

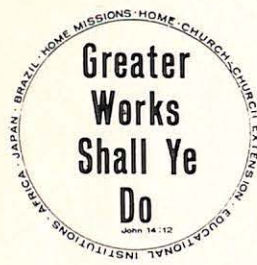
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**WE
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EASTERN CONFERENCE WMU

The churches of the Eastern Conference are located in Ontario, western New York and western Pennsylvania. We have a total of 26 missionary societies, with an approximate membership of 525. The first recorded minutes of the Eastern Conference "Schwesternbund" relate that the place of meeting was Buffalo, New York, August 31, 1930; Mrs. Hamel of Rochester, N. Y. was president, and Mrs. Argow of Erie, Pa., vice-president. Both are deceased. Eleven societies reported a total membership of 391, with designated money of \$874.00.

About three-quarters of our societies are in city churches and the rest in rural areas. In 1967 the first Eastern Conference Women's Retreat was held at the lovely LeTourneau Christian Camp on Lake Canandaigua, New York. This time of spiritual revitalization and Christian fellowship received the enthusiastic support of young and old. The attendance reached into the eighties, with this year's retreat going beyond and reaching the 135 mark.

Earlier projects: in checking through past minutes it is interesting to note that the Women's Societies of the Eastern Conference contributed \$1,000 to the Seminary Building Fund, \$600 to the World Relief, \$1,500 to Church Extension as well as to other projects.

The last two years brought two new societies into our fellowship from recently organized churches: the Zion Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., and the Pineland Baptist Church of Burlington, Ontario.

The influx of immigrants in recent years presented some language barriers in some of our churches.

Though we are one of the smaller groups of our denominational constituency, we do endeavor to serve with hand and heart. Through our united efforts we experience a close fellowship and get to know each other better at retreats and conferences. Our prayerful concern is that we will be faithful to do GREATER WORKS for Christ in this triennium.

—by Mrs. Fred Mashner,
Erie, Pa., President,
Eastern Conference WMU

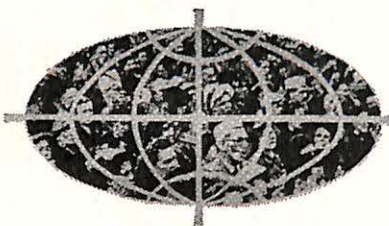
**8,000 EXPECTED AT 1969
EVANGELISM CONGRESS
IN MINNEAPOLIS**

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—(ABNS)—A United States counterpart to the 1966 World Congress of Evangelism in Berlin has been announced with dates set for Sept. 8-14, 1969.

The congress is expected to draw some 8,000 religious leaders from North America to the Minneapolis auditorium where the seven-day program will focus attention on the needs of America for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann of St. Louis, speaker on the internationally broadcast Lutheran Hour, has accepted the position as chairman of the congress. Evangelist Billy Graham will serve as honorary chairman.

The Minneapolis congress is one of several planned since the 1966 Berlin session. An African Congress was held in July this year; an Asia-South Pacific Congress is planned for Singapore this fall. One is planned in Latin America early in 1969.



**BAPTIST SERVICES IN
CZECHOSLOVAKIA UNDISTURBED**

PRAGUE.—(ABNS) As far as can be determined, the 26 Baptist churches and 100 mission stations in Czechoslovakia have not been disturbed in carrying on their worship services. At times, however, attendance has been reduced because of transportation difficulties.

This is the report of Stanislav Svec, secretary of the Baptist Union in Czechoslovakia, with headquarters here. Svec also is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Prague. The union's churches have a total of nearly 4,200 members, according to most recent statistics.

Svec gave this information about the Czechoslovakian churches while in Hamburg, Germany, attending the meeting of the council of the European Baptist Federation. "Last Sunday, when I told my congregation I was going to Hamburg, they asked me to bring their warm greetings to you," he told the council, composed of representatives from national unions of Baptist work throughout Europe.

"We will remain faithful to God's word and continue to be witnesses," Svec added. "The churches in Czechoslovakia will continue to fulfill the task given to us by Jesus Christ."

"How deeply we have been moved by

your sympathy," Svec said. "We are very thankful for the spiritual fellowship which has remained unbroken. Do not fear for us."

**EAST BERLIN GOVERNMENT
CANCELS PROTESTANT
CONGRESS**

BERLIN, GERMANY.—(ABNS)—A regional Protestant church congress in East Berlin, scheduled for Sept. 27-29, has been cancelled by its organizers at the "request" of the Communist city government. It was learned that authorities have given as a reason for their demand "the tense political situation in East Berlin."

**2 YOUTHS APPOINTED TO ABC
STRUCTURE COMMISSION**

VALLEY FORGE, PA.—(ABNS) In answer to the request of the American Baptist Convention in Boston that young people under 30 be given responsible positions on decision-making bodies, two young people were appointed to serve on the 23-member Study Commission on Denominational Structure.

NEWS & VIEWS

**ONE BAPTIST CHURCH
REGISTERED**

UNDER NEW SPANISH LAW

RUSCHLIKON, SWITZERLAND.—(ABNS) One church of the Spanish Baptist Union has solicited registration with the official agency of the government, but the union's 50 other churches have so far declined to register under terms of the so-called new religious liberty law there.

"The Spanish Baptist Union . . . came to an almost unanimous agreement to maintain dialogue with the Interministerial Committee on Religious Liberty of the government, but without registering," said the Rev. Pedro Bonet Such, Barcelona pastor who is president of the union.

He was speaking to the European Baptist Men's Conference meeting here.

Bonet said, "it must be regretted" that one church, the Second Baptist Church of Madrid, which was closed by the government between 1954 and 1963, in the Spanish Baptist Union has filed for registration. Two other churches in the union have shown an interest in registering.

Baptists number nearly 5,000 out of a total of 30,000 Spanish Protestants. According to Bonet, less than one-third of the Protestant churches have registered under the new law.

Editorial

"MESSENGERS OF THE GOSPEL"

"And now go forth into the world, Messenger of the Gospel! Make your way near and far. Enter into every house wherever you are welcome and extend the warm greeting which your Master has taught you in these words, 'Peace be unto this house!' Be unashamed to face those who are not friendly disposed to you. Speak out the truth without any fear of man. Do not offend intentionally, but in the same way do not unduly praise the deeds of men. At all times give praise and honor to God!"

These words are taken from the editorial in the first issue of our first denominational periodical which appeared in 1853. This periodical, DER SENDBOTE, has appeared continuously since then. The Publication Society was called into being by the first General Conference in 1865 and charged with the responsibility of taking over and coordinating the existing publication interests.

The BAPTIST HERALD appeared as a result of General Conference action in 1922 and today is the larger of our two semi-monthly periodicals with a circulation of just under 9,000.

Our third major publication is the devotional quarterly, MOMENTS WITH GOD, which appeared four years ago. We now print approximately 11,500 copies each quarter.

Interest in the publication of Sunday school material was expressed in the very first Conference. Sunday school papers and lesson helps have been printed from time to time. In addition, your Publication Society has served as a center from which the churches could secure Sunday school materials of their choice. The most important contribution in this field has come with the implementation of an imprint program whereby we are able to offer Roger Williams Press Sunday school material as our material to the churches. The volume of business in Sunday school materials has increased four fold over that which it was before an imprint program was being considered. More than 400 orders are received and processed each quarter.

Another important phase of the ministry of your Publication Society is the printing of much of the promotional material, study books and bulletins used and distributed by the denomination and cooperating societies. Our periodicals, some of our study books and promotional literature are farmed out for printing for economic reasons in some instances, because of the limitations of the equipment we possess and also because the volume of work is more than we have been able to handle. Nevertheless, by the time this calendar year will have passed we expect that approximately five tons of paper will have passed through our printing machines.

It is our desire, in our multi-branched ministry today, to continue in the spirit expressed in that first editorial.

—Guest editorial by Rev. Eldon Janzen,
Manager, Roger Williams Press.

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"THE MAN who does not read good books," said Mark Twain, "has no advantage over the man who cannot read." Of all the multiple ministries of present-day churches, the church library fills one of the most definite needs. This is true because so few people buy books of inspiration, Bible study, or doctrine.

You say you don't have time to read? It is a matter of disciplining your time. All of us spend too much time doing less important things when we could be reading. Carry a small book or magazine with you to read on the train or plane; pull one out while waiting for appointments at the barber shop, the beauty shop, or in the doctor's office.

Why should you spend time reading? A man's mental life is molded by what he reads. His understanding of the world about him is broadened or limited or limited by the extent of his reading. Books are mind-stretchers that expand mental capacity. Modern man quickly finds that his waist gets larger and his mind smaller unless he does something drastic about each of them.

Unfortunately, some books are blights instead of blessings. One of the finest functions of the church library is to teach selectivity. Many readers spend their time on trash and trivia, or succumb to the avalanche of filthy literature that spills over our newsstand. The responsibility of the church library is to provide literature of substance which will make an important contribution to the lives of the men, women and children of the church.

In the Bible we find both precept and example from God concerning writing. He commanded many of His servants to write. Through the centuries, He has used and blessed the written word. The Bible, especially, is designed to inspire, to inform, to imprint the lives of men.

INSPIRATION

Emerson said that often the reading of a book affected the future of an individual. This was true in the life of Abraham Lincoln.

In partnership with another man, Lincoln owned a broken-down, nearly bankrupt business—a general store. One slow day a group of the men were sitting outside, talking. "If I could just sell my part," said Lincoln, "for enough to pay my obligations, and have for my share one copy of *Blackstone's Study of Law*, I would be willing to sell out."

His friends laughed. That was just like Lincoln—willing to settle for a book.

A little later, a wagon pulled up in front. In it, an emigrating family bore the gauntness of hunger on their faces. "We are behind schedule," the man said, "We had bad luck on the trail. We've run out of money, and there isn't much left we can part with, but I have one barrel—I'd sell it to you



WHY READ BOOKS?

by R. Earl Allen

for 50 cents."

Lincoln started to send the man on his way, but he saw the drawn face of the wife, tight-lipped, fearful, and hungry. When Lincoln saw the despair on her face, he reached into his pocket and pulled out a fifty-cent piece—the last cent he had. He gave it to the man. Without another word, the man rolled the barrel off the wagon and went on his way.

"Why don't you get your treasure inside?" one of the men asked Lincoln at dusk. "You don't want to leave it out here all night." When Lincoln began rolling the barrel into the store, he could hear something thumping around inside. He reached in to investigate. First, he pulled out only a handful of rags. His long arm reached again, and in the very bottom of the barrel his hand closed on a book. He stared at it in amazed disbelief. It was *Blackstone*! This was a moment of destiny in the life of one of the world's greatest men. One book can make all the difference!

"The best part of a book," said Oliver Wendell Holmes, "is not the thought it contains, but the thought it suggests to us." Its importance lies

in what it does to us—the thought it stirs, the song it inspires, the action it prompts.

INFORMATION

"The words of the wise are as prodding goads," said Solomon, "and firmly fixed in the mind like nails are the collected sayings" (Eccl. 12:11, *Amp.*).

A nail is used for fastening together, for holding an object securely, and also as a peg to hang up things. Truth, Solomon is saying, is the foundation to which man must be fastened securely, and his knowledge of truth comes from reading. The word has always been mightier than the sword. It burns into the inner recesses of a man's being to make him feel that life is worth living and the truth worth dying for.

We in America should be grateful for the educational opportunities we have. We are constantly bombarded with new books, some good, some bad. In a recent year, 730 million books were published in America. But 720 million of them were comic books! How few are the books of truth, of inspiration, of worthwhile information! Few homes today seem to have bookcases. Most people feel that if they have a magazine rack they have a library. Their children will never be taught to love books, to feel that intellect should be valued, to recognize that the mind needs to be exercised.

God frequently commanded men to write. To Isaiah He said, "note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever" (30:8). There are some things that must be kept, that must not be forgotten. The risen Christ directed the aged Apostle John, "Write the things which thou has seen, and the things which shall be hereafter" (Rev. 1:19).

IMPRESSION

A third symbol of the written word given in the Bible is the engraving tool—the "iron pen."

"Oh, that my words were now written!" cried Job. "Oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever! For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" (19:23-25).

In the dark, dismal days of Job's life, he wanted the great lessons he had learned written permanently for posterity. If his suffering and sorrow were to be remembered by his friends and enemies, he also wanted them to remember that he had a great God. He knew that his Redeemer lived forever, and that he, Job, would see Him one day. This was the assurance that Job wanted written down in a book.

I have officiated at memorial services when I could not help thinking, "What a waste to bury his mind, to bury this pen. What a waste!" A man's words were ended; he would write no more books. Yet when I went back

to my study to hold in my hands the books he wrote, I recognized that his words were not ended. He had given to me his immortality of thought, the ideas he treasured, the outpouring of his spirit which was eternal.

Books are not only to be reviewed, they are to be revered. I love, not only to take books into my hands, but into my heart. When I look on the flyleaf of a book and see the signature there of someone I have loved and who has gone on before me, when I see the things that made this book live for him, I feel I have a part of his life remaining with me.

Books should never be treated lightly. They are the products of man's mind. If you want to crush a man, destroy his book. It is a part of himself, of the expression of his personality. One of my greatest joys has been the baptizing of a convert of my pen. I know what Faulkner meant when, as he was dying, he asked to be rolled into his book room. There he said to his family, "I don't mind dying, but I hate to leave my books."

When Paul approached his time of dying, he asked for three things. "Bring the cloak which I left at Troas . . . and the books, but especially the parchments" (2 Tim. 4:13). "Bring me my cloak"—the body has its needs, its hungry and thirsty, and it is not to be neglected. God is interested in the whole man.

"Bring me my books," Paul wrote Timothy. I wish he had named them. Were they books written by Gamaliel, or some other learned teacher of the Jews? Perhaps Paul is saying, "The only way I can rise above this jail cell is to focus my mind on other things. My mind craves books."

Or is he saying, "Bring me the book"? For the real essentials of life are not merely physical and mental, but spiritual as well. Man is no animal made only for bed and bread, but a creature made by God with eternal longings.

When Sir Walter Scott was approaching death, he spoke haltingly, almost incoherently, to his son: "Bring me the book." The son brought the novel he knew was the favorite from his father's pen. Weakly rejecting it, the old man said again, "Son, bring me the book."

"Which book?" asked the son. "There is just one Book!" the great writer said.

There is just one Book! Neglect all others, but don't neglect this, or you will be nothing; for this is the recipe for all that God would have us be. "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein" (Rev. 1:3).

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What Is the Roger Williams Press?

by Jothan G. Benke

EVERY child sooner or later comes to the parents and asks, "Where did I come from?" Today we ask the question, how did Roger Williams Press come into being? What is its purpose and function?

The German Baptist Publication Society was organized in 1865 to bring together the publishing of several publications by individuals in the Eastern and the Western conferences of our denomination. The primary purpose of the conference delegates was to provide a German religious paper for the German Baptists of our land. The Publication Society also sponsored the work of the Bible colporteurs. These men carried a pack of books and tracts suspended from neck and shoulder and later travelled in horse-drawn wagons. The urge to spread the Gospel compelled them to engage in this strenuous work. Many of them conducted meetings in new areas, won souls for Christ and started new churches. They were carrying on a Church Extension Work.

Under the leadership of Philip Bickel the Publication Society legally incorporated in 1870 in Cincinnati, Ohio and in 1871 the headquarters were moved to Cleveland, Ohio. In 1958 it was decided that the Publication house in Cleveland be discontinued and be combined with the denominational headquarters office in Forest Park, Ill. This move was finalized in 1960.

In keeping with the change of name of our denomination and its various societies the General Conference in 1944 decided that the name of the German Baptist Publication Society be changed to Roger Williams Press.

Religious illiteracy is one of the disturbing and dangerous marks of our time. Real knowledge of the Bible and its glorious truths, as tests and questionnaires show, is on the decline. Daniel Webster saw the danger, and declared, "If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses of this country. . . I do not know what is to become of us as a nation. . .

If the truth is not diffused, error will be. . . . If the power of the Gospel is not felt throughout the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness will reign without mitigation or end."

The Roger Williams Press has a great share in spreading God's Word through the printed page. The denominational publications keep you in touch with the challenge and blessings of God's work as it is carried on through our General Conference. The Sunday School literature department supplies the teaching materials that are so vital in our teaching ministry with youth and adults in a world of frustration and confusion. The book department provides Bibles and Bible study helps. Thrilling missionary stories, study course books, exciting fiction, and heart-warming devotional books are made available for you. The Book Club is designed to help you, as an individual or as a church, to build an enriching, well-balanced library. Books on doctrine and inspiration, challenge and comfort, study material and pure enjoyment are offered. Their purpose is to expand your world, and help overcome the religious illiteracy. Roger Williams Press is dedicated to the task of serving the denomination in every possible way, but especially by means of the printed Word. The message of God's redemptive love is carried to wherever eager hands and hearts reach out for the printed page. It is our privilege and responsibility to see that they do not reach out in vain.

Dr. V. Raymond Edman once said that the future of the world lies more with books than it does with bombs, and that for all the modern inventions and twentieth-century development of power, the pen is still mightier than the sword. Believing this to be true, we trust that the books and other Christian literature provided by Roger Williams Press will speak in a powerful way to every reader. If "a man is

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The Experiences of Writing

by James A. Schacher



"HUH, THAT'S religious junk. Why should I read that?" may be a comment you have overheard as a non-Christian snaps a tract toward the gutter. This illustrates the dilemma of Christian literature. How can the written word be presented so that those who need it will read it?

HIS MAGAZINE has utilized art work which communicates to college students. YOUTH FOR CHRIST MAGAZINE has adopted a fresh teenage format under the name of CAMPUS LIFE. The American Tract Society produces colorful salvation tracts entitled "Is Life Worth Living?" "Happy Birthday," "The Last Countdown" and "Meet a Thief." Recently it has originated a special series known as "Collegiate Conversationalists." This includes such eye-catchers as "Get Lost" and "The Surfer."

These are attempts to confront our modern world with the Good News. They represent an encouraging advance from the cheap news-print tract with crowded printing of years past. Even though more thousands of such leaflets could be purchased and distributed, it is questionable whether many unbelievers outside of the skid row society ever read them.

What are the opportunities for Christian writers? The field is especially open in the area of freelance writing for magazines. If you have encountered something meaningful in your own Christian life there is bound to be an interested publisher. Editorial needs range from "how-to-do-it's" and interview testimonies to fiction and poetry. However, the general devotional article is least in demand. These are so plentiful that the average devotional must be done in a superior fashion to sell.

What should be one's reason for writing for publication? Appropriate at this point is the matter of motivation. It should consist of an awareness that Christian editors are clamoring for competent material. They yearn for manuscripts which will water the spiritual desert, soothe the emotional

anguish and dispel the intellectual confusion of people sinking within a human whirlpool.

If one wishes to see one's name in print or merely to do something exciting one will become disappointed. It may take 10 years or more to begin selling regularly. The cold, impersonal notes, known as rejection slips, will soon dissuade anyone who is not gripped by an inner, erupting urgency. This may be similar in some ways to a call to the ministry. Something has happened in your experience and now you must share it. In contrast, trying to write just for the sake of writing is irksome. Sitting down to the typewriter when one has nothing to say is about as attractive as prayer was to the Gethsemane disciples. It becomes drudgery. James L. Johnson, Christian novelist, has called his writing room a dungeon. He feels that it is as nerve-wrecking as work on some mission fields. But there is a job to be done. Whether you like it or not, God may be laying His hand on your shoulder to do it.

"How can I find the time to write?" is a natural question. It takes discipline. One must plan the work and then stick with it. This means sitting down to write when other baseball fans are rooting for pennant contenders playing on national television. It means that spare moments must be used with intense concentration. It means that in order to allow for recreation or relaxation, even this must be planned into the schedule.

Secondly, everyone must evaluate what is most important. Priorities must be established. First things such as occupation, family and church must come first. But other nonessentials must be discarded. It is better to say no than to end up performing a flood of tasks halfheartedly.

What study opportunities are available for the Christian writer? Each year DECISION MAGAZINE conducts a School of Christian Writing at the Billy Graham Headquarters in Minneapolis. It is usually held in June

and a very nominal fee is charged. Correspondence schools include "The Personalized Writing Course," directed by Norman B. Rohrer, Box 277, La-Canada, California 91011 and "Christian Writers Institute" sponsored by CHRISTIAN LIFE MAGAZINE, Gunderson Drive and Schmale Roan, Wheaton, Illinois 60187. The cost varies from \$45.00 to \$150.00.

Local colleges offer many courses in journalism. Various books are available, such as *Techniques of Christian Writing* by Benjamin P. Browne and *Writing For Christian Publications* by Edith Tiller Ostayee.

If you were to take a course of instruction in Christian writing, what could you expect to gain? You would receive constructive criticism on your manuscript assignments. The mechanics of margin widths and estimating the number of words is explained. You study how to submit a query to an editor in which you explain your key idea. This saves dollars in wasted postage because you will discover if the article is relevant to the magazine's needs and you may gain specific advice on how to revise the manuscript.

It would instruct you with regard to the vital matter of "slant." Each publication strives to communicate to a certain kind of reader. A top notch article may not sell to CHRISTIAN ECONOMICS, but it may be fitting for THE CHRISTIAN MOTHER. CHRISTIAN LIFE long has emphasized the "how-we-did-it" approach rather than "how-to-do-it." Other slant differences will be clarified such as the magazine's age level, doctrinal position and denominational affiliation. Also the length of a story and even the number of words in sentences and paragraphs vary with the periodical.

You will gain experience in the use of language. One of the most common pitfalls is the overuse of adjectives. Instead, you will obtain guided practice in selecting figures of speech to get across your idea. A single metaphor or simile can replace hundreds of words of description. Also colorful

verbs in the active voice, but used with occasional auxiliaries, perform the best job. For example, instead of saying, "With the flick of a switch the deserted stadium was filled with a bright, dazzling light that shimmered," it could be rephrased to say, "With a flick the lights of the deserted stadium flashed on with the glare of noon-day brightness."

By now you may wonder how to write simply and yet use good literary style. This is a common problem. A group of writers working on a Bible commentary were admonished to gear their vocabulary to the fifth grade level. But study and training will aid you to use all of these basic elements.

There is a demand for Christian writers who will assault these obstacles. Christian workers could multiply the effect of their local ministry if they would just write about what has worked for them. Then there is the possibility that some of the unreachables in our urban penthouses, suburbs, and rural communities might read the message of hope and reconciliation in the SATURDAY EVENING POST—if some fiction specialists would sharpen their skills so that they could speak through the "slick magazine" field.

How about you? Could it be that God is challenging you to help close up the communications gap in this secular society?

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WHAT IS THE ROGER WILLIAMS PRESS?

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what he reads," we believe that the Christian's maturity and spiritual power will grow in direct proportion to the time and effort given to his reading of spiritual materials. This is our responsibility and privilege in the stewardship of Christian literature to provide the best possible reading materials and to keep open this channel of communication that honors Christ, his truths and his Word!

We are grateful to God for the faithful workers who have had a part in the ongoing ministry of the Roger Williams Press. May it always be the prayer of every North American Baptist that our Publication Society might serve to strengthen Christian life and character and through the printed word lead unsaved people to the living Christ.

Rev. Jothan G. Benke is the pastor of the West Center Street Baptist Church. He is also serving as chairman of the Roger Williams Press Board of Trustees during this triennium.

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From Idea To Finished Product

There is no Magic Bookmaking Machine

by Dorothy Pritzkau

BOOKS, newspapers, handbooks—we tend to take them for granted. We buy them and enjoy their fresh, crisp newness. Rarely do we stop to think about how they came to be, what "blood, sweat and tears" went into their production. Just what is involved in the production of a publication—a handbook, for instance? Come with me and we will follow the progress of this publication from its inception as an idea to its final emergence as a bright and promising new handbook.

THE NEED

First of all, there has to be a reason for its production. There must be a need for it. In some cases this need becomes evident through inquiries and requests channeled to our various departments. In other cases, the need is anticipated before inquiries are made, and in still other cases, a department will go into a new area of ministry or seek to provide material custom-made for our denominational needs. The need determines the purpose and content of the proposed publication.

THE AUTHOR

Secondly, an author must be found. Denominational staff workers, laymen, professors at the North American Baptist College or Seminary or others will be considered. Perhaps the nature of the publication will permit a number of people to contribute. Who is best qualified and, perhaps more practically, who will be able to devote the time to it? The suggested writer or writers are contacted, the nature and purpose of the publication is discussed with them and word limits and deadlines are set.

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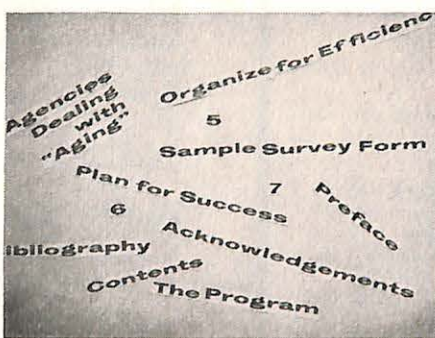
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Decisions as to format must be made. What size will the publication be? What size and style should be used? What size and style should be a commercial artist be asked to submit ideas, or will the design be worked out in the office?

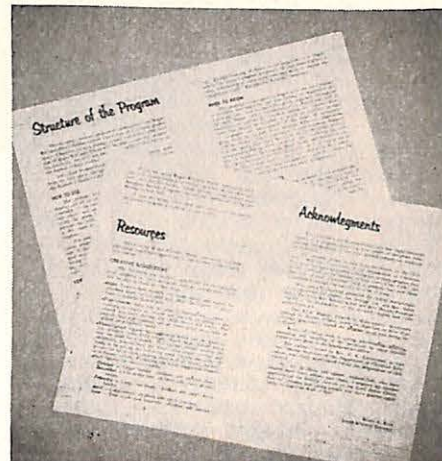


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Miss Tomenchuk is called on to make maps, charts, order forms, bulletin inserts, handbooks, manuals, and advertising layouts among other things. Her work gives the material a professional touch.

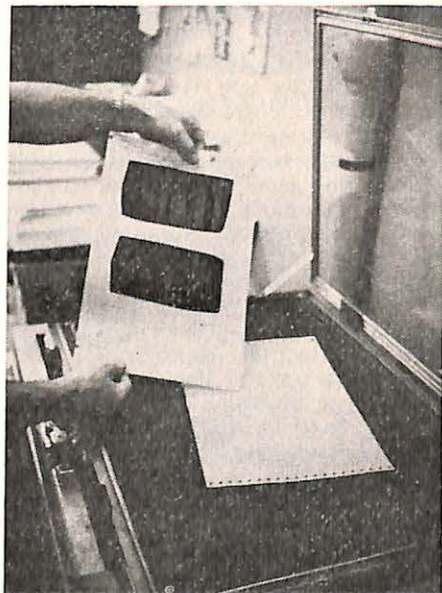


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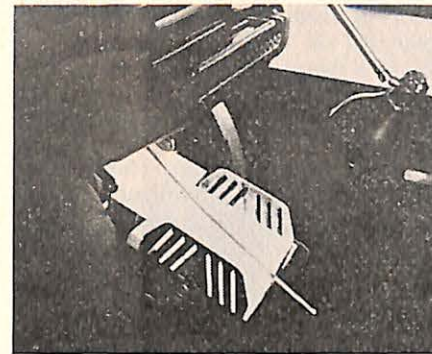


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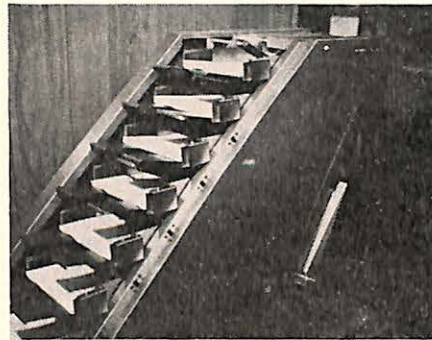


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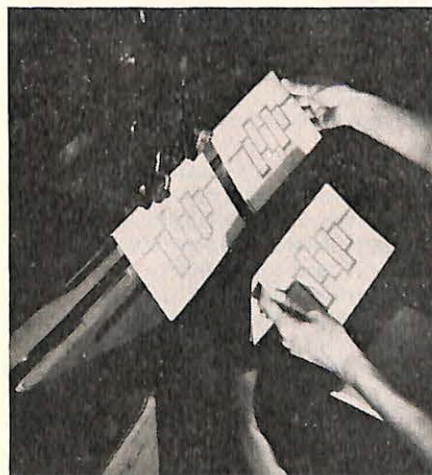


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When the multilithing is finished, the pages are placed in the collator and come out ready for the booklet fold.



The stapling machine is especially designed for stapling booklets.

There is one last step which must be

completed before the handbook is put on the market. An application for copyright must be filed with the Registrar of Copyrights, Library of Congress in Washington, D. C. The fact that a publication is copyrighted means

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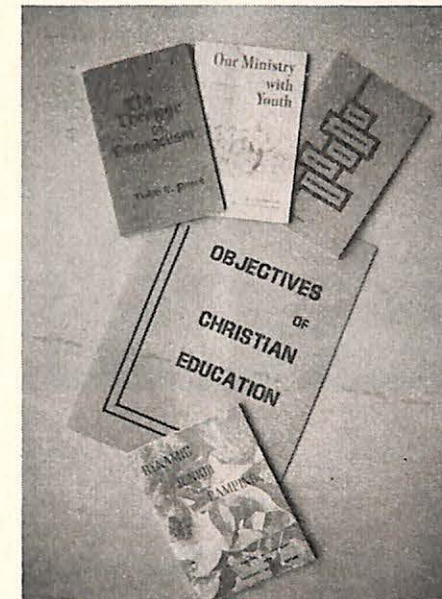
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THE DISTRIBUTION

Advertising may include articles and information placed in the BAPTIST HERALD, flyers sent out with other mailings, direct mail, or advertising in other periodicals. The purpose and use of the publication is explained in workshops and conferences.

Many people are involved in the production of a publication. Prayer was involved in the decision to produce it and in regard to its writers, purpose and content. Prayer is offered in behalf of those who will use it, that they will be blessed and God honored. The reader is perhaps the most important person involved. It is for him that the publication was made. He is the final beneficiary and critic.

Miss Dorothy Pritzkau is the editor of Christian Education Literature, North American Baptist General Conference.



God's Volunteers Team I Reports

by Ginny Van Kirk

God's Volunteers were divided into their respective two teams on September 3, 1968.

Members of Team I pictured above are as follows: Heinz Korsch, Kelowna, B. C.; Johanna Lueck, Milwaukee, Wis.; Terry Folkerts, Steamboat Rock, Iowa; Christine Walker, West Fargo,

N. Dak.; Ginny Van Kirk, Lansing, Mich.; Sheryl Hammerstrom, Lennox, S. Dak.; and the director Rev. Edgar Klatt.

We as a team we are looking forward to the following year and we believe that God will richly bless if we give Him "first place."



God's Volunteers Team II Reports

by Joyce Giedt

From four states and one Canadian province we came to become the God's Volunteers Team II. Under the capable direction of our fearless leader, Rev. Connie Salios, we diligently trained for this coming year's tour.

Our training ground was the beautiful new North American Baptist College campus in Edmonton, Alberta. We were welcomed by all the students on this campus and received much help from the President, Dr. A. S. Felberg.

Two men greatly aided us also, in these first days of organization. The informative course in youth work was taught by Rev. Bruce Rich, the secretary of Christian education. Rev. Daniel Fuchs, director of evangelism, led our orientation program and the evangelism class. The man who probably saw more of us than any other person was our music leader, Rev. Edgar Klatt, the director of Team I.

Our first week, besides the hectic auditioning, was highlighted by the groups' first door-to-door canvass experience. The first day in this work was accentuated by the conversion of a teenage girl, an experience which has encouraged all our efforts in this ministry.

Before continuing in this work, we would like to introduce ourselves per-



Our team receives instructions from Dr. A. S. Felberg, president, N.A.B. College.

Pictured above are Joyce Giedt (l. to r.), Kenneth Feske, Phyllis Busch, Rev. Connie Salios, Frances Gould, Sheila Anderson and David Ehman.

sonally. We hope this will enable you to support us individually with your personal prayers.

David Ehman, our group leader, is a member of the First Baptist Church in Steamboat Rock, Iowa, where his father is the pastor. After this year's



Our team appreciated the course taught by Rev. Bruce Rich, Director of youth ministry for North American Baptists, and presented him with a small gift.

tour, he plans to again attend North Dakota State University where he will be a senior majoring in psychology.

Francis Gould of Lansing, Mich., is our corresponding secretary. She is a member of the Colonial Village Baptist Church which is presently without a pastor. Last year she attended Le Tourneau College, in Longview, Tex.

Our team's only Canadian, Phyllis Busch, hails from Kelowna, B. C. She just graduated from high school. She is a member of the Trinity Baptist Church of which Rev. John Wollenberg is the pastor.

One of two North Dakotans on this

team is from Gackle, N. D. Sheila Anderson is our music co-ordinator. She is a member of the Grace Baptist Church where Rev. Reuben Stading is the pastor. Last year she attended the Grace Bible Institute.

Kenneth Feske of Watertown, Wis., our car custodian, is a member of the First Baptist Church there. Rev. Paul Meister is the pastor. Next year he again plans to attend Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kans., where he will be a junior psychology major.

Ashley, N. D., is the home of the BAPTIST HERALD and DER SENDBOTE reporter, Joyce Giedt. After this year's tour, she plans to attend the University of North Dakota as a junior majoring in English.

Now that you know each one of us personally, we ask for your continuing prayers and support. Often this work may seem very difficult, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15:57).

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NOTED CZECH CHRISTIAN TERMS SOVIET ACTION "TRAGIC ERROR"

PRAGUE.—(ABNS) A leading Czech Christian who holds the Lenin Prize of International Friendship and Peace, has notified the Soviet Union that its occupation of his country has produced in him "a feeling of disappointment, regret and shame."

"In my long life I do not know of a greater tragedy," wrote Dr. Joseph L. Hromadka, professor at the Comenius Faculty in Prague and president of the Christian (Prague) Peace Conference.

Dr. Hromadka's feelings were expressed in a note handed to the Soviet ambassador in Prague. It was dated August 22.

The process of renewal which started in January, 1968 has meant, according to the Czech Christian, "a great attempt to strengthen the authority of the Communist Party, awakening in our people the responsibility for the construction of socialism, renewing the love towards the Soviet people and so making socialism a dynamic force in international life."

However, Dr. Hromadka expressed the fear that Czechoslovak-Soviet friendship has now been destroyed.

"There is a danger that the love of our people will be changed into hatred and that our closest friends will appear to us as enemies."



WHO is the most important person in the world? Some notable personality would usually come to mind in response to the question. Actually, you are the most important person in the world. This statement is not intended to give anyone of us an exaggerated sense of self-importance. Nevertheless, the fact remains that nations, communities and churches are composed of individuals like you who make up the collective total and, as such, are important. Jesus demonstrated this truth in giving significant portions of His time to individuals even though He readily attracted the multitudes. The fact that God is interested in you, me and the people of the world is one of the wonderful things about Christianity.

The \$1,000,000 Mission Advance Program is a personalized approach. The first phase of the program has been directed to contacting individuals who have had special interest in the ministry of the denomination. This statement is born out by the fact that at the time of this writing 220 people have indicated \$330,000 in Leadership Gift Covenants. Leadership Gifts are, by definition, gifts of \$1,000 and more.

The second phase of the Mission Advance Program is directed to the local churches of our fellowship. Since the local congregation is comprised of individuals, the program is ultimately a personal one. We are interested in presenting the MAP challenge to 55,000 North American Baptists by the end of 1969. How do we propose to do this? For organizational purposes our conference has been geographically and numerically divided into 36 Area Committees. Each committee is comprised of pastors and laymen of a given area whose task it is to present the MAP story to each local church board. One of several possible ways of participating is then presented to the local congregation. Through the means of a public meeting and follow-up solicitation each individual is given the opportunity for participation in the Mission Advance Program. The MAP challenge is designed so that all North American Baptists can participate including young people and others of

The Mission Advance Program and You

by Everett A. Barker

limited financial needs. Below are listed a number of ways by which gifts may be made to the Mission Advance Program of the denomination over a three-year period:

WAYS TO GIVE

Leadership gifts.—Leadership gifts of \$1,000-\$50,000 and more received from individuals may be designated for specific projects if the donor so desires. The names of Leadership Gifts Donors will be placed on appropriate plaques located at the Forest Park Office, the Seminary, and the College and Leadership Gift certificates issued to them. Thus far more than 200 people have given Leadership Gifts.

\$500 and \$300 clubs.—Individuals making contributions of \$500 or more qualify for membership in the \$500 Club. Those giving \$300 or more qualify for membership in the \$300 Club. The names of club members will be inscribed upon appropriate plaques located in the Forest Park Office. Club membership certificates will also be provided to donors.

Map shares.—Donors contributing \$20 or more will receive a specially designed "Share Certificate" in recognition of their gifts. A gift of \$20 is the approximate pro rata share in the Mission Advance Program for each member of a North American Baptist church. Share size gifts also can be given over a three-year period at approximately \$7.00 per year. Thus far boys and girls, in particular, have evidenced interest in MAP Shares.

Gifts of property.—Gifts of property as well as gifts of cash may be contributed. Gifts of appreciated property (stocks, real estate, etc.) have special income tax advantages to United States donors. The free booklet distributed by the Stewardship Department, *Your Guide to Effective Giving*, explains such procedures and benefits. Donations of varying sizes have been given through appreciated stocks. The giving of crops is an additional possibility for farmers.

Matching gifts.—Donors employed

by approximately 350 different United States corporations can double the value of their contributions by giving according to the "Matching Gift Programs" developed by their employers. The Stewardship Department's free leaflet, *Double Your Mission Giving the Easy Way*, details this opportunity. To date \$7,000 is anticipated in corporation giving to MAP through individuals in several churches.

Memorials.—Gifts may be presented in memory of loved ones and friends. Such gifts in the amounts of \$300, \$500, or \$1,000 and more will receive the same recognition given to members of the \$300 Club, the \$500 Club, and Leadership Gifts Donors respectively. Instead of noting the donor's name, however, the words: "In Memory of _____" will be inscribed on the plaques. Memorials of \$1,000 and more may be designated for specific projects.

IT'S UP TO YOU

Whether the future will bring mission advance or mission retreat in the areas of responsibility which God has given to North American Baptists, will depend largely upon the support which North American Baptists give to the Mission Advance Program. Or, to be more specific, mission advance tomorrow depends upon your support today. Although the General Conference, as a body, approved the Mission Advance Program, its goal will be reached only when individuals like you give generously, joyously, purposefully, and sacrificially toward it.

Will you make your share in MAP a matter of personal prayer in seeking the leading of God concerning your contribution? Your gift may be given immediately or as a covenant payable over a three-year period.

No gift is too small . . . except the one which is less than your ability to give and less than God's will for your giving.

"Teach all nations. . . Be my witnesses."

Rev. Everett A. Barker is the Director of Stewardship Advance, North American Baptist General Conference.



Prairie Youth Conference 1968

by Shirley Werk

"WHO AM I?"—this was the question that probed some 350 young people from various states and provinces who congregated in scenic Banff, Alberta, for the 1968 Prairie Youth Conference that was held August 30 to September 2.

As the young people arrived by busloads and carloads, the weekend's activities began. After a time of getting acquainted on Friday evening, everyone was ready for a good night's rest. There was some alarm though for a few when the room assigned to them was found to be occupied by persons other than those registered for the conference. However, all was rectified and we woke to a beautiful, sunny and mild Saturday. It was during the morning sessions that three young people presented to us their thoughts on, "Who am I as a professional, as a student, and as a social person?" The discussion groups to follow made each of us think more seriously as to who we are and what we should be as Christian youth in our generation. Dr. Veninga, President of the North American Baptist Seminary, then addressed the entire conference with his thoughts on the theme, "Who am I?"

It was a pleasure to behold the beauty of God's creation as we toured the Banff area Saturday afternoon. The evening service was another of the highlights enjoyed by all as our featured guest speaker, Mr. Don Lonie from Detroit, Michigan, spoke to us

emphasizing the importance of a right relationship with God who will then in turn give guidance in making some of our most important life decisions. Although a bit chilly outside on Saturday evening, a good number took advantage of a refreshing swim at the Cave and Basin.

It was with excitement and anticipation that we rose to a new Lord's day—excitement in riding the Gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain, and anticipation in waiting upon the Lord to discover what His message would be to us through His very able servant, Rev. Art Patzia, now working towards his Ph.D. Degree at the University of Goettingen, Germany.

The afternoon found us on a tour of Johnson's Canyon and Lake Louise.



Many youth came by chartered buses.

I'm sure each of us could not help but say with the Psalmist, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him?", as



An anticipating conferee.



The "Blackmud Brothers" conversing with the president of the N.A.B. Seminary, Dr. Frank Veninga (far right).

we viewed the grandeur of His mighty world!

It was our privilege to have in our midst for the entire weekend Miss Eunice Kern, who just returned from the Cameroon. Her experiences as a missionary were brought to our attention in the evening's service. This was followed by a roll call of all states and provinces at which time each was represented by a skit. Even though the hour was late, it was the desire of the group to once again give attention to another challenging and stimulating talk by Don Lonie, known by many as a most effective youth counselor.

The day of departure dawned all too soon for most of us. Don Lonie's morning address finalized the major activities of a well-planned, enjoyable weekend.

Yes, we packed our bags and now have returned to our places of business and institutions of learning. But have we really been able to find out who we are in respect to our relationship with God and our fellowman? Have we really let go of our selfish desires and let God make us pliable enough so He can mold, fill and use us effectively? Might we as North Ameri-



"Standing on the corner . . ."

can Baptist youth take up the challenging commission of Christ and show the world that we are Christians and that we really do care for them enough to speak to them about Christ. May our theme chorus ever live in our hearts and become a part of each of us:

"Only to be what He wants me to be,
Every moment of every day;
Yielded completely to Jesus alone,
Every step of this pilgrim way;
Just to be clay in the Potter's hands,
Ready to do what His word commands,
Only to be what He wants me to be,
Every moment of every day."

Miss Shirley Werk is the librarian at the North American Baptist College, Edmonton, Alberta.



Some of the Conference leaders at the registration desk are Morley Buyer (l. to r.) Wayne Ohlhauser and his wife assisting.

The laughter of youth.



Don Lonie (second from l.) talks with youth.

Rev. Arthur Patzia speaking to the conferees on top of Sulphur Mountain.



ON OCTOBER 30 through November 3, the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois observed its 110th anniversary.

One hundred ten years ago, in October of 1858, the predecessor of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church was organized. Sixteen dedicated Christians became the charter members of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago. They had no building of their own until September, 1866, when a small frame church was built and dedicated

Foster Avenue Celebrates 110th Anniversary

by Beatrice Scroggin



Rev. Clarence Walth

on what is now the Near North side of Chicago.

At the time of the Chicago Fire, 1871, the church membership had increased to 160. After the Great Fire, Chicago's population grew, and with it, the need to minister to the spiritual lives of its citizens. By 1878, the membership had grown to 220. In that year, Rev. Jacob Meier became the pastor of the church and continued as its minister for 28 eventful years.

As the church continued to prosper, it outgrew its original building. In 1888, a large brick church with a seating capacity of 700 was erected not far from the original church building.

The consistent growth of the First German Church was matched by its interest in new endeavors. In those days, Chicago itself, was a mission field. The church became the mother church, by both organization and financial support, of ten new churches. On at least one occasion, the First German Church mortgaged their own building to raise the necessary monies to finance a new church.

In 1908, the church had a membership of 550. But in actuality, in 50 years, with the help of the Lord, the original group of 16 members had grown to a host of 2,000, comprising 8 German and 2 Bohemian churches. Countless others continued to serve the Lord by joining English speaking churches.

The city continued to grow, and the years following World War I marked

pate during Sunday School and the worship services; community evening outdoor vesper services have been held during the month of August for the past three summers; and a junior youth program has been started.

In keeping with the missionary zeal of our past, the Foster Avenue Church has become the mother church for a church extension project, called the Twin Grove Baptist Church, located in a northwestern suburb of Chicago. Rev. Walth feels that the future ministry and outreach of the church is contingent upon its vision, not only for the immediate neighborhood surrounding the church, but also in the field of church extension. If God so directs, then the vision for establishing

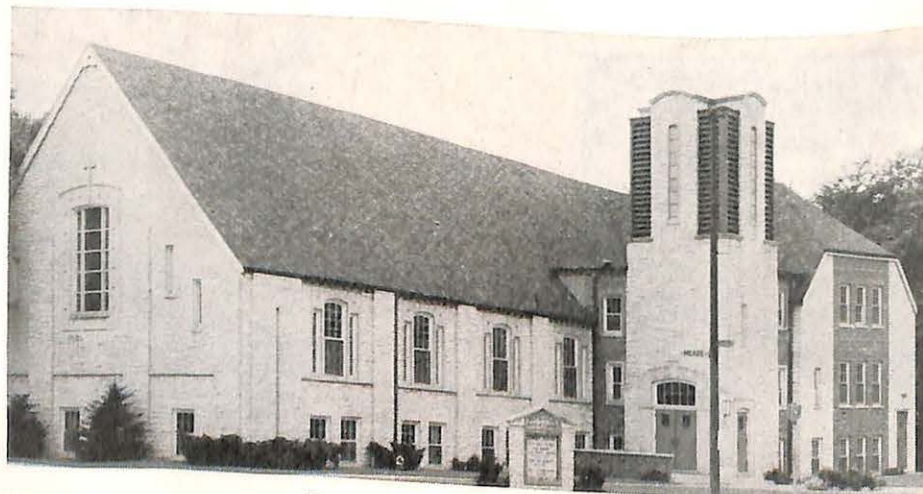


Rev. Jacob Meier

more churches in other suburban locations could also be accomplished.

We are proud of our past, we work in the present, and look toward the future. As Rev. Walth has said, "As far as the church is concerned, there is no end to what can be accomplished in the community if the members give our Lord Jesus Christ all the credit."

Mrs. Beatrice Scroggin is the reporter for the Foster Avenue Baptist Church.



Foster Avenue Baptist Church

BAPTIST HERALD

STAFF MEETINGS: BORING OR BENEFICIAL

By James A. Schacher

Generating enthusiasm in Sunday Church school staff meetings is a problem confronting every superintendent. There are a number of reasons for this: the competition of television, the anticipation of another dull business meeting and the unending series of activities facing dedicated workers.

On the other hand there is the dilemma of how to find the time and means to train teachers. It is crucial to the well-being of a Sunday school that its teachers grow and develop constantly. Therefore, coupling these two problems together the inevitable solution is to incorporate vital teacher training sessions into the monthly staff meeting.

POSSIBILITIES ARE MANY

The possible areas for study are endless: how to find time to prepare lessons, leading pupils to Christ, opening worship, discipline problems, methods in teaching, needs and characteristics of various age groups, how to apply the lesson, special holiday emphases, etc.

How will the studies be conducted? One of the teachers or the pastor might be responsible for preparing a lecture. For some topics, such as visual aids, a public school teacher could provide helpful leadership. Departmental discussions, could provide helpful leadership. Departmental discussions, could provide helpful leadership. Departmental discussions, could provide helpful leadership. Departmental discussions, could provide helpful leadership. Departmental discussions, could provide helpful leadership.

ELIMINATE DETAIL WORK

Much of the time spent on business items can be eliminated. Various committees can work out the involvements of business questions so that only concrete proposals need to be voted upon. The officers could iron out many of the details. They could also concern themselves with such items as record keeping, working out problems involved in ordering material, correlating the need for equipment between the various departments, etc.

This would allow a fruitful use of the time and could spark those monthly "bore" sessions into a vital spot on the calendar.

Rev. James A. Schacher is pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas.

November 1, 1968



Young Ideas

How many times has your youth group met for a brainstorming session to try to come up with some ideas for programs and activities which would be different, that would have magnetic appeal, and that would have some really solid content. Ideas like these usually don't come thick and fast.

Realizing this, the North American Baptist Youth Ministry Committee contacted youth groups all over the United States and Canada and asked them to share ideas which they had used successfully for all kinds of activities. The returns literally poured in. They were sorted, categorized, published and will be available to you soon in the new publication, *Young Ideas*.

These ideas don't come to you as "cut and dried programs," but are given in basic idea and outline form. This means that you can put your own touches of originality to the idea and develop it to fit your group and the needs of your group.

Chapter one, "Program Starters," contains just that. These ideas are primarily for use in your regular meeting time. There is a chapter called "Special Event Ideas." Several ideas in this chapter are, "A Happening," "Family Night at the Coffee House," "A Roman Holiday." Other chapters are entitled "Church Service Programs," "Missions Involvement Ideas," "Service and Activity Projects," "Fun Times," "Fund Raising Projects," and "Publicity Ideas."

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Sunday School Lessons

by James A. Schacher

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 17, 1968

THEME: WALKING IN THE LIGHT

Scripture: I John 1:5-10; 2:1-6

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. The Christian life involves both privileges and duties. The joy of friendship with God and one's fellow-believers is coupled with the requirement to follow God's directions.

INTRODUCTION. The Book of I John probably was written by the Apostle of that name. In a warm, intimate, way he advises his "little children" to do the truth and to reject the view that Jesus was not the Christ. This fatherly manner would be very fitting for the aged apostle.

I. WALKING IN THE LIGHT MEANS FRIENDSHIP THROUGH CHRIST. I John 1:5-10. To the extent that we participate in God's will, to that degree we avoid the unlighted, shady areas of life. In our fellowship we talk with Him in prayer. We have contact with one another through discussion. Unitedly we strive for common goals and objectives. Who has not felt depression lift, unbelief vanish and resentment dissolve as he has worshipped, visited and worked with other believers? The testimony of many Christians has landed in the junk yard—partly due to their neglect of meeting regularly with friends in Christ. This is one of the tasks of the church. One way to evaluate its effectiveness is to ask, "Is our church helping us to walk in the light?"

The college campus and military service demonstrate this. Often it appears that there are no firm believers among one's acquaintances. But the true believer will hunt and search. He will widen his range of companions, if necessary. But if he has the life, he will find others whose lights are shining.

II. WALKING IN THE LIGHT MEANS NOT TO SIN. I John 2:1-2. The mournful fact is that Christians do sin. The sins of the attitude and outward action trip up the most mature saint. This disturbs and unsettles many. It is most difficult to "feel" forgiven and to forgive oneself.

Fortunately, there is a lawyer who presents the evidence of His own body. Jesus intercedes for us. As the sinless substitute, He is acceptable to the Father (verse 2).

The forgiveness is God's part. Man's side is explained in chapter 1, verse 9. The erring Christian must confess. He must admit the wrong. He needs to feel sorry for it. He must determine not to repeat it.

The testimony of a young singing

star, Ray Hildebrand, from Texas, agrees with this. He tells how that while on a musical tour, he felt an emptiness in the applause he received. Though he had helped make a popular record, he felt ill at ease and convicted. Finally, he came back to Christ and found the peace and fulfillment which had been eluding him.

III. WALKING IN THE LIGHT MEANS OBEDIENCE. I John 2:3-6. How can we claim to know the light when we walk in darkness? It is absurd. How can we be speaking and silent at the same time? How can one be running and sitting at the identical instant?

What a serious challenge to those who feel "I'm saved now so what I do doesn't matter." That attitude is obvious proof that they yet walk in darkness.

Questions for Discussion

- (1) What relationship do you see between "walking," "light," "life" "keeping his commandments," and "sinning not?"
- (2) What must a Christian do if he has fallen into sin?
- (3) What in this lesson aids Christians to find assurance of salvation? What may disturb their confidence?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 24, 1968

THEME: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Scripture: I John 2:7-11; 3:11-18

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. The Christian will receive the love of God and then will reveal it to others through his actions.

INTRODUCTION. The practice of Christian love was said by Jesus to be the method by which his disciples could be recognized (John 13:35). Years later John's epistles were to re-emphasize this virtue. Then, as now, it is the ideal toward which all believers strive. It will be the key way to show whether one is walking in light or darkness.

I. "LOVE" DESCRIBES THE BELIEVER'S OUTLOOK. I John 2:7-11. If a person claims to be walking in the light and still hates his brother he is a victim of a delusion. Light cannot tolerate hatred.

But who can claim to have loved everyone perfectly? A college roommate habitually leaves her clothes lying around the room. A grade school child constantly makes cutting remarks about his playmates. A husband or wife regularly overspends the family budget. Church workers frequently come unprepared to their class or com-

mittee meeting. Each of these instances causes resentment. Later, the resentment begins to rankle. Harsh words are spoken and ill feeling results.

What is the solution? There is no easy answer. But if love is the opposite of selfishness it is basically the attitude of good-will. This does not mean that it is dishonest in over-looking another's wrongs. But one will be willing kindly to approach the other person and frankly level with them regarding the issues at stake. The key elements are kindness and honesty. It will be willing to seek the other person's long-range growth and prosperity. Love will be successful when it brings together those who are separated.

Fortunately, even though Christians may differ sharply, this does not mean that they hate or act hatefully. If willingness is present on both sides they may use their differences as a springboard to greater love and growth.

II. "LOVE" PRESCRIBES THE BELIEVER'S ACTION. I John 3:11-18. A loving person will not only die but will live in order actively to help the poor, according to verse 17. This seems like an echo of James 2:14-17. Our denomination has done much to help German displaced persons after World War II and German immigrants to North America since that time. However, the average North American Baptist Church member in many of our local conferences has not had a very direct part in helping to alleviate current suffering. It is much easier to talk about helping the needy. But future generations will rise up in judgment of us if we do not do more in this regard. Americans are fantastically rich—in comparison to the famine stricken masses of Asia, the destitute Indians of South America and the thousands living in squalor in the United States and Canada.

The arrow in verse 18 drives home the truth to us, "my little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth."

Questions for Discussion

- (1) How could true love fulfill each of the Ten Commandments?
- (2) What does "goodwill," "kindness," "honesty," "unity" have to do with love?
- (3) According to the New Testament, should compassionate relief aid be a responsibility on Christian consciences or should this be left to the programs of secular governments?

A NEW CHURCH BEING BUILT IN INDIANAPOLIS

by Jesse Hood

THE MERIDIAN Woods Baptist Church was the former Bethel Baptist of Indianapolis, Indiana. Originally, Bethel was a German mission of the First Baptist Church of our city in 1883. The site from which we moved was in the middle of a larger German settlement in the early 1900's. Since World War I many of the German families moved out. A transient group and industry began to move in. More recently, a new interstate highway has cleared hundreds of homes surrounding the area. The building itself had become rather obsolete and offered no competition of facilities with the churches of the area. Our lot of 75' x 135' was insufficient for rebuilding and parking. There were no hopes of becoming a self-sustaining church. In January of this year, the church voted, and the Church Extension Committee approved Bethel as a Church Extension

Project of the North American Baptist General Conference.

It was not easy for our people to make this move; as Bethel was the only church many had known. Also,



The parsonage.

they were aware that they would have to give up a church building for a couple of basement rooms in a bank building for a year or so. However, they realized the need, and most were ready to sacrifice the convenience of walking or a relatively short drive for one of six to fifteen miles they now drive. What they have done was not for their sake, but for their children in order that they may have better facilities. It will also enable them, to better reach people for Christ in this modern age as well as structure a Christian education program for every age, which they have not been able to do. The challenge has been good for all, in that the missionary spirit of the New Testament is becoming more a reality than a principle of early Christian history.

Meridian Woods was chosen for our

CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS PROJECT FOR NOVEMBER 1968 WILL YOU PRAY AND CONTRIBUTE?



Standing by the church sign are three deacons, Mr. Burl Ashley (l. to r.) Mr. Vernon Smith and Mr. Arthur Bredy.

new name because it represented the new life we were experiencing in this relocation. It also located our new church in the southern suburbs of Indianapolis, across the street from a new sub-division of 77 home sites called Meridian Woods Village. The site is three blocks west of Meridian Street, a north and south thoroughfare that divides the city. This summer, the developer started a new sub-division two blocks west of our site, which will have 355 homes with a 12 acre recreation area called Meridian Woods Park. He decided to keep the name Meridian Woods because we had named our church from his project. He has also located our church site on his table model sub-division which he used for publicity. Therefore, our church is directly related to the 412 new homes and indirectly related to the immediate area between highways 431 and 37 on Banta Road. These new homes are in the price range of \$30,000



Meridian Woods Baptist Church members and friends.

to \$50,000. Our church site is also adjacent to a 14 acre future elementary school area.

Presently, we are meeting on Sundays in two rooms of the beautifully paneled basement of Citizen's Federal Savings and Loan Building about three miles from the site. This is as close a place as we could find for larger public meetings. The Sunday school facilities are quite cramped. The nursery is in a narrow hallway that is not conducive to visitors. We are considering using a Masonic Lodge building temporarily. It offers much better facilities at an equally inexpensive cost.

Our people have been quite regular in their giving and attendance. From a membership of 34, the attendance averages 50 on Sunday morning, 30 on Sunday evenings and 20 on Wednesday at the parsonage. Receipts have averaged \$560 per month for the general budget and building fund for the last five months. The Women's Missionary Society has remained active, and we began a monthly koinonia group in October.

As soon as we determine our temporary facilities, there will be a church-wide canvass of the 2,000 homes near the new site. About 400 homes have already been visited, and we find a wonderful reception, much different from the old location.

Every thought and action in our membership is geared to the new

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● Rev. and Mrs. Walter Kerber, Burlington, Ont., announce the birth of a daughter, Melissa Michelle, born September 14, 1968.

● Rev. and Mrs. Allan Kranz, Harvey, N. D., announce the birth of a son, Paul Allan, born August 17, 1968.

● Rev. E. S. Fenske has resigned from the Germantown Baptist Church, Cathay, N. D., effective November 24, 1968. He plans to retire in Bismarck, N. D., but will be available to churches for interim or pulpit supply ministry.

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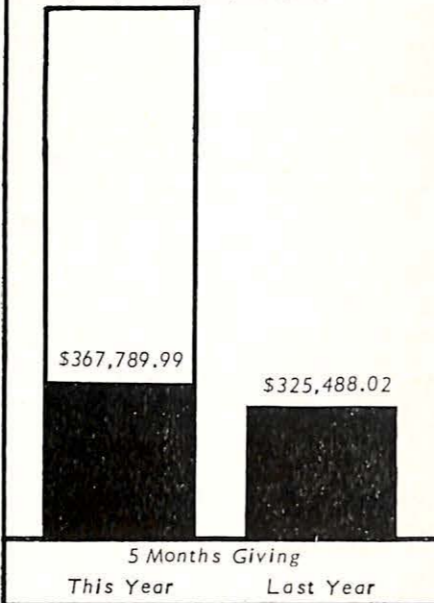
by Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler

I wish to take this means of expressing my heartfelt gratitude to all who remembered us with meaningful cards and letters expressing concern and assuring us of prayers during the long period of illness and since the passing of my beloved husband, the Reverend J. C. Kraenzler. They brought a great deal of comfort and encouragement. I cannot begin to express in word what these hundreds of cards and wonderful letters have meant to me in this time of suffering and bereavement. I wish I could acknowledge each one individually. May the Lord bless you for your kindness.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

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

\$1,300,000 Approved Goal



A NEW CHURCH . . .

(Continued from page 17)

building in which to center our worship, evangelism, service, education and fellowship. The attitude and response of the whole community to which we witness is that of anticipation.

We appreciate the loan made possible from Church Extension for \$25,000 for our five acres and anticipate the help from Church Extension Builders, as we hope to be able to build next year. The encouragement and prayers of God's people are uplifting, but we are praying that the Lord will lay the burden on a church or group of churches to support this project with their finances, as a parent church or churches.

Rev. Jesse Hood is the pastor of the Meridian Woods Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Our Churches in Action

TWENTY-ONE ADDED TO RIPLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

ALPENA, MICH. We at Ripley Baptist have much to thank God for. God has blessed us with our new pastor, Rev. Robert Hess and wife.

At our last communion service, we welcomed into the



congregation twenty by baptism (pictured above) and one by letter. We were also privileged to have Rev. E. Barker speak at our church explaining the Mission Advance Program. At present our church is engaged in a building program which will enlarge our church and give us more classroom area. (Mrs. Lillian Pinkel, reporter.)

FIRST YOUTH RENDEZVOUS HELD IN SUMNER

SUMNER, IOWA. The First Youth Rendezvous was held in the First Baptist Church of Sumner August 30-September 1, with 69 young people registered. These youth represented the North American Baptist Churches of Iowa.

The theme of the Rendezvous was, "Determined to Know How to Study," based on II Timothy 2:15.

Friday evening was registration and get-acquainted hour led by Daniel L. Heringer. The Saturday morning session centered on devotions, study and group discussion.

The banquet Saturday night was held in the Salem United Methodist Church. The speaker was Rev. Jacob Ehman of Steamboat Rock. A guest of the banquet was William Tayui of West Cameroon. The film, "Misfit," was also shown.

The Rendezvous was concluded Sunday morning with the challenge, "So Send I You." (Linda Potratz, reporter.)

CHURCH OBSERVES HARVEST-MISSION FESTIVAL AND 60TH ANNIVERSARY

TURTLE LAKE, N. DAK. The Turtle Lake Baptist Church observed its annual Harvest-Mission Festival, and



Rev. Weyburn Johnson, Dr. Ernest Zimbelman, Rev. E. Broeckel, Rev. Gordon Huisinga, pastor of the church.

60th Anniversary on August 18. Dr. Ernest Zimbelman of Cameroon, Africa, brought the message in the morning. Rev.

Weyburn Johnson, missionary from Calcutta, India, spoke to the adult classes during the Sunday school hour. Mrs. Zimbelman spoke to the boys and girls.

In the afternoon, Dr. Zimbelman again brought the message. Rev. Emanuel Broeckel of Bismarck, a former pastor, also spoke briefly. Rev. Broeckel is 93 years old, and drove his own car to attend the festivities. During this service we also observed the 60th Anniversary of the church, by having a mortgage burning ceremony. Our present edifice, dedicated in 1956, is now debt free. Refreshments were served and a beautiful anniversary cake, made by Mrs. Ruben Bauer, was served.

All the offerings of the day were designated for missions. Pastor and speakers are pictured below. (Mrs. August Schiller, reporter.)

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE MEETS AT TABOR COLLEGE

HILLSBORO, KAN. The Eighty-eighth Southwestern Conference met August 13-16 at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kan. The host churches, Ebenezer Baptist and First Baptist of Dickinson County, Hope, Kansas, welcomed the guests.

"We . . . His Witnesses," was the challenging theme conveyed to us by our visiting guests, Rev. C. Richard Mayforth, Rev. David Draewell, Mrs. Elton Kirstein, Dr. J. C. Gunst, Rev. Earl Ahrens and Rev. Connie Salios.

Rev. Donald Decker presided over the business sessions. We heard the challenge for faithful stewardship as we listened to the reports of different departments. The challenge was brought closer to our hearts by reports from the Church Extension projects in the Southwestern Conference. The Christian Education Committee presented helps in leading adults, youth, and children to Christ. The conference youth banquet was held on Thursday night with the Kansas youth in charge. (Mrs. Willis Geis, reporter.)

FIFTEEN ADDED TO CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

ABERDEEN, S. DAK. Calvary Baptist Church had a spiritual blessing when we had the joy of accepting 15 new members into our church fellowship. Six by baptism



and nine by letter and confession of faith.

We are thankful for our pastor who is working to his utmost in spreading the Gospel in the community and also with college young folks.

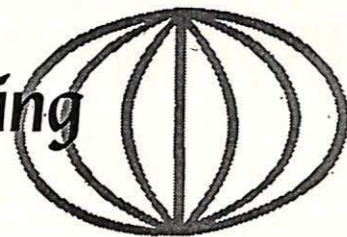
Pastor Thielenhaus is to the far right on the picture above. (Willard Tesky, reporter.)

REV. AND MRS. FRED MASHNER SURPRISED ON DOUBLE ANNIVERSARY

ERIE, PA. A large group gathered to honor Pastor and Mrs. Fred Mashner on the occasion of a double silver anniversary: their twenty-five years of marriage and Rev. Mashner's ordination into the ministry.

Rev. W. S. Argow, pastor-emeritus, started the program with greetings, followed by Rev. R. Mikolon, former pastor of Open Bible Tabernacle. Rev. and Mrs. Rubin Kern, long time friends of the Mashners, brought their personal

what's happening



CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

August, 1968

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BASIC PROGRAM

Conferences	August 1968	August 1967	August 1966
Atlantic	\$ 2,044.44	\$ 3,381.83	\$ 2,129.87
Central	9,512.11	16,337.30	9,524.91
Dakota	6,041.99	5,466.39	5,770.53
Eastern	1,551.53	1,349.22	3,110.59
Northern	13,798.77	4,090.18	5,665.49
Northwestern	3,509.65	3,651.15	4,719.71
Pacific	7,571.69	6,666.25	12,183.48
Southern	1,574.49	831.86	1,888.36
Southwestern	5,830.42	7,018.40	6,862.42
Inter-Conference	661.00	5,547.00	659.50
Total Basic Program	\$ 52,096.09	\$ 54,339.58	\$ 52,514.86

FISCAL YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BASIC PROGRAM

	Budget Contributions	Special Projects	Total Basic Program
April 1, 1968 to August 31, 1968	\$338,391.01	\$ 29,398.98	\$367,789.99
April 1, 1967 to August 31, 1967	293,103.70	32,384.32	325,488.02
April 1, 1966 to August 31, 1966	307,562.16	27,552.70	335,114.86

CAPITAL FUNDS CAMPAIGNS CONTRIBUTIONS

	August	Fiscal Year
Northern Conference Centennial Advance for NABC	\$ 6,628.83	\$ 51,287.32
Mission Advance Program	18,062.13	99,196.09
Total	\$24,690.96	\$150,483.41

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Total Basic Program	\$52,096.09	\$367,789.99
Capital Funds Campaigns	24,690.96	150,483.41
TOTAL	\$76,787.05	\$518,273.40

greetings as well as those of the Eastern Conference.

A surprise number by two of the couple's children, Milton and Marcia, a solo by Ed Gibbens, several hand bell numbers by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Carr and Cheryl. Chalk artist, Mrs. Eichler, accompanied by appropriate music, drew a picture depicting the Mashners facing into the sunset. The highlight of the program was the presentation by Moderator M. Gibbens on behalf of the South Hills people, of a silver bowl appropriately engraved for the occasion, along with a substantial cash gift as a token of our appreciation.

The Lord has blessed the past 6 years of Pastor Mashner's ministry with us and we prayerfully look forward to more blessings under their leadership. (Mrs. Robert Eichler, reporter.)

BAPTISM AND VBS REPORT FROM CRESTVIEW CHURCH

MINOT, N. DAK. In May three adults and four young people were baptized and received as members.

We had a very successful V.B.S. in June with an average attendance of 70. Fifteen decisions for Christ were made. For many of the children this was the first time that they were inside a church.

A bus was given to the church which will be used for Sunday school purposes. Through this we have already seen a growth.

W. Dachtler is pastor of the church. (Mrs. Delores Dachtler, reporter.)

TWO BAPTIZED IN BETHANY CHURCH

MILWAUKEE, WIS. During our Sunday evening service on March 31., two young men followed the Lord in baptism, upon their confession of faith, Mr. John Kasprzak and Mr. Richard Hunter.

After the service, everyone met in our Fellowship Hall for a time of singing and testimony or to share a favorite Bible verse with the two men who were baptized. (Barbara Meier, reporter.)

IMMANUEL CHURCH ADDS SIX TO MEMBERSHIP

WESSINGTON SPRINGS, S.D. On September 15 it was



Rev. Thomas Lutz and baptismal candidates.

the pastor's joy to step into the baptismal waters with five young people who, through their faith in Christ as their Savior, gave their testimony before a large audience as they followed the Lord in baptism. During the Communion service on October 6 they, and one by letter, were received into the fellowship of the Immanuel Baptist Church. (Thomas Lutz, reporter.)

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT BETHEL BAPTIST

ANAHEIM, CALIF. Under the leadership of our Youth Director, Jerry Hackett, a busy summer of activities was offered our young people. Sing-N-Snak times held in various homes after each Sunday evening service; Bible studies during the prayer meeting hour; camp attendance at Lake Hume; visitation; and a Mission work trip into Mexico all were rich experiences. We have witnessed much spiritual growth. Our softball team evidenced Christian sportsmanship, and after they won the championship a baseball banquet was given in honor of the players.

A successful Vacation Bible School directed by Donna Stevens was held with 153 children and 28 workers. A

number of decisions for Christ were made.

Our church, in cooperation with our pastor's son and daughter, observed the 25th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Ganstrom at which time a monetary gift was presented from the church. (Adel Stabbert, reporter.)

NORDQUISTS WED 50 YEARS



ANAHEIM, CALIF. Mr. and Mrs. Nils Ivar Nordquist, members of Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, California, were married fifty years on July 29, 1968. An open house was held on August 25th when all four children and their spouses were able to be together. This was the first time in twenty-three years that the families had been together at one time. Three of the children are engaged in Christian service.

Ivar Nordquist came from Sweden directly to Oregon where he met Anna Carlson. They had a military wedding in Temple Baptist Church of Portland. Mr. Nordquist is a retired planer foreman and has managed his own mill from 1946 to 1960.

One year ago they moved to Anaheim to be near two of their children. (Mrs. Donald Ganstrom, reporter.)

SALT CREEK CHURCH HAS THREE COUPLES ATTENDING SEMINARY

DALLAS, ORE. During the summer we have been privileged to have the services of Richard and Pat Voth, members of our congregation. Richard is attending the Dallas Theological Seminary in preparation for the ministry. They assisted in Vacation Bible School, Summer Camp Program, served in the pulpit, as well as assisting Pastor Wilcke.

The climax to the summer came when we were privileged to have our other two couples, currently enrolled in seminary studies, observe "Seminary Sunday" with us. They are Alan and Peggy Wilcke and Bob and Loy Smith, attending our North American Baptist Seminary. (Mrs. Ernest Villwock, reporter.)

MR. AND MRS. FRED GRUNERT OBSERVE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY



YORKTON, SASK. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grunert were married in West Ebenezer by Rev. Edward Wolf in 1918. In 1948 they retired and moved to Yorkton and joined the Central Baptist Church. While at West Ebenezer, Mr. Grunert was active as Sunday school superintendent, choir director and played in the string orchestra. Mrs. Grunert was W.M.S. president for 12 years and also sang in the choir. They are still singing in a quartet for the German service.

On July 21 the church honored them with a program led

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by Rev. E. Kern. Gifts and best wishes were presented by a deacon and the president of the W.M.S. (Hertha Rowden, reporter.)

SUNKIST CHURCH HAS SUCCESSFUL VBS

ANAHEIM, CALIF. A very successful Vacation Bible School was held Aug. 19-24 with an average attendance of 250 and a staff of 50. The school was directed by Bill Gibson, Minister of Youth and Christian Education.

The theme, "Venture With God Into the Unknown," was emphasized. Fifteen children made first-time decisions for Christ.

The offerings totaled \$193.00 and were given to our Cameroon mission. Lloyd and Sharon Kwast were the visiting speakers at the V.B.S.

Over 400 members and friends were present at our closing program on Sunday night.

On Sept. 6, all the teachers and helpers met for a very helpful dialog with the director on "How to Improve Our V.B.S." (Mrs. Ruth Issler, reporter.)

BROTHER AND SISTER ATTEND YOUTH CONGRESS



CHICAGO, ILL. Daniel and Anita Pankratz represented the Foster Avenue Baptist Church at the Baptist World Youth Congress held in Berne, Switzerland, July 22-27. More than 6,000 young people from around the world were in attendance. Anita sang in the 1,000 voice choir every evening.

The theme of the Congress was "One World—One Lord—One Witness." Dr. Paul Tournier, world famous author and psychiatrist, was among the speakers, and Dr. Billy Graham gave the closing address.

Dan commented that in the cities they visited, he saw a longing, perhaps unconscious, for a universal brotherhood of men. He felt that the young people meeting at Berne had found the key to this unity in the person of Jesus Christ. (Beatrice Scroggin, reporter.)

BETHANY BAPTIST CONDUCTS VBS

VANCOUVER, B.C. A very successful Vacation Bible School was conducted here at Bethany for five days with 151 students attending. The school was under the supervision of our pastor, Rev. E. Rogalski. The closing program took place July 5, when all parents and friends were invited.

Handcraft was viewed by all the guests and refreshments served. We thank the Lord for the 28 workers who gave their time, and worked so diligently in making this Bible School such a success. (Mrs. R. Zindler, reporter.)

MRS. HILLER SPEAKS TO WMU IN MORRIS CHURCH

MORRIS, MAN. The monthly W.M.U. meeting was held at Emmanuel Baptist Church on September 3. It was our privilege to have Mrs. Herbert Hiller, President of our Woman's Missionary Union, as our guest speaker. Mrs. Hiller transported us, in spirit, to each of our mission fields, bringing to our attention many needs, and laying upon our hearts the challenge to pray more fervently. After a season of prayer, a time of refreshment and fellowship was enjoyed by all. (Mrs. C. Bergstresser, reporter.)

November 1, 1968

KURT REDSCHLAG BEGINS FIRST PASTORATE



SWAN RIVER, MAN.

August 4th was the first Sunday for Rev. Kurt Redschlag, with Temple Baptist Church. He comes to us from our N.A.B. Seminary, a recent graduate from there.

The evening service was a welcome reception for him. Special words of welcome were brought by each department of the church

along with special music. A time of fellowship followed the service.

David Dahl and Lorne Henkleman received certificates on completion of nine years of Scripture Memory work. Mrs. Ray Lepholtz is our capable sponsor. (Mrs. Dave Binder, reporter.)

CHURCH SAYS FAREWELL TO PASTOR

APPLETON, MINN. Members and friends of the First Baptist Church met on June 23 to bid farewell to Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Seecamp who have served as pastor for five years. Greetings and a gift of money were presented by the church. Rev. and Mrs. Seecamp have left to be pastor of First Baptist Church, Chancellor, South Dakota (Mrs. Harold Pust, reporter.)

SEBASTOPOL BAPTIST CHURCH OBSERVES 100TH ANNIVERSARY



"One generation shall praise thy works to another and shall declare thy mighty acts." These words ring true from our forefathers, who one hundred years ago formed a spiritual fellowship which has grown, making possible the organization of this church.

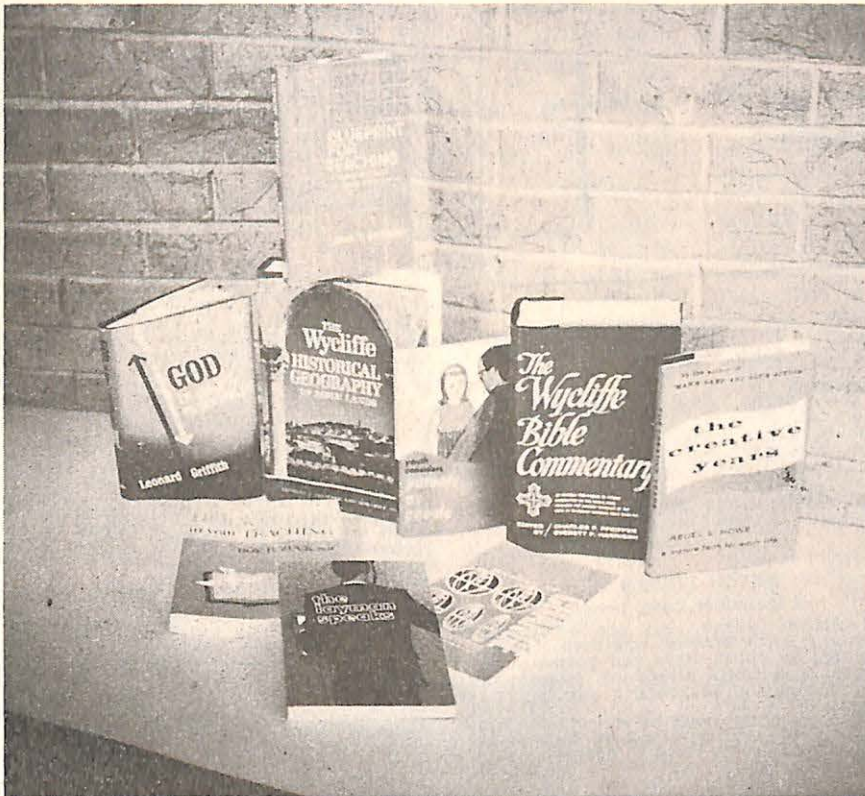
On August 11, 1968, members and friends gathered to pay tribute to those of old and to praise and thank God for giving them guidance through the many years which at times seemed bleak and discouraging.

We were very glad to have former pastors, Rev. John Kuehn, Yorkton, Saskatchewan; Rev. A. Jaster, Killaloe, Ontario; and Rev. John Heer, Rochester, N.Y., with us. We regret that other living pastors who served the church were unable to attend.

The church was beautifully decorated with the gracious help of members of the Killaloe churches. A four-foot, three-layer anniversary cake with 100 candles adorned the altar.

Festivities began with a Jubilee Service on Sunday morning under the direction of Rev. A. Jaster. The sermon was given by Rev. John Kuehn with a solo rendered by Luella Kranz.

The Anniversary Service began at 2:30 p.m. with Rev.



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