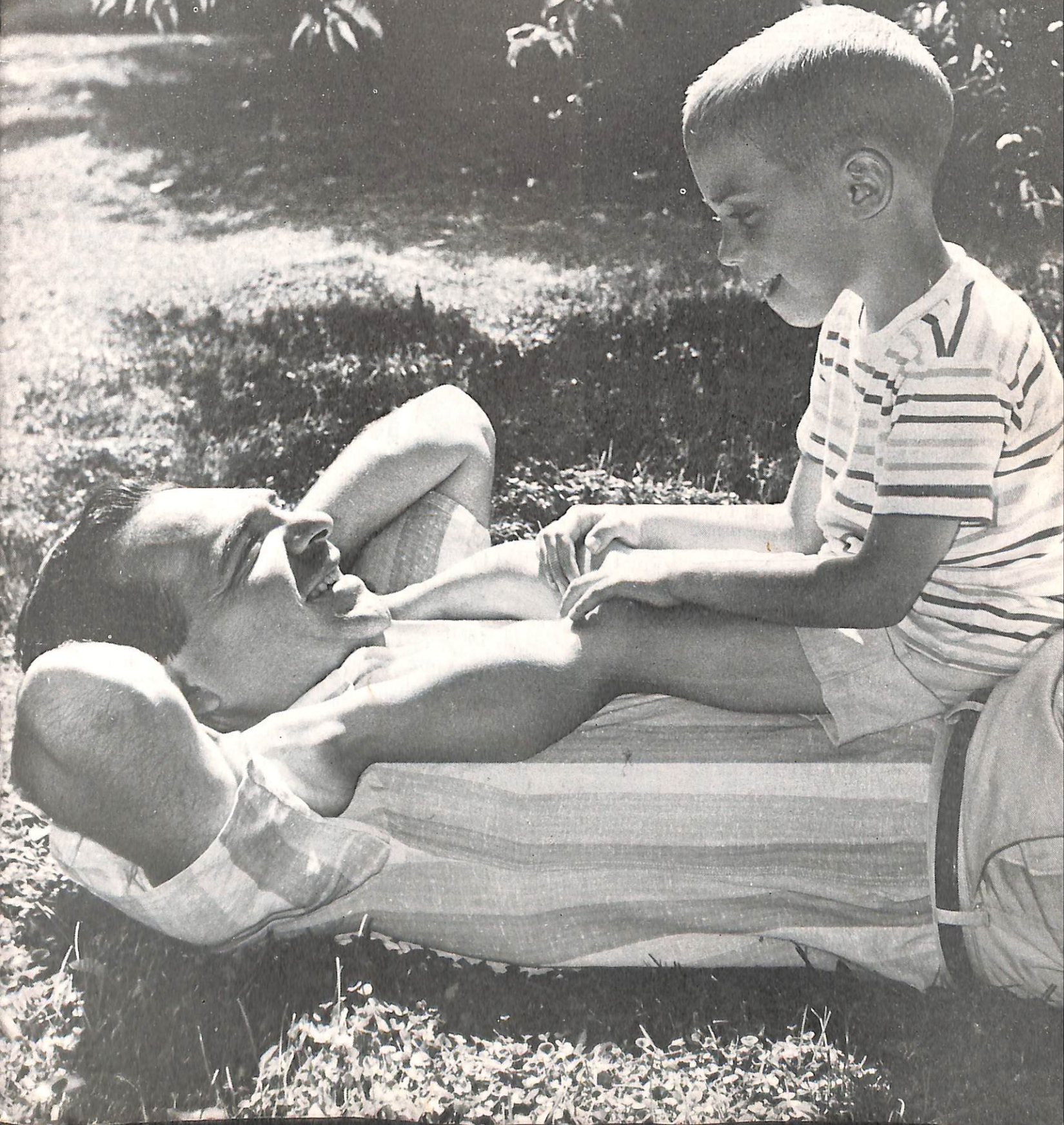


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## AS I SEE IT

Religious News Analyzed

by Paul Siewert

The caption, "This Church Gets Along Just Fine—without any pews or even a minister," recently headed an article in a local magazine. The article exposed a significant turn of events in the St. Luke's United Church in Mississauga, Ontario. Complimented was the fact that the church had erected a non-traditional church building, committed the administration to a church-elected board, arranged for a team of four neighboring ministers to care for the formal services, and deliberately omitted the installation of pews.

What a refreshing change! Now the church has a nice rectangular building, a local administrative board, four part-time ministers costing as much as one full-time man, and a good supply of softly padded chairs for comfort. The revolution is amazing?

Now all that is needed is an earnest commitment to the teaching of the Word of God, the creation of a church climate that will confront people with the presence of Christ, an earnest evangelistic outreach for Christ in the community, and a strong mission supporting program. Come to think of it, this article bears no information on these matters. I wonder why? Could it be that we are still trying to make Mickey Mouse changes roar like a lion?

### RUSSIAN PAPER PROTESTS CHURCH ATTENDANCE

MOSCOW. (EP) Too many people, including some Communist party members, are still going to church, a Red newspaper complained editorially here.

Sovetskaya Rosiya, newspaper of the Central Committee, stated in a front-page editorial that officials are ignoring the fact that many party members are also having their children baptized. "All this is going on despite the fact that K. Marx says religion is the opiate of the people, a reactionary force, and holds back the development of society," the editorial said. Communists were advised to substitute civil rituals for the religious rites that accompany baptism, marriage and birthdays.

### GOVERNOR OPPOSES NEW BID FOR PAROCHIAL AID HIKE

HARRISBURG, PA. (EP) A strong move for more public funds for parochial schools in Pennsylvania has been initiated in the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives despite a warning from Republican Gov. Raymond P. Shafer that he will veto the

appropriation if it reaches his desk because "there is no revenue-raising measure with it."

### PANAMA CRUSADES RESULT IN 2,133 TOTAL DECISIONS

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA. (BP) The first phase of the Crusade of the Americas in Panama ended recently with a total of 2,133 decisions for Christ, including 711 professions of faith, recorded in revival meetings attracting a total of nearly 47,200 persons. The revivals were held in 51 Baptist churches and missions assisted by 49 pastors, evangelists, singers and Baptist workers from the United States, Costa Rica, and Panama. Forty-one of the group came from the United States.

### DISCORD SEEN IN CHURCH UNITY

SEATTLE. (EP) Church mergers do not always create Christian unity but, in some cases, are having the opposite effect. Dr. Arnold T. Olson, president of the National Association of Evangelicals and of the Evangelical Free Church, made the assessment. Eight church mergers in recent years were cited, after which Dr. Olson commented that in the same period the *Yearbook of American Churches*



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listed 23 new denominations, a proliferation that may have been caused by the mergers. "Great unions do not mean unity, he said. Dr. Olson stated that the fellowship of the evangelical churches suggested a pattern for Christian unity which does not weld all churches into a single denomination but sets only one standard: "Do we worship the same Lord?"

### YOUTH CRUSADE BREAKS OUT OF CHURCH, DEHONEY SAYS

LOUISVILLE. (BP) A two-week evangelistic effort among Louisville youth broke out of traditional forms of evangelism in the local church and has "shaken the city", Dr. Wayne Dehoney, the North American Regional coordinator for the Crusade of the Americas said. The crusade, led by Evangelist Arthur Blessitt of Hollywood, Calif., started at the Walnut Street Church where Dehoney is pastor, but moved to the downtown Memorial Auditorium after 2,500 youth packed the church for two nights, and hundreds had to be turned away.

Dehoney told of dramatic conversions of young people and adults, saying the two-week crusade resulted in more than 700 decisions for Christ, including about 375 conversions. Chartered buses took youth from the

church and suburban areas to the downtown auditorium hours before evangelistic services were held, and the youth roamed the streets two-by-two witnessing to people on the streets and inviting them to the services, Dehoney said. He cited one example of two 14-year-old girls going into a bar and witnessing to an adult, getting him to attend the services, and leading him to a personal commitment to Christ. Dehoney added that the crusade broke out of the church, into the downtown auditorium then into shopping centers, and into the public schools.

Blessitt, an evangelist among the hippies of Los Angeles and Hollywood, spoke at 21 different high schools and junior high schools during the two weeks, telling of his work among drug addicts and hippies. Dehoney said that Blessitt spoke to 50,000 students and received standing ovations almost everywhere he went. Two mass meetings called "Youth Blasts" were held at high school gymnasiums, with packed crowds both nights, Dehoney said. A major disc jockey at a "Top 40" radio station presided at the "Blasts," and the leading combo in Louisville played. Blessitt delivered hard-hitting evangelistic messages,

Dehoney said.

At shopping centers, young people would witness to the crowds of shoppers and invited them to an area of the parking lot where Blessitt would speak from a flat-bed truck, after a combo had played, Dehoney said. Blessitt, who wore mod clothes and a medallion symbolizing peace and the cross, repeatedly asked the youth to "turn on to Jesus," and to "take the ultimate, eternal trip through Jesus Christ." Blessitt also told of his work on Sunset Strip with hippies and drug addicts, and of the nightclub he operates called "His Place," where he preaches nightly at about midnight to as many as 1,500 youth.

Dehoney said that the youth revival, a part of the Crusade of the Americas which is involving Baptists in North, Central and South America this spring, had prompted high praise from the Louisville chief of police and other city officials.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SETS LOW RENT HOUSING PROJECT

ATLANTA. (BP) A Sunday School group's desire to "translate Christian-oriented concern into a profound community impact" was climaxed here with ground-breaking for six low-rent

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## Editorial

# The Relaxed and Happy Family

Everybody needs to relax at sometime, and any doctor would tell you that to be able to relax your body and your mind completely is wonderfully refreshing to the whole system. But quite a lot of people, if the truth were told, find it very difficult to relax *inside themselves*.

Some people are afraid to relax because the moment they do all sorts of fears, memories, anxieties and guilt crowd into their minds so that they are not really relaxed inside. In families, this state of mind is acted out.

Families are people living together, trying to help and learn from each other, and putting the principles of the Bible through the practical tests of life. Here are some ideas that may help you have a relaxed and happy family life.

(1) *A family is relaxed and happy when it learns, believes, and teaches the Christian values of right and wrong.* One of the modern family problems is the 'generation gap' and the rebellion of youth. It is natural for children to identify with the convictions and purposes of parents. When parents do not have vital convictions and purposes, then youth identify elsewhere, often to the embarrassment of their parents.

(2) *A family is relaxed and happy when it mixes with other families, especially Christian family with Christian family.* Another modern family problem is isolation. Families move to new communities, do not get to know their neighbors or church friends well, and become relatively non-dependent on others. When friends are cultivated, then the personality of each member of the family is enriched by simply being among and conversing with others.

(3) *A family is relaxed and happy when each person in the home knows the function they are to perform.* Another family problem seems to be the changing role of father, mother, and children in the home. Today the father appears on the scene as less strong and very often away from home. He works and may moonlight. He has clubs and definite recreation time. He has church and community responsibilities. The mother's functions—keeping house, cooking, making clothes—have become secondary values in most North American homes. The mother is better described as an organizer or integrator, even when she is a working mother, and feels satisfied if nothing has gone wrong in the schedule that day. The children appear more often than not as 'absorbers' or 'consumers' only. They receive education at school, food and shelter at home, recreation from clubs, religion from church, and entertainment from TV. They appear to contribute little to the economy or organization of the household. When a family learns that it is interdependent, that each member is essential and has real and valuable functions, then all work together and know for what each is responsible.

Our Lord Jesus Christ opens the way to relaxed and happy family life today. Don't let the pressures of the age distort your family. Rather let the power of the Good News shape your home into what God intends it to be.

Guest editorial by Rev. Donald Richter, pastor, Grant Park Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

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# Forgiveness in Family Living

many diversities. God's pattern is that the family life be kept in all sacredness. Parents and children together must strive to make the home an abode of peace and blessedness, and a center of attraction and holy influence so that life follows most closely in the footprints of God. Christianity is the supreme need of the American home today. Let us not deceive ourselves into thinking that ritual and educational technique can take the place of a system of faith founded upon the strong and ageless teachings of Jesus Christ.

But what do we find today? The foundations of many homes are shaken. Among the many forces that have contributed to this are pleasure seeking, money-making, and social am-

the family as a unified group is unable to carry out the normal functions of the family. Very often it involves the personal disorganization of some individual in the family. There may be misunderstandings. These usually arise from small and insignificant things, such as, what is said or what is done. It may be some remark or some little deed that really meant no harm but was picked up in the wrong way or entirely misunderstood and, if not reconciled at once, can lead to disastrous results. It may also be caused by dissension. This occurs when members of a family are unable to reach some workable degree of unity. Members fail to find common objectives and identities of attitude in what they say or do. They fail to develop roles that are reciprocal. Too often the easy way out leads to separation or divorce or an endeavor to escape from an intolerable situation. Here again a true spirit of Christian forgiveness is the solution that best helps solve the difficulty.

Budget difficulties can cause serious problems. This usually occurs when couples do not estimate the true value of money and spend beyond their income. Our easy credit systems of the present day do not help this situation. Perhaps the husband has lost his job. Here again there needs to be genuine communication between husband and wife. Each must let the other know what he earns or spends. A careful accounting is necessary. Prepare a budget and live up to it. Money must be kept as servant, never as a master. Let it be the servant to major purposes for which life exists. Paul said, "Owe no man anything, except love." Many times crises arise due to depression, war, catastrophes, or even death. Here the crisis exists because the unity and relationships have been disturbed. Here the Christian must learn to transform these limitations as stated in II Cor. 12:9-12. He must take them as something God enables us to carry, and we become strong. Don't allow the crisis to fill the largest place in your thinking. Face these crises with God.

I list some of the problems that I have found disrupting in many family situations. (1) A sense of frustration with life itself and all that goes with it. Haunted by a fear, the individual feels he is morally defeated or unable to achieve self-mastery. (2) A hidden sin has been driven down deep into life by constant concealment. This then is followed by a constant haunting dread of discovery. (3) Inappropriate anxieties destroy the peace of mind and heart. This leads to a fear of people, of the past, of illness, of loneliness, of the future, of a mysterious impending calamity that eluded description. (4) An overwhelming anger and resentment shuts off communication. By not speaking or fraternizing with others, they unconsciously think they are getting even.

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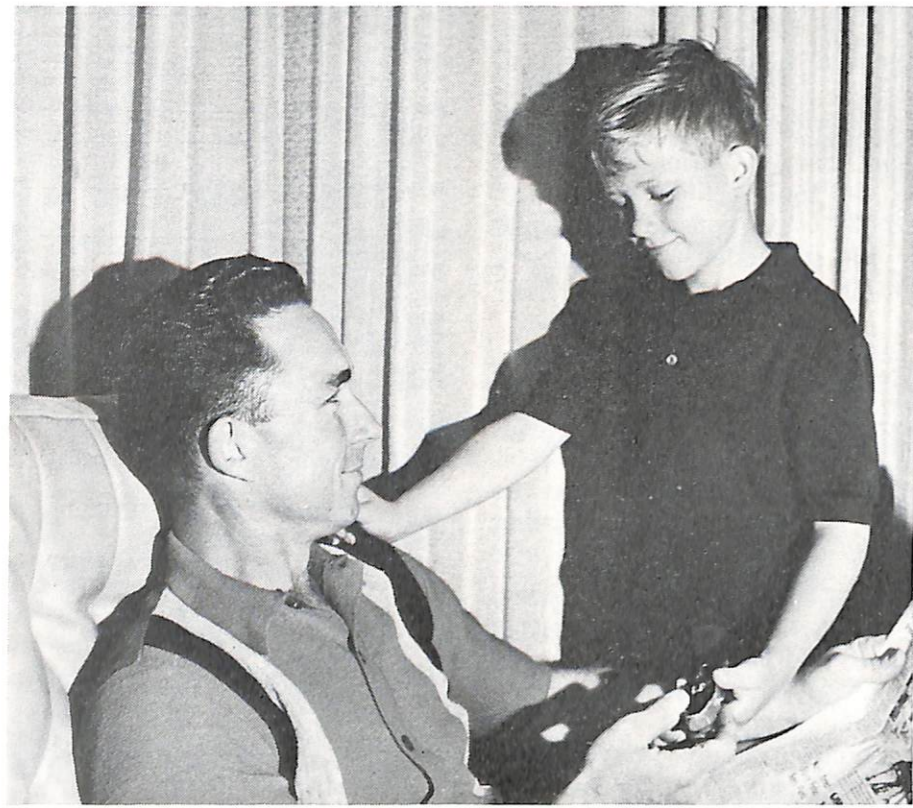


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by John Wobig

A FAMILY IS a fundamental unit in modern society. It is a community in miniature. All of life is indebted to it because it is the developing place of worship, law, learning, manufacturing and social functions. Someone has defined the family as "a group composed of parents and children bound together by common affection, loyalty and need, in the belief that it provides a good way to live." In the Biblical sense we may speak of the family as a household, a kindred, a division of a tribe, or the whole family of God in heaven and on earth. The idea of the family is unity, although it is made up of

hibition Something new and thrilling has to be sought for week after week. More stress is laid on making money than on making of a life. The motive of social ambition dominates every realm of thought and action. To this, add the weight of unusual economic conditions bearing down upon life today, the currents of revolutionary social change undermining life from beneath, and the repressed feelings of the many protest groups on the campuses and streets of our cities today. It is not strange that the debris of thousands of homes clog the channels of today's generation.

It is just natural that these conditions existing in the average home will lead to a crisis sooner or later. In the family such a crisis exists when

# Families Are Faithful

by Willis Potratz

POLITICAL OFFICE seekers usually make many promises during their campaigns. In this, an individual candidate proclaims that which he is going to do if and when he is elected. The intimation, if not the actual proclamation, is that the present office holder just hasn't done anything. When the aspirant wins the election and takes office, he begins to admit that the groundwork of that which he expects to accomplish will not be entirely different from that already begun by his predecessor. The actual fact is that the former office holder, although recognizing the need for increased results, had been working, seeking to achieve, and, in many instances, had already accomplished much.

The approach of the political aspirant is comparable to the way the challenge of Christian service is frequently presented. Very often, as we seek to exhort one another in teaching and in preaching, we present the injunctions of the Word of God as though nobody had even begun to live an overcoming, joyous Christian life. We intimate that nobody has really learned to pray, to apply the principles of the Scriptures to their daily needs, to actually witness in true soul winning, or to develop families which are a sweet testimony in their home life and activities.

This is not the approach of the New Testament. The usual pattern in the New Testament is like that used

in the First Letter to the Thessalonians. Thinking realistically and writing constructively, the Apostle Paul followed his personal greeting with these words: "We give thanks to God always for you all making mention of you in our prayers" (I Thess. 1:2). He continued by acknowledging their acceptance and application of the gospel. They had become an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. (I Thess. 1:7). This does not mean that there was no further room or need for challenge. It does mean that many of the Christians in Thessalonica were serving "the living and true God." Their relationship is described as a "work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (1:3).

In like manner, many in our present generation have a relationship with our "living and true God" which is fruitful. It is thrilling to call upon individuals whose "shut-in" room has become a sanctuary. In God honoring patience, these children of His appreciate the meat of the Word and, in sweet maturity, reflect a growing Christ-likeness in their attitudes and expressions. It is quite obvious that without the prayers of these saints much that is being done today for Christ would be unaccomplished. The writer thanks God, as the Apostle Paul did, for these precious individuals who spend a major portion of their mornings in daily prayer for those of us who are in the midst of manifold

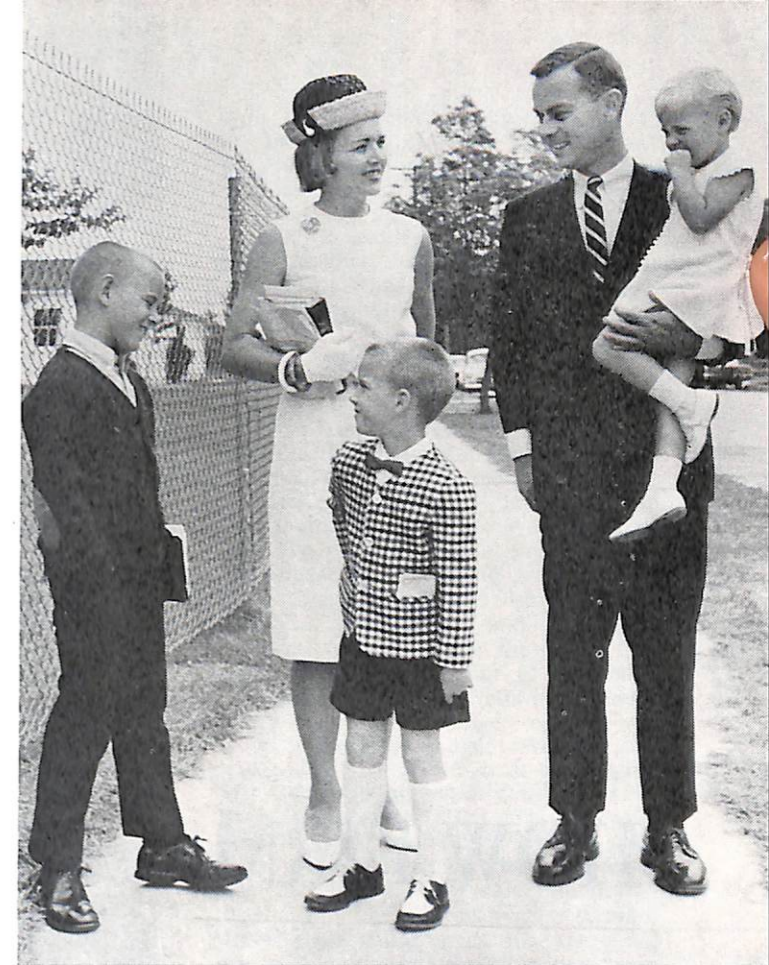


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responsibilities. People, such as these, are real in every community. They are faithful to the Lord in their circumstances. They can be counted on.

There are also the families and individuals which are very active in the affairs of daily life who major in serving Christ. Although their number is proportionately smaller than all of us would like to see, let us thank God and be ready to speak a word of encouragement to those in our environment who are consistently making a mark for Christ. Recently, a business man shared his burden for another individual with me. He told me how he had spoken to him. We united in prayer for this friend. In the following weeks, this soul winner invited his friend as his guest to two men's dinners where the gospel was presented. Following the second dinner, in the car, to lead this friend to Christ. The following Sunday morning, this man came forward at the invitation given in the worship service to publicly testify of his Christian experience. This is a single illustration in the soul winning activity of this business man. He is in the midst of his career, but, even in these important years, he has learned the joy of developing and buying up daily opportunities to relate himself to people so as to witness for Christ. Each day is planned to include several calls in a hospital, a drop-in call on a needy

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# HOW FIRM ARE THE FOUNDATIONS?

by Douglas Gallagher

DAVID SAID, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3). It seemed in his day that the foundations of law and justice, courtesy and decency, love and loyalty, virtue and honor were disintegrating. In the midst of all the alarming conditions, the tempter urged upon him a departure by saying, "Flee as a bird to your mountain" (Psalm 11:1b).

Today the foundations of our society are decaying. Morals, the truly Christian home, education that is Christian, and so forth, are fast declining. Are we losing that distinctively Christian home which was America's a century ago? Statistics seem to bear out the fact that we are. If so, what defense have we against the inroads of Satan's diabolical forces. J. Edgar Hoover states, "More and more children are being led toward crime as parents throw away responsibility. God, in many instances, is not accepted in the home, and concepts of morality have been relegated to the junk heap." He

goes on to say that "if there is hope for the future of America, we as a nation must return to God and to the practice of daily family prayer."

## What Can the Righteous Do?

Jesus spent much of His precious time on earth meeting the practical problems of obscure people, partly to teach us that the world does not need our theories, but rather our faith, love and service in the daily grind. God's people can and must establish strong Christian homes where Christ is supreme and where every member of the family fulfills his proper place and purpose. Christ must be at the center. The husband must take his place as head, and his supreme passion must be love (Eph. 5:23, 25, 28-29). The wife is to be a help to her husband. (Eph. 5:22). Her subjection is a sign of spirituality, not inferiority. The children are to be raised in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Eph. 6:4). This invokes obedience to the parents (Eph. 6:1) as well as,

honor and respect for them (Eph. 6:2). Yes, the righteous can do something. They can have homes that are Christian, and this just doesn't happen; it requires preparation and work. Several things are needed.

## A Successful Husband-Wife Relationship

Permeate your home with an atmosphere of love, unselfishly desiring the greatest good for the other. Far better than "the tongues of men and of angels" is the love that "suffers long and is kind." Strive to show affection and genuine appreciation, both before the children and by yourselves. Continue your courtship through marriage with expressions of love, courtesy and attention. It will amaze you what a proper parental attitude will do for the home. Much better to show love than to nag, criticize, belittle or find fault with one another. There is no place in the Christian home for grumbling or complaining. So, if you must argue, don't do it in

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front of the children; pleasant reaction to differences is basic.

## Cooperation in Child Rearing Is Important

Let me enumerate a few basic principles. (1) Formulate your theory of child training together, and both act according to it. (2) Both parents should participate in discipline so as not to create favoritism or fear of one parent on the part of the children. (3) Be firm and consistent when it is necessary to exert authority; do it in love; couple it with commendation when possible. (4) Both parents should gain the confidence of the children by listening with sympathy and understanding, and guiding in the solving of their problems. (5) Father should take time from his busy schedule to spend with the children; he is the symbol of the outside world of which they need concepts. Socrates used to say that he wondered how men could be so careful in the training of a colt yet so indifferent to the education of their own children. Really, where is the business, trade or work that is so important as to justify a man's evasion of the sacred duties which he owes to his own family? The little girl approached her mother and asked, "Mother, will daddy go to be with Jesus when Jesus comes?" Mother was somewhat startled and asked the reason for such a question. "Oh, I was just wondering," replied the daughter. "I thought he might be too busy to leave the store." May God help us as fathers to correctly evaluate our values.

## Belief in the Dignity of Each Individual

How wonderfully Jesus met and worked with people, especially His disciples. He recognized and believed in the worth, dignity and creative capacity of each individual. In our homes, we can exhibit this same attitude by (1) allowing for a certain range of expression and independence to grow gradually in our children, (2) giving opportunities for the members of the family to help make family decisions, (3) complimenting our children for the jobs they do and don't expect perfection. How prone we are to be negativistic in dealing with the children; whereas, we should be guiding them positively through suggestions and encouragement. The Bible says, "Bring up the children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). All parental control should be designed for the good of the children, not for the release of parental complexes, inhibitions, repressions or emotions.

## Acknowledge Christ as the Center of the Home

Perhaps we need to be reminded of a few practical but scriptural points. Pray for your children; pray *with* your children. They learn early in life what these things mean to you. Establish daily a meaningful family worship in which all members of the family participate. Lead your children, early in life, to a personal acceptance of Christ as Savior.

Remember, parents, you are the young child's standards. Just what are

you as a Christian parent going to inculcate or transmit to your children? If you want to train your child in the way he should go, you must first go in the way you would have him go. What you want the child to be, you must first be, for children model their lives after what they see in their parents. Remember too, you can only effectively transmit what you possess and are practicing in your own life.

## A Special Admonition for Parents

Trust the Spirit of God to do for the family what He alone could do for you as a parent. Someday we, as parents, are going to have to take our hands off, whether we like it or not. Therefore, though you may do your part in nurturing and guiding, as a Christian parent, ultimately you will put your trust and confidence in God, for you know that it is God that works in the life of the child "to will and to do of His good pleasure." Human knowledge, science, wisdom, philosophy, and not even religion are sufficient for the task of fashioning Christian personality in the child. Only God can do that. Thus, prayer for heavenly wisdom is needed each day at every stage of the training of the child. The only safe foundation in the day when parents are separated from their children is for the child to be rooted and grounded in a personal knowledge of the love of God, revealed in Christ as his Savior, Master and Friend.

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(5) Divided loyalties give first class attention to second class things. Here clubs, parties, and pleasures become more important than worship and service to God. To these one could add undisciplined desires, insincerities, and so forth; all of which tend to bring disharmony and division among families. And nothing is more damaging than a prolonged refusal to seek relief and healing that is to be found in confession and forgiveness. Yet so often what happens is a disrupted, broken family relationship that seeks to avenge a personal insult or injury when the occasion offers itself. But to overcome someone by forgiveness takes that one's heart captive by turning him into a friend or brother. Such an act makes certain that the conquest is a lasting one.

Several elements are involved in an experience of confession and forgiveness in family living. First, we must practice the presence of God and seek his forgiving help. Second, we must accept the fact that many causes may explain human behaviour, and not just the fact that someone alone is irre-

sponsible or that no one cares. Third, we must acknowledge with sorrow the sins committed against God and the wrongs we have done to ourselves and our fellowmen. Fourth, we must accept God's offer of forgiveness which he has provided for us through his Son Jesus Christ. Finally, we must make amendment for wrong-doing as a vital part of forgiveness.

God's forgiveness can change your life. Let God enter your family life and make it better than it ever was before. Remember that an experience of God's forgiveness reaches out and affects all relationships.

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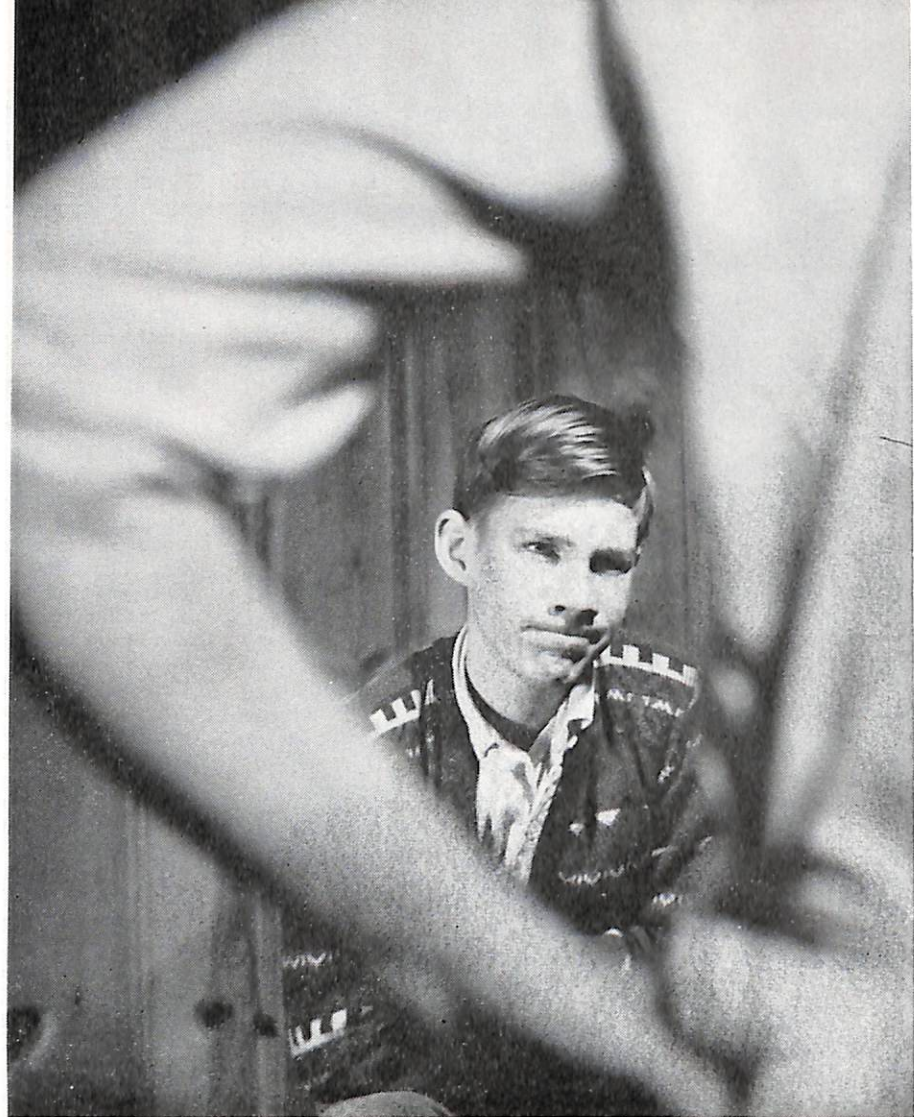
family, or an appointment to help another realize the joys which he has come to know in Christ. The joy of writing about this is increased because his personal ministries are not done in substitution of, or unrelated

from his support of, the witness given through the Church.

Then along with the "shut-in" saints and the "very active" servants, there are the host of "sacrificing" laborers who maintain many ministries in Christ's name. One church advertised its program by emphasizing "There is a place for you at -----." In every church there is a multitude of positions and requirements that are cared for by faithful individuals and families who are truly, presently, and effectively serving Christ in their respective places. For these, it is not a matter of beginning. Some have done that many years ago. It is a matter of increasing in effectiveness and being ever open to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

There are more than the "seven thousand" who, in their concern for others and through their deeds of kindness, are a positive witness. These mature Christians warm our hearts and challenge us "upon every remembrance" of them. They are out-going, genuinely interested in the young, the students, the newlyweds, the new parents, the ill, the aging and have time for each of us. They can be

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# DISCIPLINE IN THE HOME

**E**FFECTIVE discipline is needed in every home. Parents may disagree about what constitutes effectiveness, but most will agree that every child needs discipline for the development of mature character and a wholesome personality.

Discipline is defined usually as punishment to bring about obedience. A much broader understanding of the word, however, is needed. A proper understanding of discipline will reveal that the methods of discipline may be much more varied than many people realize and that, to be effective, discipline must be a term broad enough to include the parents as well as the children. Well disciplined parents usually mean well disciplined children. Even the atmosphere of the home affects the discipline of the home.

Here we are concerned primarily, however, with the discipline of the child. The recent trend, which is still

quite prevalent, away from any effective discipline in the home has been a factor in many of the juvenile problems that we face today. Parents are increasingly realizing that the psychology of a generation or two ago which rejected practically all discipline was tragically faulty. They are now wanting to recapture something of the discipline used by their parents or grandparents. In order to understand the place of discipline in the training of the child, parents need a clearer insight into the purposes, methods, and principles of discipline.

## PURPOSES OF DISCIPLINE

Children are not born with a highly developed sense of what is right and wrong. By nature their impulse is to take for themselves whatever attracts them and to please themselves no matter who else may be displeased in the process. It is the obligation of the parents to instill in the child those

principles which will transform him from a creature of personal whim and selfish impulse to a person who not only recognizes the rights of all other persons about him but who also feels an obligation to give himself in unselfish service for their good. Discipline in the home lays the foundation both for the further discipline which society imposes on individuals and for the discipline which God in Christ purposes for all men. For Christian parents, all discipline should have the distinctive Christian objective of bringing the individual to accept the yoke of Christ.

Of course, discipline serves many specific purposes. It teaches children respect for authority, the consequences of wrong doing, the habits of right living, the quality of unselfishness, and the importance of self-discipline. According to Proverbs discipline proves the love of parents for their children: "He who spares the rod

hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him" (13:24, RSV).

Society insists that maturing individuals control their impulses. If parents do not teach their children this self-control then society steps in and does it. Such tardy discipline by society is not only sharply painful, but is also generally unsuccessful in leading the person toward stable character and a disciplined life.

The place for an individual to learn self-control is in the home. The time for it is when he is a child. The persons responsible for it are the parents. The means of instilling it is discipline.

## METHODS OF DISCIPLINE

The child's reaction to parental discipline is of far greater significance than the method used. Discipline in general and physical punishment in particular ought never to be ends in themselves. They are simply means to an end. There are problems, however, which parents face regarding methods of discipline. How are we to go about disciplining our children? What are the kinds of discipline? What methods are really best to use?

**Punishment.** Punishment, as a method of discipline, may take several forms. Physical punishment such as spanking or "applying the rod" was once forbidden by psychologists but some of the most able men in that field are now agreed that their is nothing wrong with this method as such. They have thus returned to the Bible injunction, "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell" (Prov. 23:13-14). Another way for a parent to punish a child is to sit down with him and have a very serious heart-to-heart talk. There are many useful citizens and great Christians who personally testify to the effective disciplinary result of such a "talking to" from parents. Again, parents may punish the child by depriving him of something which he especially likes, or by withholding certain privileges from him. Such punishment accomplishes little with some children but is quite effective with others.

Although many people consider "discipline" and "punishment" synonymous, responsible students of this subject are practically unanimous in observing that punishment, while it definitely has its place in discipline, is actually the least effective method of discipline available to parents. Physical punishment, especially if administered with harshness and cruelty, may enforce external conformity. By its very nature, however, punishment alone cannot produce real respect for authority or identification with the one administering it.

A recent congressional report concerning juvenile delinquency states: "On looking at punishment in the con-

text of the emotional relationship between parents and child the critical points seems to be whether the disciplinary measures are consistent or not, whether it is cruel or firm and kindly, whether it is given with calmness or anger, and most important, whether it is given by a parent who really loves the child, not one who is indifferent or hostile to the youngster."

It should be remembered that while punishment is one important form of discipline it is not the only form. Punishment actually appeals only to the fear instinct. As Dr. Sheldon Glueck has suggested, "Unless you build up within the person a stronger motivation for behaving himself than fear, as soon as the officer or father is away, the child will twiddle his thumb at him and go and sin some more." Much stronger motivations for acceptable behavior may be built into the character of a child through the right example set before him and through steadfast love shown toward him than could ever be possible through punishment alone.

**Example.** Children seek to be like those they love and admire. The kind of person a child becomes depends upon the kind of adults he has loved and admired. His sense of right and wrong seems really to depend upon the emotional ties which exist between him and his parents. Careful scientific studies indicate that non-delinquents have satisfying relationships with their parents in early life while delinquents do not. The importance of the right example seems to be what the writer of Proverbs 29:15 has in mind when he says, ". . . A child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." This biblical word picture is that of an animal left to himself in the pasture so that he never achieves any usefulness.

If parents hope to rear disciplined children then it is imperative that they exercise self-discipline before them, setting the right example in all things.

**Consistent Love.** When parents consistently love their children they discipline them naturally and effectively. In consistent love a father is able to bring up his children "in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4, RSV). This consistent love is what the Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency was emphasizing in pointing out that a youngster needs to know that he can always count on his parents. The report further declares that the lines of character and self-control are erected in the individual, if at all, by definite rules administered fairly but firmly. This can be accomplished in the family through the simple but effective method of love and praise for conformity and threatened withdrawal of approval for violations. It well says, "Where there is only approval or neglect, there is no dynamic force through which the child

can create or identify himself with standards of behavior and the life and conduct of his parents." When parents consistently love their children it is not only natural but practically inevitable that the children as a consequence will love, honor, and obey their parents.

The methods of discipline used must vary not only with different children but also with the same child at different age levels. For instance, when the child is under six years of age the parents, for the child's physical and emotional welfare, should require complete obedience. From about the age of six, however, the parents should begin to lead the child to exercise self-control and personal responsibility. By the time a youngster becomes a teen-ager he must, if he is to be a disciplined adult, have learned to respect his parents who, through judgment, discernment, and experience, have demonstrated their ability to help him. A parent can discipline a four-year-old by whipping him but a teen-ager needs counsel. For discipline to be effective, the methods must be accommodated to the age and the individual needs of the child.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR DISCIPLINE

- (1) Love of the parents for the child is the most important ingredient in discipline. Many problem children are suffering more from a lack of affection than from a lack of punishment.
- (2) Parents should agree regarding the disciplining of the children. They should talk and study and pray themselves together. They should not differ over discipline in the presence of the child.
- (3) Parents should be consistent in discipline.
- (4) Parents should remember that discipline, to be effective, must begin early. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).
- (5) Parents should not punish the child to give expression to their own anger.
- (6) Parents should not hesitate to use physical punishment if and when it would be the most effective method of discipline. Spanking may clear the emotional air between a parent and child to the benefit of all concerned.
- (7) The parents should maintain regular family worship or devotions. There is a positive disciplinary value in the regular reading of the Word of God and in prayer. (Such Baptist publications as *Home Life* and *Living With Children* offer helpful suggestions.)
- (8) Parents should seek the leadership of the Lord in the training and the disciplining of their children, recognizing their responsibility to him for them.

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Mrs. Mary Kern Hein

# A Tribute to Our Mother

by Rubin Kern

IT IS AN extremely difficult assignment to express a written tribute to one's mother without impressing the readers as being idealistic and boastful. On the other hand, why should we not speak ostentatiously of the one who has given life, cared for, showered her love and expressed her prayerful concern, throughout her entire life, upon her offspring? A mother, worthy of a tribute, should hear it while she is living and receive it after she has gone through the lives of those whom she has influenced.

Before the turn of the century, she, with others, came from Europe as a pioneering, immigrant girl to Edmonton, Alberta. Until her father, Ferdinand Borchert, her step-mother, younger sister and two brothers followed, she was entirely reliant upon her meager earnings. She married Christian Kern, an orphaned wanderer born in Germany, who attended a trade-school in Switzerland; crossed the Atlantic to the United States of America to Sanduski, Ohio, and Spokane, Washington; and homesteaded near Leduc, Alberta.

Mother often spoke of those early, difficult pioneering years but never in complaint. As many others were responsible for even larger families, our parents had two daughters and five sons to be fed mainly from the produce of the homestead, clothed from scarce income, housed in a self-constructed dwelling, doctored with home remedies, schooled by one teacher in a one-room building. Our parents had so little, but they gave so much.

Beyond being a professing Christian, mother lived her convictions in a way that left no doubt in our minds as to "whose she was and whom she

served." Her concern for the family became intensely evident upon the sudden death of our father in 1922. She always encouraged church attendance and church-related activities. We were not always free to do as we pleased nor go where we wanted to go, but we knew of and understood her approval for the work of the Lord and the ministry of the church. She was never coercive in this direction. However, as her sons, we knew that we had her wholehearted consent to enter full-time Christian service, for it was her wish and prayer that God would call one or more of her sons. She had given them to Him.

Mother did not hesitate to express her joy and satisfaction over the fact that all her children, most of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and those of her sister and brothers were followers of Christ, and most of them were members of Baptist churches. She was a devout Baptist, and we knew of her love to Christ and loyalty to her church and denomination.

She eagerly volunteered expressions of joy and genuine pride in that God had called some from this large "family clan" into various areas of full-time Christian service. When I last visited Mother on her 95th birthday in January of 1968, she said, "When I counted those who are in the ministry from our family and those of my two brothers, I found that there are nine. This makes me happy and I am thankful."

It may be of interest to readers of this tribute to know who these nine are five grandchildren: Edwin Kern, missionary in Japan; his sister, Mrs. Raymond Harsch, wife of the pastor of Cedarloo Baptist Church, Cedar

Falls, Iowa; Eugene Kern, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota; his sister, Eunice Kern, missionary teacher in Cameroon; Mrs. Ben Breikreuz, wife of the newly appointed professor to our Seminary; one grandniece and two grand-nephews: Mrs. Bernard Schalm, wife of Dr. B. Schalm of our North American Baptist College in Edmonton; Dr. Gerald Borchert of our Seminary in Sioux Falls; his brother, Dr. Donald Borchert, head of the Religion Department at the University in Athens, Ohio; and her youngest son, Rubin Kern, eastern district secretary, NABGC.

Our Mother was a hard worker, thrifty and honest. She never expressed a desire to amass material possessions. She appeared to be content with the necessities of life. She trusted the Lord in what he said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." God honored her longing never to become a burden to her children. She shared thoughtfully her few earthly assets where she felt the need was greatest. God blessed her with excellent health and a keen coherent mind until her departure from this earth where she had been a pilgrim for nearly 96 years. When all accounts were balanced after her death, the equivalent of a leadership gift was left for our Missionary Advance Program. But far beyond that, she leaves, as many Godly mothers do, a legacy of life and love to be remembered and admired.

It would be an insult to our mother's dignity for any one of her children to attempt elevating her to a pedestal of perfection. She was most sensitive to her own limitations and imperfections. However, to those of us who are the heirs of her life and beneficiaries of her love and concern, as our mother, she is ideal.

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## FAMILIES ARE FAITHFUL

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counted on to hold the confidences of the many who appreciate good listeners. These, too, are faithful.

Remembering that no labor for the Lord is in vain emphasizes the present faithfulness of those who are ever ready to care for a manual duty, to use their automobiles, to prepare appropriate flower arrangements, etc., that all things might be done decently and in order and that their faith may be shared.

You who have received the gospel, "not as the word of men, but as it is in truth the Word of God" are encouraged to continue to grow in your effective service.

Rev. Willis Potratz is the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.

## A TRIBUTE TO A FATHER

by Herman Palfenier

He was tall and gangling, with stooping shoulders of a laboring man who worked long hours every day. He had the mind of a scholar, the heart of a child and the soul of a poet. He knew God and lived with Him daily in intimate fellowship. He loved His Bible; to him it was the inerrant Word of God. "What saith the Scripture?" was the criterion by which he lived. It was the Sword of the Spirit which he wielded with skill and power. To

"I wanna be like my dad!"

## INVENTORY DAY FOR DAD

Dad, what you are to your children means vastly more than what you do for them.

Spiritually speaking, too.

The woods are full of critics of the American scene who rattle a ball point pen at the cracking-at-the-seams American home and shout, "The father is failing his children because he has majored on the wrong sense of values!"

Materially, today's father has done very well. Now, don't downgrade yourself for that, dad. You face daily the rugged challenge of providing for your family. The Bible makes it crystal clear that a man who does not provide for his family is worse than an infidel (I Tim. 5:8). So don't browbeat yourself for that.

However, today's son and today's daughter need the example of a godly, devoted-to-Christianity type of father! Dad, have you set your affections on things of this world, or on divine matters? And, can your children sense that in you? Are you batting your head off to pick up earthly goods and in so doing bypassing the church, God and the things of Christ? And do your children realize what your real values in life are?

Have you turned down some job in church because your work has you too tied up? You're anxious that the kids be active in Sunday school, church, youth group, etc., but they don't see much of an example in your life, as far as serving Christ is concerned.

Strange thing about Father's Day each June. It often ends up as Inventory Day for many dads. The sincere father asks himself, "How am I doing as an example?"

Today's world has no room for

live by its precepts was his burning desire. He was the high priest of his home who kept the fame of the family altar burning brightly at all times. He was mighty in prayer.

He loved his family and sought to guide his children into the pathways of truth, beauty and love. He enthralled them with his gift of telling and reading stories. On long winter evenings, He would gather them around himself and lead them into the enchanted worlds of Biblical truths, the far-flung fields of history and literature, and opened their minds to the lives and works of the great men and women of the ages. He instilled in them the love of books and reading in three languages.

He loved the fellowship of the saints. No greater joy could come to him than to harbor them under his

phony fathers. The real kind is needed.

Like the Apostle Paul wrote to young Timothy, ". . . Be thou an example of the believer, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (I Tim. 4:11b).

No more heartening words can come the way of any father than, "I wanna be like my dad."

Spiritually speaking, too.

—Mel Larson

## No Tomorrow

"Daddy, would you play with me just a little bit?" John looked down at his little girl. He loved her more than anything in the world. He loved to hold her in his lap with her head cuddled beneath his chin and her soft frizzly hair tickling his nose. He loved to hear her laugh because it meant she was happy. He loved her morning freshness as he tucked the covers around her and listened to her soft breathing in the stillness. He loved to hold her tiny body close to him and feel her tiny arms squeezing him in a child's hug.

"Daddy, would you play with me just a little bit?"

"Can't tonight, sweetheart, Daddy hasn't got time."

"But last night you said you would."

"Well, I thought I could last night, sweetheart; but something's come up. Daddy'll be sure to play with you tomorrow night."

The little girl watched her daddy leave the room, looked down at her toys for a moment, then picked up Chauncey Chimp by his rubber hand and walked to her room. "Daddy'll be sure to play with us tomorrow night, Chauncey," she said.

Yes, honey, Daddy'll be sure to play with you tomorrow—so easy to say,

roof, to fellowship with them in the things of God and to pray and laugh with them. Preachers loved to come to his home. He was a witness to all of the grace of God in Christ. People sensed that here was a man wholly available to Christ.

In all circumstances of life, he trusted the Lord for wisdom, guidance and deliverance. He experienced many miraculous answers to prayers. His un-failing faith was expressed in these words "The Lord will provide!" And the Lord always did. One day he fell asleep—and awoke in Glory.

THIS MAN WAS MY FATHER!

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so hard to do. But how often the opportunities slip by with only bitter memories to think of. "Daddy'll be sure to play with you tomorrow night." That's what he said. But he never did! You see his little "sweet-heart" was killed by a car that night while crossing a street with Chauncey in her arms.

## DISCIPLINE IN THE HOME

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Most of us as parents do not work as hard as we should at the most important job in the world—being good parents. Competent parenthood is not a sort of magic endowment that requires no particular preparation. Special thought and earnest prayer ought to be given to new problems of discipline that arise from day to day. A plan of action ought to be outlined and day to day development of children in the home ought to be achieved.

Discipline in the home has far larger implications than we often realize. The successful projection of the work of the schools, the government—particularly the law enforcement agencies—and the churches depends in large measure upon the effective disciplining of children in the home. Christian parents, of all people, should concern themselves most seriously with discipline in the home.

Discipline in the home will not solve all our problems, but it will solve a multitude of them.

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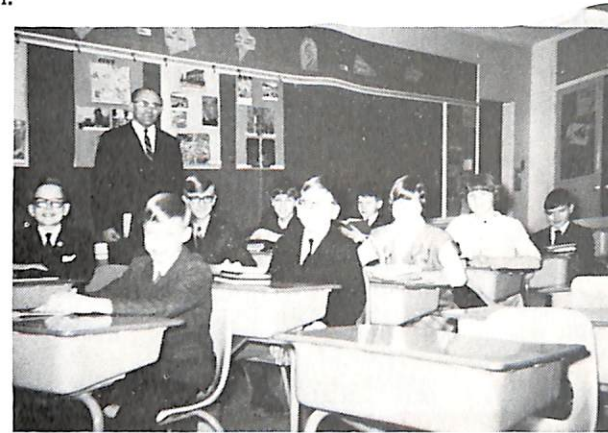
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These are the people who compose the Sunday congregation of the church extension project. They meet at Sunshine Hills School.



The pastor and family consists of Rev. and Mrs. Edmond Hohn, Glenda, Sharlene, and Calvin.



Rev. Edmond Hohn teaches the Christian Life class.

# So glad You started this Church

by Edmond Hohn

IN THE June 1, 1968, edition of the *Baptist Herald*, you were introduced to our church extension work in the Delta-Surrey area of British Columbia. Now, almost a year later, we are happy to report of the progress, the present program and future plans of this work. We are grateful to God for His guiding hand to date.

As a pastor and family, we arrived here on August 1, 1968, to find an enthusiastic group of people, anxious to organize and establish an effective Gospel witness in this area. Sunday school and morning services had been conducted since January 1. Until our arrival, the Rev. Rudolph Rapske, superintendent of our Evergreen Baptist Home in White Rock, rendered an appreciated preaching ministry.

September 29 was a joyous occasion as we met for our organizational meeting. Twenty-seven people shared their personal testimonies and these constitute the charter membership of our church. A Recognition Council met on November 26, and we hope to be officially received as a North American Baptist Church at the Pacific Conference sessions this summer. Our present program is as follows: a Sunday school of six classes with 58 enrolled, Sunday morning and evening services with an attendance of 50-60 in the morning and 30-40 in the evening, a Wednesday evening prayer service with 25-35 in attendance; junior choir, Pioneer Girls, a youth group meeting twice a month, and King's

**CHURCH EXTENSION  
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Daughters, ladies' group meeting monthly. The Sunday and Wednesday services are held in the Sunshine Hills Elementary School; Pioneer Girls meet in a small kindergarten building in the area, and the other meetings are held in homes. Though we appreciate the use of the school facilities, there are disadvantages. Often volleyball nets and other equipment are still up when we arrive. One morning when we arrived, the thermometer in the auditorium read 36 degrees—not too conducive for worship. We did find a classroom where it was a bit warmer. Now committed Christians do overlook these disadvantages, but the non-Christians of the area whom we are trying to reach are hesitant to attend as long as we meet in the school. The most often asked question in our visitation is, "When will you build?" This attitude was also evident in the census that God's Volunteers took in our area just over a year ago. A number of families indicated interest in our work, but only after we had a

building. We, therefore, feel that the sooner we can get into our own building the better.

We have appreciated the counsel and encouragement of the Greater Vancouver Church Extension Advisory Committee, composed of representatives from all of our area churches. The B.C. Association is also helping as it contributes \$70 a month for parsonage rental. We are especially grateful to our parent churches, Bethany and Ebenezer Baptist of Vancouver. They have purchased a five-acre building site for us. This is strategically located on the boundary between the Delta and Surrey Municipalities, on a main road near Highway No. 10, an east and west thoroughfare and also near the freeway leading west to Vancouver and south to Seattle, Washington. The Municipalities of Delta and Surrey reported an 18 per cent growth increase last year and predict a greater increase this year. We have heard that the forecast is that by 1985 the population of the Greater Vancouver area will double. We are located in an area of rapid expansion. The Roberts Bank Super Port is being constructed just to the south of us. A \$22 million shopping centre and apartment complex is to be started this year within a mile of our property. This will bring many people to our immediate area.

Our preliminary building plans have been approved by the local committee and by the denominational Church Extension Committee. The plans call for a first unit with a sanctuary to accommodate approximately 200, a church office and six classrooms on the main floor and a basement containing washrooms, kitchen, a social hall and additional classroom space to be completed as needed. We have been delayed with our building because of a water problem on our property. We trust that this will soon be alleviated and that by the time you read this article we will have started. This is a big undertaking for a small group. Our people have in faith committed themselves to contribute \$14,000 above the regular tithe for the building fund over the next three years. We are confident that God will honor such commitment and will prosper our work.

We rejoice to already see God at work as young people and children have responded to the preaching of the Gospel. Several public commitments have been made, and a number have indicated desire for baptism and church membership. The pastor is presently teaching a special class on "The Christian Life." We visited a home in the community where the children have taken a stand, to discuss with the mother this special class for new converts. She seemed very pleased and said, "I want my children to get what I didn't when I was young." She is now also attending our services. An eleven-year-old lad, who responded to the invitation one Sunday



## God's Volunteers Team I Reports

by Ginny Van Kirk

Our Crusade in Philadelphia, Pa., at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, where Rev. Milton Zeeb is the pastor, concluded on March 9, 1969. The members of the church gave of their time to serve Christ through the ministry of visitation. With combined efforts we reached 795 people through door-to-door visitation and prospect calling.

We held a Children's Rally on March 6 at which time the children participated on singing and listened intently to the Bible stories and magic object lessons presented by various team members. Youth from various churches were invited to a Youth Rally on March 8. There was a time of fun, fellowship and a devotional period led by the team with closing remarks by the youth sponsor.

Our Crusade in Ridgewood Baptist Church in New York concluded on March 21, 1969. The pastor at Ridgewood Baptist is Rev. Alphonz Lam-

precht.

During the course of the week we made 247 calls. Most of these included prospect and door-to-door visitation inviting people to our meetings. At the close of each meeting an invitation was given. Two young people made a first time decision for Christ, and six rededicated their lives.

On March 17 we went to the WFME Radio Station in West Orange, N. J., where we were interviewed. Our team was represented on the radio by Rev. E. Klatt, Terry Folkerts, Jo Lueck and Chris Walker. WFME is a Christian Family Radio Station which broadcasts to various cities across the United States with main stations in California and New Jersey. We, as a team, considered it a great privilege to be able to give our testimonies for our Lord over the radio as it was broadcasted through various parts of the country.

morning and is now attending the "Christian Life" class, said to me one Sunday, "I'm so glad you people started this church here. If you didn't, I probably wouldn't go to church now and wouldn't be a Christian." It is our sincere desire and prayer that many in this area will experience what this lad experienced and respond in this way.

We are so grateful for the fine response to the first appeal. We say thank you for your continued prayer and support!

*Rev. Edmond Hohn is pastor of the Sunshine Ridge Baptist Church, Surrey, B. C.*

### ARMY CHAPLAIN CHIEF PRAISES CHAPLAINS FOR VIETNAM EFFORT

FORT WORTH. (EP) The Army Chief of Chaplains, a Roman Catholic,

Maj. Gen. Francis L. Sampson of Washington, praised the work of military chaplains in Vietnam and around the world.

Sampson gave military chaplains credit for welding new ties of friendship between Catholic and Protestant servicemen. "I never saw a Catholic man hesitate to listen to a Protestant chaplain," he said. Seven chaplains have been killed in combat, and many others wounded in what he called the "eyeball-to-eyeball" ministry of 400 Army chaplains in Vietnam, he said. "It's a real tough war and a tough one for chaplains," he continued. "They don't sit back in their chapels and wait for the men to come to them; they're in the swamps and the elephant grass themselves."

Men in Vietnam have built 120 chapels on their own initiative and during their free time, according to the Army chaplains' chief.

## Problems of the Christian Life

by T. B. Maston

### DEATH WITH DIGNITY

A friend of mine passed away after a long illness. The doctors concluded months before his death that the illness was terminal. Yet, he was kept alive for several weeks by artificial means. This cost the family thousands of dollars. They possibly could afford it, but most families could not.

This experience relating to my friend and similar incidents raise some questions that should be answered. Should one whose illness is definitely terminal be kept alive by artificial means: medication, tubes, etc.?

Some people contend that the doctor's oath binds to preserve life and not to take it. Some even suggest that the physician is under obligation to keep one alive as long as possible. Others say that his oath simply means that he is not to take life; he is not to practice positive euthanasia. The latter is the correct interpretation. The only statement in the oath that relates to this matter is as follows: "I will give no deadly medicine to any one if asked, nor suggest any such counsel."

Another argument made by some people for the artificial continuation of life is the fact that a doctor's diagnosis may be wrong. He may consider a case terminal when it is not. For one thing he has no way to measure the will to live of a particular patient. Furthermore, some insist that a doctor cannot predict how God will work in a particular case. Therefore, so they reason, the doctor should use every skill and technique available to keep one alive.

There are others, including some doctors, who claim that the medical profession may learn a great deal by using artificial methods to keep a patient alive. If this is a valid reason for using various means of extending life in terminal cases, we do not believe the family should have to pay the bill. The doctor, the hospital, the medical society, the government, or some charitable foundation should relieve the family of the tremendous expense frequently involved.

There is a possibility that one reason for efforts to keep people alive as long as possible is the fear of death. This may be understandable for non-Christians, but it is hard to understand why Christians should fear death personally or for their loved ones who are Christians. After all, regardless of what is done death is inevitable. There are limits to how long it can be postponed.

Members of the family, who should have a major voice regarding any decision that is made, should be fully informed regarding possible costs. And while the cost should not be the deciding factor in any decision that is made, it may properly be a major factor at least for families with financial resources.

The one whose voice should speak the loudest is the patient himself. This is particularly true if he decides against the artificial continuance of his life. Such a decision should be made while he is still in full control of his faculties. If he wishes to be permitted "to die with dignity," he should let his family and his doctor know. Those

wishes should be respected. We have such an understanding in our household. There is no question about our understanding being carried out by the family and by the family physician.

Why should any of us want to hold on to life when our days of usefulness are over? Why should we want to live any longer when it would simply add to the burdens of loved ones and friends? Why not go on and be with the Lord? After all Paul said, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21). Do we really believe this or have we been teaching and preaching something we have not believed?



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## Ideas

### For Christian Education

Edited by Dorothy Pritzkau

IN ANY marriage, two quite different personalities, the products of different environments no matter how much they seem to be alike, begin a new life. Prior to marriage they lived separate lives; in marriage they must live a common life with common purposes, aims and experiences. Reorganization and adjustment is necessary in almost every phase of living and personal habits. If successfully accomplished, this reorganization will enable the couple to have a home founded on true affection arising from appreciation of and respect for the personality of each other, a desire to cooperate in living together and in rearing children.

#### Guidelines For Families

In view of the fact that the home is the basic and most important institution and relationship in our society, we must invest a great deal of thought, planning and effort into making it what God intended it to be. We must develop skill based upon biblical and sound psychological principles in dealing with tensions that arise in the home because of both external and internal pressures. Let us consider a number of suggestions that have proved to be helpful in many happy and successful marriages.

1. Try to avoid situations that you know are likely to create tensions.
2. Be sensitive to the moods and feelings of your mate.
3. When differences of opinion cannot be avoided and both feel deeply about them, frankly admit that the problem must be faced. Analyze it, try to discover real causes, and talk it over with respect toward each other.
4. Try to keep a sense of perspective and a sense of humor.
5. Be accepting and forgiving in dealing with problems. After having agreed on a tentative solution, do not bring the problem up again and again. Avoid making a debating society out of your home.
6. Be patient because solving problems and eliminating tensions often takes time.
7. Remember to take all problems to God in prayer. Ask for a spirit of love and understanding toward your partner. Pray for self-control and unselfishness and the ability to forgive and forget. Christian couples cannot expect to avoid tensions, but they should find in their faith that which will create in them the spirit and insights necessary to face these tensions constructively.
8. If tensions seem to be getting

unbearable, counsel with a trusted advisor such as the pastor, a physician or a marriage counselor. Don't wait until a rupture develops beyond the point of no return.

#### Children Need Understanding Guidance

As children are born into the home, new responsibilities are thrust upon the parents. If they have not been able to make satisfying adjustments in terms of their relationship to each other, they will discover themselves at wits end in knowing how to deal with the needs and demands thrust upon them by the addition of children to the family circle.

Every infant starts life in a booming, buzzing confusion. He has no conscious thought processes, no meanings, no emotions, no values, no attitudes—nothing but an unordered mass of feelings, needs and urges. Out of this confusion, the active spirit gathers little by little, slowly building up meanings and gradually bringing order out of chaos. In the course of time, emotions grow from undifferentiated feelings. Attitudes are developed through a long and complicated process. Values develop which determine the direction of desires and attitudes. All the while urges and drives, seeking insistently for satisfaction, are being thwarted.

There are dangers and difficulties all along the way. Restraint is imposed by parents and authorities in the process of discipline. Frustration occurs; meanings prove to be wrong; what seemed to be order proves to be disorder; feelings and emotions are ignored; attitudes are set aside and values disapproved. Disappointments are met; losses are experienced; failure presents itself; testings and trials are numerous. Over and over again, emotional life is so shaken that new adjustments have to be made. Fortunate is the child surrounded by strong personalities who influence him to accept losses without bitterness, to meet failure without discouragement, and to stand frustration and restraint without undue anxiety.

Wise is the parent who applies discipline with wisdom, love and spiritual insight. A great many resources are available to parents who are willing to develop effective measures in dealing with family problems. Child training and discipline will bring satisfying results if it utilizes the best principles and approaches drawn from resources based upon a great deal of observation, research and study.

## FACING FAMILY PROBLEMS

By Edgar B. Wesner

The Christian parents who recognize the wisdom of Scripture and the ministry of the Holy Spirit in matters of discipline will have a rewarding experience in growing up with their children.

The Bible is a valuable guide to us when it suggests that we are "not to provoke our children to anger, but to train them in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). This seems to imply that we must avoid techniques that are over-demanding, fault-finding, humiliating and extremely harsh in nature. We must treat our children as persons with feelings who will respond more constructively to love, understanding and respect. Dr. Clyde M. Narramore, in one of his Christian Psychology Series booklets entitled *Discipline in the Christian Home*, has suggested some excellent guidelines in this regard.

#### Keep Lines of Communication Open

We must always maintain open channels for communication and discussion so that we can frequently sit down as a family, listen to each other and have a heart-to-heart talk about the problems or needs at hand. Family devotional times can become wholesome experiences where each member of the family searches his own heart, where needs and problems are shared, and where the guidance of the Holy Spirit can be sought through the application of Scripture and the appropriation of earnest prayer.

If we, with open and honest hearts, bring the Lord Jesus Christ into our home relationships and situations, He will lead us into a loving relationship in which we can conquer our problems together (II Corinthians 2:14).

In family living, growth and development, we will be confronted with many problems. Problems, however, can actually become a means of strengthening family ties and building individual character if they are confronted realistically and objectively. Every member of the family can then go out to face a day-by-day world, which is not always kind to us, with courage and determination to overcome in the strength of the Lord (John 16:33, Ephesians 6:10-13). For further help, refer to the book, *Building a Christian Home*, by Henry R. Brandt and Homer E. Dowdy.

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# Sunday School Lessons

by James A. Schacher

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 18, 1969

Theme: KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

Scripture: John 16:12-15; Acts 17:10-12; James 1:22-25

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. We will study the factors underlying our interpretation of the Bible.

INTRODUCTION. In this quarter we have explored the matter of whether God has given a revelation of His will and to what degree He inspired the record of this unveiling of Himself. The extent of human participation has been covered as well as the issue of the Bible's reliability as an authority. The questions of how the sacred writings were written, preserved and incorporated into the canon were considered.

With this brief survey, one can quickly see the formation of an overall pattern for this quarter. In some respects it is more of a topical rather than an expository approach. This is to say, it does not gain its outline from one passage or book, but from the outside circumstances surrounding Holy Writ. The great number of short passages may seem bewildering at times. But as we fit together the pieces of the whole history of the understanding of the Bible, we shall better be prepared to study and appreciate its contents.

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT ENLIGHTENS OUR MINDS. John 16:12-15. "Illumination" means that the revelation which was disclosed to man and was preserved in accuracy by inspiration also must be understood. This comes to pass not merely by human wisdom, but by the gift of spiritual understanding given by the Spirit of God. One need not be a distinguished scholar in order to discover God's will. Christianity is not merely for the specialists. If the average layman is to act in a practical way as a priest and is able to avoid the dictatorial rule of religious experts, it is necessary that he have the power to discern spiritual things.

This cancels the objection that conservatives hold a static concept of the Bible. It is a distortion to charge that dead legalism is involved in the high view of Scripture. It is not the ink and paper that we worship. But the Holy Spirit applies the words into fresh comprehension and responsible activity for the willing reader.

II. WE MUST STUDY DILIGENTLY. Acts 17:10-12. Could an engineer build a dam without consulting the blue-print? Could a football flanker back run the correct pass pattern without knowing the play book? Not

very likely. Even so, it is urgent that Christians be familiar with their source book.

The Thessalonian Christians were enthralled with the adventure of exploring God's Word. This is not unusual. A French evangelical Christian and a busy socialite in Texas have recently testified in print about what happened when the Bible opened up for them. The exuberance they felt was heightened by the discovery that the Scripture applies to life.

III. WE MUST BE WILLING TO APPLY THE WORD. James 1:22-25. The story is told of a man who always praised the pastor for his sermons because "it was just what they needed today." One Sunday a blizzard struck the area, and only this man and the pastor showed up for church. Sensing his opportunity, the pastor went ahead with the service. He preached on this single parishioner's pet sin. After the message this church member solemnly shook his pastor's hand at the door. With a shake of his head, he lamented, "That was a terrific sermon. It's only too bad that the people who needed it, weren't here today!" Even so each of us often passes off our own need of doing God's will.

### Questions for Discussion

(1) Why is it helpful to take an overall look at the topics for the entire three months?

(2) Compare the meaning of "inspiration" and "illumination." How are they different?

(3) List suggestions of ways to overcome the tendency to think that the "commands to obey" apply to someone else.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 25, 1969

Theme: GEOGRAPHICAL AND CULTURAL BACKGROUND OF THE BIBLE

Scripture: John 4:3-10, 19-26

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. In order to understand the Bible, we must know the circumstances surrounding each situation.

INTRODUCTION. Every Sunday school teacher should have Bible maps, commentaries and dictionaries. The Sunday school lesson helps are naturally abbreviated because of the lack of space. We spend money for insurance, transportation and recreation. This lesson will try to demonstrate why we need to obtain sound help on the background to Scripture.

I. THE GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY OF THIS PASSAGE. John 4:3-6. Jesus' trip back north to Galilee routed Him through Samaria. He

stopped at the town of Sychar about halfway up to Nazareth from Jerusalem. This was a region which the Assyrians overran in 722 B.C. In contrast to the later Babylonian conquerors over the Southern Kingdom, Assyria destroyed the cities with their "scorched earth" tactic. Then they intermarried with the members of the ten Northern Tribes. This created a mixed race of Gentiles and Israelites.

II. THE SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DAY. John 4:7-9. The reason for this woman's puzzlement lay in the fact that Jews normally considered the Samaritans as "half-breeds." They were not pure Israelites. They were contaminated with the blood of Gentiles.

Jesus assaulted the prejudice and conceit of the Jewish view on race when He asked her for a drink of water. If we could sense the atmosphere of hate and suspicion between the Jews and the Samaritans or feel the whip of social disapproval wielded by the religious Jews, then we could understand the revolutionary attitude of Christ. In this light we would grasp the application of the Christian message to the festering sores of American racial bias. It would oppose the rejection or acceptance of people merely on the basis of their outward appearance.

III. JESUS' RELIGIOUS MESSAGE. John 4:10, 19-26. The Jews at one time had been convinced that the Temple in Jerusalem was God's holy sanctuary, and so He would not permit it to be destroyed. The Jewish mind identified true religion with the rites conducted in the holy city. This attitude infected the Samaritans as well. Righteous worship depended on being in the place where God dwelt.

Again Jesus exploded a grenade in the hollowness of the Jewish thinking. God could not be localized to any one spot. He is essentially a non-physical Being. This means that He is a supreme Consciousness unlimited by space or time. The pre-requisite for true worship lies within the heart and accompanies us to our occupation, leisure and travel. Unless we are truthful and faithful wherever we are, we flunk God's tests.

### Questions for Discussion

(1) Look up in some Bible dictionary or textbook how the Jewish or Oriental way of thinking is different from our style of logic.

(2) Was racial prejudice in Bible times the same kind as we have today?

(3) Since God is a Spirit and is everywhere, why are people sometimes on their good behavior more so in church than at work?



# WE THE WOMEN

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

## NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE WMU

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Northwestern Conference is composed of 48 societies: one from Illinois, eighteen from Iowa, eleven from Minnesota, and eighteen from Wisconsin, with approximately 1500 members. Our ministry is in both rural and urban areas. No record of the very beginning of our group could be found. In 1895 it was reported the "Schwesternvereine" of the Northwestern Conference contributed \$501.81. However, this was when part of south and North Dakota, and even a church in Manitoba, Canada, were part of the Northwestern Conference. In 1911 when only Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin were included in the Conference, the Woman's Missionary Union contributed \$1,056.30. We do not know what this amount included, but it does make us stop and think; are we really doing GREATER WORKS for our Lord when we have so much more today?

Our women are faithful in trying to meet their White Cross quotas. It is with joy we continue to roll bandages. In 1959 we shipped 1647 rolled bandages to Forest Park for the Cameroons; now we have gone over 9,000. As each bandage is used to wrap a wound, we have done it as unto the Lord.

We praise the Lord that through mission emphasis in each society many mothers have encouraged their sons or daughters to enter special Christian service. Many young people from our Conference have also served on the God's Volunteers teams.

May each one of us have a concern for those who do not know Him and continue to pray for our youth to answer, "Here am I, send me" when the Lord speaks.

Mrs. Ben Woyke Minneapolis, Minn.,  
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## NEWS AND VIEWS

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houses the group will offer to low-income residents in the predominantly Negro section of the city. Twenty-eight members of the Vanguard Sunday School Class of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church here began the unusual \$72,000 project. They have purchased, re-built and re-financed six low-rent houses through financial backing of the Federal Housing Authority. Primary construction loan is through an Atlanta bank.

One member recounted the lengthy process from a class studying Biblical implications for Christian action to a plan to meet a need. "It represents a Christian-oriented project with a profound community impact. It has permanence and it fulfills a definite community need. Also it gives us a sense of a permanent goal to satisfy a desire for accomplishing a Christian project," he said. Average age of the 28 class members in the project is 33. The corporation is chartered by the state as non-profit, making it eligible for federal grants.

## BAPTISTS TESTIFY AGAINST VIRGINIA PAROCHIAL AID

RICHMOND. (BP) Three Baptists and a Presbyterian testified against public tax support of elementary and secondary schools during public hearings conducted by the education committees of the Virginia General Assembly here.

The testimony argued against changing the Virginia Constitution to permit allocation of public tax funds to provide indirect aid to parochial schools through the "child benefit" theory, that is, aid to children attending such schools in the form of text books, bus service, shared time, and health benefits.

Robert S. Alley, professor at the University of Richmond who led the delegation testifying against changing the constitution, said he felt it was significant that their arguments against such a constitutional change were based on the reasoning of James Madison and Thomas Jefferson in the state where historic American views of church-state separation were first voiced by Adams and Jefferson.

## PITTSBURGH STUDENTS WILL TALK POINT BLANK ABOUT CHRIST

PITTSBURGH, PA. (ABNS) Because they say "race, sex, and drugs are tearing the campuses apart," a group of students at the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie-Mellon University have started a pilot project to talk "point blank about Christ" at a series of forum meetings and discussion groups.

The Christian Fellowship groups at both campuses have joined forces to "tell it like it is" about their faith in Christ. Their project is called Project Point Blank.

Saying they are "sick and tired of

trying to find solutions through student disorders, sit-ins, confrontations with the chancellor, ad infinitum" the students plan a series of evangelistic, person-to-person thrusts to "uplift Christ."

A spokesman for the Pitt group said the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie-Mellon University are "wrecked with problems from all sides . . . and Christ is the answer."

If all goes well," he said, "we will try Project Point Blank on other campuses of this area and then, hopefully, in other states."

## SOUTHERN BAPTISTS RAISE INTEREST RATE ON CHURCH LOANS

ATLANTA. (EP) The lending division of the Southern Baptist Church has increased interest rates for church loans from 6½ to 7½ per cent. The announcement by the Home Mission Board's Church Loans Division said the new rate is the same interest rate the division paid on borrowed money—a policy they've followed.

## CHURCH LOSING SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRISTIANITY, CRISWELL SAYS

FORT WORTH (BP) The church, with all of its affluence and luxury and embellishments, is just about to lose sight of the real significance of Christianity, the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, said. "The greatest influences of Christianity," Criswell said, "were felt during the first century because there were no church buildings, no material obstacles to keep man from the simple message of Jesus Christ." "We must go back to the New Testament type of church and Christianity—witnessing from heart to heart, visiting from house to house," he implored. "God is forcing us back to New Testament evangelism."

## ONTARIO COMMITTEE WOULD END RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS

TORONTO. (EP) A committee appointed by Ontario's education minister William Davis, will recommend abolition of formal religious instruction in the province's public schools, informed sources at the legislature said.

The committee headed by former Ontario Lieutenant-Governor (the Queen's representative) J. Keilley Mackay has been working on the issue for the last four years and has heard scores of briefs from interested groups and individuals. Its report was expected to be tabled in the legislature at any moment by the education minister. The report is believed to advocate the teaching of ethics and morality as a part of life, integrated with the rest of the school curriculum. It holds that moral questions should be thoroughly discussed in the context of other subjects.

- **Rev. William B. Matney** has resigned from the Bethany Baptist Church, Hunter, Kan., effective April 28, 1969. His future plans are not known at this time.
- **Rev. Fred Sonnenberg** has resigned from the Community Baptist Church, Xenia, Ohio, effective the end of May. His future plans are not known at this time.
- **Rev. Allan Strohschein** has resigned from the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. D., and has accepted the call to the Faith Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minn., effective June 1, 1969.
- **Rev. Raymond Harsch** has resigned from the Cedarloo Baptist Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa, and accepted the call to become Director of God's Volunteers to replace Rev. Connie Salios. He will begin his ministry on August 1, 1969.
- **Rev. Reuben Grueneich** has resigned from the Martin Baptist Church, Martin, N. D., to accept the call from the Baptist Church Startup, Wash. He will begin his ministry in Startup in May 1969.

- **Rev. Charles Littman** has resigned from the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., and accepted the call to the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich. He will begin his ministry at St. Joseph in June 1969.
- **Rev. Gustave G. Rauser** has resigned from the Capilano Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., and has accepted a call from the First Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho. He will begin his ministry at Paul on May 1, 1969.
- **Dr. A. S. Felberg** presented his resignation and will be retiring as president of the North American Baptist

- **Mark Zimmerman**, age 16, son of Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Zimmerman, Forest Park, Ill. was killed in an auto accident on April 12, 1969. Mark was active in the youth group at the Forest Park Baptist Church and an honor student at Proviso East High School. He is survived by his parents and two brothers, Paul and Tom. Mr. Zimmerman is the executive secretary of NABGC.
- **Rev. Joe Sonnenberg** has accepted the call to become the president of the N. A. B. College upon resignation and retirement of Dr. A. S. Felberg. His resignation as Western District Secretary will be effective September 1, 1970.

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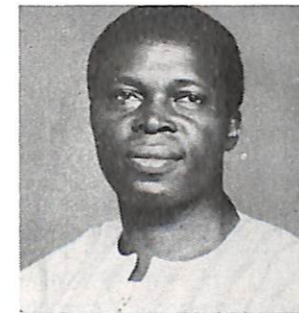
**STUDENTS ASK FOR DISCIPLINE**

SEATTLE. (EP) "You must discipline us. . . Please help us." That was the plea from the Queen Anne High School Student Council here to the school's 70 teachers.

"For some of us, this discipline is long overdue," the letter stated. It continued: "Do not turn your backs when you see offensive behavior. . . Speak to us, and justly punish us for what we deserve." The student letter urged the teachers to expect of students quality work, mature behavior and mature language. They wrote the letter, students said, because of problems of littering, obscene language, smoking in restrooms, stealing, setting off of firecrackers, bizarre clothing, cutting classes and "sick behavior" by a minority of students.



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Rev. Stephen N. Nteff (pictured at left), executive secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Convention, reported in his annual report to the NAB Board of Missions for 1968 that we have three graduate pastors from the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso, pastoring some of our main churches. One of them, Rev. E. W. Yongkuma (pictured above, reading), brought the message and gave a charge to the Prime Minister of West Cameroon, Mr. S. T. Muna (above right) at Mr. Muna's investiture as Chief Scout. Pastor Yongkuma, along with Rev. Harold Lang, missionary, projects our radio programs. Pastor Nteff also reported that one can sense a general spirit of cooperation between the new government of West Cameroon and the church in general. For the first time in the history of independence of Cameroon, Baptist pastors and school teachers have been elected to positions in the local government of the state. Thus, the long standing frustration in the lives of our Christians is gradually disappearing. "One important feature to reckon with," Mr. Nteff went on to say, "is the invasion of the homes of our people, especially Christians, by acute poverty resulting from unemployment." As a result of this, the church program suffers.



Guests for the annual Senior Visit to the North American Baptist General Conference Office, Forest Park, Ill., on March 26-27, 1969, were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Edinger, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Lemke, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Pasiciel, Mr. and Mrs. Arlyn Thielenhaus, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Thole, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Wilcke, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Woyke, Gerhard Kalmbach, Benno Przybylski, Heinz Rossol, and Dr. Ralph Powell of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Herman Kesterke, David Follack, LeRoy Moser, Art Freitag, Clyde Zimbelman and Miss Amy Madden, North American Baptist College, Edmonton, Alta.; and David Burgess, Northern Baptist Seminary, Oak Brook, Ill. The seniors were given briefings on the various departments and ministries of NABGC.

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Atlantic	\$ 6,107.17	\$ 8,727.56	\$ 6,267.50
Central	44,058.30	49,759.72	31,659.04
Dakota	13,116.45	13,037.02	18,177.89
Eastern	3,675.59	5,672.47	4,445.64
Northern	17,758.01	17,520.67	18,762.19
Northwestern	21,785.40	19,704.02	20,037.35
Pacific	27,050.27	22,062.40	33,868.56
Southern	1,552.37	564.87	1,162.12
Southwestern	6,696.66	9,605.73	12,599.14
Inter-Conference	5,074.62	2,067.25	4,008.62
Total Basic Program	\$146,874.84	\$148,721.71	\$150,988.05

FISCAL YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BASIC PROGRAM			
	Budget Contributions	Special Projects	Total Basic Program
April 1, 1968 to March 31, 1969	\$1,145,237.26	\$ 99,758.55	\$1,244,995.81
April 1, 1967 to March 31, 1968	1,047,674.48	123,223.82	1,170,898.30
April 1, 1966 to March 31, 1967	1,059,755.42	107,720.47	1,167,475.89

CAPITAL FUNDS CONTRIBUTIONS		
	Month	Fiscal Year
Northern Conference Centennial Advance for NABC	\$ (58.50)	\$100,520.97
Mission Advance Program	\$ 33,987.08	\$241,625.12
Total	\$ 33,928.58	\$342,146.09

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES		
	Month	Fiscal Year
Total Basic Program	\$146,874.84	\$1,244,995.81
Capital Funds Campaigns	33,928.58	342,146.09
TOTAL	\$180,803.42	\$1,587,141.90



**Chuckle with Bruno**

Little girl writing a letter to her favorite author:

Dear Mrs. Brown:  
 I like your children's stories very much. I read one in church this morning. It was more interesting than the sermon.  
 P.S. Please don't tell my father about the sermon. He's the minister.

I always say, "Be tolerant with those who disagree with you. After all, they have a right to their stupid opinions."

An absent-minded professor retired and got himself a job in a railway station. When the first train came in he forgot the name of the station and called out: "Here you are for where you are going. All in there for here, come out."

# Our Churches in Action

## COUPLE OBSERVES GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

MARION, KAN.—Sunday, February 23 was a happy day for Mr. and Mrs. Reinhardt Steinle of Marion, Kansas as they celebrated 50 years of married life together. Special recognition was given to them in the morning worship service at the Emmanuel Baptist Church where they are faithful members. Pastor Bill Cowell brought appropriate congratulations from the church along with words of commendation for the blessing of their service for Christ together through the years. A picture, "Sallman's Head of Christ," was presented by the church.



Mr. and Mrs. Reinhardt Steinle

In the afternoon a reception was held at the Steinle home in Marion.

Following their conversion to Jesus Christ they were members of the Durham Baptist Church until after moving to Marion where they are now active at Emmanuel Baptist. (Bill Cowell, reporter.)

## CHURCH ADDS TWENTY-SIX TO MEMBERSHIP

ELLINWOOD, KAN.—On February 16, 1969 there were 17 young people baptized during the evening service by our



pastor, Rev. Harold Weiss. Each of those baptized have been welcomed into our fellowship recently. Six others were also received into the membership. (Bessie DeWerff, reporter.)

## YOUTH WEEK OBSERVED IN REDEEMER CHURCH

WARREN, MICH.—Youth Week 1969 was a busy and exciting time for Redeemer Baptist youth. The week began

and ended with youth participation in the morning and evening services on January 26 and February 2. The Wednesday Prayer Meeting was devoted to a presentation of the Boys Brigade and Pioneer Girl work in our church. The highlight of the week was a Senior High-College Winter Retreat at a nearby Camp. Pastor Braun was the speaker for the Retreat. (Sharon Samson, reporter.)

## WOMEN OBSERVE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FESSENDEN, N.D.—World Day of Prayer was observed in the First Baptist Church of Fessenden, N. Dak. The following churches attended: Cathay Lutheran, Baptist and Methodist, Germantown Baptist and Fessenden Nazarene and Congregational.

Mrs. Wilmar Long of Fessenden was our guest speaker. After the message the ladies were divided into five groups each meeting for a session of prayer. (Mrs. James McBain, reporter.)

## MISSIONARY CONFERENCE HELD IN FOSTER AVENUE CHURCH

CHICAGO, ILL.—The Foster Avenue Church, in cooperation with the First Baptist Church of Norridge, German Mission Church of Chicago, First Baptist Church of Bellwood, and the Twin Grove Church Extension Project, held a Missionary Conference February 8-12.

Participating were Rev. Fred Folkerts, Miss Ruby Salzman, and Miss Eleanor Weisenburger from Cameroon. From the mission field in Japan were Rev. and Mrs. Richard Mayforth and Miss Joyce Batek. Dr. Richard Schilke, General Missionary Secretary was also present.

The conference began with an Oriental Banquet at the Norridge church. On February 12, there was a special Missionary Luncheon at which 65 children from grades 3-8 attended. Young people met with the missionaries, asking questions and hearing what work is being done in these areas. On this day, \$18.90 was collected for our North American Baptist mission work.

The conference concluded with a panel discussion on "Missionary Communications." (Beatrice Scroggin, reporter.)

## PILGRIM CHURCH REPORTS RECENT EVENTS

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—There have been tears of sadness and rejoicing within the past few months. We thank God for His goodness to us. Our beloved pastor, Milton W. Zeeb, after much prayer and soul searching felt called of God to remain in the active ministry.

Our church has adopted Plan B of MAP. Mr. E. Ralph Kletke and the Pastor presented the program to which many have already responded.

This past week we were the recipients of manifold blessings through the ministry of God's Volunteers led by Rev. Edgar Klatt. (Mrs. William Esenwein, reporter.)

## CALVARY BAPTIST HAS ACTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH

TACOMA, WASH.—The Adult Department of Calvary Baptist Sunday School has been using elective courses during the fall and winter quarters. Some of the courses taught were *Power for Christian Living*, *A Christian Faces His World*, *God's Answer to Life's Problems*, also a course in Church History, and several others.

Our Sunday school attendance is reaching toward the 400 mark again after a drop in late January.

We have a very active Senior Young People's Group. They come together for a prayer fellowship on Sunday nights, and have a time of fellowship and inspiration on Wednesday evenings. On March 9th a film was shown, entitled *The Searching Generation*. Many participated in discussion, giving

suggestions as to how we as Christians can and must deal with some of the problems depicted.

On the 23rd of February the Men's Quartet presented a program of song and testimony. (Miss Elfrieda Gudelius, reporter.)

## TRINITY CHURCH REPORTS YOUTH ACTIVITIES

KELOWNA, B.C.—Trinity Baptist carries on a full youth program. The seniors gathered for a banquet during Youth Week at which time a film was shown.

March 9 was achievement and award day for the Girls Missionary Guild. This program is sponsored by the Ladies Missionary Guild. They took over the evening service and presented various phases of their work. The country of special study this year was Japan.

On March 23 the AWANA presented awards to boys of ages eight to ten. A special award is given for Sunday school attendance. There is also a group of eight Pioneer Boys between the ages of eleven and thirteen. (Lynda Zimmerman, reporter.)

## COUPLE OBSERVES 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



WARREN, MICH. — The 10th of January, 1969 was an important day for Alfred and Olga Albrecht. It was 50 years ago that they were united in holy matrimony by Pastor Gezork in Germany. Though they were grieved by several events like the loss of 2 sons and sickness, "Fritz and Olga" never failed to pray for advice and guidance from their heavenly Father.

It was with great joy that we accepted the invitation of their daughters Helga Williford, Eleanor Bredow and Ruth Florence, all active members of our church with their husbands, to celebrate this occasion with them. A delightful supper was enjoyed by everyone followed by a program. A "Family Choir" rendered "How Great Thou Art." Pastor Frank Walker conducted a short service and spoke at the reception. The writer had the honor to be M.C. (Robert von Nolting, reporter.)

## CHURCH RECEIVES NINE NEW MEMBERS



Rev. Wiens, on the right, is shown with eight of the new members. (Mrs. R. Stanley Schneider, reporter.)

## GRANT PARK REPORTS BAPTISM AND CHURCH GROWTH

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Grant Park Baptist Church of Winnipeg recently constructed a baptistry in its temporary auditorium. Four were baptized at the first baptismal service.

The church has recently observed its eighth anniversary having been organized as a church extension project in March 1961. It was organized with 27 charter members. Presently, the membership is 143 and growing. The average Sunday school attendance for the past six months was 140; for the morning worship service it was 187; for the evening service it was 111. The Wednesday "Family Night" has proved such a success that it is continuing with an average attendance of 75. (Donald Richter, reporter.)

## CHURCH SAYS FAREWELL TO PASTOR

WINNIPEG, MAN.—On Sunday, March 16, 1969 a farewell service was held for our pastor, Rev. Manford Taubensee and family, in the Rowandale Baptist Church. The guest speaker was Rev. William Sturhahn.

During his service 42 persons were baptized, the church building program and other organizations were much appreciated, as was his work with the Tri-Union Camp.

Rev. Taubensee has accepted the call of the Bethany Baptist Church in Lethbridge, Alberta. (Gerd H. Reziowski, reporter.)

## NEW PASTOR IS WELCOMED AT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH



Rev. and Mrs. Kern on their arrival. May God bless the Kerns as they labor here. (Willard Tesky, reporter.)

ABERDEEN, S.D.—March 2 was a happy occasion for the Calvary Baptist Church as they welcomed Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Kern. The church had a reception in the church parlor followed by services with Rev. G. K. Zimmerman as speaker. The mayor of the city and the Ministerial Association expressed words of welcome. The church was happy to secure a new parsonage for

## ELIM CHURCH CALLS COUNCIL FOR RECOGNITION

BEAUSEJOUR, MAN. — The Elim Baptist Church of Beausejour, Manitoba, located in the second fastest growing town in Manitoba, called the NABGC churches of the area to a recognition council. The council examined the purpose for joining the NABGC, the doctrine and constitution and the attitudes toward cooperation with sister churches. The Rev. W. Stein served as chairman. The Rev. D. Richter served as secretary. The council was satisfied with the statements presented and recommended that the church be admitted into the fellowship of the Northern Conference and through it into our denominational family. The church is newly reorganized and has been well led by the Rev. A. Kliever (formerly pastor at Oak Bank Baptist). The church feels that fellowship in a denominational family can help it to be more effective in its witness and stewardship. (Donald Richter, reporter.)

## CHURCH REPORTS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES



During the year six members were added to the church. We are anticipating great blessings at our missionary conference March 16-19. (Mrs. Amalie Sieler, reporter.)

BILLINGS, MONT. — The Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Montana, Pastor Harold Baker, has experienced a year of blessings. A Men's Fellowship has been formed and an increased interest by the men has been evident.

During the Christmas season the young people presented a play. A Sunday school program was also presented to an enthusiastic audience.

## FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST REPORTS PROGRESS

WARREN, MICH.—Great were the blessings as we remember the dedication of our new sanctuary, the ordination of Kurt Brenner, our successful Vacation Bible School and our harvest festival. Our choir rendered a cantata at Christmas.

The new neighborhood challenges us. Our visiting teams set out every week to invite people. Our Sunday school is growing rapidly with a present enrollment of 234. The membership increased by 38 in the past year, 19 by baptism.

Another baptism service is planned in the near future. To make our church more attractive we paved our parking lot. In our prayers we include our pastor, Frank Walker, who serves our church since 1965. (Robert von Nolting, reporter.)

### NEWS OF FORMER NAB PASTOR

**BERLIN, S. AFRICA.**—The Rev. and Mrs. Louis Baier of Berlin, S. Africa, have served in the ministry for 44 years and retired from active ministry in 1960. He graduated from our N.A.B. Seminary in Rochester, N.Y. in the spring of 1916. That summer he married Miss Louise Feske at Canova, S.D. and together they began their work in the ministry at the Baptist Church in Eureka, S.D.. Since then they also served the churches in Bridgeport, Conn., S. Chicago, Ill., Stutterheim and Berlin, S. Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. Baier celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1966 with their three children and eight grandchildren, as well as the members of the Berlin and Hanover Baptist churches, which they had served for 30 years. (Mr. Daniel Feske, reporter.)

### FIRST CHURCH REPORTS ACTIVITIES

**PAUL, IDAHO**—Evangelistic meetings were held in the Paul, Idaho Baptist Church March 10-16, 1969. Rev. Erwin Gerlitz of Renton, Wash. was guest speaker.

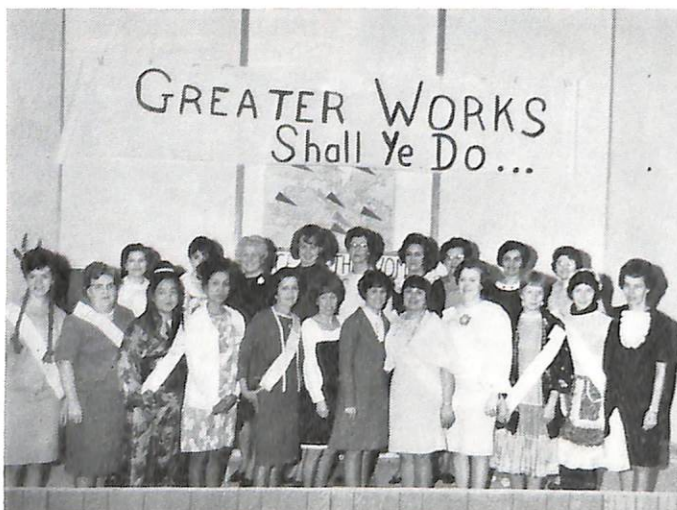
The Woman's Missionary Society held their yearly program on February 23, 1969 with reports of their White Cross and mission work of the past year. A film was shown at the close of the reports. (Mrs. Don Coker, reporter.)

### CHURCHES HOLD TEACHER TRAINING COURSE

**MILWAUKEE, WIS.**—A teacher training course on the subject "Preparing to Teach the Bible" was held at the German Zion Church March 17-19. Instructors were our Executive Secretary, Rev. Gideon Zimmerman, and our Director of Children's Work, Rev. Henry Ramus. The average attendance was 85. Four of our Milwaukee churches cooperated in this venture. (German Zion, German Bethel, Temple and Bethany.) We are tentatively thinking in terms of having such a united effort again next year. (Walter Schmidt, reporter.)

### "VOICE OF THE WOMEN" HEARD AT PINELAND

**BURLINGTON, ONT.**—Sunday evening, February 23 was W.M.S. night when 21 ladies blended their voices in song and story to present their annual program "Voice of the Women."



Pineland Baptist Women's Missionary Society.

"Greater Works" was sung by the ladies and then followed a pageant depicting how each woman in this country and overseas may use her voice for the Lord. Also included were demonstrations on Church Extension, Meals for Missions, and White Cross.

Mrs. Herry Schumacher, from the Church Extension Church in St. Catharines was the guest speaker. (D. Herd, reporter.)

### COUPLES OBSERVE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



**CAMROSE, ALTA.** — On Sunday, August 11, 1968, the friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Reinholt Lamprecht gathered in the Fellowship Baptist Church to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mr. Lamprecht serves as deacon in the church and teaches the German Bible class. Mrs. Lamprecht is an active member of the Womens' Missionary Society.

They enjoy the blessings coming from their five children and ten grandchildren. One son, Alphonz, is pastor of the Ridgewood Baptist Church in New York.

Rev. Ron Berg was in charge of the program. (Gerrit Olderkamp, reporter.)



Rev. Willis Potratz, right, and Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, second from left, taking part in Mortgage Burning service.

### CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE AND PRESENTS MAP

**LODI, CALIF.**—On January 28, 1969 First Baptist Church of Lodi had a special dinner for a Mortgage Burning Service for the Education Building. Pastor Willis Potratz of the church presided.

Following the Mortgage Burning ceremony, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg presented the Mission Advance Program to the members and friends. The \$1,000,000 is needed for capital funds for mission purposes of our denomination.

A committee was formed to visit and explain the plan of MAP program to those that were not able to attend the dinner. (Mrs. Sam Gienger, reporter.)



Staff at First Baptist Church, Lodi, preparing dinner preceding presentation of MAP.

# Obituaries



### RUTH FISHER of Okeene, Oklahoma

Mrs. William Fisher was born on March 13, 1899 in Pasadena, California, one of ten children and passed to her eternal reward on March 12, 1969 at the Okeene Municipal Hospital, Okeene, Oklahoma.

In 1907 she came to Oklahoma with her parents and settled in the Okeene Community. On September 6, 1916 Ruth Weigand was married to William Fisher at Fairview, Oklahoma. Mrs. Fisher was a member of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene.

Left to mourn her passing are her widower, William; two daughters: Mrs. Edward (Beatrice) Tautfest of Wichita, Kansas, and Mrs. Robert (Vera) Geis of Snohomish, Washington; a son, Donald Fisher of Okeene, Oklahoma; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Gottfried (Eva) Vogel, of Pasadena, California; one brother, Paul Weigand of Portland, Oregon and many relatives and friends.

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

### DAVID D. HERBEL of Lodi, California

David D. Herbel was born on March 18, 1881. He went to his heavenly reward on March 9, 1969.

In 1898 he came to America and settled in Kansas. In 1907 he married Lillian David. They farmed near Durham, Kansas until moving to Lodi, California in 1939.

Following his conversion, he was baptized in 1900 by Rev. John Pankratz. He became a member of the First Baptist Church of Durham where he served faithfully as a deacon, Sunday school superintendent and teacher. He was honored with a special certificate at the completion of twenty-five years as a regular teacher.

In 1939 he transferred his membership to the First Baptist Church, Lodi where he also served in Sunday school teaching and left a strong testimony for Christ.

His wife preceded him in death in 1963. He is survived by one son, Edwin of Lockeford; three daughters: Mrs. Gladys Schurman of Modesto, Mrs. Virginia Hodge of Stockton and Mrs. Barbara Mayer of Stockton; one brother, Jake Herbel of Hillsboro, Kansas; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

First Baptist Church  
Lodi, California  
WILLIS E. POTRATZ, pastor

### AUGUST LEHMAN of Kelowna, British Columbia

August Lehman of Kelowna, B.C. was born March 19, 1880 in Poland. He quietly departed to be with the Lord in the Kelowna Hospital March 11, 1969. He attained the age of 88 years.

He came to Canada in 1897 and settled down in Springside, Sask. In 1905 he was united in holy matrimony with Maria Dutz. To this union were born 10 children, three sons and seven daughters. One daughter predeceased him in 1959. Mr. Lehman's first wife predeceased him in 1947, and his second wife in 1967. In 1915 he came to Trochu, Alta., and in 1949 to Kelowna, B.C.

He leaves to mourn 3 sons and six daughters: Henry in Kelowna, B.C., Harold in Leduc, Alta., Lester in Red Deer, Alta., Alvena (Mrs. John Adam) in Leduc, Alta., Otteilga (Mrs. William Adam) in Willet, Alta., Ruby (Mrs. R. Busch) in Kelowna, B.C., Elma (Mrs. Henry Schumland) in Portland, Ore., Freda (Mrs. L. Lee) in Edmonton, Alta., Beatrice (Mrs. L. Johnson) in New Norway, Alta.; thirty-one grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Brother Lehman accepted Christ as his personal Savior in 1907 and was received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church at Ebenezer, Sask. For the last few years, brother Lehman made his home with brother and sister Arthur Grapentin, where he received love and care in his ailing days. Whenever possible they took him to the house of God which he dearly appreciated.

Grace Baptist Church  
Kelowna, British Columbia

THE FAMILY

### MRS. MICHAEL FINGER of Steamboat Rock, Iowa

Mrs. Michael Finger was born at Steamboat Rock, Iowa August 21, 1886. She passed away Saturday afternoon, March 22, 1969 at the Valley View Nursing Home.

In 1909 she moved to Britt, Iowa with her parents. She attended Business College and was employed in Des Moines, Iowa until 1926 when she returned to Steamboat Rock. On February 19, 1948 she married Michael Finger of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, where they also made their home.

In her youth she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior and on June 7, 1908 she followed the Lord in baptism and united with the church. For many years she was a Sunday school teacher and a faithful member of the Dorcas Society and Ladies Aid. She served as president of the Ladies Aid.

She is survived by her husband, Michael; one brother: Raymond Karsjens, Steamboat Rock, Iowa; a sister: Mrs. John O. (Bena) Johnson, Denver, Colorado; four stepchildren; 14 grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

First Baptist Church  
Steamboat Rock, Iowa  
JACOB EHMAN, pastor

### JACOB KREIN of Hebron, North Dakota

Jacob Krein was born on December 29, 1884, in South Russia and passed away on Sunday, December 15, 1968.

He came to this country with his parents in 1885 and settled near Hosmer, S.D. In 1905 he moved to the Antelope, North Dakota area, where he engaged in farming.

On May 15, 1906 he was united in marriage to Miss Sophie Wiege. The Lord blessed this union with two daughters and three sons.

In June, 1908 he recognized his need of Christ as personal Savior, and, upon confession of his faith was united with the Antelope Baptist Church. For many years he served as deacon and Sunday school teacher.

They engaged in farming until 1946, when they retired to their home in Hebron.

Left to mourn his passing are his children: Emil, of Hebron; Anna (Mrs. Frank Conlon) Richardson; Ted, Henry, and Adelein, Mrs. Hervey Crestion, all of Hebron. One brother, John of Hebron, three sisters: Mrs. Christina Hauck of Golden Valley, Mrs. Adam Fehr of Hebron, and Mrs. Earl Templeton of Santa Monica, California; also six grandchildren.

First Baptist Church  
Hebron, North Dakota  
PETER J. WIENS, pastor

### RUTH HELMRICH of Tacoma, Washington

Mrs. Emil W. (Ruth) Helmrich was born in Alberta, Canada, October 28, 1903 and died in Tacoma, Washington November 22, 1968.

She came to know Jesus Christ as her Savior at an early age and was baptized at Leduc, Alberta, Canada in 1919. That same year she came to Tacoma, Washington where she united with the Calvary Baptist Church. She served the church faithfully in the W.M.S. and was an active teacher in the Sunday school for many years.

On May 15, 1925 she married Emil W. Helmrich. The Lord blessed this union with a son and a daughter. Her daughter preceded her in death by one month.

She is survived by her husband and son, Gerald, of Minneapolis, Minn.  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Tacoma, Washington  
EDGAR B. WESNER, pastor

### BE YOU BEST AT HOME

... in dress, manners and spirit. Life is too short to waste its holy hours in criticism, fault finding and unkind words and acts. Only a few brief years do family circles remain unbroken, and if our retrospect of the time spent together is to be a precious and comforting memory, let its hours be filled with all that is loving, generous and Christlike.

We have careful thoughts for the stranger,  
And smiles for the sometimes guest.  
But oft for our own the bitter tone,  
Though we love our own the best.

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1963 survey showed that the average annual wage for laymen with seventeen or more years of schooling was \$8,434; ministers with similar education earned \$5,322.

Second, a minister is seldom adequately reimbursed for *expenses* he incurs in the course of his work. Many clergymen take a financial beating in auto, travel, office, and other professional expenses. Frequently the pastor finds it necessary to dig into his own pocket to cover expenses that are properly a part of the operating costs of the congregation. The church is probably the only institution that charges business costs against staff salaries.

Third, the minister faces a frustrating *lack of opportunity for financial advancement*. A recent study showed that the average salary and allowance of a minister with one to four years' service was \$5,814. The average for a minister with twenty to twenty-four years' service was \$7,317, an annual wage increase of \$75.15. Frequently advancement comes only as ministers move to larger and better-paying churches. A private industry with this approach would find it virtually impossible to hold talent. Pastors and other church workers deserve the opportunity for annual increments with age and experience.

Fourth, many ministers have recently experienced a sizable reduction in net income because of a law including them in the *Social Security* program. The minister who was not previously covered under Social Security now finds his income diminished by 6.9 per cent.

These four factors combine to place an unduly heavy financial burden upon many ministers. Most aren't going to bring up the subject. No labor union or trade association will protect them from exploitation. Dedication will compel most ministers to continue in spite of "long hours and low pay" (though the drop-out rate is alarming). But this doesn't make the situation right, and it is the moral obligation of leaders in local congregations to take the necessary steps to deal with the problem. Even men of God have to buy bread.

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# FAIR PAY FOR PASTORS

Ministers are rarely at a loss for words, but there is one subject that most of them have difficulty talking about—their salaries. In the midst of spiraling inflation, many pastors find it almost impossible to live on their incomes but feel they must remain tight-lipped for fear of appearing

"unspiritual."

In view of ministers' hesitancy to discuss their financial situation, those in positions of leadership in local churches are responsible for making certain that pastors (and others on the church staff) are receiving a fair wage. But the fact remains that most ministers are grossly underpaid, and very few church boards are taking steps to correct the situation.

Four major obstacles block the road to fair ministerial compensation. First, the *base income* of a minister is generally much less than that of other professional men with comparable training (and often is below the earnings of occupations involving considerably less training). This is true even when residence allowance, utilities, and fees are taken into account. A

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