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AS I SEE IT

Religious News Analyzed

by Paul Siewert

Well, we have finally seen the man on the moon! What excitement! What elation! It is extra-ordinary, to say the least, even though it is hardly the greatest event since creation, as declared by President Nixon.

What is amusing, is the eagerness with which some religious enthusiasts make astounding prophetic statements when such events of religious implications take place. Already there are new cults emerging from the hatchery of moon related theology. Do we have room for many more?

It seems to me that after all is said and done, and the moon dust has all settled, we'll discover that we don't really need a space-age theology—all we need is a Biblical theology that has not been cloistered by the medieval defenders of the Faith.

I can well imagine one of the astronauts coming home after all of the post-moon flight activities to be greeted by his wife with a catalogue of chores that have been neglected at home while he was away. As he sweats in the bleaching sun, manipulating his lawn-mower, trying to get his front lawn back in order, it suddenly dawns on him—with all of the ecstasy of the past—he is still quite human. And that's quite Biblical.

ROBERT DENNY TO HEAD WORLD ALLIANCE 1970-75

BADEN BEI WIEN, AUSTRIA.—Robert S. Denny, the senior associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, has been chosen for a five year term to succeed Josef Nordenhaug as general secretary in July 1970.

Dr. Nordenhaug, a Norwegian who has worked in both Europe and America, will retire at the close of the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo. The Alliance headquarters offices are in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Denny, a native of Somerset, Kentucky, was elected by the BWA Executive Committee at its annual meeting here. He will be the first American to serve as general secretary since the retirement of Walter O. Lewis in 1948. J. H. Rushbrooke of London preceded Dr. Lewis, and

Note of Appreciation

by Mrs. Albert Bretschneider

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the friends throughout the denomination for the cards, letters and messages of sympathy on the homegoing of my husband.

Arnold T. Ohrn and Dr. Nordenhaug, both Norwegians, have served since then.

The new secretary-elect, who is 55 years of age, has been related to Alliance activities since 1939. He was elected chairman of the BWA Youth Committee in 1950 and has directed youth work among other roles in his position as associate secretary since 1956. He has either directed or assisted in the planning of every world meeting since 1950, and has been active in logistics and financial projects of the Alliance since joining the secretariat.

Theodore F. Adams, past president of the Alliance, chaired a nominating committee of eleven Alliance officers who worked a year to bring the nomination to the Baden meeting. He emphasized Dr. Denny's administrative ability, his rapport with young Baptist leaders throughout the world, and his wide experience in world travel.

He said also that moving Dr. Denny to the top post will open the way to select a young man of another race and/or nationality to head the world wide youth programs Dr. Denny has been directing.

Dr. Denny was educated in the Lex-



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ington, Kentucky public schools and at the University of Kentucky where he earned degrees in both business and law. He has an honorary doctorate from Georgetown College in Kentucky. He was Baptist student director of Louisiana State University 1939-41; associate secretary of student work for the Southern Baptist Convention 1945-46; and has been at the Alliance headquarters in Washington since that time. He is married and has three children.

Editorials See SBC As Too Big, Conservative, Anti-Establishment

Editorials in two dozen Baptist state papers interpreted the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans recently in almost two-dozen different ways, but nearly a dozen each saw the convention as too big attendance-wise, strongly conservative, and as a slap against "the establishment."

"It was a convention, at least in part, of liberals vs. conservatives, and you can define the terms any way you like," observed Editor John Hurt of the Baptist Standard of Texas, largest of the 29 Baptist state papers.

Almost all of the editorials said that the conservatives came out on top at the New Orleans convention.

A dozen editorials said that the convention has become too big for its own good, and a half-dozen papers argued in favor of some changes in order to overcome the problems of 17,000 registered messengers jamming into an auditorium that seats only 12,250, and the problems of maintaining democratic process with such crowds.

"It was not hard to detect an 'anti-establishment' feeling, or least a feeling of distrust of the establishment," wrote Editor Terry Young of the California Southern Baptist.

An editorial in the Biblical Recorder of North Carolina by Marse Grant put it more bluntly. He called it "rebellion against The Establishment—in this case, Nashville, and more particularly the Sunday School Board." The North Carolina editor . . . said that lack of confidence in agency and institution trustees in the SBC is distressing.

"Some of them had come to New Orleans pretty well determined to crack somebody over the head if they got a chance—the 'liberals,' the students, the establishment—or whom-ever they could whack," observed Editor Jack Gritz in the Oklahoma Bap-

tist Messenger.

Editor James O. Duncan of the Capital Baptist in Washington, D. C., predicted that "this convention may mark the beginning of some severe attacks on the boards and agencies (of the SBC). What was once holy and sacred now is open for criticism."

Nearly a half-dozen editorials expressed gratitude that Black Militant Leader James Forman did not show up to confront the SBC with demands for reparations, and several expressed approval of a resolution adopted by the SBC calling such demands "outrageous" and rejecting them "in total."

Chuckle with Bruno

A smart husband is one who isn't so busy bringing home the bacon that he forgets the applesauce.

The noted painter, James Whistler came home one day and found his mother scrubbing the kitchen floor on her hands and knees. "Why, Mother," he exclaimed, "have you gone off your rocker?"

Editorial

Training Believers

Welcome to the "lift-off" issue of the BAPTIST HERALD for the final year of the Crusade of the Americas. Beginning now and for the next twelve months the emphasis of the Crusade of the Americas will be on follow-through with the purpose of trying to conserve the results of evangelism.

Evangelism begins with winning a lost person to faith in Christ. It does not end until that person is growing toward full spiritual maturity and has become a witness for Christ and His church.

Our denominational theme for 1969-70 is "Training Believers" and our goals and objectives are to integrate and assimilate new members into our local congregations and to help the evangelized to become the evangelists.

Hundreds of youth and adults attending our North American Baptist churches are converted and baptized annually. Careful and prayerful efforts are made to win these persons to Christ, baptize them into the church. One important question often overlooked by the local congregation is, "What happens to the new convert after he is baptized and received into the church? What guidance does the local congregation give the new convert to help him grow spiritually?"

Every congregation needs a working plan to care for and conserve new members. Each new Christian must be assimilated into the church family as carefully and lovingly as a new baby in a family. The high mortality rate among church members is an evidence that this part of the work of our churches must be given more careful attention.

For this reason we focus our attention during this year on follow-through by "Training Believers." Three objectives will be emphasized.

Objective I: Self-Evaluation and Follow-through. Analyze and evaluate the evangelistic achievements and failures of your congregation during the past two years of the Crusade of the Americas. What must be done with God's help to conserve the gains? Is your present program meaningful for new members? Are the organizations of your church actively seeking to include the newcomer?

Objective II: Training Believers through Fellowship Action Groups. For a three month period, March, April and May 1970, follow-through by dividing your entire congregation into Fellowship Action Groups that will meet weekly in homes. These groups are to consist of active as well as some inactive members plus new church members and new converts to help them become assimilated into the church family and to teach them how to witness.

Objective III: Christian Social Ministry. Follow-through by witnessing to the total community. Often the best opportunity for evangelism is found in some great human need such as sickness, poverty, and social injustice. These conditions emphasize the urgency of presenting Christ as the only hope.

Read the helpful articles in this issue as well as subsequent issues of the BAPTIST HERALD.

Guest editorial by the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Assistant General Missionary Secretary, North American Baptist General Conference.

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THE MAGNOLIA Baptist Church of Anaheim, Cal., continues to be blessed by its involvement in the Crusade of the Americas.

In 1967 and 68 we were to learn to witness. What excitement coursed through our veins as various methods and ideas filled our minds and we thought of actually leading a soul from eternal damnation to the saving love of Christ Jesus the Lord.

During the learning period we heard the many complaints thrown at the organized church of today. We heard that our churches were not relevant; that we were dead; that many therein were hypocritical. And at times we could see the truth of such statements.

But we also believed that the New Testament taught that the church, yea the local church, has the responsibility to reach the lost of its community and the lost of the world.

Thus we hungered after every technique that would enable us to present the plan of salvation to our relatives, neighbors, fellow workers and even strangers.

In our church we held a Lay Institute of Evangelism sponsored by Campus Crusade. This resulted in many people being trained in witnessing. Some of our men took additional studies. These men began a class during the Sunday school hour called "The Witnessing Class." In this class people have opportunity to give testimony of the response to their witnessing during the week. The teachers then open the Word of God. They study and pray preparing themselves for another week of witnessing.

Training Believers Before Membership

by Kenneth L. Fischer

We thought, if the complaint that we are dead is valid, then we need to come alive. We arrived in 1968-69 with a banner flying high over head, heralding the phrase, "Winning persons to Christ."

The goal of reaching everyone with the message of redemption and the programs devised to make this possible brought many of us out of the humdrum routine of Christian service, filling us with the excitement that can only come by witnessing to lost souls. Forty men covenanted together before God to pray and go out weekly in what is called the Men's Outreach Program. Later thirty women joined in the same work. These groups were elated when God's Volunteers Team II joined them in several days and evenings of door-to-door visitation.

We had learned that our Christian faith was first and above all a gospel of redemption. It was the announcement of the Good News that God, for Christ's sake, had forgiven sinful men.

We understood that the symbol of our faith was not a burning bush, not a tablet of stone, not a seven branch lamp stand, but a cross. A rugged, heavy, naked, cruel wooden cross. Because of that cross, Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God, can make the dead live again.

In the first two years of the Crusade of the Americas, we readily found that the only way to reach the lost of our communities was to have Christ-centered people in Christ-centered churches doing God's will. We also found there are a number of groups who are making big splashes these days, but where are the converts?

This is where the final year of the Crusade of the Americas can really stand tall. In this 1969-70 year, the emphasis is on seeking to conserve the results of evangelism.

The goals and objectives during 1969-70 are to integrate and assimilate the converts into the local church fellowship and to help the evangelized to become the evangelists.

In the Magnolia Church we begin to train these believers, whether they be old believers or new believers, before they become members. It works this way.

Upon responding to the invitation given at the close of each service, people are dealt with by members of the Deacon Board and if they confess Christ as Saviour and Lord they are enrolled in what is called a Pastor's Class.

In these classes, which run for three or four months, the pastor is able to

bare his heart concerning many facets of the Christian life. For instance we study carefully the church covenant, wherein we have an opportunity to talk about walking together in Christian love, maintaining family and private devotions and various reasons why some church members are dropped from the church roll.

We study in depth seven main doctrines, including the divine inspiration of the Bible, the trinity, the virgin birth and the Holy Spirit. Baptist principles are covered, including the Baptism of believers only, the priesthood of the believer, separation of church and state, the right to private interpretation of the Scriptures and the interdependence and autonomy of the local church. The ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are thoroughly considered.

A careful examination is given of each individual's responsibility should he become a member. Such things as serving, learning, witnessing, praying, worshipping and giving are thoroughly examined. In the study of "giving," budgets of the church are distributed and explained in detail.

The organization and government of the church are explained and charted and the constitution is interpreted. Our North American Baptist General Conference is explained along with its organizational structure and ministry. We cover the missionary program of our North American Baptist Conference in great detail.

Finally the Pastor gives the plan of salvation answering any and all questions asked. Opportunity is again given to the people enrolled to accept Christ as their Saviour if they have not done so.

Upon completion of this class, the people can intelligently decide whether this is the church wherein the Lord would have them serve. If they desire membership, they are presented to the Deacon Board and asked one question, "Have you personally prayed, confessed your sin and invited Christ into your life?"

If they say yes, they are presented for membership before the church. If they answer no, we begin all over again.

Magnolia Church has found this method of training believers before membership very effective. We would not recommend this method as the end, but we would say we have found it to be a very good beginning.

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September 15, 1969

Calendar of Activities Implementing 1969-70 Theme

Theme: Training Believers
Scripture: "And they continued stedfastly . . ." (Acts 2:42ff).

Goal: Integrating and assimilating new members into the local church fellowship and helping the evangelized to become the evangelists.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1969

1. September 15 "Lift off" date.
2. Continuation of Crusade of the Americas simultaneous campaigns.
3. Christian education week "The Home and Church Training Believers."
4. Sunday School enlargement campaign "Winning With the Word."
5. Area Workshop Rallies

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 1969

1. Area Workshop Rallies (continued).
2. Evaluation and analysis of results of simultaneous campaigns.
3. Orientation of new believers.
4. Preparation for Fellowship Action Groups program.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1970

1. Week of Prayer, January 4-11.
2. Prayer and Commitment Sunday, January 11.
3. Training in Personal Evangelism.
4. Preparation for Fellowship Action Groups (continued).
5. Youth Week, January 25 to February 1.

MARCH-MAY, 1970

1. Fellowship Action Groups program.
2. Evaluating and assimilating gains of Fellowship Action Groups for future program.

JUNE-AUGUST, 1970

1. Personal evangelism.
2. Christian social ministry.
3. Special emphasis on "Training Believers" at Associations, Conferences, Workshops, Retreats, Vacation Bible Schools.

Bible Teaching in the Home by Lorimer Potratz

THE IMPORTANCE of the teacher in any learning situation has been stated in many ways. Most of these statements point out that regardless of the physical conditions of the class room or the amount of teaching resources available, personality changes only through contact with personality, and the person of the teacher is at least ninety-five per cent of the pupil's learning influence. Quickly we assume the parents are the obvious teachers of the Bible in the home. But let us remember a greater Person than we parents speaks through the words of the Bible, and the parent's real opportunity is to lead their Bible teaching in such a way that through it both they and their children gain communication with the Person of God. Only then will the real life-changing values of the Holy Scriptures be found and applied to their daily lives.

With this as the vital goal of all home Bible teaching, each responsible parent must give creative thought, prayerful dedication and essential priority to this effort. No one else can do it for us, and God expects us to do it. Moreover, if we fail, the alternative is dreadful; we fail our own precious children, our own wonderful Saviour and ourselves. Is not the first step toward Bible teaching in the home to prayerfully dedicate ourselves and our home to God as His own dominion? In addition, we must keep constantly before our hearts such questions as the following: How can I as a leader in this household improve the channel of communication for God in my home? By what practical means can we give God the opportunity He needs to apply His life-changing forces to me and my family? What does the Bible itself teach me to do?

To accomplish its purpose in my home the Bible asks me to fulfill

two conditions: First, to give its teaching daily prominence and constant priority. God has written, "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thy heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children and shalt talk of them when thou walkest in the house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up. . . ." (Deut. 6:6, 7). The teacher must know that which he would teach. God's way of stating this rule is His first injunction: have these words in your heart. If the parent does not count God's Word worth the discipline of memorizing for himself, how can he teach his children to memorize it? Very young children can easily detect inconsistency in their parents' lives. Notice as well from this Scripture God's place of teaching and His time of teaching: when sitting in your house, when traveling on the road, at bedtime and at rising time. These words can not be fulfilled by the church school or by a children's club. God wrote this for parents and He has never released us from this responsibility.

Secondly, the Bible expects me to give its teaching an environment of consistent, habitual practice. God's directive is stated in Joshua 1:8, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein. . . ." We who would teach Bible in our homes will be expected to demonstrate the love and kindness called for in the Bible. Who can teach children faith in God if his life shows signs of doubt and fear? Or can the undisciplined parent reprove or correct undisciplined children? Oh, anyone can give words of reproof, but they will do more harm than good from an unloving, aggravated, impatient heart. In other words,

as the Rev. Donald Richter wrote, "Actually communication is of two kinds: verbal, that is the words we say and mean, and non-verbal, the things we express by gestures, attitudes, habits, signs, and so forth." To teach Bible in the home both the verbal and the non-verbal methods of communication must bring consistent messages.

Assuming that the parents have a deep dedication to living a godly life, let us outline a simple form of home routine which includes essential features of verbal and non-verbal communication. A bit of creativity will add helpful details according to the tastes and talents of individual families.

Let the parents arise in the morning before their children to have sufficient time for their private devotions. Jesus stressed the place of "secret" fellowship with God and promised a rich reward to each who practiced it (Matt. 6:6). We need this time to saturate our soul with God's truth in His presence, to relate Him to our problems and to gain something of His perspective for our life. And this quiet time is vitally essential for gaining our proper non-verbal communication.

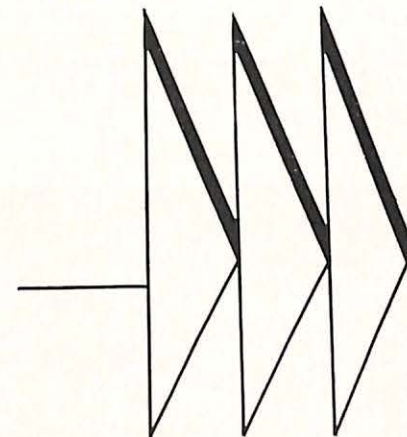
After breakfast, or in relation to one of the daily meals, let the family gather into the living room for worship. Begin with a song to help center attention, set atmosphere and form a worshipping unit. Bible reading, a printed devotional guide and prayer will all have its place. After kneeling in prayer (movement helps small children) conclude with the family standing hand in hand in a circle quoting their memory verse for the week. Introduce it meaningfully early in the week and review it often enough for all to grasp it within a week's time.

Bedtime is, of course, a time for
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"TRAIN UP a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). The way a child should go is an adult decision. Discipline is everything that is done to help your child along the way you have chosen for him.

WHO?

A parent disciplines a child, not to punish him for stepping out of line, but to teach him the way he ought to go. This involves teaching standards by which the child can judge his own behavior. Child discipline can be a pleasant task for a parent, if the aim is to guide the child into becoming a mature and happy adult. If a parent really feels he and God are partners in the effort to have his child become a follower of Christ; then discipline can truly be a delight to both, and will lead to an abundant life in the Lord Jesus Christ.



WHY?

The foundation of effective discipline must be *love*. Such love based on I Corinthians 13, must display patience, kindness, generosity, unselfishness and sincerity. Love for a child or young person radiates from within a person, and is something that is constant. You don't love him when his behavior is good, and turn your back when his behavior is unacceptable to you. God does not deal with us as His children in this way, so we should not deal with our children this way. Loving discipline does not mean we let a child run wild. Misbehavior demands action. It demands gentleness with firmness, so this becomes a good foundation for constructive discipline. In Hebrews 2:11 we read, "Now, no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." Discipline is of course not a happy experience for a child. The tears shed for the present will add up to a better adjusted child

in the future. Discipline should not be administered in the fury of an angry moment. If this is done it is the parent who is in need of discipline—discipline of the spirit. Dr. Henry Brandt relates the story of a young mother of three children. One morning she walked into the kitchen humming happily to herself. Her three boys were grouped around the kitchen sink chattering happily. She thought, "My, they're getting along nicely together." Then to her dismay she saw what they were doing. On the sink board were piled a dozen eggshells and in a bowl were the raw eggs.

The mother was enraged and proceeded to give the boys an angry lecture, telling them that for the rest of the day each must stay in the house and be isolated. This is what the boys were doing: One had gotten the idea that they would poke in the end of a raw egg, empty it out and throw it at their mother. Emptying the con-

children whom his wife and he have had to discipline in five different ways. Whatever the method of discipline, the Bible says, "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul." "Withhold not correction from the child; for if thou beatest him with a rod, he shall not die." Perhaps he'll sound like he's dying, but he won't. The Bible says we are to rear our children in the fear and nurture of the Lord. If they are reared in that way, when they are old they will not depart from it. We have the promise of God.

WHAT?

A disciplined person is one who has voluntarily chosen a certain way of life. Parents need to live a disciplined life before God before they can expect to effectively discipline their children. Parents need to show their children that they are dedicated fol-

DISCIPLINE:

Who? What? When? Why?

by Marjorie Gallagher

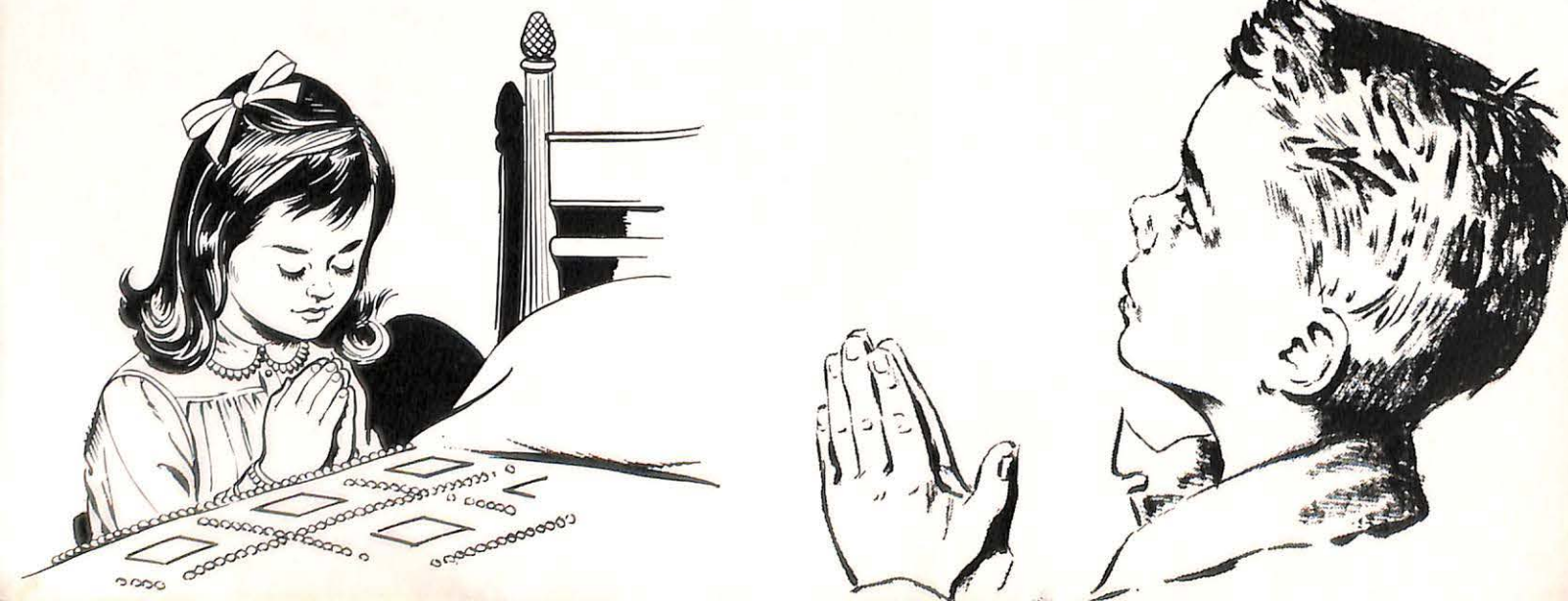
tents of the egg proved to be a very interesting experience, so they did it to another egg. They enjoyed it so much that they went through a dozen eggs.

After her angry tirade, the mother began to think more rationally. Here she was, enraged, spoiling her day for herself and for her children over 60¢ worth of eggs. She was ashamed, repented, called her children and acknowledged that she had acted in a very inappropriate way toward the incident. Then she made it plain that their little deed nevertheless was not to be repeated again. Permission to do such things was needed from her. Everyone was relieved. That noon they all enjoyed scrambled eggs and later that day they had scrambled egg snacks.

Each member in a home should be sensitive to discipline. This discipline may vary with the child's temperament and personality. Spanking for one may be the answer, while another may respond to a good "talking to." Billy Graham says that they have five

lowers of Christ. Moses said, "And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deut. 6:6, 7). If parents would take upon themselves the responsibility of being living examples of what they teach, and of practicing what they want their children to practice, child discipline would be at a minimum. Parents need to make sure that their children can walk in their footsteps, without stumbling. If a parent could only say as Paul said in Phillipians 4:19, "Those things which ye have both learned and received, and heard and seen in me do, and the Lord of peace shall be with you." The hope that your children will turn out to be the kind of persons you are ought to be a satisfying hope. The example you are to them, and the words you teach them should

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create in them the desire to be a follower of Christ, even as you are.

WHEN?

Discipline begins with the birth of a child. Discipline belongs first to the parents—discipline against spoiling the baby with too much love and attention. From the time a child says “no” for the first time, a certain kind of discipline needs to be applied. A guiding discipline is very important during the early, tender, pliable years. The necessity to comprehend the needs of a child and to guide him through each age-level, with its various tasks and requirements, involves real knowledge on the part of a parent. With the birth and development of each successive child a parent can expect to be better informed and prepared to give guidance. Children who live in a loving atmosphere can survive the many technical mistakes a parent will make. Parenthood and discipline are much more than a series of techniques. There needs to be heart, feeling, enjoyment and complete dedication. The parent is always the world's greatest expert on his or her child. Others who have an influence on the child come and go, but the parent is the consistent influence for good or evil upon a child's life. Parenthood and the dis-

Reflections on the 1969 Cameroon Missionary Conference

by Henry Dreger

“YOUR WILL be done—but, Lord, what is your will?” Time and again this question was raised as we held our Cameroon Missionary Conference at our Bamenda headquarters, April 9-13, 1969.

Without exception all of our 52 missionaries on the field were able to attend. Included among those present were our three missionaries from the Mambila Field, Nigeria, who were able to come despite the unsettled conditions in that country, although we did miss Carolyn Okert our teacher at Jos, Nigeria.

As the landrovers descended upon this grass land “metropolis” and as the people gathered for the annual “family reunion” it felt good to be part of it. The expressive faces and



The NAB missionaries, and Dr. and Mrs. Henry Brandt, who were present for the 1969 CMC.

the ready smiles revealed the eagerness and anticipation of the days ahead. People who had not seen each other for months, or even for years in those cases where a furlough intervened, were exchanging lively greetings.

We were able to get better acquainted with the newer missionaries as they shared their testimonies with the group. It is wonderful to see how differently God leads and how people respond.

Included in our welcome were some very special guests, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Brandt. Dr. Brandt is a consulting psychologist to several mission boards helping with the selection of candidates, visiting mission fields on special projects and as conference speaker.

Dr. Brandt is no stranger to our N.A.B., having been brought up in the present Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, and also having taught for a year at our Sioux Falls Seminary. However, this was his first visit to our Cameroon Field—at no expense to the mission. It was the first time that we have had an outside speaker at the conference.

We greatly appreciated Dr. Brandt's visit and the message he had for us. In a very simple and direct way he repeatedly pointed to the Bible as the only standard and guide to follow. “Let the Spirit direct your lives” we are told in Galatians 5:16, and if we walk in the Spirit we shall experience lasting joy. In the light of Gal.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK SEPT. 28-OCT. 5

THEME: “The Home and Church—Training Believers”

TEXT: “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4 RSV

PURPOSE: The purpose of the articles in this issue of the BAPTIST HERALD and of the activities suggested in the Guidebook is not to merely spotlight the Christian Education Program of the church, but to initiate action which will result in a vital training program sponsored by the church but carried out in the home.

Christian Education Week should be a time that inspires reflection on the educational ministry of the church, the training within the home and what each of us, personally, has done to grow in our understanding and emulation of Jesus Christ and His Word. This introspective reflection should prompt us to ask ourselves if our study, understanding and growth have in any way touched another life for Jesus Christ.

BIBLE TEACHING . . .

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reading Bible stories and discussing them. It is the logical time to review the day's activities and bring them before the Lord in praise, thanks, confession and prayer for tomorrow's needs. But in all, remember the importance of attitude—not like the monotony of dish-washing but with the anticipation of more new discoveries in God's precious treasures!

The Rev. Lorimer Potratz is the pastor of the Ventura Baptist Church, Ventura, N. D.

From Mission Promotion to Missionary

Introducing Dr. and Mrs. Louis R. Johnson
Missionaries to Cameroon

by Richard Schilke



DR. LOUIS R. JOHNSON in his application for missionary appointment said: “I have, in every church served, promoted and emphasized the North American Baptist mission program. Almost every church has increased in mission giving and interest in our North American Baptist work.” Dr. Johnson served as pastor in five of our churches over a span of 24 years and several other churches on an interim basis while pursuing his studies. His testimony is thus based on years of experience. Perhaps many readers of the *Baptist Herald* will be surprised to hear that after these pastorates, the mission field in a foreign land should now become his area of service. But it should not be surprising that personal interest and involvement in promoting the mission program should eventually lead to becoming a missionary and thus become involved in the most personal way possible.

GODLY PARENTS

Both Dr. and Mrs. Johnson have the heritage of godly parents. Louis Richard Johnson was born on May 25, 1914 at Steamboat Rock, Iowa, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson as the second of five children. He says: “I was born . . . into a fine Christian home. My father was known for his steadfastness, integrity, and deep commitment to Christ. My mother was a saintly woman, daughter of a Baptist pastor, Prof. E. J. Janzen.” He was raised in the rural community of Steamboat Rock and had all the experiences of a farm lad.

Bertha Ellen Johnson nee Schwitters was born on May 22, 1916 at

Clara City, Minnesota to Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Schwitters as the seventh of eight children. She says; “On May 22, 1916 when my father alighted from the train in Clara City, Minnesota, after a week's business trip away from home, he was greeted with the words: ‘You have a new daughter, born early this morning.’ Both mother and dad were Christians, so I had the privilege of being reared in a Christian home.” When Bertha was two years of age, the parents moved to Steamboat Rock, Iowa, where she grew up.

LIFE'S EARLY DIRECTION

In spite of the favorable Christian home and surroundings Louis as a youth rejected the wooing of the spirit of God in his life. Not until he was 17 years of age did he experience a genuine conversion which he knew was real. In October, 1931, he was baptized on confession of his faith by Rev. Carl Swyter and became a member of the First Baptist Church in Steamboat Rock. This was also the year of his high school graduation.

For approximately four years Louis was employed in a grain elevator in his home town. This gave him opportunity to participate in his church's activities and helped him grow in his Christian life. Four years after his graduation from high school he surrendered his life for full-time service for Christ. At the age of 22 he entered Moody Bible Institute in Chicago for his basic Bible training for the next two years, 1937-39.

Bertha's Christian up-bringing influenced her decision for Christ while she was a senior in high school at the

age of 17. Her baptism and church membership took place after she graduated from high school. In August, 1933, she was baptized on confession of her faith in Christ by the Rev. Carl Swyter and became a member of the First Baptist Church in Steamboat Rock where she then found spiritual nurture and Christian activities.

For several years after high school graduation Bertha worked in the vicinity of Steamboat Rock as a domestic helper and as a clerk in a variety store. As a child she often said: “When I grow up, I am going to marry a minister.” After she became a Christian, she recognized that this was God's call to her. Thus in 1937 she enrolled at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago to prepare herself for this role. She graduated with a diploma in 1940.

PREPARATION FOR THE MINISTRY

Louis R. Johnson was not content with only Bible School training for a career in the ministry. After two years at Moody, he transferred in 1939 to Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago, Ill. Before enrolling at the seminary, a very important event took place. He says: “On August 18, 1939, I married Bertha Ellen Schwitters, my post high school sweetheart from Steamboat Rock. She has been my faithful, devoted, and talented wife more than 29 years.” God has blessed them with a son, Vaughn, age 25 and married, and a daughter, Vic-

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Rekindled Fires for Missionary Service

Introducing the Rev. David H. Burgess,
Missionary to Cameroon

by Richard Schilke



"MY EARLIEST memories relate to events on various farms as my father ran a farm and served a rural pastorate," says David Burgess. Coming from a pastor's home, with friends of the family on the mission field, it was perhaps quite natural for David to develop an interest in missions early in life. Nevertheless, this cannot be taken for granted for quite frequently the opposite is true. Pastors' children do not necessarily follow the same calling of their fathers.

AN EARLY INTEREST IN SPIRITUAL MATTERS

David Henry Burgess was born on May 24, 1944, at Detroit, Mich., to the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Burgess as the second of four children. At the age of seven, while living near Columbus, Mich., he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. It was during evangelistic services in his father's church that he realized his need of Christ. His mother felt that he was quite young and restrained him from going forward.

However, that evening after the service he spoke to his father and the evangelist at the home, and there accepted Christ as his Savior. Baptism and church membership followed about four years later. He was baptized by his father in April, 1956, and became a member of the church.

Shortly after his baptism, David saw a film on the work of a group of missionaries in an African Leprosarium. This left a deep impression on his young mind and for quite some time he was thinking of becoming a medical missionary. Talks with missionaries who came to his father's church and home kept this interest alive.

In the meantime he kept himself busy in the work of the church. He became president of the junior high

and senior high BFY and served as teacher in Sunday school and superintendent of the youth department.

DEDICATION AND RE-DEDICATION

While in high school he attended a Baptist camp at Lake Louise, Mich. It was at this camp that he dedicated his life to full-time Christian service. He continued to think of missions but was not sure that this was where he should go. He realized that educational preparation was a first requirement for Christian service whether it was to be at home or abroad.

During his high school days he kept himself active in church, Bible clubs, choir. During his senior year he was elected to the Honor Society and was chosen as one of 13 students to be presented with an opportunity to enter General Motors Institute in Flint, Mich. However, he was very doubtful about spending his life as an engineer in an automotive factory and thus declined this opportunity.

Following his high school graduation David enrolled at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., in 1962 and graduated in December, 1965, with a B.S. Degree with a major in mathematics. The next year he taught 7th and 9th grades in the Almont Public Schools in Almont, Mich.

The years at the university were more than a time of education. They were also a time of spiritual wrestling and growth. As a Baptist student he became part of the Baptist Student Fellowship under the direction of the Rev. James Didier. In 1964 he was elected president of the Baptist Student Fellowship. In the summer of 1965 at a youth camp at Grass Lake, Mich., he sensed that the Holy Spirit was working in his heart, yielded and re-dedicated his life to Christ for service. On his way home Mr. Didier

asked him: "Dave, what difference is this dedication of your life going to make?" He could not give an immediate answer, but before he arrived home, he knew. He had been running away from God even as Jonah did. This re-dedication ended this running.

That fall, 1966, he enrolled at Northern Baptist Seminary in Oak Brook, Ill. On May 31, 1969, he graduated with the M. Div. Degree. During the first year at the seminary he heard several missionaries in chapel services and these talks rekindled the fires of mission service in his heart. He was involved in the practical ministry as a student at the First Baptist Church, Bellwood, Ill., where he became youth director. He also transferred his membership to this church. Here he was also ordained into the Christian ministry on June 1, 1969.

THE IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITY IN MISSION SERVICE

The Rev. R. I. Thompson, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Bellwood, suggested to David on various occasions that he have a talk with the writer of this article about his interest in missions. This opportunity came at a missionary conference banquet in the Chicago area early in February, 1969. He was informed that in the short-term service in Cameroon there were various openings and appointment could be assured where as for the more permanent missionary service which meant an expansion of the mission budget, there was a waiting list and appointment may not come this year. Though David was interested in the more permanent type of appointment, he seized upon this opportunity of short-term service as the immediate opening and applied.

At the time of the annual meeting of the Board of Missions in April of

this year a request from our Cameroon Field Committee was before us to consider a short-term missionary to teach English at the Baptist Bible Training Centre at Ndu. It was felt that Mr. Burgess with his additional seminary training would fit admirably into this situation, and so he was appointed on the short-term basis of two years. He thus continues to wait upon the Lord for the opportunity of being transferred from short-term service to permanent missionary service in order that he might more fully carry out his desire "to train others to go out as ambassadors for Christ to teach and preach."

On August 24 David joined several of the other short-term missionaries at the rally at Grosse Pointe Baptist Church in Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. Then on August 25 together with the others he left from Detroit for New York and on to Douala, Cameroon. He will be stationed at Ndu to teach at the Baptist Bible Training Centre where he will find ample opportunity to teach and train others.

Dr. Richard Schilke is the General Missionary Secretary for the North American Baptist General Conference.

FROM MISSION PROMOTION . . .

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toria, age 17 and entering college this year.

In 1943 Louis graduated from Northern Baptist Seminary with a Th.B. Degree. On February 21, 1943, he was ordained into the Christian ministry at the Forest Park Baptist Church. As a theological student he began serving on a student basis the Union Baptist Church in Wyocena, Wisc. On a part-time basis he continued his studies at the University of Wisconsin while still serving the church at Wyocena.

Along with other pastorates and taking time out between pastorates, Louis continued his education at Loyola University, Northwestern University, and Northern Baptist Seminary. In 1949 he received his Ph. B. Degree from Loyola. In 1950 he received his B. D. Degree from Northern, and in 1958 Northern granted him the Th. D. Degree.

PASTORAL EXPERIENCES

Louis R. Johnson has served the following churches as pastor: East Side Baptist in Chicago, Ill. 1945-48; First Baptist in Baileyville, Ill. as interim 1949; Immanuel Baptist in Milwaukee, Wisc. as interim 1950-51; Central Baptist in Waco, Texas 1952-57; Immanuel Baptist in Kankakee, Ill. 1958-62; North Highlands Baptist in Dallas, Texas 1962-64; and Willow Rancho Baptist in Sacramento, Cal. 1964-69.

While serving at East Side Baptist in Chicago, he continued his university studies on a part-time basis since he "hungered for more knowl-

edge and training." While serving at Central Baptist in Waco, his church hosted our General Conference in 1955. While serving at Immanuel Baptist in Kankakee, he led the church in the building program of a beautiful sanctuary and educational unit in its relocation program. In Dallas, Texas, he guided the former Carroll Avenue Baptist Church in selling its property, purchasing a new site, changing its name to North Highlands Baptist Church, and making plans for a building program. At Willow Rancho Baptist in Sacramento the church had outgrown its first church extension facilities and desperately needed a new sanctuary. God used him to lead in this building program and a beautiful sanctuary could be dedicated a year ago.

MISSIONARY PROMOTION

In spite of the building programs in three of his churches, Mr. Johnson emphasized missions and systematic giving in a program of stewardship. Giving for missions increased in addition to the necessary provision of local needs. God visibly blessed his ministry and used his talents for the spiritual growth of the people in his church.

While serving at Waco, Texas, he became mission secretary of the Southern Conference. In that capacity he interested his conference mission committee and the conference in the beginning of the Spanish American mission in Rio Grande City, Texas. This work was begun in the late fall of 1954.

Dr. Johnson has also served in various other capacities within our General Conference. For several years he was chairman of the Committee on Higher Education and thus member of the General Council. He served as a member on the Advance Planning Committee and numerous other committees. His devotion and sincerity were always recognized.

TO THE MISSION FIELD

Less than two years ago Dr. Johnson made known his desire to go to the mission field, particularly in the capacity of teaching at the Bible Training Centre at Ndu in Cameroon. He felt right along that he had prepared himself for a teaching ministry. Our Cameroon Field Committee had also asked over a period of several years for a qualified person with a doctorate to be added to the staff at the Bible Training Centre. It seemed that the time was now at hand and God directed in this manner.

Appointment of Dr. and Mrs. Johnson as missionaries to Cameroon came in April, 1969, and the Cameroon Field Committee has placed Dr. Johnson on the staff of the Bible Training Centre at Ndu. Dr. Johnson thus resigned as pastor of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church in Sacramento and officially brought his ministry there to a close with August 3. This past year he has been the moderator of the

Pacific Conference which this year convened at Tacoma, Wash., July 30-August 3. During these days Dr. and Mrs. Johnson were commissioned to missionary service.

On August 20, 1969 Dr. and Mrs. Johnson sailed from New York for England. They felt that they needed the rest on board ship after several hectic weeks of getting ready. In England they visited friends for several days and then flew from there to Douala, Cameroon, where they arrived on August 29. They will only have a few short weeks to get settled at Ndu and orientated into African ways before a busy teaching schedule will begin. We assure them of our prayers for God's abundant blessings.

Dr. Richard Schilke is the General Missionary Secretary for the North American Baptist General Conference.

REFLECTIONS ON . . . CONFERENCE

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5:22-23a we each looked at ourself and asked, "Am I really walking in the Spirit?" Too often, we have to admit, we are not drawing upon the full resources that are available to us from our Lord.

A time like this is also a time of evaluation and looking ahead. We thank God for the blessings in the past year and for the opportunities that are still ours. "The work which God has helped you to do," read the telegram from the Prime Minister of West Cameroon, "is acknowledged by Cameroonians and the Lord himself. . . . You are assured of government support."

A simple Communion Service Sunday night climaxed the meetings. With our thoughts centered on our Lord Jesus Christ in whose service we stand, the conference fittingly came to a close.

As we said farewell and departed for our respective stations, we each took along many precious memories which will surely linger.

Mr. Henry Dreger is a North American Baptist General Conference missionary in Cameroon, Africa.

CORRECTION

The September 1 BAPTIST HERALD article "NAB Churches' Contributions For April 1, 1968 to March 31, 1969" listed the Northern Conference as contributing \$95,938.09 to the Mission Advance Program (MAP). This was an error. This total sum was what the Northern Conference contributed to the "Northern Conference Centennial Advance" (\$94,041.47) and to the Mission Advance Program (\$1,896.62).



Mrs. Marjorie Lang and 3-H girls at badge awarding ceremony.



Margaret Manjong, a Saker student, telling an illustrated story of white-Whete.



A Saker student, Margaret Manjong, wearing the uniform of 3-H and the badges she has earned.

Our Ministry to Youth in Cameroon

by Harold Lang

THE IMPORTANCE of reaching and training youth cannot be overemphasized. This is as true in West Cameroon as it is in any other country. As one walks the streets of Victoria, he sees hundreds of young people who have come to the coast in search of employment. Some are successful; many are not. And so they live with relatives and wander in the streets. The Basel Mission, seeing the need to reach these young people, has spent thousands of dollars in constructing their Presbyterian Youth Centre. Through a varied program of entertainment, education, and crafts they are seeking to reach some of these youth. As Baptists, we have neither the personnel nor the funds to embark on such an elaborate program. But we, too, need to strive to reach these and the other young people of the Cameroon. In a number of ways we of the Cameroon Baptist Mission and Cameroon Baptist Convention are seeking to reach and train youth.

SCHOOLS

Perhaps the most extensive work in the ministry to youth is done through our Baptist schools. There are presently just over 100 Baptist grade schools in

West Cameroon with approximately 25,000 students. In every village where there is a Baptist school, there is also a Baptist church. Just as the Sunday school serves as a feeder for the churches in America, the Baptist schools have been an effective means of bringing children and sometimes parents to Christ and the church.

Another thousand students attend the high schools in which we as Baptists have an interest in Cameroon. Saker Baptist College in Victoria is our girls' secondary school; Joseph Merriek Baptist College at Ndu is for boys, and we cooperate with the Presbyterians at Cameroon Protestant College, Bali, another boys' secondary school. In these schools full term and short term missionaries as well as Baptist Cameroonian tutors have daily contact with the students. Schedules are extremely full, and sometimes outward evidences are not as definite as one might hope for, but the working of the Holy Spirit can be seen in the lives of these teenagers. As these young people leave the high schools to go on for further training, or to take positions in government offices and private concerns, they go having been in contact with sound Christian teaching and

a Christian environment.

For Baptist students who do not attend our own secondary schools, there are sometimes Bible classes. Dr. Dieter Lemke at Bango Hospital has regular classes with the Protestant students attending the Catholic secondary school there. I personally meet weekly with fifteen Baptist students attending a vocational high school, Government Technical College, Ombe. Discussions with these students have been most rewarding.

Our two Baptist teacher training colleges, one at Soppo and the other at Belo, train 350 more young people to become teachers in our Baptist grade schools. This training is crucial, for as they go to their schools their influence on the community and church of which they will be a part will be great as a help or a hindrance. In a situation where only one third of the Baptist churches have trained pastors, these young teachers often are the preachers as well as Sunday school teachers, deacons and leaders within the church.

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

There are three kinds of youth groups which are functioning to a

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A group of 3-H campers in uniform.



Camping days are over. The girls, accompanied by their leader, carry their belongings home.

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Missionaries Give \$1500 to Improve Facilities for Extreme Leprosy Patients



New blankets



Village Water House



Corn mill

September 15, 1969

AT THE edge of Mbingo New Hope Settlement is a small community of less than 30 people, men and women severely deformed by leprosy. Since 1956, when a group of men and women were transferred from the government leprosy camp in Bamenda, New Hope Village has in reality been a secure haven for these deformed and handicapped people. For most of these years we have been able to provide only the barest of necessities for these people. In 1968, the missionaries gave an offering of about \$1,500 to improve the living conditions of New Hope Village.

Water is really a precious thing to them. Previously they had to walk down a steep incline carrying a bucket of water, most of them with deformed feet and damaged hands. Because of the plentiful water supply, the water always runs. This also solved the problem of having a water tap that can be turned on and off by people without fingers.

A new blanket was given to each villager. They were received with many "warm" comments.

The Village water house has become the center of activity. Here they gather for any sort of meeting:—Christian worship services—weekly visits of the leprosy inspector—doctor's visits—and just to talk over things that concern them. They are really delighted with this "house of many doors."

The houses themselves are being improved by having cement floors in each building, covered veranda, and easy to navigate steps for entering the buildings.

A corn mill was the first improvement and what a help that has been! In addition to their own needs, "outsiders" pay a small fee which the villagers are saving for repairs on the machine.



Houses



Water fountains



Water fountain



● The Rev. Alvin Auch has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Martin Baptist Church, Martin, N. D., effective September 7, 1969. He previously served the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Okla.

● The Rev. Ray Niederer has resigned from the Snowview Baptist Church,

Cleveland, Ohio to accept the call from the Broadway Baptist church, Enid, Okla., effective October, 1969.

● The Rev. Norman W. Dreger has become the pastor of the Namao Park Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., effective August 31, 1969. He previously served the First Baptist Church, Leduc Alta.

● Miss Marie Wagner has accepted the call to become the Director of Christian Education at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., effective October 1, 1969.

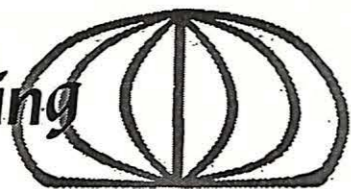
● The Rev. Jesse Hood has resigned from the Meridian Woods Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., effective August 31, 1969. He has accepted the call to the King's Highway Baptist Church in Bridgeport, Conn., and will begin his ministry on September 1, 1969.

● Mr. Dan Buhler has resigned from the First Baptist Church, Moosehorn, Man., to go into evangelism work.

● The Rev. G. Ittermann of Orlando, Florida, died July 27, 1969.

● Mr. Leslie Howell has resigned from the First Baptist Church, Utica, Mich.

what's happening



CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY JULY 1969 CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BASIC PROGRAM

Conference	July 1969	July 1968	July 1967
Atlantic	\$ 14,147.79	\$ 7,427.54	\$ 4,158.71
Central	31,305.12	44,440.99	18,418.58
Dakota	5,218.23	8,907.30	5,625.04
Eastern	3,201.60	2,987.79	2,281.99
Northern	5,968.88	8,329.69	4,748.49
Northwestern	8,926.73	16,709.88	15,092.42
Pacific	25,505.40	10,366.88	11,901.34
Southern	1,687.05	413.24	334.13
Southwestern	5,479.96	5,183.71	3,577.95
Inter-Conference	1,878.38	945.50	512.35
Total Basic Program	\$103,319.14	\$105,712.52	\$ 66,651.00

FISCAL YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BASIC PROGRAM

	Budget Contributions	Special Projects	Total Basic Program
April 1, 1969 to July 31, 1969	\$286,843.43	\$ 23,879.87	\$310,723.30
April 1, 1968 to July 31, 1968	286,894.26	28,799.64	315,693.90
April 1, 1967 to July 31, 1967	244,345.08	26,803.36	271,148.44

CAPITAL FUNDS CAMPAIGNS CONTRIBUTIONS

	Month July	Fiscal Year
Northern Conference Centennial Advance for NABC	\$ 11,397.65	\$ 19,621.19
Mission Advance Program	24,615.70	78,077.87
Total	\$ 36,013.35	\$ 97,699.06

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

	Month July	Fiscal Year
Total Basic Program	\$103,319.14	\$310,723.30
Capital Funds Campaigns	36,013.35	97,699.06
Total	\$139,332.49	\$408,422.36

OUR MINISTRY TO YOUTH

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greater or lesser extent within the churches. The largest is that of the 3-H Girls. Its motto—Head, Heart, and Hand for Jesus—expresses the stress laid on the spiritual as well as educational development of the girls. Until recently few Cameroonian women had enough education to take places of leadership in this organization. Now, as more have this opportunity, it is important that guidance be increasingly in their hands.

The second youth organization is the Boys' Brigade. Begun several years ago and affiliated with the Boys' Brigade movement of England, it has suffered due to lack of leadership. Few companies exist at present. But the need to reach boys is ever present. Working through the Baptist Convention, we are seeking to revive this work among boys.

The most recent development has been the beginning of mixed youth groups in the churches called Cameroon Baptist Youth Fellowships. In several areas these Fellowships have been begun, and there is interest in other places. Here there is need for solid foundations of organization and the production of program materials. In the coming months I hope to visit various fields and assist in the organizing of these C.B.Y.F.'s.

In developing our youth work, it is very important that this be done co-operatively with the Baptist Convention. And the training of effective leadership is vital. How often it has been in the past that one person has worked hard to establish a work, only to see it falter and fail when he moves or is transferred to another area. This was brought to me vividly several weeks ago when I was speaking to one

church about beginning a C.B.Y.F. One of the first questions asked was, "How long will you be in Victoria?" As I inquired as to what the questioner meant, I learned that once before someone had generated enthusiasm among these young people to begin a youth work. But within several months after its beginning, that person moved away. Since there was no person to take his place, the work had failed. It is one thing to make plans and instill enthusiasm. It is another thing to train dependable leaders to carry on the work through success and discouragement. Certainly the training of these kind of leaders is also one of the most important aspects of our ministry to youth.

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OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

N.A.B. BASIC MISSION PROGRAM
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Ideas

For Christian Education

Edited by Dorothy Pritzkau

CHURCH, HOME, parents—these are inseparable if Christian nurture and Christian homes are to continue. They belong together if we believe that God has made us for Himself and that our lives are incomplete unless they include Him.

INTERDEPENDENCE

The church without parents would not amount to much. The church is people, and many people are parents. Much of the financial support of the church comes from people who are parents. These parents have children who become a vital part of the church's program.

The opposite is equally true. The home would not remain Christian very long if the church ceased to exist. At the base of the Christian home is the church with its emphasis on the Bible and God, both of which are treasured and loved by the home and the church. The starter for Christian homes is very often the church. Through the ministries of the church the foundations of a Christian home are strengthened and secured.

Thus we have the inseparable trio of the church, home and parents. Without the church the home will not remain Christian very long. Without the Christian home the church cannot survive either, and without Christian parents the home and the church will both suffer. Today this triad confronts every church at its very heart. The church's programs and plans are vitally affected by parents in the home. Therefore the question "How can the local church help parents in the home?" is a worthy and legitimate inquiry. Indeed it ought to be the continuing concern of every pastor, church board and church planning committee.

The homes of today need the undergirding strength and staying power of the church's ministry. It has been often said that the family that prays together stays together. This has been proven to be true again and again by those who were willing to enter into a meaningful relationship with God through the church and the home.

DESTRUCTIVE FORCES

The destructive forces at work against the Christian home make this inquiry of how the church can help parents in the home imperative. The exposure of the whole world with its good and bad influence has come into the living room of every home that possesses a television set. There is the

How Can the Church Help Parents in the Home?

by Henry Ramus

bombardment of the home with advertisements of adverse products and pleasures that are detrimental to home happiness.

The breakdown of parental discipline, the disrespect of youth for law and order, parental delinquency, the new morality, the new theology, the antagonism of youth against the "establishment," race hatred, campus disorders, the rampant spread of the use of dope, hallucinatory drugs and alcoholic beverages, all add up to tremendous pressure upon the Christian home and seek its collapse. Where does the church begin to address itself to the crying needs of the home?

SUNDAY SCHOOL

If the church is going to help parents in the home, it must have a good, strong Christian education program. The church can provide for a full-orbed Sunday school that reaches out to all ages.

One of the chief concerns of the Sunday school should be the use of an adequate Bible-based curriculum. The Roger Williams Press curriculum is being recommended for use in our churches. It presents the whole Bible to the entire church, from toddlers through adults, in a dynamic and helpful fashion that is most effective for each age. It is a growing curriculum that grows with each pupil in the Sunday school. The student studies selected Bible portions, building year upon year. He uses materials exactly right for his age, his needs, abilities and interests. The student is given four overviews of the Bible, from beginning to end. Each time, the lessons go deeper, using Bible portions best understood by each age, thus building Bible knowledge for life.

The Sunday school can help parents by sponsoring parent-teacher meetings. To gain more cooperation from the home, there should be more of these personal contacts with the Sunday school and its staff. To make the limited time spent in direct spiritual training count, the cooperation of the church and home is essential. Just as the PTA has been a boon to the public school system, parent and teacher cooperation can influence the program of Christian education.

Develop good teacher-parent relationships by inviting the parents to visit an actual teaching situation on Sunday morning. Provide a special social event to which parents are in-

vited, and where they can meet the church school staff and particularly the teachers of their own children. Explain the curriculum being used, the objectives of each department, and aids available to parents to help in the nurture of their child.

Other ways to foster parent-teacher cooperation might be as follows: visitors days, parent conferences, panel discussions, parents as substitute teachers, room mothers, coffee hours, recognition days, written communications, progressive dinners, open house. Don't forget to promote Sunday school classes that are available for parents. Roger Williams Press curriculum provides a good selection of elective study courses. The brochure called "Adult Education Opportunities for the Local Church" gives ideas and suggestions for the adult elective system.

CRADLE ROLL

Every church should have an active Cradle Roll department. Here is an effective ministry that can be of great assistance to parents in the guidance of their children. Reaching the home through the new-born child is the missionary outreach of the church to the home. Commercial products make great inroads at this time—why not the church. Babies are vitally important to the total program of the Sunday school and church as it reaches the community for Christ. Material to carry on this missionary ministry of the local church is part of the Roger Williams Press curriculum.

Include Cradle Roll news in your local bulletins, newspaper, and church publications. One of the finest ways of creating interest in the Cradle Roll ministry is for a Cradle Roll interest center to be established in a prominent place in the church. Pictures of new babies are placed here. When a baby is newly enrolled, the names of the parents and baby should be placed in the church bulletin for the day. A rose bowl or vase with a rose bud may appropriately be displayed on this day, and then taken by the Cradle Roll visitor to either the hospital or home. This all has the result of enlisting proud parents.

The Cradle Roll ministry is a natural, for what parent is not interested in his child. Its value is unlimited. You have an immediate point of contact and are not doing cold calling. You have a definite purpose—the baby, and through the baby reach the parents and other children in the home.

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Sunday School Lessons

by James A. Schacher

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 28, 1969

Theme: A KING'S GREATNESS AND RUIN

Scripture: I Kings 4:20-21, 29-30, 32-34; 11:4-6, 9-11

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. The key truth is the story of "how to stumble when your path is clear."

INTRODUCTION. It is sad to see a glorious nation fall and even more disheartening to see a great king falter. But the seeds of decay dwell within all men. Solomon and Israel did not maintain their vigilance in the time of success. Today's lesson records the beginning of the end of Israel's pomp and splendor.

I. THE KING MAKES A GOOD CHOICE! I Kings 4:20-21, 29-30, 32-34. Solomon's desire for wisdom was granted. He made a commendable decision when he requested an understanding heart (I Kings 3). His I.Q. must have ranked with that of an Einstein in our culture. The fame of his mental exploits circulated throughout the civilized world. The writer of Kings concluded that Solomon's wisdom exceeded that of all of his contemporaries.

II. THE KING SUBMITS TO EVIL INFLUENCE. I Kings 11:4-6. Some will say that success went to his head. Others will assert that Solomon had never gone into the deeper things of God. But as in Jesus' Parable of the Sower, the seed took root in Solomon's life and bore fruit, but the weeds of this world snuffed out his spiritual breath.

When Solomon became old his wives influenced him to turn from Jehovah. One's family wields a massive influence on one's effectiveness for God. The worst consequence is that pure worship and delight in God is severed. As in the case of Solomon this bears evil fruit for future generations, beyond one's ability to control it.

III. GOD'S DISPLEASURE WITH SOLOMON'S DECLINE. I Kings 11:9-11. God did right to be angry with Solomon. In disregard of repeated personal warnings, the influential heritage of his father, and the lessons realized in the entire history of Israel, he turned aside to worship the idol objects of men's hands.

This is the true nature of all idol worship. Men rebel against the revelation which God gives. Instead they construct their own theology. By self-assertion they adore their own accomplishments instead of the working of God.

Questions for Discussion

- (1) How can superior mental ability

be an asset in one's religion?

(2) Why did Solomon begin to associate with idol worship? Why do we?

(3) List some of the basic characteristics of false religion.

THE TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 5, 1969

THEME: THE TWO KINGDOMS

Scripture: 1 Kings 12:12-20, 26-29

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. Men must consult God or their decisions may create havoc for themselves and their society.

INTRODUCTION. Ask the class to write down on a sheet of paper the answer to the following question and to hand it in without a name: "In the time of Abraham Lincoln, America was divided into two opposing sides. What similar situation developed in the Old Testament? Tell about it."

Some of the pertinent details are that the ten northern tribes known as Israel split away from the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Israel's king was Jeroboam. Judah's king was Rehoboam. The issue that finally produced the cleavage was the high tax schedule proposed by Rehoboam.

I. THE DECISION THAT TRIGGERED THE SPLIT. I Kings 12:12-14. King Rehoboam chose to disregard his cabinet of experienced advisors. Instead he pursued the policies suggested by the younger men that the taxes should be increased. This is similar to the principles of the New Left in the United States. Some of the key promoters of this viewpoint are younger men who are nauseated with the injustices continued generation by their elders. The young men in both cases propose drastic action, i.e., they would increase the tax on those who make a profit. However, Rehoboam tried to increase the gap between the rich and the poor; whereas today's younger generation at least claims that they wish to narrow that gulf. Unfortunately their acceptance of the use of violence is similar to Marxist socialism. Thus after considering the differences and similarities it is clear that in both situations the solution is the same: "Seek God's will. Act according to His principles and the future will step out on more solid footing."

II. THE INTERACTION THAT CONFIRMED THE SPLIT. I Kings 12:15. Did God force Rehoboam to do evil or had he already rejected the right? Often the error in answering this question lies in totally disregarding one side or the other. The real question is to what extent Rehoboam was responsible and to what degree God enforced His own will.

It would be wrong to think of God

as an Absentee Landlord far away in heaven. He does not passively submit to the unpredictable schemes of egotistic men. But God intervenes in the events of history. This does not mean that free will of men is obliterated. Rather we have a responsibility to respond to these actions of God and exercise the opportunities given to us.

III. THE REACTION THAT CONCLUDED THE SPLIT. I Kings 12:16-20, 26-29. The northern tribes detected that Rehoboam favored Judah. They left the conference table and returned home. When Rehoboam sent his Secretary of Slave Labor the Israelites executed him. Thus the north seceded from the union. This was so thoroughly carried out that the Temple worship at Jerusalem was displaced. Two cities, Dan and Bethel, were established as rival altars to the one at Jerusalem. Similarly present-day Russia imitates Christian churches by dedicating museums of atheism and replaces Christian confirmation and baptism with ceremonies of consecration to the government. The point is that whatever separates us from God's will is harmful. We must die to self and our own ways of doing things.

Questions for Discussion

- (1) "The Division of the Kingdom into Israel and Judah was like the American Civil War." Do you agree or disagree?
- (2) What do you dislike (or like) most about Rehoboam? Jeroboam?
- (3) How would you change the outline into better paragraphs?

READING SURVEY

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HOW CAN THE CHURCH...

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Parents are more tender at the birth of the new baby. Sometimes one cannot reach the parents through the older children but will succeed through a new baby. The slogan "A Christian Home for Every Baby" should be the prayer in each heart as the visit in each home is made.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Leadership training efforts can be another channel for the church to use in order to help parents. Study courses on the Bible, doctrine, evangelism, witnessing, stewardship, Christian home, and Christian living can be chosen for a special weekly study or for several consecutive evenings. A helpful booklet entitled "Leadership Education Curriculum Guide" is available. These training sessions can give parents better understanding of the Bible and foundational truths upon which they can build their own lives and the lives of their children.

ACTION GROUPS

The emphasis of group activities and church organizations can be directed toward involvement and participation. The idea of "putting on a program" is passing. There is interest in home Bible study groups, and two by two Bible studies where discussion can develop in an informal and familiar setting. The interest of the group and its smallness encourages everyone present to get involved in the subject. Very stimulating and life shaping conclusions have helped many persons to know God better and live for Him.

For youth groups, there is program material that has a built-in action and involvement approach. This material is presently available for Junior Highs and is called "Transition." Soon "Action" for Primaries, "Discovery" for Junior age groups, and "Encounter" for High school age groups will be available from Gospel Light Publications.

EVANGELISM

To help parents in the home, the church should also have a strong program of evangelism. This should include more than just the traditional week or two of special evangelistic meetings. Evangelism is a year round job. The emphasis on evangelism should be part of every church organization and program. Soul-winning training classes can be conducted periodically. This should be for parents as well as others. These classes can lead parents into the skills of soul-winning which can make them sensitive in leading their own children to come to know Jesus as Savior.

WORSHIP

The church can also help through providing for meaningful worship. Pioneering in new and different ways of worshipping God can lead to pro-

viding the kind of worship that meets the needs of our time. We need a worship format that is meaningful and relevant to where the people are living today. In other words, put everyday content into our worship experiences, and overcome aspects of traditionalism and formalism which have lost meaning for our day.

With more leisure time than ever before, and increasing long weekends, we must reach the people who find it easy to neglect worship. We must provide the kind of worship that adds a significant ingredient to their everyday living. Meaningful worship can become a stimulating incentive for meaningful Christian living. Instruction on how to worship and how to listen to a sermon is quite appropriate. Biblical training of parents in the art of worship can help them to guide their children in deep spiritual worship by precept and example.

PRAYER

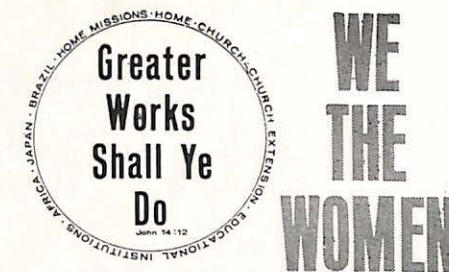
The church needs to help parents in the art of purposeful prayer. Every church should be first and foremost a praying church. Prayer should bathe every outreaching ministry of the church to parents. Parents should be continuously confronted with the church using every means possible, such as the church newsletter, prayer bulletins, pulpit announcements and actual seasons of prayer.

Teaching the art of prayer is also important to help parents cultivate the promised "power in prayer." When churches help persons to become praying parents in a very practical and vital way, a great power for good has been released. Praying parents will lead to praying children.

SPRINGBOARD FOR IDEAS

These various ways of how the local church can help parents in the home are by no means intended to be unusual or exhaustive. They are given here only as a springboard for ideas. You will also notice that helping parents in the home is not a complicated, unrealistic and unreachable goal of the church. On the contrary it is a continuing ministry channeled through the existing program of the church. However, it should be noted that this helpful ministry should be constantly kept vital, fresh and alive with today's parents in mind. With ingenuity, creativity and imagination, the local church can become a real asset to many a parent in the home. Of course it is assumed that parents will cooperate with and be receptive to the church's program. But here again the church can count on God to provide the wisdom, grace and power to meet the challenge of today's parents.

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BY MRS. HERBERT HILLER,
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MUSIC IN THE CHRISTIAN HOME

The Christian home is one of our most precious earthly possessions. It thrives on understanding love, loyalty, harmony and many lovely things and skills which create atmosphere. Music is one of those gifts that helps in setting the right tone to home life, and with its cultivation one cannot start early enough. A certain church advocates the educational principle "Give me a child until it is 6 years old," emphasizing the importance of early training.

My husband and I had the privilege, as most parents do, to train our own children during these very impressionable years. We had two main emphases: church and music. Just as Sunday was without question the day to go to Sunday school and church, with the same naturalness as certain time each day was spent practicing piano, beginning with about 4 years of age. Later, stringed instruments were added to the schedule. It took a bit of coaxing and persuasion at first, but the interest unfolded with the acquisition of skill. The systematic practice habit helped them to be systematic in other areas as, for example, the practice of personal daily devotions. It is quite apparent that the cultivation of music in the home does not come by mere chance or accident. Parents of musical children are often told "Oh, what talented children you have, without realizing that actually it is 10% talent and 90% work. With a strong measure of determination most families could be either singing or playing together in harmony. Another oft-stated principle is "nothing worthwhile is achieved without a great deal of effort." Unity, dedication and strong parental guidance constitute the vital force.

Music made our home-life exciting, even when the children were small. As they grew to be God-fearing young people, it became meaningful and spiritually thrilling. One can hardly imagine life without this rich aspect and its treasured memories, for children who have learned to "sing unto the Lord" or have their fun in harmonizing will find many opportunities for blessed service.

May God give us more homes with vision and determination to make music a molding factor in their children's development and in family life an instrument of peace and harmony.

By Mrs. Herbert Pankratz, Chicago,
Central Conference WMU President

Our Churches in Action

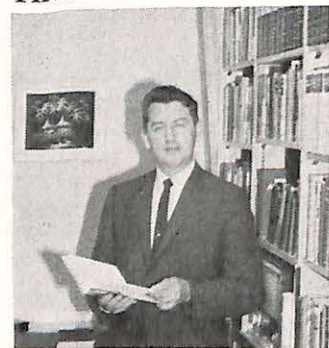
FIVE FORMER PASTORS WILL SPEAK AT 100th ANNIVERSARY AT OAK STREET CHURCH

BURLINGTON, IOWA. The Rev. John Ziegler is the 15th pastor in the 100-year history of the Oak Street Baptist Church in Burlington, Iowa.

During the months of September and October five former pastors will take part in the fall celebration. Dr. A. J. Harms who served the church from 1925 to 1927 will speak on Sunday, September 28; the Rev. P. Pfeiffer 1951-1953, October 5; the Rev. A. R. Bernadt 1938-1951, October 12; the Rev. E. Wolff 1954-1959, October 19; the Rev. Howard Johnson 1960-1967, October 26.

The Rev. Henry Ramus, Director of Children's Work, will be the youth banquet speaker on October 10. He served as youth worker one summer while still a student at NAB Seminary. (Arthur Schwerin, reporter.)

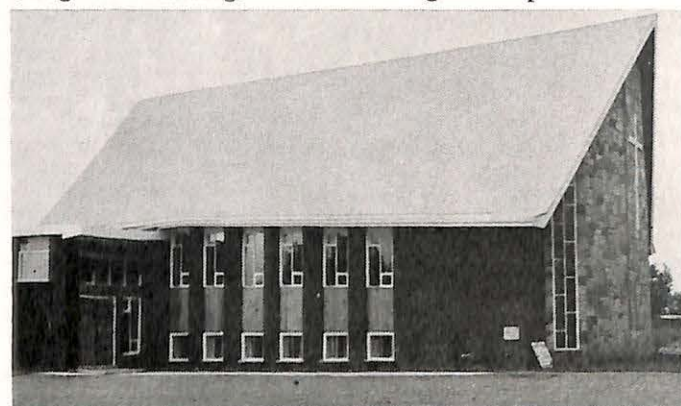
PINELAND BAPTIST CHURCH IS DEDICATED



BURLINGTON, ONT. Three years ago this Church Extension church was begun with one family. Today, under the leadership of the Rev. Walter Kerber, the membership totals 60. Pastor and church are pictured.

Dedication services were observed May 24, 25, 1969. The Rev. Loren Weber was the devotional speaker on Saturday evening at the fellowship supper. On Sunday the Rev. Lyle Wacker

brought the message in the morning worship service.



Sunday afternoon, at the main service of dedication, the Rev. Rubin Kern spoke to about 500 who were present for this occasion. The Rev. Henry Schumacher closed with the prayer of dedication. (Rev. W. Kerber, pastor.)

GERMAN BETHEL CHURCH INSTALLS PASTOR AND HAS BAPTISM

MILWAUKEE, WIS. The year began with the installation of our pastor, the Rev. Erwin F. Radant, on January 26. Our guest speaker was the Rev. Gideon Zimmerman, Executive Secretary of the North American Baptist Conference. Dr. J. C. Gunst, our District Secretary, was able to be present and take part in this service.

On February 1, God's Volunteer Team I with director, the Rev. E. Klatt, held a special service in our church to which our sister churches in Wisconsin were invited. This service was followed by a youth fellowship with approximately 100 in attendance.

Our pastor held deeper life meetings the week of March 31, ending with a presentation of a special musical Easter

message on Good Friday by the church choir under the direction of Mr. Lothar Schiemann. Child Evangelism classes were held by our pastor with the help of Miss Hilda Lueck.



This culminated in a baptismal service on Sunday, May 25, and the extending of the right hand of fellowship to fourteen new members, pictured below. (Hilda Lueck, reporter.)

UNIQUE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD IN BETHEL CHURCH

ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH. The Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, held its annual Bible School June 23-27. The school was launched by having 250 helium balloons on the church lawn the Sunday prior to VBS. At the closing program the person whose balloon had gone the farthest received a prize, and a prize was sent to the person who sent the card back. The card that came back from the farthest distance ended up in Rochester, New York.

Our VBS was of a nautical nature and so each day we published the VBS Log, just as a ship has a daily log. Pastor Fenner was the captain and his wife was the first mate. The teachers were the crew and the students the passengers all riding aboard the S. S. Bethel.

Several boys and girls found the Lord as their Savior. (Kenneth C. Fenner, reporter.)

MANITOBA ASSOCIATION MEETS IN ROWANDALE CHURCH

WINNIPEG, MAN. The Rowandale Baptist Church, Winnipeg, was host to this year's Manitoba Association June 20-22. Through sermons, lectures and discussions the theme, "Christ the Way," became practical, inspirational and challenging to pastors and laymen alike.

Three new workers were welcomed into the association, a new budget set up, the possibility of church extension discussed and new officers elected: the Rev. D. Unrau of Ochre River as moderator, the Rev. K. Redschlag of Swan River as vice moderator, and Miss L. Albrecht of Oak Bank as secretary-treasurer. The invitation of the Moosehorn Church to host the next Association in their new facilities was gratefully accepted. (D. Gohl, reporter.)

DAKOTA CONFERENCE WMU REPORTS ACTIVITIES

MADISON, S. D. On Thursday morning, June 19, the pastors' wives and WMS presidents held their annual breakfast with Mrs. Walter Klempel, President, bringing the welcome. Mrs. Ed. Kopf had charge of the program. It included a playlet entitled, "A Challenge to Witness," presented by Mrs. Art Fischer and Mrs. Aaron Bertsch.

The annual luncheon and business meeting was held Friday noon with approximately 200 women in attendance. The project adopted for the coming year was set at \$2,100.00 and was designated for a home for missionary children in Jos, Nigeria, Osaka Biblical Seminary, Japan, and operating expenses for missionary cars in Brazil. The newly elected officers are: President, Mrs. Albert Reddig, Cathay, N. D.; Vice President, Mrs. Wm. Giedt, Ashley, N. D.; Secretary, Mrs. Alvin Haas, Aberdeen S. D.; Treasurer, Mrs. Leon Bill, Sioux Falls, S. D.; White Cross

BAPTIST HERALD

Chairman, Mrs. Clara Fehr, East Grand Forks, Minn.

Miss Eunice Kern, missionary to Cameroon, gave her personal testimony. We also had Miss Wilma Binder, a short-term missionary from Cameroon, in our midst.

Our annual program was held on Friday afternoon with our President, Mrs. Walter Klempel in charge. The ladies chorus was directed by Mrs. J. Benke. The playlet "You A Missionary," was presented by the Emery WMS ladies.

The offering amounted to \$242.60 and was designated for the Seminary in Sioux Falls, NAB College in Edmonton and our homes for the aged in Bismarck and Madison, S. D.

Miss Eunice Kern shared with us some of the responsibilities, problems and needs in the educational field in Cameroon. (Mrs. Ray Hoffman, reporter)

BAPTISM AND VBS HELD AT BETHANY CHURCH

VANCOUVER, B.C. The children of the community were invited for a week of Vacation Bible School at the Bethany Baptist Church. The children had a variety of activities such as crafts, singing, Bible study and refreshments. That they learned many Biblical truths was illustrated at the concluding program on Friday evening, July 4. There were 163 students and many workers who participated in this VBS.

Two baptismal services were held in spring. On March



23 four young people were baptized and on June 22 another nine were baptized. The Rev. Ernie Rogalski is pictured with one group of candidates. (Fred Hesmert, reporter.)

FIRST BAPTIST OBSERVES 90th ANNIVERSARY

ELLINWOOD, KAN. "To God Be The Glory," was the theme of the 90th anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kan., on Sunday, June 8. The guest speaker was our former pastor, the Rev. Merle Brenner of Elk Grove, Calif.

At the evening service pictures were shown of many of the early families of the church. A group of these pioneers organized the First German Baptist Church in May 1879 and for 14 years held services in a school house located a few miles from the present church. In 1893 a wooden church and parsonage were built where the church now stands. The present brick building was built in 1946 during the pastorate of the late Rev. Theo. Dons. Seven years later the present brick parsonage was built.



Pastors and wives at 90th Anniversary at Ellinwood, Kan.

Our present pastor, the Rev. Harold Weiss, came in 1966. Since that time we have added an educational unit to the church and made many other improvements. Our membership is at the highest level in its history. The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Weiss and the Rev. and Mrs. Merle Brenner are pictured.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold DeWerff, Mr. and Mrs. Chester DeWerff and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Marchand were the anniversary program committee. (Mrs. B. W. Madden, reporter.)

INTERIM PASTOR IS GIVEN FAREWELL

HUTCHINSON, MINN. Dr. M. Vanderbeck, interim pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Hutchinson, was feted by members after giving his parting message on Sunday evening, June 15. Dr. Vanderbeck was presented with a gift. Bob Plowman was in charge of the program, ex-

pressing appreciation of his past services.

Dr. Vanderbeck has accepted a call as interim pastor to the First Baptist Church at Linton, N. D. where he will begin duties following a visit to California. (Mrs. Harlow Stilling, reporter.)

FIRST BAPTIST WMS OBSERVES MOTHER'S DAY

CORONA, S. D. Members of the Women's Missionary Society and their guests were present at the annual Mother's Day Program on Tuesday evening May 6 in the First Baptist Church, Corona, So. Dak.

Welcome, Scripture and prayer were given by our president, Mrs. Elmer Schulte.

A dialogue, "A Christian Mother's Concern," was given by members of the society. All music and readings were centered around the theme "Christian Mothers."

Miss Elsie Hudec, Ortonville, Minn., was the guest speaker. Her topic was "Can a Mother Forget Her Child?" She was a former missionary. (Mrs. Louis De Boer, reporter.)

FIRST BAPTIST HONORS PASTOR AND FAMILY AT FAREWELL SERVICE

CORONA, S. D. On Sunday afternoon, May 25 a farewell service was held in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Potratz and family. A corsage of roses was presented to Mrs. Potratz and a boutonniere to Mr. Potratz.

The farewell service was presided over by Herman Loof and Donald De Boer. A representative of each organization of the church spoke words of appreciation and best wishes. Special music including the choir, under the direction of Maynard Hoekman, was presented.

The Rev. D. Sundeen, Milbank, South Dakota, was the guest speaker. A tape recorder, from the church, was presented by Louis De Boer to the Potratz family.

The Rev. and Mrs. Potratz expressed their thanks and appreciation to the members and friends of the church. (Mrs. Louis De Boer, reporter.)

TRINITY WOMEN HOLD RETREAT

KELOWNA, B. C. June 20-21 the Women's Missionary Guild met for a retreat at Green Bay Baptist Camp. A number of ladies from Grace Baptist Church joined our fellowship, bringing the total to over sixty.

Miss Katherine Ann Hunt, on furlough from Cameroon, was the guest speaker. She spoke on "The Link of Missions" and "The Link of Reaching Youth." The assembly then broke up into discussion groups.

The afternoon brought many humorous moments when wedding photos and albums were viewed and quite a number of ladies attired in their wedding gowns walked on the white carpet.

This was the second retreat of this kind. (Lynda Zimmerman, reporter.)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD AT GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

WEST FARGO, N. D. The Grace Baptist Church held Vacation Bible School June 9-13 under the leadership of Mrs. Wesley Kahler.

"Go With Christ," was the theme, using Gospel Light material.

We had an enrollment of 53 children, 13 teachers and staff members.

The closing program was held on Sunday evening, June 15. (Mrs. Otto A. Bertsch, reporter.)

MR. BLEEKER PRESENTS MAP TO CORONA CHURCH

CORONA, S. D. On Sunday evening May 4, Mr. Herman Bleeker, Emery, S. D., explained the Mission Advance Program. When MAP was accepted by the church, it was decided to give all contributions to the program.

The choir of the Corona Baptist Church presented the Easter Cantata, "He is the King of Glory," by Robert and Shirley Basham. Mr. Maynard Hoekman is director of the choir. Mrs. L. D. Potratz was the pianist and the Rev. L. D. Potratz the narrator.

A week of special meetings was held in April with "The Messengers," an evangelistic team consisting of the

Rev. Elmo Tahrán, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and the Rev. Walter Hoffman, Emery, S. D.

On May 20, the church was blessed by having our NAB Seminary Team from Sioux Falls, S. D., present an inspiring evening of songs and testimony. The team is composed of Rudie Matheuszik, Rich Laser and Mark Hildebrand.

June 2-6 Vacation Bible School was held at the Corona Baptist Church. There were 33 pupils enrolled with a staff of 12 teachers and helpers. The offerings were designated for missions. On Friday evening, June 6, a program was presented by the children. (Mrs. Louis De Boer, reporter.)

CALVARY CHURCH WELCOMES ASSISTANT PASTOR



Pastor and Mrs. B. Thole

TACOMA, WASH. A reception was held for our new assistant pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Thole, on Sunday evening, July 13. Words of welcome were spoken by several of the church leaders. Randy Bice sang a solo, "When God is near," a favorite of the Tholes.

Our Western District Secretary, the Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, spoke on II Timothy 2:3-4, in which the Apostle Paul charged young Timothy to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ, to put first things first, to practice self-discipline, and be obedient and loyal to the cause of Christ. (Elfriede Gudelius, reporter.)

FORSTER AVENUE CHURCH HONORS GRADUATES

CHICAGO, ILL. Pictured are a group of the elementary school graduates who were honored by the Foster Avenue



Church. During two Sunday services, a total of 22 graduates (elementary, high school, college, post-graduate and Moody Bible Institute) were recognized for their achievements and given a small gift by the church. (B. Scroggin, reporter.)

BAPTISM AND VBS HELD AT TEMPLE CHURCH

CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. Vacation Bible School was held June 23-27 from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. The enrollment was 86, which included 15 teachers, and average attendance was 68. Classes were held under the direction of the Rev. Ernest Hoffman, assisted by Mrs. William Dickson. A mission offering of \$42.00 was received.

On June 29, we had the privilege of welcoming 14 new members. Twelve of our young people were baptized and an adult couple came by letter. The following were added to our membership: Gail Becker, Barbara Becker, Albert Hartman Jr., Randall Johnson, Laura Keller, Jeffrey Krajna, Bonnie Krajna, Sharon Lines, William Lines, Donna McManigal, Robert McManigal, Deborah Tappen, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartman.

Our pastor, the Rev. Ernest Hoffman, has been with us one year. On July 8, we helped the Rev. and Mrs. Hoffman celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary. The Chairman of our Board of Deacons, Mr. Arthur Mueller, was Master of Ceremonies. The Rev. Paul Galambos of the Austin St. church in Buffalo was the speaker. (Mrs. Carol Ley, reporter.)

CENTRAL CONFERENCE REPORT

WARREN, MICH. The 89th session of the Central Conference was held at the Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan, May 15-17, 1969. The theme was "Potential Prayer Power."

The pastors, directors of C. E. and their wives met at Fellowship Chapel. Dr. William Volkman spoke on the theme "A Layman Looks at a Pastor's Prayer Life."

The Rev. Robert Hess, vice moderator, had charge of the meeting because Dr. Volkman was still weak from a previous accident.

Host pastor, Adolph Braun, spoke on "Can Man Move God By Prayer?" The Rev. Walter Kroguletz gave one of the morning meditations.

The Twin Grove Baptist Church of Long Grove, Illinois, was accepted into the Central Conference. Rev. Arthur Garling is pastor.

Rev. Edwin Miller, spoke at the morning and evening sessions.

Missionary guests for these days were the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Mayforth from Japan who shared their testimonies and spoke at various times.

The ladies had a breakfast with Mrs. Herbert Pankratz chairing. Mrs. Richard Mayforth led in devotions. The Rev. Robert Hess was the speaker in the morning session.

The new moderator is the Rev. Kenneth C. Penner of Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, and vice-moderator, Mr. George Riederer, Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.

The Rev. Kenneth Kalmodin, pastor of the Lakeside Baptist Church of Muskegon, Michigan, spoke at the morning sessions. He is from a Baptist General Conference Church.

The Saturday luncheon for the men was led by Carl Guenther. Mr. Ralph Leach was the speaker. Mrs. Norman Haupt moderated a panel at the ladies luncheon.

The youth workshop was on "Signs of His Coming" with business resulting in Marvin Faust, president, Anita Pankratz, vice-president and Alma Prill, secretary treasurer. They selected a \$1,500.00 project for the Meridian Woods Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. A panel on "Drugs and Teen Problems" closed the session.

The closing banquet was a youth emphasis in which Mr. Robert Miste, chairman of the State Fellowship of Christian Athletes, spoke on the need of playing the game of life according to the rules of Jesus for His glory. (Kenneth C. Fenner, reporter.)

HILLSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH IS GROWING

DICKINSON, N. D. Three young people and three adults professing Christ as Savior were baptized Sunday, May 18. This was the second baptismal service in the Hillside Baptist Church, Dickinson N. D.

At the Communion service, May 25, the right hand of fellowship was extended to Miss Vivian Weissner, Mr. Mark Walther, Mr. Randall Walther, Mr. John Christiansen, Mr. Lloyd Klein, and Mr. Howard Lennick. Also received into membership by letter of transfer were, Mrs. Doreen Christiansen, and Mrs. Glenda Klein.

During the first half of this year, 19 new members have been added to the fellowship of our church. (Miss Mary Lennick, reporter.)

COLORADO CHURCHES HOLD JOINT CAMP AT ESTES PARK

ESTES PARK, COLO. The First Baptist Church of LaSalle, Colo., and the Sherwood Park Baptist Church of Greeley, Colo., held their annual joint camp at Covenant Heights Bible Camp Ground near Estes Park, Colo. June 23-25. The Rev. Richard Grenz served as Camp Dean, the Rev. Milton Falkenberg was Camp Pastor; Mrs. Gene Robb, Secretary and Treasurer, the Rev. Robert Sandoval of Rio Grande City, Texas, missionary; Primary Teacher, Mrs. Adam Moser; Junior, Mrs. Harry Strohauer; Junior High Teacher, Mrs. Harold Tuttle; Music Directors, Mrs. Merle Schramm and Mrs. Roy Schmidt; Recreation Directors, Jerry Howard and Kevin Schmidt. A total of 33 attended camp. Our missionary offering of \$31.80 was contributed to the Spanish American Mission. The campers

purchased two tapes for the Rev. Sandoval to take to Texas to play over his P.A. system. He taught the children to sing "Jesus Loves Me" in Spanish. The Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Harsh and family from Cedar Loo, Iowa, were our guests one evening at the fireside service. He was former pastor of the Sherwood Park Church. Merle Schramm of Boulder, Colo. spoke at the fireside service. (Mrs. Gene Robb, reporter.)

RUBY SALZMAN SPEAKS AT CENTRAL CHURCH

WACO, TEX. It was our privilege to have Miss Ruby Salzman as guest speaker for our Sunday morning worship service on June 22. She was in Waco as the guest missionary for our Southern Conference encampment the previous week.

Our church also enjoyed a special program by three young men making up the musical group of "The Certain Sounds." They, too, participated in the encampment program. Two of these young men were from the NAB College, Edmonton, Alta., and one from Kansas. (Marie Chance, reporter.)

FAITH CHURCH RECEIVES ELEVEN NEW MEMBERS

REGINA, SASK. Eleven members were received into the fellowship of Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, after a baptismal service held on Sunday evening,



June 8. Shown here with the pastor of the church, the Rev. Homer B. Edwards, are the baptismal candidates: Daniel Germiquet, Lorna Landgraff, Suzanne Ohrt, Eileen Trithardt, Susan Kramer, Susan Landgraff, Lore Gogel, Bill Tarr, Jerry Teichrob. (Sarah Olmstead, reporter.)

THREE RECEIVE GRAND AWARD FOR SCRIPTURE MEMORY



GOODRICH, N. D. Last fall 23 boys and girls of the Goodrich Baptist Sunday school enrolled in our denominational Scripture Memory Program. All 23 completed their respective courses for the year and were presented with a book or a gift certificate to attend camp as a prize.

On June 8, during our morning worship service, three girls (pictured) who had finished the nine year

course of Scripture Memory received the grand award picture presented to them by our Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Carl Brodehl.

The graduates had part in the worship service. They recited Scripture and sang several trios.

Our pastor, the Rev. Harry Johnson, brought the message, "The Bible Throughout Life." (Mrs. Albert Schmidt, reporter.)

BETHANY CHURCH WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

HUNTER, KAN. July 11, 1969, was a joyful day for friends and members of the Bethany Baptist Church of Lincoln County, Kan.

A reception was held to welcome their new pastor, the Rev. R. H. Zepik and Mrs. Zepik.

Rev. Henry Lang, Durham, was master of ceremonies. (Mrs. Melvin Schulz, reporter.)

THE "ACTION" COMPANY PERFORMS IN MONTE VISTA

PORTLAND, ORE. "Love in Action" was the name of the tune the resounded in Monte Vista, Colo., July 19-24. Seven Trinity youths (Ron Beltz, Steve Hawks, Allen Smith, Jim Reich, George Wilson, and Carolyn Blaskowsky and Gretchen Saylor, cooks, pictured below under the leadership of Pastor Fred Jantz of Portland embarked upon



an unspoken crusade to the Spanish Americans. Learning to give of ourselves without expecting anything in return was our goal.

Work projects included painting, tarring, plastering and construction. Other activities revolved around befriending the neighboring community. Participating in the Sunday evening service and midweek swim party gave us each a unique opportunity to become involved in the lives of several of the Spanish American kids. Service was not restricted to Monte Vista alone; an evening ride afforded our six hefty fellows a chance to help a stranded family stuck in the muddy steppes of Colorado.

Miss Eloise Schreiber, better known as "Rocky," from Bethlehem, Pa., was serving as RN in the Clinic in Rev. and Mrs. Ahrens' absence during that week and was quickly adopted into our family of eight. (Gretchen Saylor, reporter.)

GERMAN BETHEL CHURCH OBSERVES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

MILWAUKEE, WIS. The 10th Anniversary of our church was celebrated on June 15. Our guest speaker was the General Mission Secretary, Dr. R. Schilke. In the afternoon service we were joined by the pastors and members of our sister churches. Missionary Tina Schmidt also brought greetings from the mission field and showed us some pictures the following Wednesday. One of the highlights was the dedication of 250 North American hymnals, which were presented to the church by Mr. Arthur Hintz on behalf of the family and friends of the late Brother Ludwig Hintz who was one of the charter members. We were also happy to report that we have signed pledges totalling \$8,900.00 for the MAP program.

We enjoyed the special music of praise in song brought by our church choir and by our women's choir. (Hilda Lueck, reporter.)

FUCHS CHILDREN GIVE MUSICAL RECITAL IN FOREST PARK CHURCH

FOREST PARK, ILL. The talented children of the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Fuchs presented a program of sacred and classical music to the members and friends of the Forest Park Baptist Church. The program titled, "A Special Evening of Music," had as its theme, Psalm 98, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth . . ." Luanne and Dorothy revealed their talents at the piano, Roger at the organ and Richard on the violin. A few special numbers were also sung.

Although everybody enjoyed the concert, it was actually planned as a surprise for their parents on their 33rd wedding anniversary.

CHICAGO ELDER FELLOWSHIP HAS INTERESTING PROGRAMS

CHICAGO, ILL. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jenkins, La Grange,

Ill., invited the Chicago Elder Fellowship for a lawn party in June for a dinner and fellowship. Part of the entertainment was a bus ride through the Thatcher Woods and River Forest—beautiful suburban areas west of Chicago.

At other times they plan musical programs and select favorite Bible verses accompanied by testimonies.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Dymmel are sponsors and leaders of the Elder Fellowship.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION GIVES FAREWELL TO THE JOHNSONS

LODI, CALIF. The Northern California Association gathered at the First Baptist Church of Lodi on Wednesday, July 2, 1969. Dr. Louis R. and Mrs. Johnson gave their testimonies for their call to Cameroon as missionary teachers.

Mrs. Vera Gaskill from the Lodi Temple Church presented Mrs. Johnson with a corsage and Dr. Johnson with a boutonniere. Mrs. Hazel Hellwig from the First Church of Lodi presented Mrs. Johnson with a gift of Tupperware and a check.

An offering was taken for their needs of supplies and equipment on the field. (Mrs. Kathryn Baumbach, reporter.)

SEVEN BAPTIZED IN PLEVNA CHURCH



PLEVNA, MONT. Recent baptismal candidates and new members of the First Baptist Church, Plevna, Mont. are pictured.

Back row, left to right, Steve Sieler, Milton Hepperle, Ted Burkle, Rev. Edward Kopf. Front row, left to right, Dean Hepperle, Joel Hochhalter, Mark Sieler, Mark Kopf. (Mrs. Walter Hochhalter, reporter.)

JACOB HOCHHALTERS OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

PLEVNA, MONT. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hochhalter, members of the First Baptist Church, Medina, N. D., were honored June 29 on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



Hosts for the occasion were their ten children who were all present.

Walter Hochhalter (son) was master of ceremonies. The program included reading the couple's history, a solo by Donna Mae Hoffman, a reading by Cary Blaine and Dennis Farrell, grandchildren of the Hochhalters.

Other special music was furnished by a quartet from Plevna, Mont. and a duet by Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Kusler, Baker, Mont. Interim pastor Edward Schauer led in devotions.

Mr. and Mrs. Hochhalter were married October 29, 1919, in Medina, N. D. (Mrs. Walter Hochhalter, reporter.)

DRIVE-IN CHURCH AT LAKESHORE BAPTIST

STEVENSVILLE, MICH. Outdoor Drive-In Church services were initiated at the Lakeshore Baptist Church of Stevensville, Michigan, during two Sunday evenings in August. The services featured musical selections from members of the congregation and a story time for the boys and girls.

The purpose of these services was an attempt to reach a larger audience from the neighboring area. The messages presented by the pastor, Rev. Richard Paetzel, placed emphasis on "The Moon Walk in Biblical Perspective." (Dora Kretchman, reporter.)

TRINITY CHURCH HOLDS VBS

WARREN, MICH. Vacation Bible School was held June 23 to July 2 at Trinity Baptist Church in Warren, Michigan. Total enrollment reached the 200 mark. We used the Gospel Light material with the theme, "Let's go With Christ."

An interest in missions was created by designating the daily offerings to the educational work of the North American Baptists in Cameroon.

The closing program was well attended and we were glad to see several parents who do not usually attend our services.

In conjunction with the evening service on June 29 a baptismal service was held. Following the Lord in baptism were Mr. Thomas Wing and his son, Martin. (Marjorie Kendrick, reporter.)

TRINITY CHURCH PRESENTS PASTOR AND WIFE WITH TRIP TO HOLY LAND

WARREN, MICH. On Saturday, June 14, the members and friends of Trinity Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan, gathered for a dinner honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Albert Fadenrecht, on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mr. David Battishill, on behalf of the church, presented the Fadenrechts with a trip to the Holy Land.

Their son, Daryl, was there to join the festivities, which was a surprise to the parents. They will take their trip during the first three weeks of August. (Marjorie Kendrick, reporter.)

FOSTER AVENUE CHURCH HOLDS VBS

CHICAGO, ILL. The Foster Avenue Baptist Church sponsored a parade through the neighboring streets to inform the residents of our Vacation Bible School. There was a total enrollment of 113, more than half of which had never been either to VBS or any of our church services. Eight first-time decisions were made.

There were 27 teachers and helpers under the direction of Betty Johnson. Twelve teen-agers also helped during the recreation and refreshment periods. The missionary offering totaled \$60.08. (B. Scroggin, reporter.)

WILLOW RANCHO BAPTIST CHURCH BIDS PASTOR FAREWELL

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. July 27, 1969, Dr. and Mrs. Johnson and their daughter, Victoria, were honored during a farewell service with five neighboring NAB churches participating.

Dr. Johnson has served as our pastor for five years. During his tenure a sanctuary and educational building were erected. More important was the building of our spiritual lives.

Dr. and Mrs. Johnson have accepted a teaching appointment in our Baptist Bible Training Center in Ndu, West Cameroon.

Victoria, their daughter, will remain in the United States, attending Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Our church has voted \$1,200.00 for their support. We feel privileged that the Johnsons are leaving their membership with our church, which will draw more interest in the mission field for our members.

Dr. and Mrs. Johnson will sail from New York August 20th.

Our new pastor, Rev. Arthur Brust of Salem, Ore., will begin his ministry September 7. (Mrs. Jane Filler, reporter.)

TINA SCHMIDT SPEAKS TO LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY

WINNIPEG, MAN. The German Ladies' Mission Society of Winnipeg held a Mission Tea on May 26, 1969 at the Baptist Mission Church.

A varied program was given with diverse musical presentations from the different churches. We were reminded of our vital duties at next year's General Conference in Winnipeg.

The highlight of the evening represented the talk by Tina Schmidt, our missionary. She related her experiences with the African women. She urged us to continue our prayers for the missionaries. She encouraged us to hear the Cameron Choir, especially since all the female singers are her former pupils. (Rosemarie Glas, reporter.)

Obituaries



ALIDA TIESSEN Drumheller, Alberta

Mrs. Alida Kristine Tieszen was born at Riga, Latvia. She came to Canada in 1923 and to the Drumheller, Alberta district in 1926. She passed away at the age of 83 years. Her husband, Peter Tieszen, preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her passing, one son, Alfred of Morrin, Alberta; two daughters: Mrs. John (Lydia) Gamble of Calcutta, India, and Mrs. Elmer (Ruth) Strauss of Ndu, Cameroon, Africa; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother and two sisters.

Parkdale Baptist Church
Drumheller, Alberta

ALLAN GERBER, pastor

JACOB W. STREYLE of Napoleon, North Dakota

Jacob W. Streyle was born in South Russia, December 24, 1896 and died on June 23, 1969. He came to the U.S.A. with his parents at the age of three and lived at Menno, S.D.

After his marriage to Lillian E. Pritzkau on October 7, 1923, they moved to Napoleon, N.D., where Mr. Streyle barbered for over 46 years.

Jacob Streyle received Christ as his Savior in November 1934 and was baptized in April 1935 and became a member of the Napoleon Baptist Church. He served faithfully as a trustee since 1938.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, three sons, two daughters, four sisters, one brother, ten grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Napoleon Baptist Church
Napoleon, North Dakota

CLEMENCE AUCH, officiating pastor

BERTHA GRAETZ of Pound, Wisconsin

Mrs. Bertha Graetz was born on June 9, 1882, in Germany and went to be with her Lord on June 11, 1969. She came to the United States with her parents at the age of three. They settled in Dodge County, Wisconsin, and later moved to the Pound area. On May 9, 1900, she was united in marriage to John Graetz. The Lord blessed this union with three sons and three daughters. They engaged in farming until 1940, when they moved to the village of Pound.

Mrs. Graetz accepted the Lord as her Savior and was baptized together with her husband on May 6, 1906. She united with the German Baptist Church (now the Pioneer Baptist) at Pound. As long as health permitted, she attended all services. For many years she served her Lord as a Sunday school teacher, and was a faithful member of the Missionary Guild.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1952. She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Fred Buss (Esther) of Marinette, Mrs. Ruth Kreckel of Milwaukee, Mrs. Albert Borkowski (Gladys) of Pound; three sons: Ferris of Goodman, Wisconsin, John of Chicago, Illinois, and Reuben of Pound; one sister, Mrs. Anna Graetz, of Rice Lake, Wis. Fourteen grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren also survive.

Pioneer Baptist Church
Pound, Wisconsin

THE FAMILY

ELIZABETH SEEFRIED of Vancouver, British Columbia

Mrs. Elizabeth Seefried was born in Russia on October 24, 1888. She was married in 1908 and immigrated to Canada two years later. For 37 years the family resided in the Yorkton, Sask. area.

In 1930 Mrs. Seefried made a public confession of her faith in Christ, was baptized, and became a member of a little Baptist church near Yorkton. Later she joined the Baptist church in Yorkton. In 1947 the family moved to Vancouver, B.C. Mrs. Seefried has been a faithful member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. She died at the age of 80 years.

She is survived by her husband Daniel; 3 sons: Theophilus of Surrey, Edward of

Vancouver, David of Colmox; 7 daughters: Mrs. Catherine Tepper of Oregon, Mrs. Adeline Fitzner of Vancouver, Mrs. Victoria Carney of Vancouver, Mrs. Anne Snodgrass of San Francisco; Mrs. Esther Fandrey of Surrey; Mrs. Amy Fandrey of Terrace; Mrs. Verna Barrie of Vancouver; 1 brother, Henry of Germany; 2 sisters: Mrs. Margaret Propp of Sask., and Mrs. Caroline Schwartz of Sask.; 17 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren, plus a host of friends.

Ebenezer Baptist Church
Vancouver, British Columbia

PAUL SIEWERT, pastor

BERTHA FRATZKE of Hutchinson, Minnesota

Mrs. Bertha Fratzke was born June 16, 1872 in Germany. She came to America at the age of 20 years, settling in Hutchinson, Minnesota.

On December 20, 1895, she was married to Theodor Fratzke, and to this union four children were born.

At the age of 97 she passed to her eternal reward, leaving two sons and one daughter: Erick and Mrs. Frieda Sopkowiak, both of Hutchinson and Herman of Minneapolis. Also six grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, as well as many other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Bertha Fratzke was one of two remaining charter members of Bethany Baptist, which in June celebrated its 70th Anniversary.

Bethany Baptist Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota

WESLEY GERBER, pastor

GOTTLIEB DIEDRICH of Medicine Hat, Alberta

Mr. Gottlieb Diedrich was born on April 3, 1899, in Wishek, North Dakota. He passed away on May 20, 1969.

Mr. Diedrich came to Canada in 1929 and farmed in the Hilda district until 1952. In Hilda he did blacksmith work and was school custodian until 1966.

He received Christ as Savior in 1929 and followed the Lord in baptism on June 22, 1930. He joined the fellowship of the Hilda Baptist Church.

On September 22, 1930 he was united in marriage to Olga Semrau. This union was blessed with six children: Earl of Ralmer, Oregon; Bernard of North Surrey, B.C.; Helen, Mrs. Roland Gothe, Kamloops, B.C.; Caroline, Mrs. Peter Soehn, Kelowna, B.C.; Marlene, Mrs. Andrew Bernhardt and Darlene, Mrs. Albert Schoettle, Edmonton, Alberta. He leaves three sisters: Mrs. Mary Faszler, Edmonton, Alta.; Mrs. Pauline Krueger, Portland, Oregon, and Mrs. Lydia Kramer, Wishek, North Dakota; 19 grandchildren.

Dr. E. P. Wahl, Chaplain of the Haven of Rest and Sunnyside Nursing Home, and the undersigned conducted the memorial service.

Temple Baptist Church
Medicine Hat, Alberta

IRVIN H. SCHMULAND, pastor

EDWARD KLEIN of Ashley, North Dakota

Edward Klein was born November 18, 1903 in McPherson County, S. Dak.

He grew into manhood in this vicinity, and on Jan. 16, 1927 he was united in marriage to Emma Walz at Ashley, N. Dak. Their farm home was located 10 miles south-east of Ashley. In 1915 he accepted Christ as his personal Savior. Shortly after that he was baptized and then became a member of the Jewell Baptist Station near Ashley.

In 1933 they moved to Ashley where he worked as a carpenter. He then transferred his membership to the Ashley Baptist Church where he remained a member until his death.

Surviving him are his wife Emma, three daughters, Marie of Wishek, N. Dak., Norma (Mrs. Elmo Ulmer) of Wishek, N. Dak., Bernice (Mrs. Clarence Salzer) of Ashley, N. Dak., two sons: Leonard of St. Paul, Minn. and Harold of Webster, S. Dak.; six grandchildren, and two sisters: Emma (Mrs. S.

William Walz) of Ashley, and Martha (Mrs. George Obenauer) of Ashley.

Edward Klein passed away in the Ashley Hospital on May 31, 1969. The funeral was held at the Ashley Baptist Church on June 3, 1969. Rev. Etan Pelzer, pastor, officiated.

Ashley Baptist Church
Ashley, North Dakota
ETAN PELZER, pastor

MONIKA CHRISTEL SPLETZER of Winnipeg, Manitoba

Monika Christel Spletzer, daughter of Rubin and Christel Spletzer, was born on Dec. 24, 1960, in Winnipeg and died suddenly in an automobile accident on July 15, 1960, at the age of eight years.

She leaves to mourn her parents, four sisters: Sonja, Heide, Marlene and Petra; grandparents, Reinhold and Elsie Bakus; grandmother Spletzer and many relatives and friends.

McDermot Avenue Baptist Church
Winnipeg, Manitoba

WALTER STEIN, pastor

HISKE PRUISNER of Parkersburg, Iowa

Miss Hiske Pruisner was born in Grundy County, Iowa, on May 8, 1887. She received her education in the Grundy County school system. For many years she made her home with her sister, Mrs. Minnie Brandt. She lived in the Parkersburg area all her life. Having accepted the Lord as her personal Savior, she followed the Lord in baptism and became a member of Calvary Baptist Church on May 15, 1927.

For the past several years she was cared for in nursing homes in Cedar Falls, Iowa. She passed away on July 11, at the age of 82 years.

She leaves to mourn her passing one sister, Mrs. Minnie Brandt of Parkersburg and numerous nieces and nephews.

Calvary Baptist Church
Parkersburg, Iowa

RAYMOND F. DICKAU, pastor

HERBERT J. HOFFMAN of Eureka, South Dakota

Herbert J. Hoffman was born in McPherson County, S. D., on May 1, 1916.

Mr. Hoffman accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior in December 1933. He was baptized on June 4, 1934 by the Rev. E. S. Fenske, and became a member of the Hoffnungsfeld Baptist Church. His membership was later transferred to the First Baptist Church of Eureka, S. D. where he remained a faithful member until the time of his passing.

Mr. Hoffman was united in marriage to Rose Morlock on March 17, 1940, in Eureka. To this blessed union two children were born. Following their marriage they settled on a farm near Long Lake. Since March 1968 they made their home in Eureka.

After several years of failing health, Brother Hoffman was called to his heavenly home at the age of 52 years.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Rose, and two children: Darlene (Mrs. C. Ulmer of Wishek) and Marva Lou (Mrs. S. Brinkman of Aberdeen, S.D.); his mother, Mrs. Emma Hoffman of Ashley, N.D.; one sister, Lou Ella (Mrs. Wilbert Opp) of Ashley, N.D.; three brothers: Helmut of Galt, Calif., Ernest of Lodi, Calif., and Raymond, of Fessenden, N.D.; three grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

First Baptist Church
Eureka, South Dakota

F. H. FUCHS, pastor

JOHN CHATSICK of Killaloe, Ontario

Mr. John Chatsick was born November 27, 1884, in Lyndock Township and died after a lengthy illness at the age of 84 years. He was married to Minnie Zummach on April 15, 1913. This union the Lord blessed with 11 children, three of which preceded their father in death. Mr. Chatsick accepted Christ as his personal Savior in the days of his youth and was baptized and added to the congregation of believers of the Lyndock church by the Rev. Schoen. He later had his membership transferred to the First Baptist Church, Hagerly Township, and then to the Calvary Church of Killaloe. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife; four daughters: Elga (Mrs. Gilbert Verch); Elaine, (Mrs. Ralph Ristow), both of Killaloe; Fern, (Mrs. Bruce Lewis), of Westport, Ont.; four sons: Harold, Edward and Floyd of Killaloe, and Raymond of Smiths Falls, Ont.; two sisters: Emma and Minnie of Buffalo, New York; 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Calvary Baptist Church
Killaloe, Ontario

P. T. HUNSICKER, pastor



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