

Home Observance of Christmas

by Mrs. Leo L. Borchert

HRISTMAS is ever so old and yet so new. Christ is the same. Christmas is the same. Is mankind the same?

Each year Christmas brings new new joys, new anticipations, a fresh spirit of thankfulness and at times some sorrows. Ah! but the wonder of it all is ever new.

Come with me, if you will, on a little journey to the foothills of the Canadian Rockies and observe Christmas at one Calgary home. The country has put on its coat of white snow. The air is fresh and brisk in the sparkling winter sun. You are glad to be alive.

But eventide approaches rapidly in this area on December 24. It will not be long before the families, the relatives, and friends will be meeting at the house on the corner. It is a custom which has prevailed over the past twenty years.

Each person has carefully selected a gift which must conform to a predetermined price. This is gaily wrapped and adorned with Christmas bows and stickers and placed under the tree, to be distributed later in the evening. In addition everyone is to bring a good singing voice and to present their talents in a spirit of Christmas joy and fellowship.

Now the house at the corner has been buzzing with activity in preparation for the Christmas festivities. There is a pause, however, as the lady takes time out to meditate and to ask God, "May we all be a blessing to one another, instead of a hindrance. May we all have a real old-fashioned Christmas. It belongs to you God, you gave it to us first by giving to mankind your Son, the Christ."

Yes, the hours go by so rapidly. Everyone seems caught up in the fever of planning, cooking, buying, working and rushing to and fro.

On the streets our eyes meet the happy ones with their cheery "Merry Christmas," the sad ones, the lost ones, the drunk ones, the forlorn ones, the rich and the poor. All are part of the Christmas crowd—we are there, too. I wonder what they see in us?

Now let us peek in at the house on the corner; Christmas Eve, the 24th has arrived. The tree is sparkling with its decorations, tinsel and lights. Other decorations adorn the house, candles burn gaily, chairs are placed in a circle in the living room. Recorded Christmas carols play softly. All is in readiness. The lady awaits her guests.

Now they are arriving, a happy, bubbling, excited group of relatives and friends, and thus it should be. For once again, "This is the Christmas Season."

The program commences with that beautiful carol, "Stille Nacht," followed up by talent night. This gives each person an opportunity to relate the most precious blessing they received since last we met a year ago.

One member of each family then lights a candle and places it in a circle, representing the family circle, signifying light and life.

By candlelight, a Christmas legend from other lands is read, followed by the Christmas story from the Bible, and then the devotional period is brought to a close with prayer.

Now it is fun and fellowship time. Everyone receives a gift from under the tree. What an exciting time!

The group now moves down to the fellowship room where candies, nuts and Christmas goodies are available to all. During the game and fun time the contestants display their skill at table hockey, chess, checkers and similar events encouraged by "the usual group of 'well wishers.'"

While these activities are going on, the lady of the house is putting on the final touches to the "Midnight Christmas Buffet," turkey and all the trimmings. Colorful hats make their appearance and adorn the guests while Christmas crackers snap and crack across the room.

Suddenly the whole atmosphere changes. It is snack time. Heads are bowed as one member asks the blessing before all partake of the bounties from the buffet.

Soon the hour for departure is at hand, for on the morrow it is Christmas Day when each family enjoys their own Christmas morning gift sharing time. This is followed by attendance at the 11:00 A.M. Christmas morning service at the church.

There is no compulsion to attend, but the members recognize that it is part of the Christmas activities. They recognize that God is the silent partner, and as you worship with friends you are once again made aware of His Gift, the Christ child.

At the conclusion you are delighted to participate in the cheery Christmas greetings and warm handshake of

friend to friend.

In recent years the men in consideration to the ladies have planned the Christmas noon gathering at one of the local dining rooms where for three and a half hours relatives and friends have a most enjoyable time of food and fellowship.

Each family then returns to their respective homes where the door is open to welcome friend and neighbor for a cup of tea, Christmas cake and a brief pleasant visit.

Soon evening approaches, and once again Christmas Day draws to a close. But the end is not yet. Tomorrow, December 26 for Canadians is Boxing Day, another holiday, an old English custom at which time all goodies left are packed in a box and distributed to the less fortunate families. So Canada celebrates Boxing Day in the British tradition.

The lady in the house on the corner keeps her Boxing Day holiday somewhat different. The whole family motor to the snow-capped Rockies of the Banff National Park in Alberta. Here amid the white winter fairyland, skiing and sleigh-riding compete with the hot outdoor sulphur swimming pool for the attention of both young and old

The traditional dinner at Banff on Boxing Day is roast buffalo and all its trimmings, the mountain air and the winter activities have made this a most welcome meal. The aroma of the burning logs in the huge fireplace and comfortable chairs at the close of an active day are most inviting to the visitor.

Of special interest to the guests is the huge plate glass window of the Timberline Hotel from which vantage point they can gaze out across the valley at the mountain grandeur and contemplate with the writers of old: The Heavens declare the Glory of God and the firmament showeth His

handiwork.

Thus the old familiar Christmas story will continue from one generation to the next as a living, vibrant force, if parents will share with their children, in a family circle, time for worship, fun and fellowship.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: We regret to announce that Mrs. Borchert died on November 17, 1968, shortly after she had written the above article for the Baptist Herald. Deepest sympathy is expressed to the Borchert family.





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Shall We Skip Christmas

by Glenn H. Asquith

December 15, 1968

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this year," suggested my mother.

And the rest of us, my father, brother, and sister and I agreed. This was the only sensible conclusion under the circumstances, for this had been "one of those years." Seemingly, nothing had gone right. Financially and psychologically we were not ready for Christmas. Three or six months later, perhaps, but not now. And why, we wondered, did the great day have to come always on December 25—ready or not?

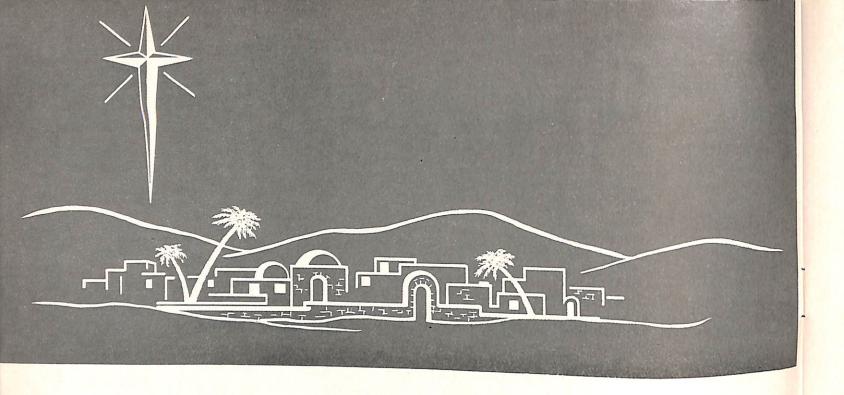
ready or not?

As Christmas is hard upon us in this year of our Lord, 1968, I have the same reluctance to face up to the expected mood of gladness and awe that I and my family had so many years ago. And I sense that, around the world, a great multitude is struggling with this same problem. Could we agree, by common consent, to

skip this Christmas?

Certainly, this has been another "one of those years." Two of our most beloved and useful citizens—Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy—were done to death by violence. The shadow of this same violence stalks our streets at night, and lurks behind windows in broad daylight. A recent study disclosed that the records of our country show that more people have died by gunfire in the United States than we have lost in all the wars of our history. How can we speak of "peace on earth"?

This violence is what we tag "illicit," but we must add to it the legal and patriotic violence in which we are engaged in Vietnam, And if we open our eyes to the incipient violence in Israel, Jordan, Egypt, North and South Korea, Rhodesia, South Africa, Nigeria, Cyprus and



HE CHRISTMAS season is counted by youth and the aging alike, with few exceptions, as the most blessed, enjoyable and thrilling season of the year. Through the years we have developed many customs, which involve most of us in various extra duties to help us celebrate Christmas. There are the community events. Most of the schools have special programs. Our Sunday schools use recitation, drama and song to re-tell the story of Christ's birth and the purpose for which He came. Many of our church organizations plan Christmas meetings which are deluxe and different from the regular meetings. The rooms are decorated, the programs are presented, the refreshments are served so as to include the spirit and symbols of this glad time. Our homes are decoratively lighted in honor to Him who came to be the Light of the World. In the writer's neighborhood. the cooperative spirit, so often reflected at Christmas, is manifested as each family carries out the theme of a carol in their exterior home decorations. During this season the carols replace the popular songs in nearly all public programing. Christmas greetings are sent to friends. Families arrange their yearly schedules in order to be together for Christmas. The extra plus for Christian families being together for Christmas is that this is expressive of the union that is ours in the bonds of Christ. In like manner, we give gifts to show the joy that is ours in God's Christmas gift to us.

Now, because of all these good activities, planned especially to celebrate the coming of our Saviour, the days prior to Christmas become exceedingly busy. And even though it is the most wonderful time of the year, it can become the most wearisome. There is

a real danger in getting so caught up in the swirl of activities, fearful of not getting every detail done for Christmas Eve, that we actually lose the spiritual sweetness of this season. There is a real danger of not taking time to soak in the message and inspiration of the lovely carols. We can easily neglect meditation upon the tremendously interesting Scriptural account of Christ's birth and purpose, and then, have nothing but the husks for Christmas. A few insights into the life of Mary, the earthly mother of the Lord Jesus Christ, can help us to really be ready for Christmas. When the angel Gabriel came to tell her that she was chosen of God to mother the long awaited Saviour, she responded with a simple faith, in a sincere attitude and with a self-less response. "And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38a).

A SINCERE FAITH

When the angel came to her, Mary asked only those questions which were necessary to make certain that she understood correctly. Having been assured of that, she said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy word." There is no indication in the record of alarm or uncontrollable excitement. There was this quiet, frank consideration and then action. Her mind was made up. She was ready.

The key to this preparation, I believe, is seen in the comment, "... Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). She had learned how to meditate, to be still and know that He is God, and to respond in faith. This is always a necessity in receiving God's provisions and in being used

of Him. This is involved in being ready for Christmas.

A certain architect was given the job of drawing the plan for a building to be used in displaying various of the fine arts. In drawing up the entire plan, he recommended that the building be erected on the back part of the allotted plot of ground. He also arranged for a long sidewalk leading to it. When questioned about the reason, he explained that such an arrangement was necessary for people to appreciate those classic works which were to be exhibited. He reasoned that the walk would be helpful in preparation for profitable viewing of the displays. It was this architect's conviction that it was just impossible to step from a modern automobile and enter such a building prepared to appreciate the work of the artists.

Activities, which cause a strained schedule, cannot make us ready for Christmas. Without taking time to meditate and prepare our hearts for observing this day of days, we render ourselves practically immune to spiritual insights and the precious personal manifestations of our living Lord.

Mary is revealed in the gospels as a woman of deep piety, poetic imagination, delicate reserve and lowly obedience, all of which contributed toward a simple faith. When her hour came she was ready. In this, her life is a challenge to us to be ready, in simple faith, to receive.

A SINCERE ATTITUDE

She met the revelations made to her with a humble solemn commitment to the will of God. It must have been an overwhelming moment when the angel Gabriel spoke to her. Whatever passed through her mind as he set before her the lot to which she

by Willis Potratz



by artist Howard Sanden

had been appointed, and the place she was to fill in history, the expression of character was that of a sincere attitude in listening and responding. This sincerity becomes more evident in her song of worship sung in Elizabeth's presence. "My soul," she says, "doth magnify the Lord." She gave all the glory to her Lord (Luke 1:46). Even though she was chosen of God to be the human instrument for Christ's coming into this world, in the following verse she acknowledged her need of a Saviour. "And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour" (Luke 1:47). Then with a heart prepared by being saturated with the Old Testament Scriptures, especially the Psalms and the fitting song of Hannah, she sincerely praised God out of her overflowing heart. "For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever" (Luke 1:49-55).

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The sincere attitude, humbly expressed in her statement, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy word," and shining out of her song of praise, is one of the finest qualities for relationships with our Lord. May our preparations for Christmas contribute toward such an attitude.

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Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!

Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the writing of "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

HIS BEAUTIFUL carol was born in the village of Oberndorf, Austria. Shortly before Christmas, 1818. Joseph Mohr, a parish priest, had suggested to Franz Gruber, the church organist and teacher, that they write some special music for the Christmas Eve service. On December 24, Mohr gave Gruber a copy of the words and asked him to compose suitable music for two solo voices and choir with guitar accompaniment. Later that day Gruber brought the composition to Mohr and a brief rehearsal was held with the choir. The carol was performed that same evening in St. Nicholas Church at Oberndorf. Mohr and Gruber were the soloists. Mohr, a tenor, sang the melody and Gruber, a bass, sang the second part. The choir repeated the last two lines of each stanza in four-part harmony. Mohr accompanied the singing on a guitar.

Silent Night did not appear in print until after 1831. Mr. A. R. Friese of Dresden, Germany, attended the Leipzig fairs and there heard the Strasser Singers sing the Christmas carol. He committed the song to memory and published it in a pamphlet, "Four Authentic Tirolean Songs." In 1838 Silent Night appeared in a Leipzig Catholic hymnbook and soon there-

after it was found in other Catholic and Evangelical hymnals. It is believed that its first publication in America appeared in a hymnbook printed in 1873.

Needless to say, the publication of Silent Night widened its sphere of influence and popularity. But none of the printed editions ascribed the words and tune to Mohr and Gruber. This aroused a great deal of curiosity and controversy over its authorship. A constantly increasing number of people began to ask, "who composed thee, song divine?" Some felt it was the work of Caspar Aiblinger, others thought it came from the pen of Ludwig van Beethoven, and still others attributed it to Michael Haydn, the younger brother of Joseph Haydn. The carol was so highly regarded that it was thought only a composer of great renown could be credited with its creation.

The members of the Royal Chapel Choir in Berlin were of the opinion that Silent Night was composed by Michael Haydn. They searched through the archives in Berlin hoping to find the manuscript, but to no avail. Someone remembered that Michael Haydn had been associated with the Benedictine monastery of

St. Peter in Salzburg. A letter was sent to the choir-master of St. Peter, Ambrose Prennsteiner, to inquire of him if he knew the whereabouts of the criginal copy. Prennsteiner knew about Silent Night because in 1818 he had lived in Michaelbeuren, a few miles from Oberndorf. He remembered that the carol had been written by a teacher in Arnsdorf, a Mr. Franz Gruber. It so happened that Felix Gruber, the youngest son of Franz Gruber, was currently studying at St. Peter. Prennsteiner sent for him and asked him if he knew the song. "Yes," said Felix. "I know the song well. My father wrote it." Consequently, the Berlin letter was sent to Franz Gruber at Hallein with the request that he formulate a reply. Gruber replied, confirming that he and Mohr had composed and authored the carol.

This carol has had a salutary impact on millions of people. Silent Night, enshrined in the heart and mind of each Christian, voices the glad tidings of the Savior's birth. In the present season of gladsome sights and sounds, the Austrian carol will bring to all a serene moment of spiritual reality as the people of God meditate on the event which occurred in Bethlehem on that first silent, holy

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Editorial

Make This Christmas Different

THESE FEW DAYS of holiday festivity in December are the crucial test of our attitudes toward many important aspects of life. Our conduct during Christmas shows what we think of money, family, self and church. Most important of all, during Christmas we reveal what we think of Christ.

It is ironical that during these days we fall in line with the world and emphasize so much the giving of gifts to one another and neglect giving to Christ and His work. It seems the whole western world puts on a month-long birthday party with a record amount of money spent, much of it for liquor and revelry, but the person supposed to be honored is largely forgotten, or at the most is used as adornment for some of the more "religious" greeting cards. Of all the charges that can be made against us Christians, one of the worst is that we share in the world's attitude toward Christ shown at Christmas, *i.e.*, we celebrate and think of ourselves and have a good time with the family but do not give proper regard to the Son of God whose incarnation has made possible our living relationship with a loving God.

It is refreshing to reflect on the worship experience of the Magi who came to Bethlehem to worship Christ. They were educated and religious but they thought it necessary to follow a sign they deemed from God. They were Babylonians but they came to worship the king of the Jews. They were wealthy but they honored the infant born of a peasant. They respected political authority but they obeyed the warning of God and disregarded the command of Herod. They were men of intellectual accomplishment but there was a response in their spirits when they came to Christ.

The currents that draw us into a meaningful meeting with Christ in worship always run counter to the direction of the world's pull. The world has borrowed our Christian symbols but they have lost their meaning. The world pictures Christ as an infant in a manger, but Christ is no longer sheltered in a stable—He is exalted at the right hand of the Father. The world equates happiness with the giving and receiving of gifts, but true joy comes with the right adjustment of life to Christ. The world acknowledges that the birth of Christ meant a new glimmer of hope for groping humanity, but this hope is not realized until the love of God shown at Calvary is known. Herod purported to desire to worship Christ but fully intended to kill Him.

"We have come to worship Him," said the Magi. Let us say the same this Christmas. Let us give Christ the adoration that His Sonship and glory merit. Let us give Him the homage due from grateful creatures.

If there is a time for Christians to prove that the church is different from pagan society, it is at Christmas. Does the church deserve respect and does her message deserve a hearing if we put the ingredients of Christmas into the holiday hopper and come out with the same type of celebration the world has?

The Magi "departed to their own country by another way" after meeting Christ. The statement is a reference to a geographical route, of course, but it hints that we should, after worshipping Christ, go a way that is far different from a world that is hostile to the truth and love that are in Christ.

Guest editorial by Rev. Donald Anderson, editor, THE STANDARD, Baptist General Conference.

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Sending Christmas Cards

SENDING CHRISTMAS CARDS by Mrs. Donald N. Miller

THE TRADITION of sending Christmas cards has increasingly become a burden for many people, a joyless task to be dreaded. It was for us, too, until several years ago, when my husband and I asked whether it was really worth the effort. Just to send a stereotyped Christmas card with an imprinted signature, because someone sent us one last year, seemed a meaningless gesture. Consequently, we decided to restore meaning and purpose to our card sending.

First, we examined our motivation and concluded that a sense of gratitude, love and concern for people who have touched our lives was a good place to begin. Many people: relatives, friends and church members, have inspired, encouraged, or influenced us along the way. We felt that we could express our appreciation love and interest by making our cards personal. Last year we included these lines in our card, "We thought of all of you when we addressed our cards. We wrote them in the spirit of joy, thanksgiving, love, concern, friendship and prayer. We hope they gave you that feeling."

Secondly, we decided that Christmas cards are an opportunity, not only to rejoice with fellow Christians, but also to point others to Christ. We try to select a Scripture passage and a verse or poem which relates the mission of God's Son. We used the following verse in last year's card:

GOD'S CHRISTMAS TREE
I think that I shall never see
A hill so dear as Calvary;
Nor yet a tree, so sweet and fair,
As cruel men once planted there.
And oh, I know I'll never find
A love so gracious and so kind—
A love so deep and high and broad
As issued from the heart of God,
When He leaned down to you and me,
And hung His son upon the tree.

We have found the best way to accomplish these goals has been to compose our own cards and have them printed or mimeographed. Actually, we have enjoyed the challenge of creating a card which conveys a Christian message and a personal greeting.

Thirdly, we have developed a tradition around the addressing and mailing of our cards. It is a family night when each member has his job. As we see the various names we recall our relationship and thank God for that person's life and influence. What used to be a dreary task has become a joyful occasion of conversation, laughter and prayer.

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CHRISTMAS CARDS THAT GLOW by Martin L. Leuschner

THE SENDING of a Christmas card can be one of the most rewarding experiences in life. But it will require a little thought and effort to lift this simple act of writing a card out of the doldrums of a meaningless habit or of a social necessity. With a little preparation on your part, each Christmas card ought to give a glowing witness for Christ and express the radiance and friendliness of your own personality. Try it sometime, and you will be amazed at the results!

The card must put Christ at the center of Christmas. There should be no place to present Christmas as a four-letter word. Select the card with a prayerful interest in the needs and experiences of the person to whom you are writing. Add an appropriate verse of Scripture or some promise of God. Give a brief testimony of your own faith in Christ.

"The grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. This is a

faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (I Timothy 1:14-15).

Your Christmas card will become more meaningful if you can add some inspirational thought. It may be that some poem or quotation has become precious to you, and now you can send it forth to others with an angelic benediction.

"For on Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day, Love itself seeps into every heart and miracles happen" (Peter Marshall).

Every Christmas I try to remember some new acquaintance or some stranger whose books or writings have been a blessing to me. There are many senior citizens or retired ministers who feel that they have been put on the shelf to whom a Christmas greeting will sound like the song of an angelic host. At Christmas I try to write to my former Seminary roommate who is a theological professor in Copenhagen, Denmark, at present, to high school classmates, to students and chaplains in distant places of the world, and to the members of our God's Volunteers teams. There are many people who would love to hear from you!

There is a touch of heaven in the preparation of a simple Christmas card if you put something of your love, your faith, your personality into it. "Every man feels instinctively that all the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action" (James Russell Lowell). Let every Christmas card you send be your expression of such "a single lovely action"!

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"SENDING CHRISTMAS CARDS" by Mrs. Arthur Brust

said, "How I wish Christmas was here and gone!" Many others, if completely honest, would have to say they feel the same way.

We are all aware of the emphasis placed on Christmas by the world today. In fact, Christians find themselves being swept along with the current and not really doing much about it. While reading through several playlettes in preparation for our Sunday School Christmas program the thought came to me, "How can we make all the preparations and Christmas Day more meaningful with our thoughts directed to and centered on our Lord and Savior whose birthday we celebrate?"

One of the highlights during the entire month of December for me is the sending of Christmas greetings, and of course, mail time each day is looked

forward to with great anticipation at our house.

Sending Christmas cards is a very personal expression of our desires for each one of our friends. Especially those who live some distance from us, to whom we are unable to express our greetings, concerns, and notes of interest by spoken word. We send only a very few cards to people in our own city and these only to contacts made through the year, particularly unsaved friends. An appropriate tract could be placed in these.

When we move away from our place of birth, first home, family, loved ones, and on to other cities or states, the circle of friends increases. This has been our experience and somehow through the year, I seldom write letters, even though my thoughts and prayers are with many of these same friends almost daily. The experiences which we have shared with many during the past years have a great affect on our lives even today.

During the first part of December I find a real joy in writing personal notes in almost all of our Christmas cards. We have never mimeographed Christmas letters to our friends (even though we enjoy each one we receive), but feel rather that each card sent

is to a special person or family that we remember because of our individual relationship with them. Some have had sorrows, problems, great joys, and others special achievements or successes. As brothers and sisters in Christ, these are experiences which we want to share with one another.

After our family has shared the cards and notes received during the holidays we often use them to decorate a place in our home and add cards daily. In this way the beautiful pictures and verses help to remind us of our Savior's coming to earth as a Babe, and the peace we can have in Him.

Last year after the Holidays, our two daughters and I cut the beautiful pictures and verses from the cards and pasted them, decoratively, into a scrapbook. Along with the scrapbooks made by other ladies in our church we were able to give these to a home for retarded children. There they had many hours of enjoyment and learning experiences with the scrapbooks. Yes, Christmas cards sent and received can be meaningful if we take time to make them just that.

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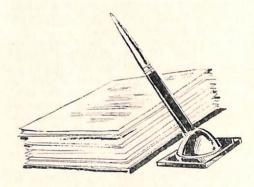
Sending Christmas Letters

by Harold Gieseke

ERE'S ONE from the Smiths," says my wife, as she opens the first of a huge stack of Christmas cards left by the weary postman. The name Smith brings back all sorts of happy memories-college together; a vacation in the same mountain spot; twenty years of friendship. We wonder about their three children: Frank's job; their new church. But I can tell from my wife's tone of voice that we are doomed to disappointment this year. "It's a lovely card with their names printed on it." she says. "Not a line of personal greeting!"

To keep our friends (and, we hope, ourselves) from such holiday frustration, we long ago decided to send out a one-page Christmas letter. Done on gay Christmas stationery, it costs no more than a good card, but, somehow, it sends something of our selves to our friends. Through it, our hearts communicate. Isn't that the essence of Christmas? Our blessed Savior was the original Good Samaritan. In human form, He came to where we were. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." That made Christmas.

So we do not apologize for making our letter quite personal. We start with a touch of local color. Living in Christmas City, U. S. A. makes this simple. We tell of our Star on South



Mountain; the quaint Moravian candles in Bethlehem's windows; the glorious music we hear. Then we say a word about each member of the family, as well as our collective joys and sorrows. We tell of our vacation trips and our delightful guests. We always have a line or two about our church, where our life is invested. We end with a cheery wish for Christmas and the year ahead. Revised, we mimeograph it and send it on its way, hoping it conveys a warm, human touch from the House of Bread. We recommend it to you—and the Smiths!

Rev. Harold Gieseke is the pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Penn. other smoldering or seething spots we may well wonder as to the propriety of singing carols to the Prince of

And through the smoke of violence we see one of the causes—the masses of the poverty-stricken that were, heretofore, hidden off in corners and waste places so cleverly that many of us did not know they were there. But now they are coming our way, they are coming out of forced seclusion to flaunt their rags and bones. Is this the time for giving and receiving gifts, the time for reading ads about the "man who has every-

To increase our unrest is the prevalence of disturbances among all classes. We live in a day of protest. From school boys and girls on up to Senior Citizens is heard a clamor of revolt. It seems that no matter what we do or try to do, a picket line will form and there will be shouting and sit-ins. We fail to find a hand-hold to solve the issues. The privileged help the under-privileged march for justice, and the under-privileged demand that the privileged go home and mind their own business. Confusion and unhappiness mark the faces and lives of rich and poor, educated and uneducated and the end seems not to be yet. Shall we sing,

"God rest you, merry gentlemen, May nothing you dismay"?

Ah, but there is the church, isn't there? What church? The church of creche and be-robed Wise Men Three. the church of the Christmas Offering to help retire the mortgage, the church of "Little Town of Bethlehem"? Well, not exactly. That church is not very well attended—even during the holidays. Somehow the world is like the youth who has fallen into grievous sin and has ruined his life, and spurns his father, saying, "Why didn't you tell me? What is a father for?" The world is blaming the church for being weak when it should have been strong, for being still when it should have cried aloud.

This survey of 1968 has been in the public realm—surely there is more security in our private lives that might admit of a secret kind of Christmas gloating? A man's home is his castle, according to law. As it happens, however, that castle has its windows broken every time a supersonic boom of tragedy sweeps across the world, that castle loses the plaster on its walls every time an earthquake of war rumbles thousands of miles away, that castle is without water when the springs of love dry up.

Indeed the bastions of my soul and yours are beleaguered by a great sense of guilt, and a hopelessness as we wonder how simple, well-intentioned people can come to grips with the major blots and blurs on the world that once seemed so fair and inviting.

Perhaps we come to an involuntary examination of our faith to ask if God has abandoned us as the Old Testament records that He abandoned the Israelites in their days of faithlessness? Or have we been imagining God to be as we have made Him out at Christmas time?

Yes, it seems that we might as well skip Christmas this year. The heavy hand of circumstances weighs even heavier on all of us than it did on my family in that particular year when we decided that Christmas was not for us.

In order to be fair, however, before we decide as to the kind of Christmas, if any, we can bring ourselves to observe this year, perhaps we ought to compare our world with the world of

We have had assassinations. At the coming of Christ, there were so many murders in Caesar's palaces, in Herod's palaces, in the paths of travel that the people went armed with dagger or sword and rarely ventured forth at night. And we are familiar with the New Testament story of the slaughter of the infants in Bethlehem

Violence was accepted as the pattern of life. Anyone, or any nation that dared rebel against Rome was subdued with frightful penalties

There were uprisings of slaves and minority groups with great regularity despite the hopelessness of speaking out against the "establishment." Jerusalem, itself, was filled with the bitterness of factions.

Poverty and disease were of such a sort that our "ghetto" dwellers would be considered rich and healthy by the unfortunate of that day.

Temple worship was corrupt and mercenary in many ways. Places of worship in rivalry to the great Temple were springing up across the land.

Must we not say, also that God initiated Christmas, not in spite of the sorrow and want and guilt and cruelty of that world, but because of it? Possibly we need Christmas in 1968 as we have not needed it before in our memory. But what kind of Christmas can we endure, and what kind might lift us out of our despondency?

As I think again of that time when my parents and my brother and sister and I agreed to skip Christmas, I am remembering what happened to us. And I am doubtful that we did skip the day after all.

What happened was that we skipped the mirage of Christmas. The generations-old mirage of pink and fleecy tradition clouds: scores of cards, piles of gifts, the orgy of shopping, the drugging effect of lights and carols and pageantry, newspaper propaganda, the pounding of sound on radios and in the streets, rushing crowds, the foolish and intemperate waste of substance—this mirage we skipped.

But, as we skipped this associationdear mirage with its ancient customs, we found the true oasis of Christmas right in the middle of what seemed to us an unbroken desert of life. With what we thought to be great secrecy we pooled our funds and purchased or made a simple gift for each member of the family, an adequate and nourishing dinner was shared, as we were conscious of the great boon of being together and alive. We rejoiced that we had strength to recall the unostentatious coming of our Lord. The day was filled with a quiet content and

It may be that our reluctance to enter into what we have come to think of as "Christmas" can work for our good. Surely, a true Christmas ought not to drain us of vitality and integrity, ought not to add to our sense of hypocrisy. If the true Christmas is a reminder of the birth of the Savior, then we need that Christmas sorely.

Except for the oases of personal and public life, this world would be completely unendurable. If Christmas is the best of all cases, would we be wise this year to chart our course to bypass that fountain and place of shade? Dare we skip a Christmas!

READY FOR CHRISTMAS

(Continued from page 5)

A SELFLESS RESPONSE "And Mary said, Behold the hand-

maid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her" (Luke 1:38). Putting aside the questions which must have filled her mind, Mary accepted the statement of the angel. She recognized, that as handmaid of the Lord, she was to respond unto Him for usefulness as He desired. She did not shrink from her responsibility. In this self-less response she didn't even emphasize her own unworthiness of the honor conferred upon her. The response was simply, "Be it unto me according to thy word." It is important that we recognize this as more than just a passive resignation to God's call. She did not say, "Let whatever will, come!" Rather, she took upon herself the charge which it had pleased God to assign to her in this self-less response to Him as her

To The Editor:

Concerning the article Russia's Most

Exciting Church in the November 15

issue: I wonder about the consistency

of our convictions in the wide acclaim

we give to this particular church and

others like it. We shout long and

loud about separation of church and

state. Many are greatly concerned

that even to allow prayer in schools

might violate our freedom in this

area. Yet the implication often seems

to be made that the widely publicized

Russian Baptists are doing the right

thing by registering with the Soviet

Government and limiting all of their

activities to conform with the govern-

ment restrictions. It is apparent, how-

ever, to all who try to do a little

broader reading on the subject, that

there is distinctly another side of the

picture. Though the underground

church was mentioned in the article,

it seemed that we were to feel sorry

for them because their conscience

would not permit them to go along

with the registration laws and thus

receive the fuller recognition that the

Moscow Church seems to receive

everywhere. Perhaps it would be well

to simply present the other side by

printing the testimony of one like

Richard Wurmbrand. I wonder in

which group the Apostles would be

found if they were in Russia today?

Perhaps their prison experiences,

along with statements such as that

found in Acts 4:19, 20, might help

give an answer. We also need to re-

member Jesus' words in Matthew

10:28; "And fear not them which kill

the body, but are not able to kill the

soul: but rather fear him which is

able to destroy both soul and body

I am sincerely interested in others

reactions to this same subject and I

believe it would be a healthy thing

to have some of these reactions ex-

-Bill Cowell, pastor, Marion, Kansas.

I am thoroughly enjoying the issues

of the BAPTIST HERALD. I especial-

ly enjoyed the Baptist Youth World

Conference Issue. One thing that is still missing is a Youth Page. Per-

haps you can add this in the future.

-Wenzel Hanik, Student, Edmonton,

pressed in the BAPTIST HERALD.

in hell."

To the editor:

Mary is a real example to each of us who are believers. The kind of responses which she exhibits also illustrate the sure way for any person to come to a personal relationship with God through the Christ of Christmas.

The importance of being ready for Christmas, as illustrated in Mary's life, is also pictured in the following account. A certain telegraph company advertised for an employee. The next morning a young man answered that advertisement by coming to the office at the opening hour. The receptionist asked him to have a chair. Before long another young man came to apply for the same position. He too was asked to have a chair. These two men soon began to chat about the weather, and other items.

There was the clicking from a sending key sounding plainly in the office but they paid little attention. A third young man came into the office and he too was asked to have a chair. He sat down for only a minute or so and then got up and walked up to the employer's desk. The employer had been sending this message in that office: "This job will go to the young man who listens to this message and answers it by coming to my desk." The other men were confounded when they realized what had happened, but it was too late. Their minds were so full of secondary things that they missed their opportunity. Let us be ready for Christmas!

Rev. Willis E. Potratz is the pastor California.

To the editor:

OPEN DIALOGUE

- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

We certainly appreciate your freshing approach to publications Mrs. Harvey Schmidt, George, Iowa

To the editor:

A few comments concerning the article "Writing Letters to Missionaries", which appeared in the October 15 issue

The "law of diminishing return" not working for me—perhaps the longer one serves as a missionary the more real friends one gains.

Who cares if letters do arrive late? It is quite exciting to get birthday cards until Christmas time and Christ mas cards until Easter time.

Please tell all those grand Chris tians for me that I'm trying to look from under the pile of addresses from the books they sent to us and hope to get them answered. Of course the pile of books is there to be catalogued too! Who said people don't read the "form" letters. My skeptic heart was jolted by the one letter of request for books! They proved to me that they do read and that the circular file does not get them all.—Bee Westerman, Cameroon, Africa

To the editor:

The BAPTIST HERALD kills flies superbly . . . but it's not strong enough for Sausage flies!!-The Four Nursing Sisters, D. Dunger, B. Mantay, A. Zilkowski, G. Schultz Banso. Cameroon

To the editor:

I really appreciate the work you do through the BAPTIST HERALD. I've heard a lot of good comments. God bless you.—Stan Johnson Tacoma, Wash.

> Plan to attend the

NAB YOUTH CONGRESS August 23 to 30, 1969 Green Lake, Wisconsin

Theme:

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME, JESUS?

of the First Baptist Church, Lodi,

Dr. Glenn H. Asquith is pastor of the Baptist Church, Montclair, New

Trouble

At The Inn

OR YEARS now whenever Christmas pageants are talked about in a certain little town in the Midwest, someone is sure to mention the name of Wallace Purling, Wally's performance in one annual production of the Nativity play has slipped into the realm of legend. But the old-timers who were in the audience that night never tire of recalling exactly what

Wally was nine that year and in the second grade, though he should have been in the fourth. Most people in town knew that he had difficulty in keeping up. He was big and clumsy, slow in movement and mind. Still, Wally was well liked by the other children in his class, all of whom were smaller than he, though the boys had trouble hiding their irritation when the un-coordinated Wally would ask to play ball with them.

Most often they'd find a way to keep him off the field, but Wally would hang around anyway-not sulking, just hoping. He was always a helpful boy, a willing and smiling one, and the natural protector, paradoxically, of the underdog. Sometimes if the older boys chased the younger ones away, it would always be Wally who'd say, "Can't they stay? They're

Wally fancied the idea of being a shepherd with a flute in the Christmas pageant that year, but the play's director, Miss Lumbard, assigned him to a more important role. After all, she reasoned, the Innkeeper did not have too many lines, and Wally's size would make his refusal of lodging to Joseph more forceful.

And so it happened that the usual large, partisan audience gathered for the town's Yuletide extravaganza of the crooks and creches, of beards, crowns, halos and a whole stageful of squeaky voices. No one on stage or off was more caught up in the magic of the night than Wallace Purling. They said later that he stood in the wings and watched the performance with such fascination that from time to time Miss Lumbard had to make sure he didn't wander onstage before his cue.

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Then the time came when Joseph appeared, slowly, tenderly guiding Mary to the door of the inn. Joseph knocked hard on the wooden door set into the painted backdrop. Wally the Innkeeper was there, waiting.

"What do you want?" Wally said, swinging the door open with a brusque

"We seek lodging."

"Seek it elsewhere." Wally looked straight ahead but spoke vigorously. "The inn is filled."

"Sir, we have asked everywhere in vain. We have traveled far and are very weary."

"There is no room in this inn for you." Wally looked properly stern.

"Please, good innkeeper, this is my wife, Mary. She is heavy with child and needs a place to rest. Surely you must have some small corner for her. She is so tired."

Now, for the first time, the Innkeeper relaxed his stiff stance and looked down at Mary. With that, there was a long pause, long enough to make that audience a bit tense with embarrassment.

"No! Begone!" the prompter whispered from the wings.

"No!" Wally repeated automatically. "Begone!"

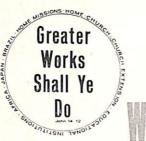
Joseph sadly placed his arm around Mary and Mary laid her head upon her husband's shoulder and the two of them started to move away. The Innkeeper did not return inside his inn, however. Wally stood there in the doorway, watching the forlorn couple. His mouth was open, his brow creased with concern, his eyes filling unmistakably with tears.

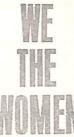
And suddenly this Christmas pageant became different from all

"Don't go, Joseph," Wally called out. "Bring Mary back." And Wallace Purling's face grew into a bright smile. "You can have my room."

Some people in town thought that the pageant had been ruined. Yet there were others-many, many others-who considered it the most Christmas of all Christmas pageants they had ever seen.

—Dina Donohue





BY MRS. HERBERT HILLER, Woodside, New York, President Woman's Missionary Union

CHRIST, OUR ONLY HOPE

"My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him."-Psalm 62:5

This fall brought a variety of activities and experiences to your President which have taken me many miles across the country, fellowshipping with Baptists of co-operating denominations and above all bringing me in contact with so many of our WMU members. At each meeting one could sense an urgency of expectation, a willingness to do, give or share, and I am grateful for all of you faithful, diligent, praying ladies. At the Continental Congress on Evangelism held in Washington during October, the approximate 2,000 participants of 9 co-operating Baptist conventions of America were inspired repeatedly in 3 or 4 addresses at each session, by the theme "Christ is the Only Hope, which message we are to proclaim in PACT and for the coming Crusade of the Americas. It was amazing how all speakers during the entire Congress could bring out such a variety of ideas on Evangelism.

Ladies, we can play a very vital role in this coming Crusade through our participation in PACT. Early in fall each society received from our Co-ordinator Mrs. E. Kerstein, her Prayer-Partner Society's name and address (of another Baptist fellowship). The basic premise is to pray for the success of the Crusade with this Society, and this is the procedure we suggest in order to do it intelligently: in correspondence have your president or secretary tell of our NAB background, WMU goals, interesting informative facts of your group, perhaps even a picture of the ladies or your church. You will enjoy hearing from them in like manner, even having individual prayer-pals through this arrangement. Some of our societies which are already doing this are very enthusiastic about this new Prayer Venture, 25,000 assignments have been made to date, we are told.

Certainly our fervent prayers for an awakening and renewal of American Christians will not go unanswered by our Heavenly Father, if we give ourselves in personal, family, and corporate dedication to our share of the task in continental evangelism. This is a glorious way of sharing our Christmas Hope!

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by Daniel Fuchs

BE COMMITTED

W HAT CAN your church and you do in the Crusade of the Americas? You can be committed to pay the price for spiritual renewal and revival!

Each of us needs to experience spiritual renewal and revival. Our churches, our denomination, our country and our hemisphere need revival.

We need a revival of faith in the resurrection power of Jesus Christ to transform this frustrated, sin-weary

We need a revival of Christian optimism and spiritual expectancy.

We need a revival of genuine compassion and concern for people.

We need a revival of practical godliness and disciplined holy living.

Revival begins as we each one make a personal and private commitment to our Lord and our church: to be an example of Christian faith and moral purity; to nourish our souls by frequent and faithful Bible reading; to deepen our personal prayer life by fervent prayer experiences, daily praying for specific persons who need Christ; to witness personally and seek to win persons to Christ: to ascertain and follow the Holy Spirit's leadership to the best of our ability; to respond to the claims of New Testament stewardship as they apply to life and possessions; to attend Crusade meetings and participate in Crusade activities faithfully and expectantly.

Observce Soul-winning Commitment Day and Day of Prayer for the Crusade of the Americas on Sunday, January 12, 1969. Meet the pentecostal condition: pray on the day when everyone else is praying! In addition to your personal and private commitment, fill out a commitment card. With God's help I will seek to:

- Pray for the lost by name

Distribute evangelistic tracts

- Express personal concern to lost friends

Tell what Christ means to me - Visit with a more experienced wit-

 Mark and use a New Testament in witnessing

Participate in a witnessing-training program Share and explain Scripture pas-

sages on salvation - Lead my family to witness as a family

Help train others to witness

The Role of the Pastor In International Relations

by Herschel H. Hobbs

T IS OFTEN said that the pastor is the key to the situation in the local church. Someone commented that sadly he is often nothing more than a skeleton key, in essence, a dead one. But if the local pastor is effective in leadership the church will largely reflect his preaching, teaching, and example. If this is not the case, then the pastor is a poor steward of his influence. Every pastor must determine what his role shall be through church and state in international relations.

It is well first to determine what that role should not be. It should not be that of a political parson who seeks through questionable or mundane schems to influence the affairs of state. The pastor is a citizen of his nation. As such he should render "unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's.' But he should no more endeavor to control the state than he would be willing for the state to control the church. While there are many disputed areas in church-state relations, one thing is crystal clear. Neither the church nor the state should seek to control the other.

The pastor's role should not be that of a member of any pressure group which endeavors to manipulate the decisions made with respect to government. To allow himself to become such is to abdicate his God-given role for that of human contrivance. The pastor is the standard bearer of the gospel, not a placard bearer for some pressure group.

The pastor is the under-shepherd of the Great Shepherd. And he should pattern is role thereby. Jesus never sided with one pressure bloc against another pressure bloc. A man requested that Jesus should speak to his brother about dividing the inheritance with him. He refused the role by asking, "Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you" (Luke 12:14)? "And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (v. 15, emphasis mine). Jesus sided with neither brother. He preached the gospel to both. He did not align Himself with one group of sinners against another group of sinners. He remained separate from contending

forces and preached the gospel to all. Jesus recognized that the gospel has

its social implications. But He did not reduce it to a social gospel alone. He taught Christian involvement in human affairs, but it was not simply social action bereft of spiritual regeneration. He sought to change society through redemption not through revolution. As someone said. He was a reformer but no revolutionist. His gospel was dynamic but not dynamite. He was primarily concerned with redeeming men, and through redeemed men to redeem society. In Jericho He did not picket Zacchaeus' home carrying a sign saying "Unfair to Taxpayers." He entered his home and won the chief publican to Himself. He did not go into the tax office and fling the tax records into the street. He presented Jericho with a Christian tax commissioner. It naturally follows that Zacchaeus cleaned up the practices of his office. The same principle applies in any social or political situa-

What then is to be the role of the pastor in improving international relations? It is a role given to him beyond all others. He is not an expert in diplomatic activities. But he is charged and should be spiritually equipped to interpret God's will and to apply it to the lives of men. And it must first be related to his own life and conduct. Therefore:

First, the pastor should be an example to his flock in human relations. Peter exhorted elders (pastors) not to lord it over God's heritage, "but being ensamples (types) to the flock" (I Peter 5:3). Such an example should begin at home as he demonstrates God's love to his fellow-Christians.

Second, the pastor should seek to change society by changing men. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (creation)" (II Cor. 5:17). Not only to lead them to Christ but to develop them into Christian citizens. America will be no better than its people.

Third, the pastor should preach the Christian message of the dignity and rights of every human personality. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation (basis of forgiveness) for our sins. Beloved, if God

so loved us we ought also to love one another" (I John 4:10-11).

One of the greatest problems in this nation's international relations is caused by man's inhumanity to man within its own borders. As a professed Christian nation of freedom and equality of opportunity, the rest of the world looks to it with expectations of a high standard of human relations. And one adverse incident in this regard is played into a major crisis by its enemies. Racial strife in even an obscure American town becomes headlines in news-papers over the world.

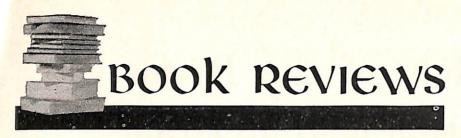
The pastor with courage and without compromise should proclaim the gospel of Christian brotherhood and human rights to his own people. Race problems, for instance, cannot be solved solely by law or on a national scale. They must ultimately be solved at the level of community and personal relationships.

Paul declares God's purpose in Christ to bring peace between God and man and between man and man. "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and both broken down the middle wall of partition" between Jew and Gentile (Ephesians 2:14). And the principle applies regardless of social, national, or economic differences. His purpose is "to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace" (Ephesians 2:15).

This is the equation of life in Christ. One Jew plus one Gentile plus Christ equals two Christian brothers. One white man plus one black man plus Christ equals two Christian brothers. Any combination of colors (red, yellow, white, black, brown) plus Christ-and the answer is the same.

Thus the pastor, the shepherd is a minister of the gospel. He is not a minister of the state. He speaks for God to man, not from man to man. As God loves all men so must the pastor do likewise. But his ministry should ever be identified with God in witnessing to God's will for all men. Ultimately this witness should entail social aspects. But this should be the fruit and not the root of his calling.

Rev. Herschel H. Hobbs is the Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



by B. C. Schreiber

JESUS OF NAZARETH, SAVIOUR AND LORD edited by Carl F. H. Henry. Erdmans—1966—\$5.95.

These are brilliant, scholarly and critical dissertations. Most of the laymen would probably be lost in the maze of theological thought as well as in the names of numerous men which are representative of the best conservative schools. Some like F. F. Bruce, Gordon Clark, Leon Morris and Merrill C. Tenney are more familiar than others.

Dr. Henry is considered a "king" in conservative theological circles, not primarily because of his own individual and original contributions, but because of his keen insight and interpretations of the current theological trends. His position as editor of "Christianity Today" gives him an unusual outlet for his talents.

His chapter on The Cross-Currents in Contemporary Theology serves as a natural and meaningful introduction to the fifteen scholarly issues which present a strong alternate to the nonsupernatural and anti-supernatural schools which have caused nothing but confusion in the realm of theology. They have based their case (faith?) on what they suppose are the facts of history. K. S. Kantzer's answer to their arguments is perhaps as enlightening as anything in the book when he says, "True faith in Christ as Lord and Saviour and an obedient response to the divine authority of Holy Scripture are never merely products of historical investigation. . . . History affords us data that can be fitted together coherently only on the supposition that the biblical record about Christ is true."

THE ROADS WE TRAVEL by Frank Johnson Pippin. Bethany—1966—128 pages-\$3.50.

It is not always easy to read sermons. When they are proclaimed from the pulpit they seem to have more life and they become more vivid. However, Dr. Pippin has given us a good quality of sermons from which the pastor, as well as the layman, can find spiritual and practical enrichment. Illustrations are sparingly but very meaningfully used. This is one of the few books in which even the Foreword makes for interesting reading. The sermon, from which the book got its title, was chosen for Best Sermons Anthologies, a collection of outstanding sermons in the United States.

Along with his strong theological

A TIME FOR BOLDNESS by Gary M. Jones, Broadman-1966-108 pages-

These are sermons of reassurance that God is not dead, that in spite of fear, hatred and pessimism the Christian has reason to be as bold in his faith as the disciples in the first century. The author uses selected poetry as a means of illustrationoften very appropriately and beautifully done.

52 SOUL-STIRRING ILLUSTRA-TIONS by Billy Apastolon, Baker-1965—118 pages—\$1.50 (paper).

Although some of the illustrations are those of the author, he gives credit to the majority who have contributed to this limited but practical collection.

REALITIES by M. Basilea Schlink. Zondervan—1966—128 pages — \$1.50 (paper).

This is an unusual book in that it has overtones of faith practices, such as that experienced by George Mueller. The 40 miracles of faith are true accounts of the Mary Sisterhood, a Lutheran organization formed in Germany after the last war. Some of the experiences may sound a little naive and some merely circumstantial, yet they all have the aura of God's presence in every area of life.

EVANGELISM, ITS THEOLOGY AND PRACTICE by A. Skevington Wood. Zondervan—1966—119 pages—\$2.95.

Those who are simply for a book which instructs the church and pastor on how to conduct protracted revival meetings for two or three weeks will not find easy answers. Evangelism goes far deeper, higher and wider than the practice of one simple method. Perhaps the author's best thoughts are expressed in his chapter on methods, but they go to the heart of the matter when he says, "We are God's method. What the church needs today is men whom the Holy Ghost can use -men of prayer. It is not methods that matter so much in evangelism: it is men. The two grass-root necessities are the Word of God and a man to declare it by lip and by life. Organizations and techniques and programs and policies are subsidiary. We may need them sometimes, but God is independent of them. His method is

emphasis, the author also includes twelve varieties of evangelism, which however, are dependent on the preparation of the men who try to put them into practice.

REVIVAL CRUSADE SERMONS by John Scott Trent. Baker—1966—97 pages-\$2.00.

These are revival sermons which were no doubt given by a man who felt and experienced revival in his heart and in his messages. These same sermons used by another man will not bring the same results, but this is not the author's intention. They can bring a better understanding of what revival messages should be and they can bring blessing to the reader. Actual revival can come only through God and through the men who are called to such an awesome task.

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT by Julius Fischbach. Judson — 1966 —

Very often a children's story or sermon is more difficult to develop than an adult address. Many ministers have little difficulty in being or sounding profound but they are almost speechless when they are required to give a simple story sermon to children. The author during his long and fruitful pastorate realized the importance of interpreting spiritual and practical truths to children for this is his sixth volume written for boys and girls. Parents, Sunday school teachers and pastors will find this material unusually helpful in their teaching responsibilities.

HYMNS AND HUMAN LIFE by Erik Routley. Eerdmans, 246 pages, \$3.95.

Although this was first published in 1951 it is still greatly in demand as a source book in which a history of hymnology is presented from the first century Christians to the present time. It is in part biographical and constructively critical. The analysis and interpretation of the hymn writers and the hymns are purely objective and will give those who are interested in church music a much better appreciation of the ministry of song.

HYMNS FOR YOUTH National Union of Christian Schools and Eerdmans-1966-\$3.95.

There are so many small, inexpensive paper backed song books made available for young people which are filled with short choruses and lively tunes that it feels refreshing to see a volume which is deeply spiritual and highly devotional, and arranged for meaningful worship for young people. It will probably not appeal to the "activist" young Christian to whom everything must be "short and snappy," but it will be appreciated by those whose deepest devotional life can be expressed through the highest type of musical quality.

BAPTIST HERALD

How Do Adults Learn?

Adults learn when they are strongly motivated by interest, a sense of need, a Challenge, or a Problem to be solved.

By LeRoy Ford

ACE ON a boy's shirttail! That's motivation for keeping a shirttail out of sight! But motivation means more than sewing lace on a boy's shirttail! Such simple solutions do not solve the complex matter of motivating adults to learn.

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Adult teachers deal with two types of motivation. The first, motivation from outside influences, usually doesn't create a problem. Good teachers know of better approaches. Teachers who conduct contests, or give tangible rewards for accomplishment depend upon motivation from the out-

INNER MOTIVATION

The second type, motivation from inside, presents a more complex problem. Internal motivation results in self-discovery by the individual. Deep inside he possesses a "want to" to motivate his learning. It is to this type of motivation that teachers refer when they ask the perennial question, "How can I stimulate my members to learn?"

STIMULATING INNER MOTIVATION

Difficulty arises when motivation is attacked directly. To understand how to stimulate motivation, study an illustration in the area of attitudes.

An overly confident teacher might say, "I'm going to change attitudes! Sooner or later he discovers that changing of attitudes requires complex actions. He realizes that to change attitudes he must first bring about changes in how much is known and understood about a subject and how well an individual can perform a task. Then he discovers that attitudes begin to change, however, slowly, as an indirect result of other changes in knowledge, skills, and understanding. He finds that these changes come more easily than direct changes in attitudes.

In a similar way, an effective teacher of adults stimulates motivation by appealing to the things that produce motivation. The teacher appeals to the desire to feel accepted, to make worthwhile contributions, to experience achievement, and to feel needed. The teacher uses the member's natural curiosity and interests. He appeals to an adult's senses and his desire to learn in an active way. With these more direct appeals in mind, teachers can use guides like these to motivate learning:

1. Be convinced of the product .- A convincing presentation born out of life's experiences helps adults realize their own deep needs. "If this met your needs, it will meet mine," they reason. "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see," confessed one whom Jesus healed (John

2. Recognize the urgency of the message.—Communication of a sense of urgency requires a teacher to feel a sense of urgency himself in what he does. Members recognize and absorb the emotional qualities inherent in urgent presentations. "If this matter is so urgent for him, perhaps I'd better take a deeper look," the individual decides.

3. Know from experience that God is good.—Laban said to Jacob, "I have learned by experience that the Lord hath blessed me" (Genesis 30:27). Knowledge born of experience conveys authority, and learners recognize authority. They need authoritative guidance in finding answers to life's problems. Jesus "taught as one having authority."

4. Point teaching toward universal human needs.—Every adult wants to feel accepted, to make worthwhile contributions, to experience a sense of accomplishment. Effective teachers stimulate motivation by creating the circumstances and the climate in which an adult can fulfil his needs.

5. Tell members what to expect. Ideas mature and develop over a period of time, increasing the probability that motivation also will mature. Jesus told the disciples, "Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he" (John 13:19).

6. Plan for active response from the learners. Adults learn better when they write, speak, move, inquire. Present concepts in many and varied ways. Purposeful activity helps stimulate motivation for learning. Deliberately appeal to more than one of the five senses through providing for active responses.

7. Recognize that God motivates life's deepest spiritual experiences .-God initiates the desire to pray. Teachers can do certain things that lead to motivation, but God's Holy Spirit "lights the candle" and introduces the class member to the rewarding experiences of spiritual selfdiscovery.

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Sunday School Lessons

by James A. Schacher

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 5, 1969

THEME: THE BEGINNING OF THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture: Mark 1:1-13

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. Careful groundwork had been laid for the coming of Christ. The early events of the New Testament publicly introduced Jesus to the world.

INTRODUCTION. The Gospel of Mark was written by a man who had deserted Paul on the 1st Missionary journey. Paul refused to take Mark along on the second trip. This caused such a sharp difference of opinion between Paul and Barnabas that they split and went on different preaching expeditions. Since his mother's home was a gathering place for the Christians in Jerusalem it is not surprising that Mark had obtained a clear knowledge of the life of Jesus. He gives a vivid account of the key events.

I. PREPARATION FOR THE GOOD NEWS. Mark 1:1-8. Like the motorcycle motorcade preceding the limousine of an American astronaut driving down New York's Fifth Avenue so John the Baptist's ministry gave notice that the Christ was about to come into view. John dressed in skins and camel's hair. His diet consisted of grasshoppers and honey. He shouted a fierce demand to repent.

Thus we see him as a rugged frontiersman, unafraid of damaging his public image. He denounced the spiritual suffocation of his society. And the people listened. They left the cities. They stormed into the desert. They were baptized. They accepted a new understanding of baptism. Not only converts to Judaism but even loyal Jews were baptized. They revolted against sin and evil in their own personal lives. For the people of John's day a new spark had been kindled. Maybe there was hope after all!

II. INITIATION INTO THE MIN-ISTRY OF THE GOOD NEWS. Mark 1:9-11. The baptism of Jesus means many things: It was His declaration of obedience to God's eternal plan and His identification with men. But on the stage of His life story it signals His emergence from the toil of an unknown carpenter and His debut into the spotlight of public service.

As Jesus surfaced from the water's depth, the Father declared His approval and the Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove. All Three Persons of the Trinity participated.

III. PARTICIPATION IN THE TESTING RELATED TO THE GOOD NEWS. Mark 1:12-13. Mark again has chosen a word of action. Literally, he says that the Spirit "threw" Jesus into the wilderness. This does not mean that Jesus was reluctant. Rather it describes the force of the Divine activity. There is no hesitation to face the trial. There is almost an exuberant leap into the middle of the cosmic battle between good and evil.

Sometimes Christians hedge when they must face testing. It is easy to drag one's feet in the hope that an easier solution may appear. Here we have a courageous example to follow in forthright confrontation with opposition.

Questions for Discussion

- What hope keeps you going when it looks like you're in for a long grind and struggle?
- 2. What did John's baptism mean for these Jews?
- 3. Share an experience of testing which you have had.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 12, 1969

THEME: MINISTRY ON THE SABBATH

Scripture: Mark 1:21-34

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. Our Lord spoke words of wisdom, but He also demonstrated His truth in a ministry of action.

INTRODUCTION. Mark's Gospel reveals the action of Jesus' Ministry as if Mark were the producer of a silent movie and had to use activity to take the place of words. There are no long speeches such as Matthew's Sermon on The Mount, or Luke's unique parables or the many lectures in the Gospel of John. Rather he breathlessly exclaims, "immediately he arose" or "straightway he called them." In vivid detail Mark describes the gestures and mannerisms of Jesus (7:33; 3:5).

I. MINISTRY IN TEACHING. Mark 1:21-22. On the Sabbath he directly attended the synogogue meeting and used the opportunity of speaking to declare His doctrine. His attitude in teaching was different. Instead of quoting the Rabbis he asserted on His own authority what was right and true. The people picked this up. Here

was a teacher who was original and creative.

All of us need an authority by which to live. An eight-year-old child requires the assurance that his parents will tell him what is correct. Adults, as well, need reliable standards by which they will make decisions, such as whether to move to another place or how to budget their time and money.

II. MINISTRY OVER DEMONS. Mark 1:23-28. The personality of an evil power had taken up residence in the mind and soul of a man. As Jesus taught in the synagogue the demon felt threatened. He asserted himself to speak up to oppose Jesus. He recognized the Divine mission of Christ and cried out against Him. But our Lord silenced the evil spirit with a single command. As a result the man was delivered. At certain points it seems that a person is possessed with will-power to oppose every helpful act. At other times when all of the insights of psychoanalysis and procedures of behavioristic psychology have been used the person still does not have enough incentive to conquer the "feeling" that grips him. It may be psychological, but to the extent that it is anti-religious and immoral (Hitler is an obvious example) it likely may be that it is control by another mind or opposing intellect.

The point of application is that Christ has power over the forces of opposition. The worst alien powers are unable to cope with Him. It is still true that the gates of hell shall not prevail against His church.

III. MINISTRY TO THE DIS-EASED. Mark 1:29-34. This reveals the nature of Jesus' authority. He not only spoke words, but He took charge. There was no uncertainty about His power to control and direct nature. How astonishing this is to human beings who only knew probabilities and likelihoods. But we observe that He is the Head Executive and Commander-in-Chief. This means that He is Someone to honor and obey.

Questions for Discussion

- Name your favorite stories of Jesus which illustrate His wisdom and authority.
- 2. Can you find 3 hints in the reaction of the demon which reveals His helplessness before Christ?
- 3. What does the incident of the healing of Peter's mother-in-law have in common with the casting out of the demon?



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"Teach all nations . . . be my
witnesses" (Matt. 28, Acts 1)
TOTALS TO DATE — OCT. 31
Leadership Gift Covenants
\$350,000.00
Cash Received \$140,443,98

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from the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. D., to become the pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. D., effective March 1, 1969.

• Rev. Fred Penner has resigned from the First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho, to become the pastor of the Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches of Tyndall, S. D., effective January 5, 1969.

• Rev. R. I. Thompson has resigned from the First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Ill., to become the pastor of the Tempel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis. effective January 12, 1969.

The denominational leaders held their workshop sessions on October 17-20 in Edmonton, Alta. The various denominational ministries were reviewed. There was rejoicing over the achievements of many churches. Deep concern was expressed about pastors who are discouraged in their work. Much time was given to prayer for the sick, the discouraged and the staggering financial needs.

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Mr. Manfred Brauch is studying at McMasters University in Hamilton, Ont., on a Doctor of Philosophy program in Christian origins. His new address is 1830 Main Street West, Apt. 507, Hamilton 15, Ontario, Canada.

• Rev. Allen Heron, Jr., has resigned from the Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Mich., to become the pastor of the Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kan., effective January 1, 1969.

• A shipment of 10,000 pounds of White Cross materials was recently sent to Cameroon from the N.A.B. G.C. denominational office in Forest Park. Appreciation is expressed to the churches, especially the women's goups, for their contributions.

• Rev. Ralph Cooke has accepted the call to become the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Minot, N. D., effective January 15, 1969. He had been serving a Baptist General Conference church in Minnesota. At one time he served in our church in Sheffield, Iowa.



CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY October 1968

Conferences	Oct. 1968	Oct. 1967	Oct. 1966
Atlantic	\$ 5,222.00	\$ 3,072.12	\$ 3,354.99
Central		22,026.02	21,483.74
Dakota	26,745.57	21,886.63	18,716.22
Eastern	6,101.88	5,426.60	5,284.89
Northern		20,850.79	36,798.62
Northwestern	12,985.87	11,852.52	13,015.90
Pacific	20,397.59	26,434.94	14,959.19
Southern	1,273.48	999.28	832.62
Southwestern	13,532.21	12,207.94	11,953.57
Inter-Conference	2,744.10	4,757.82	3,006.96
Total Basic Program	\$130,763,52	\$129,514.66	\$129,406.70
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OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

N.A.B. MISSION PROGRAM
April - October, 1968

\$1,300,000 Approved Goal

Solution

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND PASTORS' AND LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE GREEN LAKE, WISCONSIN JULY 12-19, 1969

THEME: COMMUNICATING CHRIST TO MODERN MAN

PROGRAM:

- Joint and Separate activities for pastors, laymen and children.
- Dialogue between NAB Seminary and College faculty members: Dr. Roy Seibel and Professor Werner Waitkus; Dr. Bernard Schalm and Dr. Gerald Borchert.
- Inspiring speakers such as Dr. Jack Scott, Dr. Roy Seibel, Dr. Paul Loth, Dr. Peter Fehr.
- Talk-back between lecturers and participants.
- Discussion of findings of the "Merger Study Committee."
- Workshops on subjects of deep concern to pastors and laymen.
- Denominational ministries highlighted and reviewed.
- Recreation and fellowship on one of the most beautiful lakeside grounds in America.

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Our Churches in Action

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL UNIT IS DEDICATED

RICHMOND, B. C.—The Lord has blessed our Church Extension work in Richmond. It was begun with forty charter members. Six years ago we were able to dedicate our first Sunday school unit to the glory of God, and soon these facilities became inadequate.

On Sunday morning, October 20, we had the joy of dedicating our second Sunday school unit. Our District Secretary, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, gave the challenging message in the morning. Then we gathered outside the door and dedicated this building to God that all who go in and out may truly have the word preached and taught to them. (Mrs. W. Fandrey, reporter.)

NINE RECEIVE SCRIPTURE MEMORY AWARDS

VANCOUVER. B. C.—Because we, like the Psalmist, are convinced that "The entrance of thy words giveth light," we continue to promote the Scripture Memory Course in our Sunday school. On September 22, it was thrilling to



witness the awarding of pins to 118 of our scholars. Of this number nine participants received the final pin and award. (Pictured above.) We wish to acknowledge the excellent work done by Mrs. Raymond Zilke in supervising this program. (Ed Graumann, Superintendent.)

WMU MEETS DURING SESSIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—The California Association W.M.U. held their annual luncheon and business meeting on October 25, at the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif. Mrs. Ella Schmiedt presided at the meeting. In the future the Association will be known as the Northern and Southern Associations.

The officers elected for the Northern Association W.M.U. are: President, Mrs. Ruth Rauser; Vice-President, Mrs. Vella Burzloff; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Kathryn Baumbach.

The luncheon concluded with a devotional by Mrs. Louis R. Johnson of the Willow Rancho Church. In the afternoon they met for the missionary program. Dr. Peter Fehr, returned missionary from Cameroon, was the guest speaker. The missionary offering of \$150.93, together with dues collected, was designated equally for the Cameroon and Brazil mission fields. (Mrs. Alma Rueh, reporter.)

CENTRAL DAKOTA-MONTANA ASSOCIATION MEETS IN HEBRON

HEBRON, N. D.—The theme "I Am a Witness" in the various segments of life—in our profession, family and world—was discussed and portrayed at the Central Dakota-Montana Association held at Hebron, N. D., October 24-27.

Rev. D. Fuchs dealt with the Biblical basis for salvation. The women depicted witnessing to the aged in a playlet entitled, "The Desert Blooms Again." The Men's Fellowship presented Dr. E. Zimbelman to the Association who related his experience as a witnessing father. Special highlights of the Association were the Youth Banquet and the Sunday Missionary Rally, featuring Dr. Zimbelman.

The Association was well attended, good meals were served, and the fellowship with God's people was especially refreshing. As a result of these days, we resolved to witness for Christ in all aspects of life. May this serve as a challenge to all of us—"Ye Are My Witnesses." (Rev. L. Strelau, reporter.)

BAPTIST HERALD

GERMAN PASTORS IN ONTARIO ENJOY INSPIRATIONAL RETREAT

KITCHENER, ONT.—In an atmosphere of "the good old days" seven pastors and their wives visited the newly built Edelweis Chalet in Baden, Ontario, about ten miles west of Kitchener. The beautiful and peaceful environment was a stimulant for spiritual meditation and fellowship.

Those taking part were: Rev. and Mrs. John Goetze, Rev. and Mrs. Wilhelm Wiesholleck, Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Hopf, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Kerber, Rev. and Mrs. Otto Oelke, Rev. and Mrs. O. Hart, and Rev. Richard Goetze.

The Chalet was built by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Klees, members of the Central Baptist Church in Kitchener where Mr. Klees serves as Sunday school superintendent. They were influenced many years ago by the words of Joshua, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." The verse serves as a motto in the entrance hall of the Edelweis Chalet.

The 20 bedroom, Tyrolian style structure, built on 25 acres of ground with camping facilities, is particularly attractive for retreats for Christian groups, families or individuals. Inquiries may be addressed to: Mr. Eugene Klees, R. R. 2, Baden, Ontario, Canada. (Richard Goetze, reporter.)

WOMEN HOLD 10TH ANNUAL FALL RETREAT

"On Wings of Song" was the theme of the annual Women's Fall Retreat of the Minnesota and La Crosse, Wisconsin Association October 18-19. This year marked the 10th retreat to be held at Lyman Lodge on the shores of beautiful Lake Minnetonka near Minneapolis, Minnesota, with 115 women attending.

Special guests were Mrs. Fred Smith, wife of the late Mr. Smith, professor of bio-chemistry at the University of Minnesota and Mrs. Peter Fehr, our missionary doctor's wife, recently returned from Cameroon.

One highlight of the weekend was the women's meeting, African style, led by Doris Fehr, with taped music from Cameroon. Instrumental accompaniment was provided by those who have served in the field: Laura Reddig, Ramona Fluth, Alma Zimmerman, Barbara Glewwe with Doris Fehr as the lead singer.

W.M.U. officers are Iona Quiring, president and retreat chairman; Olga Adam, president-elect; Rosena Kurzweg, secretary; Darlene Hotchkiss, treasurer. (Mrs. Gerald Miller, reporter.)

THIRTEEN ADDED TO NORRIDGE CHURCH

NORRIDGE, ILL.—We praise God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon our church through the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Norman Miller.

Through the generous contribution of our senior deacon, Mr. Herman Siemund, a fine 3-room addition and other remodeling have enhanced our parsonage.

Two new organizations have been added to our church: a Junior CBYF and a Men's Fellowship.

On Sunday, September 29, Pastor Miller baptized ten



young people following a series of instruction classes. At the Communion Service on October 6, thirteen new members (pictured above) were received into our church fellowship. (Anne Luedke, reporter.)

TWIN PINES HAS GROUND BREAKING AND DEDICATION SERVICE

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA.—"Together, Pull!" called Rev. Ron Derman. The members of the Twin Pines Baptist Church of Cedar Rapids strained to pull the old fashioned



Church ground breaking, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

hand plow. The pastor pushed hard, and the sod gently rolled over as ground was broken to launch the construction of the first unit of the buildings to be erected on 42nd Street. The pastor then called to the almost 200 guests from the Iowa Association Churches who were watching the proceedings, "Come over and help us." Many sprang to their aid, and soon a long, clean, furrow lay behind the plow share. This act of working together symbolized the cooperative spirit of the Iowa Association in the establishing of a new Church Extension project. Rev. Ray Harsch, chairman of the Iowa Church Ex-

Rev. Ray Harsch, chairman of the flowa Church Extension Committee, brought the message. Rev. Jacob Ehman, pastor of the Steamboat Rock Baptist Church,



Dedication of parsonage, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

which provided the finances for the newly completed parsonage, led in the prayer of dedication of the parsonage. Then the congregation met on the church site for the ground breaking service.

"Cedar Rapids Sunday" was the emphasis in every Iowa Church on October 20. A total offering of \$4,037.89 was received toward the goal of \$45,000 set for our Iowa churches. Of that amount \$30,392.51 had already been contributed. (John Ziegler, reporter.)

EBENEZER CHURCH WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

LEHR, N. D.—On Sunday evening, October 13, members and friends of the Ebenezer Baptist Church held a reception for Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Strelau and daughter Carmen Dawn. Rev. and Mrs. Brenner and the congregation of the Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia were the invited guests. Rev. Brenner, guest speaker, used as his topic "Success in the Ministry." Words of welcome were extended to Rev. and Mrs. Strelau and Carmen Dawn by the various organizations of the church. After the service all were invited for refreshments and fellowship. (Mrs. John Kranzler, reporter.)

HARVEST MISSION SUNDAY OBSERVED IN FESSENDEN

FESSENDEN, N. D.—The First Baptist Church of

Fessenden, N. Dak. held its Harvest Mission Festival on October 13 with Rev. David Draewell as guest speaker for both the morning and evening services. After the evening service a time of fellowship and refreshment was held. A mission offering was taken which amounted to \$1366.76. (Mrs. James McBain, reporter.)

ACTIVE CAMPING PROGRAM AT MAGNOLIA BAPTIST CHURCH

ANAHEIM, CALIF. The Magnolia Baptist Church has an active camping program for children and young people. The summer camping program consists of a week at Hume Lake with other California N.A.B. churches. This camp has programs for the whole family.

The N.A.B. churches in Southern California have a camp for Juniors in the Arrowhead Mountains. Here the

children live in tepees in an Indian village.

The Juniors of Magnolia Church also have an opportunity in the fall to attend a "ranch" camp. Sixty-four girls with 8 counselors enjoyed weekends at the "Know Your Bible Camp" located near Vista. The boys will enjoy an action-packed week end in November at the Green Oak Ranch Boys' Camp.

Three winter camps are held in the Arrowhead Mountains for Junior High, High School and College Youth. There they have the rare opportunity, for Southern Cali-

fornia, to participate in winter sports.

In addition to giving the youth camping opportunities with its sense of closeness to each other, to the world of nature, and to God, the primary objective is to win the unsaved to Christ and to promote a real sense of dedication to our Lord and Savior. (Mrs. Ellen Froslie, reporter.)

MRS. HILLER SPEAKS TO WOMEN IN EDMONTON AREA

EDMONTON, ALTA.—The Women's Missionary Societies of Greater Edmonton were privileged to have the W.M.U. President, Mrs. Frohmut Hiller, as their guest speaker at a combined meeting of all 10 societies on October 15. at Central Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hiller came to Edmonton to attend the special dedication services and opening festivities of the N.A.B. College.

We combined her presence with the observance of the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer on November 4, and all were greatly encouraged by her interesting message. She emphasized the necessity of supporting our missionaries, Union projects and prayer partners, as outlined in PACT, the Crusade of the Americas.

A special offering was received for the education of the children of our missionaries. (Mrs. Tabea Dykau, reporter.)

HARVEST MISSION AND REVIVAL SERVICES HELD IN PLEVNA CHURCH

PLEVNA, MONT.—The First Baptist Church, Plevna, Mont., held their revival meetings October 8-18 with Rev. Klingenberg of McLaughlin, S. D.

Rev. Klingenberg was also our Harvest Mission Festival Speaker October 13. The offering for this Sunday was \$9,892.14. We praise the Lord for a good year. Rev. Klingenberg urged the church to be a mighty army under the divine banner: "Holiness unto the Lord." (Mrs. Walter Hochhalter, reporter.)

KATHERINE HUNT AND MARY ANN FUCHS ARE HONORED AT MISSIONARY TEA

PLEVNA, MONT.—On October 20, the First Baptist Church of Plevna, Mont., met their adopted daughter, Miss Katherine Hunt, a missionary nurse to Cameroon. After four years of supporting and praying for her, it was a joy for us to have her in our midst. A missionary tea was held for Miss Hunt and Miss Mary Ann Fuchs. Miss Fuchs was a short-term missionary teacher who served three years in Africa. She is from Plevna. Miss Fuchs had a display at the tea and told a little about the

customs of the natives in Africa. (Mrs. Walter Hochhalter, reporter.)

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CLUB SPONSORS RETREAT

CHICAGO, ILL:-The Annual Men's and Boys' retreat sponsored by the Christian Fellowship Club of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church was held October 12-13. The camp-out was held at Deer Grove Preserve in a northwest suburb of Chicago. The theme was "Adventures in Christian Faith."

Rev. Clarence H. Walth, pastor of the Foster Avenue Church, and Rev. Paul Meister, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., led the devotions, Sunday morning outdoor service and Bible classes. Skills and recreation were part of the program. (Beatrice Scroggin, re-

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION MEETS IN FOSTER AVENUE CHURCH

CHICAGO, ILL.—The Foster Avenue Baptist Church was host for the third annual meeting of the Illinois Association. Ten churches, plus the Twin Grove Baptist Church Extension Project, met on Saturday, October 26. Rev. Richard Seume and Rev. Edgar M. Parker, pastor and assistant pastor of the Wheaton Bible Church, led two study groups. Their topics were, "Every Member Participation" and "Visitation Evangelism."

After a banquet, Dr. Charles Koller, former President of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, and presently Professor of Homiletics at Trinity Seminary in Deer-

field, Illinois, brought the message,

During the business meeting, the following new officers



were elected: (Pictured from left to right) Mrs. Sue Henn, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Paul Loth, Chairman, Christian Education Committee; Mr. Orville Foster, Moderator; Mr. Harold Eldridge, Vice-Moderator; Mr. William Hoyer, Chairman, Church Extension Committee; and Anita Pankratz, Youth Activities Chairman. (Beatrice Scroggin, reporter.)

TERRACE HEIGHTS OBSERVES HARVEST MISSION FESTIVAL

SPOKANE, WASH.—On October 6, Terrace Heights Baptist Church held their Harvest Mission Festivities. During the Sunday school hour, the children presented a short program, received their Scripture Memory awards and were promoted to their new classes.

A potluck supper was held in the evening and a mission stewardship film was shown during the evening service entitled "Inhale the Incense." The missionary offering of the evening was \$846.55. Rev. Ervin B. Strauss is pastor of the church. (Mrs. C. W. Cade, reporter.)

ASSOCIATION MEETS AT MINNETRISTA CHURCH

ST. BONIFACIUS. MINN.—The Minnesota and LaCrosse, Wisconsin, Association of North American Baptist Churches met at the Minnetrista Baptist Church of St. Bonifacius, Minnesota, September 13-15, 1968. The theme, "Learning To Witness," was presented at the opening session by Rev. Eldon Janzen, manager of the Roger Williams Press, in his message, "Witnessing By the Printed Word."

Saturday included a panel and workshop sessions on "The Call To Witness," led by Dr. Peter Fehr, our missionary doctor recently returned from Cameroon. Dr. Fehr was also the speaker at the Saturday evening youth banquet and at the Sunday afternoon missionary program. Rev. Janzen brought the message at the morning worship service

The following officers were elected for the coming year: John Adam, moderator: Rev. Fred Klein, vicemoderator; Mrs. Wallace Christenson, secretary; Bill Wigdahl treasurer; Rev. Leland Friesen, mission committee; Betty Zimmerman, camp board. (Mrs. Gerald Miller, reporter.)

NORTHERN NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION MEETS IN TURTLE LAKE

TURTLE LAKE, N. D.—The Turtle Lake Baptist Church of Turtle Lake, North Dakota hosted the Northern North Dakota Association October 11-12 with 236 registered delegates and visitors.

The theme, "Effective Family Evangelism," was presented in two messages, "Family Approach-In The Home," and "Family Approach-Through The Church," by Professor Hugo Lueck.

Dr. Ernest Zimbelman spoke on "God's Message of Expansion" from Isaiah 54:2 at the Mission Rally and also at the Ladies' Luncheon. Prof. Lueck showed slides from Brazil to the men at their luncheon. The association ended with a young people's banquet.

The 1969 association is scheduled for the Washburn Baptist Church October 10-11 with Moderator Rev. W. D. Dachtler; Vice Moderator, Rev. Harry Johnson; Secretary, Rev. Allan Kranz; Treasurer, Mr. Ben Martin. (Walter L. Weber, reporter.)

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES REPORTED BY CHURCH

CARRINGTON, N. D.-On March 3. four persons were baptized.

The Missionites entertained their husbands and families

at a banquet on March 8.

On April 27, the youth entertained several other churches. There were approximately 65 in attendance. We had a banquet with Rev. Wagner and his family bringing special music. Then Rev. Hackett brought a short message and showed a film.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Pastor Christensen has a radio program called "The Bible Speaks." It can be heard between 8:30-9:00 A. M. on KSJB "1600"-Carrington Station.

Our pastor also writes an article for the Foster County Independent called "Seaching the Scriptures."

On September 22, the Missionites had heir annual program with Rev. Wagner bringing special music, film and message.

On October 18 the Women's Missionary Society had their annual program with Dr. Zimbelman as guest speaker. (Mrs. Percy Pepple, reporter.)

RECEIVING SCRIPTURE MEMORY AWARD

La Salle, Colo.—Pictured below is Joel Michelson receiving his 9th year Scripture Memory award from Mrs. Harry Strohauer as his father, Rev. Edwin Michelson, looks on



December 15, 1968

MRS. WALTER STEIN SPEAKS TO MORRIS WMU

MORRIS, MAN.—The fall program of our W.M.U. was held Sunday evening, October 27th. A ladies chorus under the direction of Mrs. Beatrice Gruenke rendered two selections. First, our W.M.U. theme song, "Greater Works Than These," and "The Fields are White." Our speaker was Mrs. Walter Stein, wife of Rev. Walter Stein, pastor of the McDermont Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg. She brought us a very challenging message on the topic of "Hands." An offering was received and will be designated in part towards the purchase of a new bulletin board for the exterior of the church. (Mrs. C. Bergstresser, reporter.)

DAY OF PRAYER OBSERVED BY WMU

ASHLEY, N. D.—On November 1, the Baptist Day of Prayer was observed by the Woman's Missionary Society and the Tabitha Society of the Ashley Baptist Church.

Mrs. Etan Pelzer led the service. A program prepared by Mrs. Edgar Bates was used.

The offering was designated for women's mission purposes and also to aid in the education of the children of our missionaries.

At the close of this service the Woman's Missionary Society held their regular meeting at which time the annual election of officers for the ensuing year was held. (Mrs. Carl Fischer, reporter.)

FORMER MEMBER IS GUEST SPEAKER AT HARVEST MISSION FESTIVAL

DURHAM, KAN.—Rev. Stanley Geis of Detroit, Michigan was guest speaker on October 20, at the Harvest Mission Festival of the First Baptist Church at Durham, Kansas. It was a homecoming for Rev. Geis because in his boyhood days he was a member of this church. He is the only spiritual son of the church who is now a pastor. He brought the morning message to the Durham congregation and the evening message to a combined service of the Strassburg, Marion, Emmanuel and Durham churches. Mission offering for this day of blessing was \$1527.00. Rev. Geis was also guest speaker for a week of Deeper Life Meetings which followed the Sunday services. Mrs. Geis accompanied Rev. Geis on his visit to Durham. (Mrs. Oliver Mohn, reporter.)

MISS LA VERNA MEHLHAFF SPEAKS AT HARVEST MISSION FESTIVAL

TYNDALL, S. D.—The Tyndall Baptist church had its annual Harvest Mission Festival Sunday November 3. Guest speaker for the day was Miss LaVerna Mehlhaff of Parkston, a short term missionary, who served two years in Cameroon, Africa. She is presently living and teaching in Parkston. During the Sunday School hour, she showed slides depicting the work of the missionaries.

During the afternoon, Rev. Holman Cowherd, our interim pastor, brought the message. A special mission offering was taken. (Mrs. Glen Hoerth, reporter.)

SHERWOOD PARK CHURCH BEGINS FALL PROGRAM

GREELEY, COLO.—Sherwood Park Baptist Church of Greeley, Colorado began its fall season with Christian Education Week, September 29-October 6.

September 29 was Promotion Sunday in our Sunday school. The young people were in charge of our evening service with the theme, "Christian Family Living." Tuesday night was visitation night. Our Wednesday night prayer service was conducted by various Sunday school teachers. Saturday evening was designated as "Family Night." Each family was asked to spend the evening together in their homes in fellowship and fun.

Sunday, October 6, was Rally Day with the Sunday school presenting a Promotion and Rally Day program during the evening service. (Mrs. Walter Wacker, reporter.)

Obituaries



BAGDALENA FORSCH

of Carbon, Alberta

Magdelena Forsch (nee Schell) was born at Neusatz, near Odessa, Russia, November 7, 1887. She passed away October 12, 1968 at the age of 80 years, 11 months.

She was born into the family of God in her youth. In 1909 she emigrated to the United States and settled in South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Forsch were married in 1909. They lived at McIntosh and Isabel, South Dakota until 1919 when they settled in the Carbon area. In 1943 they moved to Carbon.

Mrs. Forsch was a faithful member of the Freudental and Carbon Baptist churches.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her beloved husband; four daughters: Mrs. J. (Alma) Permann, Mrs. Viola Bertsch, Mrs. B. (Martha Ziegler of Carbon, and Ida, missionary in Cameroon; one son, Arthur of Drumheller; nine grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren; two sisters: Elizabeth Schock of Germany and Rose Zimmerman of Leader Sack and many relatives of Leader, Sask. and many relatives

Pastor F. Ohlmann and Pastor A. Gerber assisted Pastor B. Miller.
Carbon Baptist Church
Carbon, Alberta
BERT E. MILNER, pastor

RONALD HENRY HARMS of Aplington, Iowa

Ronald Henry Harms was born January 8, 1945 in Aplington. He lived his entire life in the Allison community.

He confessed Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, and on August 29, 1954 he was baptized by the Rev. Frank Veninga, and received into the fellowship of the Aplington Baptist Church.

In May of 1965 he entered the Iowa National Guard. Until the time of his marriage he had been engaged in farming with his

On January 28, 1967, he was united in marriage to Cheryl Eckhoff. Together they farmed near Allison.

farmed near Allison.

Ronald was suddenly and tragically taken last Thursday, October 10, at the age of 23, as the result of a tractor accident. Survivors include his wife, Cheryl; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harms; two sisters: Delores. Mrs. John Traux of O'Fallon, Ill., and Joyce at home; 3 nephews and 1 niece; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Bouko Ostercamp; and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Remmer Harms; as well as many other relatives and friends.

Ronald's quiet, unassuming manner will always be remembered by all who knew him. He faithfully served as an usher in the Aplington Baptist Church, always conveying a warm and pleasant cordiality to those whom he greeted at his post.

The funeral service was conducted Monday afternoon, October 14, from the Aplington Baptist Church, with the pastor, the Rev. Donald Patet, officiating.

Aplington Baptist Church Aplington, Iowa DONALD PATET, pastor

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JOHN BUTZ of Medicine Hat, Alberta

Mr. John Butz was born on October 15, 1894 in Austria. He passed away on August 29, 1968 of a heart attack while waiting in the clinic to consult the doctor. In his youth he came with his parents to Canada, settling in the Southey, Sask, area. He farmed until 1950 and retired to Medicine Hat Alberta

farmed until 1950 and retired to Medicine Hat, Alberta.

In his early teens he accepted Christ as Savior and was baptized upon confession of faith by Rev. Julius Pekrul. He joined the fellowship of the Southey Baptist Church. At his death he was a deacon in the Temple Baptist Church. He served his Lord well in various offices of the church. He was united in marriage to Julianna Scharer March 1, 1918. Last March they celebrated their Golden Anniversary. Seven children blessed their home. The oldest daughter passed away in 1942. He leaves to mourn his sudden departure his beloved wife; four sons: Harvey of Calgary; Raymond of Moose Jaw, Sask.; Wilfred of Toronto, Ont.; Edwin with the R.C.A.F. Trenton, Ont.; two daughters: Lillian, Mrs. F. Langford, and Grace, Mrs. J. Lang both of Southey; one brother George, Southey; four sisters: Mrs. Fred Kornelson, Swift Current, Sask.; Mrs. John Lindzmeyer, Regina, Sask.; Mrs. Dorothy Brandt, Tisdale, Sask.; Mrs. Mollie Orthner, Vancouver, B. C. 19 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Temple Baptist Church

Temple Baptist Church Medicine Hat, Alberta IRVIN H. SCHMULAND, pastor

GUSTAV BUCKHOLZ

of Edmonton, Alberta

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Mr. Gustav Buckholz was born on February 5, 1887 in Poland and raised in the home of his godly parents. In 1895 the Buckholz family emigrated to Canada. In Wetaskiwin, Alta. he was converted and bantized by the Rev. Bettig.

Since 1910 the deceased lived in Edmonton. Here he joined the Central Baptist Church. He was one of the few members who could still remember the building program and dedication services of the present church building. For many years he served as treasurer and secretary of the church and sang in the mixed choir.

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In October 1915 he married the former Miss Olga Littwin with whom he lived for almost 53 years. This family was blessed with 5 children. One son, Arthur preceded the deceased into eternity in his early infancy.

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The effects of a stroke contributed to his death on October 26, 1968. He died at the age of 81, 8 months and 21 days.

Among his mourning relatives are: his loving wife, Mrs. Olga Buckholz; 4 daughters: Mrs. Madeline Pape of Edmonton, Mrs. Joyce Jones and Mrs. Iris Lipinski, both of Toronto, Ont., and Miss Agnes Buckles, of Edmonton; 4 grandsons and 4 granddaughters; 2 sisters and 4 brothers and other relatives and friends.

Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta

, Alberta REV. R. HOHENSEE, pastor

EMIL ARNDT of Winnipeg, Manitoba

Mr. Emil Arndt was born on October 13, 1903 and died in the Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg on October 30, 1968 at the age

of 65.

On November 3, 1924 Emil was united in marriage to Helen Barsuhn and the marriage was blessed with 6 children, one of whom preceded the father in death.

In 1927 Emil gave his heart to the Lord, was baptized by Rev. D. Adam and became a member of the church in Liebenfelde. East Prussia. Emil loved his Lord and served from time to time as an assistant minister in the various mission stations of minister in the various mission stations of the Baptist church of Koenigsberg.

He was a soldier in the German army

during the last war and served his country on the Eastern Front.

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During the month of January 1945 the family had to flee from Koenigsberg to West Germany where they lived until 1951 when Brother Arndt and his family migrated to Canada. In Winnipeg, he joined the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of which he was a faithful member until his departure. He served as a Sunday cashol teacher and He served as a Sunday school teacher and a member in the Men's Chorus. He was

a member in the Men's Chorus. He was carpenter by occupation.

Mr. Arndt leaves to mourn his beloved wife; three daughters: Sonja Roeder of Winnipeg, Erika Aulter, Stuttgard, Germany; Debby Glennie of Winnipeg; two sons: Alfred of Winnipeg and Martin of Thompson, Manitoba; his stepfather in Zelle, Germany and three sisters: Gertrude Jaeckel, Else Rogge, Frieda Recke, all of Germany; 10 grandchildren and a host of friends and neighbors.

McDermot Avenue Baptist Church Winnipeg, Manitoba

WALTER STEIN, pastor

ANNA BUSS of Columbus, Nebraska

of Columbus, Nebraska

Mrs. Anna Buss was born January 24,
1890 in Platte County, Nebraska. She was
married to Walter Krause in November,
1913. Mr. Krause was taken from her by
death on January 3, 1915. In March, 1921,
she was married to Bernard Buss. His death
occurred November 12, 1940.

Mrs. Buss was an active member of the
Shell Creek Baptist Church. During her
earlier years, her activities in her Lord's
service included teaching in the Sunday
school and membership in the Women's
Missionary Society. She was taken in death
on June 26, 1968, after an illness of four
months.

Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Lydia

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Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Lydia Gehring of Monroe and Miss Doris Buss of Columbus; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two sisters; Mrs. Hulda Menke and Mrs. Ida Behlen of Columbus. She was preceded in death by her husbands, parents, two infant brothers, a sister, Lena Albers, and a sister in infancy.

Funeral and graveside services were held in the Shell Creek Baptist Church and Cemetery on June 29, 1968.

Shell Creek Baptist Church Columbus, Nebraska

ELWYN ZIMMERMAN, pastor

JOSEPHINE BORCHERS

of Pomona, California Mrs. Josephine Borchers was born March 4, 1894, in Platte County, Nebraska, Having 24, 1894, in Platte County, Nebraska. Having received Christ as Savior and Lord of her life, she was baptized in the Shell Creek Baptist Church of rural Columbus, Nebraska, on August 13, 1905, by pastor William Pappenhausen. On February 17, 1915, she was married to the Reverend John Borchers at the Shell Creek Church. After serving churches in Gotebo, Oklahoma, Ellinwood, Kansas, and Chancellor, South Dakota, she and her husband returned to the Shell Creek Baptist Church where he served as pastor from 1942 to 1950. After a brief retirement in Columbus, her husband died in 1953 Since that time, Mrs. Borchers resided in Pomona, California. She went to be with the Lord September 1, 1968, following an Surviving are one son, Kenneth; a grand-daughter; are one son, Kenneth; a grand-daughter; are one son, Kenneth;

Surviving are one son, Kenneth; a grand-daughter; two sisters: Mrs. Lillian Kuper of Salem, Oregon, and Mrs. Elsie Wetgen of Columbus. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and one sister, Mamie.

Funeral services were held at her home church, the Shell Creek Baptist Church, and burial was in the Shell Creek Baptist emetery. Shell Creek Baptist Church

Columbus, Nebraska ELWYN L. ZIMMERMAN, pastor

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The Church and Its Mission

by Herbert Hiller

(This is one of the 6 manifestoes that was presented at the Continental Congress on Evangelism in Washington D. C. October 10-13, 1968.)

HE CHRISTIAN Church. throughout history appreciated, loved, zealously supported by some, and despised, betrayed, persecuted by others. is still here in this sin-ridden, selfish. hate-filled world. It is assailed on all fronts and beset by many dangers, but not doomed. Merely tolerated by many people and passed up as inconsequential, it is blessed by those who know its worth as one of the great miracles of the ages, a tower of tested strength and truth, an island of peace in a restless sea of trouble, because it is the Church of the Living God and the Body of Christ. In this living organism every member is important as he functions co-operatively with other members and all in direct obedience to Christ, its Head. And those who are in Christ constitute the new humanity, the elect community or fellowship of the faithful which God has chosen for the salvation of the world. This gathered church is the result of His mighty acts in the Life, Death, and Resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. He is the Glorious Gospel of God, entrusted to us, the saving message the church must never tire to proclaim and relate to the vexing problems of a tormented humanity. And as God gave Himself in Christ for all the world His church must give itself with dedication to His Great Commission of carrying the glad tidings to the ends of the earth through the testimony of lips, lives, labors, leadership, and liberality.

We recognize that the church has its splendor and its shame, its strength and its weaknesses, it has, as has been said, "many critics but no rivals in the work of redemption, and there is no limit to the good it can do in this needy world. Certainly while the world is at its worst, the church must be at its best:

1) In Worship, where in hushed corporate waiting before God souls are calmed, cleansed, established, fitted for life's living and committed to Godgiven tasks, as they are pointed to Christ as Savior and Standard of Conduct and receive their directions from Him. In a time of proccupation with East and West, Left and Right they become solemnly aware that there is also an Above and Below, and in this vertical relationship weighty issues are determined for time and eternity. O for more meaningful, di-

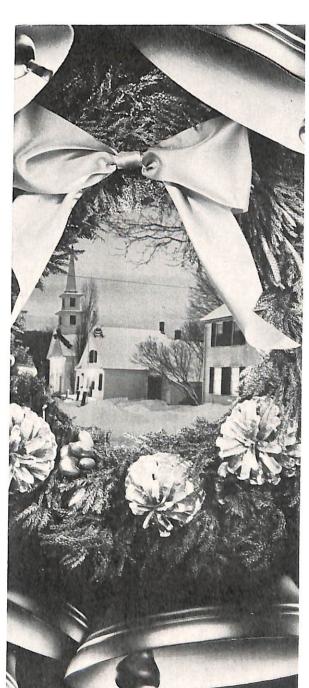


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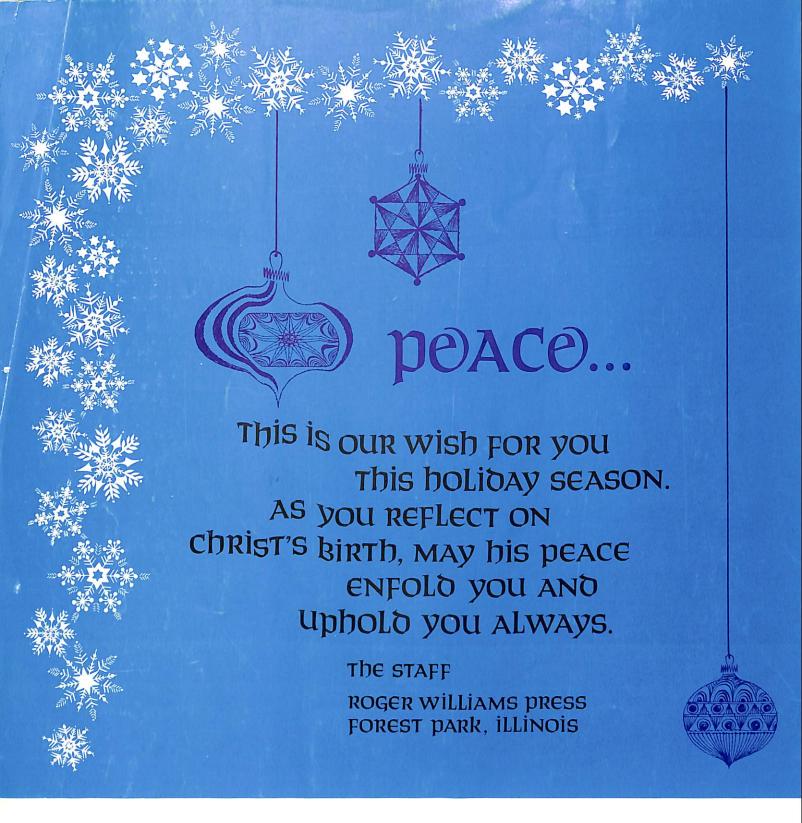
mensional worship in our churcheshonest to God, faithful, soulful, transforming, for in that holy hour life's most stubborn problems are treated at their source!

2) In Work and Sacrifice will genuine goodness express itself, for (as the Master said) streams of blessing will flow from lives which are ordered by the Scriptures. Whether teaching, preaching, healing or lifting all sorts of burdens of responsibility they will render distinctive service, doing even little tasks for great reasons. By God's grace men are saved to serve others. Working while it is still day, going about doing good is the Conqueror's way of living, of making the world's "contemptibles" God's "invincibles." Surely there are some things that speak louder than words. After all the nice and strong words have been said, it is the action, the deed that counts in the end. The world situation with its formidable array of problems today calls for souls of daring who ask no wage for extreme service and sacrifice, no limitation of hours: that kind of Christians will once again outthink, out-live and out-love the materialism, pessimism, and frustration of this embittered world. 3) The Witness in Continental

Evangelism and Missions abroad is the church's primary mission. Human society will never be Christianized unless individuals are converted and committed to Christ. Hence the Church needs to take its soul-winning task more seriously, stop competing with the world's entertainment and face men and women with the claims of Christ upon their short and troubled lives. Beginning at home, in the immediate neighborhood, throughout our native land, across the entire continent and around the globe, Christ is to be made known, loved, obeyed as Savior and Lord and His praises multiplied in ever-new "colonies of Heaven" where God's Love can shine in kindling witness, in Christian virtues and good works.

When Baptists will start to serve His cause at least with the same promptness, thoroughness and regularity, the same devotion and diligence that others give to the service of causes less deserving, the breath of God will be upon His Church and mighty things will again be done in His name.

Dr. Herbert Hiller is the pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Woodside, New York.



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