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AS I SEE IT

Religious News Analyzed

by Paul Siewert

Miami's Orange Bowl stadium must have been a spectacle indeed when 30,000 people gathered to support the teen-agers' crusade against the modern parading of indecency in sex, personal dignity, and entertainment. Some acclaimed the event as a significant declaration of faith in healthy Christian ethics, reverence for sexual decency, and respect for human dignity, as advanced by our forefathers. As some waved placards saying, "Down with Obscenity," others boldly announced their devotion to human decency in speeches complimented by wholesome musical entertainment.

To debate whether this was a religious event hardly seems significant. Even a knowledge of the exact temperament of the crowd seems to be superfluous. What is significant, is that there were thousands of young people who were saying that they were nauseated by the modern lewd perpetuation of violence, obscenity, and sensuality. That, in itself, is considerably refreshing.

It seems quite evident that we'll have to decide soon whether the voice of decency is going to be heard above the tom-toms of the lustful minority. One thing is sure, if we don't soon capitalize on some avenue to still the furor of the hippies, yuppies, and beatniks; and make some noise about moral decency, we may find ourselves snowed under.

SERGIPE CRUSADE MEETINGS RESULT IN 110 DECISIONS

More than 110 public decisions, including 91 professions of faith in Christ, were recorded during Crusade of the Americas meetings in March in the state of Sergipe, in northeast Brazil. Baptists in Sergipe were the first in Brazil to hold simultaneous Crusade meetings.

HAWAII POLICE CHIEF, BAPTIST LAYMAN, NAMED TOP POSTAL AIDE

WASHINGTON. (BP) Honolulu Chief of Police Dan Liu, immediate past president of the Hawaii Baptist Convention, has been named to a top government post here as special assistant to the Postmaster General for International Organizations.

Chief Liu has received wide recognition for his police work.

BAPTIST PROGRAMS FEATURED ON NBC RADIO DURING JUNE

FORT WORTH. (BP) Five radio programs produced here by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission will be broadcast by the National Broadcasting Co., "Faith In Action" network radio series during the month of June.

The programs, to be carried on network radio each Sunday morning in June, will feature two Baptist personalities—David Fite, Baptist missionary who was recently released after four years in a Cuban prison camp, on June 1, and Bill Glass, professional football player for the Cleveland Browns, on June 8.

A recording of an address to the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission's seminar on "The Church's Mission in the National Crisis" by Jesse Jackson of Chicago will be featured on the June 15 program. A discussion by a group of youth who are members of the Anselm Forum in Gary, Ind., will be broadcast on June 22. The forum seeks to promote brotherhood and truth through discussion.

Lilli Wolff, now a Dallas dress designer, will tell of her life as a Jew



in Germany during the Hitler dictatorship on the June 29 program. She will relate how she narrowly escaped deportation to a Nazi extermination camp for Jews, and how she eventually found freedom and fulfillment in becoming a Christian and reaching America. The "Faith in Action" programs are fed over the NBC radio network beginning at 8:30 Eastern Time each Sunday. Broadcast times may vary in different localities, said SBC Radio-TV Commission officials.

TWO LANGUAGES—ONE MESSAGE

For its Spanish-speaking community the American Bible Society produces a two-language edition of John's Gospel—Today's English Version and the Version Popular, entitled "The Light of the World—La Luz del Mundo."

WHITE SBC CHURCH FIRST TO JOIN NEGRO CONVENTION

ST. LOUIS, MO. (BP) For what is believed to be the first time in Southern Baptist Convention history, a predominately white Southern Baptist church here has joined the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., a Negro convention, maintaining dual alignment with the SBC. The action was taken by the Christ Memorial Baptist Church in St. Louis as a practical step to implement locally

the "Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation" as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston last June.

GARDEN BECOMES MASSIVE CATHEDRAL FOR GRAHAM CRUSADE

NEW YORK CITY. Evangelist Billy Graham comes to America's largest city with his Crusade, an event scheduled in Madison Square Garden, June 13-22.

EVANGELICALS MEET 90-DAY DEADLINE; REDEEM PROPERTIES AT COST OF \$665,266

PORTLAND, ORE. Officials of the new Evangelical denomination met the 90-day deadline on April 10, 1969, by turning over to the United Methodist Church checks totaling \$665,266 to redeem the church properties of 46 congregations. Six other Evangelical Churches made individual settlements with the Methodists to meet a variety of special situations. The transaction culminated months of negotiations between the evangelicals who formed the new denomination in lieu of merging with the Methodists last year

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and the newly-merged E.U.B. and Methodist Churches.

GENERAL BAPTISTS FEEL RESULTS OF CRUSADE OF THE AMERICAS

POPLAR BLUFF, MO. (BP) The effects of the Crusade of the Americas have begun to be felt among churches affiliated with the General Association of General Baptists. Kenneth R. Kennedy, top executive of the 65,000-member denomination, said that one crusade ended in Southeast Missouri with a total of 390 decisions. "We praise God for this."

The decisions have come largely, but not entirely from high school age young people, and in each instance, the young people have been very active participants. "It is clearly a matter of young Christians being able to communicate with their own age group," he said.

TOURS, FRANCE, NEW BUILDING DEDICATED

A new building has been dedicated for the Baptist church in Tours, France, a city of 120,000 population located about 240 kilometers (150 miles) southwest of Paris. The residential neighborhood surrounding the church, situated in the southern part

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Editorial

One-Issue Christians

There are one-issue voters. There are also one-issue Christians. The former is unfortunate. The latter is more unfortunate.

The one-issue Christian may judge his own life on the basis of one particular issue. From his perspective he is right on that issue; and, hence, he considers himself to be a good Christian.

More frequently the one-issue Christian judges other Christians on the basis of one issue. This issue is usually a pet subject of his and one on which he considers himself to be right.

For some the one issue will be in the area of personal morality. For others it will be some phase of social morality. For still others the one issue will be particular theological doctrine or perspective. Regardless of other things one is considered a good Christian if he is "right" on that doctrine or regarding the perspective.

Those who select an issue in the area of personal morality may be negative or positive in their approach but more frequently the former than the latter. If negative, the issue may be swearing, smoking, drinking, or some other comparable issue. If one is free of that habit or "vice" he is good; if not, he is bad.

For others the one issue may be in the area of positive personal morality. For example, if one is "honest in his business," "a man of integrity," "a good neighbor," "generous," "kind and considerate," he is judged to be a good man. Whatever the virtue, it is a pet idea of the one-issue Christian. For him if one is "right" regarding that issue or virtue, he is considered a good Christian.

In the contemporary period the one-issue Christian will frequently concentrate on some particular social issue. The goodness or badness of a Christian will be judged upon the basis of his attitude regarding this one issue.

The issue may be capital punishment, divorce, Communism, foreign aid, poverty, race, Red China, unemployment, United Nations, or war. The one-issue Christian judges other Christians on the basis of their position regarding a particular one of these issues. If they are wrong from his perspective on the issue, then they are wrong. If they agree with his position, then they are right and, hence, are good Christians.

It needs to be emphasized over and over again that there is no single issue that is an adequate test of the genuineness and vitality of one's Christian faith. The ultimate test is how much we are like the living Christ. This means, among other things, that a Christian's life should be judged by the totality of its impact.

One may be right, at least from our perspective, on one issue and yet be entirely wrong on equally important issues. We need to remember that the same thing may be true of us. We all have our blind spots. Let us in this area as elsewhere do unto others as we would have them do unto us. Let us also remember that one may differ with us on what we consider to be the supreme issue or test of the Christian life, and yet over all he may be a better Christian than we are.

—T. B. Maston, retired professor of Christian ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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There are lots of ways to make your time off this summer add up to more than recreation

15 ideas for a spiritually satisfying vacation

“WHAT SHALL we do for vacation?” In most homes this is a 64-dollar question. Why? Because not only time and money lie in the balances, but also twelve months’ anticipation. For once a decision is made and carried out, another full year must pass before closing schools, time off for dad and the return of summer permit another choice.

As everyone knows, there are many things you can do on a vacation. You can take a trip, or go fishing or visit relatives, or—

The very fact that we run out of ideas so soon suggests that some of us may be bored. And too often we return from vacation with a sense of disappointment.

There are at least three reasons why Christians may find this so:

(1) Our vacation may have ignored the spiritual man completely.

(2) We may be aware of having spent time with nothing much to show for it.

(3) We may have focused on ourselves, forgetting our debt to Christ and the needy world around us.

If you’re on the edge of just such a ho-hum vacation this year, you might look for a new approach. For example, you might—

(1) *Take the family camping.* Consider these advantages: It is relatively inexpensive; it is flexible (you can camp near home overnight or travel across the country); it is ideal for drawing the family closer together;

there is no better way to discover the wonders of God’s creation. Most states can provide lists of camp sites on request (address Director of Public Camp Grounds at the state capital). If you’ve never camped, try an overnight trip or two before a longer venture. Outdoor devotions, especially around the campfire, can be most memorable. Your camping trip may also open unusual opportunities to talk to new friends concerning Christ—like the experience of the husband and wife whose impromptu Sunday worship service at a public trailer camp brought out seventy-five people!

(2) *Plan a home vacation.* It’s not easy, but it can be done! The secret lies in a varied lineup of vacation features for the family as a group. Include such things as picnics and outdoor barbecues, family walks or bike rides, occasional afternoons at the beach or swimming pool, roller skating, tennis or bowling. Short, one-day trips to a state park or lake or historic site will add variety as well as a few carefully planned visits to local places of interest—such as a manufacturing plant, radio or TV station. If yours is a reading family, add a carefully chosen assortment of good books from the church or public library and be sure to make the most of family devotions. The ingenious mother who made this plan work when her family had to stay home for budget reasons says that much depends on making each day “special”

in its own way—even though you stay home.

(3) *Go to your Bible camp or family conference.* A well chosen camp or conference will offer an ideal vacation formula: outstanding Bible teaching and inspiration, outdoor recreation and Christian fellowship. Many camps and conferences also have programs for children. Costs will vary according to the conference chosen, accommodations desired and of course your spending habits. Many Christian families look forward to family conference experiences, attributing major decisions and Christian growth to blessings received there. Among the important by-products are the friendships made with other conference-goers.

(4) *Attend summer school.* Summer study can open new horizons of Bible understanding, increase your Christian effectiveness and prove a practical means of earning college credit. The summer student can usually arrange to take in some recreational events such as concerts, lectures, picnics and visits to nearby places of special interest. Students also enjoy the experience of living and working with other outstanding Christians from various parts of this country and abroad. Many Christian colleges and Bible institutes have summer courses.

(5) *Visit a mission field.* Imagine combining a vacation trip with a close-up view of front line missions work! Many home missionary organizations

welcome visitors during vacation time. Some foreign mission boards are also arranging to conduct tours on nearby foreign mission fields, write to the missionary to be sure your visit will fit in with their summer programs. Be prepared to bear your own expenses, of course, and be thoughtful about taking too much of the workers' time. Most home missions workers have limited incomes and should not be asked to bear the expense of entertaining.

(6) *Lend a hand on a mission field.* Doctors, nurses, dentists, photographers, accountants, mechanics, electricians and builders are just a few of the many kinds of skilled workers whose services may be valuable on foreign mission fields, even for a short period. Similar skills are frequently useful to home mission fields. In most cases the vacationer should be prepared to pay his own expenses and should expect to work. Make this a matter of prayer of course, and don't be disappointed if your services are not in demand.

(7) *Share your vacation with a non-Christian family.* A vacation shared with a non-Christian friend or neighbor should open up real opportunities for friendship evangelism. Be sure you agree in advance on where to go and what to do so that differences in personal standards will not lead to embarrassment or clashes of opinion. Your entire family may well profit from such a venture in soul winning.

(8) *Plan a conventional trip with Christian points of interests.* These may include stopovers at your camp and conference, visits to Christian schools and colleges, stops at historic churches. Letters to the state historical societies in the states you hope to visit should prove helpful in locating points of interest, if you write early. At least one person in your family may want to keep a log book of your trip, and of course you'll want to bring back pictures.

(9) *Help with a vacation Bible school.* There's real satisfaction, too, in knowing that you've helped boys and girls find Christ and given spiritual help to others. Find out when your church will hold its VBS, then learn what kind of help is needed. If you fit in, invest a part or all of your vacation in VBS as you think best. If no vacation Bible schools are planned for your area, pray about organizing and conducting one of your own—with others helping you, of course!

(10) *Lend a hand at a Christian camp.* Christians who have spent from a week to three months helping at summer camps go back again, season after season. What kind of help is needed? Cooks and counselors, maintenance men, instructors in crafts, woodsmanship and swimming, pastors, nurses and Bible teachers are needed. Sound out your church-related camp as to its needs. What are the compensations? "Monetarily none," says one camp authority. "But sit by the

lake as dusk deepens, listen to the prayer chorus, the shy first testimony, the breathing of sleeping campers who will be different because you loved them enough to live Christ before them and that will be ample pay!"

(11) *Find a worthwhile project at your church.* This might be helping paint the exterior, repairing broken steps, cataloging books for a church library, taking a spiritual census of the neighborhood, installing new cupboards in the church kitchen or another similar task. Some projects might be done jointly by mother and dad; a few might even include others in the family. Since this would be work vacation, it might be well to spend part of each day in well-planned recreation or allow for a few days' rest once the project has been completed.

(12) *Trade places with another family.* This plan has been tried successfully in some parts of the country. A city family trades places with a family on a farm; a family in the mountains trades places with a family at the seashore, etc. The plan depends on finding the right people, of course, and working out mutually satisfactory arrangements. Important by-products so far as Christians are concerned: new friends and opportunities for Christian witness.

(13) *Invest part of your vacation in a "good turn."* Help some individual or family who needs assistance. An elderly person may need a small addition to his house, a garage or tool shed built, some painting done, a car overhauled. Or perhaps a shut-in needs someone to stay with him to relieve his year-around caretaker. Again, this kind of service vacation might well be combined with a subsequent time of rest and recreation.

(14) *Sponsor or share in a family camp.* If your church has a camp grounds or can arrange to rent one, arrange a week or two of family camp. Plan for recreation and fellowship plus group devotions and perhaps discussions of selected family problems. If a church-sponsored family camp does not seem possible, perhaps several families can camp together at some public camp grounds. One group which does this reports a number of advantages: cooking, dishwashing and babysitting are shared; outings are twice the fun with several families taking part; shared devotions and opportunities for fellowship make for deeper friendships and better understanding. A non-Christian family may also be invited as a means of outreach.

(15) *Plan your own retreat.* If you feel the need for getting off by yourself with plenty of time to read your Bible, think and pray, a personal retreat might be just what you need. Look for a secluded place away from the crowd where you can make satisfactory arrangements for meals as well as enjoy the out-of-doors. Don't plan a detailed schedule, but do map out a general program so that the

time spent will be directed rather than aimless. You'll probably want to bring along a few well chosen books.

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TO MAKE YOUR VACATION COUNT

Make an effort to begin every day with an unhurried time of Bible reading and prayer.

Take time to enjoy the beauties of God's creation.

Live for Christ as purposefully as when you are busy in your daily occupation.

Distribute well-chosen Christian literature as you are able.

Look for opportunities to tell others of the love of Christ.

Save your Sundays for rest and worship. Attend church where you are.

Get to know your family. Watch for opportunities to talk with your children individually about their spiritual life.

Find time for Christian reading.

Care for your vacation responsibilities before you leave. If you teach a Sunday school class, be sure a substitute has been provided. Remember your gifts are needed at vacation time as well as at other periods of the year.

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nations in a very loud voice to your small children. It doesn't matter if you can't pronounce the words; the little ones aren't listening and others who can't read will appreciate your thoughtfulness and won't notice your pronunciation.

(13) You're a traveler, you've been around, and you wouldn't want people to think you are one of those squares who insists upon feeding his child properly balanced, nutritious meals, would you? So, in a crowded restaurant, while many people are waiting for seats, fondly ask the four-year-old what he wants. The busy waitress will be happy to stand by while junior makes up his mind. If he decides, finally, on soda pop and a banana split, order them. Don't worry, he won't eat them. He'll just mix the two together and splash the mess all over. When he tires of this, let him run around. You'll be surprised to see how groups of businessmen, elderly childless couples, or honeymooners will enjoy entertaining him. Besides, it gives you a chance to eat in peace.

If these new rules of conduct don't make you popular with your fellow tourists, don't blame us. Blame them. They gave us the ideas.

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How to be a Popular Tourist

by Terese H. Hagemann

DO YOU WANT to be a popular tourist? As you and your family travel around the country, do you want to feel that you belong, are accepted and even greeted joyously by those who have already met you? If so, the following new rules of conduct, based on observations made during a recent extensive trip around the United States, should help you. They are the latest behavioral precepts and their observance should add to the pleasure of all who meet you, and increase your popularity wherever you go.

(1) Unless you are first in the line of cars stopped at a red light, start honking your horn madly just as the light changes to green. This will not only be helpful to the lead driver, but it might restore the sight of the blind man who is at that moment tapping his way in front of the first car. Or, your blast might give wings to the young mother, with a struggling toddler on each side, pushing a baby carriage. It doesn't matter if you can't see what is holding up the first driver, just assume he's stupid or asleep and let him have that horn! You can practice this first rule before you leave home; by the time you get out on the road it will be second nature.

(2) Don't use the litter baskets provided everywhere: somebody will only have to empty them. Instead, dump your car trashbags in parking lots, drop papers and leftover food wherever you happen to be and, most important, always throw bottles with sufficient force to break them on paved areas, so that fellow tourists can pick up the bits of glass in their tires.

(3) Always park your car or, better still, your trailer, directly in front of roadside historical markers. Then sit

down at a distant picnic table for an hour or so, or take a nap in the trailer. This gives fellow tourists an opportunity to observe and comment upon your vehicle, or to get some good stretching exercise if they absolutely insist on reading the information on the marker.

(4) Most points of interest have signboards with maps, diagrams or descriptions to help the traveler get around in, and understand, the things he came so far to see. This is the ideal spot to line up the family for a picture or, in a very loud voice, make what you think are wisecracks. This effectively keeps other tourists from reading the information or from concentrating on it if they can get near it and, of course, you never, never read it yourself.

(5) At motels, never park in your own, clearly defined space. Just pull in anywhere, at any angle, and let the other guy worry about how he is going to get within walking distance of his room, get his car door open, or unload his luggage.

(6) On the mornings when you are getting an early start from your motel, say at five or six o'clock, carefully take out only one piece of luggage at a time, making sure that you slam loudly both the room door and your car or trunk door each time. The more trips you make, the better. This is helpful in waking your sleeping neighbors whose alarm clocks, set for seven or eight, may not yet have rung.

(7) At the same time, it is always helpful to shout at the top of your voice to another early-rising acquaintance, so the occupants of all sixty-four motel units may benefit from such words of wisdom as:

"Hiyah, Charley, howja sleep?"

"Gonna be another hot one today, hey?"

"We don't have none o' this stuff back in good old (name your home state)."

(8) At the other end of the day, always turn your TV to its loudest volume, especially after ten o'clock, so that your sleeping neighbors may enjoy your favorite program without having to get up to turn on their sets.

(9) In museums, let the kids climb all over the exhibits, push, pull and twist everything they can lay their hands on, and smear the glass of the exhibit cases with whatever sticky mass is in their mouths at the moment. This, together with the kids' screeching and mother's shrilling, can be extremely helpful in keeping the crowd moving right along.

(10) Always arrive late at illustrated lectures, talk loudly while finding seats in the dark, and encourage the children to ask over and over what the lecture is about. That way, all the people who were present at the beginning won't know what the lecture is about either. And neither will the lecturer.

(11) Sometimes it is advisable or necessary to take a guided tour, often by bus, sometimes walking. Throughout these excursions, you can entertain the whole group with your brand of witticism or descriptions of Aunt Minnie's petunias back home. You will see by the looks you receive from the other tourists how much more they are enjoying your loudmouth recitation than the guide's informative lecture, which they paid to hear.

(12) In visitors' centers, museums and other quiet places, always be sure to read the technical, scientific expla-

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The Cameroon Choristers from Cameroon, West Africa, under the direction of Missionary Don Witt, will present concerts in our NABGC churches this fall.

Cameroon Choir to Sing in America

by Richard Schilke

FROM BAPTIST Teacher Training College and The Saker Baptist College nineteen students have been chosen, seven men and twelve ladies, to compose the Cameroon Choristers. Missionary Donald E. Witt is their director. These Cameroon Choristers will be touring the United States and Canada from September 3 to November 24, 1969. The tour will begin in New York and go across the northern part of the United States, including Ontario in Canada, into the Dakotas,

then go up to Winnipeg, Manitoba, and then across Canada to Vancouver, British Columbia. From there the Choristers will travel down the west coast to Southern California, then eastward into Texas and up through Oklahoma and Kansas and then on to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Cleveland, Ohio. In all about 60 concerts will be given.

Saker Baptist College is a girls' secondary school located in Victoria, West Cameroon. The school began in

1962 with Miss Berneice Westerman as the first acting principal. Its present enrollment is 345, comprised of girls from all over the Cameroon and also a few from Nigeria. The curriculum is based on the British educational system which culminates in the General Certificate of Education Examination. Religious knowledge is a required subject in the syllabus.

The Baptist Teacher Training College is a post-primary institution located in Soppo, West Cameroon, for

the specific purpose of training teachers for primary schools of which we have 112 in Cameroon with a total enrollment of over 24,000 children. The school offers a five year course which follows primary or secondary school and has an enrollment of 254. It is co-educational. Until recently, Dr. Ernest A. Zimbelman was the principal of this school. Upon his homecoming in 1968, the principalship was given to Mr. Samuel Becke who became the first Cameroonian principal of this institution.

With the Cameroon Choristers will be Pastor S. Lysonge, a recent graduate from Ogbomoshok Seminary in Nigeria, who will represent our Cameroon churches and bring a brief challenge. The Reverend and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer, missionaries in Cameroon since 1951, will accompany the tour and be in charge of all business arrangements. Mr. Witt will also have his family with him. The entire tour across the country will be by bus with Mr. Lloyd Templeton of Templeton Transportation in Chicago as bus driver.

During the past several years, a few of our missionaries from Cameroon had brought with them tape recorded songs sung by the Saker Baptist College Girls' Choir in Victoria. Wherever these were used, they struck a responsive note with our people in our churches. When these were used along with colored slides of the Girls' Choir, the interest was even greater. This gave birth to the idea of bringing over a group of singers to tour our churches in the United States and Canada. Three years ago the Stewardship Committee of our N. A. B. General Conference presented such an official request to the Board of Missions, which in turn relayed it, with its endorsement, to our Cameroon Field Committee.

In the fall of 1967, when Dr. Richard Schilke visited Cameroon, this matter was seriously discussed with several missionaries, and concrete plans were made. Mr. Donald E. Witt, principal of Saker Baptist College in Victoria and director of the Girls' Choir, proposed that a minimum of fifteen voices would be needed and that it should be a mixed choir instead of an all girls' choir, composed of students of Saker Baptist College in Victoria and the Baptist Teacher Training College in Soppo. This plan was endorsed by the Board of Missions and by the General Council in 1968. The number of voices eventually was increased beyond the fifteen.

We look forward to the coming of

the Cameroon Choristers. We would encourage our people in all our churches to make sure to hear them even if it means driving some distance to where the concert will be given, since it is obvious that all churches cannot be visited.

We present the Cameroon Choristers to our constituency. Welcome them and those who accompany them in the name of Christ as representatives of our Mission in Cameroon, pray for God's blessing on them and the concert they render, and send them on their journey with your blessings and prayers.

—Dr. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, NABGC.

CAMEROON CHORISTER'S ITINERARY

The Cameroon Choristers concert tour is printed here. Local publicity will give the exact time and the place of the concert in its area. Other churches are cordially invited to attend these scheduled concerts.

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Buffalo, N. Y.

September 10 (Wed.)

Hamilton, Ont.

September 11 (Thurs.)

Kitchener, Ont.

September 12-14 (Fri.-Sun.)

Detroit, Mich.

September 16 (Tues.)

Auburn, Mich.

September 17 (Wed.)

Lansing, Mich.

September 18 (Thurs.)

St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, Mich.

September 19 (Fri.)

Milwaukee, Wis.

September 18 (Sun. A. M.)

Kankakee, Ill.

September 21-23 (Sun. P.M. Tues.)

Chicago, Ill.

September 24 (Wed.)

Burlington, Iowa

September 25 (Thurs.)

Aplington, Iowa

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Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.

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Emery, S. D.

October 2 (Thurs.)

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October 5 (Sun. A. M.)

Hebron, N. D.

October 5 (Sun. P. M.)

Bismarck, N. D.

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JAPANESE YOUTH



A Bible class at Tsu.

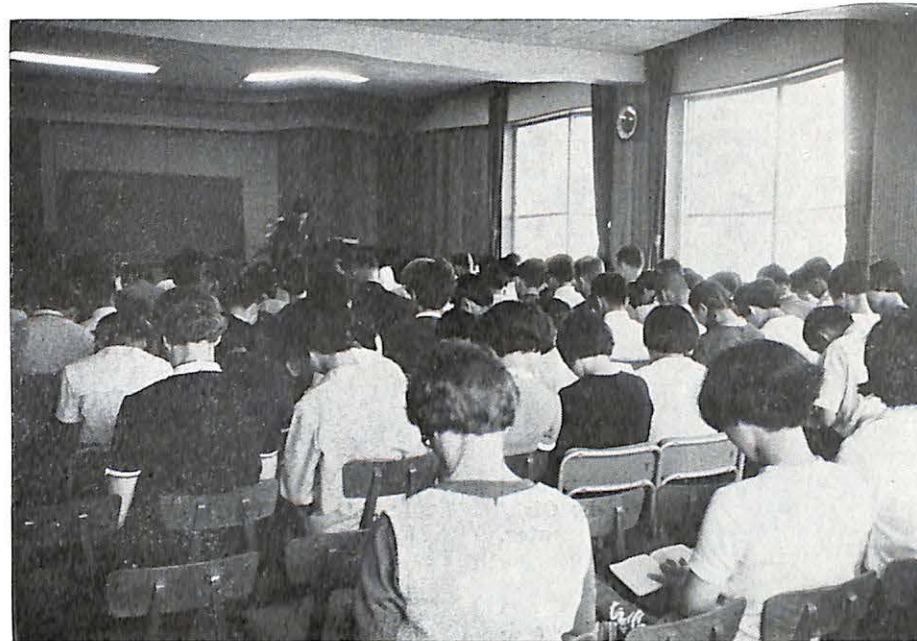
IN SEARCH OF A MASTER

by Florence Miller

“FOUR Teachers Dragged Into Radicals' Kangaroo Court” was one of the headlines in the April 4 Mainichi newspaper. I read a bit further as follows: “The growing distrust between teachers and students caused an incident on the campus of the Osaka University of Education Wednesday. Four teachers were dragged into a kangaroo court by violent demonstration with bills of ‘crime particulars’ hung from their necks. . . .”

This is only one of almost daily news items concerning student riots and rebellions on college and university campuses throughout Japan. Student strikes at Tokyo University prevented the holding of classes for almost a full year. Radical students seized and barricaded some of the buildings destroying classroom equipment, records, valuable microfilms, and even damaging the buildings themselves so badly that huge sums will be needed to repair them. Entrance examinations and commencement exercises had to be cancelled in many schools, and, in some, the freshmen were not permitted to come to school until things have settled down. What is at the bottom of all this dissatisfaction and physical violence? What has happened to the youth of Japan where teachers, schools, and education have been so respected and held in esteem?

It would appear that the educational system in Japan is due for some modernization and change. Students complain about the authoritarianism of the teachers and administrators. They are clamoring for a greater voice in the government of the schools. They want to have a voice in determining policies and rules, choosing teachers and deans, the curriculum, financing the school, etc. Each school has its own particular complaints in these areas. But in addition to these prob-



Mr. Furubayashi leading a Bible study for young people of area churches in the O. B. S. chapel.

lems, there are strong political forces at work on the campuses, also. The communist students are always in the center of these riots. They are divided into two groups, those which call themselves communists and those which call themselves anti-communists. However, this terminology is very misleading because actually the anti-communists are the radical communists who oppose the more moderate action of the communists and are advocating revolution and the use of physical force to bring in a new order. Consequently, the universities have become the battlefield for political controversies which are not actually the chief concern of the educational institutions.

A Christian professor at the Kobe University of Foreign Studies recently spoke at the Osaka Biblical Seminary chapel service. He had been asked to try to help us understand the basic causes of all the unrest in the student world and how the gospel was related to it. He analyzed the problem somewhat as follows:

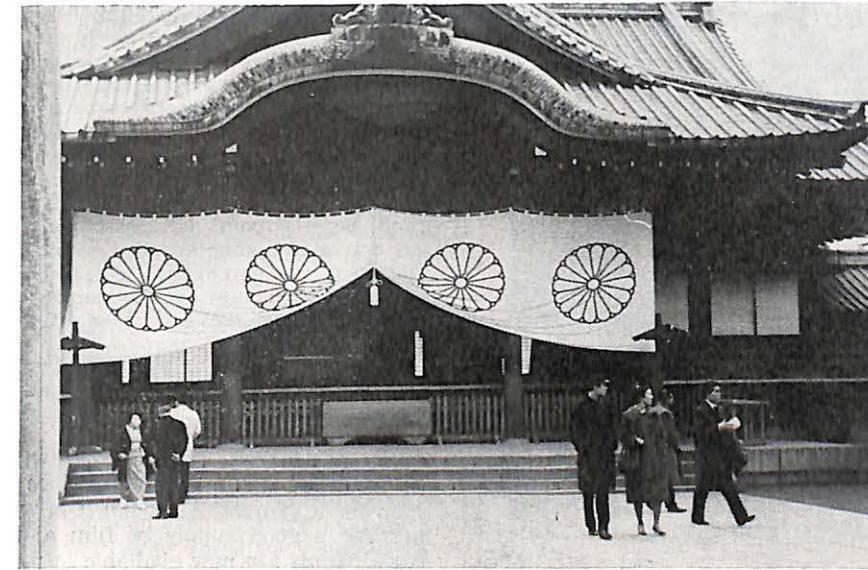
(1) Post-war education stressed democratic principles and freedom of expression. Primary school children are taught to engage in discussion groups on various subjects with their teacher and classmates. Self-expression and respect for the individual are stressed. However, when the students enter high school, the pressure to compete with others in order to pass the

entrance exams for university becomes so intense that he can think of little else. Fellow students are no longer companions with whom he may discuss and learn together. They have become rivals. Furthermore, the students begin to wonder what the purpose of their study really is and to hate the system which is causing them so much agony.

(2) Having entered university, the students relax from their studies and

in which they have full confidence and to which they can give themselves unreservedly.

In Japan students who failed to pass the university entrance examinations are called “ronin” which really means “one who is wandering about without a master to serve.” It was formerly used of Japanese samurai (warriors) who had no lord. It can be said that the majority of Japanese youth are, spiritually speaking, “ron-



The Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo.

begin to explore the various philosophies and ideologies which surround them on the campuses. Some looked with hope toward democracy as practiced by America. But America's involvement in the Vietnam war has destroyed their faith in this.

(3) Others have been attracted by Marxism, but the suppression of the Hungarians and the Czechoslovakians by Russia has caused many doubts about the trustworthiness of that.

(4) Still others have followed existential thinking and determined to live for themselves and gratify their own desires. But this way has led to degradation and immorality.

(5) Having become disenchanted with all these prevailing philosophies and not knowing where to turn next, some have turned against the existing school and government authorities, blaming them for all their frustrations. They seem to think that by overturning the existing system and starting all over again with youth in the lead, there may be hope for a better state of affairs. However, the seizure of some of the campuses by students through violence and bloodshed has only resulted in suppression by the police and loss of freedom instead of the anticipated goals.

Although there are many things which may be said to be contributing to these disturbances, perhaps a more basic cause is the fact that youth have not really found a master and a cause

in.” That is, they have no master. Professor Fernando M. Basabe of Sophia University in Tokyo made a survey of the religious beliefs of university students in the Tokyo area in 1967 and published the results in a book entitled *Japanese Youth Confronts Religion*. According to this survey, of 5,178 freshmen men questioned, only 7.6% confessed faith in some religious belief. This means that 92.34% of them are without any personal religion. Some further results of the survey indicate the following negative attitude toward religion: 63.8% agree that religion is unnecessary for those who have self-confidence; 55.6% agree that religion is not really necessary for a person who is satisfied with life; 46.3% agree that religion is a means to escape from the troubles of the real world; and 32.3% agree that religion is in contradiction to reason and science.

However, the picture is not as gloomy as it at first appears. For of the 7.66% professing religion 3.07% declared themselves to be Christians. Only 2.70% were Buddhists; 1.21% were believers in the new religions of Japan; 0.32% were Shintoists, and 0.34% said they had a religion of their own making. These statistics indicate that although the youth of Japan are, generally speaking, irreligious, those who do choose a religion seem to prefer Christianity to other religions. Also, it is significant that the response

to Christianity amongst students is higher than that of the general population, for less than 1% of the total population call themselves Christians as compared with 3.07% of the students questioned.

Among the positive attitudes toward religion revealed in the survey were the following: 65.3% agree that religion instills peace in the depths of man's heart; 57.6% agree that religion saves man from his emptiness and loneliness; 57.1% agree that religion is extremely worthwhile as a support for man's heart; 41.2% agree religion gives meaning to a man's life and clarifies the purpose of his existence; 55% agree that religion gives discipline and moral training to the whole man; 52.8% agree that if religion should ever disappear from this world, it would be a loss to mankind; 72.3% agree that it is necessary that at least once in his life man investigate religion; and 18.0% agree that religion is necessary to obtain true happiness.

I attended an Inter-Varsity Christian Conference during spring vacation in order to keep in touch with college youth and was thrilled to see a goodly number of them respond unashamedly to the invitation to acknowledge Christ as their Savior and Lord. It was a joy, too, to see young people, well versed in the Scriptures, effectively leading other students in small group Bible Studies. One of the young men from our Kyoto Church who is a new Christian was so impressed with the Bible knowledge of these young people that he went home determined to buy a cross-reference Bible and commentary and make Bible study one of his chief goals. It was something new to me to see a Japanese pastor stand before this group of 100 students showing them curios from Africa which he had received while on a tour of churches there and challenging them to missionary service in Asia and Africa. He said that African leaders respected and welcomed Japanese missionaries because Japan has taken a stand for peace and because they do not discriminate against those of other races.

Yes, the student world of Japan is a restless one. There is much turmoil and confusion. But there is also much sincere searching for an authority which will command their respect and call forth their full devotion. We believe that Jesus Christ is the one and only Master who can truly satisfy their hearts and give them a cause for which to live. Who will go amongst them and lay before them the claims of Christ? Our mission is in need of missionaries with a burden for the students of Japan and the gift of leading them to take up their crosses and follow the Master. Could you be the one to fill this need?

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'70 IS THE YEAR

TO SEE JAPAN

by Richard Mayforth

HAVE YOU registered to attend the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo in July 1970 with the N.A.B. tour? Are you toying with the idea? If you are, you may be wondering what to expect and how to prepare. If you're not planning to go, you may still be wondering what you are missing.

God has given our N.A.B. family of churches specific communities in Japan to reach with the gospel of life in His presence through faith in Christ His Son. You will see first hand how God has taken the gifts of lives, prayers, and means that we have given for that purpose and blessed them to salvation for some. You will meet those who as a result are now our fellow laborers in Christ in reaching these areas. In addition to the fringe benefits of visiting centers of Japanese culture and World Expo '70, you may come away with a newly realistic picture of the enormous task that is before us in reaching the world for Christ. At the Baptist World Congress sessions you will represent our N.A.B. family as a part of the larger world Baptist family to share in the worship of God and in the work of winning men to Christ our living Lord.

Perhaps a few specific suggestions will help you plan your trip. You will be visiting at a time when it is hot and humid. You will be most comfortable if you wear the kind of clothing you would wear in the southern parts of the United States in summer. You may want a light sweater or jacket to wear in air conditioned buildings and at the mountain resort area

you will visit. You can expect to run into rain a time or two. If you don't have a good umbrella, plan to make that one of your early purchases after arriving in Japan. The ones for the women are made of colorful print materials. Most are conveniently collapsible. Many Japanese carry a handkerchief of manish proportions or a dainty wash cloth in the summer. In addition to being handy for mopping the fore head, at times it is needed for drying the hands when nothing else is available.

You will have English speaking guides with you most of the time. Even when you don't, you can usually find some Japanese person around who knows a little English. So you won't need to learn any Japanese. But your enjoyment of the trip will be much enhanced if you would learn a few of the basic conversational phrases. Records of simple Japanese are available at many libraries and book stores. Get them and spend a few evenings speaking Japanese. Don't try to learn just by listening to the record or looking at the book. You will learn six times faster if you will listen to each phrase and then repeat it *out loud*, trying to say it exactly like you hear it from the record.

Any background reading you can do will also increase the enjoyment and value of your visit to Japan. You will probably find good help in your local public library. Charles E. Tuttle Co. Inc. of Rutland, Vermont publishes a wide range of books on Japan and will send you their catalogue on request.

Many useful materials are available free and others can be purchased from the Japanese Consulates in many major cities. Check your phone book. The address in Chicago is 520 N. Michigan. If you want to get just one book, I would suggest *Japan: The Official Guide* published by the Japan Travel Bureau and available from the consulates. It has brief sections on climate, clothing, money, shopping, geography, history, government, industry, religion, etc. and a brief conversation dictionary in the back. There are maps of each of the areas you will visit and descriptions and background of each of the places you will see. You can read your way through your trip a time or two before you go and carry it with you to refresh your memory and fill in what the guides leave out. Either this book or a small conversation dictionary are good to carry along. Even if you can't say the word you are trying to get across to a shop keeper or someone you meet, you can always look up your word and then show the Japanese word to the Japanese and your idea will get across.

Many will be taking pictures of what they see. Even those who are not shutter bugs will want to consider that pictures will help them share what they experienced with friends when they return. Japan is a good place to shop for a camera. Although it is wise to take a good supply of film along, Kodak films are now available in most places in Japan. Those who are not too fussy will find the Japanese films are quite adequate as well. Even leaving them in Japan to be developed and having them air mailed to you upon return to the U.S. the cost will be considerably less than equivalent U.S. film.

We are grateful for the interest and concern demonstrated by those taking the trouble to come to Japan. We trust that the many who are not able to come will continue to use every means possible to inform themselves and to pray specifically for Christ's work in Japan.

—Rev. Richard Mayforth is a North American Baptist General Conference missionary in Japan, presently on furlough.

Reconciliation Through Christ

By Josef Nordenhaug

RECONCILIATION Through Christ" has been chosen as program theme for the 12th Baptist World Congress at Tokyo, July 12-18, 1970.

The theme is based on Paul's statement in a letter to the Church at

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Corinth: "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself" (II Corinthians 5:19).

Reconciliation* with God is at the heart of the gospel. God is not just the God of nature, but the God of history. His redemptive purpose came into focus in the incarnation, the cross, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It will be fulfilled when "the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever" (Revelation 11:15).

History is not the progressive victory of good over evil. Human ingenuity cannot of itself bring justice, peace and brotherhood. The upheavals, turmoil, crime and misery about us should make that clear.

It is therefore false to assume that things will right themselves through forces which inhere in human activity. The abundant life cannot be secured within man's sinful ambitions. The chasm between aspiration and achievement is becoming ever more evident in our civilization. We are faced with the generation gap, the gulf between the affluent and the poor, the walls between nations, prejudice and hate between the races, and the alienation of increasing numbers from God.

The most timely news today is that "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself." Man's alienation from God ends when he accepts the reconciliation proffered in Christ. Reconciliation bridges the gaps; it cancels the debt.

A new emphasis on reconciliation would bring home to us that it is man who needs to be reconciled. Some say that God needs to be reconciled. Not so. He loved us when we were yet enemies.

When we become reconciled to God we also become reconciled to our fellow men. In fact no act of worship or offering is acceptable to God unless we first become reconciled to our brother (Matthew 5:23-24). The enmity between men comes to an end before the cross of Christ.

The coming Congress will give us a marvelous opportunity to be ministers of reconciliation in concert with believers in Christ from scores of nations. This demands much more than slogans and banners. It requires transformed lives.

Everyone who is reconciled to God through Christ is commissioned to the service (diakonia) of reconciliation and entrusted with the word (logos) of reconciliation in behalf of (huper) Christ.

The theme RECONCILIATION THROUGH CHRIST can be subdivided into many topics. It lends itself to dramatic presentation. It has been the subject for many of our finest oratorical and hymns. It is an excellent subject for Bible study.

*Webster defines "reconcile": "To cause to be friendly again; to bring back harmony."

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Committed to Evangelism

by Gerhard Schroeder

FOR CENTURIES the church has been faced with the commission to evangelize the world. Its methods have varied with each succeeding generation in an effort to find the key to effective evangelism. Man's search for methods has all too often blinded his eyes to the resources made available when Jesus said, "I will send the Holy Spirit to guide you into all truth . . ."

In Cameroon the same diligent searching takes place. Leadership training courses, radio programs, literature and religious instruction in our educational institutions are all efforts to fulfill the commission to "go and teach." When Jesus left these words of instruction to his disciples, they were a challenge to the individual. The Lord did not say that He would supply us with a method but a means, not a program but with power. The search for effective evangelism is centered in the lives of men and women who have the resource power of the Holy Spirit.

Today, as in the days of Isaiah, the Lord searches for that one who is willing to be used. From among the ranks of God's people, there are chosen vessels set aside for the work of evangelism.

In recent months we have shared in the ordination services of men who have declared their willingness to be servants of God, to be instruments through

which the Gospel is preached. Ordination is not a passport to a life of ease. It is not a mysterious, magical means to knowledge and authority. It bears the responsibility to serve and to evangelize.

In Cameroon it is becoming increasingly evident that the pastor must further his education. The man who has only a few years of primary education finds himself facing an audience that includes those who have a secondary school education and those who are illiterate. He may face the criticism of the educated because of his limitations and the frustrations of the illiterate because of their lack of understanding. The servant of God must "study to shew himself approved . . ." not to man but "unto God." The Bible school at Ndu seeks to prepare pastors as servants of God who can "rightly divide the Word of Truth." In just a few months the first class will graduate from the Theological Certificate Course, a three year advanced program, to equip pastors for greater service in evangelism.

The unrest, so evident around the world, has not bypassed Cameroon. There are no riots in the streets or rebellions in the schools; yet there is an undercurrent of searching for greater recognition, for equality. More often this is expressed in the search for mate-

rial benefits. The natural man is quick to ask, "What are my benefits?" All too often we criticize the pastors for being materially minded; yet when we examine the salaries of the pastors we find that in the majority of cases the members have decided that their pastor is not worthy of his hire. In an effort to encourage the pastors, the Cameroon Baptist Convention is giving consideration to a minimum salary scale.

To the one set apart as a servant of God, there is the problem of a changing culture. Everyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ must consider the teachings of God's word as they relate to his or her culture; however, the pastor is faced with the responsibility of setting the standard. When the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy regarding the qualifications for deacons and pastors, he set a high standard. To the casual observer, the pagan customs of another generation have passed. The pastor, dedicated to the ministry of the gospel, feels the impact and subtlety of pagan practice. Paganism is sin, and as long as man refuses to yield himself to the claims of Christ, the servant of God will be responsible to hold forth a standard of Christian living. The widespread acceptance of basic Christian principles often leads man to consider himself as a child of God without having made a personal

commitment to Jesus Christ. The pastor, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, sets the standard which crosses all cultural lines. In a changing society the pressures of the local community may undermine the teachings of God's Word. The one who would evangelize must be prepared to live a separated life even within the bounds of a 'Christian' community.

In the face of these problems, we often search for a method: the most effective means of sharing the message of salvation. After trials and frustrations we are driven back to the simple conclusion that the individual who will permit himself to become a vessel, a slave for Jesus Christ, submissive to the Holy Spirit, becomes the most effective evangelist.

African pastors face the problems of education as they seek to increase their intellectual knowledge; they search for equality in a structured society; they face the dilemma of superstition and fear. Pray that the Holy Spirit may fill their lives so that their witness may reach the multitudes for Jesus Christ.

Each year, in an effort to further the training of pastors and church teachers, leadership training courses are offered in different areas of West Cameroon. Presently a new five year course is being considered, the first of which will be available in 1970. Missionaries and convention leaders conduct these with the pastors who have had several years of Bible training. They, in turn, conduct the training sessions among their untrained leaders on the associational level. During this year courses will be held in seven fields with over 400 lessons distributed. The thirst for knowledge is a challenge that cannot go unheeded.

The need for recognition and equality continues to frustrate the local pastor. With the first graduation of the Theological Certificate Class, we are sending out those whose education has been comparable to many of the teachers and government workers. In recent years several have returned with B.Th. degrees from the Southern Baptist Seminary in Nigeria. Others returning from overseas training will help establish the Christian ministry.

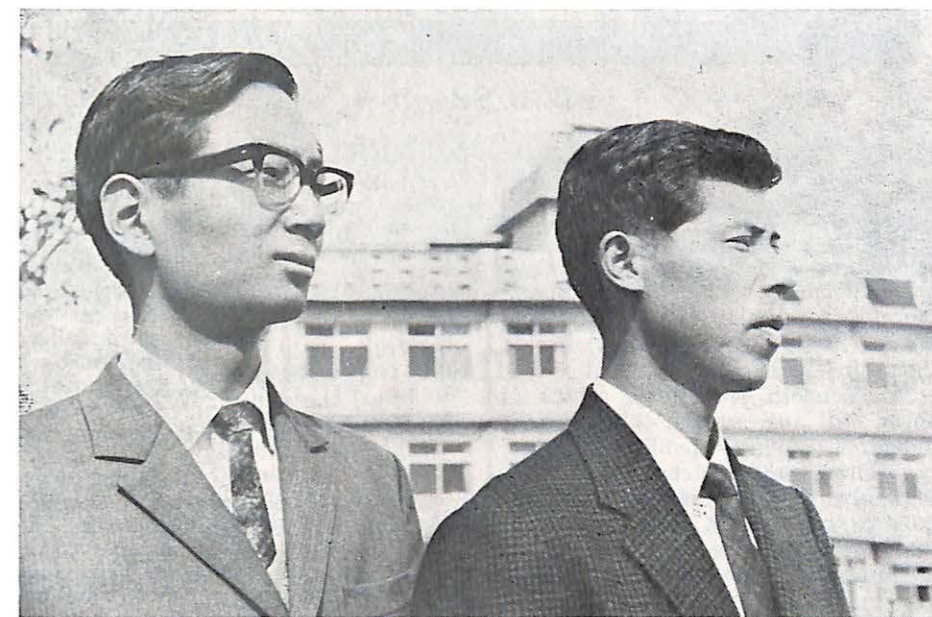
The cultural barriers present the greatest challenge. How we thank God for those pastors and leaders who have upheld the teachings of God's Word, who have faced the opposition of their culture and seen the victories won through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Personal commitment to the Holy Spirit demands a knowledge of the Scriptures, a humility of spirit and a willingness to surrender our culture to the claims of God. This is the challenge of evangelism, not alone to the ordained pastor, but to each of those who name the name of Christ.

Rev. Gerhard Schroeder is an NABGC missionary serving in Bamenda, Cameroon.

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Two Japanese Seminary Graduates Become Pastors on Mission Field



Mr. Tomokuni Aoki and Mr. Hiroshi Arita, 1969 graduates of Osaka Biblical Seminary, are seen in front of the Seminary's main building.

The 1969 graduation ceremony of the Osaka Biblical Seminary was held on March 23. Although the graduating class was very small numerically, only two students, for our Japan Baptist Conference it was a very significant graduation because both of the graduates were from our own churches. Both Mr. Aoki and Mr. Arita came to the seminary immediately after graduating from university. Mr. Aoki began to serve the Rakuyo Baptist Church as student pastor during his third year at the seminary following the return of the Sukuts to the States. Now, hav-

ing successfully completed his four year course of study, he will become the full-time pastor of this church. Mr. Arita will be going to Nagoya to do pioneer evangelism with the Kerns. A house has been rented for him to live in, in a large, new residential area, and meetings will be held there at first. Land for a church has already been purchased with an eye to the future. Please pray for these two young men that the Lord may grant them wisdom and strength for these new responsibilities.

Matsusaka Baptists Dedicate Church Building

Evangelism was first begun in Matsusaka by our missionaries nine years ago. Various temporary buildings were used for meetings but on January 15, 1969, the Matsusaka Baptist Church dedicated its own permanent building to the glory of God. During the day it speaks to the neighborhood through the large Chinese characters written on the side, "God is love," and at night a lighted cross on top of the church invites all to come and experience that love in Christ. The land for the church

was donated by one of the Christian families in the church. A contribution from our mission plus the offerings of the little group of believers has made this building possible. The little church which can accommodate sixty-five people was filled to capacity for the dedication service. Rev. Koji Honda, one of Japan's most outstanding evangelists, was the guest speaker. The pastor, Rev. Hanazono, was led to make his decision for Christ under his preaching. Please remember to pray for the pastor and his family and the little band of about fifteen believers that the number may increase and that the church will be a lighthouse in the community. (A picture of the new church building and an announcement concerning the dedication appeared in the March 15, 1969, issue of the *Baptist Herald*, page 19. Editor.)



BOOK REVIEWS

by B. C. Schreiber

WHAT'S NEW IN RELIGION? By Kenneth Hamilton. Grand Rapids, Mich. Eerdmans. \$3.95.

With the rapid changes occurring in all areas of life, the word "new" becomes a very relative term. We are not as dogmatic as Solomon by saying there is nothing new under the sun, but anything new certainly has a short life-span.

Dr. Kenneth Hamilton's attack is aimed at the secular theologians: Robinson, William Hamilton, Altizer, van Buren, Cox, Fletcher and others. These names have become quite familiar; therefore it cannot be said that the author is reminding us of anything that is new in the literal sense of the term. In his opening chapters, however, he is careful to point out the distinctions between "new," "novel" and "valuable."

Whether Hamilton actually thinks he is advocating something new is not quite clear. What we need, he says, is a *new* form of natural religion. But then he goes on to say that "this religion is, to use an *old* name, *natural piety*." Cannot a theologian be naturally pious? The author answers this question; even though he may not be conscious of it. His criticism of the secular theologians is quite severe with the exception of Bonhoeffer whose practice of religion while in prison was an evidence of natural piety.

No one will argue the need for natural religion, but this is older than Christianity itself. Natural pietists are found in every Christian denomination no matter what the theological background may be. In a sense this may lead us out of our theological dilemma. Perfection is easier to find in a pious faith than in faith based on a theological system. But how then will the love of God and the truth about God ever meet?

THE MEANING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT. By Barclay M. Newman. Nashville, Tenn. Broadman Press. \$6.95.

Although this is a New Testament study, more than 60 pages are background material. Actually this is very important. The immediate period, particularly the Maccabean struggle, is given special attention because it leads up to the final overthrow of Jewish independence and the coming of the Romans on the scene with the advent of Jesus Christ.

Jewish religion is carefully examined

in order to visualize it as a fulfillment in Christ. The comparison between Judaism and Christianity also becomes apparent.

Dr. Newman's subtitles add a carefully planned, progressive meaning to his study. The vine delineates the origin and development of Judaism; the fruit of the vine, Jewish religion; the fruit pressed out, the ministry of Jesus; the wine in ferment, Christ and the Kingdom of God; the bursting of the wine skins, the Acts of the Apostles; the wine of God's righteousness, Paul's Epistles; the best wine at last, Hebrews; bread and wine, the general epistles; the goblet of victory, Revelation; the making of new wine, the formation of the New Testament Canon; the wine is red, the inspiration and authority of the New Testament.

The volume may have the flavor of a seminary textbook, but there is no reason why laity may not use it for serious Bible study.

OLD TESTAMENT TEACHING, an Introduction to the Old Testament. By J. Wash Watts. Nashville, Tenn. Broadman Press. \$5.95.

This, as well as the *Meaning of the New Testament*, would be an asset to any minister's library. The Old as well as the New Testament will become more meaningful with the background and knowledge of a good foundation.

Dr. Watt's purpose is to lead the Bible student to the true meaning of "Yaweh" which permeates the writings of the Old Testament authors, pointing them to the revelation of Jesus Christ as the Messiah.

Each book of the Old Testament is clearly outlined as to the name and theme of the book, its author and date, textual notes, critical problems, theological studies and some archaeological sidelights.

MAN YEARNING FOR GRACE. By Jared Wicks, Washington, D. C. Corpus Books. \$12.50.

It is hoped that this treatment of Luther's spiritual teaching will not be looked upon with suspect as a gesture to accommodate the spirit of ecumenism because it is written by a Catholic priest. It reveals Luther's deep spiritual life before his pre-Reformation days.

Students and historians usually give us the impression that the Reformation was primarily forensic in nature and that the true reformers were

pietists, notably the Anabaptists.

Luther's controversies were not only with Tetzel and Eck, which led to his open defiance of the Pope, but he was just as adamant in his disagreements with other reformers such as Zwingli, Muenzer and Calvin. Because of the controversial nature of many aspects of the Reformation our attention is drawn away from the pious, devotional and mystical nature of Luther. It must be remembered that John Wesley's "heart-warming" experience took place while he was listening to Luther's exposition on Romans.

The author reminds us that Martin Luther's program was not principally one of speculative or intellectual penetration of God's revelation. Rather, Luther's early work belongs far more properly in the genre of what today we call "spiritual writing." We have all the more reason to believe that this was his "potential" for reform. Although Jared Wicks gives the impression that he lets Luther speak for himself, the reader may have some questions when he comes to the chapter on *Reflections and Evaluations*.

The extensive notes, 117 pages, to be exact, will be a problem to those who have little or no Latin.

The price is another matter. Unless there are enough interested students of the Reformation, the volume may be found only in the library shelves of seminaries.

HOW TO CHANGE YOUR WORLD IN 12 WEEKS by Arthur DeMoss and David Enlow. Old Tappan, N. J. Fleming H. Revell Company. \$3.50.

Well, here we go again. If only the authors of books such as this would not choose titles that make it sound so easy and enticing. The last chapter makes an even more amazing promise, "How to Change Your World in 12 Seconds."

The aim of the book, nevertheless, is to help the Christian strive toward well-rounded, balanced living. Whether the person lays bricks, teaches school or performs the ordinary duties of a housewife, he or she can be so obviously in the center of God's will that even the humblest task becomes sacred. Here the authors make the definition of success meaningful: "Making the maximum use of one's God-given abilities in the pursuit and progressive attainment of a specific goal in harmony with God's will."

It is the promise that this will happen in twelve weeks (cultivating twelve qualities) that may frustrate the reader, plus the fact that the many examples mentioned are all outstanding men of success. It gives the impression that "because it happened to me, it can happen to anyone; if I can do it, anybody can do it."

While reading the book, it may be good to remember the words of Paul, "Let no man think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly. . . ."



Rev. Erhard Knull, pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church, Parma, Ohio, is pictured with his family.

The Missionary Baptist Church, Parma, Ohio, is the June project of the Church Extension Builders.



Resounding His Wonderful Name in Parma

by Erhard Knull

SINCE ITS beginning in 1963, and its formal recognition in 1964, God's mighty hand had been visibly at work for the Missionary Baptist Church, Parma, Ohio. In May, 1965, Rev. Erhard Knull and his family came to the field to render full-time spiritual and administrative help to members and friends of the church. Shortly after the Knulls' arrival, a co-ordinating committee had been formed to look for a church building site, possibly with a home on the premises. Scores of locations were looked over, however, seemingly without success. Finally, God rewarded our tedious search, when two adjoining lots became available in the city of Parma. A six-room, custom-built ranch-type home with a full-size basement recreation area was also ideally situated on the site. With pre-arranged loans from our NABGC church extension and a local bank, as well as substantial pledges and gifts from members and friends, the purchase of the three and a quarter acres site with the parsonage was made possible at a total price of \$43,000.

After the pastor's family moved into the acquired home, the mid-week "Hour of Power" and other group activities were moved to that location from a Cleveland Y.M.C.A., where the congregation had met for over two years. Sunday worship services were continued at the previous location, although the Sunday school, under the crowded and not always conducive environment, suffered immensely. Considering the handicaps, needs, and challenges, almost immediately a building committee came into being, in order to plan for the much needed physical facilities, not overlooking long-range expansion.

An architect-builder was employed to draft plans for a 40' x 90' educational unit with chapel and a 100' x 115' parking area. In August, 1966, the groundbreaking service for a one-

story unit, at the contracted price of \$57,000, took place. Construction began soon thereafter; however, strikes and local labor problems, unethical dealings and a substantial rise in cost, created many an unexpected hardship. Yet God was with His church, encouraging His own with His everlasting promise: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31b). Finally, in October, 1967, all those who persisted in prayer and in doing God's will, were able to rejoice, joined by friends from neighboring sister churches, at the dedication services of our functional facilities for worship, Sunday school and youth work.

During the transition period, when a gradual relocation from the temporary quarters to the new locality in Parma was in process, a community-wide census by our church was underway. The results were not too encouraging, for the findings indicated that about 90% of the contacted people were somehow "affiliated" with the Catholic Church. However, there has been and still is a brighter side to it, for some indicated interest and later came and worshiped with us occasionally, a few came and remained with us, for which we praise His wonderful Name.

Very encouraging aspects of our ministry are the personal contacts and follow-up calls on some individuals and families, who find themselves in dire spiritual need, but only time will tell how they will respond to the invitation for personal commitment. The God's Volunteers Teams, in April, 1968, and in February, 1969, have done an outstanding service to congregation and community. There were a few first-time commitments, as well as many rededications to Christ and personal restorations of salvation in Him.

Our visitation program is well underway, and our young people show growing interest in this vital work. Attractive folders, with the church's

program and tracts by the hundreds are distributed as personal calls are being made on a bi-weekly basis. In doing so, the people in the community are beginning to "talk about" that church in a wholesome way, which is a balm to the pastor's heart. Our departmentalized Sunday school is fairly well attended, and the morning worship services are showing a gradual increase over the past year. Our young people's work is constantly challenged and presently in the process of reevaluation. Every fourth Sunday of the month the senior youth group is in charge of the evening service; the choir, that renders a splendid service, is responsible for Choir Night whenever a fifth Sunday occurs.

Our present membership stands at 72, and we are grateful to God for His directive in the life of the church. As the pastor's family, we do pray that the spiritual ingredients of prayer, loving patience and consistency in stewardship would become a witnessing power for each and every member of the church. To our denomination, some Central Conference churches, and the many friends of the Missionary Baptist Church, we are indebted for their financial and constant prayer support. Thinking of persistent giving for the cause of church extension, we are mindful of the many Church Extension Builders across the United States and Canada and express our thankfulness for their devotion. As many are giving, we do try to spread His Wonderful Name, agreeing with the songwriter, that: "He is the Mighty King, Master of everything; His Name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord!" With His Spirit's guidance and your help, we shall continue to resound His Wonderful Name, the Name that became the Rock of all Ages.

Rev. Erhard Knull is the pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church, Parma, Ohio.

TRIBUTES TO Dr. Albert Bretschneider

THE IMPACT of the faithful ministry of Dr. Bretschneider can best be related by sharing with you some of the indelible impressions he made upon my life. His ability to set aside potential barriers to a meaningful fellowship was first experienced by me as I met him for the first time to discuss enrolling at our Seminary which was then located in Rochester, New York. This meeting took place at the Central Dakota Association where my pastor, the Reverend Albert Ittermann, introduced me to President Bretschneider. The friendly, cordial and interested spirit of this man immediately removed my preconceived erroneous images about a professor, and especially a president of the Seminary. The rapport which was established at this first meeting influenced the open lines of communication which existed between us, even to our last visit of about a year ago. His deep concern to seek the welfare of students was evident in his continuous effort to help students formulate efficient and meaningful study habits, secure part-time employment and guide students to become involved in practical ministerial experiences.

Dr. Bretschneider's classroom ministry related much more than mere interpretations of the Scriptures because there was a continuous interweaving of practical applications out of his abundant experiences as a successful pastor. Fellow classmates may recall that there was some repetition of illustrations, but this proved to serve as an asset later in my ministry because I really remembered the practical applications of our studies of the Apostle Paul's letters in the New Testament.

The administrative ministry of our beloved past president of the Seminary was at a time when the scarcity of funds demanded prudent management in order to make ends meet. Even though apple sauce, sauerkraut and potatoes may have appeared overbalanced in the menu, we understood circumstances and developed admiration for those who administered honorably and personally sacrificed abundantly.

Dr. Bretschneider has passed beyond the journeys of this life in which he served with faithfulness and highest honors to become partaker of the joys and blessings of the fuller life provided by his Savior and Lord. There is so much of what he was and became which lives on. His ministry lives on through my life and in the lives of the multitudes who were influenced by his devout Christian commitment and his sacrificial services to God and



Dr. Albert Bretschneider

men. His contagious spirit of understanding, friendliness, love, concern, empathy and exemplary faith in God will remain a cherished legacy, especially to those who greatly benefited because for a time "he dwelt among us."

—Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, executive secretary, North American Baptist General Conference.

THOU SHALT go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in good old age." Dr. Albert Bretschneider, friend of so many, faithful husband, proud father and grandfather, "a gentleman and a scholar," ever gracious in exchange of thought and outlook on life and death, has been called to this peace.

Death is very real, and very final, from where we stand. An aching void is left. This void loses its grip, and we are enlarged on life's plateau when we take cognizance of God's promises, and when we recall the qualities of faith and life of him who we now commemorate. Applicable is the faith and philosophy the Apostle Paul expressed in II Tim. 4:6-8: ". . . The time has come for my departure. I have had a part in a great contrast, I have run my race, I have preserved my faith. Now the crown of uprightness awaits me . . . but not for me only . . ." This, "not for me only," expresses what might well be the motto by which Dr. Bretschneider lived. This was the driving impulse of his long and useful life. To lift the horizons for young and old was ever his aim, his pride, and joy. For he would that many others should be partakers of "the crown of uprightness," of which Paul spoke,

Dr. Bretschneider was an ardent lover of nature and admirer of God's handiwork. To him all "declare the Maker's praise." We thank God for his life. To his pastor he was a wise counselor and a keen listener, ever ready to uphold the hands of his pastor. His friends and loved ones take hope and courage from David when his young son died. He accepted death as a fact of life, but not the final chapter. Death is defeated by a changed life, a new dimension. When David learned of his son's death, he entered the Lord's house and worshiped, returned home, had food prepared, and ate. (II Sam. 12:20-23). Someone has said, "There is no greater denial of a faith in Christian immortality than to neglect the living for the dead." David said, ". . . can I bring him back? I shall go to him . . ." Our Christian hope stands firm: "I (we) shall go to him!" His children, grandchildren, and many friends, "rise up and call him blessed," his many children in the Christian ministry included. It is as if we hear the angelic voices resound with "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." It well may be his Master's voice.

To our departed friend and brother, farewell. Shalom. Peace. Aufwieder-sehn!

—Rev. Arthur R. Weisser, pastor Granville, N. Y.

DR. ALBERT Bretschneider, illustrious alumnus of the North American Baptist Seminary, ended his earthly pilgrimage, March 20, 1969, in Rochester, New York.

The Seminary's former beloved professor was born in Cleveland, Ohio, February 6, 1883. His academic pursuit included graduation from the North American Baptist Seminary, 1908, Rochester University (B.A.), 1912; and Colgate-Rochester Divinity School (B.D.), 1916. Ordination into the Gospel ministry took place in Cleveland, Ohio, July 24, 1912.

Churches were pastored in Evansville, Indiana, 1912-1913, and Newark, New Jersey, 1916-1925. From 1926-1928 he served as general secretary of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the North American Baptist General Conference. Strong educational and spiritual advances marked his two-year period of service. Thereafter, he was called into the educational ministry of the North American Baptist Seminary where he served with genuine devotion as professor of English and Greek languages, 1928-1934, professor of church history and New Testament, 1934-1952, dean, 1934-1940, and president, 1940-1944.

Sioux Falls College, S. D., honored Albert Bretschneider by conferring the Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) degree, January 6, 1953. Upon retirement, his Alma Mater, North American Baptist Seminary, accorded its distinguished alumnus the status of Professor

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Ideas For Christian Education

Edited by Dorothy Pritzkau

Planning the local church's Christian Education program in advance does much to contribute toward its effectiveness. July and August are ideal for doing initial planning. The denominational theme for this year is "Training Believers," Acts 2:42a. Consider ways of incorporating this theme into your program.

Another advantage of planning ahead is that you will be able to structure the program to your changing needs. Perhaps you will be considering new activities or updating traditional programs.

Contact your Department of Christian Education if you wish assistance or information. The address is 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois, 60130.

(Note: One asterisk following an item indicates that the material is sent to pastors and superintendents; two asterisks indicates that it is sent only to pastors; and three asterisks that the material is sent to pastors and youth group presidents.)

JULY, 1969

- Begin planning fall enlargement campaign, "Winning With the Word."*
- Return Vacation Bible School reports* to the Director of Children's Ministry.
- Order Christian Education materials (Sunday school curriculum, Scripture Memory supplies, training hour material.)
- Participate in the church camping program.
- Schedule reports from campers.
- Begin planning Christian Education Week, "The Home—Training Believers."*
- Mission emphasis for the months: Japan. Refer to *Contact** for information.

AUGUST, 1969

- Finalize plans for observance of Christian Education Week, September 28-October 5, 1969*
- Plan monthly workers' conferences for the year. See Christian Education Week material* for suggestions.
- Plan dedication service for Christian Education staff.
- Expand evangelism emphasis into Christian Education program by using resources provided by the Department of Evangelism on the theme, "Training Believers."**
- Make plans for National Bible Week observance, October 19-26. See *Special Days Program Resource Guide**

June 1, 1969

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

July, 1969 - June, 1970

—Mission emphasis for the Month: Japan. Refer to *Contact** for information.

SEPTEMBER, 1969

- Official launching of 1969-70 denominational emphasis, "Training Believers."
- Set financial goals for mission projects recommended by the General Christian Education Committee.
- Obtain names and addresses of college and university students in your church and send to denominational Director of Youth Ministry.
- Finalize plans for enlargement campaign on the theme, "Winning With the Word."*
- Conduct a leadership education course for your Christian Education staff. (*Leadership Education Curriculum Guide* available upon request.)
- Consult *Special Days Program Resource Guide** for Harvest Mission-Thanksgiving Day observance ideas.
- Prepare annual Scripture Memory report and send to Director of Children's Ministry.
- September 14: "Back to Sunday School Sunday."
- September 28-October 6: Christian Education Week. Theme: "The Home—Training Believers."*
- September 28: Promotion Day. See *Special Days Program Resource Guide** and Christian Education week materials* for program ideas.
- Mission Emphasis for the month: Brazil. Refer to *Contact** for information.

OCTOBER, 1969

- Involve college and university students in your area in the ministry of your church.
- Appoint planning committee for Christmas activities. See *Special Days Program Resource Guide** for program ideas.
- October 12: Thanksgiving Sunday in Canada.
- October 13: Laymen's Sunday.
- October 19-26: National Bible Week.
- Conduct enlargement campaign and structure continued contact.
- Prepare Sunday School Standard achievement reports.*
- Recognize students who have completed the year's Scripture Memory assignments.
- Order Christian Education materials (Sunday school curriculum, Scripture Memory supplies, training hour material).
- Mission emphasis for the month:

The church in the local community. Refer to *Contact** for information.

NOVEMBER, 1969

- Structure plans for Youth Week observance, January 25-February 1, 1970.***
- Concentrate on plans for a leadership education course.
- November 9: Publication Sunday. Prepare a display of Bibles, books, periodicals and Christian Education literature.
- November 27: Thanksgiving Day. See *Special Days Program Resource Guide** for program suggestions.
- Develop a calendar for all Christmas and New Year's events.
- Mission emphasis for the month: North American Baptist Schools. Refer to *Contact** for information.

DECEMBER, 1969

- Assign responsibilities for Watch-night services.
- Schedule Christmas vacation activities for college students.
- Receive a Christmas offering for national and missionary children on our North American Baptist mission fields.
- Publicize Youth Week activities.
- Mission emphasis for the month: Campus Ministry. Refer to *Contact** for information.

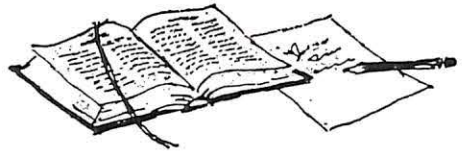
JANUARY, 1970

- January 5-9: Week of Prayer. On Sunday, January 4, encourage periods of prayer within classes and services centering on our concern for "Training Believers" in Christ.
- Set dates for 1970 Vacation Bible School.
- January 25-February 1: Youth Week.
- Order Christian Education materials (Sunday school curriculum, Scripture Memory supplies, training hour materials).
- Promote North American Baptist General Conference, August 4-9, 1970 in Winnipeg and Baptist World Alliance Congress in Japan, July 12-18, 1970.
- Mission emphasis for the month: Cameroon. Refer to *Contact** for information.

FEBRUARY, 1970

- February 1: Baptist World Alliance Sunday.
- Secure Vacation Bible School kit from Roger Williams Press and outline plans for the school.

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Sunday School Lessons

by James A. Schacher

THE TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 15, 1969

THEME: THE BIBLE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Scripture: I Timothy 4:11-16; Ephesians 3:7-10; Colossians 3:16

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. Throughout the early centuries, an accepted list of writings spontaneously was recognized for us in the life of the early church.

INTRODUCTION. This quarter's Sunday school lessons has concentrated on understanding the background and approach to the Bible. This entire lesson, however, emphasizes the practical effects of an authoritative Bible.

I. THE BIBLE WAS USED FOR INSTRUCTION. I Timothy 4:11-16. In 4:5-16 and 6:5-14, Paul admonishes Timothy with a core of commandments. Apparently Paul believed that do's and don't were not as great a danger as the vacuum of not knowing what is right or wrong. Against the grain of situation ethics, the New Testament lays down certain standards as guidelines for conduct. This was not considered inconsistent with Christian love. It defined how responsible believers could express their love and faith.

Some assert that the Bible is outdated, that it applies only to a bygone era. The real point is that we need never change God's revelation to make it relevant. But we must communicate it with words and approaches which will gain a hearing in our society. The gravest danger is that we will continue to present Christ in the style of home-spun wool suits and horse and buggy transportation. The Gospel never changes. But we must do better than the Pharisees who chained God's Word to their own interpretation and their human traditions. The Holy Spirit nowhere applauds slovenly service and uncreative efforts!

II. THE BIBLE WAS USED FOR WITNESSING. Ephesians 3:7-10. One of the most basic and urgent tasks of a Christian is to declare the kerygma, to announce the Biblical story concerning Jesus and His plan for salvation. Paul had no choice in this matter if he intended to be loyal to Christ. This was as natural to him as eating and sleeping. It is the very life breath of a Christian to activate his vocal cords and testify in the court of life to his experience with Christ. One Asiatic Christian explains that when he finally yielded to accept Christ as his Savior it was the natural and inevitable thing that he tell his friends who still retained their national re-

ligion. This was the crux of his decision to follow Christ—that he would be willing openly to take his stand for Christ.

III. THE BIBLE WAS USED FOR WORSHIP. Colossians 3:16. The Bible was used in worship, privately and publicly. The passage in I Corinthians 14:26-40 describes some elements of an ancient worship service. It seems that opportunity was given for various individuals to advise and persuade. Also someone could lead in their "favorite hymns" (psalms were used in those days). Also the foundation for all teaching and preaching were those scriptures which expressed the word of Christ. This word was to dwell "in you richly." This does not mean that it merely was to be memorized. But it was supposed to be expressed in songs of thankfulness. In addition, the salvation existing within was to be worked out with fear and trembling. (Philippians 2:12).

Questions for Discussion

- (1) Do I really consider these commands of the Bible as God's requirements for my life?
- (2) In our community how can we break out of the prison of human traditions and freely tell the old, old story of Jesus in an up-to-date fashion?
- (3) Do we still admonish one another in Christ? How can we overcome the dangers involved in this?

THE TEACHING GUIDE

DATE: June 22, 1969

THEME: GOD'S CONTINUING ENCOUNTER WITH MEN

Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:1-6; 30:15-20

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. God confronts us today through a written record.

INTRODUCTION. During Moses' last days he was given a glimpse of the Promised Land. Before he died and before Israel entered into this territory, he reminded them of the real Leader of Israel—Jehovah. God had revealed Himself on the mountain of Horeb. In Deuteronomy, chapter 5, Moses a second time lists the Ten Commandments.

I. GOD CONFRONTS MEN. Deuteronomy 5:1-6. This is what is often called the "I-Thou" relationship. God does not simply talk about us as a thing. But He addresses us as conscious, responsible persons. This implies that we have value in our existence and possess the obligation to respond.

God's Word is not merely a collection of facts. Through it He confronts every single person eye-ball to eye-

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ball. He looks at us as intimately and speaks to us as clearly through the Holy Record as He did to Moses on Mt. Horeb. As the glory of the Lord was physically real to the Israelites (Exodus 24:17), so Jesus can be spiritually real to the humble believer in the privacy of his place of prayer.

However, some theologians say that this "encounter" is the process of revelation itself. The Biblical record thus, it is said, becomes the Word of God as one comes into an audience with God.

The catch is that various people have different impressions or religious feelings. The danger of relying upon individual encounter is similar in a sophisticated way as the "proof-text" method is in a more popular way. Not only can there be a hopeless jumble of contradictory notions between what different people sense is right, but their own perceptions vary with their mood and circumstances. The whole tenor of Scripture implies that God's standards are constant and the individuals who were encountered by Christ also possessed a firm conviction in universal standards.

II. GOD CHALLENGES MEN TO OBEY. Deuteronomy 30:15-20. God has challenged us with His claims. He has spoken to men and convicted them of "life and good, and death and evil." If they refuse to perform God's will, they can only expect punishment and regret.

If one rejects the firm word of God

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and depends upon his own "moment-of-truth" decision, then he involves himself in a grave complication. Fallen man has a difficult time figuring out where his selfish desires end and love toward others begins. It is common that men convince themselves that they are acting in the best interests of someone else. Only later after the results are tabulated, it becomes clear that the main one who benefited was the big "I." If the inner impulses are the final rule and judge, there is often an exceedingly fine line between love and selfishness. Unless there are definite commands, the average person rightly feels bewildered when decisions must be made.

Questions for Discussion

- (1) Have you recently had a wonderful "encounter" with God?
- (2) What is the difference between basing one's faith on a Divine Record (the Bible) or on personal experience (for the final say) on what is right or wrong?
- (3) Is it possible that truth could be paradoxical? That is, could it be that the opposite experiences of two people could both be true?

THE TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 29, 1969

THEME: GOD'S CONTINUING ENCOUNTER WITH THE SOCIAL ORDER

Scripture: Luke 4:16-18, 21; Isaiah 5:16-23

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. God encounters us not only as individuals, but also as members of society.

INTRODUCTION. This quarter has been unusually heavy with theology. It is never enough just to quote Scripture. We must always explore the different things each statement could mean. This requires a thorough understanding of the views of Bible students throughout the centuries. Though in these lesson plans we have tried to avoid such terms as "plenary," "existential," "Form Criticism," and "hermeneutic," yet we have tried to deal with the ideas involved in them. In contrast, the lesson today deals with the practical issues of righteousness in the relationships between people.

I. COMPASSION FOR SOCIETY IS IMPORTANT. Luke 4:16-18. Jesus read this Old Testament passage in His hometown. He indicated that He was the one who would perform those deeds of compassion to the poor, the blind, and captives and victims of misfortune. The citizens of Nazareth considered this so presumptuous of one of their native sons that they disowned Him then and there. They reacted against Jesus' personal claim. Our reaction against the Social Gospel should only be in terms of the substitution of acts of welfare in the place of preaching salvation. But it is possible fully and thoroughly to proclaim Christ and still to endeavor to combat the injustices of society. In fact, it is

not possible to overlook the cancer of social evil. If we do not demonstrate compassion to the distressed, we reveal our absence of faith by our lack of good works (James 2).

II. HONESTY IN SOCIETY IS IMPORTANT. Isaiah 5:16, 18, 20, 21, 23. The matter of a Christian's relationship to society includes the matter of social righteousness. This simply means that we must do right in regard to our neighbor. We must be honest.

Like a broken record, soulwinners hear the complaint, "Why should I become a Christian. Look at so and so. He cheated me. I'll get to heaven just as soon as he will!" Honesty is still the only policy. If a man cannot be counted on to call evil, evil, then there is no hope that he will be dependable for other matters. It is likely that he will do wrong and call it good.

III. SOBRIETY IN SOCIETY IS IMPORTANT. Isaiah 5:22. The use of alcohol is severely frowned on in this passage. It is true that this is an Old Testament passage. But the prophets often spoke concerning the eternal Mind of God. The universal code of the Creator does not change. When the circumstances are similar, then His principles of moral conduct continue to apply.

One of the basic faults with liquor is that it is habit forming. Not only does it become a psychological crutch, but the physical body can develop a dependence upon it. Thousands of individuals have been trapped contrary to their strongest will-power. No amount of argument can explain away the fortunes squandered, the physical agony endured, the terrible heart-break of loved ones, or the literal terror to the children of those who drink. Thus, Christians lose their Holy Spirit-given freedom to be independent of external controls.

Questions for Discussion

- (1) How did Jesus fulfill Isaiah 61:1?
- (2) List some situations of injustices and dishonesty existing in your community.
- (3) What procedures would you suggest by which we might more adequately communicate with teenagers regarding alcohol and drugs?

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

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- Participate in a leadership training course.
- Prepare for Easter observance, March 29. See *Special Days Program Resource Guide** for program ideas.
- Mission emphasis for the month: Cameroon. Refer to *Contact** for information.

MARCH, 1970

- Plan to feature your library during Library Week the third week in April.

- Announce Vacation Bible School plans. Schedule training sessions for teachers and workers.
- Publicize Church camping program.
- Review and forward mission project contributions to North American Baptists, Inc., by March 31.
- March 29: Easter Sunday.
- Mission Emphasis for the month: Cameroon. Refer to *Contact** for information.

APRIL, 1970

- Display selected books for Library Week, April 19-25.
- Appoint committees for Sunday school picnic.
- Prepare for Family Month* and Senior Citizens activities in May. See Family Month material* and the manual, *Our Ministry With Older Persons*, for ideas. (This manual available upon order, \$1.00 per copy.)
- Review Vacation Bible School plans.
- Order Christian Education materials (Sunday school curriculum, Scripture Memory supplies, training hour materials).
- Mission emphasis for the month: The Spanish American mission. Refer to *Contact** for information.

MAY, 1970

- Conduct training sessions for Vacation Bible School workers.
- Pre-register campers for church camping program.
- May is Family and Senior Citizens Month.
- May 10: Mother's Day. See *Special Days Program Resource Guide** for program suggestions.
- Organize resources for your 1970-71 Christian Education planning conference.
- Mission emphasis for the month: Individual missionaries. Refer to *Contact** for information.

JUNE, 1970

- June 7: Children's Day. See *Special Days Program Resource Guide** for program ideas.
- June 14: Father's Day. See *Special Days Program Resource Guide** for program ideas.
- Recognize graduates during a church service.
- Conduct Vacation Bible School.
- Participate in church camping program.
- Mission emphasis for the month: Church Extension. Refer to *Contact** for information.

WOMEN COME TO GREEN LAKE

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event. I hope to have the opportunity to greet and welcome you personally, and at the end of the week hear you say, "This has been a week of great blessing."

Mrs. Everett Barker is president of the NAB Pastor's Wives Fellowship.

NEWS AND VIEWS

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of the city, is expected to have about 80,000 people by 1990. Baptist work in Tours was launched in late 1960 at another site.

WHITE CROSS ANNIVERSARY TO BE OBSERVED AT SEATTLE

SEATTLE, WASH. (ABNS) The 50th anniversary of White Cross will be observed at Seattle, Wash., at two occasions prior to the 62nd annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention, May 14-18.

The White Cross program over the years has been the instrument through which millions of "woman-hours" of work and millions of dollars in medical supplies, educational materials, clothing, and cash have been contributed to Baptist related hospitals, schools, and other projects here at home and abroad supported by the American Baptist Convention.

DR. HENRY APPOINTED TO SEMINARY POST

PHILADELPHIA, PA. (ABNS) Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, founding editor of *Christianity Today*, the evangelical fortnightly, has been named a visiting professor of theology at Eastern Baptist Theology Seminary here, effective September 1.

EAST GERMAN BAPTISTS CONSIDER NEW NAME

BERLIN, EAST GERMANY. (ABNS) Baptist leaders in the German Democratic Republic (Eastern Germany) want to abandon the denominational name which has been shared in common with Baptists in Western Germany for more than 20 years. The two have used the common title, "Union of Protestant Free Churches in Germany." The word, "Germany," has been a symbol of a geographical area including both East and West. Although the name "Baptist" is not carried in the denominational title, the union is primarily composed of Baptists.

Now the executive council of Baptists in Eastern Germany has voted to adopt a new title for the denomination there. It would be called "Union of Protestant Free Churches in the German Democratic Republic." The Baptist action follows the pattern of what has been happening in other denominations in East Germany, as pressure to break the last ties—even sentimental ones—with brethren in Western Germany has been applied.

Baptists in Western and Eastern Germany have been geographically separated by the Berlin Wall and by the mined and patrolled border stretching from the Baltic Sea to the Czechoslovakian frontier. Travel restrictions have forced West German and East German Baptists to hold separate assemblies and to have separate administrations and institutions. Differences in currency and regula-

tions forbidding free exchange of the two monies have rendered impossible joint denominational projects in missions, charity, and other fields. Circulation of Western periodicals in Eastern Germany has been prohibited, adding to the isolation. This has applied to Baptist newspapers and religious books as well. One of the last ties remaining between the two has been the common name which has been symbolic rather than tangible.

LINZ, AUSTRIA, NEW BUILDING DEDICATED

AUSTRIA (ABNS) About 350 people attended dedication services for the new Baptist church building in Linz, Austria. Anton Kurti, pastor, was main speaker for the occasion.

NEW GOD AND COUNTRY PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

VALLEY FORGE, PA. (ABNS) A new God and Country Program, prepared jointly by the Boy Scouts of America and the Protestant churches, was announced in May. The program is designed to be worked out under the guidance of the pastor so that the pastor and the boy develop a meaningful relationship. The boy is also expected to become involved in his own congregation, his immediate community, and his world community. Those boys already enrolled in the current God and Country Program have until December 31, 1970, to complete it. Any boy starting after May 1 will be involved in the new program.

TWO BAPTISTS WIN OFFICE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Two Baptists were elected to Parliament in Northern Ireland in elections held there, reports the Irish Baptist magazine. Three other candidates for office, who are also Baptists by church membership, were defeated.

JESUS SEEN AS POSSIBLY MARRIED

ELKINS, W. VA. (EP) Failure to marry and reproduce in the society of Jesus' times was regarded as a serious sin, therefore the Divine Teacher may have been married and the father of children. The view is that of Presbyterian minister-professor Dr. William Phipps, writing in the current issue of the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*.

If Jesus had been a bachelor, Dr. Phipps contends, the Bible would surely contain some record of his being criticized for it. Jesus probably wasn't married during the last three years of his life, the author stated, "but it's logical to infer that he had been married earlier and was a widower." There is no difference in the word for "wife" and "woman" in Greek translations of the Bible, Dr. Phipps said, "and the Bible often mentions Jesus being with a woman."

U.S. CONGRESS ON EVANGELISM ANNOUNCES SPEAKERS

MINNEAPOLIS. Five well known

church leaders, including Senator Mark Hatfield (R. Ore.) will deliver position papers at the United States Congress on Evangelism September 8-13 in Minneapolis, Minn. The other four speakers are Dr. Leighton Ford, Dr. Paul S. Rees, Dr. Richard Halverson and Dr. Harold John Ockenga.

Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann, St. Louis, Missouri, speaker on The Lutheran Hour, and Evangelist Billy Graham, Montreat, North Carolina, the voice of the Hour of Decision, will give the opening and closing messages of the Congress.

The Congress, which is expected to draw 8,000 people to Minneapolis, will be church-slanted in its emphasis. It will seek as one of its major purposes to challenge congregations along an all-out evangelism outreach. Of the 8,000 delegates, one-third will be parish or congregation pastors, one-third laymen and one-third evangelists, evangelism executives, seminary students and others in Christian work.

SBC MEMBERSHIP TOPS 11.3 MILLION; ORGANIZATIONS REPORT DECREASES

NASHVILLE. (BP) Church membership in the Southern Baptist Convention increased to 11.3 million during 1968, the denomination's research and statistics department reported here in its annual report. Although total church membership increased 189,503 over the 1967 membership figures, decreases were reported in Sunday school, Brotherhood (laymen's groups), and Woman's Missionary Union organization enrollments, and in the number of baptisms. The statistics were based on reports from 34,295 churches affiliated with the nation's largest Protestant denomination. The number of churches was up 148 from the number reported last year.

The research and statistics department of the SBC Sunday School Board, which tabulated the report, estimated that churches affiliated with the SBC contain 43 per cent of the membership of all Baptist churches in the nation. Ranked second, according to the estimate, was the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., said Martin Bradley, secretary of the department.

BAPTIST CHURCH HOLDS SUNDAY SCHOOL ON MONDAYS

DETROIT, MICH., (ABNS) Attendance at Sunday church at the North Farmington Baptist Church here, had declined as a result of the "long weekend" type of family living that is prevalent in the area. After trying many things to correct the situation the church decided to hold church school on Mondays for one hour and forty-five minutes after school. Monday church school is considered a tremendous success. Near capacity enrollment has been reached with most students attending regularly.

On Sunday mornings parents and

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● **Rev. John Binder**, editor of the *Baptist Herald*, has completed a semester of full-time studies toward a master's degree in journalism at Northern Illinois University from February through May, 1969. Permission for these studies had been granted by the Roger Williams Press Board of Trustees and the General Council. Part-time editorial assistance was provided during this time.

● **During the months of June, July, and August**, the *Baptist Herald* will be issued as a 32-page monthly instead of the usual 24-page semi-monthly.

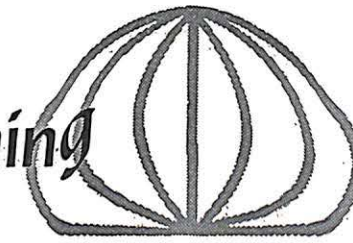
● **Mr. and Mrs. Ben Breikreuz** of Cincinnati, Ohio, announce the birth of a son, David Benjamin Michael, on April 12, 1969. Mr. Breikreuz is the newly appointed assistant professor of Old Testament, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D.

● **Dr. E. P. Wahl** has accepted the call to be the chaplain at The Baptist Haven of Rest and Sunnyside Nursing Home in Medicine Hat, Alta. He began his ministry May 15, 1969.

● **Rev. Mervin J. Kramer** has resigned as assistant pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., and accepted the call to begin a church extension church in Boulder, a church he will begin his ministry in Boulder, August 1, 1969.

● **Mr. Terrence Jarosch**, a recent graduate of the North American Baptist College, Edmonton, Alta., has accepted the call to the Isabel Baptist Church, Isabel, S. D. He and his wife have been on the field since January 19, 1969.

what's happening



● **Rev. Herbert Schauer** has resigned from the Glencullen Baptist Church Portland, Ore., and accepted a call from the Lincoln Village Baptist Church in Sacramento, Calif. He will begin his ministry August 1, 1969.

● **The Board of Missions** met for their annual sessions April 22-25. The important plans and decisions will be published after final approval is given by the Finance Committee and General Council.

● **Rev. Paul Galambos** has resigned from the Austin Street Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y. His resignation, however, will not be effective until April, 1970.

Chuckle with Bruno

The application blank for a new driver's license had the question: "Have you ever been arrested?" The applicant put down, "No." The next question was: "Why?" The applicant put down, "Never been caught."

A country school teacher asked an old farmer: "Which is correct grammatically, sir, to say a hen is 'setting' or 'sitting'?"

The farmer replied: "I don't know, Miss, and it don't interest me at all. What I wonder, when I hear a hen cackle is if she's 'laying' or 'lying.'"

● **Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Grams** of Minneapolis, Minn., announce the birth of a daughter, Elona Birgit, April 10, 1969.

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AN EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

The family of Mark Zimmerman expresses gratitude to members and friends of our denomination for their many expressions of kindness, sympathy, and especially prayers, which have been a source of comfort and courage as we mourn the departure of our loved one from life on earth. As a family, we are comforted by our son's meaningful faith in Christ as his personal Savior and Lord. The teachings in the Scriptures concerning life after this world are for us a genuine source of strength and refuge in God. The meaning of "praying for one another" has taken on a deeper dimension as fellow believers in nearby and distant places have prayed for us who mourn the departure of our loved one from this life. The brevity of life on this world has also made us more deeply conscious of the need to be found faithful in carrying out our responsibilities to God. Your continued prayers for us will be needed for the days to come.

We wish it were possible to reply personally to each of you who relayed messages of comfort, hope and consolation and upheld us in prayer. Because of the large number of letters, sympathy cards, telegrams and telephone calls, we find it necessary to relate to you through the *Baptist Herald* our sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

Since our son, Mark, was a newspaper boy for almost six years, it seems appropriate to share with you a sentence on the sympathy card received from the Reverend A. Lamprecht of Brooklyn, New York, in which he said: "Although Mark's route here on earth is ended, our Lord has entrusted him with greater NEWS in a better world." This comment, along with hundreds of others which you have shared with us, continues to be a source of strength to us.

In Christian love,
Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Zimmerman
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zimmerman
Thomas Zimmerman

OPEN DIALOGUE

— LETTERS TO THE EDITOR —

To the editor:

Thank you for publishing two excellent articles by Professor Borchert on "The Dynamics of Pauline Evangelism." I would like to develop further one of his challenges for change. In Part II (March 15, p. 5), Dr. Borchert questions baptizing young children "in order to fill out our statistics" or as a result of accentuating "the intellectual ability of a person—even a child—to parrot an appropriate 'confession' whether or not he has

exhibited the fruits of the exchanged life."

Beside the dishonorable motive and the mistake of equating intellectual ability with faith, I believe there is a church dilemma brought about by the following considerations:

- (1) A deeply sincere concern for child evangelism exists among individuals and groups within and outside Baptist churches.
- (2) Pressure is sometimes brought to bear by parents upon children.

- (3) Many Sunday school materials lay stress on initial decisions for Christ being made in the late pre-teen years or earlier.
- (4) A biblical pattern of baptism closely following upon conversion subconsciously, if not consciously, influences some Baptists.
- (5) Children often present church leaders and parents with a "faith (which) is not a statement of beliefs but a dynamic relationship which God permits us to have with him through his wonderful Son, Jesus" (*ibid.*). This faith possesses a quality of trust and a sense of reality concerning Jesus and his Father often lacking in older people.

Any solution to this church dilemma will be a long-term one, but a beginning could include serious studies of the nature of a child's faith (particularly of young children raised in a Christian atmosphere), re-evaluation of our present educational goals and methods, and last but not least, a scrutinizing of our consciences.—Herbert W. Berndt, Zurich, Switzerland.

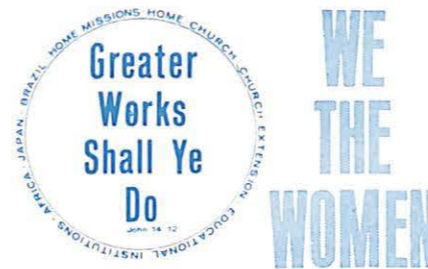
was of the Lord. Expressions to this fact were the sincere interest and prayerful preparation on the part of team members, enthusiastic presentations at each session, and a burden for lost souls which became contagious. Discussion and sharing at the end of each day could have continued long after the meeting had to be closed.

Interest was created in two timely books reviewed in each session: *How to Give Away Your Faith* by Paul Little and *The Theology of Evangelism* by Ralph Powell. Pastors Thomas Kramer of Regency Baptist Church, Lincoln, Neb.; Allen Heron of Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kan.; Richard Grenz of Sherwood Park Baptist Church, Greeley, Col.; their churches and the Bethel Baptist Church of Cherokee, Okla., were gracious hosts in making local arrangements for the meetings. Others who helped either by giving a book review or conducting a business session were Pastor Elwyn Zimmerman of Shell Creek Baptist Church, Columbus, Neb.; Merle Schramm of Sherwood Park Baptist Church of Greeley, Colo.; Darold Mohrmann of Shell Creek Baptist Church, ElVern Nikkel of Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Okla.; and Chuck Ehresman of Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kan.

Practicing the New Testament pattern of witnessing was exciting and worth every bit of time and effort required. Help and encouragement was also appreciated by the local host churches in their programs of outreach. Opportunity for on-the-spot action helped solve a perennial prob-

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BAPTIST HERALD



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

IN UNITY—STRENGTH

Through the past several months the nine regional Conference WMU presidents have brought to you via this column a description of their women's work, the geographical area covered, some historical data, statistics of their societies and conferences, and many unique features of their particular Conference WMU.

As varied as is the panoramic landscape of our vast country, so varied are areas in which our women live and labor—from small, rural communities to the great world city of New York. Some conferences are extremely small, as 10 societies with a membership of 155 in the south, while others in the north, west and central areas count as many as 1,500-1,900 members.

Our physical location is different, yet through all the reports we sense the same interests that unite us: loving support of our missionaries and their work, supplying missionary needs, specifically White Cross work. How our women enjoy those hours spent sewing and rolling "in Jesus Name."

In each Conference there is (or has been) a denominational institution: college or seminary, home for aged, or a home mission field, and each Conference WMU appreciates the opportunity of giving special love and attention there.

In church extension areas, we find new societies being organized, and women challenged not only to help their local church, but to catch the vision of stretching a helping hand to those who have not heard the Gospel. Recently a two year old society of a church extension work that is in the process of building a sanctuary, sent a \$100.00 check to our WMU Project. God will surely bless those who help beyond their own pressing needs.

Retreats, a time for physical and spiritual refreshment, are bringing our women into closer fellowship with each other and into enthusiastic response to our denominational enterprise. May EACH Conference or area soon include a retreat in their yearly program planning.

Some presidents told of the perseverance and determination their pioneer women had in organizing Conference-wide as a Missionary Union. They blazed the trail in conquering faith. Through the years many doors

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June 1, 1969

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WOMEN, COME TO GREEN LAKE

by Mrs. Everett Barker

Excitement is mounting for the approximately 42 days remaining before the Family Conference begins at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Hours of planning, praying and dreaming of a delightful, refreshing "change of pace" is in store for those who will attend. Let's look through our imaginary binoculars at the lovely setting with excellent facilities, trained staff and numerous activities at our disposal. The pleasant, picturesque location is conducive to concentration, relaxation and meditation. Not only can we participate in tennis, basketball, shuffleboard, bicycling, swimming in the heated pool, but also golfing, fishing, water skiing, boating and group cruises. The younger members of the family will be interested in the arts and crafts buildings, lookout tower, snack shop and the planned activities for children and teens. All types of accommodations from camping to hotel facilities make this conference center ideal for the family.

I especially want to appeal to you, laywomen and pastors' wives, to make this week of July 12 to 17 a MUST for you and your family. On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, the pastors' wives will extend an invitation to the

laywomen to attend and participate in their planned programs. Some of the topics to be considered are "The W.M.U. and You" with our national WMU President, Mrs. Herbert Hiller, and our former national WMU President, Mrs. Delmar Wesseler, as leaders for one session; "Mental, Emotional and Physical Health"; "Pert and Proper" dealing with entertaining and etiquette as well as fashions for Christian women. On Tuesday the laywomen will join with their husbands for "Communicating Christ through the Home" while the pastors' wives will be challenged to be more effective helpmates to their pastor-husbands. A panel of three will discuss the pastor's wife in a rural community, in the newly established churches and in the metropolitan area.

Each day we will begin our session with Moments of Meditation and Music. You can expect stimulating buzz sessions, panel discussions, talk backs, demonstrations and wonderful warm fellowship with old and new friends over a cup of coffee at breaktime. Our Vice-President, Mrs. Leon Bill, is in charge of the "Get Acquainted Hour" on Saturday evening as a kick-off

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Southwestern Conference Pastors and Deacons Stage Evangelism Laboratory

by Bill Cowell

A MECHANIC in a John Deere Implement Shop left his work, sat down, and listened intently to a presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Later that night at home his young son received Jesus Christ as personal Savior. In another city, a man desperately holding on to life through semiweekly use of a kidney machine was contacted in door to door witnessing and received Christ as Savior.

Sound exciting? It actually happened as Southwestern Conference pastors and deacons met during March for instruction and inspiration, and then went out on the streets by two's obeying the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit's power and leading were sensed in an unusual way as contacts were made and as questions were asked such as, "Do you know that if you were to die right now that you would go to heaven?" The emphasis was also in keeping with the triennial conference theme, "Our Ministry in Evangelism," and a suggestion made in the 1968-69 *Evangelism Plan Book* prepared by the North

American Baptist Department of Evangelism to "Get out in the streets where need is and share your faith in Christ. Talk about your personal faith. The purpose will be to tell men about Him, not the advantages of membership in your church" (page 9).

Traveling team members for the one day conferences held in Lincoln, Neb.; Wichita, Kan.; and Cherokee Okla., were Robert Wirth of Bethany Baptist Church, Hunter, Kan.; Pastor Dave Harrison of Calvary Baptist Church, Hoisington, Kan.; Pastor Jacob Ehman of First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa; and Pastor Bill Cowell of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kan. Pastor Karl Bieber of Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Okla., replaced Pastor Jacob Ehman for the combined Christian Education and Pastor-Deacon Workshop held in Greeley, Colorado. Team members experienced blessed fellowship in travel and a special measure of God's protective grace through blinding snow and over treacherous ice-covered highways. There was a deep feeling that the mission of conducting these workshops

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A TRIBUTE TO REV. CONNIE SALIOS' MINISTRY WITH GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

In the minutes of the God's Volunteers Committee, dated April 28, 1965, the following resolution is recorded: A motion was made, seconded and carried that the God's Volunteers Committee appoint Rev. Connie Salios as co-director of God's Volunteers to begin his services with September 1, 1965. The appointment is to be for an indefinite period of time and may be terminated upon mutual agreement between Brother Salios and the God's Volunteers Committee.



Four years later, February 17, 1969, the minutes of the Evangelism Committee record the resignation of Rev. Connie Salios so that he could accept the pastorate of the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, California. A motion was made, seconded



Nashville, Tennessee. The general sessions of the Baptist Men's Congress on Evangelism and Lay Involvement will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Nashville, Tennessee, (shown above) on July 3-5, 1969. The auditorium is located downtown and within walking distance of the downtown hotels and motels. Arrangements are being made to accommodate three thousand five hundred laymen, pastors and wives for the meeting. The Congress is an activity of the Crusade of the Americas.

and carried, that the resignation effective April 15, 1969, be accepted with deep regrets and sincere appreciation for the commendable services Brother Salios has rendered during the past four years as Director of God's Volunteers Team II.

Brother Salios has given his talent and time, his efforts and energies unstintingly in serving our churches as co-director of God's Volunteers during these past four years. We have deeply appreciated his consistent effort to give to the God's Volunteers Program the emphasis for which it was originally inaugurated, to help our local churches train their people to witness. In addition to having public evangelistic meetings, the objective of our God's Volunteers Program is to help local churches actively involve their people in directed visitation witnessing. This objective was consistently emphasized and promoted through the ministry of Brother Salios as co-director of God's Volunteers.

We wish to take this opportunity to express publicly not only to Rev. Connie Salios but also to Mrs. Salios and their family our appreciation and affectionate regard for the distinguished contribution they have made to the work of evangelism in our denomination. Surely Mrs. Salios and their family deserve our recognition for their willingness to endure loneliness and the absence of husband and father from home for many days and weeks on end in order to make possible this work. As Brother Salios and his family go to their new field of labor, we want to assure them of our sincere appreciation and regard for their faithful ministry with God's Volunteers and wish them God's continued abundant blessing in all of their future activities for Him.

—Rev. D. Fuchs, assistant general missionary secretary, NABGC.



The NABGC Stewardship Committee met at the Forest Park, Ill., Office on April 25-26, 1969, with Alvin Haas of Aberdeen, S. D., presiding as chairman. Members who attended this committee meeting were Rev. Howard Johnson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Melvin Bergstresser, Winnipeg, Man., newly elected chairman, 1969-70; Victor Prendinger, Ridgefield Park, N. J.; Rev. Alvin Auch, Corn, Okla.; Rev. Leland Friesen, St. Paul, Minn.; William Konert, newly elected vice-chairman, 1969-70; and Rev. LeRoy Schauer, Waco, Texas. Invited guests were Rev. Fred Folkerts, Cameroon, West Africa, and Rev. Richard Mayforth, Japan. Ex Officio members who attended were Stanley C. Johnson, Tacoma, Wash.; Mrs. Herbert Hiller, Woodside, N. Y.; Arnold Mauch, Sacramento, Calif.; Dr. J. C. Gunst, Minneapolis, Minn.; Rev. Ruben Kern, St. Clair Shores, Mich.; Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Portland, Ore.; Rev. William Sturhahn, Winnipeg, Man.; Rev. David J. Draewell, Rev. Everett Barker, Rev. John Binder, Rev. Bruce Rich, Dr. Richard Schilke, and Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, all of Forest Park, Ill.

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY April 1969

Conferences	April 1969	April 1968	April 1967
Atlantic	\$ 4,191.20	\$ 2,914.91	\$ 6,159.25
Central	13,389.00	16,899.66	16,821.61
Dakota	11,125.54	13,374.88	3,351.87
Eastern	5,245.60	5,703.78	3,877.79
Northern	11,806.77	10,859.37	13,438.24
Northwestern	10,155.92	15,159.83	11,842.43
Pacific	12,841.63	17,848.73	13,356.98
Southern	855.99	1,276.14	2,216.76
Southwestern	5,111.57	3,387.14	2,821.57
Inter-Conference	2,048.00	3,444.46	2,689.10
Total Basic Program	\$ 76,771.22	\$ 90,868.90	\$ 76,575.60

FISCAL YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BASIC PROGRAM

	Budget Contributions	Special Projects	Total Basic Program
April 1, 1969 to April 30, 1969	\$ 68,615.66	\$ 8,155.56	\$ 76,771.22
April 1, 1968 to April 30, 1968	85,243.50	5,625.40	90,868.90
April 1, 1967 to April 30, 1967	69,853.88	6,721.72	76,575.60

CAPITAL FUNDS CAMPAIGNS CONTRIBUTIONS

	Month	Fiscal Year
Northern Conference Centennial Advance for NABC	\$ 84.75	\$ 84.75
Mission Advance Program	15,746.32	15,746.32
Total	\$15,831.07	\$ 15,831.07

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Total Basic Program	\$76,771.22	\$ 76,711.22
Capital Funds Campaigns	15,831.07	15,831.07
TOTAL	\$92,602.29	\$ 92,602.29

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BURLINGTON, IOWA. Easter Sunday services were climaxed with the baptism of sixteen candidates and the



addition of four others received into membership by experience and transfer of letter. New members are pictured above. (Rev. John Ziegler, pastor.)

ALFRED GRAMS IS ORDAINED

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. The Brookpark Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., ordained its pastor, the Reverend Alfred Grams.

Seventeen delegates from eleven churches in the Minnesota-LaCrosse Association heard a most outstanding presentation of the candidate's conversion, calling and Christian convictions.

The ordination service took place on Sunday, Nov. 17, 1968, with Dr. Donald H. Madvig from our North American Baptist Seminary bringing the ordination sermon.

Elected officers of the Council were Donald N. Miller, moderator, and Leland H. Friesen, clerk. (Rev. Leland H. Friesen, reporter.)

TWO CHURCHES JOIN IN BAPTISMAL SERVICE

LEDUC, ALTA. On Easter Sunday evening Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, had a baptismal service when Rev. Lloyd Kresier, (pictured below, back row, left,) had the joy of baptizing three young people. The Telfordville Baptist Church joined with us for this service and their pastor, Rev. Joe Harrison (back row right,) had the joy of baptizing Mrs. Ruth Hubscher.



A joint Good Friday Communion Service was held at Wiesenthal Baptist Church where Temple Baptist, Rabbit Hill and First Baptist were blessed by the message that was brought to us by the guest speaker, Rev. Wm. Muller. (Mrs. Paul Ohlmann, reporter.)

WEST CENTER STREET CHURCH REPORTS ACTIVITIES

MADISON, S. D. The Senior BYF of West Center Street Baptist Church presented a "Top Ten Hymn Parade" on Sunday evening, March 2.

After polling the congregation for their favorite hymns, the Top Ten were chosen according to popularity and presented at the service by the youth group in a variety of interesting ways. It would be of interest to note that "In The Garden" was No. 1 and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" came in second.

On March 16 we were privileged to have the Sioux Falls College Choir present their Easter concert at our evening service.

Two adults and four young people expressed their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior at a baptismal service on April 13. They were received into the church membership at the communion service in May. (Joanne Benke, reporter.)

SHERWOOD PARK CHURCH REPORTS ACTIVITIES

GREELEY, COLO. On March 16 a family of four was received into the fellowship of our church by transfer of membership. Pastor Richard Grenz (left) is shown on the picture with the family.



The weekend of March 21-23 the young people of the two churches of La Salle and Greeley held a retreat at Camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je, Pine, Colo. They were privileged to have as speakers two North American Baptist seminary students from Sioux Falls, S. D., Ulrich Laser and Rudie Matheuszik. The theme was "Transformed—Not Conformed."

On March 24 our church was host to a Pastors-Deacons Clinic and Christian Education Workshop sponsored by the Southwestern Conference. The team consisted of Rev. Bill Cowell, Rev. David Harrison, Rev. Karl Bieber and Mr. Robert Wirth. (Mrs. Walter Wacker, reporter.)

ALBERTA WOMEN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE MEETS IN CAMROSE

CAMROSE, ALTA. The thirteenth annual Alberta Women's Missionary Conference started on March 25, at the Fellowship Baptist Church, Camrose, Alberta, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Viola Martin, conference president.

We were privileged to have missionary Eunice Kern take us on a tour of Cameroon after which our missionary to Japan, Joyce Batek, presented a challenging missionary message. Bible studies were also conducted by conference women.

The installation service for the conference officers was conducted by Mrs. Verna Dreger. This was well presented as the officers were related to important links of the Christian Chain of Concern.

A Missionary Open Line, chaired by Mrs. Mildred Neuman, was a first for the Conference. The following six

missionaries took part in answering questions and presenting prayer requests: Eunice Kern, Joyce Batek, Ernestina Schmidt, Mrs. Aaldyk, Mrs. Bruck, and Mrs. Stroschein.

The conference came to a close with a luncheon on Thursday noon. Joyce Batek gave a closing missionary challenge.

We are all looking forward to the 1970 conference which will be held at the Banff School of Fine Arts, June 15-17. (Mrs. Gertie Froelich, reporter.)

CHURCH CHOIR AND HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA GIVE CONCERTS

LODI, CALIF. The 40 voice Concert Choir of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., in cooperation with the Lodi High School orchestra, presented "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois. The presentation was sung first in the home church in Lodi on Palm Sunday evening and then repeated at the Willow Rancho Baptist Church in Sacramento on April 13.



The choir and orchestra were under the direction of Rev. Bill Copeland, minister of music and education. A total of 847 were in attendance Palm Sunday evening. The church now has five choirs active in the worship services, including a Bell Choir. Rev. Willis E. Potratz is pastor of the church.

CHURCH HAS ACTIVE PROGRAM IN MARCH

COLUMBUS, NEB. On March 2, 1969, at the evening service, Leonard and Sharon Reeser were baptized after giving their personal testimonies.

During the week of March 16-21 we were blessed with special services conducted by Rev. Wesley Gerber of Enid, Okla. A special story was told to the children each night. The children also learned a parable for each service.

On Palm Sunday a special musical program was held entitled, "The Tapestry of Easter."

At the evening service on Easter Sunday a special Candlelight Communion Service was held.

Rev. Carl Weisser is pastor of the church. (Mrs. W. A. Lewis, reporter.)

SIoux FALLS CHOIR GIVES CONCERT IN ASHLEY CHURCH

ASHLEY, N. D. On Good Friday, April 4, the Ashley Baptist Church had the privilege of hosting the 49 voice Concert Choir of Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. D. Overnight lodging and breakfast were provided in various homes. A capacity crowd of 450 attended. (Mrs. Carl Fischer, reporter.)

CHURCH HAS RECEPTION FOR NEW PASTOR

WICHITA, KAN. An Installation Service was held March 30, with a banquet preceding in honor of our new pastor and family. Rev. Donald I. Decker, Southwestern Conference mission secretary, brought the message at the Installation Service. Rev. Allen Heron was previously visitation minister at Redeemer Baptist in Warren, Mich., and comes here to Memory Lane with his wife, Bernice and daughters, Doreen and Carol. (Mrs. Bob Jones, reporter.)



WMU PRESENTS ANNUAL EASTER PROGRAM

ASHLEY, N. D. The Women's Missionary Society of the Ashley Baptist Church gave their annual program on Sunday evening, April 13, entitled "Easter." It was divided into three parts: "He died for me," "He arose for me," "He lives in me." Histories of several appropriate hymns were given after which these hymns were sung.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Ventura Baptist Church attended as special guests.

The offering was designated towards the \$2,100 project of the Dakota Conference WMU (Mrs. Carl Fischer, reporter.)

WMS CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

BROOKLYN, N. Y. The 100th Anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society of the Ridgewood Baptist Church commenced on Sunday afternoon, April 13. President Mrs. Ella Beck pointed out that seven members of the organization are 80 or over and faithfully attend all meetings. These octogenarians were honored with corsages. Mrs. Walter Marklein enriched the program with her vocal solo. Mrs. Herbert Hiller congratulated the Ridgewood women on behalf of the 13,000 women across the country. As guest speaker, Mrs. Hiller recounted the origins and later history of the women's Missionary movement and applied the words of the 100th Psalm to the activities of the women, past, present and future. Mrs. A. Lamprecht brought out the rich harmony of Gounod's "Sanctus" on her violin, accompanied on the piano by our organist, Mrs. H. V. Ross. The pastor, Rev. A. Lamprecht, spoke about the times in which the society was born and the more recent work and great usefulness of the group in the life of the church. (Marion von Ahnen, reporter.)

CHURCH OBSERVES EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

GEORGE, IOWA. The Central Baptist Ladies' Missionary Guild of George, Iowa, sponsored an Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast. We were inspired during the program conducted entirely by our young people. About eighty members and friends were in attendance.

We also had a special speaker, a missionary's daughter, during the Sunday school hour. Our pastor, Rev. Harold Drenth, brought inspirational messages at the two preaching services to conclude a joyful Easter Day. (Mrs. Harvey Schmidt, reporter.)

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD SPONSORS BANQUET

CHANCELLOR, S. D. The Men's Brotherhood of the Chancellor Baptist Church sponsored a banquet in Sioux Falls for all adults of the church on April 15, 1969. Mr. Don Anderson, a Christian businessman from the Ramsey Baptist Church at Salem, S. D., was the guest speaker. "Is Your Fellowship Out of Focus?" was the topic of his message. Rev. P. Wiens and Rev. Norman Miller, both former pastors of the Chancellor church were in attendance and took part in the program. (Mrs. Raymond DeNeui, reporter.)

PRE-EASTER SERVICES AND BAPTISM HELD IN SOUTH HILLS CHURCH

ERIE, PA. Seven young people witnessed to their faith in the living Savior by stepping into the baptismal waters. They were later presented by the Board of Deacons with a book chosen by the pastor, Rev. Fred Mashner, (pictured at left below) and titled, *Now That I Believe*. At this time the hand of fellowship was also extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Love and son Frederic who have returned to us after a "sojourn" in Memphis, Tenn.



Prior to this, we were inspired in a series of pre-Easter meetings with Rev. W. Quiring of Rochester, N. Y.

Our senior CBY under their president, Steve Eichler, have been leading the second Sunday evening service in each month with the Pastor bringing a series of lectures on the Book of Revelation. The offering is contributed toward the CBY special conference mission project, the Burlington Church Extension. (Mrs. Robert Eichler, reporter.)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH REPORTS ACTIVITIES

GOODRICH, N. D. On April 13 during the morning worship service a dedication was held for new carpeting purchased for our church. Also a public address system, which was given as a memorial by Mrs. Bennie Rauser and her two sons in memory of the late husband and father, Bennie Rauser.

A baby shower was recently given for Mrs. Harry Johnson, wife of our pastor, sponsored by the ladies of the church.

On Thursday, April 17, Women's Mission Society presented a program to the Sheridan County Memorial Home for the Aged. (Mrs. Albert Schmidt, reporter.)

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATIONS HOLD MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

CRAWFORD, TEX. The Mid-Year Southern Conference met in Crawford, Texas, in March with Rev. Elton Kirstein as moderator. "A true witness delivereth souls" based on Prov. 14:25, was the theme. The textbook used was *The Theology of Evangelism* by Dr. Ralph Powell of our Seminary. Dr. Powell was the teacher. Special training in Dynamic Camping was led by Rev. Oliver Bender. Dr. J. C. Gunst gave a message on the Holy Spirit. The Associations of the Southern Conference have united into the Mid-Year Conference with a different study emphasis each year. (Rev. O. K. Ringering, reporter.)

MISSIONARIES VISIT PLEVNA CHURCH

PLEVNA, MONT. Three missionaries from Cameroon, Africa, were speakers at a missionary conference at the First Baptist Church of Plevna, Mont., March 16-19. Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, Rev. Fred Folkerts, and Miss Ruby Salzman.

Various organizations provided special music and served lunch after each service. (Mrs. Walter Hochhalter, reporter.)

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have been opened to us, and God has blessed spiritually and materially—so may we carry on, each in her own corner, to do GREATER WORKS for Him, who gave His All for us!

NEWS AND VIEWS

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school-age children worship together. A special feature of the service is the children's sermon when youngsters are called to the front for a special time with their pastor. Although families

WMU REPORTS VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

SALT CREEK, ORE. Adoption of a room in the new women's home of the Salem Union Gospel Mission was a highlight of last year's events of our WMU groups. It is an upstairs bedroom which they have named Talitha Cumi (an Aramaic expression signifying "Maiden, arise" Mark 5:41). Our women are completing its furnishings and making occasional calls on its occupants.

A play, installation of officers, and reports of activities of the previous year were featured at a special church program April 13. In addition the various circles had also included these projects: Priscilla Circle supported an African student, Mildred Circle sent library books to our teachers' college in Africa, and Johanna Circle made quilts and lap robes for missionaries and rest homes. (Jan M. Overholser, reporter.)

CHURCH IS HOST TO PASTORS' RETREAT

ASHLEY, N. D. A pastors' retreat was held March 11 at the Ashley Baptist Church, hosted by Rev. and Mrs. Stan Pelzer. Pastors and their wives and children from 15 churches were represented. A potluck dinner was enjoyed followed by a time of fellowship and business session.

Special features included a farewell in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Milton Falkenberg of Ventura who went to LaSalle, Colo., to become the new pastor there. Also a welcome for Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Kern, who are new at the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. D. (Mrs. Carl Fischer, reporter.)

COUPLE OBSERVES 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph E. Jahn of Philadelphia, Pa. marked their golden wedding anniversary during the month of March. A family dinner was held on Saturday, March 22, the date of their wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Jahn are natives of Sheboygan, Wis.



The Jahns answered the call to manage the North American Baptist home for the Aged in Philadelphia in 1947. An illness of Mrs. Jahn forced them to leave after five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jahn are members of Pilgrim Baptist Church where the former has served two terms as trustee, member of the male chorus for many years and at the present time is secretary of the North American Baptist Home. Mrs. Jahn is president of the Martha Circle (the German group) and is a past president of the Atlantic Conference Women's Union.

The highlight was the program and Open House at the church. A delightful program was arranged by the children and grandchildren. Pastor Milton Zeeb spoke fittingly on the theme "To the Glory of God." (Lois Winkler, reporter.)

CHURCH ADDS SEVEN TO MEMBERSHIP

PLEVNA, MONT. March 30, at the afternoon service, Rev. Edward Kopf baptized seven candidates. On Easter Sunday they received the Lord's Supper and were extended the right hand of fellowship and accepted into the church. (Mrs. Walter Hochhalter, reporter.)

may spend the weekend away from home, they usually return in time for the Sunday evening program when junior and senior high youth meet with the pastor and lay leaders for instruction, Bible study, discussion, worship, and fellowship.

Obituaries



HARRY SCHMIDT of Glenview, Illinois

"Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure and whether it be right" (Proverbs 20:11).

Harry Schmidt was born May 13, 1959, in Chicago, Illinois. He went to be with the Lord on March 31, 1969.

Harry confessed faith in Jesus Christ and received Him as Savior from sin at the age of seven. He was baptized on June 2, 1966 at the Foster Avenue Baptist Church where he was a very active and faithful member until his departing.

Those who remain and mourn his passing include his father, Eugene Schmidt; his mother, Ella Schmidt; one sister, Karen; his maternal grandmother, Olga Hochhalter; his paternal grandfather, Gustav Schmidt, and a number of uncles, aunts and cousins. Foster Avenue Baptist Church Chicago, Illinois

CLARENCE H. WALTH, pastor

THEODORE BOHNE of Crawford, Texas

Mr. Theodore Bohne was born on December 23, 1908 and passed away, April 2, 1969 at the age of 60 years. At the age of 21 he gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized. On March 28, 1934 he was united in marriage to Miss Nannie Faye Sadler. They made their home on the farm. He leaves to mourn his wife, two daughters: Helen Sue and Kathy Ann; four sisters: Adela, Mrs. Otto Hennig, Minnie, Mrs. Ewald Wehmeyer, Mrs. Lydia Westerfield, and Hilda, Mrs. Bennie Dossman; three brothers: Bill of San Angelo, Melvin of Valley Mills, Elroy of Bonham; one grandson David Stanley preceded him in death. Beside these many friends grieve with the family.

Canaan Baptist Church Crawford, Texas
OLIVER K. RINGERING, pastor

JACOB LEHR of Okeene, Oklahoma

Jacob Lehr was born May 1, 1898 in the Deep Creek Community north of Okeene, Oklahoma and passed to his eternal reward on April 12, 1969.

On June 8, 1924 Jacob Lehr was united in marriage to Amelia Conrad, in Flint, Michigan, where the couple resided until 1930 when they moved to the Okeene Community. In 1949 the couple moved to a farm in the Watonga Community and lived there until 1962 when they moved to Okeene.

Brother Lehr was a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in his early years and later became a member of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene.

Left to cherish memories are his beloved wife Amelia; a daughter, Mrs. Jack (Mollie Ann) Hays of Atsugi, Japan; a son Marvin Ray Lehr of Victoria, Texas; four sisters: Mrs. Andrew (Lydia) Nusz of Enid, Oklahoma; Mrs. H. K. (Molly) Laubach of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mrs. Henry (Marie) Karle of Gering, Nebraska; and Mrs. Dave (Bertha) Tautfest of Weatherford, Oklahoma; three brothers: Carl and Fred Lehr of Okeene, Oklahoma and Harry Lehr of Midland, Michigan and many relatives and friends.

Zion Baptist Church Okeene, Oklahoma
KARL E. BIEBER, pastor

KATIE ROTHE of Otis, Kansas

Mrs. Katie Rothe was born on March 27, 1888 at Shaffer, Kan., and went to be with the Lord March 26, 1969 at Great Bend, Kansas. She was reared in the Shaffer area and in 1911 she was united in marriage to Bernard W. Budde. He preceded her in death in 1938. She later married Henry Rothe and they had 24 years of marriage when he died in May, 1968. She was a life-long resident of the Otis, Bison and Shaffer area. She made a personal acquaintance with the Lord

Jesus Christ as her Savior. She was baptized by immersion and received into the membership of the First Baptist Church of Bison, Kan. She was a member of the Baptist W. M. U. and the Progressive Club of Otis, Kan. Surviving are three brothers: Harry and Alex of Bison and Clarence of LaCrosse; two sisters: Mrs. Lydia Pleger of Seal Beach, Calif., and Mrs. Emma Diehl, Kiowa, Kan.; relatives and many friends.

Rev. Edward Oster was her pastor.
First Baptist Church
Bison, Kansas
MRS. EDWARD SELL, reporter

MAGDELINA BOSCHEE of Lehr, North Dakota

Mrs. Maggie Boschee was born on March 9, 1898 in Russia. She came to America with her parents in 1907 to live in Logan County, N.D. After marrying John Boschee on March 8, 1917 they settled on a farm N.E. of Wishek. In 1940 they moved to the Lehr vicinity where they farmed until moving into Lehr in 1956. Her husband preceded her into glory on March 22, 1959. Mrs. Boschee passed into her heavenly reward on April 16, 1969 at the age of 70.

She is survived by three sons: Gideon and Albert of Lehr, Edwin of Jamestown; six daughters: Mrs. Arthur Kautz, Wishek, Mrs. Ben Woehl, Wishek, Mrs. Dale Decker, Miles City, Montana, Mrs. Walter Perleberg, Mrs. Myron Beutow, and Mrs. Wilbur Wahl all of Jamestown; two sisters: Mrs. John Diede of Jamestown, Mrs. Christ Diede of Wishek; one brother Carl Goebel of Lehr; 28 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mrs. Boschee was baptized by Rev. Fenske and received into the Ebenezer Baptist Church in January 1969. She was active in the Ladies' Missionary Society as well as being a faithful attendant at our church services. Ebenezer Baptist Church Lehr, North Dakota

LEONARD STRELAU, pastor

TRIBUTE TO DR. BRETSCHNEIDER

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Emeritus; a title he held until his death. During his retirement he served as associate pastor at Greece Baptist Church near Rochester, New York, 1952-1953, and as interim pastor, Odgen Baptist Church, Spencerport, New York, 1953-1956. In regard to his ministry at the Greece Baptist Church he wrote May 17, 1953, "We took in during my ministry 119 people, over 40 youth at Easter, all the fruit of visitation evangelism and my personal work in homes. I haven't had as much joy in my ministry in many years."

In his last visit in Sioux Falls, December 11, 1959, at President Veninga's inauguration, he remarked, "It is a joy to walk through the halls of our Seminary, to sit once more in the chair of my study. I also stood in the pulpit of the chapel recalling our common fellowship with God. God bless our Seminary as it continues to prepare young men for the ministry."

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men and women for Christian service. Those of us who were privileged to sit in his classes readily recall his quiet dignity and spiritual discernment. He found great delight in sharing and interpreting the Word of God.

Students and faculty alike were strengthened by the serenity of his spirit, by the clarity of his thought and by his great heart of love. I personally found Albert Bretschneider to be a wise teacher and later a genuine friend. Relentless in his pursuit of truth, whether in the scriptures or in history, he was most of all concerned with how he might help his students see this truth and use it for better living. He was determined to be intellectually honest and to follow God with his whole heart.

Professor Bretschneider accepted for himself the highest disciplines of scholarship and made similar demands on his students, for he knew that God's servants must learn to love God with the whole mind as well as with all of the heart. It was by his own imitation of Christ that our beloved professor won our hearts. We loved him because he knew how to speak the truth in love; we admired him because he knew how to live daily by Christ's golden rule; we honored him because he knew how in controversy or quietness to express the mind of Christ; we respected him because of his exemplary character.

We pay tribute to a former teacher, colleague, and friend. We thank God for this humble servant of Jesus Christ. May the Christlike spirit which we saw in him be reflected in us.

—Dr. Frank Veninga, president,
North American Baptist Seminary,
Sioux Falls, S. D.

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lem of such meetings where theory is often dwelt with at the expense of a practical working plan which enables one to connect the subject with everyday life. The inspiration received and enthusiasm generated enabled participants to go to their own churches and communities with a clearer vision of the work to be done, having had some on-the-job training and having acquired more confidence and boldness in witnessing for Jesus Christ. It is heartily recommended that practical workshops of this same nature be conducted wherever possible with the hope there would be the same enthusiastic participation that was experienced in the Southwestern Conference.



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