkerts was born at Steamboat Rock, Iowa, Feb. 7, 1894, and passed away June 24, 1967, at the age of 73.

On March 29, 1914, he was baptized and united with the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock.

He served in the Armed Forces from September, 1917, to February, 1920, with the U.S. Army Rainbow Division in France during World War I.

On Feb. 15, 1921, he was married to Lulu Ellers who preceded him in death on Oct. 8, 1962.

He is survived by four children: Ray of Eldora, Iowa, Jean of Lincoln, Neb., Naomi of Wheaton, Ill., and Fred, Cameroon, West Africa; 14 grandchildren, five sisters and three brothers.

First Baptist Church  
Steamboat Rock, Iowa  
MRS. ERNEST LUIKEN, Reporter

### MRS. EMILIA MEYER of Fresno, California

Mrs. Emilia Meyer passed away on July 2, 1967, at the age of 88. She was the widow of Paul S. Meyer who passed away in January, 1956. Mrs. Meyer, formerly of Santa Ana, Calif., had been a resident of Fresno, Calif., for the last two years.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Esther Lang, Fresno, Calif.; three sons: Robert, Garden Grove, Calif., Edwin, Greeley, Colo., and Leslie, John Day, Ore.; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three sisters: Mrs. Matilda Kolashefsky, Madison, S. D.; Mrs. Salome Mehlhoff and Helen Lippert of Lodi, Calif.; and two brothers: John Schulz and Emanuel Schulz of Washburn, N. D.

Mrs. Meyer was born in Tripp, S. D., on Dec. 18, 1878. She married Paul Meyer in Scotland, S. D., in September, 1900. During their married life they lived in Washburn, N. D.; Madison, S. D.; LaSalle and Greeley, Colo.; and Anaheim and Santa Ana, Calif. They were both members of the First Baptist Church, Santa Ana, Calif., where Mrs. Meyer retained her membership until the time of her death.

First Baptist Church  
Santa Ana, California  
MRS. ESTHER LANG, Daughter

### MR. ADAM FAUTH of Emery, South Dakota

Adam Fauth was born in Hanson County, South Dakota, on April 24, 1894. He grew up on the farm, and later served his country as a soldier in World War I.

On Jan. 8, 1920, he was united in marriage to Allina Kost. God blessed this union with six children, two of whom preceded him in death: Erwin and Elda.

In 1927 he accepted Christ as his personal Savior, and the following year followed the

Lord in baptism. Rev. Bruno Luebeck was the pastor. He was a faithful member of the Plum Creek Baptist Church. For 20 years he served as treasurer of the church. Mr. Fauth passed away on July 16, 1967. Those who number the bereaved are his dearly beloved wife, Allina; two sons: Bennie of Clayton, S. D., and Curtis, San Diego, Calif.; two daughters: Eunice (Mrs. Emanuel Guenther) and Luetta (Mrs. Roland Jucht), both of Clayton, S. D.; 15 grandchildren; one brother, John, Emery, S. D.; three sisters: Mrs. Emma Saylor, Santa Monica, Calif., Mrs. Martha Ibis, Culver City, Calif., and Mrs. Edward Kost, (Lydia), Parkston, S. D.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fauth, two brothers, Fred and Jacob, and one sister, Christina, preceded the deceased in death.

Plum Creek Baptist Church  
Emery, South Dakota  
WALTER HOFFMAN, Pastor

### MR. HERMAN HOEKMAN of Corona, South Dakota

Herman Hoekman was born in Holland on Jan. 10, 1885. At 24 years of age he immigrated to the United States and settled near Tyndall, S. D., for five years. During this time he was converted to Christ. On May 3, 1914, he was baptized and became a member of the Tyndall Baptist Church.

Shortly after, he moved to Corona, S. D. His church membership was transferred to Corona's First Baptist Church, where it remained for 52 years until his death. He was a very active member in his church, serving in many offices and serving as a Sunday school teacher until just a few weeks before his death.

On Jan. 7, 1915, Mr. Hoekman was married to Kathryn de Neui. God blessed this marriage with five children and with 52 years of close companionship. One infant daughter preceded her father in death. On July 3, 1967, Mr. Hoekman was taken peacefully to his eternal reward at the age of 82 years, five months and 23 days.

Left to mourn his passing are his beloved wife, Kathryn; three daughters: Mrs. Dick DeBoer, Twin Brooks, S. D.; Mrs. Richard Schilke, Oak Park, Ill., and Mrs. Elmer Schulte, Corona, S. D.; one son, Maynard, Corona, S. D.; 19 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; many other relatives, and a host of friends.

Herman Hoekman was a man of keen spiritual insight, deep moral conviction and had a ready testimony for his Lord Jesus Christ.

First Baptist Church  
Corona, South Dakota  
LORIMER POTRATZ, Pastor

### JOHN E. KLINKENBORG of George, Iowa

John E. Klinkenberg was born in Lyon County, Iowa, on May 25, 1893, to Mr. and Mrs. Evert Klinkenberg. He lived in Lyon County all of his life. He was in implement business and then farmed until his retirement, at which time he moved to George.

He was an active member of the Central Baptist Church of George. He was very active in civic affairs of the community also. He is survived by his beloved wife, Flora;

four sons: Evert, Rock Rapids, and Jack, George, Kenneth, Rock Rapids, and Ronald, Sacramento, Calif.; one daughter, Janelle (Mrs. Louis Vogel) of Rock Rapids, Iowa; 18 grandchildren; four sisters: Mattie (Mrs. Leonard Groenwald) Sibley, Minnie (Mrs. Bert Groenwald) George, Evelyn (Mrs. Richard Swallow) and Mrs. Sally Wortman, George.

Mr. Klinkenberg died suddenly May 31. Central Baptist Church  
George, Iowa

HAROLD DRENT, Pastor

### SAM FANDRICH of Bismarck, North Dakota

Sam Fandrich was born May 16, 1890, in Rumania. In 1900 he came to America with his parents who settled on a farm near Drake, N. D. He was united in marriage with Miss Anna Kandt in 1917. They lived in the area of McClusky, N. D., and later Carrington, then retired to McClusky. In July, 1966, they moved to an apartment, Baptist Home, Bismarck.

Mr. Fandrich was converted in 1921 and upon confession of his faith in Christ was baptized by Rev. Fuxa. He united with the Rosenfeld Baptist Church. Any change of residence also included a transfer of membership to the nearest Baptist church in which he proved himself as faithful, active and motivated by the Spirit of Christ. He served in various capacities as an officer and worker. With his quiet and friendly disposition he won and father, he guided a praying husband and father, he guided and passed away on July 12 at the age of 77 years. Mourning his passing are his wife and five children: Roland and Victor, California; Delbert, Carrington, N. D.;

Velma (Mrs. Walton), Seattle, Wash.; Lou Ann (Mrs. Hoffer), Larimore, N. D.; 12 grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Minnie Wyman, Michigan.

McClusky Baptist Church  
McClusky, North Dakota  
W. GERTHE, Pastor

### CHRISTOPH KRAENZLER of Bismarck, North Dakota

Christoph Kraenzler was born Nov. 21, 1871, to Jacob and Helena, nee Engelhart, Kranzler in Bessarabia, South Russia. He spent his boyhood and young manhood there where he served in the Russian-Japanese Army reaching the rank of Second Lieutenant. He came with his family to Zealand, N.D., U.S.A.

In 1907 he moved his family south of Lehr, N. D., where he homesteaded. In 1937 they retired in Lehr, N. D. In July, 1960, he became a resident in the Baptist Home, Bismarck, N. D., where he lived until the Lord called him to himself at the age of 95 years, seven months and 27 days.

His marriage was blessed with 11 children, of which an infant son, Isadore, and a daughter, Hertha (Mrs. Emil Bertsch), preceded him in death.

As a young man he was converted, was baptized later by Rev. H. Schwendener, and joined the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, where he remained a faithful member and served as a deacon for many years. He was a man of much prayer who loved his Lord dearly and served him wherever his talent could be used in extending the work of God's Kingdom. He gave liberally, both in time and financially as the Lord blessed him.

He is survived by three daughters: (Emelia) Mrs. Fred Ehman, (Marie) Mrs. Willie Werth, Lehr, N. D., (Ottilia) Mrs. Kenneth Jury, Seattle, Wash.; five sons: Jacob, Ashley, N. D., pastor, First Baptist Church; John, Theodore, Henry, all of Lehr, N. D.; and Prof. Albert, Brookings, S. D.; University; 25 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Ebenezer Baptist Church  
Lehr, North Dakota  
DANIEL HERINGER, Pastor

### MRS. LENA ARNDT of Bismarck, North Dakota

Mrs. Lena Arndt was born Nov. 24, 1885, in Russia. In her early youth she came to America with her parents, Jacob and Justina Heidinger, settling in Kulm, N. D. As a young lady, she came to Kief where she resided 55 years. In November, 1966, she came to the Baptist Home, Bismarck.

Her first marriage was with Mr. August Schiller. Her second marriage was with Ferdinand Arndt, at which time she also assumed the mother's responsibility for a large family.

In her youth she acknowledged Christ as her Savior and upon confession of her faith was baptized and united with the then Baptist Church of Kief. She exercised her faith and sought to lead her children into a Christian experience. At the Baptist Home, she evidenced a prayer-life.

She passed away July 18, at the age of 82 years, less four months.

Mourning her passing are the following: children—Mrs. Margaret Schmidt, Hurdsville, August Schiller, Mercer, Mrs. Inez Gladyskowski, Chicago, Richard Arndt, Kief; a number of surviving stepchildren; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and relatives.

Baptist Home  
Bismarck, North Dakota  
A. W. BIBELHEIMER,  
Officiating Pastor

### MARY LEISCHNER of Lodi, California

Mary Leischner went to be with her Lord, July 10, 1967.

She was born March 1, 1880, at Parkston, S. D. She was one of six children. Her parents, Carl and Magdalena Lobe, provided her with a beautiful Christian homelife, and she confessed Christ as Lord in 1897, and was married to Gustav J. Leischner in 1899. He preceded her in death in 1949.

Mrs. Leischner is survived by Mrs. Herbert G. (Vera) Gaskin, her only daughter, and Edward Lobe, a brother.

She was active and faithful in the churches with which she was affiliated. Of late years, these were Temple Baptist of Lodi, and the First Baptist Church of Sacramento. Her responsibilities included teaching in the church school, participation in the choir, and work in the Woman's Society. Outside of her church, she was a member of the Women's Relief Corps, and she was affiliated with the Rebecca Lodge.

Services were conducted by Dr. Wilbur C. Christians of the First Baptist Church of Sacramento, California on July 13, in Lodi, First Baptist Church

Sacramento, California  
WILBUR C. CHRISTIANS, Pastor



# The World Family of Baptists

Baptists are known to live and witness in all 124 countries listed. Where no figure is given, the number is currently not available. In some reports there is a certain amount of overlapping because some churches are affiliated with more than one convention.

Each and every unit in these tables represents a man or woman who has personally professed faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and has followed him in believer's baptism. As a follower of Christ he is dedicated to the fellowship and service of his church and to the witness of his Lord to the uttermost part of the earth.

## AFRICA

Algeria	-----	
Angola	-----	3,000
Basutoland	-----	
Botswana	-----	
Burundi*	-----	2,612
Cameroon, West*	-----	26,278
Cameroon, East*	-----	15,000
Cape Verde Islands	-----	
Central African Republic	-----	18,349
Chad	-----	
Congo Republic	-----	2,221
Democratic Republic of the Congo	-----	228,059
Egypt	-----	164
Ethiopia	-----	35
Ghana	-----	3,471
Guinea	-----	
Ivory Coast	-----	1,343
Kenya	-----	4,079
Liberia*	-----	20,987
Libya	-----	478
Malawi	-----	3,163
Morocco	-----	50
Mozambique	-----	2,250
Nigeria*	-----	73,628
Rhodesia	-----	3,686
Rwanda*	-----	2,389
St. Helena	-----	80
Senegal	-----	
Sierra Leone	-----	228
South Africa*	-----	44,982
Southwest Africa	-----	25
Tanzania	-----	3,058
Togo	-----	90
Uganda	-----	120
Zambia	-----	2,748
Total for Africa	-----	462,573

## ASIA

Burma*	-----	222,984
Ceylon*	-----	3,203
China (Mainland)*†	-----	123,000
Hong Kong*	-----	21,576
India*	-----	508,404
Japan*	-----	27,323
Korea*	-----	6,524
Macao	-----	486
Malaysia*	-----	1,668
Nepal	-----	
Okinawa	-----	1,719
Pakistan*	-----	21,138
Singapore	-----	1,086
South Vietnam	-----	130
Taiwan*	-----	10,995
Thailand	-----	4,305
Total for Asia	-----	954,541

## CENTRAL AMERICA

Bahamas	-----	30,000
Bermuda	-----	210
British Honduras	-----	117
Costa Rica*	-----	1,106
Cuba*	-----	17,888
Dominican Republic	-----	200
El Salvador*	-----	2,443
French West Indies	-----	5
Guatemala*	-----	2,239
Haiti*	-----	105,000
Honduras*	-----	488
Jamaica*	-----	31,891
Nicaragua	-----	4,182
Panama and Canal Zone*	-----	5,144
Puerto Rico*	-----	8,936
St. Lucia	-----	150
St. Vincent	-----	150
Trinidad and Tobago*	-----	1,530
Total for Central America	-----	211,679

## EUROPE

Austria*	-----	750
Belgium*	-----	300
Bulgaria*	-----	300
Czechoslovakia*	-----	4,200
Denmark*	-----	7,231
England*	-----	183,454
Finland*	-----	3,235
France*	-----	2,764
Germany*	-----	97,443
Greece	-----	
Hungary*	-----	19,600
Iceland	-----	49
N. Ireland*	-----	6,524
Italy*	-----	4,835
Luxembourg	-----	6
Netherlands*	-----	9,869
Norway*	-----	6,977
Poland*	-----	2,400
Portugal*	-----	2,500
Romania*	-----	120,000
Scotland*	-----	18,279
Spain*	-----	4,737
Sweden*	-----	30,782
Switzerland*	-----	1,500
U.S.S.R.*	-----	545,000
Wales*	-----	82,105
Yugoslavia*	-----	3,595
Total for Europe	-----	1,158,435

## MIDDLE EAST

Cyprus	-----	
Gaza	-----	37
Israel	-----	181
Jordan*	-----	175
Lebanon*	-----	500



Capunga Baptist Church at Recife, Brazil

Turkey	-----	
Yemen	-----	
Total for Middle East	-----	893

## SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina*	-----	16,574
Bolivia*	-----	2,237
Brazil*	-----	243,417
Chile*	-----	10,360
Colombia*	-----	4,479
Ecuador	-----	564
Guyana	-----	422
Paraguay*	-----	934
Peru	-----	836
Surinam	-----	42
Uruguay*	-----	1,378
Venezuela*	-----	1,919
Total for South America	-----	283,162

## SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

Australia*	-----	43,891
Guam	-----	315
Indonesia	-----	4,312
New Guinea	-----	4,234
New Zealand*	-----	17,188
Philippines*	-----	40,990
Total for Southwest Pacific	-----	110,930

## NORTH AMERICA

Canada*	-----	176,895
Mexico*	-----	40,401
United States*	-----	24,501,900
Total for North America	-----	24,719,196

## GRAND TOTAL

27,901,409

\* One or more Baptist groups in each country marked by an asterisk are members of the Baptist World Alliance. The full Baptist population may include groups not affiliated with the Alliance.

† Estimate.

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