

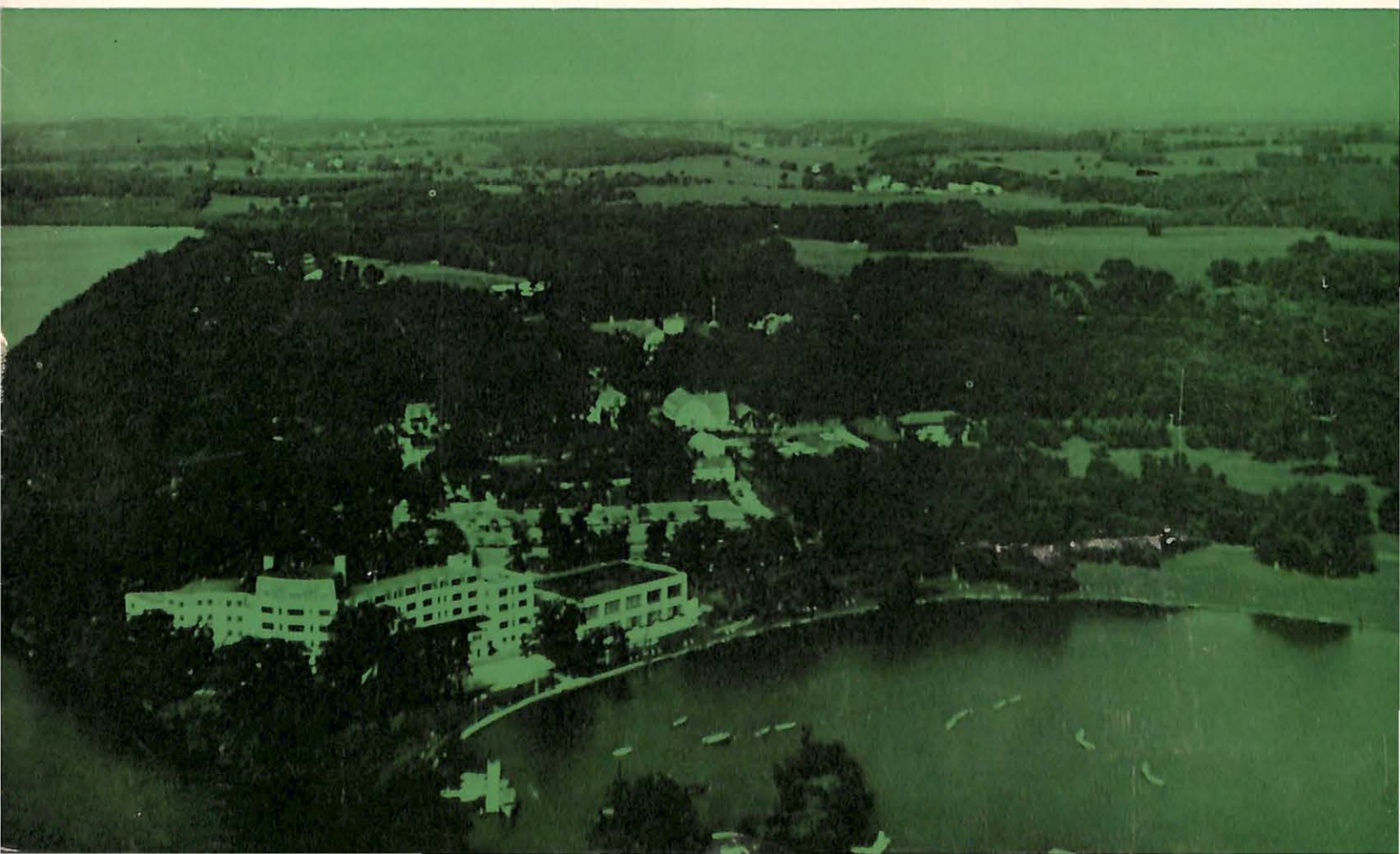
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## AS I SEE IT

Religious News Analyzed

by Paul Siewert

ANYONE who has recently perused the news-stands has seen the colorful little book by Malcolm Boyd titled, "Are You Running With Me, Jesus?" Over half a million copies have already become the possession of the public. The book is a series of prayer expressions by the flamboyant author; a collection of rather naked exposures of a man's intimate conversations with Jesus, including vulgarity, brashness, and piety.

This collection of communiques with the Divine accrue to themselves a liberty of expression that is much espoused by some of the new generation. It seems to be a welcomed breath of air in a rather stuffy legacy of religion ritual and stiff expressions of faith.

But is it all good? Is it even commendable? Is it normal for a man to offer such personal expression to Christ for public consumption? There was a time when the highly pietistic, who always spoke in a straight-laced religious vocabulary, were considered rather bigoted. But could this not be a new kind of bigotry? One commentator suggests that the people opposing Malcolm Boyd's slangy eloquence don't want anyone to disturb the peaceful cloister of the church and desire to keep Jesus Christ at a safe distance from the real grit of life. But does one really have to use raw expressions to get close to Christ? Have we actually come to the place where we no longer have the ability to communicate our most inner feelings without crudeness? Does not our vocabulary to some extent express our respect for Christ?

Granted our spiritual expressions should be purged of the "old jargon," but it hardly seems wise to exchange this for a "new jargon" that makes Jesus one who is completely comfortable in a cloister of sin. I suggest there is a new extreme to shun.

Rev. Paul Siewert is the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C.

### HELP FOR BIAFRA

GENEVA. (EPS)—The World Council of Churches has given \$150,000 to the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) to help finance the continuation of the Nigeria/Biafra airlift.

The WCC has now donated \$900,000 in cash towards the relief work in Nigeria/Biafra and over \$4,000,000 in material aid to Nigeria/Biafra.

### KARL BARTH DIES

At his death, Swiss theologian Karl Barth was still filling his pushcart. The text of yet another lecture lay half finished on his desk in Basel, where he died in his sleep at the age of 82. Though he rejected the label "great theologian" as a contradiction in terms, he was that and more: like Anselm, Augustine and Calvin before him, Karl Barth was a genuine doctor of the church. "My new task," he once wrote of his magnum opus, "Church Dogmatics," which alone runs to more than 6 million words, "Was to take all that has been said before and to think it through once more and freshly, and to articulate it anew as a theology of the grace of God in Jesus Christ."

Barth's task began as an abrupt break with turn-of-the-century liberal Protestantism and its tendency to reduce Christianity to the noblest of man's sentiments. A socialist who once thought of devoting his life to the trade-union movement, Barth was shocked when his own theology professors in Germany publicly endorsed the military ambitions of Kaiser Wilhelm II. This was proof enough



## NEWS & VIEWS

to the young Swiss pastor that acculturated Christianity was bankrupt. In his famous inaugural volume, a 400-page commentary on St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, Barth countered the flaccid anthropomorphism of liberal Christianity with an exposition of God's unique revelation in Christ as the "Wholly Other." Before this forbiddingly transcendent God, man could do nothing but listen; all other efforts to reach Him were mere "religion."

### 'CATHOLICS RUINING PROTESTANT PREJUDICES' SAYS BAPTIST EDITOR

VALLEY FORGE, PA.—(ABNS)—"We Protestants are going to have to come up with new reasons for hating Roman Catholics because one of our favorite reasons is being ruined," said the Rev. Norman DePuy, editor of the American Baptist magazine MISSION. Writing in the December issue which appears in the December issue, Mr. DePuy said, "We used to preach fear of a conspiracy on the part of Rome. The Pope supposedly had a tremendously effective machine, with absolute control over the soul of every Catholic."

But now "walk-outs, pray-ins, defiance by priests of their bishops,

councils trying to soften the Papal stand on birth control, and other forms of Protestant-like behavior make it necessary for Protestants to use other excuses," said the editor.

"The Roman church is being wracked with searchings of conscience. Some of the most creative theological thought and some of the most biblical utterances are coming from Catholics, whether the hierarchy is ready or not."

"It could make Protestants judge Catholics as persons instead of a group. None of our Protestant prejudices are safe," concluded the editorial.

### BRITISH BAPTISTS TO GIVE DAY'S PAY FOR NEEDY

LONDON, ENGLAND.—Britain's 300,000 Baptists will be asked to give at least a day's pay in 1969 to help needy around the world.

The council of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland has suggested that the contributions be made on Good Friday—April 4, 1969. The day's income will be over and above all other gifts to world mission and service.

### NEWS AND VIEWS DR. LATOURETTE KILLED IN ACCIDENT

OREGON CITY, OREGON—(ABNS)—Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, 84, emeritus Sterling professor of missions and Oriental history at Yale University and a former president of the American Baptist Convention, died from injuries he received when he was struck by an automobile on Thursday, December 26. He had gone out to mail some letters when he accidentally stepped in front of a car and suffered a broken hip, broken arm, and broken pelvis. He died of shock.

Dr. Latourette had a long and distinguished career as a church historian with special emphasis on the missionary aspects of church work in Asia. He is the author of many books, one of which is a comprehensive seven-volume work entitled, "The History of the Expansion of Christianity."

A native of Oregon City, Oreg., Dr. Latourette received his B.S. degree at Linfield College in McMinnville, Oreg., in 1904, the B.A. degree in 1906, M. A. in 1907, and Ph.D. in 1909, the latter three from Yale University. He also received many honorary degrees.

## Editorial

## Should I Go to This Conference?

You will be invited and encouraged to attend various conference and association meetings during the next several months. As you contemplate the time, energy, and cost of such conferences, you may have difficulty giving affirmative answers to the questions, "Should I go to this conference?" "Why should I go?" "What are the values of this conference anyway?" With so many appeals for our time and money, we need good reasons on which to base our decisions about how we spend our time and money.

The following are some values and benefits that may be gained at a conference:

- (1) It provides an opportunity for meeting other Christians and accepting one another frankly, honestly, without pretense and showing genuine love and concern for one another.
- (2) The sharing of information and study of a particular subject nurtures growth in Christian character.
- (3) The interaction of conferees, speakers and leaders may help to gain a much clearer understanding of Christian responsibilities today.
- (4) A person may discover his Christian calling at such a conference. Many have made commitments to Christian vocations at a conference.
- (5) The church conference may bring a new awareness of God's presence in all of life and a new understanding of the church of Jesus Christ as a powerful, historical, worldwide movement that seeks to witness in every corner of the globe. If we limit our involvement to one local church we may have a very narrow outlook on the work of the church universal.
- (6) It may be an excellent laboratory experience in Christian unity.
- (7) The opportunity for enrichment through fellowship, worship, recreation and inspiration are unlimited.

However, the above suggested values of a conference will be possible only when a conference is adequately planned and administered. The elected officers and leaders of conferences and associations assume very awesome responsibilities. Every conference should have its own specifically defined purpose and goals in accord with the needs and concerns of the participants. Special speakers and resource persons should be carefully selected and clearly informed (in sufficient time) as to their task on the program. During a conference, opportunity should always be provided for every delegate to participate and respond in faith and love.

Pastors have often said, "We have found that both youth and adults come back from a conference with a deeper sense of commitment to the mission and work of the church of Jesus Christ." This will probably be your experience if you decide to go to that conference that has been planned for you. The writer of Hebrews also encourages you to go by saying, "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is..." (Hebrews 10:24 and 25).—JB

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WINNING PERSONS TO CHRIST

by Daniel Fuchs

SIMULTANEOUS EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

ONE PART of the Crusade of the Americas is to involve your church in a special evangelistic campaign during 1969. Simultaneous evangelistic campaigns have been planned for March through May, 1969. Some churches will participate in the fall, September through October, 1969. Neighboring pastors are being invited by local churches to come and help them as guest evangelists. The Department of Evangelism has been serving as a clearing house for arranging these campaigns.

Six or eight weeks before your special evangelistic campaign, organize area prayer services in which members of various areas will assemble in homes for prayer. Give each hostess a list of all members living in her area (include address and telephone number), and make her responsible for contacting them. The deacons and other capable members can be made responsible for conducting these weekly cottage prayer services.

When you plan your evangelistic crusade, plan to include witnessing-visitation training for your church. In your training, provide time for action—for the people who are committed actually to go out and witness through visitation. Divide part of your evangelistic crusade into witness-training-action and the other part into public services.

For six consecutive Wednesday nights you might use two study papers provided by the Department of Evangelism: "Guidelines for a Witness-Training-Action Class" and "Guidelines for a Class in Personal Follow-up." Each of these papers is available through our Roger Williams Book Store for five cents per copy.

Involve your church in a special week of personal visitation evangelism. Especially emphasize decision calling during this week using all who have committed themselves to visitation-witnessing 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. If the proper preparation has been made, and if your decision callers have served faithfully, you may expect a great response to the invitation on Sunday following the week of decision calling.

RELIGION IN REVIEW

1968 - Hope and Anti-Hope

by Norman B. Rohrer

NOT EVEN God can change the past, so the record of 1968 will stand forever as men lived it in noble or ignoble pursuits.

Every day an average of 324,000 human babies entered the world and 10,000 persons starved to death or died of malnutrition. In addition, 123,000 persons died for other reasons, leaving a net gain of about 190,000 per day.

In their agony over Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae* banning birth control (rated by the secular press as the top religious story of the year), some Roman Catholics were asking if the Pontiff should retire.

The dominant mood of most ghetto youth was tragic apathy, while anger and violence prevailed among the more privileged in colleges and universities.

The cost of living rose steadily in 1968 but Americans were voluntarily contributing more than ever to charitable enterprises. Citizens of the U. S. spent \$130 million for missionary work but \$30 billion on gambling, \$20 billion on crime, \$9 billion on liquor, \$5 billion on tobacco, \$3 billion on house pets and \$175 million on dog food. The \$100 million spent on comic books was four times the annual budget of all public libraries in the U. S.

The cry of "collective guilt" followed the crack of the assassin's rifle that killed Martin Luther King Jr. Three months later a fresh grave enclosed the body of U. S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy while a shocked nation mourned further violence and a swarthy, ex-Sunday school Jordanian pupil was brought to trial for the shooting.

Communities of Amish left for Paraguay, objecting to the nation's strident anti-religious sentiment . . . its waging of a "morally indefensible war in Vietnam" . . . and the popularizing of respect for sexual freedom as a fundamental civil liberty.

Pollsters discovered that 97 per cent of the American people attested to a belief in God, but Maryland's 245-year-old law against blasphemy was challenged in court. . . . TV fare was dominated by ugliness, noise and violence . . . rampant gonorrhea raced "out of control" . . . and wife-swapping became a national scandal.

But men of good will were busy too, settling 189,381 Cuban refugees, struggling with the moral questions of transplanting human organs, gathering 1,200 strong to pray with Presi-

dent Johnson, and breaking into TV with warnings about health hazards in cigarette smoking. The nation elected a Quaker President and an Episcopalian Vice President.

CHURCHES MERGED, marched and mingled in ecumenical accord in 1968 and a "theology of hope" was seen to be winning over the "God is dead" doctrine. The Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches merged to form The United Methodist Church, largest of the nation's religious denominations. The Wesleyan Methodists united with the Pilgrim Holiness Church to form The Wesleyan Church and then set about to woo the Free Methodists.

The associate director of the Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies declared that America has reached the end of its preaching era and charged that a communication crisis exists in the Christian church. Clandestine worship among "floating" Roman Catholic parishes celebrated unauthorized Mass in living room sanctuaries. Underpaid clergymen were termed a "national disgrace" but famed atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair angrily denounced tax-exempt churches for hiding their wealth.

Ghetto banks received large amounts of church money, ministers took to the streets in support of a variety of social causes and a Negro was cast in the role of Messiah in a large-scale dramatic production in Atlanta, but pollsters still reported finding heavy racial bias among white Gentile church people. The director of the Office of Economic Opportunity said the U. S. cannot win the war on poverty without the help of church people. "The Old Rugged Cross" was found again to be the favorite hymn of most U. S. and Canadian believers.

MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE flourished, despite the deadening influence of affluence, reaching out to earth's remotest regions through God's ministers of reconciliation. The year began with 9,200 earnest students at the IVCF-sponsored 8th tri-ennial Missionary Convention bowed in prayer at communion. Veteran missionaries pushed beyond civilized areas to contact down-river Aucas. They ministered to Olympic athletes in Grenoble, France, and Mexico City and in the ghettos of urban jungles. Six died in one day at the hands of Viet Cong while others by other angry men or in accidents.

Radio penetrated lands where missionary presence is forbidden, reaching the antennas of an estimated 540,000,000 receivers throughout the world.

Church growth expert Dr. Donald McGavran declared at the annual Seminar on Church Growth in Winona Lake, Indiana, that the world has "more winnable people than ever before," but a young Protestant theologian in Maine stated that "the shocking fact of religion today is that the world is not going to be saved for Christianity." At the beginning of this century, he said, one-third of the world was Christian. By the time the year 2,000 arrives, less than 22 per cent will be Christian.

Communists contended that there is really no contradiction between the aims of Christianity and "real socialism," and inaugurated in Prague the growing phenomenon of dialogue with Christians.

The Church lost this year such stalwarts as Charles E. Fuller, minister for 43 years on the "Old Fashioned Revival Hour" broadcast; Daniel A. Poling of Christian Herald magazine and Christian Herald Charities; Joe Blinco, former Methodist minister of England, 11 years an associate of Billy Graham, and director of the Forest Home Christian Conference Center in California; theologians Edward J. Young of Westminster Theological Seminary and Alva J. McClain, founder of Grace Theological Seminary; Bob Jones Sr., founder of Bob Jones University and "one of the last of the old-time evangelists"; Victory Cory, founder of Scripture Press; and Franklin Clark Fry, president of the Lutheran Church in America.

PUBLISHING VENTURES of the Church were crimped by a January 7 postal hike in bulk mail costs but the leaden soldiers of the printing press marched on. The American Bible Society placed its 50 millionth copy of the Scriptures with men and women of the Armed Forces. More than 100,000 pieces of gospel literature were distributed in 15 languages at the Olympic meets on two continents. Records were published to show that one complete book of the Bible, at least, has now been published in 1,326 languages and dialects around the globe. Cooperative efforts among 15 organizations engaged in printing, publishing and distributing of the Holy Scriptures and related material were



hammered out in an informal Chicago meeting sponsored by the new Evangelical Fellowship of Scripture Distributors. The first chapter of Evangelical Press in Colleges (EPIC), sponsored jointly by Evangelical Literature Overseas and the Evangelical Press Association, was organized on the campus of Wheaton College. The Salvation Army celebrated 100 years of evangelism through the printed word and President Lyndon Johnson named three clergymen to serve on an 18-member commission on obscenity and pornography.

SCHOOLS THRIVED in most places, despite the lengthy and dishonorable New York teachers' strike and soaring costs of education. New York eliminated the Blaine Amendment banning government aid to sectarian schools while the Supreme Court let stand a 1965 New York law requiring public school systems to lend textbooks to students in private and parochial schools.

Legislation was passed unanimously by the Pennsylvania State Senate authorizing public schools in the Commonwealth to have a period of silent prayer or meditation before the beginning of the school day.

Baccalaureate services were ruled unconstitutional in Minnesota if sponsored by public schools.

According to a Louis Harris Survey in mid-summer, 78 per cent of the American people feel that the U. S. Supreme Court was wrong in banning prayer from public schools.

SCIENCE strode with giant steps across the span of 1968. A new system of record keeping called "electro-optics" succeeded in reducing letters as much as one million times so that they must be read through a high-powered microscope. This marriage of electricity and optics reduced the entire King James Version of the Bible to a slip of plastic one and one-quarter inches square.

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There were more than 100 heart transplants, but slightly fewer than half the number of patients survived. From Moscow came the charge that the organ transplants by Western doctors threatened indigents who could be murdered and their vital organs sold.

YOUTH REVOLT in 1968 was viewed as a struggle to overcome a lack of guidelines and shape a better purpose than because of a disregard for guidelines already laid down. Despite the bad press of a small percentage, collegians turned out in great numbers to work for their chosen Presidential candidate. Teens contacted by Gilbert Youth Research reportedly rated the Bible as the most popular book. But in Vietnam, a chap-



## God's Volunteers Team II Reports

by Joyce Giedt

Greetings from the God's Volunteers Team II! After returning from the Christmas holidays, all of us were again eager to continue with this wonderful opportunity of service.

Truely, this is a wonderful and exciting opportunity of service for us. Before the Christmas holidays, all of our campaigns (with the exception of the St. Paul campaign) were in Canada. We had some very excellent campaigns. In fact, while in the Yorkton, Saskatchewan church there were 97 young people in attendance at the first instruction session during our Youth Outreach Weekend!

We have found that almost everyone has been willing to help us in our visitation efforts. We are encouraged to hear that several of the churches are continuing their visitation efforts.

lain among bombarded Marines at Khe Sanh said he did indeed find atheists in foxholes even during the heaviest shelling.

For the people of God, the year 1968 made the world a little bigger in terms of opportunities for service. High speed printing presses, faster jets, better communications media, more refined medical procedures—all offered greater means for bagging the restless globe. The third meeting of evangelical leaders at the Key Bridge Motel near Washington, D. C. brought American theological conservatives closer to spiritual and operational unity as they selected Newark, N. J. for cooperative efforts in evangelism.

Among the large questions of the hour came another in the miniature world of Peanuts as Cartoonist Charles Schulz introduced Franklin, the strip's first Negro character. Linus needs his security blanket; Snoopy is the Walter Mitty of dogdom; Charlie Brown is still the patient loser. But

Naturally, we were all happy to return to "the States" again. However, to find leaves on the trees and such high temperatures during this time of the year is a new experience for all of us. Our after Christmas tour includes Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and southern California.

Although, we have not seen many visible results, we definitely have experienced the Holy Spirit at work in all of our lives. One fact which has really been shown to the whole team during this tour is the fact that we can do nothing of ourselves. Only through the power of prayer are we able to accomplish anything. So, we'd like to challenge you once again with our theme verse—"Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ. . . .!"

will Franklin be a believable human being who has some evident personal failings? Or will he be the perfect little black man. Will he be a character who is more than black, whose weaknesses are both evident and believable?

But now history has again triumphed over time and the sands of another year have all run through the glass. Let us learn from the lessons of 1968 at the close of the sixties and pray in hope at the doorway of a new decade.

Norman B. Rohrer is the Director of the Evangelical Press News Service.

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# SALARIES AND THE MINISTERIAL CRISIS

by Gerald L. Borchert

THE SALARY situation in the North American Baptist General Conference is urgently in need of review. It seems that few are actually anxious to do more than briefly look at their minister's salary. The analysis of the pay scale in most cases has little reference to the average income of professional workers, especially is it true when years of education are considered. Moreover, with the soaring cost-of-living-index many ministers are actually taking a loss in salary from year to year, to say nothing of the fact that pension plans for many ministers are sorely inadequate. And if the situation is bad in many of our churches in the United States, it is worse in many of our Canadian churches.

To state the situation in such a manner may seem to some of our constituency unnecessarily bold, but a few factors may help us understand the intensity of the problem. First, the writer did not volunteer this article—he was pressed by a number of people to write it. Throughout our denomination there is a growing ground swell of concern related to ministerial finance and to presuppose that such a concern does not exist would be very unwise when some denominations are pressing for a minimum salary scale of between \$7500 and \$8000. The very low average salary of the churches of our conference needs to be strongly considered. Second, the writer has traveled from coast to coast in our denomination and he can sincerely say that many of our pastor's problems are either directly or indirectly related to financial anxieties. Third, because our society is changing from rural to urban (and even our urban churches than rural) the church is confronting a sociological change of immense proportions. Our culture is money-oriented and the importance of what a man has to say is normally considered to be directly related to his income. Now the church has not accepted this third point as being of strategic importance—and certainly it should not be considered primary. Nevertheless, the money-orientation has become so deeply ingrained into our culture that the layman often judges his minister's worth by the salary. This matter might not be sufficiently significant to mention if it were not for the fact that all of our homes are money-oriented and the children who grow up in our homes cannot help but equate money with importance. Their life decisions may thus be in jeopardy because their parents may not consider the church and its ministry sufficiently worthy

to pay their ministers fair and reasonable living salaries, which the parents themselves would demand from their employers.

The alert has, thus, been sounded for us who name the name of Jesus and are committed to Christ's work through the North American Baptist General Conference witness. The situation is serious because the ministerial drain is already being felt. Denominations which pay more will attract our most outstanding young men unless they have a non-rational type of loyalty, which we can easily misunderstand and of which we can readily take advantage. Such loyalty few would expect in business, but for some mystical reason it is often demanded in the ministry. The Canadian churches should expect to feel the drain even from other churches of our own denomination, with the result that there will be a strong tendency for Canadians (and please remember that I am a Canadian) to condemn their U. S. brothers for skimming off the cream of their crop. But the drain has begun not only in the direction of other churches. The pull is to other professions as well, and the statistics of the last few years in this matter do not present a pretty picture for our denomination. We may suggest that men who choose other professions—whether the professions are connected with insurance, teaching or simply building maintenance—must have some psychological problems or must have strayed from the spirit of God. A few indeed may have developed some psychological problems after ten or fifteen years in the ministry, but those problems may not be unrelated to finance. The minister who has children who need an education or the man who is approaching middle age anticipating a salary decline and looking at his pension may seriously begin to wonder whether he is being fair to his family or himself.

Now our churches in general can take the attitude that we can always get somebody, even if we have to lower the educational standards and perhaps even appoint non-educated people to serve our churches. And we have begun to do this! The Canadians can build their theories of nationalism much stronger and seek to prevent a drain by developing provincialism. We can condemn our ministers who find places in larger Baptist denominations and we can dismiss those who turn to the business world as unfaithful to their call, but do we not also have a responsibility to God for the keeping of our pastors? Have we been faithful to our call as the body of Christ in the proper care of her undershepherds? Have we placed the remodeling of our buildings before our

concern for the lives of our ministers? Our pastors can take a great number of frustrations in this critical era if they are not also asked to take upon themselves the frustration of financial instability.

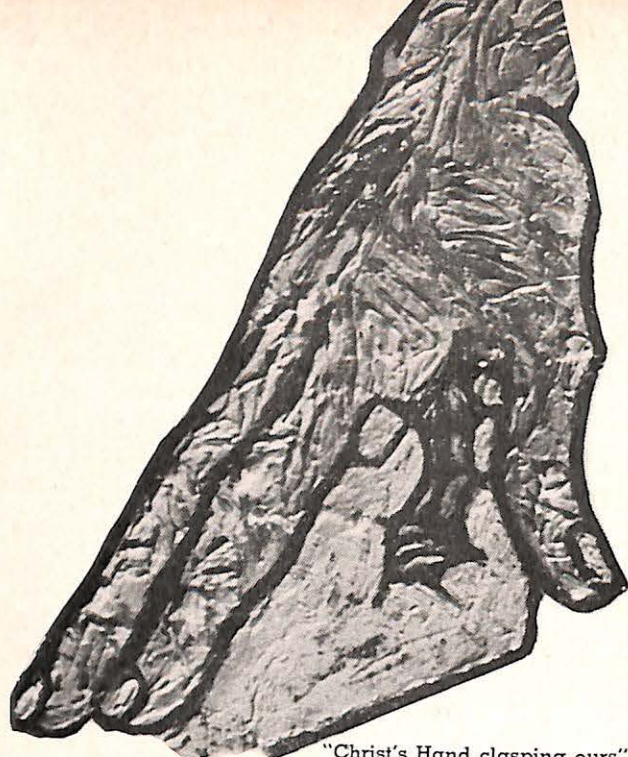
I do not believe in a retreat to a poorly educated clergy in this day of the knowledge explosion. As a Canadian, I cannot accept provincialism in this day of rapid communications. I believe the church is called upon to advance. The time has come for the church to accept her responsibilities in all areas of her ministry, and this includes the proper payments of her servants. When her servants are properly paid, her servants can be freed from the penny-pinching which chokes creative attitudes.

In conclusion, let me add a few words of advice. Although I have encountered some ministers who would seek to grow rich on their parishioners, they are few. Most are sincerely seeking the welfare of their people. They need encouragement to develop wholesome attitudes on finance. They need the satisfaction that their church honestly reviews the salary scale at least once a year. The matter of adequate financing of a pastor should be a growing experience of trust and confidence between pastor and people, rather than a time of anxiety and tension. My desk is filled with statistics on pastor's salaries. It has not been my intention here to quote from these lists, but one item is at least worth considering. Many churches find it necessary during the time of pastoral change to raise the salary by about 20% before they can even think about getting another man. Why could these churches not have considered that their pastor was worthy of this raise? Yes, and even more! It might make a difference in attitudes both for the pastor's family and the church as a whole. And maybe the task of recruiting young men for tomorrow's ministry would be significantly improved. We are dealing here with attitudes; we are concerned with God's people. And in this concern money is important too! It may spell the difference in the future of your church, your denomination—and the kingdom of God.

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Editor's note: The Pastoral Placement Committee is presently making a survey of North American Baptist General Conference pastors salaries. The results of the survey will be published in forthcoming issues of the BAPTIST HERALD.





"Christ's Hand clasping ours"  
Painting by Carol Steryl

## God's Grace Is Sufficient

by Mrs. Frank Veninga

WHEN PAUL uttered the words, "God's grace is sufficient for me" he knew from personal experience that this was a proven fact in his life. I claim this as a certainty in my life. Room 410 at Sioux Valley Hospital will remain very special in my memory for it was in this room that I sensed God's presence in a very real way during 78 days of hospitalization.

When one passes through a long and unexpected illness many questions arise. Why did this happen to me in a period of my life which I am enjoying so greatly? Why? Why? I spent many hours in re-thinking my life. I tried to evaluate that which I have done for Christ and his cause. In this relationship I looked at various periods in my life in which I engaged in some phase of Christian service. First, as a student at Moody Bible Institute and Wheaton College. I travelled throughout the United States in the presentation of sacred concerts in behalf of Moody Bible Institute. This led the vocal trio to churches, camps and conferences in 37 states. Secondly, as pastor's wife serving for 17 years in 4 churches. Thirdly, as Director of Christian Education at the First Christian Church, Sioux Falls, for close to seven years, and lastly, as wife of the President of the Seminary for 9 years. Suddenly I was surrounded by a high wall. I could not go over it, around it, or underneath it. I had time to think. I thought much about life, death and the hereafter. Yes, about separation from family. It was during these trying and difficult times that God's grace became exceedingly meaningful.

**GOD'S GRACE WAS SUFFICIENT IN THAT IT GAVE ME THE PEACE THAT PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING.**

Well ordered plans were suddenly

changed. Permit me to share a few of these. We had to forego attendance at the triennial General Conference in Detroit, Michigan. A week of family fishing in northern Minnesota, to which the boys had invited "special" friends, had to be cancelled. Our 27th wedding anniversary observance changed drastically. There was no party, no dinner, nor guests. However, Mr. Veninga sent a beautiful cake to room 410 with the words, "Congratulations on Our Anniversary." The medical staff and our family enjoyed the delicious cake. In all these cancellations, difficult as they were, there were no tears but simply accepting the turn of events and drawing freely from the wonderful peace of God. How wonderful it is that we as Christians can know the fountain of peace! This source of help does not come in pills and capsules.

### GOD'S GRACE WAS SUFFICIENT IN ACCEPTING THE TRAGEDY OF THE HOUR.

This, to be sure, was not easily done. How well I remember discovering that I had a stroke. Neither the medical staff nor my family related what had happened. I am sure they were wise in waiting until the critical days in intensive care had passed. On my own, however, I discovered that my left hand and arm could not be moved. My nose was itching. (It always itches at the wrong time!) and I suddenly realized that I could not scratch with my left hand.

The orderly came with a wheel chair and announced that I was to be taken to another floor. Promptly I tried to get out of bed and he said, "Just a minute, you can't walk." With assistance I was lifted into the wheel chair and taken to the physical therapy department. Placing a safety belt around my waist and standing between two

bars, the therapist said, "See if you can take a step." This I could not do. I was taken back to my room and immediately I sought to sort things out. I could not move my hand. I could not walk. I could not scratch my nose. The thought occurred, "I am a cripple." It was then that I turned to the Lord in prayer. I put my faith in action. Soon I realized that I was a fortunate person in that family and friends interceded in prayer. I learned later that the conference delegates stopped to pray. The Sioux Falls churches prayed. The Seminary family prayed. There is great power in prayer!

Not only did I experience God's grace but my family did likewise. We had big plans for the year ahead. Mr. Veninga was looking forward to the opening of another school year. Bob was returning to the University of Minnesota to begin a doctoral program and to teach a light schedule. Jim was looking forward to his final year at Harvard Divinity School, looking forward to receiving the Master of Theological Studies degree. Joyce was excited about her second year at Sioux Falls College. Everyone managed to get to his respective school.

### GOD'S GRACE WAS SUFFICIENT TO KEEP ME FROM SELF-PITY.

I could easily have succumbed. But day by day there was strength and a deep sense of appreciation for the individuals who were doing their best to bring about recovery. The members of the medical staff were most helpful. Being hospitalized for 78 days I had occasion to observe rather carefully. I am deeply indebted to my doctors, nurses, and therapists. I have never met a more dedicated staff. They treated me as an individual with individual needs. They kept me from self-pity.

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Rev. Milton Zeeb (l. to r.) Assistant General Secretary and Director of Adult Ministry; Miss Dorothy Pritzkau, Editor of Christian Education Literature; Rev. Bruce Rich, General Secretary and Director of Youth Ministry; Rev. Gary Miller, chairman and Rev. Henry Ramus, Director of Children's Ministry.



The General Christian Education Committee.

## Annual Christian Education Committee Meeting Report

by Mrs. John Emr

The General Christian Education Committee met for its annual business and program planning meetings at the Forest Park Office on December 4-6, 1968. The Committee is comprised of the secretary and youth representative from each local conference. Miss Sharon Samson of Warren, Michigan, and Mrs. Clarence Walth of Chicago, Illinois, our Children's Ministry specialists, served as members-at-large. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Executive Secretary, having served for many years as General Secretary and Director of Adult Ministry, was a most welcome ex-officio member as he contributed to the meetings from his wealth of experience. Miss Dorothy Pritzkau, Editor of Christian Education Literature of the Roger Williams Press, also served as an ex-officio member.

During our meetings, which began at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday and ended promptly at 6:00 p.m. Friday, there was a time of sharing blessings, ideas, and some of the needs of the local conference. The Central Conference report was of particular interest, as Rev. Ray Niederer, Cleveland, Ohio, reported on the camping organization that was followed for the summer of 1968. It was reported that the camping program is in a state of transition. For the past several years, the Cleveland area churches have been joining together with some churches from the Eastern Conference to form the "Tri-State Camp." The remaining churches of the Central Conference had, until this past summer, been joining together to conduct three age group camps. However, this past summer the Detroit area churches decided

to join together with the Baptist General Conference churches of Michigan in their camping program. As a result of this, the Central Conference Camp Committee recommended that the Conference churches of each area (Detroit and Chicago) set up their own committee to handle the program, promotion and financing of their own summer camps for the summer 1968. The Detroit area churches went ahead and joined with the General Conference Baptist churches at their campground at Tustin, Michigan. The Chicago area churches, after pursuing various possibilities, proceeded to join with the Baptist General Conference churches in their area.

The arrangements in both areas were not entirely satisfactory and at the present time the Central Conference Camp Committee is contacting the churches to determine if they are satisfied with the area arrangements or if they would like to go back to a unified camping program.

The Dakota Conference Christian Education Committee accomplishments were a real source of encouragement. Under the leadership of Rev. Lorimer Potratz as secretary, the committee is continuing to give strong leadership to the program of Conference Christian Education workshops. Each year a team of approximately four travels over 1,000 miles holding four regional workers' conferences. The theme of the last conference was "Know Your Pupil" which proved to be a successful, well-received conference.

A concern for our ministry to the college age students was discussed, as it is realized that the few appointed

Campus Chaplains have an insurmountable task, leading to frustration in trying to minister to our many students. A number of ideas were set forth to strengthen the Campus Ministry, among these being the decisions to call upon our ministers to volunteer to serve the students in their area and to encourage the churches to undergird this ministry with their active participation. A kit of ideas will be prepared to guide churches and pastors in strengthening their ministry to their students, both at home and those who are away.

A Christian Education Consultant service was introduced to the Committee and approved for implementation. This program is designed to strengthen and extend the service to the local churches on behalf of the Department of Christian Education. Qualified laymen and ministers will be selected to be available to assist churches in their program of education. These consultants may be called upon to assist in curriculum presentations, Christian education program evaluations, leadership education courses, and special workshops geared to specific needs. The local churches requesting the services of a consultant will be expected to provide room and board, a reasonable honorarium and travel expenses.

Plans for the NAB Youth Congress to be held at Green Lake, Wisconsin, August 23-30, 1969, were shared with the Committee and approved. The program planning committee for the congress, consisting of Rev. Bruce Rich, Director, Mr. Douglas Woyke, Rev. Paul Meister, and Rev. Mervin

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Children's Ministry Committee.



Youth Ministry Committee.



Adult Ministry Committee.



## REGISTRATION

Registration cards will be made available to your churches in April. The cost per person for the Congress will be \$60. A deposit of \$10 will be required with each registration. Young people entering grade 11 through age 25 may register for the Congress.



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## NAB YOUTH CONGRESS, AUGUST 23 - 30, 1969

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How Will You Help Me, Jesus?  
What Is My Message Jesus?  
Where Is My Mission, Jesus?  
This is My Mission Jesus?  
How Can I Share My Faith, Jesus?

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Choir and Special musical groups

(Place on church bulletin board)





## CHRISTIAN ED. CO. REPORT

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Kramer, have planned a spiritually challenging and fun-packed week.

Following the Thursday evening sessions of the committee, a fellowship time was planned by the staff. All the members are grateful for the warm hospitality extended to us. Rev. Gary Miller, our capable chairman, gave special recognition to Rev. G. K. Zimmerman for the thirteen years of leadership he gave to the Christian Education Department and asked God's blessing on his new position as Executive Secretary. Appreciation for the work done by Rev. Bruce Rich as our new General Secretary and Director of Youth Ministry was also expressed. Rev. Henry Ramus was welcomed to the staff as Director of Children's Ministry, and Rev. Milton Zeeb, who will begin work in June as Assistant General Secretary and Director of Adult Ministry, was also present and welcomed. Recognition was also given to Mrs. Wayne Pyle, who had served the Department of Christian Education for the past nine years as secretary, and to Mrs. George Walker, who has now assumed this position. During this evening, Rev. Gary Miller also made a slide and tape presentation, which he had prepared, depicting the creation story from Genesis. A time of singing and delicious refreshments, graciously served by the staff ladies, were enjoyed by all.

I am thankful for the opportunity to have served on the Christian Education Committee and to become better acquainted with this work and our dedicated and resourceful people serving the Lord at Forest Park Headquarters.

*Mrs. John Emr is the Atlantic Conference Youth Representative, Palisade, N. J.*

## CHOOSING AND CASTING

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Well illustrated.

*Home-Built Lighting Equipment for the Small Stage* by Theodore Fuchs. Working drawings for the amateur stage electrician; accurate and concise.

*Acting Out the Truth* by Sarah Walton Miller. Twenty-three dramatic features for worship written for production by adults or teenagers. The material is divided into six categories: missionary, patriotic, Easter, Christmas, Bible teaching, and general. Each feature varies in length from a minute to thirty minutes and requires simple setting and lighting.

These manuals may be ordered from Roger Williams Press, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois, 60130.

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# An Open Letter

Dear Friends in Christ:

We like to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to all of our oversea friends. Thank you so very much for your encouraging letters and prayers, especially at the time of crisis when Nobuko was seriously ill. We thank God for all of you. We are not able to write letters in response to your letters at that time, and we must beg your pardon for this. Nobuko has recovered well and can take up all of her daily responsibilities at home. She still sees dreams of her life in America but not as often as she did last year. But I hear in the morning, "Honey, I met so and so. . . ." She is certainly called to be a pastor's wife, for she travels wherever she wants without any expense. For myself I have to wait until some of you may come to Japan for the Baptist World Congress which will be held in Tokyo in 1970 at the time of the World Fair in Osaka, Japan. We hope some of you are already planning for coming to Japan at that time.

Our little son is no longer a little son. Makoto has grown up bringing us a lot of joy and troubles. He loves to ride on a tricycle and Dad's little car. With the label on his back, "Made in USA." He loves to eat Western food more than Japanese food. So even now he is getting to be an expensive boy. By the end of this month he will be just two and one-half years old. He has no friends to play with around here and so becomes

quite independent. Sometimes we are surprised to see "the declaration of independence on his face refusing all interventions on our part. He listens to his father but not to his mother. Sad to say, Nobuko is already pulled down from the authority of her throne. Last July and August he was separated from his parents for over forty days. When he came back from my parents he had forgotten his parents. Of course it was for a short time only.

I have enjoyed the work God has entrusted to us. Often I cannot meet up to the demands of pastoral ministry, but He has blessed our work. God is adding people to the church and the church is growing steadily. It is a thrill to see people grow into Christ and we often marvel at God's mighty work. This year we started the layman's Bible School. Four subjects are offered: Christian Doctrine, Christian Life, Survey of the Bible, and Greek. The first two are taught by Miss Florence Miller who comes to teach from Osaka, while the last two by me. The attendance is high and we are encouraged to foster this means of helping people to mature intellectually and spiritually. I also enjoy teaching at Osaka Biblical Seminary once a week. God has been good and merciful to us. May you have a meaningful and a Happy New Year.

In Christian Love,  
Rev. and Mrs. Hisashi Murakami,  
Japan



Rev. and Mrs. Hisashi Murakami and their son, Makoto, standing in front of their church in Tsu-shi, Japan.

## Ideas

## For Christian Education

Edited by Dorothy Pritzkau

SO YOU are directing your first play. It might look like a tremendous task, but if you know how to go about it, your task will become a blessing to you and to your church. Here are some practical suggestions that will help you.

### CHOOSING THE PLAY

How do you choose a play? First, you should read many plays with your church and your people in mind. If this is the first play you have ever directed, consider your limited ability and begin with a simple script.

Keep in mind the needs of your church as you choose a play.

You must also be aware of the place in your church where the drama is to be presented. Plays of a worshipful nature that do not require realism and theatrical trappings are best for the church auditorium. Plays that require scenery and props should be done on the stage in the educational building.

Actually, drama is not limited to a place—you don't need elaborate equipment, lighting, or even a stage. All you need is an empty space. Some of the most exciting, moving dramas have been staged without theatrical trappings. A church lawn, a parking lot, or a patio offer unlimited possibilities.

Another factor to be considered is the number of people available to take part in the drama. If you have only a few people, you will naturally choose a play with a small cast.

If you have a budget problem, do not choose a play that requires a large number of elaborate costumes or one that calls for many sets. These items can be quite an expense.

### STUDYING THE SCRIPT

After you have chosen the play, your next big job as director is to analyze the script. Your first reading should be simply for enjoyment and inspiration. The next time you read it, use your imagination, visualizing it done as a play with live people moving through it. Read the play as many times as it takes you to know the plot. A play usually has a basic struggle. This is what makes drama. This is especially true of church drama. Usually, it is the telling of a conflict of man against man, or of man against the circumstances of life, with God intervening in some way. The message of the play is involved in the struggle and the resolving of it. It is your duty as the director to discover this message. It must ring

# Choosing and Casting The Church Play

by Rosalie Robinson

loud and true in your mind. The imparting of this message is your reason for doing the play.

### CASTING THE PLAY

Have open tryouts. Announce the time and place, the number and ages of characters needed, and invite all who are interested to come and read the roles. Don't be disappointed if no one shows up—especially if drama is new in your church. If you can't cast your play from tryouts, then you will have to go personally to people and ask them to consider helping. Do as one director did who couldn't find a suitable "father" for a play. At the Wednesday night fellowship supper, he carefully looked over the eaters until he spotted his man, munching on a fried chicken drumstick. He looked tall enough and in every way seemed right for the part. When the director asked him to consider the part, he was so delighted that he didn't finish his supper. Since he had no obligation during the meeting to follow, he came directly to the office and read the part. He accepted it and later stated that participation in the drama was one of the richest spiritual experiences of his life.

Don't be surprised if you have to replace people in the cast. You will have dropouts! People take on too much, are too busy, or are not willing to spend time in rehearsals. This can be very discouraging to the director. But let's face it, it does happen! You must find a replacement and carry on. Your dependency must be on the Lord. He will guide you, and his casting is always the best.

As soon as you have cast the play, start publicizing it. Do not completely reveal what it is about. Leave it somewhat of a mystery so that the curiosity of the congregation will be stirred and they will want to attend.

You are now ready to embark on the exciting adventure of making a play come alive. What a thrill to prayerfully work with people in creating living characters and believable circumstances in such a way that hearts are stirred and lives are changed!

### FOR YOUR BOOKSHELF

*Play Production* by Henning Nelms. College Outline Series. Twenty-three chapters on every phase of play production with excellent illustrations.

*Costuming the Biblical Play* by Lucy Barton. A well-illustrated presentation of the designing and making of biblical costumes.

*The Technique of Stage Makeup* by Jack Stuart Knapp. A practical manual for the use of theatrical makeup. (Continued on page 14)



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# Sunday School Lessons

by James A. Schacher

## THE TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 2, 1969

## THE LESSON PLAN

THEME: JESUS FORETELLS HIS SUFFERING

SCRIPTURE: Mark 8:27-37

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. To be a Christian means to respond to Christ in trust and to follow Him daily.

INTRODUCTION. The New Testament nowhere lists four steps as "The Way of Salvation." Instead they present Jesus as a Person who blocks the road people are traveling. When they meet Him face to face they must make a decision. He asked the rich, young ruler to sell all he owned and enlist in His service. He challenged the Woman at the well to drink of the water He provides. In today's passage He questioned His followers regarding Himself. After He had their attention He tries to prepare them for the radical Discipleship that would be required in the days of His trial and crucifixion as well as in the new era following His ascension.

I. WHO IS THIS MAN? Mark 8:27-30. Jesus captured the interest of His followers by asking a question about the opinion of their fellow citizens. In our day it is less threatening to others if we turn the conversation around to "what do the businessmen you work with think about Jesus?" How do the average housewives in your block react when Christianity is mentioned? Is Christ meaningful only when they have problems? If we followed the example of Jesus in this chapter we could then become more personal and say, "Well, that's how others feel, but what's your reaction? What do you think? Is He more than a wise teacher?"

II. WHAT DOES THIS MAN DO? Mark 8:31-33. After dealing with who He was, Jesus then spoke about the job He had to do. The key events of His life were to be His rejection by men, His suffering, and execution before His return to life. After witnessing about who Jesus is, we can, as He did, turn attention to His actions. If the person feels that Christ was no more than a good man, we might ask, "How could He have died for us then?" The only way to answer this question is to consult His Word. The record says that in His dying He was a "ransom instead of" us. (Mark 10:45 literal translation). What kind of Person could do that? Only, the One who qualified to say to people, "your sins are forgiven." (Mark 2:5). It would be either stupidity or the raving of a madman if He were not God. We must decide whether He was insane, ignorant or God. He cannot be

merely a good teacher.

III. HOW DOES HE AFFECT YOUR LIFE? Mark 8:34-37. Once we agree that Jesus was the only Son of the living God we have to deal with His relationship to us. How will knowing this affect our lives? What does He expect of us? It is impossible to admit that He is Lord without facing the practical consequences. With a new aim in life, the individual who bows to Christ will then yearn to advance the work of the Gospel. This requires a surrender of his personal ambitions. The things he considered precious and important must take second place. The boy's bicycle, the girl's wardrobe, the father's job and the housewife's home must all gladly be put under Christ's control. Paradoxically, this loss of life, when genuine, will fill one's new outlook with exuberant zeal and long-term purpose and satisfaction.

## Questions for Discussion

- (1) How do you usually turn a conversation around to witnessing for Christ?
- (2) Why couldn't Jesus merely be a kind, wise teacher?
- (3) What did you lose in your old life and gain in your new life with Christ?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 9, 1969

THEME: THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

Scripture: Mark 10:17-31

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. Jesus' followers are disciples. This means that all else is secondary. GOD means more than anything else in life, including material possessions and family.

INTRODUCTION. The setting for this lesson is found on the east side of the Jordan River. Jesus was on His way to enter Jerusalem for the last time. Previously in chapter 10 He had answered the Pharisees' question regarding divorce and had blessed the little children. According to Mark, Jesus had just resumed His journey when a man came dashing up to Him.

I. DISCIPLESHIP REQUIRES FORFEITING RICHES. Mark 10:17-22. Jesus spoke to the heart of the man's problem. "If I'm so good, will you leave your dearest treasure to follow after me? Really, you should know that you ought not to call me good unless you're ready to give me full allegiance—due to God only. You're inconsistent because you are not ready to admit that I possess that kind of authority."

How keenly Jesus observed the un-

derlying motives of this man. He had not deserted the treasures of this life. God requires His servants to place their most precious possession on the altar like Abraham was asked to do with his son, Isaac. This destroys the last remaining barrier between us and immediate fellowship with God. It prevents the good things from becoming hindrances. For the spiritual Christian it might be singing, tithing, teaching Sunday school, memorizing Bible verses, performing kind deeds to our enemies, holding church offices, making visits for the church. Each of these can become the final goal from which our deepest satisfaction comes. They can be a substitute of personal gratification in the place of genuine compassion for human needs.

II. IN DISCIPLESHIP THE IMPOSSIBLE BECOMES POSSIBLE. Mark 10:23-27. Christ wishes to explain how extremely difficult it is for a rich man to get to heaven. This is obvious by these words, "with men it is impossible, but not with God." If it were possible for a camel to crawl through the needle's eye this figure of speech would not fit Jesus' main point. This makes it unlikely that Jesus had in mind the "needle" gate in the wall of Jerusalem. Therefore, we uncover a great truth. This is, material things gain such a stranglehold on human affections that it disrupts man's opportunity to have fellowship with God. But, though it presents such a great dilemma God can deliver us if we sell out to Him.

III. DISCIPLESHIP MEANS THAT GOD COMES BEFORE RELATIVES. Mark 10:28-31. Every believer is faced with eliminating loved ones and cherished objects from first place. When each one makes his own heart-rending decision he truly becomes a convert of Christ. In heaven the promotions will far outrank the earthly losses.

Nor can the final results be tabulated in this life. It may be that those who now appear to offer greatest evidence of sacrificial service will be judged to be last in the Kingdom of Heaven. This means that we will not obtain it merely by seeking for the reward. But we must strive to do it for Christ's sake and the Gospel's.

## Questions for Discussion

- (1) Is there any evidence that the rich man in this story was sincere?
- (2) How would you end the story in verse 22? What would you have said or done in this rich man's place? Is this consistent with how you are living in this century?
- (3) State the key lesson or truth in chapter 10, verses 24-27.

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THE GRACE OF GOD by Samuel J. Mikolaski. Eerdmans—1966—\$1.65 (paper).

Grace is often a vague word used by Christians to describe some virtue of God and man but never fully understood. The early Christians were so completely immersed in the practice and life of grace that they gave little attention to discussion or analysis of grace. This would still be the ideal, but knowledge, understanding and interpretation are also necessary. The author tries to present the doctrine in simple terms so that both pastor and laymen may have a better understanding of the term.

SIR WILLIAM M. RAMSAY, ARCHAEOLOGIST AND NEW TESTAMENT SCHOLAR by W. Ward Gasque. Baker—1966—\$1.50 (paper).

There are a number of up-to-date books on biblical archaeology but the student of the Bible will be fascinated by the contribution made by William Ramsay in this important field. Because of his originality and thoroughness he was the first to give us certain identification of historical places. His contributions to our knowledge of religion in Greece and Asia Minor are still invaluable.

HOW TO MAKE A HABIT OF SUCCEEDING by Mark R. Douglas. Zondervan—1966—\$4.95.

Since the author is a graduate of the Dale Carnegie Speech and Sales Course this volume might be thought of as a commercial for the Carnegie courses which are still advertised today. It might also serve as an extension course for those who have already gone through the original Carnegie program. It reads like a fast moving pep talk. Some of it might rub off but most of it is based on the positive-thinking method. It would have added something to the book if the author had given an account of how it worked in the First Baptist Church of Pompano Beach, Florida where he is the pastor.

BAAL OR GOD by Herman J. Otten. Leader Publishing Company—1965—\$.75 (paper).

Judging from the voluminous notes, quotes and bibliography the author must have done a great deal of reading and research in order to compile all of his material.

The title is a reference to the conflict between Fundamentalism and Liberalism and every major doctrine of the Scriptures is presented with the viewpoint from both sides. A number of chapters also include studies on the new morality and Communism.

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# BOOK REVIEWS

by B. C. Schreiber

OUTLINE STUDIES OF JOB, PROVERBS, ECCLESIASTES AND SONG OF SONGS by Roy Clark Maddux. Baker—1966—\$1.95.

Outline content is kept at a minimum. The author makes no attempt to give theological explanations for these books of the Bible. They are simple, practical outlines which must be fully developed by the Bible teacher and pastor.

300 THOUGHT STIMULATORS FOR SERMONS AND ADDRESSES by C. B. Eavey. Baker—1966—\$1.95.

Unlike sermon outlines, this volume seeks only to stimulate and inspire. The subject material is alphabetically arranged and can be used also for illustrative purposes.

CHAPEL MESSAGES, compiled and edited by H. C. Brown and Charles P. Johnson. Baker—1966—\$2.50.

Not all speakers have opportunities for addressing college and seminary chapel congregations. However, after some comparison there seems to be little difference in the general type of messages used for educational chapel services and Sunday church services. Those incorporated in this volume were given at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Ministers will find the thought content just as appropriate for their church services.

SIMPLE SERMONS FOR SUNDAY MORNING by W. Herschel Ford. Zondervan—1966—\$2.50.

A well-known Southern Baptist, with many years of experience, shares his best spiritual insights into God's word in these messages. Though they are referred to as "simple" sermons this does not refer to the fact that the spiritual life is simple. In part these messages also reveal the deep devotional life of the author.

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMING AND WITNESSING, edited by Erwin L. McDonald. Baker—1966—\$2.50.

The messages are the product of outstanding men in the Southern Baptist Convention delivered at one of their conferences on evangelism. Some

questions and problems on the proclamation of the Gospel in our age are brought to our attention but this is by no means an exhaustive study.

FROM DEATH TO LIFE THROUGH CHRIST by Robert G. Lee. Zondervan—1966—\$2.95.

The author is first and foremost a preacher, and although the sermons are well-structured and the material inspirational and challenging there is usually something missing, especially to those who have heard and seen Dr. Lee in action on the pulpit.

THE BOOK OF AMOS by Page H. Killey. Baker—1966—\$1.50 (paper).

THE EPISTLES TO TITUS AND PHILEMON by Philip C. Johnson. Baker—1966—\$1.50 (paper).

These are by no means intended for seminary textbooks but they can be an aid to the pastor or teacher in the Bible training program of the church. The introduction, the biographical material as well as the interpretation are valuable to the student who is interested in knowing more about the Bible.

THE WORK OF AN USHER by Alvin D. Johnson. Judson—1966—\$1.00 (paper).

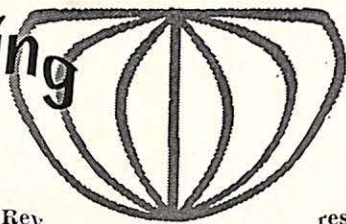
This small but valuable volume may give the impression that the minister is the final authority in every aspect of church life and organization. However, the minister who wrote the book admits his indebtedness to the capabilities and experiences of numerous ushers he has had in his varied pastorates. This is certainly not to be thought of as a minor office in the church for the minister and congregation depend upon the work of ushers to add the spirit of worship and dignity to the services.

MIDDLE AGE: A TEST OF TIME by Chester A. Raber. Herald Press—1966—\$.35 (paper).

The price and length of the booklet should not be used as a judgment for its value. A wealth of material is condensed for meaningful and practical use.



# what's happening



• Rev. Robert Bunnell is the new pastor of the Victor Baptist Church, Victor, Iowa.

• Mr. Rudy Lemke has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. D., effective June 1, 1969. He is a senior student at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls.

• Rev. Robert MacMurdo has accepted the call to become the Minister of Education at the Bethlehem Church, Dover, N. J. The church is independent.

• Rev. Walter Weber has resigned from the First Baptist Church, Underwood, N. D., to become the pastor of the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Neb., effective February 1, 1969.

• Miss Jordis Schamuhn has accepted the call to become the Director of Christian Education at the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., effective February 1, 1969. She recently graduated from the N. A. B. College in Edmonton, Alta., with a Bachelor of Religious Education degree.

• Miss Ruth E. Rabenhorst has received medical approval to return to Cameroon, Africa. She is expected to return to Cameroon on March 3, 1969.

## ADDRESS CHANGES

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## Our Churches in Action

### THIRTEEN ADDED TO BETHEL CHURCH

ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH. On December 15 the Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Michigan had an evening baptismal service with eleven young people following the Lord's example.

These young people, pictured below plus Mr. and Mrs.



Roy Austin, were given the right hand of fellowship on Sunday, December 29. (Rev. Kenneth C. Fenner, reporter.)

### CENTRAL CHURCH REPORTS ACTIVITIES

WACO, TEX. The month of November started off with a week-end revival, with Rev. Oliver Bender, Pastor of Central Valley Baptist Church, Donna, Texas.

On November 17 the W.M.S. observed their anniversary with a special program. Highlight of the program was the filmstrip, "Brazil—Awake and Restless." An offering was received for our National W.M.U. project.

On November 24 the annual Harvest and Mission program was presented by the children of the Elementary Departments.

On December 15 the choir, under the direction of Milton Lippert, presented the Cantata "Love Came Down at

Christmas."

On December 22 the Sunday School Christmas program was presented by the children of Beginner through Junior High Departments.

Rev. LeRoy Schauer is pastor of the church. (Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, reporter.)

### PASTOR AND WIFE ARE HONORED AT FAREWELL SERVICE

CATHAY, N. D. A farewell was given for Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Fenske at the Germantown Baptist Church on Sunday evening, November 24. This terminated 43 years of service in the ministry. A program was given in their honor and gifts of money were presented from the different organizations of the church.

Rev. Fenske will be doing interim work in the future. The Fenskens are making their home at the Baptist Home in Bismarck and their address is 1101 Porter Avenue, Apt. 24, Bismarck, North Dakota.

We wish them much joy and happiness and the Lord's blessing in their new home and work in their declining years. (Mrs. Elmer Faul, reporter.)

### HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS AT BETHEL BAPTIST

ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH. On December 15, Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth Fenner had a Christmas Open House at the parsonage.

December 22 was the annual Christmas program entitled, *An Old Fashioned Christmas*, directed by Mrs. Thomas DeVries.

Following the program the choir sang the *Hallelujah Chorus*.

On New Year's Eve, *Israel Today in the Light of the Scriptures*, was presented in slides by Dr. Louis Goldberg, a professor at the Moody Bible Institute who, with his family, spend last summer in the Holy Land. He teaches in the fields of Bible, philosophy and apologetics as well as directing Jewish studies. (Rev. Kenneth Fenner, reporter.)

### CHURCH PREPARES FOR MAP PROGRAM

AUBURN, MICH. To commemorate the liquidation of all loans the Rev. Everett Barker was invited to present

the denominational project called MAP. The church moderator, Bert Braun, serves on the denominational MAP Committee representing this area of Michigan. A church banquet on January 24, will be the occasion to initiate the plan. Various members have already made sizeable leadership gifts. Rev. Adolph Braun, a son of this church, has accepted our invitation to be our banquet speaker.

At the annual business meeting, the congregation elected Otto Braun, honorary deacon and Ed Lempke, honorary trustee in recognition for their long, faithful service. (Mrs. Alan Carpenter, reporter.)

### BETHEL CHURCH PRESENTS ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH. The thirty-first annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Concert was held at the Bethel



Bethel Baptist choir with Mr. Elmer Wengel, director, on left and Mrs. Summerville, organist, on right.

Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Michigan on December 24 from 11:00 to 12:00 midnight.

Elmer Wengel directed the choir and guest soloist was Miss Sherry Zannoth. Other soloists were Mrs. Kenneth Fenner and Mrs. Bettie Sayers. Pastor Fenner spoke on the "Three Words of Christmas." Mrs. Hobert Summerville was organist.

The theme for the Christmas season was "From the Cradle to the Cross." (Rev. Kenneth Fenner, reporter.)

### MEN'S BROTHERHOOD IS ACTIVE IN NAPOLEON CHURCH

NAPOLEON, N. D. The program of the Men's Brotherhood of the Napoleon Baptist Church included fellowship, study and service during 1968. Some of the topics were "The Layman's Duty to the Church," a review of the book, "World Aflame," discussion of the "Israeli-Arab War," "Heart Transplants," and "Man's Responsibility to the Bible and the Church."

Special events were a Sweetheart Banquet for members and their wives and an evening service with Mr. Phillip Dockter, Streeter, N. D., as guest speaker.

They contributed \$50 to the Dr. Peter Fehr Project and \$25 to the Crystal Springs Youth Camp. (William Pritzkau, reporter.)

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES OBSERVED IN SOUTH CANYON CHURCH

RAPID CITY, S. D. The annual Sunday school Christmas program of the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, South Dakota was held December 15. The program was titled, "Tell Me The Story Of Jesus." The pastor, Rev. Melvin Warkentin, gave the Christmas message.

A New Year's Eve service was held December 31 with slides, movies, and snap shots projected on the screen of many of the events which had taken place during the year of 1968. The pastor gave the message and the evening was closed with prayer. (Mrs. Wm. C. Lutz, reporter.)

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### EMMANUEL CHURCH REPORTS CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

MORRIS, MAN. The first Sunday in December brought the Advent wreath with its first candle. The Ladies' Missionary Society celebrated December 10th and all husbands had been invited to share the blessings. Eighteen baskets of Christmas cheer were provided by the Ladies.

The choir, under the direction of Bob Paschke, rendered special Christmas selections on Sunday December 15th. The Home Builders celebrated December 17th. Our young People celebrated on Sunday evening, December 22nd and the Sunday school followed on Christmas Eve with the special Christmas program under the theme: "The Bells of Christmas." Mrs. Agnes Walters directed the program. On Christmas morning most of our students home for Christmas were involved. Our Sunday school remembered the children of all our mission fields and the offering was more than \$277.

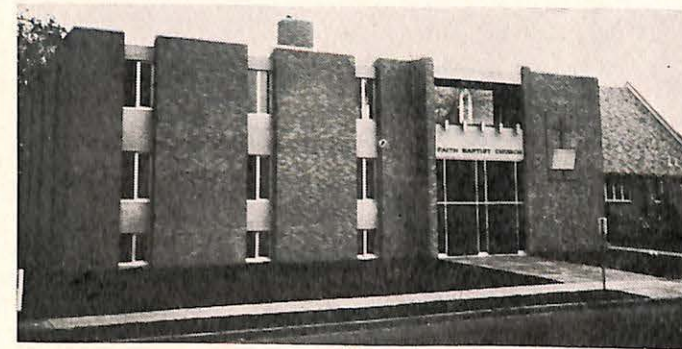
Sunday morning, December 29th we had the privilege of broadcasting our morning worship service. Our pastor spoke on: "If This Would Be My Last Day of Life on Earth." We met the last day of December from 8:00-10:30 P.M. with testimonies and the installation of all church officers. (Rev. Henry Pfeifer, reporter.)

### EIGHTEEN ADDED TO FAITH CHURCH

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. The right hand of fellowship was extended to 18 new members by the pastor, Donald N. Miller, on Sunday morning, January 5th prior to the Communion Service. Ten were received by baptism and eight came by transfer of letter. (Mrs. Flora H. Woyke, reporter.)

### FAITH BAPTIST DEDICATES NEW EDUCATIONAL UNIT

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. After seven years the week of December 1-8, 1968 culminated in the dedication of an educational unit and other facilities at an approximate cost of \$220,000.00.



Sunday afternoon, December 1 was "Community Open House," with the pastor, Rev. Donald N. Miller, speaking on the theme: "The Open Bible and the Empty Cross." This is the theme illustrated by the symbol of a cross made of light faced brick placed behind a sculptured open Bible on the exterior of the building. The same evening a musical program around the theme: "Songs of Faith," was rendered by the choir under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Quiring.

The speaker for Friday evening was Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary. He spoke on the text, "For a Great Door and Effectual is Opened. . . ." An offering of thanksgiving for the Building Fund amounted to over \$3,000.00.

Sunday, December 8 the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Executive Secretary of NAB General Conference, spoke at the morning worship service on the theme, "Faith for Times Like These," and at the afternoon dedication on the theme, "Directives for Christian Teaching." We are grateful for the overall leadership of our pastor. (Mrs. Flora H. Woyke, reporter.)



## GRACE CHURCH DEDICATES NEW BUILDING

RACINE, WIS. Ever since the church purchased a five acre tract of land on the outskirts of the city in August 1966, pastor and people have been anxiously anticipating the festivities of December 4-8, 1968. A land dedication service was held on the new site in October 1966. The old church building which had been the home of Grace Church since 1903 was sold to the city and will be used as a community center for the core area. Construction on the new building began during the last week of 1967.

During the months of construction the Lord wonderfully directed so that as a church we were able to rent the old building we had sold and continued to meet in it until the new building was ready for occupancy.

In September 1968 the cornerstone was placed into our new building. It was a delight to have Dr. J. C. Gunst as our guest. On the first Sunday in November we occupied



the new, beautiful, worshipful and functional building the Lord so graciously gave.

Months of planning for the dedication festivities were realized December 4-8. On Wednesday evening the church



The sanctuary of Grace Baptist Church, Pastor Breikreuz in the pulpit.

met for a "Historical Night." Several members who have been in the church for many years shared former experiences and Rev. Paul Zoschke brought the message. Mr. Zoschke was pastor of Grace from 1929-1935. Thursday evening the Choir and other musical groups presented a concert. Friday evening, Gil Mead, from Moody Bible Institute presented an organ concert on the new Ham-



In the pastor's study, left to right: Pastor Breikreuz; Mrs. G. A. Brown; Ken Parsons, moderator; Wm. Cook, Building Committee chairman, Richard Warner, chairman of deacons, is not shown on picture.

mond Grand 100. Saturday evening was Youth Night under the direction of our Youth Director, Sam Berg. An officer of the Milwaukee Bucks, a professional basketball team, spoke to the young people. Sunday afternoon we met for the Dedication Service. Greetings and words of com-

mendation were brought by local officials, pastors, and neighboring churches. Rev. David Draewell brought the Dedication address.

In the providence of God the dates of dedication came on the 114th birthday of the church. Grace Baptist was organized on December 5, 1856. During its 114 year history the present building is the fourth one the church has built. The present pastor, George W. Breikreuz, is the nineteenth minister of the church.

God forbid that we have spent \$250,000.00 on a building project and then neglect the unlimited opportunities all about us. (Rev. George W. Breikreuz, reporter.)

## BETHANY CHURCH COMPLETES BUSY FALL PROGRAM

PORTLAND, ORE.—A full scale fall work program began in October at Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon. Our children's work, known as The Astronauts, with a total of 64 registering the first night, the youth groups and memorization programs began as did our teen-age and senior choirs.

We have been privileged to have missionaries Katherine Hunt, Jeannette Moeckli, Nancy Grover and Rev. George Black bring reports from Cameroon.

Our fellowship enthusiastically adopted the Map B and Step Programs.

The Harvest Festival program by the Sunday school was held November 10 with the gifts of produce going to the Baptist Manor in Portland.

Our Women's Guild is busy with Christmas boxes for those in military service and our shut-ins.

Our pastor, the Rev. Bernard Fritzke conducted evangelistic services in Anamoose, N.D. November 11-20.

The Baptist Life Fellowship sponsored a family Halloween Party on October 25. (Mrs. Sam Rich, reporter.)

## BIBLE STUDY AND MISSIONS INCREASE WEDNESDAY ATTENDANCE

ENID, OKLA.—The West Broadway Baptist Church of Enid, during four Wednesday evenings in November had a family fellowship study series. Our pastor taught the book of James, relating the practical aspects of one's true religion as manifested in faith and good works.

During the study, the children had a special flannelgraph story each evening led by one of the ladies, and then everyone joined together for a filmstrip and slide study on the following mission fields: "Brazil, Awake . . . and Restless," "The Old and New in the Cameroons," "Our Mission in Training Japanese Nationals," "The Challenge of Home Missions" (Spanish work).

For the fellowship hour, our church families were divided into four groups, each group hosting one night with light refreshment. God blessed our efforts, for we were able to double our Wednesday night participation. (Sharon Menser, reporter.)

## HILLSIDE CHURCH ADDS TEN TO MEMBERSHIP

DICKINSON, N. D. Sunday morning, December 22 members and friends of the Hillside Baptist church (extension project, Dickinson, North Dakota) were blessed as our pastor, Rev. Wilfred Dickau, baptized six young



sanctuary. For our two previous baptismal services, we used the facilities of First Baptist church, Hebron, N. D. Prior to the ordinance of baptism, all candidates attended classes of instruction in Christian doctrine and church membership.

During the evening, at a specially arranged Communion service, the right

hand of fellowship was extended to these six young people, along with four others, pictured on left, who came by transfer of letter. (Miss Mary Ann Lennick, reporter.)

## CAMP BOARD MAKES PLANS FOR 1969

WESTBANK, B. C. The Green Bay Baptist Camp Board met in Manning Park, B. C. to hear reports of 1968 Camps,

make plans for 1969 and elect the new executive. All committees reported a successful camp session during 1968. All camps were well attended. Family camp attendance will be limited to 132 adults in the coming year.

This year's program will have camping for Young People, Boys and Girls, 5 weeks for families and a couples camp on Labor Day Weekend.

Counselor recruiting and training will begin immediately. Counselors must be 18 years old or over and have training equivalent to 1 year of Bible School. Something new to be tried this year is a teenage work crew and a couple to serve as coordinator.

Open camping this year will be restricted to June and September. (Mrs. E. Mayer, reporter.)

## CHURCH REPORTS GROWTH DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON

BENTON HARBOR, MICH. The Napier Parkview Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich. received 28 new members this past year.



In December the adult choir presented "The Carol of Christmas" and on Christmas Eve a program was given by the Sunday school.

Over 160 names appeared on a tree, pictured at left, and on a bulletin insert representing those who gave the cost of sending cards to other church members to the support of the Pedre Silvas.

The New Year's Eve service given by Pastor and Mrs. Zwart and the Teen ensemble was a blessing to all. (Mrs. Isabelle Grenewetzki, reporter.)

## COUPLE HONORED FOR 30 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

BENTON HARBOR, MICH. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Sommerfeld were presented a picture by the chairman of



the Board, Erwin Breikreuz, on behalf of the church in appreciation as they terminated over 30 years of faithful service supplying and being responsible for gracing the church chancel with flowers each Sunday.

They have served in other offices of the church for many years as well. (Mrs. Isabelle Grenewetzki, reporter.)

## YOUTH ARE ACTIVE IN AUBURN CHURCH

AUBURN, MICH. Our Senior Youth group held a formal Thanksgiving banquet at the church fellowship hall with 40 attending. Special music was presented by the Teen-Team of Y.F.C. who toured South America last summer.

The Pioneer Girls and Christian Service Brigade have been initiated and are fulfilling a real need in the life of our church and community. Our Sunday school Christmas program was written by Mrs. Orison Cain and involved all departments. (Mrs. Alan Carpenter, reporter.)

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## CHURCHES WELCOME NEW PASTOR

TYNDALL, S. D. A reception was held January 5 at 7:30 for the Rev. Fred Penner and his family at the



Rev. and Mrs. Fred Penner and family.

Danzig Baptist church. He will serve the churches in both Tyndall and Danzig. He came from Paul, Idaho. Rev. Walter Sukut, pastor of the Avon Baptist church, led in the reading of Scripture and prayer. He also gave a short talk. Rev. Elmore Blain, interim pastor for Danzig and Rev. Holman Cowherd, interim pastor for Tyndall also gave words of welcome. A representative from each

## FIRST BAPTIST SENDS PACKETS TO SAN LOUIS VALLEY

ELLINWOOD, KAN. Mrs. Earl Ahrens, speaking to a group of women at the Southwestern Conference, impressed the needs of the San Louis Valley upon our hearts.

Being eager to share our Missions Committee made up a project sheet, which was put into the hands of various organizations of the church. Children brought combs, wash cloths, tooth paste, tooth brushes, small mirrors and bar



Rev. Harold Weiss and ladies preparing packets for Spanish American Mission Field.

soap which were made into packets to be distributed to needy children in the Valley.

Many articles of clothing still in good condition were brought to the church where they were packed and sent to the Spanish American Mission Field. (Bessie DeWerff, reporter.)

## CHURCH REPORTS EXCELLENT PROGRESS

PARMA HEIGHTS, O. As we reflect back on the year 1968, we find it has been an abundant one for us at Parma Heights Baptist Church. The long-awaited ground breaking for the main sanctuary became a reality on April 21, 1968, and we are looking forward to occupying it for our special meetings with the Mel Dibble Team the first week of June.

We praise God for the 120 new members that have joined our fellowship, 75 of whom were baptized by our Pastor, Rev. Aaron Buhler.

Our total church budget of \$120,000.00 was met with our Thanksgiving offering exceeding \$19,000.00.

Our choir and orchestra presented the Christmas cantata, "Night of Miracles," by John Petersen under the direction of Mr. Larry Howes. (Mrs. Manfred Pech, reporter.)

## CYPRESS BAPTIST WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

ALDERWOOD MANOR, WASH. On Sunday, January 5 Rev. Jerry Foghtance was installed as new pastor of



Cypress Baptist Church.

Dr. John Wobig, who served us during our interim period, had charge of the program.

Neighboring N. A. B. Conference churches and pastors joined us in this service. We were happy to have as guest speaker Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Secretary.

We regretted that Mrs. Fogltance could not be present for this happy occasion, but she arrived by plane on Tuesday. A luncheon was held on Friday in Mrs. Fogltance's honor welcoming her into our fellowship. (Margaret Rush-ton, reporter.)

#### COUPLE OBSERVES GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

JANSEN, SASK. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bresch of Esk, Sask., were married fifty years on December 17, 1968. A dinner and reception in their honor were held on December 14 at Temple Baptist Church, Jansen. The church honored them with a program. Gifts and best wishes were presented by the church, W.M.U. and friends. Their four children and families were all present for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Bresch have both been active in the church throughout their married life, and continue to do so as they are able. (Mrs. Milton Nornberg, reporter.)



#### ELEANOR H. LARSEN of Minneapolis, Minnesota

Mrs. Eleanor H. Larson, a quiet and gentle spirit of German parentage was permitted to walk this earth for 42 years before the angel of death, knowing that her body was weak, tapped her on the shoulder and insisted that her time to go had come. After suffering from a lingering illness for more than six months, quietly on December 17, 1968, she slipped out of this life into the fullness of God's glory. At the age of 13, Eleanor planted her feet on the right pathway by accepting Jesus Christ and being baptized. She was a member of the Faith Baptist Church where she sang in the choir and served as a Sunday school teacher. In April 1968 she was united in marriage to Robert Larsen, whom she leaves to mourn her passing, as well as her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Taubensee; a sister, Nancy, and a host of relatives and friends.

While the last few months of Eleanor's life were characterized by great pain, it must also be said that it was beautified by a renewed faith and trust in Jesus. Rev. H. Palfenier officiated at the funeral service. Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

DONALD N. MILLER, pastor

#### LOUIS J. RAAB, SR. of Hellertown, Pennsylvania

Louis J. Raab, Sr. was born in Hungary on March 29, 1908 and died in Allentown, Pa. on November 14, 1968, at the age of 60.

In his early manhood, he accepted Christ, was baptized by the Rev. H. Schnuit, and joined the fellowship of Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa. For over 45 years, he was a barber. At his death, he operated his own shop at his home.

On July 22, 1929, he married Clara L. Sues. To this union were born three children: Louis, Jr. of Hellertown; David of R. 3, Bethlehem; and Clara (Mrs. Joseph Dorozowski) of Bethlehem. These four now mourn the loss of a loving husband and father. Also surviving are four grandchildren, his aged mother, five brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held on November 16, 1968 with his pastor speaking on Job 1:21. Burial was in Fountain Hill Cemetery. Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

HAROLD W. GIESEKE, pastor

#### WILLIAM P. WILHELM of Hellertown, Pennsylvania

William Paul Wilhelm was born in Hellertown, Pa. on December 29, 1922 and died

#### VICTORIA AVENUE CHURCH REPORTS INSPIRATIONAL ACTIVITIES

CHILLIWACK, B. C. In March we had, Rev. Wm. Sibley of the Meadow Lark Baptist Church in Edmonton with us for a week of evangelistic meetings. We had two decisions for Christ.

In May the N.A.B.C. Choristers were in our midst. Their performance under Prof. Ed Link was very much enjoyed.

November 25-29 we had Deeper Life Meetings in the German language with Rev. Norbert Laudon, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Vancouver. One evening a group of Young people from his church came out to serve in testimony and song.

We were glad that our pastor, who was hospitalized since December 3, was able to attend the Christmas Eve program. On December 30, we had the privilege of having six young people from our N.A.B. College in Edmonton. They blessed our hearts by their songs, testimony and a brief showing of slides of the College Campus. (Mrs. R. Jaster, reporter.)

#### REDEEMER CHURCH PRESENTS CHRISTMAS PLAY

COLUMBUS, NEB. The Christmas Play entitled, "Who is This Babe of Bethlehem," by Vivian Imbach was presented on Sunday night, December 29. The program was centered around the true meaning of Christmas.

The play was directed by Mrs. Carl Weissner with the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Prang and Mr. and Mrs. John Jones and others. (Mrs. W. A. Lewis, reporter.)

on December 10, 1968, a few weeks short of his 46th birthday. He was an assistant general foreman at Bethlehem Steel Corp. and died of a heart attack suffered while he hurried to the aid of a fellow-employee who had fallen off a crane. He was with Bethlehem Steel for 28 years.

As a boy, he gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized, joining Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem.

In 1943, he married Emily Bresnak, who passed away in June 1952. This was a hard blow for him and the young family. In August 1953, he married Ethel R. Gecsek who, with the children, mourns his passing. The children are Gail (Mrs. Wallace Fry, Jr.); William Paul, Jr., serving with the Navy in Viet Nam; and Thomas, Valerie and Vanessa at home. Also surviving are a sister and one granddaughter. Funeral services were held on December 14, 1968. Burial was in Union Cemetery, Hellertown, Pa.

Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

HAROLD W. GIESEKE, pastor

#### MICHAEL WAMSER of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Michael Wamser was born in Hungary on January 6, 1890 and went home to be with his Lord on December 11, 1968 at his home in Bethlehem, Pa. He was 78.

He emigrated to the United States as a young man of 19 and was employed as a machinist by Bethlehem Steel Corp. for 43 years. He retired 13 years ago.

At 22, he gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized into the fellowship of Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, where he was a loyal, active member for 56 years. On February 11, 1914 he married Lena Landl, who was his devoted companion for 53 years. Mrs. Wamser died on February 23, 1967. To this home were born five children, all of whom survive to mourn a dear Christian father: Helen, Mrs. Robert Bartholomew; Esther, Mrs. David Stangl; Carrie, Mrs. Albert Lehman; Alfred and Edward. Also surviving are three aged sisters, 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. The funeral was held on December 14, 1968, with his pastor using the texts, "He looked for a city . . . God . . . hath prepared for (him) a city" (Heb. 11:10, 16). Burial was in Nisky Hill Cemetery, Bethlehem, Pa.

Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

HAROLD W. GIESEKE, pastor

#### MICHAEL MESSNER of Wishek, North Dakota

Mr. Michael Messner was born on May 21, 1880 in South Russia, and passed away

on December 21, 1968, having attained the age of 88 years.

Michael Messner and Julia Janke were married on October 15, 1900. This marriage was blessed with 2 sons and 8 daughters.

Several years after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Messner came to America, where Mr. Messner farmed in the Kuhlman and Fredonia, N.D. areas until he moved to Wishek, N.D. in 1938. During World War II Mr. Messner worked in the shipyards at Vancouver, Wash. Since November 15, 1967 he has resided in the Wishek Retirement Home.

Michael Messner was baptized and received into the First Baptist Church, July 14, 1915.

He leaves to mourn his death, his two sons: Eferham of Fairview, Mont. and Willard of Fargo, N.D.; six daughters: Sarah (Mrs. Emil Heller) of Clinton, Iowa, Olga (Mrs. John Weispenning) of Moorhead, Minn., Mollie (Mrs. Sam Eslinger) of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Ida (Mrs. Ted Buerkle) of Kulm, N.D., Ester (Mrs. Albert Buerkle) of Fredonia, N.D., and Ruth (Mrs. Dan Schlenker) of Wishek, N.D.; thirty-two grandchildren and seventy-three great grandchildren.

First Baptist Church, Wishek, North Dakota

CLEMENCE AUCH, pastor

#### JAKE KOGLER of Wishek, North Dakota

Jake Kogler was born on December 16, 1894 in Arias, S.D., and passed away on November 17, 1968, at the age of 73 years.

In 1901 Mr. Kogler moved to the Green Lake area of McIntosh County to a farm 7 miles southeast of Wishek, N.D. He farmed there until 1936, when the family moved into Wishek. He received Christ as his Savior in March 1921 in the Danzig Baptist Church under the ministry of Rev. Herzog.

Jake Kogler and Christina Koth were united in marriage on March 11, 1926 at Ashley, N.D. This union was blessed with one daughter.

Preceding him in death were his parents, three brothers and one sister. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Mrs. Christina Kogler; one daughter, Frances Herr, Wishek, N.D.; five sisters: Mrs. Katie (Henry) Becker of Streeter, N.D., Mrs. August (Emma) Becker of Napoleon, N.D., Mrs. Christina (John) Uimer of Wishek, N.D., Mrs. Lawrence (Martha) Quatler of Wishek, N.D. and Lydia Kogler of Bismarck, N.D.; two grandchildren, relatives and friends.

First Baptist Church, Wishek, North Dakota

CLEMENCE AUCH, pastor

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## Obituaries



#### KATHERINA A. BERTSCH of Venturia, North Dakota

Katherina Bertsch (nee Retzer) was born on August 25, 1886 in Glicksdal, Russia. She came to the U.S.A. in 1904. She was saved and baptized in 1907. On December 5, 1906 she was united in marriage to Jacob A. Bertsch at Ashley, N.D. This union was blessed with 10 children. She passed away in the Bismarck Hospital on December 8, 1968. She had reached the age of 82 years.

Her death is mourned by four daughters: Mrs. Asoph (Ernestine) Haas, Venturia, N.D., Mrs. Adolph (Adeline) Heupel, Venturia, N.D., Mrs. Otto (Martha) Bertsch, Bismarck, N.D., Mrs. Edwin (Theresa) Heupel, Eureka, S.D.; three sons: August, Stockholm, S.D., Albert, Aberdeen, S.D., Berthold, Aberdeen, S.D.; two sisters: Mrs. Regina Schilling, Aberdeen, S.D., Mrs. Christ Schilling, Mobridge, S.D.; one stepsister: Mrs. Katherina Bauer, Sacramento, Calif.; three brothers: Daniel Ladner, Lodi, Calif., Christ Ladner, Lodi, Calif., Jacob Ladner, Mobridge, S.D.; fourteen grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and a host of friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, two infant sons, one daughter (Ida) in 1961, one brother, three sisters, one stepsister and one stepbrother.

Venturia Baptist Church, Venturia, North Dakota

MILTON FALKENBERG, pastor

#### BETTY APPEL of Salem, Oregon

Mrs. William J. (Betty) Appel was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reinhold July 10, 1906, in Manhattan, N.Y. She resided in Brooklyn until her marriage to Dr. Wm. J. Appel December 11, 1948.

Mrs. Appel accepted Christ as Saviour in her childhood and became a member of the First German Baptist Church of New York City. Later she united with the Evergreen Baptist Church.

Subsequent to their marriage, Mrs. Appel joined her husband in his pastorates in Philadelphia, Jersey City, Missionary to Austria, several Church Extension responsibilities under NAB, and interim pastor for the following churches on the West Coast: Glencullen Baptist, Portland; Terrace Heights Baptist, Spokane, Wash.; Bethany Baptist, Vancouver, B.C.; Bethany Baptist, Portland; Southwood Park Baptist, Portland, Oregon; and Temple Baptist, Lodi, Calif.

Mrs. Appel thoroughly enjoyed her opportunities with her husband in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Four years ago the Appels made their permanent residence at Capital Manor in Salem, Oregon, and united with the Riviera Baptist Church. However for 3 years, little of their time was spent in Salem, but in interim pastorates.

After an approximate 3-month illness, she went to her heavenly home on Saturday, November 9, 1968.

Those who mourn her death are: Wm. J. Appel, her widower; stepdaughters: Mrs. Helen Laube, Rollin, Michigan, Mrs. Grace Hiller, Long Island, N.Y.; stepsons: Wm. Appel, Lynwood, California, John Appel, Huntington Beach, California, Rev. Paul Appel, Deposit, N.Y., Rev. Samuel Appel, Camden, N.J.; sisters: Mrs. Marie Elfers, Chattanooga, N.J., Marilyn Kerr, Basking Ridge, N.J., and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at Riviera Baptist Church, November 12, 1968, with most NAB pastors in the area participating. Interment was held in Restlawn Memory Gardens.

Riviera Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon

ARTHUR BRUST, pastor

#### AUGUST TIEDE of Kelowna, British Columbia

August Tiede was born in Poland on February 13, 1883. During his youth he accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour and was baptized on April 8, 1901 in Poland by Rev. Jeske.

On March 22, 1906 he was united in the bonds of holy matrimony with Matilda Adam. The Lord blessed this union with 8 children. A son predeceased his father. In the year 1918 the Tiede family moved to Germany and 10 years later they migrated to Canada and settled in the Leduc, Alberta area where they lived until their retirement.

In 1946 they moved to Kelowna where they were united with the Grace Baptist Church where they served their Lord faithfully. Mrs. Tiede was called to her eternal home in 1954 after which Brother Tiede stayed with his oldest son Jonathan and his wife Frieda where he remained until just a few days before his passing. The Lord saw fit to call His beloved child home on Tuesday, December 10, having reached the age of 85 years, 9 months and 27 days.

We know that God will comfort the children who are sorrowing the loss of their father and Father-in-law. His comfort will be experienced by his sons and their families: Jonathan and Frieda of Kelowna, B.C., Oscar and Edith of Vancouver, B.C., Otto and Darlene, Vancouver, B.C., Helmuth and Glenn, Millet, Alberta, Arno and Kay, Dawson Creek, B.C.; two daughters and their families: Natalie and her husband Lou Schneider of Vancouver, B.C., Lydia and her husband Frank Schmierer of Kelowna, B.C.; also 17 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren plus a great host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral service was held on December 13 in the Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, B.C.

Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, British Columbia

J. WOLLENBERG, pastor

#### PAUL A. REDDIG of Lodi, California

Paul A. Reddig was born on October 19, 1903. He died on December 9, 1968. He was a native of the Cathay, N.D. community. It was there that he received the Lord as his personal redeemer and then became a member of the Baptist church.

On December 8, 1932 he was married to Margaret Risto, of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada. They lived in Cathay until coming to Lodi in 1938. Shortly after coming to Lodi Mr. and Mrs. Reddig transferred their membership to our church.

Paul's occupation was that of well-drilling. Because of ill health, he retired from this five years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; one daughter, Mrs. Delores Larson of Covina; one son, Herbert of Lodi; six sisters: Mrs. Annie Edinger and Mrs. Alyce Bibleheimer both of Cathay, N.D., Mrs. Lydia Helm and Elizabeth Reddig both of Carlington, N.D., Laura Reddig, a veteran missionary to West Africa, presently on furlough in St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. Ruth Gille of St. Paul, Minn.; three brothers, Albert and Fred of Cathay, N.D., and Otto of Federal Way, Washington; and two grandchildren.

First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

WILLIS E. POTRATZ, pastor

#### NELLIE AURA PHILLIPS WHITFORD of Marion, Kansas

Nellie Aura Phillips Whitford was born in Marion County on October 4, 1883 and passed away December 1, 1968.

She was united in marriage to Robert L. Whitford on October 30, 1905. Five sons and five daughters were born to this union.

She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church. She was a devoted Christian to her Lord and church.

Her husband, two sons, two brothers, three sisters and four grandchildren preceded her in death.

She is survived by three sons: Robert E. Ashland, Kansas, Albert Lee, Trenton, Mo., and John Gail, Topeka, Kansas; five daughters: Fern Voss, Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Cecil Edith Swanson, Paola, Kansas, Helen Theander, Ashland, Marie Stahl, Ce-

lar Point, Kansas, and Rachel Johnson, Marion, Kansas; nineteen grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and one brother, Ray Phillips, Ventura, California.

The memorial service was held on Wednesday, December 4, at the Emmanuel Baptist Church with Pastor Bill Cowell officiating.

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas

BILL COWELL, pastor

#### HENRY SCHIEWE of Odessa, Washington

Mr. Henry Schiewe was born December 3, 1883 at Scotland, South Dakota. When he was nine years old he moved with his parents to Turner, Oregon. Two years later he moved with his folks to Odessa.

In 1905 he married Anna C. Schorzman. Mr. Schiewe was superintendent of the Sunday school for many years and had also taught the adult class and was a lifetime member of the local church.

After a short illness he passed away on November 20, 1968 at Ephrata, Wash.

He is survived by his wife, Anna, at the home; one daughter, Mrs. Harriett Joliffe of Ephrata; two granddaughters and one great grandson; three brothers: Christ, George and William; four sisters: Dina, Bertha, Pauline and Edith.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 23, 1968 from the Baptist church and burial was in the Odessa Cemetery.

Odessa Baptist Church, Odessa, Washington

ALBERT W. RICHARDSON, pastor

#### FREDERICK GRAPENTINE of Vancouver, British Columbia

Mr. Frederick Grapentine was born December 10, 1888 in Europe. In 1905 he emigrated to Canada and settled in the Leduc, Alta. area. In 1913 he was married to Emma Falkenberg.

In 1906 Mr. Grapentine declared his faith in Christ and upon baptism became a member of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta. After coming to the Vancouver area he joined the Ebenezer Baptist Church and was found faithful in the Lord until finally called to his heavenly home on Saturday, December 28, 1968.

Mr. Grapentine was ill for a number of months before his death. He died at the age of 80 years.

He is survived by his loving wife Emma; a sister, Mrs. Olga Mack of Winnipeg, Man.; one daughter, Mrs. Norma Warm; and scores of relatives and friends.

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia

PAUL SIEWERT, pastor

#### RUTH POERSCHKE of Greenville, Texas

Ruth Poerschke, a teacher in Arlington, Texas and graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, was taken out of this life suddenly and tragically at the age of 23 as a result of a car accident. She was driving home to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Poerschke of Greenville. The funeral service was held on Saturday, November 30, 1968 in the Greenville Baptist Church.

Ruth Poerschke was born June 27, 1945 in Houston, Texas. She was baptized and received into the fellowship of Westend Baptist Church in Houston in 1955. In 1959 the family moved to Greenville, where Ruth actively participated in church life, as pianist, Sunday school teacher, in Vacation Bible School, in the CBYF. From 1963-65 she was president of the CBYF Southern Conference.

While attending Baylor, Ruth served in the musical program of Waco Central Baptist Church, to which she belonged at the time. As a member of the Chi's Women's Service Club she worked on various community projects for children. She graduated from Baylor with a BA degree in June 1967 and in the fall of that year, started teaching in Arlington. She was also active in other areas, including volunteer work in a Fort Worth hospital and in the Girl Scouts.

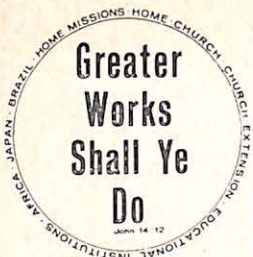
Brief though it was, hers was a full and active life. Ruth Poerschke will always be remembered by the many who knew and loved her as a warmhearted, unselfish, loyal human being who loved children and loved her work.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Poerschke; 2 half-brothers, 2 nephews, 3 nieces, 4 aunts, 2 uncles and many other relatives and friends.

Greenville Baptist Church, Greenville, Texas

DWIGHT FRY, pastor





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

### THE SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE WMU

The Southwestern Conference is located in the geographic center of the 48 states, both from north to south and east to west. The states included are Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas. There are twenty-six churches with thirty-three WMU groups having some 625 members. Some churches have two WMU groups and two churches have three societies. These are usually divided by age. Two churches have girls groups. In one case the girls unit is a branch of the WMU; consequently, it is not listed with the conference societies, but the conference WMU benefits from this extra outreach.

The number of our societies has increased in recent years largely due to church extension efforts. Four such churches now have active missionary societies.

We enjoy a close tie with our home mission field in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. Since the Valley is within the boundary of our Conference, we are privileged to have their missionaries at conferences. Some WMU groups seek special things to do for these Spanish-Americans, especially at Christmas time.

The WMU meetings at Conference are two: one for business and the other for information and inspiration. Staggered elections have been started with two-year terms of office. In recent years the women have been choosing a special mission project. Together they endeavour to raise an amount of money over and above their regular giving. At our request Dr. Richard Schilke submits suggestions to choose from.

History reveals that White Cross work had its beginning in one of our

Southwestern Conference churches. After World War I some ladies decided they would like to continue working for missions in a similar way to what they had been doing for Red Cross. Efforts along this line resulted in White Cross work for the Cameroons.

The purpose of the Southwestern Conference WMU as stated in the constitution is and has been: "to inspire spiritual living, to stimulate interest in missions and to promote fellowship among the women of the Conference."

—By Mrs. Arthur Witt, President, Southwestern Conference WMU 1966-68.

### GOD'S GRACE SUFFICIENT

(Continued from page 10)

Therapy has continued weekly ever since September 1967 when I was discharged from the hospital.

After six months of therapy, we saw a flicker of life in the thumb. There was great jubilation. I recall expressing my appreciation to the therapists when one of them said, "You must remember that we love doing this." It is indeed good to see that they personalize their ministry. This must also apply in the realm of the spiritual.

Often I fear we have too much of the old "whosoever" method. The invitation is too broad. Many will not be won to Christ unless it is on the person to person basis. I don't mean to say that the broad invitation should never be given, but, in all our contacts we must not overlook the individual and his needs. God's grace was sufficient in helping me witness even though my own situation was far from favorable. Let me illustrate. One evening after my family had left, an aged woman, her son and his wife and granddaughter came to see me. They were all crying and looked very much in need of help. My first reaction was, "Oh no, I don't want to hear of your sorrow for I have my own heavy burden" but, I listened to this elderly woman say, "My husband had surgery this morning and he has cancer. Why would God let this happen to us?" I promptly realized my mission and ministry to this family. It was good to speak words of encouragement. I sought to instill in them the comfort I had received in the words, "My Grace is sufficient."

We are all subject to suffering, dis-

ease and death. The laws of nature are not changed for us. I tried my best to explain this to these people who were so burdened and frightened. I said, "You go back to his room and please don't stand around his bed weeping for you will make it harder for him. He is engaged in a battle to survive." With this they left. God sends times wherein we must witness.

On another occasion my door opened and in walked an Indian woman, a complete stranger, with a very frightened look. She had no one to whom she could turn in this hour of need. She was to undergo surgery and she was afraid. I asked whether she would like to have a minister stop and pray with her. Just then Bob came in and had prayer with her. I also assured her on another occasion that I would remember her in prayer. She left wearing a beautiful smile. How grateful I was to share a little of my faith with her in her crisis.

There is another area I would like to share with you. God gave me a most wonderful family. I thank Him for my loved ones. Twenty-seven years ago in our marriage vows we said the traditional "I DO" not realizing what would befall us. Let me emphasize the importance of having love permeate the home. A happy home is not built in one day but you build on this foundation daily. I am sure my husband could not have carried the heavy burdens of these past months without having a strong foundation and faith. Never did he complain even at times when the load was heavy. Likewise, I am thankful for the children. Our hearts were filled with joy for we are alive and still together as a family. REAL LOVE SHINES THROUGH MOST BEAUTIFULLY IN TIME OF TROUBLE. I praise God for my family and their love. Even to this day they remind me "we are in this battle for recovery together."

I wish to express thanks to our denominational family for the prayers in my behalf. Although I am not completely restored, I am grateful for continued progress and physical healing. God is able!

*Mrs. Frank Veninga is the wife of Dr. Frank Veninga, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D. The above message was given by Mrs. Veninga in a Seminary Chapel Service, May 1968.*

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