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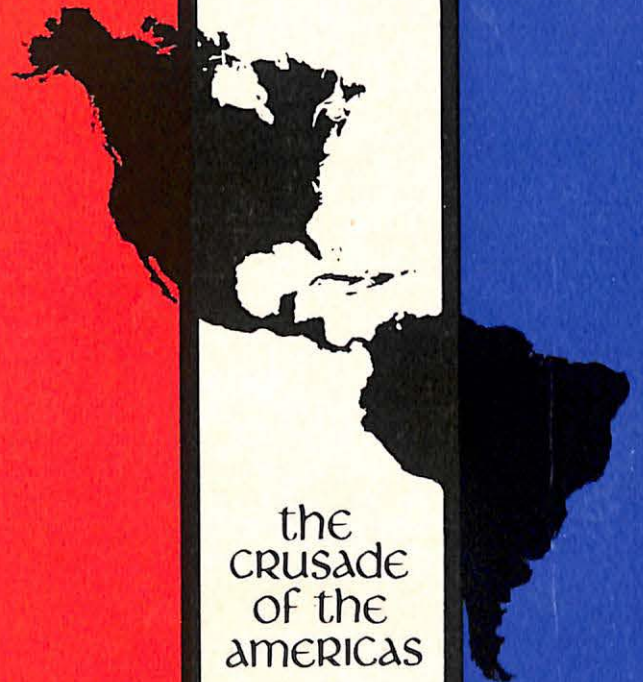
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B.W.A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS FOR FIRST TIME IN AFRICA

MONROVIA, LIBERIA.—The Baptist World Alliance executive committee met in Monrovia July 30-August 1, with a total attendance of 90 members and visitors from 21 countries. It was the first time any world-wide Baptist meeting had been held in Africa, and the influx of delegates from many lands created much excitement in the usually quiet city. (There are 472,000 Baptists in Africa, 22,000 of them in Liberia)

Dr. William R. Tolbert, president of the Baptist World Alliance 1965-70, is also vice-president of the Republic of Liberia.

The delegates held three long days of meetings in an assembly hall at Ricks Institute, a Baptist school 15 miles outside the city, but they were welcomed during the evening two festive dinners given by the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, with President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia as special guest. On the following evening, President

shakable courage in what he believed to be right, and his advocacy of a non-violent solution to evils and injustices in society." They said also they "would draw the attention of all Baptists to the need for Christians to struggle for a righteous order of society in a spirit of Christ-like love."

The resolution on evangelism gave a wide and inclusive meaning to the word "evangelism." It noted that the year 1969 will be a time of special evangelistic emphasis on several continents, including the Crusade of the Americas in all the Western hemisphere, and it resolved:

"That we renew our consecration to the work of evangelism—evangelism being understood to involve both the redemption of the individual, the individual's growth in Christian character and service, and his involvement as a Christian in the broad spectrum of the life of his total commitment."

In other actions, the Executive Committee gave attention to plans for a Baptist World Congress in Tokyo July 12-18, 1970. Dr. Shuichi Matsumura and W. H. (Dub) Jackson of Tokyo reported on plans for local arrange-

desperately so to be and do."

The statement was presented by Dr. James L. Sullivan of Nashville, U. S. A., on behalf of a resolutions committee made up of ten members from seven nations.

"We proclaim to the world our deep feeling that war as a means of permanent solution is untenable, and we believe that any peace that is not based on justice and righteousness is equally untenable and dangerous," the Committee declared in its adoption of the resolution.

In addition to urging all Baptists and other Christians to engage in prayer and to strive "to be informed Christian citizens in every changing international situation" the resolution proposed:

"We seek to give every possible guidance to our families, friends, and constituent conventions with the view of developing plans and programs for personal reading, for family discussion and for church educational use in the hope of building spirit and understanding on a sustained basis as we strive for peace in the whole world in our time."

An amendment proposed by Dr. Ernest A. Payne of London added the following final paragraph: "Further, in regard to present conflicts in Vietnam, Nigeria, the Middle East, and other places, we appeal to our members to uphold urgently in prayer all those working for speedy and just solutions."

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS DEVELOP NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN VIETNAM

RICHMOND, VA. (EP)—Development of national leadership is the most noteworthy aspect of the work of Vietnam Baptist Mission, according to a spokesman for the Southern Baptist project.

Mrs. Rondal D. Merrell, Sr., bringing to a close her assignment as mission publicity chairman, made her report on progress to the mission's eighth annual meeting in Danang. The report was released here through the denomination's Foreign Mission Board.

Two Vietnamese Baptist pastors were ordained during the year, she said, and the first Vietnamese called to pastor a church related to Southern Baptist work in South Vietnam is serving at Faith Baptist church in Nhatrang.

BRITONS SEE 'TWO-A-PENNY' IN GRAHAM PREVIEW

LONDON (EP)—Prince Charles Cinema in London's West End was the site of the premier showing of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's latest full length color movie "Two-A-Penny."

The World Wide Pictures' production starring pop singer Cliff Richard of England will be shown two months in the theater during summer months before being released throughout the United Kingdom.

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Editorial

What Was That You Said?

"If we each win two and those we win each win two more . . . we can win the world for Christ." "If we could just get them to come to church they would hear the Gospel message." "If they would only realize they are wrong and going to hell." "If the pastor would do his job right we'd have more people coming forward." "If they don't care if anyone is saved or not, why should I?"

We've all heard these phrases. These are not the phrases of courage, hope and vision, but rather phrases of wishful thinking, evasion of responsibility and shallowness in the Christian life. If we have any hope, any courage, any vision to win persons to Jesus Christ then let us put aside these wishful thoughts, feeble excuses and rationalizations and approach our opportunities with zeal.

Winning persons involves a personal relationship. It involves friendship, naturalness and honest concern. If we claim Christ as Savior of our life, any of us should know him with a confidence that allows us to be very natural and honest with ourselves and others as we share him through our actions and words.

Who has enchained our hearts, our minds our lives making them useless for Christ? Satan? Yes. What did he use to bind your life? Pride, selfishness, doubt, excuses, fear?

What shall free us from these chains of sin? It will not be by our own strength or will. But with a desire for change in our lives and the life of the church, we can, through the power of Jesus Christ working in yielded lives, be freed.

As a result of Christ empowered lives we shall hear among our fellowship of believers phrases like these, "Today I was able to talk with a friend about Christ." "Yesterday I met a stranger and was able to say a word to him and give him a tract." "I had the thrill of being used by God to bring another to the Savior." Will phrases like this resound in your life, your church, your denomination during the year before us?

May each of us whether we be minister, deacon, teacher, youth sponsor, faithful member, or any other category in which we may be classed, covenant anew, now, that we through faith in Jesus Christ, are going to (1) pray for a vision and concern for the lost, (2) begin a personal program of sharing Christ, (3) openly share with and encourage fellow Christians to join with Christ in this concern, (4) be actively involved in a planned church program of outreach, (5) and provide friendship and nurture for the new born of God.

Our 1968-69 denominational evangelism emphasis with the theme "Winning Persons to Christ" will be introduced during Christian Education Week September 29-October 6, 1968. Will you during that time, or right now, make your new covenant with Jesus Christ?

—Guest Editorial by Rev. Bruce A. Rich, General Secretary and Director of Youth Ministry, Department of Christian Education



NEWS & VIEWS

and Mrs. Tubman were hosts to the delegates at a State Dinner in the Executive Mansion.

Dr. Tolbert said at the first dinner meeting that in a world of crises and different ideologies, it is the duty of all Christians irrespective of denomination to strive to bring pagans, atheists and animists to the glory of God.

The Liberian Baptists presented a check for \$1,000 to Alliance officials, to be used for world relief.

President Tubman said the fellowship of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee in Liberia was a unique occasion in the history of the nation. He explained the social aspect of his country's Open Door Policy and told the guests that the Liberian Government welcomed everyone without considering creed, color or race. "There are no strangers in Liberia," the Chief Executive added.

President Tubman conferred special knighthood degrees in the Liberian Humane Order of African Redemption on 14 B.W.A. leaders.

The committee adopted resolutions on peace and world relief (separate stories), on the violent death of Martin Luther King, and on evangelism.

The members said in respect to Dr. King that they "recall with thanksgiving his strong compassion for the underprivileged and oppressed, his un-

ments. A program committee was appointed by Alliance President Tolbert, with Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Birmingham, U.S.A., as committee chairman.

Two delegates from Romania were welcomed—the first time any representatives from this Eastern European country had been privileged to attend a B.W.A. meeting in many years. They were Iochim Tsunea, general secretary of the Romanian Baptist Union, and Nicolai Kovaci, vice president of the union. They report a membership of 120,000 in their country's Baptist congregations.

BAPTIST LEADERS ADOPT RESOLUTION ON PEACE

MONROVIA, LIBERIA.—The Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, meeting for the first time in Africa, urged the 29 million Baptists in 120 nations to give themselves through prayer, citizenship, and education to "build spirit and understanding on a sustained basis . . . for peace in the whole world in our time."

The resolution noted that "peace is a Christ-like characteristic and should be the goal of every Christian expressing itself in one's peace with God and with his fellowman."

"As Christians," it said, "we are admonished to be peacemakers among men, and in our hearts we yearn

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DICK AND BETH Rabenhorst, our missionaries to Brazil, write in their latest prayer letter, July, 1968: "How are you as an individual or as a church progressing with plans for the Crusade of the Americas? If you are looking for an evangelistic opportunity that will afford cooperation with your missionaries in Brazil—that is it! Your theme and our theme is 'Christ, the Only Hope!'"

Everybody is talking about the Crusade of the Americas. There is spiritual excitement in the air! We are exceedingly thrilled with the tremendous possibilities of this united evangelistic effort not only across our own denomination, but across the entire western hemisphere. Millions of Baptists from our mission field in Brazil and the southern tip of South America to the northern parts of North America are united under God in this great evangelistic advance. Surely such a united effort in the unity of the spirit should give us all an overwhelming sense of the presence of God and the mighty moving of the Holy Spirit among us.

We are in the Crusade of the Americas now. This month is lift-off time in our churches for the major thrust of the Crusade. Beginning now and for the next 12 months our major emphasis will be "Winning Persons to Christ."

What a wonderful day to proclaim freshly and fervently to a frustrated, sin weary, modern generation: "Christ, the Only Hope!" What a wonderful thing it is to be "Winning Persons to

Christ" who forgives the past and seals the future in his grace and care. Let us tell it to one or a thousand, in our churches, in our neighborhoods, in homes, places of work, wherever we are: "Christ, the Only Hope!" Let us be winning persons to Christ!

Your local church is the basic unit in the Crusade of the Americas. Your church and you must plan for the Crusade—then diligently work your plans. A variety of evangelistic activities are suggested for your church: a religious census to discover prospects; Sunday school enlargement and outreach; the establishment of missions, preaching points and new churches in unchurched areas; church revivals; personal visitation evangelism campaigns; area crusades and open-air meetings.

Let us remember, however, that the best of planning and the best of techniques *alone* will not bring the refreshing from the Lord. Our plans need to be bathed in prayer as we cast ourselves upon him who has promised: "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things thou knowest not."

What can your church and you do in the Crusade of the Americas? You can do four things:

First of all, you can be informed. If the Crusade is to be meaningful to you and to your church, first you must be fully informed of the events that are scheduled, the actions you should take, the materials and resources available to assist you.

Familiarize yourself and your church with the purpose and program of the Crusade of the Americas and what your church can do in the Crusade. Study the calendar of evangelistic activities suggested to your church for 1968-69 emphasizing "Winning Persons to Christ."

Secondly, you can be involved. Lead your church to vote to participate in the Crusade of the Americas. Involve your church in a special week of personal visitation evangelism during the time of the denomination-wide simultaneous campaigns scheduled for March, April, and May 1969. Especially emphasize decision calling during this week using committed members of your witnessing group to visit prospects your church has been cultivating and who should make a decision for Christ. Close your decision calling week with a decision Sunday. Continue with a week of revival or deeper life meetings.

Prayer is essential to genuine spiritual renewal and revival. The power of intercessory prayer defies description. Let your church participate with millions of Baptists in deep intercessory prayer that can open the gates to genuine revival in your church and in our hemisphere.

Thirdly, you can be sensitive to the Spirit. As an individual church member you can prepare yourself spiritually through prayer, as you pray for personal forgiveness, for persons who need Christ, for spiritual renewal and power of the Holy Spirit, for the Lord of the harvest to thrust out laborers into his harvest, for success in making the Americas aware of Christ as the Savior.

You can prepare yourself spiritually through self-examination: to be sure of your own conversion, to acknowledge and confess known sins, to discover spiritual weaknesses as well as spiritual capacities God can use, to heed God's call to vocational Christian service when it comes.

Fourthly, you can be committed. Each of us needs to experience spiritual revival and renewal. Spiritual revival and renewal begins as we each one make a personal and private commitment to our Lord and our church: to initiate the Crusade of the Americas personally by dedicating ourselves anew to Christ; to respond to the demands of New Testament stewardship as they apply to life and possessions; to follow the Holy Spirit's leadership and seek to win souls.

Sunday, January 12, 1969, has been designated as Soul Winning Commitment Day. Enlist members of your church, junior high through adults, who will commit themselves to train and engage in visitation witnessing.

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TEACHING FOR DECISIONS

by Floyd E. Moore

GIVING direction to developing life is a significant privilege shared by parents and teachers. In this role they reach the highest level of cooperation with God that is humanly possible. Decisions of eternal consequence depend in great measure upon their understanding that every Christian is a witness, and upon their positive attitude toward the task of winning the lost to Jesus Christ. In the structured teaching situation many opportunities are afforded the teacher to influence decisions that are made by members of the class. Many decisions wait for the teacher to make definite plans for their consideration.

AIM FOR SPECIFIC DECISIONS

The decision to accept Christ as Savior is the most important decision a person will ever make, but it is not the only spiritual decision to be made. Many Sunday school students need to make significant responses before and after conversion. There are serious decisions to be made concerning the Bible, God, Jesus, sin and other matters in preparation for full surrender. In prayerful and careful planning the teacher considers specific responses he or she will aim for as the result of a given lesson. Too often teachers concentrate their entire efforts on the lesson material and neglect the privilege of leading pupils to meaningful decisions.

Class members who are already Christians need to make decisions about being good witnesses, and doing specific things that will contribute to the task of winning the lost. Good teaching should result in decisions of many kinds, and the teacher's objectives and aims should continually encourage specific responses.

PROCLAIM THE WORD FAITHFULLY

There should be no real conflict in the matter of content-centered and life-centered teaching. The content and meaning of Biblical relation can be relevant to the experiences and needs of persons in our day. A vigorous approach to the teaching of God's Word

prepares a person to make meaningful decisions. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to bring conviction to the heart of the lost person, but very often he waits until the person hears and understands the Word of God. The Psalmists said, "The entrance of thy Words giveth light" (Psalm 119:130a), and Paul reminds us that "God hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation" (II Corinthians 5:19b). The specific instruction to the lost person is: "Submit to God and accept the word that he plants in your hearts, which is able to save you" (James 1:22b, Good News for Modern Man).

There is a vast difference in being relevant and making the Word relevant. It is possible to deal with current issues and not apply the Word to specific situations. Very often the teacher must move from the general meaning of scripture to direct application in order to encourage specific responses. When it comes to winning a soul to Christ we can do no better than to make use of the Word of God, which is the sword of the Spirit.

ESTABLISH PROPER RELATIONSHIPS

The decisions students make are many times more closely related to what the teacher is and does than upon what the teacher teaches. Teaching is essentially interpersonal communication. The teacher who would desire that students make definite decisions must establish a relationship with them that would invite not only public but private conversation and inquiry. It should be a natural thing for the lost student to ask his teacher about being saved. Personal work is very personal by its own nature, and teachers must make themselves available for private interviews with each student who desires it. Some of the best teaching, which results in decisions, is done outside the classroom.

This type of teaching demands that we be concerned about and know our students. A visit to the home, school or place of work provides the teacher with much needed information and impressions. Also, these visits, possibly

more than anything else we do, indicate our real concern for precious souls being born into God's kingdom. The true Christianity teachers express in this way makes deep and lasting impressions on students, and could be the difference in many decisions they need to make.

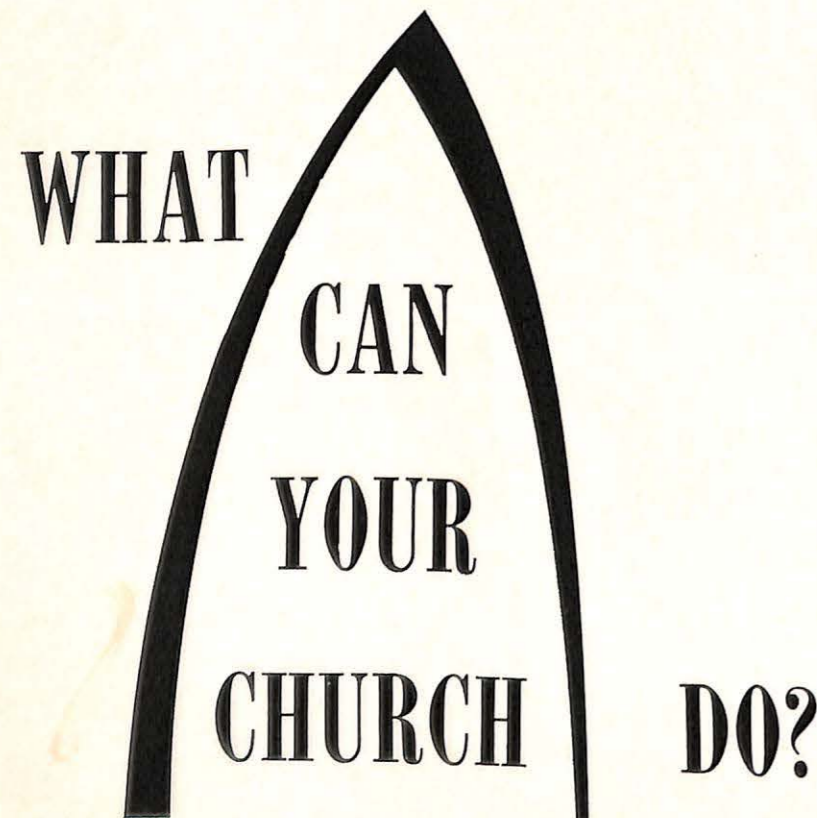
TEACH TO REINFORCE DECISIONS

Few, if any, decisions are made in complete isolation, and the measure of satisfaction gained from a decision will influence a person as he faces the next one. Teachers should be aware of their role in leading persons from faith to faith. The teacher's own positive approach to decisions about God and the Christian life will provide reinforcement to the student as he reviews decisions he has already made and contemplates making other decisions. There is a very positive and optimistic note in the scriptures concerning final and complete victory for those who put their faith in Jesus Christ, and teachers should sound this triumphant note clearly and often during these days of uncertainty and doubt.

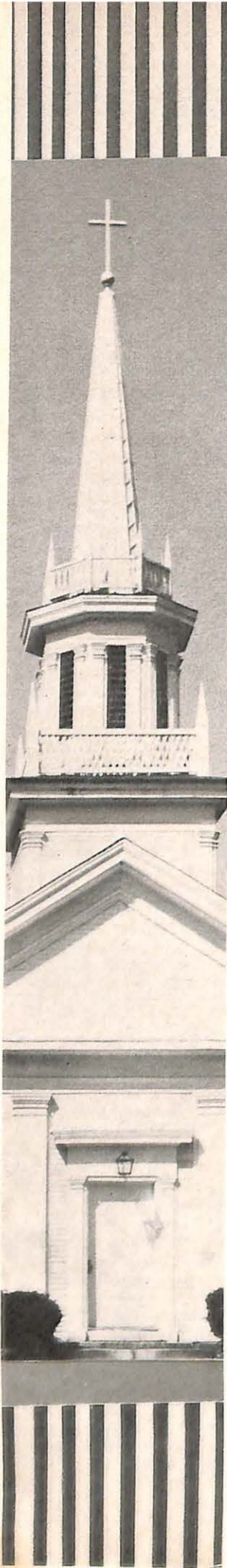
Decisions are important! Esau made a decision and traded his birthright for a "mess of pottage." Joshua decided, "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Saul decided to accept Christ, and Paul heeded the Macedonian call and helped turn the stream of Christian history westward. Teachers through the ages have greatly influenced important decisions.

In the formal sense of the word teachers do not often give invitations for persons to accept Christ in the classroom situation, but by our attitudes and expressed concern we too invite persons to come to Christ. As Andrew brought Simon to Jesus, we, by our teaching, can bring the lost to him for that decision to accept eternal life.

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by Daniel Fuchs



THE OBJECTIVE

OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

To introduce persons to God through Jesus Christ

under the guidance of the Holy Spirit,

so that they, by faith, may enter into

a personal, enduring relationship with God,

and to lead them into such an undivided loyalty

to Christ as the Lord

so that they will earnestly desire to know

God's will

and, in the strength of the triune God,

determine to do it.

I SMILED when I began to read Frank's first letter. I didn't know it then, but it was the first of a series of letters—letters that would change my entire ministry.

"Dear Pastor," the letter ran, "I don't suppose you remember, but before you left the church here you urged me to attend a Sunday school leadership training conference if I possibly could. I must admit I didn't take you too seriously, but this past summer I learned about one in our area, so I went. As superintendent of the Sunday school, I thought it might do me good, and if nothing else it would mean getting away for a week at least.

"Well, that conference did me more than good. It changed my entire outlook on Sunday school work! The speakers were terrific—best I've ever heard. I never realized that being a superintendent was such a wonderful opportunity or such a responsibility. . . ."

Frank's letter went on at great length about the conference and what it had done for him. I had to smile a little. This didn't sound like the easy-going young man I had known in my former pastorate. Since I had moved across the country three years ago, Frank had written only once or twice—just brief notes to let me know that the status quo was standing fast. But this letter was different. It was as if he had experienced something that had really rocked his life and he wanted to share it with someone who would understand.

Toward the end of the letter Frank's real feelings leaped up at me from the

page. . . . "Pastor God gave me a vision—a vision of how great He is, how precious souls are and how important is my responsibility. I can never be the same. I want others in my church to have this vision, too. Please pray. . . ."

The letter closed, and I laid it aside to begin the tasks for the day. But my usual cycle of study, counseling, visitation and other duties was broken, for try as I would I found my thoughts coming back to Frank's words, "God gave me a vision."

That night I sat in my study alone with Frank's letter before me. Again and again my eyes came back to that phrase—"God gave me a vision." I, too, had possessed a vision when I took my new pastorate, but what had happened to it? So many of my plans for expansion and aggressive evangelism had received the cold water treatment.

To be truthful, my vision had faded. It had burned brightest in my plans for the Sunday school, but Stanley Preston was a superintendent who enjoyed the status quo. Stanley—a successful business man and a good administrator—was gracious but firm. When I mentioned plans for teacher training, staff meetings, contests and visitation, he said, "Pastor, you're a great fellow and we all like you. I appreciate your interest, but our people are conservative. We've been doing an excellent job in this community. We have the largest Sunday school and many members of our staff are college graduates. They would be insulted at the suggestion of leadership

training, and besides. . . ."

And so it went. Stanley had a reputation for being about to talk anyone down, including his wife. There were similar discussions but Stanley held firm.

Frank's second letter arrived the following Monday. It was evident he had to tell someone how he felt, and he chose to do so with letters to me.

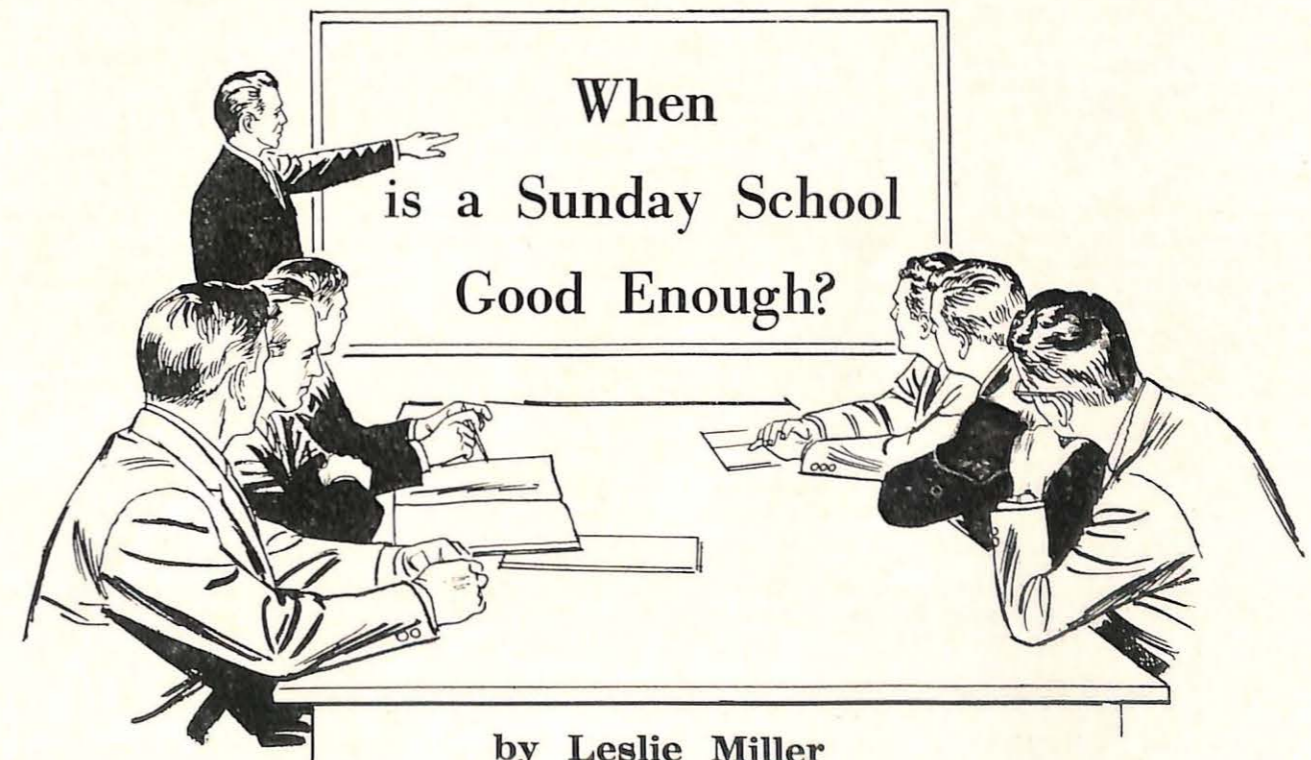
"I know you probably haven't had time to answer my first letter," he wrote, "but I've got to tell you what happened when I suggested all my big plans to my staff. . . ."

The following was a description of the explosion Frank had caused. His suggestion to revive the leadership training system I had begun just before leaving met with hot opposition. Several teachers were ready to quit, and then Frank realized he had moved too fast.

"I saw I would have to sell my ideas to them, Pastor," Frank wrote in closing. "But I'm not discouraged. God gave me a vision and I believe that. . . ."

There were those words again—a vision. Fred hadn't lost his vision, but I had lost mine!

My head bowed in shame when I realized that Frank was looking to me for advice and encouragement. I quickly got out pen and paper and tried to write a reply that would help and inspire Frank, but the words did not flow with their usual ease. I finally finished with the promise to pray about his problem. The next day I guiltily dropped the letter in the box, excusing my hypocrisy by arguing that it would do no good to let Frank



by Leslie Miller

know his "counselor" needed counsel himself.

It was a month before Frank's third letter arrived. He was still meeting stumbling blocks.

"Just the other evening I talked to Pastor Martin," Frank began, "and do you know he was completely disinterested in my plans. He said I took my job too seriously—that our Sunday school was doing fine. Our teachers were well liked and he supposed they were teaching the Bible. Yes, he admitted we were losing many young people but all churches did, didn't they?"

"Why, he even admitted that his own son, Peter, didn't want to go to Sunday school anymore. But Peter was going through a teen-age stage, he said. He'd straighten out.

"What about Pete's teacher? I asked him. She had become furious when I talked about every teacher being sure he was born again. She told me I was becoming a narrow-minded fanatic.

"Well, Frank," Pastor Martin said, "perhaps that conference you attended did give you an extreme viewpoint. Relax—be satisfied with things as they are, and so on.

"I just don't know Pastor, I'm getting discouraged, I hope. . . ."

I clutched Frank's letter in my hand, my conscience jabbing me. What could I tell him? That he was losing his vision just as I had lost mine? I dropped to my knees in prayer—for Frank and for his church.

I kept putting off a reply to Frank and just three weeks later another letter arrived. It contained a mixture of tragic and happy news. They would be starting leadership training in Frank's church, but at a price. That tragic price gave me a bold, almost melodramatic idea, but I was sure God was leading. I knew what I had to do.

On the following Monday evening I arose with a silent prayer on my lips to address a special meeting of the church board in my study. After thanking them for coming, I proceeded to apologize for the failure I had been as their pastor. Their looks of surprise turned to cool suspicion as I told them why I had failed.

"As you may recall, when I came to this church I had big plans, much enthusiasm and little patience. When none of you seemed to share my vision, I became impatient, then resentful, and finally discouraged. I gave up and tried to follow the line of least resistance."

I paused for a moment, the stillness broken only by the sound of Stanley Preston's pencil as it tapped on his ever-present scratch pad.

"Gentlemen, we face greater challenges today than ever before. Our Sunday school may be classed as a good one, but is it really good enough? We all know that the high school de-

partment is in crowded quarters and attendance is dropping. Our teachers may have ability, but do they really have the training, the tools and the vision they need?"

I paused and looked into the eyes of 15 men. Many were frowning, but here and there I saw a thoughtful look. Dr. Jordan seemed particularly interested and for a moment I thought Stanley Preston's eyes darted nervously about.

"I've just received a letter from a friend in my former church. He's superintendent of the Sunday school, and it's a school that is much like ours. I'd like to read part of his letter to you. . . ."

"Dear Pastor, "The revival I've been praying for has finally come, but at a tragic price. I know you get our hometown paper, so perhaps you've seen the story. Nine high school boys arrested for vandalism, petty larceny and possession of deadly weapons. Six of these boys are from our Sunday school, including Peter, the pastor's son, and Bill, the son of Mrs. Parker, who teaches our largest high school class.

"Pastor Martin and Mrs. Parker went right down to the police station when they got the call. I came too and heard part of it.

"Why did you do this thing, Peter?" Pastor Martin asked his son. "You've always had good training from the Bible."

"Peter's answer rocked his father to his very toes: 'The Bible? What has the Bible got to do with it? All I've ever learned is that it's full of dry stories that put you to sleep. What difference is the Bible supposed to make?'"

"And Bill Parker about broke his mother's heart when he said, 'Sunday school? Sunday school?! Oh sure, we've always come, and we've heard you tell us to be good. Well, we found out it was more fun to be a little bad, and anyway, I've never seen a whole lot of difference in the way I live and the way you and Dad really live. I just got caught, that's all.'"

"Well, Pastor Martin got up to preach last Sunday and for the first time there was fire in his eye. His text was Proverbs 29:18: 'Where there is no vision, the people perish. . . .' He spared no one in that sermon, least of all himself. It was really more of a confession, and I've never seen a service like it in our church.

"You know, the meeting never really was officially dismissed. Many people came forward to speak to Pastor Martin and there were several professions of faith and many rededications to Christ.

"We're getting leadership training now—and new facilities and anything else we need for our Sunday school. Pastor Martin is seeing to that. But the price we had to pay to catch a

vision was terrific. The boys go on trial in a few days."

My voice was husky as I finished the final paragraphs of Frank's letter. There was a long period of silence, and then Dr. Jordan stood up, and said, "Gentlemen, in the medical profession we place much emphasis upon what we call preventive therapy. Several minor incidents among our teen-agers, some of them right on the church grounds, have led me to believe that perhaps our church could stand more vision. In my opinion, my own son, Tom, and many of our other young people are in danger of going the same way the boys spoken of in this letter have gone. I move that we give serious consideration to any recommendations the pastor has, and to also search our hearts to discover our true aim as members of the church of Jesus Christ."

I glanced around the group. It appeared that two or three were ready to take issue with the doctor, but just then Stanley Preston rose to his feet. He still had his ability to outtalk anyone, but he somehow seemed a changed man.

"As you all know," he said, "I've always felt the pastor's requests regarding the Sunday school have been a bit extreme. And ordinarily I would have written off this letter as an emotional, irrational appeal. But a current problem in my own home forces me to admit that tragedies like the one in this letter can happen, and they can happen right here. My own daughter, Teresa, has just graduated from high school and is infatuated with a young fellow who has a police record, no job, and no religious faith whatsoever. I've been asking myself how this could happen, and I think the remarks those two boys made in the letter—about the Bible meaning nothing and just telling them to be good—have given me the answer. I second Dr. Jordan's motion and will be happy to engage in discussion with anyone who opposes it."

Stanley's piercing eyes swept over the group. I breathed a prayer of thanksgiving; the Lord had used him to win the battle. From now on everything would be different, I was sure.

As the meeting ended Stanley caught my arm. "I meant all I said, Pastor. God has been dealing with me and I would appreciate a talk with you soon—tomorrow morning if possible."

"How about 10:00?"

"I'll be here." He gripped my hand and went out with the others. I remained at my desk for a long time, and then took out pen and paper.

"Dear Frank," "I've been putting off this letter for quite awhile, but now I can write it."

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TESTIMONIALS— 1967-68 GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM MEMBERS

This year has been a tremendous experience for each of us. We wish to express our deepest appreciation to all of you who made this year one we will never forget. The friendships we have made with you and especially with those who were our "Moms and Dads" will never be forgotten. Following are short testimonials from several of the team members.

LINDA FREY

Before entering the Volunteers program, I was attending the University of Northern Iowa where I was a sophomore. This summer I will be returning to U.N.I. to continue working towards a B. A. degree.

For me, this has been a year of many unique and enriching experiences from which I learned far more than could have been gained in a year of college. I believe the one thing I have really gained is an increasing awareness of people around me and their needs. I hope to be a more effective witness in college this year by seeking to deeply understand people and their inner struggles.

SHARON SCHROEDER

Before entering God's Volunteers I taught elementary school at The Pas, Manitoba. This fall I plan to return to the University of Manitoba for further studies in the B. A. program.

Of all my experiences this year, one of the most impressive facts to me is the need to take the Gospel to people around home. After making hundreds of calls in a community, very few people are interested in coming to the services. How then can people be reached? I think a visitation program in the church as well as an individual awareness of other people and their needs by the people in the church can bridge the gap between the church and the people around us needing Jesus Christ.

JUDY LEPPKE

Last year I attended Southwestern State College where I was a freshman. I majored in Business Accounting. While in college, God was testing me and my faith. It was a challenge to begin in a large college coming from a small high school. But with His help, I had a good year filled with excitement and happiness.

This year I plan to take summer school at Southwestern State College. If it's God's will, I hope to complete my four years of study there, receiving my degree in Business.

Even though I took out a year from my college work, putting me behind a year, I feel I have gained much more through the experiences I have had this past year.

I think the most important thing that I've experienced this year is learning to know who I really am. Working with other people day after day has helped me to see what I am really like. I've had to examine and evaluate my own Christian life and relationship to Jesus Christ. If I'm not right with God the way I should be, how can I tell others about His leading in their lives. It has helped me to grow spiritually learning to lean upon the Holy Spirit's guiding in every way possible. I trust God will continue to use me as I return to college. I know I will have more interest in people and their personal feelings. Truly God has been at work this year in the lives of others and in my own life.

DAVID LAKE

Having worked toward an M. A. degree in Geography prior to becoming a Volunteer, I felt that my *desire* to witness to university students was not nearly what it should have been. After being a Volunteer for nine months, I am much more willing to get involved personally with people, and by getting involved to be used by the Spirit to love them into the Kingdom of God. I'll have plenty of chance to put this into practice as I begin a Ph. D. program at Indiana University this September.

MILTON LUGINBUHL

Prior to entering the God's Volunteers Program I was teaching junior high school mathematics at Springfield, Illinois. While there the Lord led me to my fiancée and also to applying for the G. V. program. Marriage June 15th and resumption of mathematics teaching are immediate plans.

It has been a beneficial experience for me to serve in the God's Volunteers program for 1967-1968. Prior to these past months I had done little sharing with people about Jesus Christ. To listen to their beliefs, questions,

doubts, skepticisms, needs, and desires was rewarding. Why hadn't I done this before; it was not half as bad as I had imagined, in fact, it was not bad at all. One thing stands out from these past months—being a Christian has no denominational barriers. The living Christ is necessary and sufficient for salvation; He will not fail in fulfilling His promises. As I see myself in His life-light, I realize what lacks I have and marvel at how He uses my witness which many times seems in vain. Being willing is the key to Christian service; willing and ready to suffer for Christ. (Luke 9:23). I am thankful the Lord requires faithful servants and that I have met many dedicated Christians these past months who are assimilating God's Word and in turn are becoming enthusiastic about knowing Christ as He manifests Himself to them in their daily Christian walk. II Tim. 1:7 refers to the Power, Love, and Mind of the resurrected Christ with which every believer must be equipped to successfully live as Christ lived. My friend, I and you need Christ's power, love and mind to carry out John 20:21 for the devil is in this 1968 world too, but praise God for the life of Christ. He *outlives* the devil and in Him, so can we (I John 3:8).

HEIDI SCHAFFRIN

You might say I was quite content working as a legal secretary in one of the law firms in downtown Detroit, but little did I realize in the beginning days of 1967 what the Lord had in store for me during that year.

It certainly was a great privilege for me to serve the Lord as a "Volunteer" for the past nine months and to share with others what He had done for me and what He was offering to them. The thing that thrilled me the most was being able to talk and pray with people, young and old alike, as they made their decision for Jesus Christ or rededicated themselves to Him. Through all this my life was enriched and became even more meaningful as Jesus Christ took on greater reality for me. It has been a wonderful year and, if I had the chance, I would do it over again.

Since the tour, I have moved to the Chicago area and am working at our N.A.B. Headquarters in Forest Park as secretary to Rev. John Binder and Rev. Bruno Schreiber.

ROBERT LANG

In my year as a God's Volunteer I can say I have been blessed in many ways.

Meeting God's people in many parts of Canada and the United States, I can say that I feel much more prepared for the future.

Just by watching people and gathering ideas from how different individuals deal with problems and joys has helped me to learn to be more alert in all situations.

Another way in which God has blessed me was by making each of us as team members a family to one another. It was wonderful being part of such an understanding family.

God also blessed with His guidance in many ways. Most wonderful of all was the fact that He showed me that my place in the game of life was in the ministry.

This fall I'll be entering Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas. Upon completion of college I plan to train at the North American Baptist Seminary.

The wonderfulness of my experiences as a God's Volunteer can't be expressed by words but the song "It's a Wonderful Life" says in music how I feel toward my Lord and Savior.

BEVERLY LUIKEN

Only two weeks before entering training for God's Volunteers last fall, I graduated from nurses training in Waterloo, Iowa. Though I had no idea of what my future would hold, I knew that God would use my year in the Volunteers to better prepare me for a life of more meaningful Christianity.

Through this year of contact with many people, I was reminded again of the need for a sincere concern in striving to be a source of strength and encouragement to those around me.

The past year as a Volunteer has helped me to know God in a more personal way and has shown me how I may be more effective in the future in relating Him to others.

In August Rev. Harry Hiller and I were married. We will be moving to Ontario where Harry will continue his education at McMaster University. I am planning to work as a psychiatric nurse in a hospital in Hamilton.

OPEN DIALOGUE

— LETTERS TO THE EDITOR —

To The Editor:

As a comparatively new subscriber to the HERALD I have found a number of the feature articles to be most informative and helpful. I consider missions the most important single area which your magazine covers and especially appreciated the candidness of Dr. Schilke in sharing with the readers, a few weeks ago, some of the criticisms and suggestions voiced by African Christians regarding the relationship of the African church to the Mission. This is undoubtedly the most crucial issue facing the entire Christian mission endeavor throughout the world and I am grateful to Dr. Schilke for spelling it out for us as it pertains to our own efforts in Africa.—Art Garling, Pastor, Long Grove, Illinois.

To The Editor

I like to thank you for the BAPTIST HERALD which I receive. Each copy that comes to me always has a warm reminder that I am a member of the family, and I am glad to be in touch with events of our Baptist World. I was however a little concerned that the issue of several weeks ago on Cameroon did not make any

mention of the progress and the work in the Southern areas.—Emil J. B. Tutuwan, African Student, Washington D. C.

To the Editor:

It was a real blessing to me to read your editorial on "Why All the Violence." (July 1 issue) Your concern to give a Christian answer to contemporary problems will create more interest and be of help to many BAPTIST HERALD readers.

I am thankful for the prompt report to the BAPTIST HERALD readers concerning "The General Council Actions." An informed people is a united people. Since the council makes decisions on behalf of the entire general conference, it is only right that they be informed as to the commitments made which the local congregations will have to carry out.

It is with real interest that I read of what the Lord is doing through the pastors and people of our general conference. The articles I appreciate most are those written by our own conference members.—by Adolph Brown, pastor, Warren, Mich.

You are invited to write letters of not more than 250 words to the editor expressing your point of view about our denominational work, the Christian Church at large, or any significant aspect of human affairs. The editor will not attempt to answer the questions or issues raised but invites others to give their reactions. If a question is directed specifically to one of our denominational departments, the editor will refer it to the respective department for a reply.

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WHAT HOPE FOR TOMORROW

(The last in a series on Race Relations) by Levi Keidel

"GRANTED, our racial problem began with the slave era. It is a problem of international dimensions. It threatens the future of our society. We have been unfair in our attitudes toward Negroes. But what can I, one white American, a professing Christian, do about it?"

Two Alternatives

There are but two alternatives. One is to neglect the problem. But neglect brought us to our present point. A cancer which is not removed to its roots will eventually destroy the organ in which it lives. Further neglect will only press us more irrevocably toward disaster.

The other alternative is involvement. This is based on the assumption that we believe rational intelligent human beings have the ability to learn how to live together. If we reckon with truth, if we sacrifice, the trend can be changed; the chasm can be closed. The Negro can share in America's plenty, and stability and order can be restored to our society. This is the course reasonable men must follow.

Reason: Christian Duty

But Christians have a more compelling reason for involvement. They profess to be disciples of Jesus Christ. If they dare believe the only solution to the racial crisis is inevitable catastrophe, they renounce the claims of the Lord they profess to serve.

Jesus Christ claimed to show us not only how to get right with God, but also how to live with our fellow-man. A member of the upper middle class of Jesus' day asked Him what to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus said that everything was wrapped up in two commandments: love God with all your heart, soul, and mind; and love your neighbor as yourself.

To further clarify the matter, Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan who bound up the wounds of the wayfaring stranger left beaten up by a band of thieves along the roadside. Jesus thereby made it abundantly

plain that our neighbor is any fellow human being who needs help.

Healing Love

It's easy to love other people when I know I'll get something out of it. But Jesus consistently taught not a self-serving love, but a self-giving love; a love which loves even when it is rejected. In fact, He said the greatest people in heaven will be those who have served most humbly in self-giving love. This kind of love has the potential to heal society.

Anybody seen this kind of love around lately?

We proudly tout our love for God, and then make bland excuses for not loving our neighbor. And this superficial concept of Christian discipleship effectively emasculates the gospel, rendering it powerless as a recreative leavening force in society.

This condition can be remedied only by spiritual renewal on an individual basis. This means sincere repentance to God for our empty meaningless faith, and willfully choosing a new direction guided by a different set of values. Otherwise, our own indictment may well be written in the spiritual that says "Everybody talkin' 'bout heab'n/ Ain't goin' dere."

Reason: Survival

If Christian commitment is not sufficient motivation for becoming involved in our current racial problem, there is a less noble but perhaps more tangible reason: survival.

Militant Negro leaders say, "Whitey won't be moved by an appeal to Christian conscience. He is only moved by tragedy and violence. He always puts up a traffic warning signal after three people get killed. He builds a dike after the city is flooded. He started the American Revolution with riots. Whenever he wants a raise, he strikes and threatens violence. We're getting onto the white man's wave length. We'll talk the only language he understands. Then he'll get the message."

Whitney Young of the Urban League has said, "There are no longer militants and moderates in Negro leadership. There are the builders and the burners; those within and those without society."

James W. Cook of Illinois Bell Telephone Company has said that we either deal with the problem realistically now, or in ten years there will be nothing left.

Steps to Involvement

If you are convinced you must become involved, here are ways to start:

1. Accept Negroes as human beings; people who love and laugh and hurt and cry just like you do. If they act different from us, it is largely because of the centuries of degradation and humiliation to which they have been subjected. Virtually all American Negroes suffer to varying degrees from this debilitating disease. They do not want to be helped by handouts; they want help toward becoming persons.

The vast majority of them, with

the right kind of help, can become productive citizens in our society. Others will have to be taught with infinite patience what they must do to help themselves. A few have minds so broken and human spirits so destroyed that tragically, they are probably beyond the point of rehabilitation.

2. Endeavor to inform yourself of the nature of our racial crisis. This includes becoming acquainted with the opinions of those with whom you do not agree.

Helpful books include: *Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders* (Bantam Books, QZ4237); *Before the Mayflower* (Johnson, Chicago; and Penguin); *The Negro Mood* by Lerone Bennett (Ballantine); *The Souls of Black Folk* by W.E.B. Dubois (Fawcett); *Black Like Me* by John Howard Griffith (Signet Books, P2709); *The Dark Ghetto* by Kenneth Clark (Harper); *Why We Can't Wait* by Martin Luther King (Signet Books, P2476); *Where Do We Go From Here* by Martin Luther King (Harper); *Black Power: The Politics of Liberation* by Stokely Carmichael (Random); and *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* (Grove).

3. Establish and develop bridges of communication with Negroes. This must be done tactfully and in a well-organized manner so that motives are clearly understood.

For example, establish contact with a Negro pastor, and plan for exchange visits between member of church congregations. While families can take

Negro children into their homes under the summer fresh-air program, and give everybody concerned a valuable learning experience.

Businessmen, private contractors and manual tradesmen can accept Negro young men as on-the-job trainees. What could be more valuable than teaching a Negro man carpentry, for example. Could there be a better way to make a meaningful Christian witness? The training period could be anywhere from a few months to a year. Anyone interested in exploring this possibility may write to Ed Riddick, Operation Breadbasket, 5352 S. Maryland, Chicago, Ill.

4. Make it abundantly clear that people of any race are welcome in our community. Open housing is a sensitive and complex issue. However, our ghettos simply cannot forever contain their burgeoning populations. There may come the need for resettling population from the cities; and this will mean absorbing them into our communities. Residential areas with rigid segregation laws are simply harboring time bombs in their basements. Unless we are willing to take the risks involved in integrating our living in an orderly fashion, we are simply contributing to the forces which someday could destroy all we have.

5. Urge your elected government officials to support legislation which will accelerate equality in our society. This should be done at every level of government which affords an opportunity.

The disturbing findings of the Riot Commission Report were given a cool reception by leaders of our national government. Their attitude reflects the apparent apathy of their respective constituencies. We who elect them must flood them with a volume of correspondence which will shake them from their lethargy.

Indispensable Ingredient

The most crucial ingredient to be added to these efforts is genuine sustained Christian compassion. My most memorable teacher of these lessons

was a Negro boy 8,000 miles from here. I found him on my Congo doorstep at dusk one evening—a ragged emaciated anemic weeping boy of about nine.

"You have to take care of me, white man," he sobbed. "My mother died when I was a baby. In fighting last year, soldiers killed my father; they shot him here and it came out here," he gestured under his armpits. "They threw his body onto a heap of others in a truck and drove away."

"I stayed at a mission until fighting came there too; then I took the train here to the city. But police won't let me sleep on the streets at night. They kick me. They beat me. They stole my clothes. I've got no food. I'm ill. White man, if you don't give me a place to stay, I'll die."

We gave him a place. We fed him, clothed him, healed him. I gave him work to do. I tried to teach him some sense of responsibility, but it was a most frustrating task. I scolded and I spanked until my patience was utterly exhausted. One evening I told my wife, "I've reached my limit. He's going back onto the street."

God spoke through my conscience, "Do you want me to treat you that way?"

"What do you mean, Lord?"

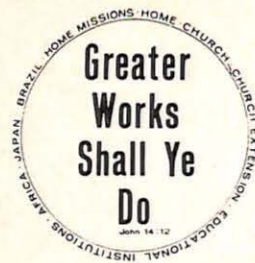
"Do you want me to run out of patience with you?"

"Oh no Lord; I wouldn't have a chance. I'm bungling things up all the time. You've got to keep loving me." "Then keep on loving that boy."

It is only by means of such one-way compassion, such infinitely patient compassion, that God is able to win and control the rebel human heart. Do you know this kind of compassion? Only as we have experienced it personally can we project it to others.

And the measure to which we project it to the neediest members of our society may well determine the degree of our hope for tomorrow.

Rev. Levi O. Keidel is a missionary in Congo, Africa. He is currently on furlough in the U. S. A.



**WE
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WOMEN**

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

A THANK YOU FROM THE CAMEROONS

Our new Executive Secretary, Rev. Gideon Zimmerman was privileged to visit our Cameroon Mission Field in July. While there he sent me a letter of appreciation from our Cameroonian fellow Baptists which I herewith share with you.

"My visit to the mission field is a highlight in my ministry. The achievements in the Cameroons are far greater than I had visualized. The visit to the leper settlement is a very moving experience. So much has been done for them and yet so very much needs to be done. These crippled people requested that I relate their GRATITUDE to our people for helping THEM. The White Cross materials are appreciated very much. What a joy to witness the use being made of these many items to relieve suffering among these people.

The tour through the Bansa Hospital is difficult to describe in words. People are standing in lines waiting to receive benefits from our nurses and doctors. The White Cross items being given to mothers with newborn babies is received with much joy. They have 5 sets of twins at the hospital this week. Since twin boys were born last evening they named them in honor of Mr. Stanley Johnson and me. The two boys are named Gideon and Johnson.

Will you express gratitude to our North American Baptist women for their help in carrying on the mission work here. Ask them to CONTINUE to PRAY and SUPPORT the great tasks which have become ours. Our missionaries are doing great ministries for Christ. They need our prayers. Greetings from the Christians in the Cameroons."

If each one of us would have the opportunity to personally view our mission fields, probably we would never need another reminder how worthwhile this Christian service is. May this letter of gratitude prompt us to greater faithfulness in praying, serving and giving for Missions.

NEWS & VIEWS

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The movie received reviews in most London dailies and in movie magazines as well. Said one reviewer: "If all religion were as lively and astutely presented as this, it couldn't fail to win some battles . . . maybe even the war."

4TH ASIAN ANTI-COMMUNIST CONVENTION SLATED

TOKYO (EP)—Meeting "for the defense of freedom and faith," delegates from more than 30 countries are expected to attend the fourth annual convention of the Asian Christian Anti-Communism Association here Oct. 27-Nov. 1, 1968.

"For us Asians," a spokesman said, "Communism is not a fire on the other side of the river bank." He said members of the organization believe they can either preach the Gospel and form Christian culture or let Communists establish their "sinister, non-political religious ideology which is against human morals."

GIFT OF "ONE DAY'S EARNINGS" PROPOSED FOR BAPTIST WORLD RELIEF

MONROVIA, LIBERIA.—Baptists of the world will be given opportunity to "contribute at least one day's earnings in 1968-69 for the cause of world relief."

A resolution adopted by 62 members of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance expressed "deep concern for the many people of the world who are presently suffering hunger and who are in great need of other necessities of life."

It recognized the generosity of the developed countries that already are supplying large amounts of surplus food to remove this need." It further expressed the "fervent hope" that governments in the countries where "there are still large supplies of surplus foods going to waste or being destroyed . . . will do everything possible to make this food available to welfare organizations and that these states will provide shipping costs when necessary."

And then it urged "all Baptists around the world to put forth every effort to meet the needs of hungry people."

"We recommend," it continued, "that each member of our Baptist churches be challenged to contribute at least one day's earnings in 1968-69 for this cause to the relief fund of the Baptist World Alliance or the national Baptist relief agencies in their area."

In a companion resolution, the Committee noted "tragic needs of Nigeria at this time," and instructed the general secretary, Josef Nordenhaug, to send \$6,000 immediately "as a first step . . . to meet the needs of suffering people in Nigeria." It urged also that all 81 constituent bodies of the Alliance "respond now to the present crisis."

NEW COMMISSION SET UP ON "COOPERATIVE CHRISTIANITY"

MONROVIA, LIBERIA.—A Study Commission on Cooperative Christianity was appointed by the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee at its meeting here.

Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the alliance, named Dr. James Leo Garrett of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., as chairman, and Dr. Rudolf Thaut, principal of the Baptist Seminary at Hamburg, Germany, as co-chairman. Dr. Robert G. Torbet of Valley Forge, Pa., is secretary. Other members of the central panel are Emanuel Dahunsi of Nigeria, Brooks Hays of the U. S. A., D. Mervin Himbury of Australia, and David S. Russell of Great Britain.

The new commission will make five study groups within the Alliance. The others deal with doctrine, Christian teaching and training, missions and evangelism, and religious liberty and human rights.

Its appointment was authorized at the request of the Commission on Doctrine, in the belief that "this is far too big a subject for the present commission, and too important a subject to neglect."

The commission, which will be increased to 25 members, will be charged only with "study of Baptist relations with other Christians." Dr. Duke K. McCall, chairman of the Commission on Doctrine, saw it as "a forum for inquiry and study."

49 NEW BAPTIST CHURCHES REPORTED IN SOVIET UNION

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN. (ABNS)—Veckoposten, a weekly newspaper of the Baptist Union of Sweden, reported here that 49 new Baptist churches were officially registered last year in the Soviet Union.

The figure was contained in a brief summary of the proceedings of the Estonian Baptist Conference.

According to the newspaper, there are currently 84 Baptist churches in Estonia, one of the Baltic states incorporated into the USSR. Membership was said to be 8,273.

Sixty-six Baptist churches with 6,000 members were reported in Latvia, a neighbor state to Estonia.

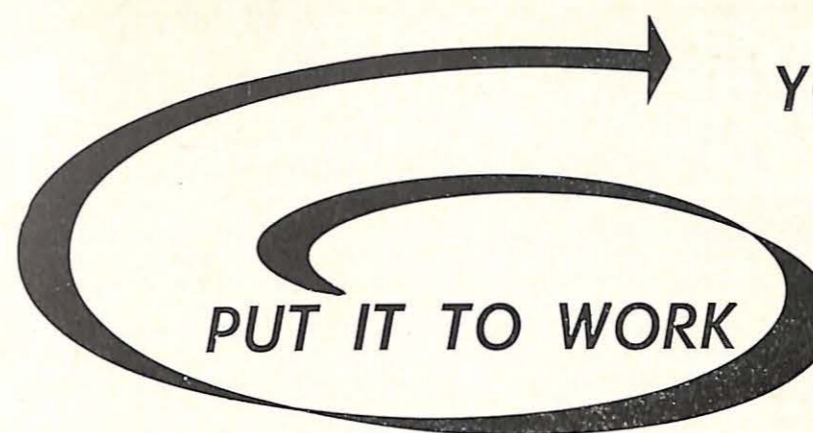
PROTESTANTS CITE IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT

MADRID, SPAIN. (ABNS)—Authoritative Protestant circles here are cautiously gratified over improved relations between non-Catholic Spanish churches and civil authorities following the practical application of last year's religious liberty law.

The Rev. Jose Cardona, Baptist minister and the executive secretary of the Evangelical Defense Commission, in a statement released here cited the increasingly conciliatory attitude of government authorities as an exam-

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BAPTIST HERALD



YOUR CURRICULUM

By Eva Cornelius

RESOURCE IDEAS FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

DO YOU get the most out of the Sunday school curriculum that your board or committee of Christian Education has chosen? Years of hard work have gone into the preparation of these Bible teaching tools. When they are correctly used, they will guide the student all the way from the nursery into his adult Bible study program. The purpose of the curriculum is to guide the teacher so that he will effectively teach the Bible at a given grade level. It should motivate the student to open his Bible and study it according to his needs and understanding. His student's book should challenge him and help him to relate the Bible to his daily life. The curriculum is important!

These questions were put to some sixty teachers participating in a workshop.

1. What is the name of the course you are teaching this quarter?
 2. What is your aim for this quarter?
 3. What teaching aids are suggested for your use?
 4. List the teacher training helps in your teacher's manual.
 5. How did your teacher's manual suggest that you use the student's study guide?
- Only eight teachers could answer all five questions correctly.
- What are the purposes of the Sunday school curriculum? How can it be used to its fullest extent? How can the student be stimulated to use the material that he already has?

THE CURRICULUM AND THE WORKERS' CONFERENCE

Firstly, the curriculum should be used to train the teacher. However, all too often we see something like this: As the teacher hurries to his Sunday school class, the superintendent stops him saying, "Here's your material for the next quarter." An effective Sunday school has at least twelve planned workers' conferences a year. These conferences should be used to train teachers. Several meetings should be designated for specific training in the use of the curriculum and it is at these meetings that the

teacher should receive his teaching manual.

The workers' conference before each new quarter begins should be given to the departmental work. This means that the departmental superintendent would have all of his teachers for the evening four times a year.

The best way for a departmental superintendent to start his workers' conference would be to give each teacher a notebook. The notebook should be divided into four sections, one for each quarter of the year. Each section should contain lesson plan forms to help the teacher prepare his lessons for each quarter. The departmental superintendent might use the following procedure to help his teachers prepare the material in their notebooks.

1. Give them each a teacher's manual and guide them in scanning it.
2. Have them write down the name of the course on the first page of their notebook.
3. Have them write down the aim or unit aims for that quarter's Bible study.
4. Group the teachers by grades. If this is a primary department, put first grade teachers together, second grade teachers together and third grade teachers together. Remember there are three separate lessons in each department.
5. Have the teachers look for the teacher training helps in their teacher's manual.
6. After doing this research, have each group share with the other groups the teacher training helps they have listed. They will find many specific helps such as "becoming a child of God," "how to make early time purposeful," "how to use the pupil's book," "how to get pupils to complete their work," "how to make a pocket chart," "how to help your pupils become doers of the Word," etc. In this discussion time, try to anticipate possible problems the teacher may encounter and consider solutions.
7. Help the teacher to start preparing their lessons. Have them write each lesson title and lesson aim on one

separate lesson plan sheet. This will give them an overview of the quarter's work and help them to understand the direction in which they are going. Teachers should be encouraged to listen for illustrations and watch for visuals that can enrich their lessons so they will have an accumulation of effective teaching materials in their notebooks.

Do the teachers in your department shy away from using visual aids? Try giving the teacher his visual aid packet at the workers' conference. Provide scissors, paste, cardboard and whatever the teachers need. Set aside some time for the teachers to start or even complete the preparation of their visuals for this quarter.

What has been accomplished at this workers' conference? Each teacher has shared in teacher training, has overviewed his work for the quarter and has prepared his visual aids.

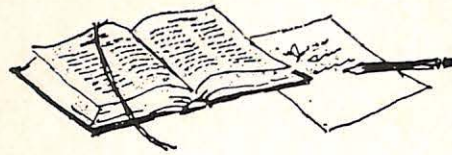
YOUR CURRICULUM LIBRARY

Roger Williams Press curriculum is not dated and there are several advantages to non-dated material. The departmental superintendent can build a library of Bible teaching tools. At the end of the quarter, he should collect the teacher's manual, student's book and visual aids. He should catalog them by quarters so that at the conclusion of one year the Sunday school has a complete Bible teaching library in every department.

At following curriculum meetings, the departmental superintendent can draw materials that have already been prepared for this library. He can give each teacher his teacher's book, student's book and his completed visual aid. He should encourage teachers to teach the same course and become specialists in one grade and in one course in the Bible. This would mean that the student would pass from one grade to the next under the leadership of a skilled, experienced teacher.

There is another advantage. If there is a new teacher, the experienced teacher can help train him right in this meeting.

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Sunday School Lessons

by James A. Schacher

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 6, 1968

THEME: THE SOURCE OF OUR FAITH

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-3; 2:1-4; 3:12-15

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. God has removed the veil surrounding His Being. Through Jesus Christ He has made Himself known. Our part is to submit to His authority.

INTRODUCTION. The Book of Hebrews addresses Christians who apparently had been followers of Judaism and then had accepted Christ. Later, they were in danger of retreating back into Judaism. Thus, the author compares the superiority of Christ to angels, to Moses and other priests. He shows how the Jesus priesthood is eternal and divine. For those who forsake Him, this book pronounces the most awful of condemnations.

I. GOD'S REVELATION IS IN HIS SON. Hebrews 1:1-3. God has made Himself known in countless ways. He spoke through the Captain of the Host to Joshua; through the strange Urim and Thummin placed in the garment of Aaron; through a dream to Jacob; through the wonder of the parting of the Red Sea to the Israelites; through the drawing of lots to the apostles; and through the Bible to us. But the supreme communication appeared in history in the Person of Jesus Christ.

II. GOD'S REVELATION MUST NOT BE NEGLECTED. Assume that inferior message of angels was true. If disobedience to their revelations was followed with drastic punishment, then the superior revelation in Christ is certain to result in misery for muting.

The Hebrew Christians were growing stale in their commitment to Jesus Christ. Notice that the writer includes himself as a professing Christian who is in grave danger if he would become careless. This barbed wire fence scratches Christendom because few oppose Christ. But many pay their respects and then wander through life stuttering in their conduct. This is a perilous matter. Do the Sunday School teachers of this lesson realize this? Only then can you get across to the class the gravity of the situation.

III. GOD'S REVELATION MUST BE BELIEVED. "You, take care lest you have a hidden root of unbelief." That means me, myself and I. We must concentrate on evaluating ourselves. Literally, we are to watch ourselves. Go into your closet and take a look in your private mirror. Compare your conduct to that of five years ago. Have you progressed or regressed?

Be careful! It doesn't pay to be dishonest. God knows! Better that we would see it and do something about it.

Many people complain that they do not possess motivation to do right. "I already know more than I can do so why learn more?" is a common lament. This verse packs a wallop. There is a chance that we may be unbelieving even though we declare ourselves on Christ's side! An employer evaluates his workers. A teacher evaluates her students. A Christian should test his genuineness. "Take heed." This is an awful warning that should jolt most of us back to fervent surrender to Christ.

Questions for Discussion

- (1) In what ways was the news that Jesus gave about God superior to the message of the angels?
- (2) Why do we get side-tracked on the question of eternal security and so fail to take seriously these warnings to us as *professing* believers?
- (3) How do you compare these warnings to the assurance of salvation which is offered to Christians?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 13, 1968

THEME: CHRIST OUR MEDIATOR

Scripture: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-10

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. There have always been great religious leaders to direct the activities of God's people. But only Jesus Christ qualified to bring God and man together.

INTRODUCTION. The people to whom this was written were well acquainted with the importance of the High Priest. He was born into the pure family of Aaron. It was only he who could enter the Holy of Holies once a year to make atonement for Israel's sins. But Jesus is a superior Mediator since the regular high priests were sinful men themselves.

I. CHRIST, OUR HIGH PRIEST, WAS SINLESS THOUGH TEMPTED. Hebrews 4:14-16. Jesus is able to empathize with us in our humanness. He permitted Himself to experience the limitations of a physical body. Often He was fatigued and famished. He lay asleep exhausted in a boat while a storm raged. In weariness and thirst He asked the woman at the well for a drink. He felt the same pull of physical need as we do. In fact, in all the specific sins which confront us, He was tempted—in every point.

This identification with mankind was necessary for Him to be an Example to lead us out of the mire of immorality. His death for us provided for our justification (right standing before God's law), but through His sinless life, we are inspired to live in purity. By this He proves that He can sympathize with us, but He also demonstrates that it is possible to overcome.

II. CHRIST, OUR HIGH PRIEST, WAS APPOINTED TO HIS OFFICE. 5:1-6. Jesus fulfilled the requirements for the priesthood. Priests cannot choose such an office on their own initiative. So Jesus was chosen by God. It was not a self-appointment. But it has the highest credentials because God did the appointing.

How could God appoint God? The mysteries of Deity transcend the ability of our best minds to understand. To help us grasp some idea of Him, the Father-Son relationship is used. But this does not mean that all is obvious and clear. Let us beware of becoming so familiar with the Names of God that we lose our astonishment of Him. Rather we stand, awesomely, in the Presence of the Infinite. He selected His Son for the highest priesthood. Though we cannot understand this fully, yet we can rely completely on Christ's Priestly work.

III. CHRIST, OUR HIGH PRIEST, WAS THE AUTHOR OF SALVATION. 5:7-10. As the High Priest He is the "go-between." The first requirement of a mediator is that he must be in touch with both sides of an issue. In business-labor negotiations, the mediator endeavors to bring together the management with the working men. He must have contact with both camps. The more that he can feel the concerns of each side, the greater are his chances for success.

Even so Christ identified Himself with the testing and temptation of human beings. He can empathize with our frustration at the betrayal by a trusted loved one or the extreme pain of cancer of the bone marrow. But He possessed a second qualification. He was one with the Father and was appointed by Him. No one else could represent both sides—neither angels, nor Moses, nor Aaron. Thus only He can produce eternal salvation.

Questions for Discussion

- (1) Is the American ambassador to France an example of a priest or mediator?
- (2) Name some experiences in which Jesus was tried and tested.
- (3) How does this lesson contribute to our assurance of salvation?

YOUR CURRICULUM

(Continued from page 15)

Have you ever heard a teacher make a remark like this? "I have never seen this course before, I have not taught it before, I do not know much about it and I hope you will bear with me!" In view of such a statement, do we dare to ask the question, "Why don't people attend Sunday school?" This problem can be alleviated by the use of non-dated material.

PARENT-TEACHER CONTACT

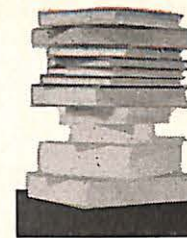
Consider the student's book. It is a valuable tool for Bible study. It helps the student study the Bible on his own grade level. It guides him in relating the Bible to his daily life. However, this book is frequently misused. How often do we see the teacher handing the student his new book as the last bell is ringing and the students are rushing for their coats, etc. Many times these books do not even reach the home. What an introduction to a Bible course!

A better way would be to give the teacher the students' books at the workers' conference which is held about four weeks before the new quarter begins. Now the teacher has plenty of time to deliver the book to the student's home. There are many advantages to using the curriculum for quarterly visitation. The teacher can learn to know the student as he sees him in his home. The teacher can stimulate and guide the parents in helping the student spread the Word of God. He can interest and enlist the parents in the adult Bible class if they do not attend.

The teacher should prepare for this visit. He will want to take with him the student's book, a sample of the visual aid, a church bulletin and a list of adult Bible studies offered by his church. He ought to call and arrange a meeting time with the parents. Fifteen minutes will be sufficient. During this fifteen minutes he can introduce himself, explain the material and its purpose to the parents, outline how it will be used, ask their cooperation, show them how they can use it in family devotions and perhaps suggest projects for the family. He might tell a Bible story to a small child, show a visual aid to a student or explain a project. He can take his leave with a friendly goodbye and an invitation to the whole family to attend.

When calling on students in junior high, high school or adults, give the material to the student. The teacher might give him an assignment so that he can be a "co-teacher" or ask him to work on a specific project and thus gain his interest and cooperation.

When the second quarter comes, the teacher will make another call. At this time he can report to the parents the good work of the student or make suggestions for improvement. He can present the next quarter's work, answer any questions, discuss any prob-



BOOK REVIEWS

By B. C. Schreiber

EXPOSITORY SERMONS ON REVELATION by W. A. Criswell. Zondervan—1966—\$2.95.

This is the last volume in a series of five. Its simplicity makes it desirable for both layman and pastor. Little or no attempt was made to go into the critical examination of the last book in the Bible. The inspirational and prophetic aspects are given major treatment.

FIRE ON THE MOUNTAINS by Raymond Davis. Zondervan—1966—\$3.95.

Ethiopia has a long history of religious history dating back to the time of Solomon. Since the Emperor, Hailie Selassie I, is well-known as a Christian statesman, the gospel, proclaimed by missionaries, has had a more welcome response. This is not to give the impression that there was no suffering and persecution, particularly among the Ethiopian converts. In the case of Wandaro, this is dramatically described as if it were another Book of Acts. The experiences of other native Christians are also given prominence.

lems and seek to stimulate the parents to cooperate even further and to attend and participate in the adult education program. When he works with students who are in junior high, senior high or with adults, he can discuss the class with them and how it can be improved. He can suggest research projects and give the student assignments.

AN INVALUABLE TOOL

The Sunday school curriculum has a number of uses and is structured so that the student progresses from one grade to the next. The teacher should be familiar with the total Bible teaching plan from nursery all the way through the adult department. The departmental superintendent should be aided and encouraged to use the four workers' conferences a year to train his teachers in the specific use of the curriculum.

Think again. Do you know the value of curriculum? Are you really getting the most out of your Sunday school curriculum?

Miss Eva Cornelius is a Curriculum Consultant for Gospel Light Publications. The foregoing article was written at the request of the Department of Christian Education for use during Christian Education Week.

THE WIDER PLACE by Eugenia Price. Zondervan Publishing House—1966—250 pages—\$3.98.

This 13th book of Eugenia Price (The Christian author who helped to dedicate our Roger Williams Book Store in Forest Park), is her most beautifully written volume with the deepest insights for Christians of all ages who have an open mind and a heart open to God. It is an *amazing book* that opens the windows upon freedom, its nature and meaning for the Christian. It is an *exhilarating book* with the key to "celestial times" to be experienced with God. It is a *creative book* to urge Christians "to walk strong in their confidence in God's forgiving love out into the wider, freer place he has prepared for us." It is also a *startling book* that will create "a healthy discontent among those who too long have been satisfied with a fixed, pinched concept of God."

Miss Price emphasizes the fact that we are not to settle for responding to God or even to commit ourselves to Christ. All this emphasis on *our part* can, if we are not very, very careful, minimize God's part in his life with us. The real truth is that "God is committed to us forever and ever and ever in Christ" (page 112). And we are unquestionably free when "God is in action in and through us."

In Part III of this book with its 11 practical and helpful chapters, Miss Price considers God's ways of bringing us out from under some of the common reasons for a burdened heart, such as fear, loneliness, a meaningless life, and indecision. The chapter on "Forgiveness" is profound, showing that "God's very being is given over to us, so that our very beings, day by day, can become a response to him" (page 226). (Reviewed by Dr. M. L. Leuschner.)

AMOS by D. David Garland, Zondervan—1966—\$1.00 (paper).

Reading the prophets is either thought of as being mysterious or revealing. This is true of some, but the message of Amos is simple and direct. This practical study guide is clear enough to be used by anyone who is interested in knowing more about the eighth century B. C. prophet who has a pertinent message for us in the twentieth century.

• Rev. and Mrs. Karl E. Bieber of Okeene, Okla. announce the birth of a son, Mark Edward, born July 29, 1968.

• Rev. Leonard Strelau has resigned from the Southey Baptist Church, Southey, Sask. and accepted a call to the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, N. Dak.

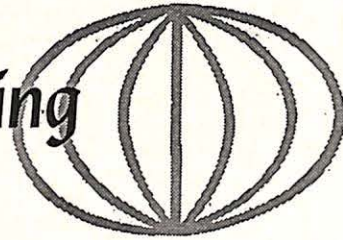
• Dr. Edwin Potts has resigned from the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. to accept a teaching position at Westmont College.

• Rev. and Mrs. John Hisel of Bellevue, Wash. announce the adoption of a son, Timothy John, born July 17, 1968.

• Mr. Alfred Grams, the seminary exchange student to Hamburg, Germany, has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Brook Park Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn. effective October 1, 1968. He got married in Germany on August 2.

• Rev. and Mrs. Robert Cahill of Costa Mesa, Calif. announce the birth of a son, Martin Luther, born July 24, 1968.

what's happening



1968 Graduates of the BBTC



The eleven students of the Baptist Bible Training Centre, Ndu, Cameroon completed the three year Regular Certificate Course. Commencement exercises were held July 25, 1968. Front Row (Seated l. to r.) Moses N. Nfomi, Isaiah N. Ngokmu, Jeremiah C. Kum, Peter O. Amang (Auditor), Jonathan C. Yep. Back Row (Standing l. to r.) Paul M. Yangchie, Jonah T. Kintalen, Ephraim N. Shey, Abel M. Kangla, Paul J. Abah, Raphael G. Mifang.

Dear Christian Friends,

We as graduates are grateful for the benefits we have received for these three years. We wish to express to you our heartfelt thanks for the three years of prosperous blessings and maturity in the word of God. We thank you for making it possible for us to be trained at the BBTC. We realize that we have contributed little or nothing to deserve this training.

We also wish to thank you for our tutors and missionaries from overseas with their families who are teaching us. We have enjoyed both the teaching from the teachers and their spiritual example. We continue to pray that those hands of yours which have ministered unto our needs might also minister to the needs of others. We continue to pray for the support of the Gospel here in this land. Since God is for us, we know that we shall have all things richly by His grace.

Pray for us and the message we have received to share with others. Pray that we might be fruitful.

Yours in Christ,
On behalf of the Third Year Class,
Jonah T. Kintaben, class prefect
Moses Nfomi, class secretary

INFORMATION WANTED

A new church extension work is beginning in South Everett, Wash. with Rev. Herbert Vetter as pastor. Anyone knowing of possible contacts for the forming of the beginning nucleus of this promising new church, please inform the pastor at 16950 28th Avenue N. E., Seattle, Washington 98155 as soon as possible.



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Our Churches in Action

REPORT OF THE PACIFIC CONFERENCE

ANAHEIM, CALIF. The 74th annual sessions of the Pacific Conference were held at Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., July 10-14.

At the opening Wednesday night service, pastor Kenneth Fischer extended a warm welcome to the delegates. Dr. Robert Schreiber, moderator, ably conducted all of the business sessions.

The theme of the conference was "The Church, Action or Reaction." The theme was developed primarily by Dr. Floyd Moore of our N.A.B. Seminary in Sioux Falls. Other guests were Rev. David Draewell, and Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Kwast, Cameroon missionaries.

Knott's Berry Farm was the meeting place for the Men's and Women's luncheons. Rev. Draewell challenged the men with the new program of "Operation Help."

Mr. E. James Rohn, a sales promotion expert and president of the Taco Bell Company, spoke Thursday night on the theme, "Sowing and Reaping." Though couched in the setting of business, the principles had practical application in the field of Christian service and advance.

Mrs. Lloyd Kwast spoke at the Friday night service conducted by the conference W.M.U., and challenged all with our mission in Cameroon. During the evening service Carl Mabs was commissioned as a short term missionary.

Forty-eight churches comprise the Pacific Conference. The statistical report revealed that there were 444 baptisms during the conference year, with a net gain of 441 members.

Total giving for the entire conference to N.A.B. missions was \$214,341.61. Total giving for all purposes was \$1,770,537.93.

New officers elected were as follows: Moderator, Rev. Ernie Rogalski; Vice-moderator, Dr. Louis R. Johnson; Recording secretary, Rev. Martin Franke; Statistical secretary, Rev. Leroy Kiemele; General Council Lay Representative, Dr. Leslie Chaffee; Alternate G. C. Lay Representative, Jack Ryvers; Pastor General Council Alternate, Rev. Wm. Hoover; Mission Secretary, Rev. Richard Grabke; Secretary, Christian Education Committee, Alvin Bibelheimer.

During the conference sessions, the Sherwood Forest Baptist Church of Redmond, Washing., was welcomed into the conference.

The next Pacific Conference will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington, July 30 to August 3, 1969. (Louis R. Johnson, reporter.)

PASTOR AND FAMILY HONORED AT FAREWELL SERVICE

PHILADELPHIA, PA. On Sunday evening, June 30, we had a farewell service for our beloved pastor, Rev. Ernest A. Hoffmann and his family.

The women of the church presented Mrs. Hoffmann and their daughter Ardice with a gift for their faithful service to the church. The trustees presented a gift to Rev. Hoffmann for the labor of his hands, and the deacons presented a gift on behalf of the church congregation. A gift was also given to their son, Paul. The Junior and Senior Young People, and the athletic teams, thanked the Hoffmann's for their support and help. Refreshments and a time of fellowship followed the service. (Jeannette MaeMeekin, reporter.)

DAKOTA JUNIOR HIGH CAMP MEETS AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS

All areas of the Dakota Conference were represented at Crystal Springs for the week of Junior High Camp, July 8-15. Fifty-four boys and ninety-three girls were

enrolled.

Rev. Willis Potratz, Camp Director, was responsible for much of the efficient planning and supervising the camp.

Special guests at the camp were Missionary Harold Lang and Miss Ruby Fomunyan, African Student at Bethel College. Rev. Harry Haas brought a special message on the first night of camp and Rev. Ronald Dalzell was evening and Sunday speaker.

"The Life" (John 14:6) was the camp theme. All of the young people were drawn closer to God as was evidenced at the Friday night fireside service by the lake. This was a highlight of a week filled with rich and long-lasting experiences. (Edward A. Kopf, reporter.)

DAVID J. REESE IS ORDAINED

LODI, CALIF. An ordination council was called by the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, California, to consider the advisability of setting apart Mr. David J. Reese, III for the Gospel ministry.

Mr. David J. Reese III was introduced by his pastor who told of his work in the church as a youth. The moderator then gave the candidate opportunity to tell of his conversion experience, call to the ministry and preparation for the same. Mr. Reese told of his years at Dubuque University, Dubuque, Iowa, and McCormick Seminary in Chicago. He has accepted a position as Protestant chaplain at Dubuque University where he will be in a campus ministry. The candidate then presented his doctrinal statements to the council.

The Council voted its satisfaction with the presentation of Mr. Reese and a unanimous vote was cast to recommend his ordination by the Temple Baptist Church. Rev. Kenneth Fischer brought the ordination message. (Alvin Harsch, reporter.)

HELMUTH POSCHWATTA IS ORDAINED

WINNIPEG, MAN. The McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, invited area churches with their respective delegates to convene on May 22 for the purpose of examining Mr. Helmuth Poschwatta, a candidate for ordination. Rev. W. Stein was elected Moderator of the Council and Rev. B. Voss, Clerk. The candidate was presented to the Council by Mr. Wm. Patzia.

Mr. Poschwatta read his ordination statement beginning with his conversion experience, followed by his call to the ministry, his preparation, and his doctrinal beliefs. The Council declared itself satisfied with Mr. Poschwatta's statements and recommended his ordination.

Dr. A. S. Felberg preached the ordination message, and Rev. W. Stein offered the ordination prayer. An offering was received for the purchasing of books by Rev. Poschwatta. The choir of the ordaining church enhanced the service with fitting messages in song. (Bruno Voss, reporter.)

SPECIAL MUSIC AND MESSAGES INSPIRE CHURCH

JAMESTOWN, N. DAK. A special musical treat was in store for all at Temple Baptist Church, Jamestown, North Dakota, on July 7.

Rev. and Mrs. Elmo Tahrn and five children and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Tarno and family presented a half hour program of vocal selections. Rev. and Mrs. Tahrn have been vacationing in Jamestown, visiting their parents. Rev. Tahrn is pastor of Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, Bloomfield, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarno were also vacationing here and visiting their parents. Mr. Tarno was our pulpit supply on July 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schindel and family were also with us,

and he delivered the sermons at both the morning and evening services. Mr. and Mrs. Schindel are former members of Temple Baptist Church and are now living in Turtle Lake, N. Dak.

A coffee hour was held in the fellowship hall for the members and friends to meet and greet our special guests.

During June and July we have had guest speakers each Sunday, while we waited for our new pastor to arrive August 1. (Mrs. W. A. Taft, reporter.)

ROUND LAKE CHURCH CONDUCTS BIBLE SCHOOL

GLADWIN, MICH. Round Lake Baptist Church conducted one week of Vacation Bible School June 17-21. The theme was "God's Word, Today's Hope." Harold Friesen, Sunday School Superintendent, led the congregation in a song and prayer. Jean Kleiss, director of the V.B.S., presented the performance of the program on the order of a television program. Rev. Norman Berkan was in charge of the craft work. The offering by the pupils for the week was \$15.80.

The teaching staff and grades: Pre-school, Mrs. Phyllis Raymond; Beginners, Mrs. Frieda Will; Primary, Mrs. Delores Ford; Junior, Mrs. H. Schindler; Junior High, Mrs. Eleanor Wolfe; Craft director, Rev. N. Berkan, (Augusta Will, reporter.)

SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION WMU PRESENT PROGRAM

The Women's program of the Saskatchewan Baptist Association took place at the Springside Baptist Church on June 14th. Following registration of 120 ladies a tea was served in the lower auditorium. Mrs. C. Auch presided as Chairman. We were privileged to have as speaker Miss Laura Reddig missionary in Cameroon for 30 years. She expressed, in her unique way, the change that Christ has wrought in the lives of African women, having seen many of them grow up. A question period followed.

Ebenezer and Raymore ladies provided special music. During the past year a committee of six ladies set up a constitution which was presented and accepted.

The following officers will serve for the coming year: Pres. Mrs. C. Auch, Fenwood; Vice-Pres. Mrs. I. Muth, Yorkton; Secretary, Mrs. D. Minke, Springside; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Hollerbaum, Regina; Member at large, Mrs. J. Kuehn, Yorkton; Reporter, Mrs. Vera Rosom, Davin. (Mrs. Vera Rosom, reporter.)

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OBSERVES MOTHER'S DAY

LEHR, N. DAK. The Ladies' Missionary Society observed Mothers' Day on Sunday evening, May 12, an invited the Berlin congregation as guests. A corsage was pinned on each mother. Fellowship and refreshments followed in the church parlors.

Recently the Ladies' Missionary Society members were responsible for the installation of indoor-outdoor carpeting in the church foyer, entrance and basement stairs.

A Vacation Bible school was held from May 27-31 with the program the following Sunday evening. Rev. and Mrs. D. Heringer were in charge with Mrs. Heringer as Advisor. A total of 33 children attended. (Mrs. John Kranzler, reporter.)

CHURCH OBSERVES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

GREELEY, COLO. Sherwood Park Baptist Church of Greeley, Colorado, observed its fifth anniversary on July 7, 1968. Guest speaker was Rev. Lyle Wacker, Forest Park, Illinois, director of NAB Church Extension.

We had greetings from charter members, Rev. Edwin Michelson of the First Baptist Church, LaSalle, and Rev. L. Bowers, president of the Greeley Ministerial Association and letters of greetings from Rev. Raymond Harsch, former pastor and Dr. J. G. Gunst, district secretary.

The church was organized in July, 1963, as a church extension project under the leadership of Rev. Raymond Harsch. It began with 48 charter members and now the number is 101. Services were held in the new building in October of 1964.

The budget was \$5,800 in 1964 and is \$10,812 now.

The total giving in the five years by the church and organizations is \$41,025. The present pastor is Rev. Richard Grenz. (Mrs. Walter Wacker, reporter.)

YOUTH CHOIR GIVES STATE-WIDE CONCERTS

GACKLE, N. DAK. For the second consecutive year, the youth choir of the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle, North Dak. presented sacred concerts in churches all over North Dakota.



The 25 member choir presented ten concerts under the direction of Rev. R. C. Stading. Quartets, trios and duets were also included. At each concert a few of the choir members gave their testimonies.

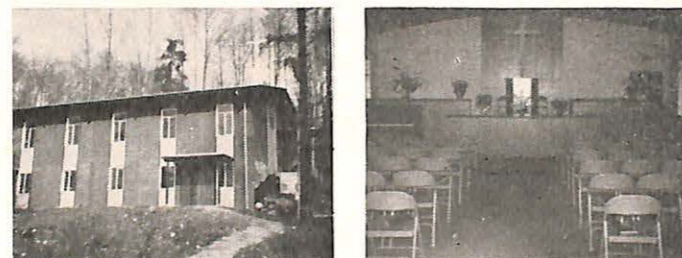
Offerings were received which went to help meet the goal of \$1,200 set by the Dakota Conference. A total of \$400 was received in this way.

The last concert given by the choir was at the Gackle Public School gym. The proceeds from this concert went to aid in the building of the Gackle Hospital. Members of the choir are pictured above. (Bill Anderson, reporter.)

CHURCH EXTENSION CHURCH IS DEDICATED

RENTON, WASH. Dedication services for Evergreen Baptist Church of Renton, Wash. were held on Sunday afternoon, February 18, 1968. It was a happy occasion for members and friends of Evergreen to see 180 people attend the service. The guest speaker was the Rev. Ervin Gerlitz, pastor of Sierra Heights Baptist in Renton, who was largely responsible for the initial work of our church extension project. Special music was rendered by the choir of Sierra Heights and also a solo by Mrs. Harvey Mehlhoff of Tacoma.

Others participating in the program were pastors and representatives from each of the Association churches. The Rev. Fred David of Portland, Ore. spoke in the morning worship service and also represented the Oregon



Association as Moderator in the afternoon. The two pictures above show the interior and exterior. The facilities include a chapel area seating over 150, a pastor's study, multi-purpose room, 3 classrooms, kitchen and washrooms. We are looking forward to many rich blessings from God here at Evergreen. (Mr. LeRoy Kiemele, reporter.)

MUSICAL TEAMS PRESENT PROGRAMS

GRAND FORKS, N. DAK. A gospel team representing Grace Bible Institute, Omaha, Nebraska, presided over the Sunday morning service on July 7, at Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. D. The team consisted of Rev. Robert Benton, instructor in Bible, and the Charis Tones vocal quartet. The program included musical numbers, testimonies and

a devotional message by Rev. Benton.

Rev. Arnold Carl Westphal, affectionately known as "The Children's Shepherd" was with us at the July 10th, Wednesday night service. The program which Rev. and Mrs. Westphal presented, was characterized by the use of unique musical instruments and original "Surprise Visual Aids" to illustrate a gospel truth with an evangelistic application. (Mrs. Robert Pyle, reporter.)

NEW PASTOR IS WELCOMED TO TEMPLE CHURCH

JAMESTOWN, N. DAK. August 4 marked the first Sunday for Pastor Gordon Voegelé and his family with Temple Baptist Church in Jamestown, North Dakota, who moved here from Wichita, Kansas, after being pastor of Memory Lane Baptist Church for the past 5 years.

The evening service was a welcome reception for them. Pastor John F. Thielenhaus from Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak. brought the message. Special words of welcome came from various members of the congregation and special music by the girls trio. A fellowship and social followed, with the members of the congregation honoring the new pastor and family.

Members of Temple Baptist Church count it a privilege to have them with us as our pastor and we thank God that He has directed him to Jamestown and we are looking forward to advancing His cause and witnessing to this community. (Mrs. W. A. Taft, reporter.)

FOUR BAPTIZED IN FOSTER AVENUE CHURCH



CHICAGO, ILL. The above four people were received into the membership of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Byers were received by testimony. Louise Sterling and Perl Linton came through baptism, which was held Sunday morning, August 18. Rev. Clarence H. Walth, on the right, is the pastor. (Beatrice Scroggin, reporter.)

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AT THE GREENVINE BAPTIST CHURCH

BURTON, TEX. Vacation Bible School was held June 3-7. Mrs. Dwight Fry was in charge. On Sunday evening June 9 a closing program was presented and handwork displayed.

Sunday morning, June 9, a baptismal service was held by our pastor, Rev. Dwight Fry. Karen Kramer, Ronnie Rippenhagen and Russell Steen followed the Lord in baptism upon confession of their faith in Christ.

One of our former members, Mr. Granville Rost, now of Crawford, Texas brought an inspiring message on Sunday morning, July 14. In the evening Mr. Bobby Rippenhagen delivered the message.

Evangelistic services were held July 19-21 with Jack Todd, a layman from the Baptist church in Conroe, Texas. Although there were no visible results, seeds were sown and hearts were challenged to serve Christ with greater zeal. (Mrs. F. Effenberger, reporter.)

REPORT ON PACIFIC CONFERENCE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

ANAHEIM, CALIF. The Pacific Conference Women's Missionary Union held three special meetings during the sessions of the Pacific Conference at Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, California, July 10-14, 1968.

One of the workshops discussed "Workable Ideas for a Women's Missionary Society," conducted by Mrs. William Hoover, Mrs. Louis Johnson, and Mrs. Lloyd Kwast. Areas covered were "Workable Ideas for a Local Society," "Witnessing," and "Missions."

The WMS held their annual luncheon at Knott's Berry Farm. Mrs. Louis Johnson presided at the meeting. The Harbor Trinity Girls Christian Service Sorority, Ichthus, presented a skit, "Sewing and Rejoicing." The new pastors' wives were introduced: Mrs. Bernard Fritzke, Mrs. John Hisele, Mrs. Jerry Fogltance, Mrs. William Copeland, Mrs. Wayne Bibelheimer, Mrs. Jerry Hackett, Mrs. Bill Gibson. During the business meeting election of officers was held. President, Mrs. Sam Rich; Vice-President from California, Mrs. Merle Brenner; Vice-President from Oregon, Mrs. Arthur Brust; Vice-President from the Pacific Northwest Mrs. Gordon Frederick; Vice-President from British Columbia, Mrs. John Anshaw; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Earl Broce; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Bernard Edinger; White Cross Chairman, Mrs. Reinhold Schaub.

The WMS presented a program on Friday evening. The officers were installed with a prayer of dedication by Rev. Kenneth Fischer. The mission offering was divided between the Spanish American work and BBTC at Ndu. Mrs. Arthur Wilson introduced Mrs. Lloyd Kwast, speaker of the evening. She presented, with slides and narration, the story of Sabina, a Cameroonian Baptist minister's wife. Mrs. Louis Johnson presided at the service. (Mrs. Eldon Schroeder, reporter.)

SUCCESSFUL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD AT LODI

LODI, CALIF. The First Baptist Church of Lodi, California, conducted a successful Vacation Bible School in June under the leadership of Mrs. Ardella Fandrich and our Minister of Music and Education, Rev. Bill Copeland. The average attendance at the eight-day session was 238. Dr. John Wobig of Portland, Oregon served as our interim pastor from January 7 to July 21. We are awaiting the arrival of our new pastor, Rev. Willis Potratz of Grand Forks, North Dakota, who will begin his ministry with us August 25. During recent months the membership committee of our Board of Deacons has been working very diligently contacting non-resident and non-active members of our church. Many requested to have their names removed or transferred to other churches. Our membership now stands at 951. (Mrs. Loris Enzinger, reporter.)

ELEVEN BAPTIZED IN ROUND LAKE CHURCH

GLADWIN, MICH. In the evening service of July 28, the Round Lake Baptist Church held a baptismal service. Eleven young people were baptized and received the right hand of fellowship of our Lord Sunday, August 4, at the communion service. Rev. Norman Berkan is our pastor. (Augusta Will, reporter.)

HOME FOR THE AGED DEDICATES NEW WING

PHILADELPHIA, PA. On June 23 the North American Baptist Home for the Aged of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania dedicated a new wing to the home. The new addition was completed at a cost of \$600,000. Construction was begun in May, 1967 and completed in May, 1968.

The new building has four full floors. The ground floor will house a new, modern dining room and kitchen facilities, in addition to storage area. The upper floors have 32 rooms designed for single and double occupancy, each with private baths. Each floor has a solarium and balcony, providing pleasant social areas and overlooking beautiful trees and spacious lawn. A new, completely equipped 8 bed infirmary has also been included.

With the new addition, the home will be able to provide for up to 52 additional guests and a total of 105. (George C. Gerstlauer, reporter.)

FLEISCHMANN CHURCH CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY DURING ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

PHILADELPHIA, PA. God has blessed the work at Fleischmann Memorial for 125 years. This year we celebrated our anniversary on April 28 in conjunction with the Atlantic Conference. The Rev. Ernest A. Hoffmann gave a brief historical review of our church history. He

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