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One World...  
One Lord...  
One Witness...



7th Baptist Youth  
World Conference  
Berne, Switzerland



Aerial view of Bern. In the foreground the oldest part of the city; on a cliff in a loop of the river Aare, is clearly visible. The bridges connect the old part of the city with the residential suburbs.

## THE CITY OF BERNE

**B**ERNE is the loveliest of those towns founded by the Dukes of Zähringen.

The old city stands on one of the half-islands formed by the river Aare. Its history goes back to the first half of the 12th century when a small settlement formed around the Nydegg castle built on a towering rock at the outer end of the narrow peninsula. This settlement must have already existed in the years 1150/1190 as recent excavations show.

Various explanations exist as to the origin of Bern's name, but the oldest and most popular version is that the city derived its name from the German word for bear "Bären," a bear being the first animal to be killed by the city's founder Berchtold V of Zähringen in a hunting-party he held near the settlement.

Throughout the centuries the Bernese have devoted every care to keeping their beautiful and unique city as it was built in the Middle Ages. It is to this tradition and care that we owe one of the best preserved medieval cities in Europe, a town which can be considered one of the loveliest adornments of this Continent.



The Clock Tower, Bern's best-known curiosity. Western city-gate until 1250, with astronomical clock and charming figure-play (1530) which is set into motion 4 minutes before every full hour.

But the Bernese have not been content to rest on their "medieval" laurels. They have shown an appreciation for and encouragement of modern architecture as is evident in the new suburbs which have grown up around the old city. The National Library, the City High School and the Federal Archives are all in modern style, and there are many churches, schools and bridges which are further fine examples of modern architecture.

The Bernese have always encouraged the arts, in particular music. A succession of distinguished scholars such as Albrecht von Haller, Theodor Kocher and others have achieved world fame and heightened the prestige of Bern's University.

What distinguishes Bern above all, however, is its great political past. That and the fact that it understood how to bridge the difference between the German- and French-speaking parts of the country contributed in large measure to the decision of 1848 making Bern the Federal capital. In its almost 800 years of existence the city has developed from a small settlement to become the political centre of the Swiss Confederation.

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## Editorial

### How Much Oneness Is There?

The theme of the 7th Baptist Youth World Conference in Bern, Switzerland, sought to emphasize the oneness of our world, our Lord and our witness. This was a most worthy objective. There is a great deal that all people of the world have in common and that unites them; however, there are also many barriers that tend to separate people in this world.

Language may be a real barrier to effective communication and mutual understanding. Though one may say something significant with a smile or other gestures, there is nothing that delights someone more than to hear his own language spoken.

National boundaries may separate. Brothers and sisters, husbands and wives are not able to see each other in certain cases because of some national boundaries. Friends or relatives may not visit each other though they may be only about twenty-five miles apart. The Berlin wall is a dramatic example of this. In our own family my wife is a United States citizen; I am a Canadian citizen, and our children have dual citizenship both in the United States and Canada. This has resulted in some unique experiences. When our tour group went through customs in London, England, my wife and I had to be separated because United States citizens are treated differently than Canadian Citizens in England. If our children would have been along, I wonder how customs would have treated them.

The various currency systems in the different countries also tend to be barriers. Why couldn't there be one international monetary system? This would greatly simplify matters for the traveler.

When it comes to the issue of "one Lord," there is a great deal of oneness, but there are also different points of view even among Baptist youth. Some wondered if others were speaking about the same Lord. Different cultural settings and experiences tend to develop different interpretations of Scripture.

In seeking to be witnesses in this world, there is considerable similarity and oneness among Baptists and Christians but also distinct differences in approach. At Bern applause in a worship service was thought by some to be most disrespectful and by others an appropriate expression of approval and commendation. Some emphasize the necessity of personal salvation to the neglect of any kind of expression of social concern while others seek by all means to change the power structures and life situations in society and neglect to bring about that inner change by personal acceptance of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Despite these differences, the youth conference made a tremendous impact on the delegates and on the City of Bern. Near the end of the week, Ernest Hegner, director of the Bern Tourist Bureau, told the 6,000 conference participants, between 17 and 30 years of age, "You have conquered the city. You have conquered it with your behavior, with your love, and with your happiness. At the beginning, the local people were reserved. They had read about student demonstrations elsewhere. They didn't know who would come. They didn't know what to expect. But within two days they liked you. You have truly conquered us."

Our N.A.B. tour group gave a most commendable Christian witness wherever they went. In London where the language was no barrier, they led several other youth to a personal commitment to Jesus Christ. They were authentic witnesses of real experiences they had with their Lord.

—John Binder

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The emblem of the Baptist youth.

BERNE, SWITZERLAND.—An estimated 6,000 young people from 60 nations attended the 7th Baptist Youth World Conference in this historic Swiss capital July 22-28.

They actually did more than attend. They participated in pre-arranged discussion groups and excited person-to-person fellowship throughout the week. They made decisions in their own lives.

They "demonstrated" by their smiles and their conduct the practical nature of the Christianity they possess in their hearts. They spontaneously sang the songs of their faith in the trolleys, in public squares, and on Berne's arched streets. And though they sometimes were barred by language differences from conversing in normal terms, their lives witnessed courteously and effectively to Bernese families who opened their homes to the crowds that overflowed the city's hotels.

through the relief department of the Alliance.

Music by the Baylor University Band from Waco, Texas, U. S. A., and a 850-voice international choir directed by William J. Reynold resounded through the Exhibition Hall at the beginning of every session of the seven-day conference.

Only three hours per day were given to general sessions. Gunnar Hoglund of Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., chairman of the conference, explained that the discussions and fellowship so that the rest of the time was designed for young people could have a chance to know each other better.

After an opening program each morning in the meeting hall, delegates were taken by chartered buses to five different schools, scattered around Berne. They divided into 200 small discussion units of 25 to 30 people each, discussing the message of the day and other subjects.

Evangelist Billy Graham, whose address closed the conference, said that rebellious youth of the world are really asking, "What is the purpose of my existence?" He explained: "Their search is a spiritual quest. It's a spiritual problem needing a spiritual answer."

Annie Vallotton, a sprightly artist from Paris rode a 7-foot-high scaffold into the auditorium each evening "to bring the Scriptures to life" with her projected drawings on favorite Bible stories. She is the artist who provided illustrations for the best-selling "Good News for Modern Man, Today's English Version" of the New Testament.

In an informative address on the status of Christianity in Africa, Solomon N. Gwei of Cameroon said that western missionaries in the 19th Century were concerned about Christianizing Africa. "The crucial question" for the future, Mr. Gwei observed, is "how to Africanize Christianity." He said

that for Christianity to mean anything to most Africans, it will have to be expressed in their on language, culture, and thought.

Family pianning, better farming methods, elimination of poverty through education, and the control of crippling diseases through modern preventive medicine were hailed as "good news" in the keynote address, given by Dr. Denny. Youth must become better communicators of another type of good news—"the good news of the gospel," he said.

Conference officials, after going through advance registrations, expected delegates from 65 countries. By conference close, delegates of at least 58 countries had officially indicated their presence in Berne.

Regret was expressed that no delegates could be present from Burma, Russia, and Cuba. Cuban Baptists sent a telegram of fraternal greetings to the conference.

## World Baptist Youth "Demonstrate" for Christ at Berne Conference



Youth entering the Festhalle, main auditorium where the general meetings were held.

Near the end of the week, Ernst Hegner, director of the Berne Tourist Bureau, told the conference participants, between 17 and 30 years of age, "You have conquered the city."

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However, the youth were not inactive, disinterested, or unconcerned with world affairs. An extraordinary session of 300 delegates in the conference hall one afternoon asked that the conference produce a series of resolutions on poverty, Vietnam, race, Biafra, the under-developed nations, South Africa, Arab-Israeli tensions, conscientious objectors, Christian-Marxist dialogue, and pacifism. But Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance and general director of the conference, had said at the outset that the conference was primarily for spiritual enrichment and international fellowship, and not a forum for political pronouncements.

The conference, in response to a plea by speaker Gerhard Claas, leader of German Baptists, took up a special offering for relief which totaled about \$3,000. The money will be distributed



The following are the North American Baptist General Conference tour members to the Baptist Youth World Congress, Berne, Switzerland: Paulette Butler, Annette Dockter, Cleo Enockson, Phyllis Forsch, Rosemarie Fuellbrandt, Barbara Heckmann, Lewis Diede, Wayne Heringer, Karen Hodgson, Elaine Janssen, Hildegard Kahl, Linda Kuehl, Anita Pankratz, Wayne Land, Daniel Pankratz, Mrs. Leo Pfeiffer, LaVerle Pfeiffer, Connie Rempel, Jordis Schamuhn, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Woyke, Ursula Schwarz, Nancy Stinnett, Edith Zilkie, Louise Zilkie, Barbara Hirsch, Laurel Quiring, Wilma Binder, Mary Ann Fuchs, Eunice Kern, Geraldine Martin, LaVerna Mehlhaff, Bonnie Faivre, Sandra Lautermilch, Bruce Klassen, Marilyn Seibel, Pam Ahlquist, Sharon Brendt, Sandra Desler, Linda Dickson, Alfred Gretzinger, Ruth Carlson, Hilda Maier, Johanna Lueck, Linda Lueck, Betty Ohlhauser, Bonnie Ohlhauser, Lavonne Pierson, Karol Taylor, Dorothy Schaer, Karon Kurzweg, Judy Dalmer, Ruth Hiller, Norma Lemke, Wanda Mikolon, Nancy Grover, Jeanette Moeckli, Margo Busch, Darlene Seibel, Lois Kary, Solomon Gwei, Rev. and Mrs. Donald Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Rich, and Rev. and Mrs. John Binder. William S. Schmidt, Marita Newmann and Helga Maerz are not pictured with that group but were a part of the group only in Berne.

**MONDAY, JULY 22, 1968**

The 7th Baptist World Youth Conference officially opened on Monday evening, July 22, 1968. The singing was led by Dr. William Reynolds of Texas. A delegate from Korea led in prayer, a Berne official welcomed us and a delegate from Liberia responded to the welcome.

Dr. Robert S. Denny, Associate Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, gave the keynote address on the theme of the conference, "One World, One Lord, One Witness." He said, "We, who have come to the Seventh Baptist Youth World Conference represent the Baptist family of 29 million baptized believers. We have come from 65 countries and all continents.

"We have one Lord. The Bible says he is 'Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.' We have 'One God and Father of all, who is over all and in all. He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.'

"We have one world. We know its size, and we know that its population of three billion is exploding. We know some of its basic problems are disease, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, hatred, racism, restricted religious freedom, and war.

"In addition to these basic problems, we face the more delicate ones of mechanized society and the dehumanizing of man. Our Bible and our Lord teach the dignity of all men.

"We have one witness. We have 'good news for modern man,' and that good news is God's word, his promise of life everlasting, life with meaning, life with purpose. God in Christ died that all men may have this abundant life. We need to know how to communicate it as 'good news' to all men everywhere.

"You cannot right all the wrongs,

heal all the sick, feed all the hungry, save all the lost, but you can do something, and you can start now—You must start Now!

"The answer will not be the same for each one. For one it may be the road of the martyr. For another the road of the moderate. But each should have respect for the decision of the other.

"Regardless of the vocation to which God calls you, give it dignity and do it well, and ask God to help you each day through the contacts of your work to be a witness for him.

"It is a great day to be alive. Our opportunities are unlimited. So let us seek first the Kingdom of God, whether or not anything else is added to us.

**TUESDAY, JULY 23, 1968**

The morning session started by raising our voices in praise as we joined in our morning hymn, "Thank You."

In his address, "A World of Things," Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, Academic Dean, University of Wisconsin, U.S.A. stated that the 20th century is propelled by materialism, industrialism, humanism, and economics resulting in our current secular revolution. He reminded us, however, that not all of the revolution of our time is the work of Satan, for one of the distinctive characteristics of Christianity is the revolutionary power of Jesus Christ. He did not retreat from the world into piety, and when He did retreat it was to refresh Himself and to prepare Himself for re-entry into the world of things. He stood in the midst of men and the problems of worldliness. In like manner, we should be aware of the needs of the world about us, ready with a sensible answer. Each of us must find his own

Jericho Road and bind up the wounds that he sees.

Dr. Proctor's address was followed by an international panel with Rev. J. Binder as moderator. This was done each morning after the speaker. This panel discussed problems of practical concern—"How can Christians in the minority display the Christian ways in public office?"—"How can Christians get involved without compromising?" Dr. Proctor, in his attempt to answer the questions of the panel, assured us that the risks of being uninvolved are more serious than the risks of being involved.

Our hearts were challenged to a greater degree of dedication to Christ-like action as the vast congregation of young people united in singing:

"Lord, I want to be a Christian. . . .  
Lord, I want to be more loving. . . .  
Lord, I want to be more holy. . . .  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus,  
In my heart."

The whole conference then divided into 200 small discussion groups where they continued to discuss the morning lecture by Dr. Proctor. This was done each morning.

The afternoon was free for sight-seeing, etc. This was the case all week.

In the evening, Dr. Othelo D. de Leon, professor and assistant dean of the College of Commerce at Central Philippine University at Iloilo City, spoke to the conference about Christ being at work in Asia. He gave many inspiring illustrations of how youth are effectively witnessing for Christ in Asia.—by *Connie Rempel, Winnipeg, Manitoba.*

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1968**

9:00 a.m. This morning it was cold and wet outside, but as nearly 6,000 voices joined together in singing sev-

eral songs of praise, the warmth of Christian fellowship raised our "damp" spirits.

Dr. Paul Tournier, a psychiatrist and author from Switzerland addressed us in the French language, using an interpreter. His message was deep and philosophical on the topic of "A World of Persons." Three steps on being a complete person are: Firstly, we are to recognize ourselves as persons; secondly, we must communicate and have personal contact with others; and lastly, and I feel most important, we must have a personal contact with the presence of God. Opening to the world of people, expressing ourselves and sharing ourselves, is a must to reach people and to be a person. We as people must catch up with the "world of things."

7:00 p.m. Music—dynamic, traditional and stately, modern, worshipful, all of it is tremendous and uplifting! We heard so many musical groups and college choirs. This night it was the "Good News Gospel Singers" in a musical prelude to our evening worship. Their presentation using dialogue and narration with an ensemble is such a unique way to present the gospel and the Christian faith to the "now generation."

8:00 p.m. The Baylor University Band, the organist strikes up the introduction to our theme song "One World, One Lord, One Witness." William J. Reynolds our conductor stated that "we are not to be a spectator, a listener, or an observer." "Be a maker of music, share in the sound of Christian song, become involved with others in this experience. Sing high, sing low, sing fast, sing slow—but SING! And this we did not only in our theme song but throughout the entire conference.

This night is special for two reasons. Number one, the roll call of the nations. Each of the 57 nations has a representative who is coming forward; some in national dress, all giving our conference motto in their native tongue. It's really something to hear so many different tongues confessing "One World, One Lord, One Witness." Truly in Christ there is no "East or West," for the tie that binds in Christ supersedes even tongue or race.

Solomon Gwei from our mission field in Cameroon addressed the conference on the theme, "Christ for Africa." Seeing and getting to know a man like Solomon, alive in Jesus Christ, dedicated to the task of the Great Commission, makes me feel encouraged as an N.A.B. and I can not help but reaffirm my belief that "God is definitely at work in Africa. Christianity, as pointed out by Solomon, must be expressed in Africa's own language and culture. Lack of Africanism in

music and Christian worship has often led to a western interpretation which to the African is unrealistic. Yet in spite of human inadequacy and cultural gaps, Christianity is leaving a positive impact in Africa and Solomon is a positive and active witness to this fact.

So ends another busy and provocative day at the Youth Conference as we are all whisked off to our homes on "tram No. 9."

—by *Jordis Schamuhn, Edmonton, Alberta*

**THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1968**

Morning activities opened with the address, "The Lord of Truth" by Gerhard Claas, Executive Secretary, German Baptist Union. Afterwards, one of the fellows in my discussion group said, most approvingly, "The previous addresses were informal, this one was inspirational." We greatly appreciated his description of how, when we accept Christ's bondage, we are free from what is probably man's greatest fear—loneliness; and the more we yearn for truth and the understanding of it, the more we please the Lord of Truth, Jesus Christ.

During the discussion groups that followed, the question dealt with more than any other in my group, was whether it is wise to baptize our children, receiving them into church membership so early in life as we often do. Two of the students felt that they had been pressured into getting baptized before they really understood its significance and regretted not having waited several years longer. Several others who had been baptized early in life (including myself, at age 10), had no regrets whatsoever and felt that waiting longer would not have made any difference in their spiritual lives. But we all agreed that pressure on anyone, especially young people, to so declare themselves, is of no benefit to the individual or to the church as a whole.

That afternoon, our N.A.B. tour group went on a train and boat trip to Interlaken, a commercial town located near the Jungfrau and other magnificent peaks in the Swiss Alps. Any descriptive attempts here would be futile.

That evening, the main conference feature was a dramatic presentation, in an avantgarde, and very effective manner, of the history of our faith and the struggles of the believers through the ages. The performers were the Wordmasters of Georgetown College.

—by *Dan Pankratz, Chicago, Illinois*

**FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1968**

Europe! This has been my dream for many years. Now it has become a



Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Rice (far left) and others going into the buses to the small discussion group centers.



Solomon Gwei (second from the left) and Wilma Binder (far right) going to their discussion groups.



One of the five discussion centers.



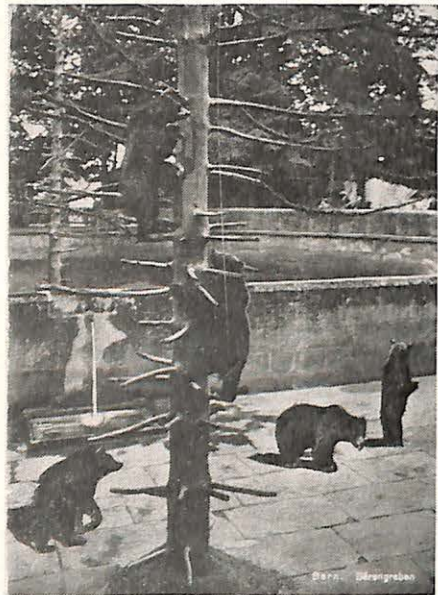
Front view of the Festhalle (main auditorium).



Dr. Billy Graham speaking to the youth at the closing service of the conference.



Dan Pankratz (left front) and other youth going to their small discussion groups.



The Berne Bear pit.



Kaiser Wilhelm church in West Berlin.

reality. Even more exciting is the fact that I was able to attend the 7th Baptist World Youth Conference in Berne, Switzerland. Such a beautiful country; such as beautiful city. So peaceful and quiet, even more so because we have peace with God.

The speaker for this morning was Dr. Ronald Goulding of London, England. His topic was "The Lord of Peace." He pointed out three basic steps in achieving this peace. These are:

1. *The Lord of Peace and the individual.* If we accept Christ as our personal Savior and work harmoniously with Him, then His promise, "My peace I give unto you" becomes a reality to us. To achieve continual peace we as Christians have the resource of prayer and must always be on conversational terms with God.

2. *The Lord of Peace and the World of Man.* God has no favorites. Humanity is one creation. God can only love perfectly and love equally. We therefore should make ourselves aware of how others live in the world and respect and love them for it.

3. *The Lord of Peace and the Body of Christ.* The church in the world is a reconciling body. We as Christians have a particular responsibility in achieving peace in the world, because we have the advantage of having peace within ourselves.

This message meant a lot to me since many in attendance at the conference came from war torn countries and were evidence of such a loving peace in Christ and are witnesses of this fact in their land.

Representatives from seven countries: Denmark, Ethiopia, Malaysia, Trinidad, South Viet Nam, United States and Canada then questioned Dr. Goulding on various points of his message.

Everyone then dispersed to their various discussion groups to discuss the message of the morning.

The evening's program began with one hour of music. Annie Vallotton then presented Luke 5:17-26 in her own unique way from "Good News For Modern Man."

A memorial was held for Dr. Martin Luther King, a world renowned figure and a Baptist Minister, who died for what he believed.

Mr. Nilson Fanini of Brazil, presented "Christ for Latin America." As his text he used Acts 1:8. He challenged us to be witnesses to a lost world. We must give ourselves to the cause of Christ.

I thank God for the opportunity I have had to attend this conference and the fellowship I was able to have with other Christian youth.

by Phillis Forsch, Calgary, Alberta.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1968

"The 7th Baptist World Youth Congress is almost over. Isn't it hard to believe!!" These are some of the comments which were heard during Saturday, July 28 as the young people entered the doors of the "Festhalle" for the last regular meetings.

Following the devotional period, Dr. Carl H. Lundquist, President of Bethel Seminary, U.S.A., presented the topic: "A witness of Christian Love."

In his address, Dr. Lundquist challenged the Christian youth of today with the question: "How much love can a Christian give?" He also brought to mind the law: "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

The evening musical prelude commenced at 7:00 p.m. with the youth choir of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, and the Houston College Choir presenting an hour of youth inspired singing.

Promptly at 8:00 p.m. the regular evening service began with the singing of the theme song: "One World, One Lord, One Witness."

Annie Vallotton, artist and author from France, gave her pictorial devotional thought which was taken from Luke 11.

The evening message was presented by Kenneth L. Chafin, Professor of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, U.S.A.

In his message entitled "Christ for You," Dr. Chafin emphasized that more YOUTH ACTION and involvement was needed in the affairs of today's generation.

Throughout the activities of the week, our minds were provoked by the speakers however, through our questions and interest shown, we, as young people, were brought to the realization that though the representation at the conference was universal "We are bound by one tie in Christ."

—By Miss Judy Dalmer, Edmonton, Alberta.

#### SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 28, 1968

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).

It was in the final meeting of the World Baptist Youth Conference that Dr. Billy Graham applied this verse to the problems of man in the modern world. Besides the conference delegates, many of our Swiss "families" listened intently as Dr. Graham spoke on man's search for a purpose to life. Each individual has an inner need for a god. However, as Dr. Graham pointed out, true satisfaction and answers to vital issues are found only by believing in Jesus and committing your life to Him. Demonstrations, student revolts,

anti-war protests are basically religious in their nature, for they are a manifestation of man's longing for perfection, for a god.

Dr. Graham challenged us to let Christ become the commander of our lives, even though the road may be rough, for "it is only those who were fools to live with Him now that will live with Him later."

It was with this challenge ringing in our hearts that we left the conference, inspired to take a firmer stand for Christ and make Christianity a relevant and vital force in our world.

—Karen Hodgson and Linda Dickson, Buffalo, New York.

## Youth Forums

While attending the 7th Baptist World Youth Conference in Berne, Switzerland, it was my privilege to attend two afternoon meetings called "youth forums." These forums were not on the regular daily schedule, and any young person was welcome to come and express his or her opinion on any issue. I feel those forums were the highlight of the youth conference because only interested young people were present, speeches were kept short and concise and the youth planning committee members could listen to us speak and also try and answer some of our anxious questions.

I can't say that we solved any world problems, but I will say that we at least mentioned such problems as, civil rights, war, peace, love, and poverty. Some of these topics were discussed, and might I add very well by the conference speakers, but at the forum we got to speak as in-

dividual youth and thus were allowed to express what we are thinking. Self-involvement is what really counts for young people.

—by Wayne Heringer, Anamoose, North Dakota

## Singing in the Choir

The past three weeks have been so full of exciting and unforgettable experiences and people that it is hard to single one out.

Places I had been before brought back memories of the trip five years ago to the Youth Conference in Beirut, Lebanon.

One of the people who reminded me of the last conference was Dr. Wm. Reynolds. Five years ago I had the opportunity of being in the choir of 150 voices under the direction of Dr. Reynolds. It was such a pleasure meeting him and singing under him then and now again in Berne. He can turn a song into a sermon. He can give old hymns new meaning and his demands on us as choir members were met with joy because we could see his feeling for the message in a song even more than the music. In our conference program books, Dr. Reynolds wrote the music to two songs, one of which was our theme, "One World, One Lord, One Witness." In the conference choir books he did the arranging of two or three songs.

He has a deep love for music but an even deeper love for God. To me he is a living example of many of the messages at the Berne conference, that is to put your love for God into

practical use; to let it shine through in everything you do.

—by Wanda I. Mikolon, Erie, Pennsylvania

## My Stay in A Swiss Home

Several of our N.A.B. Tour group as well as many from other tour groups stayed in homes at Berne.

This was a real thrilling experience. The overwhelming friendliness of my hostess and her family made me feel right at home. Their belonging to the Salvation Army increased the bond between us. The house was very neat, clean and orderly. My bed with its typical Swiss blanket, known as a featherbed, was so warm and comfortable, that I found it hard to get up in the mornings. With my breakfast, I was given post cards and Swiss chocolates. One morning, I had the wonderful experience of eating breakfast on the back patio surrounded by a pleasant view of gardens with flowers and being serenaded by two canaries and two parakeets. My hostess went out of her way in helping with my personal laundry.

The family understood very little English. Luckily, I know the German language. Another girl also staying in this home did not know German so I was her interpreter.

This experience has helped me to appreciate and understand other people in the world. I plan to keep in touch with this family by corresponding with the teenage daughter.

—by Johanna Lueck, Milwaukee, Wisconsin



A small discussion group in action.



Part of the NAB tour group getting ready to leave New York for the youth conference in Berne.

## A Youth Delegate Sums Up A Discussion

ONE problem which seems to perplex many Christians throughout the world is the problem of church unity. This problem exists not only within the Christian church as a whole, but is also very much a part of the Baptist Church. The young people of my discussion group, which consisted of many types of Baptists, felt that these ideas needed to be discussed.

First, we felt that the reasons for which these divisions exist are many. One reason is, of course, the form of worship. Each Christian has different ways in which he feels more comfortable worshipping God. Another difference of opinion lies in communion. Should it be open or closed?

But, on the whole, we felt that the greatest separating factor is in the

interpretation of scripture. Should each individual be able to interpret the Bible as he wishes? We felt that the scriptures must speak to each on an individual basis because it is only through the teachings and acceptance of Christ that we can truly be Christians.

It was first suggested that we join as Baptists under one common worldwide name, but leave the actual doctrine up to the individual groups within this united church. In this way, a feeling of unity would link us in Christ's following. Others felt that this wouldn't be practical because too many people identify themselves in the many divisions of the individual church groups. These Christians feel an intimacy in worshipping with others who share their own personal convictions.

Our discussion group didn't solve the problem of church unity. It only grazed the surface of a problem which probably won't be solved for many years to come. But, we did something much more important to each of us as Christians. Representing so many different Baptist groups, we shared our individual tenets and experiences with each other. We spoke freely, and we listened intently. But most of all we tried to understand each other. It doesn't matter what name of Baptists we go by. All that matters is that we are Christians in every sense of the word, and go out in the world in the best way we can serve Him as our one and only Lord and Savior.

by Miss Marty Elliott  
Hoosick Falls,  
New York, USA

## Statement of Czechoslovakian Delegate

PERMIT ME to convey to the 7th Baptist Youth World Conference at Berne greetings in the name of the Baptist youth of Czechoslovakia.

We are here from many parts of the world, white people and colored people, from the east and west, and we form a family in the precious name of Jesus. The tie that is found in his name is stronger than all man-made borders, whether they are political, national, racial, or linguistic. This year with us in Czechoslovakia is the year of hope for further work in the vineyard of the Lord.

Our youth and the whole church are permitted to assemble openly and we have founded youth groups in our churches, which have always existed, although not openly.

We have also founded the organization, Baptist Youth of Czechoslovakia, which will coordinate the youth work in the different churches. At the end

of this year, after 20 years, a nationwide Youth Congress will be held.

We will also publish a youth magazine which we were not allowed to continue to publish some years ago. We are very thankful to our Lord that we can have good contacts again with our brethren from foreign lands.

Our work is spread out over the whole republic of Czechoslovakia. There are large and small groups of believers. Our largest churches have about 430 members and the smallest 50 members. In all churches we have Sunday Schools and church and youth choirs, and in many churches, musical groups. We are trying to use all these groups in missionary endeavor. In our country, the Baptist union is the smallest of all religious groups but its activity is the best-known.

The youth take an important part in our church. Their work, besides their own meetings, consists of visits

to the sick and aged people. They joyfully take part in all the tasks committed to them by the churches.

I must mention here that our youth are not satisfied to do work that is unimportant but rather want to take on work that entails great responsibility. The work of our youth can be seen in all parts of our church life.

At the moment, I cannot give statistical figures about our youth groups because we have not registered them before now. But, according to my estimation, there is a membership of 4500 in our churches, of whom 500 are young people.

We are very thankful to the Lord that we may belong to the large family of Baptist youth and may take part in their work.

Note: Statement from delegate Vlastimil Pospisil from Miloslavov, Czechoslovakia.

## The World of Things

Excerpts from an address

by Samuel D. Proctor

FORCES TODAY which despise the churches and deny any religious interest are taking over the business of the church, but their secular Christianity lacks the roots of true Christianity.

Himself a Baptist layman, Proctor described for the 5,300 youth delegates from 65 countries the historical developments that brought society to its 20th Century status. The three elements were (1) materialism and industrialization, (2) humanism, and (3) economics. Man became less and less concerned with the celestial and more and more concerned with worldly affairs, he pointed out. As a result of these three forces, the accent was placed on man and his worth rather than God and his majesty.

In face of this development, Christians are called on to work as individuals to meet human need. We need to infiltrate . . . to insert creative love into the human equation.

Christians, working individually, should permeate political organizations, educational institutions, and the business world. We should be con-

cerned to relieve poverty wherever we see it.

Churches as churches may not always be the most effective vehicle. There are places where the history of the churches has forfeited this role for them and where Christians must act as private persons, unlabeled, unmarked, anonymous, but burdened and yoked by Christ. Our inaction invites the cynicism of the poor. Then they become vulnerable to political and ideological schemes that promise to meet their need for all of the wrong reasons.

One of the distinctives of the Christian faith is the historical figure, the person Jesus through Whom we declare that we perceive the eternal meaning of life, Jesus was not one to withdraw from life, but someone who confronted power, mingled with the outcast, met problems directly, and bore his own authority, self-evident, as color is to the eye.

From him we learn that food, water, raiment, shelter, good health and physical well-being are not tangential and peripheral to life.



A group eating their sack lunch after the morning discussion groups dismissed.



Rev. Donald Miller (far right) and several other youth conversing while on a boat ride along the Rhine River.

## The World of Persons

Excerpts from an address

by Paul Tournier

THERE ARE three steps on the road to becoming a person.

The first is "dialogue, an exchange of ideas." The second step to becoming a person is an exchange, not merely on an intellectual level but on the emotional one also. The final step is the personal contact coupled with the personal presence of God.

Feeling themselves to be simply a cog in an enormous machine, a thing, an instrument of production and consumption . . . a sociological or voting unit, a dot in statistics, all people want to be welcomed as persons, yet find it hard to welcome others as persons.

The Christian must follow the example of Christ, who addressed himself personally to everyone and took awareness of the person.

The lag of the world of persons behind the world of things, has at least in part contributed to recent events which seem to me to indicate this sickness of our civilization: the hippie

movement in America, the revolt of students in Germany, in Rome, in Paris.

The young people involved manifest a profound disappointment in the present world. They express a serious uneasiness which is very difficult to define but which all feel.

In some churches the personal contact is as scarce as in the world. One can be a scholar in philosophy, church history, dogmatic theology, biblical exegesis, or in psychology of religion without being capable of personal contact. . . . One can be a fervent and genuine Christian without having an awareness of the person.

It is necessary to heal our civilization of this sickness of depersonalization, to give it poetic and vibrant spirit. There is in today's man an enormous resistance against being involved, against becoming personal, against expressing himself in a personal way, against saying "I" instead of "one." But the personal language is the language of the Bible; it is the language

of witness.

On whom can we rely for this renewal of the sense of persons if not on the believers, above all on young believers, on you? Consider how Jesus addressed himself personally to everyone and took special interest in each person. Consider how he expressed his personal solicitude as a shepherd for the least of the wandering sheep. Even when his opponents drew him into theological debates we find him firmly sustaining his deep concern for truth and his concern for the person. And see how, in the supreme moment of his life when facing the cross, his sense of the person is revealed in his words to his mother, to John, and to the robber beside him.

By uniting strongly with him you will become pioneers wherever you live and act, in order to give our modern world a more human face where others in turn will be able to meet Jesus Christ and discover in him the "Person" *par excellence*.



Wayne Heringer, (l. to r.) Lewis Diede, Anita Pankratz and Nancy Stinnett leaving the bus to go to a hotel.



A view of a village along the river to Interlocken, Switzerland.

# The Lord of Peace

Excerpts from an address  
by Ronald Goulding

PEACE IS that state of perfect activity, where mind, body, and spirit are working in perfect harmony.

These conditions have been achieved in only one person—Christ himself, and the source of his peace was in his oneness with God. There is no short cut to peace. Rather, there is a good deal of rugged and dangerous country ahead.

We can work for peace by making ourselves aware of the conditions under which other men live and learn of those forces active in the world which make for unrest and mistrust. This will mean personal involvement and personal sacrifice.

Peace is not lying on a golden, sanded beach with gently lapping waters, a kindly cooling breeze, and a world of no examinations, no bills (debts), no cruelty, no pain, no suffering. That is not peace, that is death!

War is both the symbol and the result of the fact that the unity of mankind, grounded in a common origin in God, . . . was utterly shattered

when sin came into the world. War therefore is sin, the most terrible social product of man's rebellion against God. We are honestly compelled to ask not what Christ has to say about peace but what God has revealed in all that we know of him totally.

The righteousness, love, justice, judgment and sovereignty of God must be considered at the same time that God's peace is spoken of.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said "Blessed are the peacemakers . . ." and not peace lovers. It is not people who say "peace at any price" and "let us cause no trouble" who win Christ's blessings. It is those who have caught the vision of their Master and have dedicated their lives to the adventure of peacemaking even if it leads them to a martyr's death.

Peace at any price can be as big an evil as a deliberate act of war. No peace can be anything but a temporary and uneasy armistice which is not founded upon the rock of justice. Nothing is settled finally unless it is settled in righteousness.

him of that small portion of happiness that he has. Man is defending himself against God's Commandments. "No one has to tell me what to do." He just wants to be his own lord and doesn't allow himself to be led by the moral guides of the Church or by the warning Word of God.

That is the sin of man: not necessarily because he leads an improper and immoral life, but that he lives his life through good and evil without God. He has forgotten that everything he has—body, mind and talents—have been given to him by the Father. And, instead he diverts these gifts to his own use and without God.

B. The Lord of Truth presents us with a new picture of man—he uproots and reveals the pseudo-truths of Religion.

1. Continuous striving doesn't lead to perfection.

There was a time on this continent when the "eternal truth" of the "categorical imperative" taught according to the law: "You can—then you should." We don't say this so much today. We know that we should but we cannot.

During the times of idealism one could say: "He who endeavors to strive can be saved." Today we say the exact opposite: "You cannot get out of your own skin. No one can jump over his own shadow."

During the time of Jesus Christ there existed a "golden rule" which we still know today as a proverb: "That which you would not have done unto yourself, do not do unto others." Those who perfectly abided by this rule were considered perfect. But now Jesus Christ changed this "golden rule" to a "diamond rule," in that He said: "That which you would have done unto you, do also unto others."

2. Pious performance does not produce righteousness.

Jesus Christ did not shy from telling the truth to the pious of his day. And the Lord of Truth has in our day to tell His church the Truth very clearly. There is a great similarity between the pious of those days and the Christians of today, in that we "serve our God for many years." Anyway that is the way the oldest son imagined it in our parable.

C. The Lord of Truth mediates a new world-picture to us—He reveals the truth to us about God.

1. God loves the world—He doesn't give it up.

2. God loves man—He wants to help us all.

3. God loves His people—He wants our co-operation.

Jesus wants our co-operation. God wants our service. But that doesn't mean that we enslave ourselves to a cause and protest for and against all kinds of things in the name of truth. God wants people who "are of the truth," who listen to His voice and fulfill their mission. We must be mediators that are representatives of God to the people and of the people to God.

# Rome and Berlin

Sound and light, a dramatic presentation we saw in the city of Rome, portrayed Roman history from the eighth century B. C. to the fifth century A. D. These dates correspond with the mythological beginnings of Rome and the fall of the Roman Empire. We sat at night in the old city forum where Julius Ceasar was killed, and then where Ceasar Augustus became the first emperor of the Roman Empire. It was awe inspiring to sit where many early Christians had walked, and many had died for their belief in Jesus alone—not in the emperor.

A second significant impression was made on both of us as we climbed a ladder to a small platform and overlooked a brick wall, tank barricades, a high voltage fence, and another brick wall, all of which comprise the infamous Berlin Wall. We wondered how an ideology could wall in the human spirit of freedom and came away with only despair since we could do nothing. Our despair changed to deep gratitude for our freedom which we so often take for granted.

But the honeymoon was the best experience!

—by Douglas and Sharon Woyke, Minneapolis, Minn.

(Editors note: Doug and Sharon became married shortly before leaving on this tour to Europe.)

# The Thrill of Christ

How does one describe a thrill? I'm not sure, but I would like to attempt this task.

When the N. A. B.'s, as we became known, visited the ruins of Rome where Paul once walked, this was a thrill. When we continued to Florence and Venice, it was a thrill to become part of such an enchanting atmosphere. In Berne, Switzerland, as some six thousand Christians gathered to share their experiences and have heart-to-heart talks with no walls to hinder, we all felt a closeness that only our common love of Christ could provide. To view the terrible wall of Berlin and realize how much these people need Christ was a real challenge to us. In the romantic air of Paris many felt a refreshing lift. But the biggest thrill I have ever experienced was at "Speaker's Corner" at Hyde Park in London. Here, if a person wishes to express an opinion, all he or she has to do is step upon a soapbox and start talking as the crowd gathers. It was at such a gathering that a young man confronted me about Christianity. After talking to him for over an hour, he decided to accept Christ. The next day two young girls also accepted Christ through a friend of mine.

Christians, believe me, there is no greater thrill in all the world than

leading someone to the Lord! Matthew 5:12 tells us to "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad." I am exceedingly glad the Lord led me to Berne this summer and showed to many the thrill of Christ.

—by Paulette Butler, Peoria, Illinois

# Hyde Park Experiences

The most impressive or shall I say the most intriguing experience I had on the tour was the speaker's corner in Hyde Park, London. Here people from all walks of life gather to discuss any issue they so choose. It may be politics, religion, Viet Nam, or the U. S. buying London Bridge.

A good number of our tour members were there and it appeared evident that Christianity was the subject of the evening. There were small groups of people present whom I would call religious fanatics. They went about quoting Bible verses that they could not support when questioned about them. To evade the issues they would sing a song or quote some other completely irrelevant verse. However, from listening to the critics of these people it makes me think of the third through fifth verses in the book of Jude. One could see these were the type of godless men who distort the message of Christ to excuse their immoral ways.

It was also intriguing when our tour members got separate discussions going. It helped me realize my own capabilities of communication.

At Hyde Park one of the girls of our tour had the privilege of leading a young man to Christ. Perhaps this made the whole evening worth while.

—by Wayne Land, Edmonton, Alberta

# Sharing Christ

One of the most precious things about a conference such as this is Christian fellowship. There is nothing like the tie of Christian love and friendship to bring the minds and hearts of young people from all over the world, of all types of lingual and cultural backgrounds, together in a bond that is more lovely and beautiful than could ever be possible outside the family of God.

After the evening sessions, a number of us, which constantly expanded throughout the week, would independently organize hootenannies, which we held in tea rooms, outside restaurants, in parks, parking lots, or wherever we found voices and guitars. We would sing and find people stopping to listen. All kinds of people, young people, adults, rock'n roll singers, tourists, businessmen, and speaking many different languages. We were able to share the Good News and present a Christ relevant to the Now Generation—today's teenager—a power for

living with joy and purpose.

Speaker's Corner at Hyde Park in London was a highlight for many of us, for here we could share the wonder and love of Christ with many who were open and searching or who had opinions of their own to express. It was a thrill seeing a life in front of me completely change and bubble over as Christ's redeeming love was poured in. Certainly the joy of this experience cannot be substituted by anything else and it increased my desire to share Christ all the more.

By being privileged to partake in such an event as occurred this summer, I, though young, am very rich. Rich because I own the greatest possessions attainable—Christ's saving grace, love, joy, peace, power, and life eternal, plus the bond of Christian understanding, love and fellowship which unites peoples, and nations, linking continents—wherever God's children may be. I am the richest when I share this with others.

—by Anita Pankratz, Chicago, Illinois

# Impressions of East Berlin

When I crossed over into East Berlin, I was prepared for the worst. I had heard and read much about the contrast between the two sectars of Berlin. But now that I saw it with my own eyes, it didn't seem so bad. Passing through "Checkpoint Charlie," our communist guide pointed to the beautiful flowers, the sparkling fountains and the several new apartment complexes. "You can take pictures here," he said almost pleadingly. The streets were lined with cars and the sidewalks crowded with people. Almost instinctively I felt that I had been misled. East Berlin wasn't all as "bleak" as people had made it out to be!

But it soon became quite apparent as we moved away from "the walls" that our guide was taking us on the "prescribed tour" showing us only the best, and of course, only that which the communists wanted us to see. Soon the stores and streets became less impressive. The people looked shabbier than those in West Berlin; the shops were definitely less flourishing. When our guide took us to one of the newest hotels for refreshments, my wife wandered off into a side street and entered a shop. It was practically empty; nothing to buy! Quite a contrast indeed to West Berlin!

No doubt, there are economic and political, as well as spiritual reasons, for the impoverishment of East Berlin. Yet one cannot escape the fact that wherever atheistic Communism is in control around the world, man is tragically incomplete. The "wall" itself points to the failure of Communism. Until 1961, when the "wall" was erected, approximately 100,000

# The Lord of Truth

Excerpts from an address  
by Gerhard Claas

YOUNG PEOPLE don't like worn out phrases. They want to hear the truth and be able to look reality square in the face. In contrast to the past, the youth of today says it is always necessary to tell the truth. One can criticize youth in many ways and even condemn them, but we have to admit: "They are at least truthful."

While I was still a boy, I was taught that: "What one says has to be truthful—but everything that is truth does not have to be told." Behind this rule stood a certain wisdom and a knowledge: that the truth is not always wholesome or salutary. Truth can injure; it can endanger the social relationship (i.e., when in a firm the past criminal record of a fellow worker is made known), or it can indeed endanger one's life (i.e., truth at the sick-bed).

But on the other hand, we are not allowed to overlook the danger which exists when one conceals the truth. The youth of today are justified in saying: "Concealing the truth means: building a world of falsehood and accepting it."

To explain truth I have chosen the parable of the Prodigal Son, because it is well known, and reveals, as do no

other pages in the Bible, very concrete truths about God and human beings, and their relationship to one another.

A. The Lord of Truth presents us with a new picture of man—he tells us the truth about human beings.

1. Man has been called for fellowship—but he suffers from his own loneliness.

The first thing that Jesus has to say about us is a very positive truth: man comes out of fellowship and his heart is earnestly bent toward it. That I am, and live, is no coincidence but God's handiwork. God created me. And it is from God that I am what I am. He wanted me like this. That is why I can accept my life and myself. And my Creator gives my life real meaning and a definite purpose.

2. Man is called to freedom but he suffers under his own bondage.

All human beings want happiness and prosperity. According to our common reasoning we understand there to be two things necessary to achieve this—freedom and money. God and the Church are not required. On the contrary. God and the Church are suspected and often accused of limiting man in his freedom and begrudging

people a year left East Berlin. Why? Crossing back into West Berlin, I realized that this was no ordinary wall. These were human beings imprisoned behind that wall. Suddenly, I found myself praying—again dedicating my life to God—for there is nothing in all the world that can defeat Communism more effectively than the Christian faith lived out in the daily affairs of life. "O God, help me to be more faithful!"

—by Rev. Donald N. Miller, Minneapolis, Minn.

**THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
July 3, 1968**

I am happy to send warm good wishes to young Christians from around the globe as you meet for the Seventh Baptist Youth Conference.

Your theme—"One World, One Lord, One Witness"—echoes the prayers of a strife-ridden world which cries out for unity. But only in the hearts of men—where charity is born and goodness is nurtured—can this peace be truly secured.

May your minds be opened to the wisdom and love which will prevail at your meeting. With religious dedication, may you carry the message of brotherhood and harmony back to your homes, so that it may propagate a new era of international good will.

Lyndon B. Johnson

**BRETHREN DELEGATES REJECT  
BID FOR FULL COCU MEMBERSHIP**

OCEAN GROVE, N. J. (EP)—The Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren declined here to reopen the question of full membership in the Consultation on Church Union (COCU), a group of nine Protestant denominations exploring the possibilities for a united church.

Sixty per cent of the 1,100 delegates voted against giving affirmative response to a query introduced by a group in the Mid-Atlantic district of the church which would reopen the issue.

The 200,000-member denomination has a consultant-observer relationship

to the Consultation. Two years ago, the annual conference voted by a margin of 4 to 1 not to become full Cocu members but to retain the existing relationship.

**RESOURCE ON SOCIAL ISSUES  
PROVIDED FOR SBC LEADERS**

NASHVILLE, TENN. (EP)—Nearly 53,000 Southern Baptist leaders have been mailed a complimentary 272-page Resource Guide to Current Social Issues in an effort to help Baptists come to grips with current social problems, from abortion to war.

Provided by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention the book was prepared by Wil-



**NEWS & VIEWS**

liam M. Pinson Jr., associate professor of Christian ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The book is designed to be a handy reference to suggest resources for helping Baptists to deal with whatever social issue that they might be concerned about, said Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission.

"The commission views this project as one of the most potentially significant things ever done by this agency to help Baptists in the area of applied Christianity," he added.

**SOUTHERN & CANADIAN BAPTISTS  
CONFER IN WEST**

Edmonton, Alberta, was the location of the early May meeting of the Southern Baptist-Canadian Baptist Conference Committee, when some eleven international representatives discussed important issues affecting denominational relationships.

**Representatives**

Representing the Southern Baptist Convention were Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee; Dr. James L. Sullivan, Executive Secretary of the Sunday School Board; Dr. Arthur B. Rutledge, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board; Dr. R. Alton Reed, Executive Secretary of the Annuity Board and Secretary of the Committee; and Dr. W. Bertram King, Home Mission Board Liaison Officer in Canada.

The Baptist Federation of Canada  
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**The Meaning of Baptist Youth  
World Conferences**

The privilege of attending a Baptist Youth World Conference comes only every five years at best. Wars have made them even more infrequent. Therefore, the expression coined for these meetings, "The Opportunity of a Youth-Time," has real meaning.

The Young People's Committee [now Youth Committee] of the Baptist World Alliance sponsored its first Baptist Youth World Conference in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1931, with 20 nations represented through 400 participants.

The second world conference was held at Zurich, Switzerland, in 1937; the third at Stockholm, Sweden, in 1949; the fourth at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1953; the fifth at Toronto, Canada, in 1958; and the sixth at Beirut, Lebanon, in 1963.

The meeting at Berne is therefore the seventh in the series of world youth conferences.

In her response to the address of welcome at the 5th Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto, Miss Sadaka Matsuo of Japan said:

"When we look at the varied backgrounds out of which we have come—different cultures, different religions, different educational experiences, different social situations, we may well wonder concerning the basis of our heartfelt unity.

"We have witnessed bloody wars which have left feelings of hatred and distress. Yet, we have each experienced an encounter with God in Jesus Christ. We are bound by one tie in Christ."

Speakers at this meeting will provoke your thinking, but the real heart of any Baptist Youth World Conference is in the small group discussions—those formally scheduled on the program and also those informal gatherings where individuals from East and West meet to share their thoughts and their hopes. We have here a cross-fertilization of ideas, planted in the receptive hearts of Christian youth who will go home more dedicated to the will and work of Christ.

ROBERT S. DENNY

Associate Secretary  
Baptist World Alliance

RESOURCE IDEAS FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



**JOB DESCRIPTIONS  
FOR CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION WORKERS**

**NOW AVAILABLE**



**THE NEED**

Have you ever tried to do a job without really knowing what you were supposed to do? Interest and enthusiasm quickly give way to frustration. Without realizing it, you find you've overlapped into someone else's duties and friction arises. You're not sure of your objectives as you find it difficult to give direction and generate enthusiasm. You find yourself looking forward to the end of your term of office instead of enjoying your work and seeing growth and development in your efforts for the Lord.

**THE BOOKLET**

The new booklet, *Job Descriptions for Christian Education Workers*, has been designed to combat this frustration and inadequacy by providing guidelines and direction for the Christian Education staff of a large or small church. Job descriptions for the Sunday school superintendent, the teacher, the children's church director, youth and children's group sponsors, the camp director and counselor, the chairman of the board or committee of Christian Education, and many more are given. In all, more than twenty positions are described.

**ITS VALUE**

The value which can be derived from this booklet goes beyond providing job descriptions; it can help to build cooperation among the staff. Workers develop a sense of responsibility when they realize that their job is unique in the interdependency of the whole Christian Education structure. Each person has a definite job to do which is his responsibility and his alone. The realization of this responsibility to be in the right place at the right time doing the right thing, lessens the possibility of overlapping of duties and development of conflicting interests.

Confident leadership is developed when workers know what to do and are encouraged to do it. The worker finds himself at ease, working con-

fidently, developing his responsibilities as he goes on. He becomes a stimulating example to those who are learning.

Another value not to be overlooked is that this sense of confidence and competence displayed by the worker attracts newcomers and visitors to the church. First impressions are often lasting impressions. A section on welcoming and placing the visitor is included in the booklet.

Every person involved in Christian Education work in the local church will benefit from this publication. (Price: 60c per copy.)

**OTHER HELP AVAILABLE**

*Job Descriptions for Christian Education Workers* is the newest publication developed by the Department of Christian Education, but it is not the only one which is available to you.

*The Board of Christian Education* for the small or large church, a booklet, has been written for the purpose of (1) guiding the individual church in setting up a more effective program of Christian Education; (2) fostering a better understanding of the board of Christian Education in the local church; (3) presenting a basic guide by which the educational program of a given church can be set up and administered under the supervision of the Board of Christian Education; and (4) to explain the relationship of the board of Christian Education to other boards and organizations of the church. (Price: 25c per copy.)

*Christian Education Analyzed and Projected* in the local church, will help the individual church to properly evaluate its Christian Education program. Forms and questionnaires are provided which can be used by the Board of Christian Education or an appointed individual. Areas of ministry which need to be improved and developed will become evident through this analysis. Some can be implemented immediately while others will be projected as goals for future years. You may contact the Department of Christian Education for assistance in evaluating the

analysis you make. (Price: 25c per copy.)

The *Objectives of Christian Education*, graded and charted for each age group in the church program will help you to structure your teaching ministry and activities toward definite goals. The teacher will find this especially helpful in evaluating his teaching. (Price: 75c per copy.)

All of these publications are available from Roger Williams Press, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois 60130. Take advantage of the help available to you.

**REVISIONS**

**FIFTH GRADE**

Teachers using the Roger Williams Press curriculum material will enjoy the new format of the revised fifth grade curriculum. All new this year, it features an expanded teacher's manual packed full of helps for the teacher. The lessons and projects are clearly outlined with pictures and diagrams. This quarter's theme is *Lord Of My Life* emphasizing the lordship of Christ in the life of the believer. Succeeding quarters will be *Men Of Courage*, *Adventures With New Leaders* and *One Nation under God*. The student's book contains tear-out pages which can be handed in to the teacher each Sunday for checking.

The Visual Aid Kit contains a flip chart, time line and other aids to help both teacher and student. Students will be learning by doing, seeing and hearing.

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY**

The Roger Williams Press Scripture Memory Program is also undergoing revision and correlates to the Sunday school curriculum material. Grades one, two, three, five and the Leader's Guide are newly revised this year. Grade four of both Sunday school and Scripture Memory curriculum were revised in 1967. Be sure to note these revisions so that you will be up-to-date in the material you are using.





# Sunday School Lessons

by James A. Schacher

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 20, 1968

### THEME: LOYAL IN THE FAITH

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-4, 7-15

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT.** For those who wish to be loyal in the faith Jesus is the supreme example. However, they must endure testing and overcome the hidden pitfalls.

**INTRODUCTION.** After comparing the high priestly work of Christ to the less glorious work of the priests of the Old Covenant, the Book of Hebrews turns to what it means to live a true life for God.

A series of biographical sketches in chapter 11 of Hebrews is used to glorify faith as the means with which to please God. Then, building on this foundation, believers are challenged to live out faith in their own experience.

**I. THE WITNESSES OF FAITH. HEBREWS 12:1-4.** The experiences of Abraham, Joseph and Moses speak as if they were on the "witness stand" testifying that God is true. They have demonstrated that the definition of faith in chapter 11, verse 1, is a valid basis on which to operate.

The key to 12:1 concerns the effect which the witnesses have on us. We are confronted by them. Therefore, the result should be that we discard the inconveniences that burden us. It is like the 100-yard dash sprinter who drops the 16 pound shot-put he has been carrying. As we eliminate the sins which hinder us, we are liberated to run successfully our race of life.

It is always easier to see the problem affecting someone else. It's like the story of a man who came to a marriage counselor. He wore pink swimming trunks and an umbrella for a hat. In one hand he clutched a sledge hammer and in the other, a skunk. His face was painted like an Indian on the warpath. "I came," he announced to the marriage counselor, "to talk to you about my nagging wife." The point: Let us learn to turn the spotlight on our own sins and hasten to overcome them!

**II. THE DISCIPLINE OF FAITH. HEBREWS: 12:7-11.** The lesson is that a child will be disciplined by his father. It is obvious that a youngster is not capable of determining what is proper conduct. He would easily harm his health by staying up too late at night, eating poor food and watching too much television! The parent must direct and restrain. A child often desires parental guidance. Sometimes he interprets it as a lack of love when the parent fails to exercise discipline. Therefore, the Heavenly Father naturally controls the action of His

children. Not to do so would be a token of His disinterest in their well-being.

Youth often feel that the direction of their parents constitutes a "drag" on their freedom. Christians often feel inhibited by God. But this very influence means that He is teaching them what is right and good or harmful.

**III. THE CHALLENGE OF FAITH. HEBREWS 12:12-15.** Be alert that a hidden cynicism contaminates not your whole outlook and entire future. This is imperative. We are exhorted to break out of our droopiness, to smoothen the path for our handicapped limbs and to chase after peace. Perhaps someone suggests a change in a local church's routine. The violent reaction by other leaders causes hard feelings. Finally, someone solves the problem by refusing to attend church or participate in its activities. Perhaps the root of bitterness lay dormant for many years. But with this stimulation it is revealed. Be careful, we are told, that this does not happen to you.

### Questions for Discussion

1. What heading or "title" would you give to verse 1?
2. How is pain related to discipline?
3. Someone rejects a pet idea which you suggested. How can you handle the feeling of ill-will you have which may threaten to injure your relationship to God?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 27, 1968

### THEME: GOD'S OWN PEOPLE

Scripture: I Peter 1:13-21; 2:9, 10

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT.** God has chosen some to be His people in every generation. They possess a unique task of service and holy living.

**INTRODUCTION.** The first letter of Peter is a glimmer of hope in the gloom of persecution. Apparently, the Roman authorities throughout the Mediterranean area had begun actively to oppose the religious sect known as "Christians." Surrounded by severe suffering, the Christian converts in the northern provinces of Asia Minor received this letter of comfort, cheer and inspiration.

**I. GOD'S PEOPLE CONCENTRATE ON A TASK. I PETER 1:13-17.** The phrase "gird up" means to tie or bind in the manner of the Orientals who fasten their loose-flowing robes. This permits greater freedom of movement for working. The advice for Christians is to gather up their scattered thoughts.

How does this apply to us? We

could quit day dreaming and become serious about our Christian objectives. Churches could begin establishing long-range goals instead of haphazardly riding along with the tide. Sunday school classes could determine certain aims to pursue both in learning Biblical knowledge and in practicing it. Prayer meetings could center upon specific individuals for whom to pray and witness until they are won. In this way, they would literally tie up the loose ends of their thinking and prepare with concentration for the approaching unveiling of Jesus Christ. Individuals working in these groups would develop in their own inner discipline. This would arrest human passions and produce fruit in holy conduct.

**II. GOD'S PEOPLE ARE RESCUED FROM VANITY. I PETER 1:18-21.** Every Christian has been rescued from vain attainments. Those who live without regard to the will of God lose themselves in building an empire of respectability or large deposits of cash in a savings account. Or, with elevated motives they may even pursue the good of their fellow man by volunteering for tropical service in the Peace Corps. However valid these programs may be, they are destined to vanish into history.

The method whereby Christ redeemed us is not by means of perishable things. Rather, He saved us by His precious blood. The blood is precious because it is the only type of its kind. On the market it would not be obtainable for millions of dollars per pint. It is blood which is pure. It is blood which is 100% effective when given with a divine transfusion. It is blood which is only given as a free gift—a handout.

**III. GOD'S PEOPLE SERVE AS PRIESTS. I PETER 2:9-10.** This prescribes the duties of Christians as well as their membership in certain groups. A citizen of a nation will need to abide by the ordinances of the country—even so, citizens of God's heavenly nation.

Furthermore, every Christian is a priest. Pastors do not have a special inside "pull" with God. Thus, every member of the priesthood will exercise his right to come to God.

### Questions for Discussion

List ways in which Christians could concentrate better in their prayer life, witness, service, etc.

Explain how "redeem" is related to a pawnshop.

Only pastors are requested to have the invocation and benediction at high school commencements. Is this proper if all Christians are priests?



Owen Cooper (right), of Mississippi, chairman of the committee on lay involvement for the Crusade of the Americas, speaks to delegates to the Pan American Baptist Laymen's Evangelism Congress in the First Baptist Church of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Dr. Edgar F. Hollock, Jr., (left) interprets.

The purpose of my visit to Brazil was to attend the annual meeting of the Central Coordinating Committee of the Crusade of the Americas. This committee consists of representatives from about 40 Baptist bodies cooperating in the hemisphere-wide evangelistic Crusade of the Americas. The annual meeting this year was held in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

In connection with my trip to Sao Paulo, our general missionary secretary, Dr. R. Schilke, arranged that I should also visit our mission field in Southern Brazil. By extending my visit a few days longer in this way, I qualified to travel on excursion fare and actually was able to make the entire trip at a lesser cost.

It was a real delight to meet our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Rabenhorst, who met me at the Porto Alegre Airport. We traveled the rest of the way to our mission field at Caxias do Sul where Rev. and Mrs. Herman Effa are stationed.

Our mission work is located in the southernmost part of Brazil. The countryside is exceptionally scenic with rugged tree-covered hills and deep winding valleys. Grape farming, deep lumbering, and ranching are what the area is mainly noted for. The state symbol is the "gaúcho" or cowboy.

Our missionaries have made excellent progress in establishing a number

of new preaching missions in the cities of Caxias do Sul and Bento Gonçalves. In each of these cities we have an organized Baptist church from which a number of new branch missions are being sponsored. We also have a new work 75 miles north in the city of Vacaria. The nationals are receptive to the gospel and will come and listen with interest even when our missionaries conduct open air gospel services on street corners.

I preached three times on Sunday. In the morning and afternoon, Rev. Herman Effa was my interpreter, and in the evening, Rev. Richard Rabenhorst. I was amazed to no end at the fluency with which our missionaries—men, women, and the children as well—are able to speak Portuguese, having been in Brazil only such a short time.

to the problems which confront our generation.

On Saturday night a great evangelistic rally was held in a large amphitheater at which several hundred individuals came forward in response to the invitation. On Sunday the members of the committee preached in over 100 Baptist churches in Sao Paulo and surrounding cities. Rev. Albert Ziegler of Buenos Aires, Argentina and I visited the large German Baptist Church in Sao Paulo on Sunday of which Rev. Helmut Fuerstenau is the pastor. I was privileged to bring the message at the Sunday morning worship service.

Before I left Brazil, I attended the Pan-American Baptist Laymen's Evangelism Congress in the beautiful city of Rio de Janeiro. More than 600 Baptist men from 26 nations gathered at

# SO I VISITED BRAZIL

by Daniel Fuchs

The weather was wet and cold. July is winter, in Brazil. Although the temperature drops down to freezing at night, people have no heating facilities in their houses. Fortunately I had brought along a woolen sweater and an overcoat. On Sunday I preached all day with both my sweater and overcoat on and I still froze in church. The fellowship was delightfully warm however, so that my entire visit with our missionaries on our mission field in Brazil was a most invigorating and wholesome experience.

Located about 500 miles north of our mission field is the fastest growing city in Latin America. Sao Paulo has a population of seven million and is the industrial heart of Brazil. Here is where the Central Coordinating Committee of the Crusade of the Americas met this year, July 10-14, 1968.

It was of historical significance that this year just before the climax of the Crusade, the committee met in the country, in the city, and in the church from which the challenge of the Crusade of the Americas was launched. During the day we met in the conference room of the Danubio Hotel and each night we met for a "Clarínada" in the Vila Mariana Baptist Church of which Dr. Rubens Lopes, the president of the Crusade, is the pastor.

Many reports were heard, plans suggested, and purposes of the Crusade reemphasized. Especially also were the moral and social implications of the Crusade reemphasized that the regeneration of the individual man, the gospel of Jesus Christ accepted and lived, is the only permanent solution



Pictured above at the chapel in Vacaria are Rev. Herman Effa (l. to r.), Rev. Richard Rabenhorst, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Rev. Wanderly Alvares, a lay worker, and Evangelist Pedro Silva.

the First Baptist Church in Rio for this Congress. A delegation of 147 were from the United States. Mr. Owen Cooper, Southern Baptist businessman from Yazoo City, Mississippi and chairman of the Crusade of the Americas Committee on Lay Involvement, presided at the Congress.

The Central purpose of this Congress was to mobilize Baptist laymen for the Crusade of the Americas. The program included presentations of practical evangelistic methods and personal testimonies by laymen. Nightly services were held in the Maracanzinho gymnasium with audiences of between 10,000 and 15,000.

Rev. Daniel Fuchs is the assistant missionary secretary and Director of Evangelism, North American Baptist General Conference.

● **Rev. Reinhold Wilde** has resigned from the Onoway Baptist Church, Onoway, Alberta, to accept a call from the German Baptist Brethren Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, effective September 1, 1968. His new address is 842 Minto Street, Winnipeg 10, Manitoba.

● **Rev. Kendrick Gould**, pastor of the Startup Baptist Church, Startup, Wash., has been commissioned as chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserve effective July 19, 1968. He will continue to serve as pastor of the Startup Church.

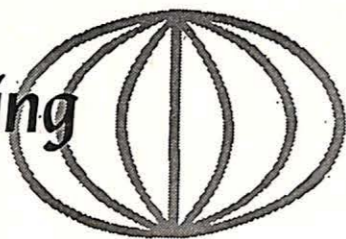
● **Rev. Leon Bill** has resigned from the Grace Baptist Church of West Fargo, N.D., to accept the call from the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S.D., effective November 1, 1968.

● The following short term missionaries returned from Cameroon August 6, 1968: Miss Wilma Binder, Miss Mary Ann Fuchs, Miss Nancy Ann Grover, Miss Eunice Kern, Miss LaVerna Mehlhaff, Miss Geraldine Martin, and Miss Jeannette Moeckli.

● The following missionaries have recently returned home from Cameroon on furlough: Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr, Dr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Zimbleman and Miss Ruby Salzman.

● **Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Bushkowsky**, pastor of the East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alberta, announce the birth of a son, Nathan Paul, born August 16, 1968.

## what's happening



● **Rev. Donald Decker** has resigned from the Strassburg Baptist Church, Marion, Kan., to become the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kan., effective Oct. 10.

● The Continental Congress on Evangelism will be held October 10-13, 1968 at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington D.C. The Congress is a four-day meeting of church and denominational leaders and laymen gathered for the purpose of studying and promoting evangelism. It is sponsored by twelve Baptist conventions and conferences with a total church membership of 20 million who are participating in the Crusade of the Americas. Attendance is limited to 2,500 delegates.

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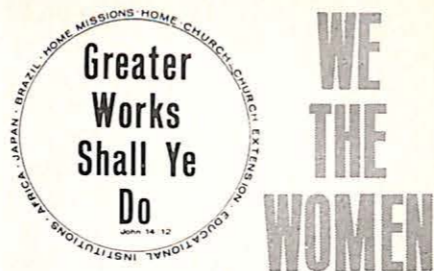
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BY MRS. HERBERT HILLER,  
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### NORTHERN CONFERENCE WMU

The year 1971 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Northern Conference Woman's Missionary Union. Conference historians have been appointed and these ladies are busy gathering information about each missionary society which will be compiled as a permanent record of the work faithful Christian women have accomplished for their Lord during these years.

We thank God for the vision of pioneer women who first organized this group in 1921 and impressed the importance of our women's work upon the minds and hearts of succeeding generations.

Today at 47 years of age, we have 58 societies with a total membership of about 1,580 women. 29 of these societies are in Alberta, 16 in Saskatchewan, 12 in Manitoba and one in British Columbia.

Although in past years the ministry of our Conference was largely among rural women, this is no longer true. Rapid population growth of our cities has resulted in almost one-half our churches being located in cities within the 3 prairie provinces.

The German language at our Northern Conference women's sessions has been replaced by English with very little of the original language being used in the meetings. However, there are still 13 German-speaking societies within our Conference, largely as a result of immigration into Canada after the Second World War.

As Northern Conference women we feel very fortunate to have the Christian Training Institute, now becoming known as the North American Baptist College, within our Conference. The women have faithfully supported this Christian school, and now have many alumni among its society members and particularly in areas of leadership.

Being the only completely Canadian Conference within our denomination, we differ somewhat in certain areas of our culture. However, our basic spiritual needs are the same, and as we serve God within our country, we join hands with the women of the other conferences in doing even GREATER WORKS for our Lord and Master.

by Mrs. Daunavan Buyer,  
Carbon Alta.,  
Northern Conference  
WMU President 1966-68

BAPTIST HERALD

# Our Churches in Action

## BAPTISM AND FAREWELL SERVICE HELD FOR PASTOR

MISSOULA, MONT. A fellowship hour was held on June 16 as a farewell for Rev. Herbert H. Vetter and family who were leaving the Bethel Baptist Church to do Church Extension work in South Everett, Washington. Herbert Schmutz, in charge of the service, gave special recognition to each member of the family.

The Missoula Church grew under Rev. Vetter's six year ministry; 195 persons were added to the membership during that time. On June 2, twenty-three new members were welcomed into the church, twelve of which came in by bap-



tism. (Picture above includes Rev. Vetter and new members.)

Rev. Robert Penner, from the Colonial Village Church in Lansing, Michigan, will be taking over the pastorate the first Sunday in September. (Martha Jayne Clark, reporter.)

## FAREWELL SERVICE HELD FOR REV. LOREN FISCHER AND FAMILY

ANAHEIM, CALIF. The Magnolia Baptist Church held a farewell party for Rev. and Mrs. Loren Fischer and family on June 30. A special program was held following the evening service with many of the officers of the church speaking of the excellent manner in which Pastor Loren has served our Lord and the Magnolia Church for seven years.

Rev. Loren Fischer has enjoyed a unique ministry because he served with his brother, Rev. Kenneth Fischer. He served as Assistant Pastor and was in charge of the Christian Education program.

Rev. Fischer has accepted a call to serve as Professor of Christian Education at the Western Baptist Seminary in Portland, Oregon. (Ellen Frosli, reporter.)

## WELCOME HELD FOR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

ANAHEIM, CALIF. The Magnolia Church officially welcomed two new staff members, Rev. Wayne Bibelheimer, Minister of Youth and Youth Music, and Mr. Murray McCulley, Business Administrator. Rev. Earl Broce was also honored as he moved from Minister of Youth into the field of Christian Education.

Rev. Wayne Bibelheimer is a 1968 graduate of our Seminary in Sioux Falls.

Pastor Wayne's first large project is a Vacation Bible Club for Junior High through college, scheduled every Wednesday evening until school starts. Bible study, discussion groups, planned recreation will make up the program.

The Sunday evening youth groups for primary through college have an average attendance of 240.

Plans for youth music centers on a large choir, from which will come smaller singing groups. In addition, various instrumental groups will be using their talents to serve the Lord.

Rev. Earl Broce will be working in the field of Christian

Education, assuming responsibility for the Sunday school and a comprehensive year-round camping program.

Mr. Murray McCulley has served in various church offices in Magnolia Church during the past eleven years. He will be responsible for the facilities, for ordering materials for all departments, for working out basic procedures to facilitate smooth operation of church business, to handle purchases of property and building programs, and to work with various Boards.

Rev. Kenneth Fischer, pastor of the Church, is grateful to the Lord for His continued blessing in sending competent staff people and a dedicated congregation. (Mrs. Ellen Frosli, reporter.)

## CHURCH WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

MILWAUKEE, WIS. On July 28, the German Zion Baptist Church held a welcoming service for our new pastor, Rev. Helmut Poschwatta and family. The welcome was extended by Reinhard Kelm and other officers of our church. Greetings were brought by pastors and representatives of five neighboring churches. Our guest speaker was Dr. Richard Schilke. A poem and solo were presented. The male and mixed choirs rendered special selections. Rev. and Mr. Poschwatta responded with sincere words of appreciation. Following the service, we had refreshments and a time of fellowship. (Mrs. Klaus Mueller, reporter.)

## CHURCH HAS ACTIVE CAMPING PROGRAM

HILDA, ALTA. Nine girls and four boys from the Hilda Baptist Church attended Pinecrest Baptist Bible Camp at Cypress Park, Saskatchewan. Girls camp had a registration of 58 campers, 26 staff. There were 18 conversions, four from Hilda, and six dedications to full-time service. July 7, 1968 was camp Sunday, when Lethbridge, Hilda, Golden Prairie and Temple and Grace Churches from Medicine Hat were welcomed at camp. The morning attendance was 250 and the afternoon attendance was 275. The mission offering was \$219.16. That evening boys camp started with a registration of 48 campers, 18 staff. Boys camp concluded with ten conversions and 31 dedications, four of these from Hilda. Youth Retreat had a registration of 52 campers and 11 staff. All three camps had a mission project and raised \$73.91 for the Ndu Baptist Bible College in Cameroon. (Mrs. Alvin Reiling, reporter.)

## BOY AND GIRLS CLUBS ORGANIZED IN BETHANY CHURCH

VANCOUVER, B.C. A Pioneer Girls Club was recently begun at Bethany, with a great deal of enthusiasm. Mrs. C. Dymmel is the capable chairman.

We started with an Explorer group of 16 girls, and a Colonist group of 14 girls. The Pilgrim group for the younger girls is scheduled to begin in September.

On June 23, 1968 they had their first Encampment, as part of the Sunday evening service. Several awards were presented at this encampment.

The Boys Service Brigade, Mr. P. Golz, chairman, has been in operation since September 1967. There are 31 boys with eight leaders and workers. The Stockaders group, for the younger boys, is due to begin in the fall. (Mrs. R. Zindler, reporter.)

## MISSIONARIES SHOW SLIDES AND SPEAK IN HOME CHURCH

McCLUSKY, N. DAK. The McClusky Baptist Church was privileged to have Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Zimbleman and boys the week of August 4-8. On Sunday, August 4, Dr. Zimbleman spoke to us in the morning and showed slides of his work in Cameroon in the evening. A potluck dinner and a time of fellowship was enjoyed by all. On Wednesday even-

ing he also showed films of their visit in Rome.

The Women's Missionary Society gave a tea in honor of Mrs. Ernest Zimbelman, who spoke to us of the life and work of the women in Cameroon. Host churches in attendance were Turtle Lake, Mercer, Lincoln Valley and Goodrich. (Mrs. Elmer Wahl, reporter.)

#### TRINITY CHURCH WELCOMES NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR

PORTLAND, ORE. Fred Jantz, recent graduate of North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., will be welcomed as new youth director at Trinity Baptist Church during a special service at the church Sunday, June 23.

Rev. Jantz was youth director at Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., for three years while attending Biola College. He is former youth coordinator at Central Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, and student pastor of Baptist Church, Alcester, S. Dak. (Miriam P. Krueger, reporter.)

#### THIRTEEN ADDED TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

STEAMBOAT ROCK, IOWA. On June 30, it was a great privilege for our members to hear the testimony of one of our missionaries' children, Eldon Frank Ruppelt, and see him follow the Lord in baptism and receive the right hand of fellowship.



On July 14, Rev. J. Ehman had the privilege of baptizing 10 young people and 2 adults who received the hand of fellowship August 4. Those who followed the Lord in baptism, pictured above, were Terry Klatt, Gary Crosser, Bill Trampe, Jr., Terry Gast, Mike Gast, Rhonda Gast, Mike Luiken, Teresa Rash, Mrs. Don Finger, Darla Bleeker, and Ralph Dynneson. Mrs. Ralph Gast also received the hand of fellowship coming by letter from our Aplington Church. (Mrs. Ernest Luiken, reporter.)

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND BAPTISM AT TEMPLE CHURCH

PITTSBURGH, PA. Temple Baptist Church held a Vacation Bible School June 24-28 with 80 children and 25 workers. A fine spirit of cooperation prevailed. On Friday evening a demonstration program was presented. A time of fellowship followed the program.

On July 14th four young people were baptized.

A long-range planning committee has been formed. The first meeting was held July 18. (Helen E. Seebacher, reporter.)

#### CHURCH HOLDS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CLEVELAND, OHIO. The Erin Avenue Baptist Church conducted a Vacation Bible School during the first two weeks of summer vacation. A group of 125-145 students and 30 teachers filled our church.

Our former Director of Christian Education, Mrs. Horst Melchien, directed very ably. Thirty ladies were happy to serve wherever needed.

Our theme was: "God's Word—Today's Hope."

On June 28, the children, their parents and the church members met for a closing program.

Because of this work with the children it was possible to contact approximately 30 families of the church neighborhood. (Mrs. Albert Koch, reporter.)

#### PASTOR ENDS FIVE YEARS OF MINISTRY IN VICTOR, IOWA

VICTOR, IOWA. "The Lord's Table Made Relevant" was the farewell message preached by Pastor Glenn Fink at the Victor Baptist Church Sunday evening, August 18, 1968. The observance of the Communion Service was very meaningful to each one present. The Lord has blessed us these past five years in relocating and building a completely new church to His honor and glory. We praise Him for many souls saved, lives rededicated, and for the growth of many Christians by the faithful preaching of the Word.

A farewell dinner was given Sunday with a short program following. This dinner also honored Bernard Bohstedt, a charter member, who is 90 years old. Gifts were presented to both honored guests.

Pastor and Mrs. Fink and family will be moving to the Berean Baptist Church, which is an independent church, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. (Mrs. Glenn Fink, reporter.)

#### OCTOGENARIAN CLUB IS HONORED

RIDGEWOOD, N.Y. On May 26th, the Deaconate of the Ridgewood Baptist Church were hosts to the Octogenarian Club, consisting of 22 members. Our oldest member is about to celebrate her 94th birthday, but during the past year she has found it difficult to attend church. The other 21 are past 80 and 2 are 89.

Rev. Orthner told of his experiences as a young pastor in Australia at the turn of the century. He preached in two churches, eight miles apart and traveled on horseback.

All our members gave inspiring testimonials of what Christ means to them. Many of them came to this country during the depression years when work was scarce, yet their unwavering faith in their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, kept them through the difficult years, and today most enjoy reasonably good health. Their good sense of humor is a joy to all of us. Their great appreciation for God's blessings to them should inspire us who have not reached our 80th birthday. (Jennie Olsen, reporter.)

The following poem was written by one of the octogenarians:

#### A SIMPLE PRAYER

Keep my hands from sinful deeds  
Let them serve another's needs  
Help me walk the narrow way  
In Thy footsteps day by day.

Yea, hands and feet, heart and mind  
Naught of me is really mine  
All I am, or have, are Thine  
Thine to use for service here  
Fitting me for service *there*.

—Mrs. Natalie Marquardt

#### CHURCH REPORTS BAPTISM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

RIDGEWOOD, N.Y. On May 26 our pastor, Rev. A. Lamprecht, baptized the husband of a member of long standing who recently decided to commit his life to Christ.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rice was dedicated to the Lord. Baby Elizabeth represents the fourth generation of an active church family starting with Mrs. Elizabeth Nestler.

Following the service a dinner was enjoyed in the fellowship hall sponsored by the Sunday school. In the ensuing program the actual work of the school was presented by means of colored slides and coordinated narrative. Slides were shown of Sunday school picnics, youth group meetings and retreats and the annual Anniversary Day Parade.

The program was originated and worked out by the superintendent, Mr. John Steinhoff and supported by the Asst. Supt. Mr. Warren Padla. (Marion von Ahren, reporter.)

#### CHURCHES AT WESSINGTON SPRINGS HONOR PASTOR



WESSINGTON SPRINGS, S.D. The Immanuel and Ebenezer Baptist Churches honored their pastor, Rev. Thomas Lutz on his birthday, by surprising him on July 28.

The program committee arranged for a program featuring readings, musical numbers and a talk by Ivan Bender.

A gift of money was presented to Rev. Lutz by each church. Many cards were received and a telegram from his son, Tom and family from Katonah, New York, sending him birthday greetings. This

was followed by Words of gratitude by the pastor.

Refreshments of ice cream and a birthday cake, in the form of the Bible were served, followed by a time of fellowship. (Mable Pritzkau, reporter.)

#### CHURCH REPORTS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ELK GROVE, CALIF. Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist of Elk Grove, Calif., was held during the week of Aug. 5-9. Theme: "God's Son for Our World"; average attendance 110; enrollment 139; teachers and staff 39. Director of the school: Mrs. Roy Dolliver and Co-director Mrs. J. L. Givens. A program on Friday evening was presented by the children. The offering amounted to \$59.00 which is to be sent to Missions for Brazil. (Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, reporter.)

#### CHURCH SAYS FAREWELL TO PASTOR

LEHR, N. D. A farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. D. Heringer and boys took place in the Ebenezer Baptist Church on Sunday evening, July 14.

Rev. Milton Falkenberg of Ventura was the guest speaker with his entire congregation as guests.

A time of fellowship was held in the church parlors where the Heringer family was presented with a gift of money. (Mrs. John Kranzler, reporter.)



#### TWO COMPLETE SCRIPTURE MEMORY PROGRAM

CHICAGO, ILL. The Foster Avenue Baptist Church presented Shirley Pankratz (center) with a picture of Christ as her award for completing the 9 year Scripture Memorization program.

Betty Jean Johnson (right) received a similar award last year. Betty Jean was the first student of the Foster Avenue Sunday school to complete this program.

The Adult Department Superintendent, Mrs. Herbert Pankratz, is pictured on the left. (Beatrice Scroggin, reporter.)

#### FIRST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. Vacation Bible School was conducted in the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church July 22-Aug. 2. Thirty-nine were enrolled in this new venture of our church. Our director, Pastor Henry W. Barnet, and a staff of ten, were kept busy with the students. To some the Gospel was something new and wonderful. Two decisions for Christ were made.

The children presented a program on Friday evening. Open house was held where lessons and handwork were on display. The offerings amounted to \$35.00 which was designated for mission work in Brazil. (Mrs. Esther Johnston, reporter.)

#### COUPLE OBSERVES DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

KELOWNA, B.C. The diamond wedding celebrations for



Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Link brought together a host of relatives and friends to praise God for His presence and blessings down the long trail of sixty years. An open house, a family banquet, a church reception and a garden party graced the lives of the honored couple who were married on July 22, 1908 by the late Rev. F. A. Mueller, at Saron, near Leduc, Alberta.

Mrs. Link is the former Ida Redman, whose parents homesteaded in the Leduc, Alberta area in 1893. Mr. Link came to Alberta in 1901 from the U.S.A. and took up residence in Camrose, Alberta. Together they shared twenty years at Camrose where they were members of the Bethany Baptist Church; another score of years followed in the Olds, Alberta area where they faithfully attended the East Olds Baptist Church; and the last twenty years of retirement have been at Kelowna where they are part of the Grace Baptist Church congregation. The congregation honored them with a reception which featured expressions of appreciation through word, gifts and a luncheon.

All members of the immediate family were present for the festivities. Mr. and Mrs. Link have two daughters, Mrs. Ted Risto of Edmonton, Alberta, and Mrs. Wm. Faust of Detroit, Michigan, their daughter-in-law Mrs. Marjorie Link of Edmonton, and three sons: the Rev. Vernon Link of Immanuel Baptist Church, Elgin, Ill.; Herbert Link of Kelowna; Prof. Edward Link of North American Baptist College, Edmonton, as well as 19 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Special guests were Mrs. Minnie Petersen, the bridesmaid of the wedding, and Mrs. Ethel Plummer and Mrs. Frances Hoover, two nieces who attended the couple's wedding. Mr. Rome Link, the surviving brother of the groom could not be in attendance. (Herbert Link, reporter.)

#### CEDARLOO CHURCH REPORTS AN ACTIVE YEAR

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA. Our first pastor, Rev. Bernard Fritzsche was called to another church and Rev. Raymond Harsch is now with us since September 1967.

We entertained 90 young people for the Iowa Youth Retreat during Thanksgiving weekend.

Cantatas were presented at both Christmas and Easter





# Church Extension— Redmond Project

by John Hisel

"**T**HANK YOU" is the first word upon my heart as I write this article today. It is a "Thank You" first to the Lord for his counsel and guidance during our first eleven months as a newly organized North American Baptist church. Secondly, it is a "Thank You" to each of you who have already taken that extra minute to slip a dollar into an envelope and sent it off, with your prayers and concern, so that we in this new church might see a new building arise in which we can centralize our function and worship to Christ. Your "first dollar" is helping us to have the financial security to launch forth in the area of construction on our first unit.

Since our first report to you, which appeared in the December 1967 edition of the Baptist Herald, we have had numerous blessings from the Lord. Attendance has grown to an average of 33 in Sunday school and 45 in worship services. Midweek services, which meet in homes, average nine. We continue to meet in a local elementary school and have gone from the rental of two rooms to three. The cost to us is \$29 per Sunday.

Our two youth groups have not been active over the summer months but plans are underway to initiate a fall program. Last spring we averaged 18 in attendance for the two groups.

Our ladies have organized a W.M.U. and meet once a month with an average attendance of eight.

The men are also showing a real interest in developing a good fellow-

ship organization and already we have met twice to discuss the possibilities of forming a Baptist Men's Fellowship. The men have expressed a desire to serve in the ministry of our church through this group.

I believe you are also interested in knowing where we stand as far as progress on construction of our first unit is concerned. Due to lack of sufficient funds we find it necessary, for the present, to eliminate the planned educational facility and to build only the chapel and overflow fellowship area. This means that we will have no special classrooms and will have to use the main auditorium for all Sunday school rooms and then to convert the area into the worship center for the 11 A.M. hour. We are praying that the Lord will lay it upon the hearts of many people to give generously so that we can realize a complete facility to adequately train and teach.

The future is fantastically bright for this project. The immediate area of the church property is being consumed with hundreds of new homes and families. Other churches, of course, are growing and building. They are constructing facilities that attract people and offer programs that appeal to the entire family. We have a real desire to be the type of church, in all facets, that appeals to those who love Christ and want to serve Him and to those who are looking for meaning and purpose, and will find it ultimately through the message which we can share with them.

To reach our community more effectively our Sunday school is promoting a Sunday School Registration Day at which time we will appeal to local families to send their children to our Sunday school. The plan calls for a house to house canvass to be made on the Saturday before Registration Day. We will leave an invitation at each home encouraging those who stay home on Sundays to join us for Christian instruction, fellowship, and worship. We are praying that God will speak to those who will be contacted so that they will sense the urgency in what we are offering to them.

Our first baptism was held during the month of May at which time five people were baptized and received into the fellowship of the church. One other came through the transfer of letter. The present membership stands at 21. The pastor is presently conducting another series of membership classes for both children and adults. Nine individuals are presently involved in these two classes. Another baptismal service is being planned for the fall.

"Thank you" is also the last word I want to leave with you. Thank you for reading this article. Thank you for remembering Y-OUR project in prayer. And thank you for taking the extra minute and slipping a "second dollar" into an envelope designating it for the Sherwood Forest Baptist Church of Redmond, Washington.

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