

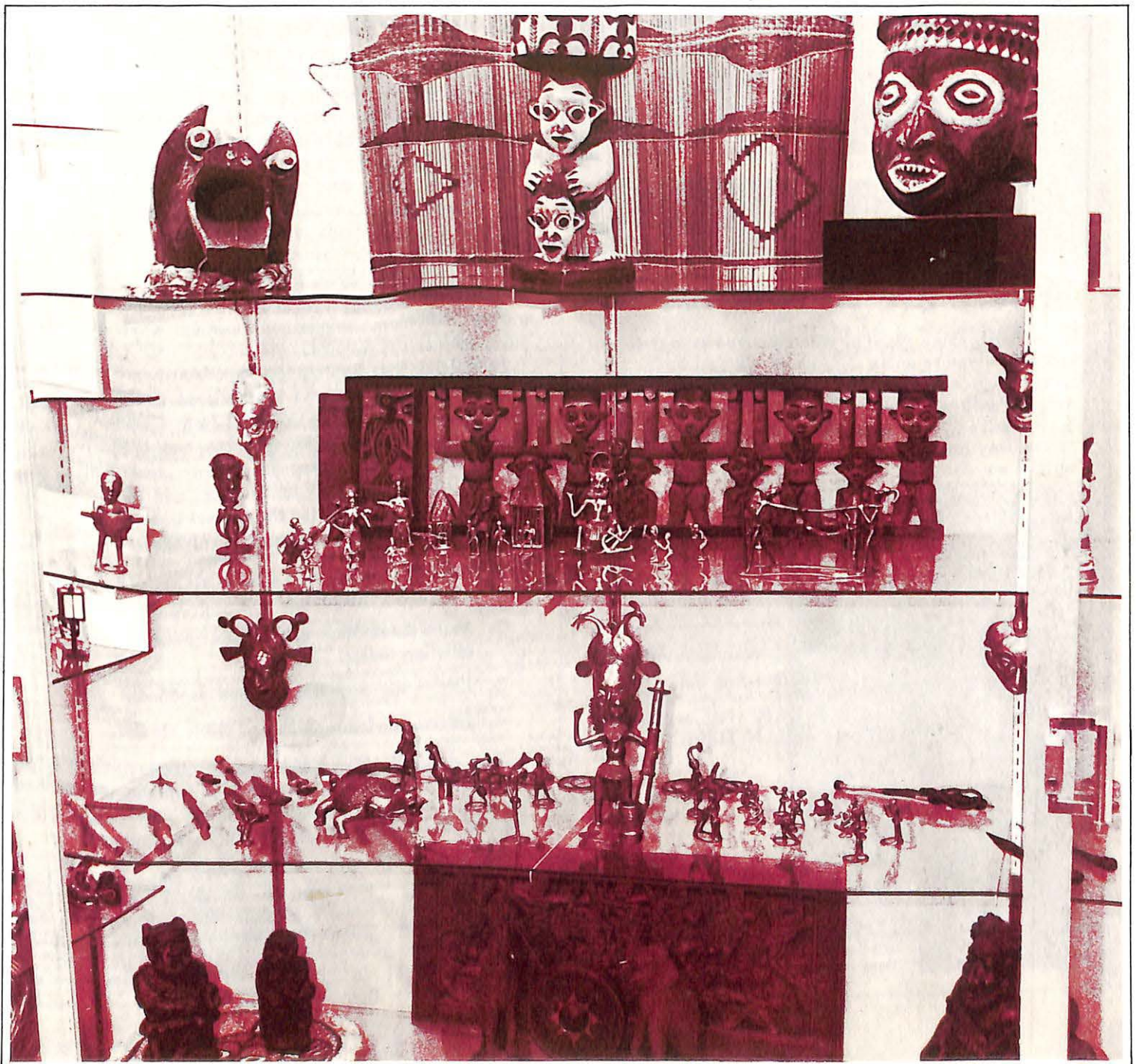
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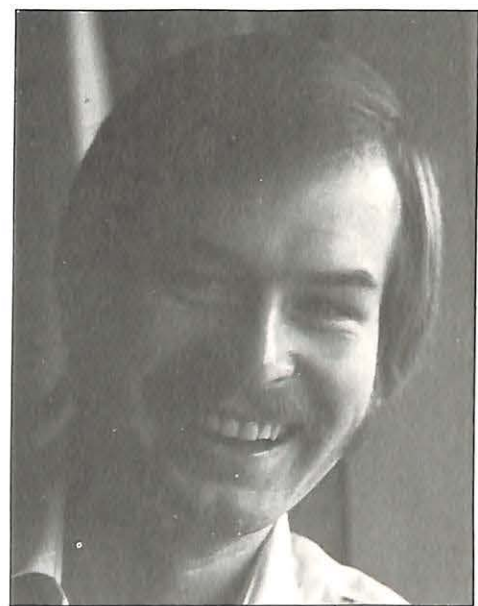
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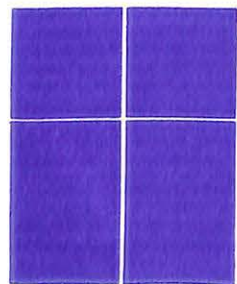
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# Baptists Are Summoned to Exert Influence in Areas of Need

## BAPTISTS ARE SUMMONED TO EXERT INFLUENCE IN AREAS OF NEED

CHICAGO — Representatives of seven Baptist conventions in the United States and Canada have called upon Baptists of North America "to exert a dynamic new spiritual, moral, and social influence in the communities and areas of critical need."

The group met in Chicago May 17-18, at the call of Kenneth L. Chafin of Houston, North American regional director of the World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ, a program of the Baptist World Alliance.

Joseph B. Underwood of Richmond, Va., international chairman of the Mission of Reconciliation, reported that 98 Baptist conventions and unions in 85 countries are participating in the worldwide movement which will reach its climax in 1975.

Participants at the Chicago conference issued the following statement suggesting positive ways in which churches may be involved:

**"Rejoicing that Baptists, irrespective of race or nationality enjoy a new sense of brotherhood in their common faith and commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ, we therefore call upon all Baptist churches and conventions of North America to engage in a more meaningful relationship of joint ministry and witness and in sharing our resources and strengths for the mutual benefit of all."**

Possible activities for church involvement include:

1. A prayer partnership with churches of other countries and conventions.
2. Mass distribution of scripture related to the reconciliation theme.
3. Lay evangelism training and practice.
4. Interracial fellowships and Bible studies.

The committee prays that church members may be so involved that real achievements in bridging chasms of misunderstanding can be realized by the time of the Baptist World Congress in Stockholm in 1975."

Baptist groups represented at the meeting were the Baptist Federation of Canada, the Baptist General Conference of America, the General Association of General Baptists, the North American Baptist General Conference, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Churches in the USA, the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist World Alliance. □

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# A GREAT ADOPTION

On July 4, 1776, 196 years ago, representatives of the 13 American colonies, meeting in Philadelphia, adopted the document known to history as the Declaration of Independence. It was a time when the news of the war was not encouraging. Only a few days before, George Washington's ragged army on

Long Island had suffered another in a long series of defeats; and word had just been received that New York City was under attack. Nevertheless, the members of the Continental Congress went ahead to declare the colonies independent and to formulate the words to which men would rally for centuries.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident," the Declaration of Independence reads, "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness . . . that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it."

The Declaration stated the general

principles underlying the decision of the American colonies to become a separate nation, the United States of America, and listed specific grievances against the King of England. John Hancock, who was presiding over the Continental Congress, and Charles Thomson, the Irish-born clerk of the Congress, were the only men to sign the Declaration on July 4, 1776, the other members of Congress signing later. On July 2nd the Continental Congress had adopted a short resolution stating that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States," but it was not until July 4, two days later, that the Declaration of Independence itself was formally approved. □



Righteousness exalts a nation,  
but sin is a reproach to any people. Prov. 14:34

JULY 4

Blessed is the nation whose God  
is the Lord . . . Psalm 38:12

# I AM A NATION

"I was born on July 4, 1776, and the Declaration of Independence is my birth certificate. The bloodlines of the world run in my veins, because I offered freedom to the oppressed. I am many things, and many people. I AM the nation.

I am 203 million living souls and the ghost of millions who have lived and died for me.

I am Nathan Hale and Paul Revere. I stood at Lexington and fired the shot heard around the world. I am Washington, Jefferson and Patrick Henry. I am John Paul Jones, the Green Mountain Boys and Davy Crockett. I am Lee and Grant and Abe Lincoln.

I remember the Alamo, the Main and Pearl Harbor. When freedom called I answered and stayed until it was over, over there. I left my heroic dead in Flanders Fields, on the rock of Corregidor, on the bleak slopes of Korea and in the steaming jungle of Vietnam.

I am the Brooklyn Bridge, the wheat lands of Kansas and the granite hills of Vermont. I am the coalfields of the Virginias and Pennsylvania, the fertile lands of the West,

the Golden Gate and the Grand Canyon. I am Independence Hall, the Monitor and the Merrimac.

I am big. I sprawl from the Atlantic to the Pacific . . . my arms reach out to embrace Alaska and Hawaii . . . 3 million square miles throbbing with industry. I am more than 5 million farms. I am forest, field, mountain and desert. I am quiet villages — and cities that never sleep.

I am Eli Whitney and Stephen Foster. I am Tom Edison, Albert Einstein, D. L. Moody and Billy Graham. I am Horace Greeley, Will Rogers and the Wright brothers. I am George Washington Carver, Daniel Webster and Jonas Salk.

Yes, I am the nation, and these are the things that I am. I was conceived in freedom and God willing in freedom I will spend the rest of my days.

May I possess always the integrity, the courage and the strength to keep myself unshackled, to remain a citadel of freedom and a beacon of hope to the world.

This is my wish, my goal, my prayer in this year, — one hundred and ninety-seven years after I was born."

From the Heaven and Home Hour bulletin □



On the fourth of July, 1776, a new nation was born free. The Declaration of Independence, recognizing that this freedom was given by God, says: "That they [the people] are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men . . ."

Liberty was thus linked with government. Freedom cannot come any other way. Freedom is not the absence of laws. Freedom is not unlimited license. Freedom of choice does not eliminate the consequences of that choice.

Adam was created with more freedom than any other man has since enjoyed. But God gave Adam the freedom to choose. Therefore, he placed in the Garden the forbidden tree. Only one wrong choice was possible! The command: "Thou shalt not eat of it" also warned of the penalty for making the wrong choice: "Thou shalt surely die." Neither do we make single choices but each choice carries a corollary reward or penalty. Such is the law of God.

Likewise, "a government instituted among men" must reward the righteous and penalize the wicked if it is to "secure the rights" of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

We have freedom of speech, freedom of thought, and freedom of worship in our great country. Yes, we have the right to speak our opinions, the right to think as we choose, the right to worship as we see fit, but this does not eliminate the fact that speaking untruths will bring confusion. Thinking wrong thoughts will lead to personal destruction. Worshiping wrongly will bring eternal damnation to the soul.

What then are the guidelines for righteousness and for liberty?

The same Creator who endowed us with the "rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" also endowed us with the guidelines to show us the good and the right way — to show us the good rules: obedience bringing reward and disobedience bringing punishment.

We cannot ignore these laws and have life. We cannot ignore them and have liberty. We cannot ignore them if we wish to pursue happiness.

Under the Law of Moses, the law was an external thing, always threatening, ruling by fear, but there was a promise of a time when the law would be "written in their hearts." Jesus Christ brought this to pass with the law of love.

Love brought obedience, because of a desire to obey. Love brought equality thus: "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Love brought freedom — freedom from the law of sin and death. This is freedom: "If the Son . . . shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Freedom in an unredeemed soul is impossible. Jesus said: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Many today like Pilate ask: "What is truth?" Jesus answered once and for all when he said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

If we can be free only through Christ, can our nation be free without him? Can the person of Christ be ignored, eliminated, or placed on a level with other religions and other nation remain free? Where Christ is king, tyranny cannot come.

Have you been born free? You may think so, but you have not unless you have been born again by the blood of Christ. □



# RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL TO THE

## 1973 TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Some recommendations adopted by the General Council on May 17-18, 1973 which will be presented to the delegates of the 37th Triennial Conference, Wichita, Kans., August 14-19, for consideration and action are being reported here. Some of the recommendations are the result of studies from committees appointed by the General Council.

The General Council is providing this advance information for our churches, and especially for the delegates to the Triennial Conference. Additional copies of the recommendations will be made available upon request.

### RECOMMENDATION 1 CHURCH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

At the meeting of the General Council in 1971 it was agreed to appoint a committee to review the evaluation of a new organizational structure related to the Department of Christian Education, the Roger Williams Press and other organizations which may be related to the functions of these two departments.

In compliance with the General Council resolution the following members constituted the committee: Dr. G. K. Zimmerman, executive secretary; Dr. Richard Schilke and Mr. Henry Fluth, Board of Missions; the Rev. Eldon Janzen and the Rev. Jothan Benke, Roger Williams Press Board; the Rev. Bruce Rich and the Rev. Norman Miller, General Christian Education Committee; Mrs. Charles Littman, Woman's Missionary Union; Mr. Milton Hildebrandt and Mr. Edwin Marklein, Stewardship Search and Study Committee.

#### I. Purpose of the restructuring.

- To more fully coordinate the work and communication with the local church and its ministry.
- To present a unified voice and contact with our churches.

- To make the administration more efficient and economical.
- To more adequately focus on Conference priorities.

#### II. Method of restructuring.

- Bring the ministries of literature sales, evangelism, Christian education, woman's work and men's work together into a coordinated ministry.
- Combine the functions of the boards and committees of Roger Williams Press, Evangelism, Christian Education, Woman's Missionary Union and the Baptist Men into one administrative unit.
- Redefine the tasks to be done and appoint personnel to work in the redefined areas.

#### III. Implementation of the restructuring.

- Terminate the present boards and committees.
- Form a new board which will have responsibilities to coordinate the above mentioned ministries.
  - Serving under this board would be a number of *Program Planning Committees*. Those currently needed are:
    - Youth Service Opportunities Committee consisting of the Area Secretaries, appropriate Church Ministries staff and those from other departments as may be advisable. This committee will screen all God's Volunteer applicants, and all applications received for other youth service programs. They would meet annually.
    - Woman's Missionary Union Planning Committee consisting of the WMU Executive. This involves five members.
  - Number of persons involved in the present boards and committees, including staff:

Area Representatives		Conference Office Staff	Total
Baptist Men	3	1	4
Evangelism	10	[Includes Area Secretaries] 7	17
General Christian Education Committee	8		
Roger Williams Press	6	5	11
Women's Missionary Union	10	1	11
	37	19	56

By comparison

the new structure would involve the following:

Area Representatives		Conference Office Staff	Total
Church Ministries Board	17	[Includes Area Secretaries] 6	23
Women's Missionary Union Committee	5		
	22	7	29

- Elect/or appoint staff personnel to administer the work of the Church Ministries Board. The following positions are recommended:

Church Ministries General Director  
Leadership Education Director  
Evangelism Director  
Woman's Work Director  
Church Literature Editor

- Objectives and Goals of the Church Ministries Department

- To strengthen the local church in its total ministry.
- To coordinate the Conference's ministry among the churches.
  - By providing regional pastors' seminars.
  - By planning with Association Christian Education Committees.
  - By providing comprehensive information on resources for the church.
  - By providing and servicing Sunday school curriculum.
  - By providing and servicing youth, men's, woman's and children's program and club materials.
  - By consulting with local churches to help them improve their ministry.
  - By providing guidance and resources for church programs of outreach and evangelism.
  - By conducting Conference programs of evangelism.

#### E. Relationships

- The Church Ministries Board members and the General Director shall be elected by the General Conference, and the Church Ministries Board shall appoint its own staff members.
- The Church Ministries staff shall be responsible to the Church Ministries General Director, Church Ministries Board, the General Council and the General Conference, in accordance with constitutional provisions.
- Personnel Relationships
  - Within the department each of the staff directors shall have a team equal relationship and a direct responsibility to the General Director.
  - Additional staff serving in any given area shall have their first responsibility to the director in whose area they are serving, and share in the team relationship with all.
  - The General Director shall be responsible to the Church Ministries Board, the Executive Secretary, the General Council and General Conference of the North American Baptist General Conference.

#### IV. Recommendations to the Triennial Conference

- That a Church Ministries Board be formed and that the present General Christian Education Committee, Evangelism Committee and Roger Williams Press Board be terminated.

- That the structure of the Church Ministries Board shall be as follows:

Voting Members:

- 6 elected by the General Conference, each representing one of the Areas (3 laymen, 3 ministers).
- 4 elected by the General Conference, each representing the Conference at large (2 women, 2 youth [ages 18-25]).

Woman's Missionary Union President, elected by the women. General Director elected by the General Conference.

Non-Voting Members:

Staff of the Church Ministries Department  
Area Secretaries  
Executive Secretary

- That there be a Church Ministries Department staff as follows:

Church Ministries General Director  
Leadership Education Director  
Evangelism Director  
Woman's Work Director  
Church Literature Editor

#### OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The delegates to the Triennial Conference will be acting on numerous other recommendations from the General Council. Some of these will pertain to the Pension Fund, as well as changes in the Conference Constitution. □



# TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES, August 14-19, 1973

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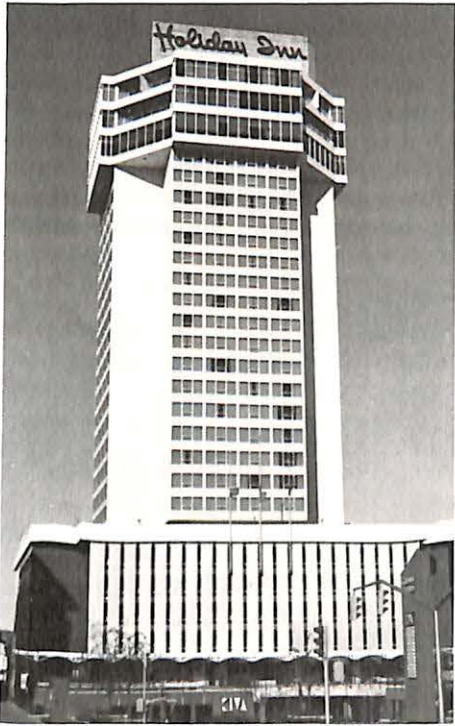
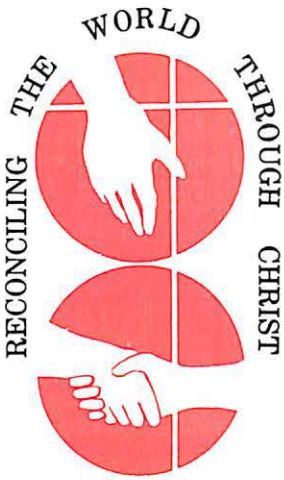
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Holiday Inn—East 7411 E. Kellogg	HE	13.75	15.75	17.75	2.00	5 miles
Holiday Inn—Midtown 1000 N. Broadway	HM	14.75	17.75	20.75	3.00	1 mile
Ramada Inn 8300 E. Kellogg	RA	13.00-15.00	16.00-17.00	18.00-20.00	3.00	6 miles
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3. Women's Missionary Union Ladies' Luncheon	16	3.95	(2) _____
4. Baptist Men's Luncheon	16	3.00	(3) _____
5. Minister's Fellowship Luncheon	16	2.50	(4) _____
6. Missionary Breakfast (by invitation only)	17	2.00	(5) _____
7. Church Extension Pastors' and Wives' Breakfast (by invitation only)	17	Complementary	(6) _____
8. Pastors' Wives' Fellowship Breakfast	18	1.25	(7) _____
9. Christian Education Workers' Breakfast	18	2.00	(8) _____
10. Conference Banquet	18	4.50	(9) _____
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			(11) _____
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WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT WICHITA, AUGUST 14-19, 1973!



The Rev. Wilfred C. Weick, missionary to Japan, sent this article to the editor with the following words of explanation:

"Enclosed you'll find a manuscript of a testimony by one of our new Christians, which he wrote himself, first in English then in Japanese. This young man, Mr. Goto, was influenced in making his decision for Christ by one of our short termers, Mr. Dan Arnold. I thought I would relate this to

you hoping it could encourage other young people to give two years of their life as short term missionaries to Japan. Even though Dan communicated only in English, still the Holy Spirit used his life to communicate something of the Christian life to Mr. Goto. . . . Through Dan Mr. Goto came to our church in Nagoya, and then gave his life to Christ. Last November he was baptized by Pastor Arita of our church in Nagoya."



Short-term missionary Dan Arnold discussing the way to Jesus Christ with Mr. Goto.

## THE GREATEST Discovery of My Life

by Mr. Goto, Japan

For many years I thought there was no sense in thinking of the existence of God and life after death, because I was interested in the present only. I thought the purpose of my life was to develop myself, that is to realize my possibilities, and I had only to do my best according to my reason and conscience. My thinking was, that since I can't redeem the past and influence the future, I wanted at least rule the present, then I would succeed in ruling the past and the future too.

There was no worrying about where I had come from and whereto I would go. I thought my reason and conscience could tell me what was good or evil. And I was fairly satisfied with my life. I thought, I could do whatever I wanted to do. But it was my ego that I could never conquer. There was no escape from it, however much I struggled. I was miserable when I thought how selfish I was, and tried to comfort myself with the thought that all men were selfish. Frankly, I didn't really care if God existed.

One day I dared to be different, that is, I wondered why I must develop myself. Then I couldn't help but ask myself where I had come from and whither I would go. I realized that not

I but some other being had given me my life. I remembered my creator, God, for the first time in my life. I heard his calling to come to him. I felt a great fear for being separated from God. I discovered that I had nothing that I could claim as coming from myself. Jesus said, "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's" (Matt. 22: 21). I realized that my reason and conscience couldn't tell me what was good or evil. The truth comes from God and belongs to him. I saw that everything was under his control.

Then suddenly, I knew Jesus in personal relation to me. Once I knew about Jesus and Christianity only as little as described in an historical textbook. I understood that Jesus had been a great man, teacher and philosopher. I understood that Christianity was an idea or a world-view. But I was too indifferent to find out more about it, and also my prejudice hindered me from a greater involvement with Christ. I was admitted into Nanzan University, established by a monastic order of the Roman Catholic Church. There I came to learn more about Jesus and Christianity. I was troubled in my religious studies, because I didn't find any rela-

tion between economics and religion. And I wondered, why I, a student in economics, must study religion. When I was a freshman, I learned religion had to do with love. When I was a sophomore, I learned about Israel, the prophets, the teachings of Jesus" etc. I understood all that on the surface, but I never grasped the full meaning of Christianity. For instance, when I learned the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32), I thought how evil the younger brother was and that there was no compensating for what he had done; I thought how tolerant the father was. But I couldn't understand why he must be so tolerant as to forgive and love even that evil son. I never imagined that the evil son stood for me and that the tolerant father represented God. When I acknowledged the existence of God and my separation from him, I understood what the parable meant: The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love (I John 4:8). I knew that God loved and called me. But I knew he must judge everyone according to what he has done and that God will accept the one who is good. But I understood, that even if he loves me, he can't justify me as long as I am separated from him through sin in my life. So God prepared the way for me to get rid of my sins, that is, he sent Jesus, his Son (John 3:16). Therefore I accepted him as my Savior. Jesus took away my sins.

Now I would like to tell how I was led to the Baptist Church in Nagoya. Two persons, Miss Joan Dendinger and Mr. Daniel Arnold, must be mentioned here. When I met Miss Deninger for the first time, I was a freshman in Economics and she was a teacher of English Conversation. The moment I saw this ex Catholic nun, I loved her. She had something which attracted me. I felt that she would have a great influence on me. I desired to get acquainted with her, by all means. I wanted to talk to her after the class was over, though I was very shy of strangers, especially of the opposite sex. I studied English Conversation at Nagoya English Conversation Center, because she had invited me. And to tell the truth, I was much more interested in her than in English. But for her I wouldn't have gotten acquainted with Mr. Arnold. When I saw him for the first time, I felt he was an odd foreigner. When I found him to be the teacher of my class, I was very troubled. I was afraid, for even when he spoke English

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## Key 73 and The World Mission of Reconciliation

by Cyril E. Bryant



This is an article by the editor of the Baptist World published in the April 1973 issue of the BAPTIST WORLD, submitted by D. Fuchs.

A North America-wide evangelistic emphasis called "Key 73" is resulting in one of the most concerted Christian efforts in this continent's history. About 150 religious groups are participating under the motto, "Calling Our Continent to Christ." Eight Baptist bodies are listed.

The cooperative effort is large enough that its leaders have been able to mobilize maximum public attention, even to the airing of national television programs. Its stated objective is "to confront people more fully with the gospel of Jesus Christ, by proclamation and demonstration, by witness and ministry and by word and deed."

Key 73 is parallel in many ways with World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ, a 1973-75 program of the Baptist World Alliance. It is, in fact, a vehicle in which North American Baptist bodies are participating in the world-wide program.

The world mission aims at reconciliation of man with God through proclamation and evangelism, and of man with man through all possible ministries of Christian service. At last count 95 Baptist conventions and unions, in some 84 countries, were participating.

Initiated by the Baptist World Congress at Tokyo in 1970, the World Mission of Reconciliation marked the year 1972-73 for "spiritual renewal and training," and now the 1973-75 period for "action for reconciliation." The year 1976 will aim at "activating the reconciled."

There is no conflict between the World Mission of Reconciliation and Key 73. Each complements the other in the churches of North America. Let us use both programs for their common objective to confront people to follow Christ in faith and obedience.

For Baptists, the year 1973 is just a beginning. Our effort will continue, officially, through 1974 and 1975. Hopefully by that time we may be so swept by the fires of spiritual revival that Pentecost will continue like an ever-flowing stream. □



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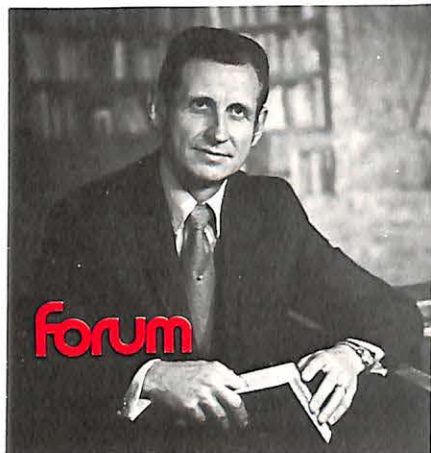
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by Gerald L. Borchert

Dear Dr. Borchert:

I have a few questions about the office of deacon. Is the office of deacon elective as are the offices of clerk, treasurer, trustee, etc. for a definite period of years? Or is a person chosen for the necessary qualities, trained and then ordained for life, retired with honor upon reaching retirement years, or removed from office for cause? What duties are the deacon's other than assisting the pastor serving at the table of the Lord? Your articles have been interesting, thought-provoking and informative. We appreciate them. Mrs. A

Dear Mrs. A. Thank you for your letter concerning this important office in the church. Let me remind you that in my little book, *Today's Model Church*, I developed certain ideas concerning the leadership of the church. If you have not read the book, it can be obtained from the Conference Office in Forest Park for \$1.50.

The deacons in the New Testament were persons who were called upon to wait on tables. The Greek word *trapeza* not only means "table" in our

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sense but more significantly means "bank" or "business operation." The duties of the deacon thus are to be understood as encompassing far more than merely assisting the pastor at the communion table. Deacons were charged with the responsibilities of the effective operation of the church. You remember that when the Greek widows lacked care, the need for such deacons became apparent (Acts 6: 1ff.).

But the deacons were not simply astute business men, they were equally competent as spokesman for Christ and evangelists (cf. Stephen and Philip) and they were called upon to possess virtually the same spiritual qualities (I Tim. 2:8-13) that were required of the bishop or pastor.

The method of their determination was usually that of prayer and waiting upon the Lord—the selections being by the congregation under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Almost nothing is said about tenure of office. The reason for this silence is undoubtedly that the New Testament is concerned more for the establishment of offices than for the transfer of offices.

The practice in North American Baptist churches found to be most adequate is for election to terms of office. The person thereby does not become a self-perpetuating leader, because he is generally required to leave the office for one year before he can be re-elected. The perspective of the church today is built upon the consideration that there are generally sufficient people available in most N.A.B. churches to allow for rotation. Selection, however, should still be accompanied by much prayer, because many important matters of the church's operation are in the hands of these selected men.

In most N.A.B. churches the biblical office of deacon has been divided, so that the deacons can become primarily spiritual leaders while trustees care for business operations. This split can be both good and bad. If trustees are not expected to be spiritually mature people, the split is poor because many a church or denominational program can be stunted by business oriented trustees of little spiritual vision of faith. The split can also be unfortunate if deacons have little or no work to do besides serving at communion. If, however, the deacons assume greater responsibility for evangelism, visitation of the sick and assisting the pastor in other matters of communication of the Word of God to people, then the division of labor can become effective. G. L. B. □

## book reviews by B.C. Schreiber

by B. C. Schreiber

**When the Music Stops.** By Tom Morse, Old Tappan, N.J., Fleming H. Revell. \$3.95.

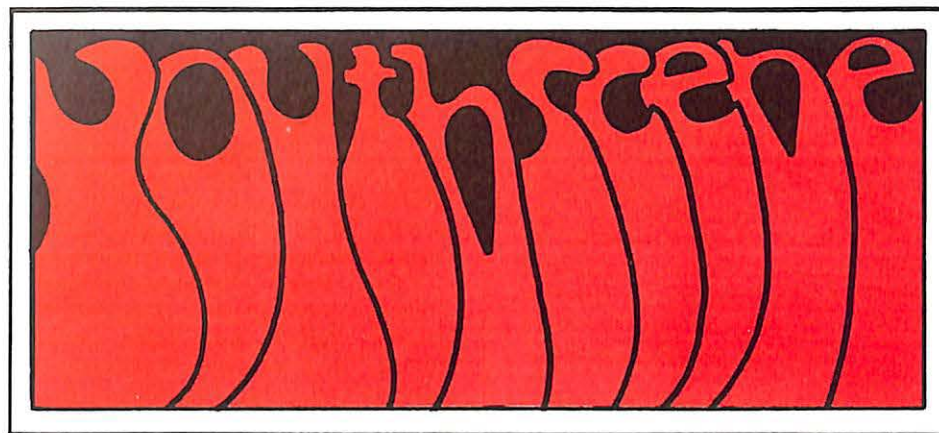
The ministry of Surfside Challenge in Miami is comparable to that of Teen Challenge in New York City directed by Dave Wilkerson. Unlike Wilkerson, however, Morse knows from experience what it is like to be on drugs and alcohol. A talented musician, who played in some well-known Jazz bands, he turned to Christ and found his place of service on the beaches, ghettos and slums, redeeming many drug addicts, prostitutes, run-aways and troubled young people. A massive nine-bedroom house and several adjoining apartments serve as headquarters for his successful program of Christian rehabilitation.

**Amazing Grace.** By Anita Bryant, Old Tappan, N.J., Fleming H. Revell. \$3.95.

When we see Anita Bryant on television we think of a former Miss America, however, the book is actually about witnessing. It includes witnessing to her children, her household helpers, her friends and in the way she performs on her appearances throughout the country. With the help and encouragement of her husband, Robert Green, they tell it like it really is—doubts and disagreements, victories and unanswered prayers, frustrations and fears, all brought under the power of prayer and faith. Even with her halo slightly awry she is lovable and exciting. □

**Miracles in My Life.** By Rex Humbard, Old Tappan, N.J., Fleming H. Revell. \$3.95.

The name and face of Rex Humbard are known to millions primarily through a network of 350 television stations every Sunday. It is a moving, exciting story of a boy who was constantly on the move with his travelling evangelistic parents and who later continued the tent evangelism until he settled in Akron, Ohio. Starting with \$65.00 and faith in God he built the Cathedral of Tomorrow and an electronic program of evangelism unmatched anywhere in the world. □



## 'I'LL GO WHERE YOU WANT ME'

by Knute Larson

And I do mean anywhere.

Or at least most anywhere.

You are aware, I believe, of my aversion to any place where they work too hard. And of my allergy to people with too dark a skin. Otherwise, however, I believe I'm willing to work most anywhere in the world. I do feel, of course, that it should be somewhere where long-distance rates aren't more than 50¢ a minute for my evening words with my earthly father and mother.

O'ER MOUNTAIN, OR PLAIN OR SEA!

Actually, the mountain part I would like to emphasize. Because to me there's nothing quite so uplifting as a nice cottage in the mountains. A place where you can check the deer in the morning, swim the lakes and quarry in the afternoon, and lie down with color television in the evening. Plains I've never seen, but if they're anything like deserts I'd just as soon go o'er them. Please, not on them, because you know how I peel.

Now the sea, The sea is wonderful, and I know you made it, Lord. But it seems to me it's too wide in places. It's so separating. And so I would have to say I would be happy serving by or near the sea (by the sea, by the sea, is

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a hymn Mom and Dad used to hum, I trust). But just not over (or to use the King James expression: o'er) the sea.

I'LL SAY WHAT YOU WANT ME TO SAY, DEAR LORD

And I think you already understand that here is where I really shine. I don't like to think of myself as a finely polished speaker and talker, but I would have to say this is my spiritual gift. And so I'll say, or should I say keep on saying, whatever you want me to be saying.

I'll say what's wrong with others when I spot the chance. You may have heard the way I told Chuck babe what I thought of his cancer stick. And when the folks around here are searching for an answer to the hope I have, I'll tell them the facts on the line.

Like when Karen wanted to know why I went to church so much and I told her she might best be ready for the judgment, because I had gotten ready when I walked the aisle. And then when I dedicated my life to be whatever you want me to. I'll say whatever it is.

To the right people of course. There are some whose language I never could learn. And several nations who, in my humble opinion, don't deserve the chance to learn about God since they turned away from Him on their own a long long time ago. The children of the sinners reap what their fathers and mothers sowed, it says somewhere in the Bible.

I'LL BE WHAT YOU WANT ME TO BE.

I like to think of that as sort of the sum of all these promises I'm making today, God.

Whatever it is You decide I should be, I will be just that.

Or, at least something as close to it as I can get.

I think everyone at church is aware that I dedicated my life to missions, and I mean to stick with that.

But what they are not aware of, I'm afraid inside, is that the whole world is a mission field. And the Lord needs more Christian forest rangers, I'm sure. I've always been interested in the outdoors, and it seems to me someone who cares about people and God's earth has to spot the fires and help get them out. And, Lord willing, I'll be the man for the job. When it comes right down to it, I don't even know one single Christian forest ranger.

The one ranger I did meet on our trip out west cussed and probably smoked (even though he didn't while on duty—talk about doing things just because of legalism!). So I was just reminded in the heart of my conscience that day, of the great lingering need for Christians in this work.

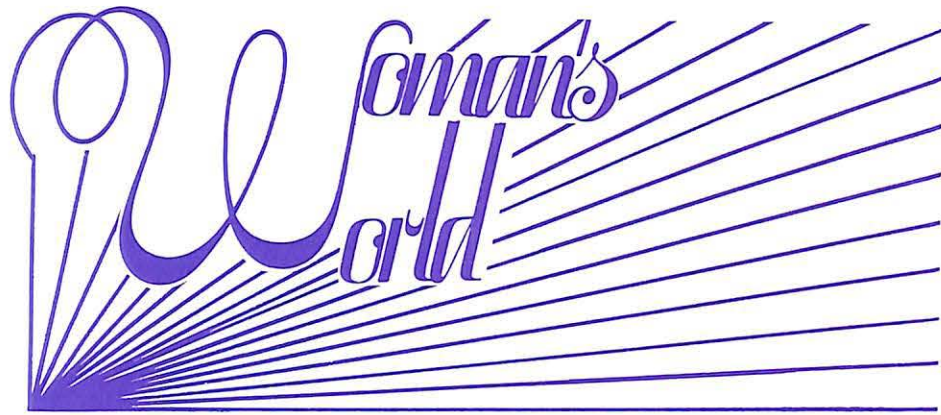
And so if that is what you want me to be, dear Lord, as seems to be the clear case from the way you have been speaking, then that is what I will be.

You have heard these promises, and with them I ask for strength and guidance to do this your perfect will as I decide it each day. AMEN!



"Yes'm, I was listening—what did you say?"





### ALL ROADS LEAD TO WICHITA

by Mrs. Jeanette Stein, president of the W.M.U., Winnipeg, Man.

In front of every N.A.B. home there is a road that leads to Wichita, Kansas. In a few more weeks many families will load their cars with children, food and luggage and head for the Triennial Conference, August 14-19. This trip will be well worth the time and money spent.

Thursday is Ladies' Day. The luncheon meeting has always been a most enjoyable time for everyone who attended because of the great time of fellowship. This year about 1000 women are expected. A great opportunity to not only meet old friends but also to make new ones.

When 1000 N.A.B. women get together there's bound to be some great singing. Come prepared to participate as well as to listen. If you are a minister's wife, be sure to join the chorus.

Part of the time at the afternoon meeting will be used to transact the business of the W.M.U. Reports will be heard of the progress made during the triennium. Be sure to attend and cast your vote for those who can best give leadership to our Union.

The special feature at both afternoon and evening meetings will be our missionaries. You will hear many of them reporting of what God has done in far away places; you will also have opportunity to visit with them and get better acquainted. At the Missionary Celebration you will have a chance to see, hear and taste some of the things you would if you were a missionary out in an overseas country. Be sure to bring the whole family for this educational experience.

Sunday, after the closing session, you will feel as Peter did while on the Mount. Maybe you will even say, "Let us build tabernacles and stay here."

Next time you look at your road, remember, it leads to Wichita where great blessings are being prepared for you. □

#### Editor's Note:

The following articles will give you an insight into the Christian influence our missionary efforts had on the emerging nation of Cameroon.

Vye Huber

### MEDICAL WORK AND BAPTISTS

by Fred Folkerts, field secretary, Bamenda, Cameroon

Baptist medical work is well known to our Christians in America and to people in Cameroon. Following is a quick look at three aspects of it from the past and present and then three



The hospital shoemaker making special "ulcer proof" shoes for leprosy patients at Mbingo Baptist Hospital.

aspects of our projected future medical work.

#### SIZE

In a country with a population of about one million, Baptists have two hospitals in a total of 21 and four health centers in a total of 60. They are the Bansa Baptist Hospital, Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Mbem Rural Health Center, Belo Dispensary-Maternity, Jikijem Maternity and Bangolan Maternity. Patients now come from as far as 70 miles away to attend both Mbingo and Bansa Hospitals.

The geographical areas served by our medical work are further increased by regular clinics in outlying areas. A medical team, sometimes led by a doctor and sometimes led by a nurse, will frequently treat more than 250 patients a day at such a clinic. We are limited in the number of patients we treat only by time and personnel.

#### STAFFING AND TRAINING

The value of our medical training program is partially seen in the ratio of missionary medical personnel to outpatients treated in 1955 in comparison to that of today. In 1955 the ratio was 10 to 28,000; in 1972 it was 16 to 74,500. Trained Cameroonian staff are completely running Jikijem and Bangolan maternities and are assuming many responsibilities in our other institutions. Nevertheless, the great majority of the 202 students trained at Bansa Baptist Hospital were sponsored by other organizations and are now working throughout the country in government or Presbyterian medical units.

As they leave Bansa, they go with a knowledge of good nursing or midwifery care — with compassion.

The admission requirement for nursing and midwifery students has now been raised from grade 7 pass to grade 12, so the level of training is similar to that given in the States.

#### COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT

As in educational work, the government is making responsible plans to provide the necessary care for the population. Together with mission leaders, government medical officials worked out the third five-year development plan for health care. With such coordination, the needs of all areas are considered.

#### MEDICAL AUTHORITY

In April 1973, the Cameroon Baptist Convention approved the constitution for a Medical Authority similar to the Education Authority. The "Authority shall be a subsidiary corporation of the Cameroon Baptist Convention" and shall be charged "with the establishment and operation of Baptist hospitals, training schools, dispensaries, maternities, clinics and other medical services . . ." Thus we are in the middle of a big step forward in the administration of our medical work.

#### BAPTIST CAMEROONIAN DOCTORS FORSEEN

For a long time we have talked about the need for Cameroon doctors in our work, but partially due to the high cost of training overseas, the lack of suitable applicants and the high wage scale for practicing physicians, we have not been able to meet this need. Now there is a Medical School in the University of Yaounde, Cameroon, and two fine young men who have grown up in our Baptist churches and schools are applying for admission. If they are accepted, we will sponsor them and look forward to more definite steps in the Cameroonization of our medical work.

#### NEW AREAS OF MEDICAL OUTREACH

Ask Dr. Jerry Fluth when you see him at the Wichita Conference or on his furlough in 1973-74 about restoring to use hands and feet deformed by leprosy. The American Leprosy Mission has made it possible for us to have a second doctor at Mbingo now so that time-consuming leprosy surgery and clinic work can be tackled.

The work of Miss Pat Lenz, physical

therapist, at Mbingo Hospital has also opened up new avenues of outreach in rehabilitation. Mbingo Hospital is one of the few in the country prepared to help patients suffering from deformities from burns, polio, accidents and many other causes. Miss Laura Reddig, also on furlough now, can tell you of the effectiveness of telling the Bible story to a patient every day while exercising his stiff knee. The love of God shown by actions has won many to Jesus in all of our medical institutions.

#### HOW DO BAPTISTS VIEW INDEPENDENCE IN CAMEROON?

by Mrs. Patricia Meinerts, missionary to Cameroon

Baptists believe that a local church or fellowship of churches should be self-governing, self-supporting and self-propagating. This belief has shaped the progress of Baptist churches in Cameroon. The very first Baptist churches, started more than one hundred years ago, were self-governing. Baptist missionary societies gave funds to supplement the meager support which the churches could raise and missionaries were sent to reinforce the witness and outreach of the local people. The churches have governed themselves from the outset. Consequently there has been no independence crises for the Baptists of Cameroon.

However, the last twenty years of Baptist history in Cameroon have produced a series of events which dramatically placed on the churches more and more responsibility which formerly had been assumed by the Missionary Society.



Daily soaks and dressings of feet damaged by leprosy at Mbingo Baptist Hospital.

In 1954 the Cameroon Baptist Convention was formed. This gave the constitutional framework for a denominational fellowship. In 1961 Cameroon was reunified as a Federal Republic. This promoted a sense of national identity in the church as well as the nation and encouraged the pace of indigenous leadership in all aspects of church life. In 1970 all schools and

#### CONCLUSION

We have an important role to play in setting standards for medical care with love. Even more, we need to continue the extensive witnessing done at our hospitals and maternities. Already hundreds have become Christians through this ministry. More are still to be reached. Medically, we have undeveloped areas of outreach in public health, leprosy rehabilitation, physical therapy, cataract removal, — and on — and on — and on. □

colleges were handed over from the mission to a newly formed Education Authority of the Cameroon Baptist Convention. This demonstrated the ability and determination of local Baptists in Cameroon to give a distinctly Christian Education to all children who attend Baptist schools and to utilize these schools as a witness for Christ.



Mrs. Nancy Folkerts awarding the Book Badge to Lengla Commercial College 3-H girls in Mission Church.

In April 1973 the Convention adopted a constitution for the Medical Authority of the Cameroon Baptist Convention. This shifts the administration of a highly technical ministry from the mission to the Convention and recognizes the skills and compassion of the Baptist medical personnel.

These events culminate a process whereby the Cameroon Baptist Mission has handed over the administration of schools, colleges, hospitals, maternities, dispensaries and clinics to the Convention. But that does not imply that North American Baptists are through with their task. A new era of cooperation, fellowship, and mutual sharing of the load of Christian missions has begun. This cooperation was

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# GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

## TEAM 1 REPORT

We hadn't had any snow or much cold weather since before Christmas, so we pretty well had spring fever. However, all our dreams of spring vanished for a few days during our April crusade in Milwaukee, as we got snowed-in for a couple of days. Even though our work was hindered a little by this, we still had many blessings during the week. Our main outreach this week was through church services. It was fantastic to see the Holy Spirit working not only in the lives of adults, at Center Baptist Church, but the children were especially being spoken to during this crusade. Thirteen people made first-time decisions this week.



God's Volunteers Team 1 singing at the Conference Office in Forest Park.

During Easter the team was in the Detroit area and had the privilege of praising God for his mighty sacrifice with several of the churches there.

Our calling this week was connected with Key 73. Approximately 2348 calls were made in the East Detroit community. Out of those calls, we were able to talk to 1231 people and found well over 100 people very interested in the love of Christ which we shared with them. One of the most exciting things for us as a team was to see the enthusiasm of the people we went calling with. We not only encouraged people to share their faith, but were also encouraged by them when we saw their willingness to help spread Christ's love. We were able to work with a lot of young people at the Ridgemont Baptist Church, especially through the coffee house held there. Over 190 young people from several churches in Detroit came together to sing praises and learn more about the Christian life.

Team 1 relaxing at Morton's Arboretum in Chicago's suburb.



"Look, there is our picture in the BAPTIST HERALD!" Team 1 and their director visiting the Baptist Herald editor's office.

During our crusade in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, we had also the privilege of singing at the North American Baptist Headquarters in Forest Park, and at Scripture Press and M.A.P. Headquarters in Wheaton. It was exciting to see how God is using these people to spread the gospel. It was also exciting to experience that no matter how much or how little time we were able to go calling, the Holy Spirit was working in the lives of the people in the community. In just the first three days we were calling, nine people received Jesus into their lives.

It seems that we have just started our year on Volunteer's and already it is finished. We look back with joy as to how God has worked in our lives as well as in the lives of others. We also look with anticipation to what God has in store for us. We thank you for supporting us with your prayers this past year.

Because of Christ's love,  
Janis DeBoer, reporter Team 1

## TEAM 2 REPORT

Many open doors and undeserved blessings have again been ours during our final months of service as God's Volunteers, Team 2.

We really had a great time as well as many opportunities to work with the youth of the First Baptist Church, Emery, S.D. In the Sunday school departments and in special services during the week we were able to share the gospel at a level the children could understand. Because we were able to sing at a high school and also in a nearby town, we had a very good turn out for the Youth Rally. We talked with many who had never committed their lives to Christ.

In Milwaukee we worked with both, the Bethany and Temple Churches, holding services, Bible studies and Witness Training Workshops. A highlight of our stay was the Spring Youth Rally held for Wisconsin youth. We were able to participate not only in song but also in discussion groups and workshops.

We were very surprised and perhaps a bit discouraged to meet with an April blizzard in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Although part of our program for the week was canceled, we were able to reach many of the snowbound through our testimony on a radio talk show. God works in mysterious ways! We also shared Christ through song with boys at a county

reform school and with many students of a nearby college. Our week at the Trinity Baptist Church, Warren, Mich., was a busy one! We canvassed over 1900 homes finding over 150 good prospects for the church, and also participated in the organized visitation program of the church. We enjoyed Easter there and also the opportunities to sing with Team 1 in various special services.

I suppose the last tour week is always hard for a team. Nevertheless, our stay at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., was very enjoyable and spiritually enriching. We were encouraged by the messages of the Rev. D. Fuchs, our guest evangelist for the week. Again doors were opened and we sang at a hospital and in two nursing homes, as well as shared the gospel with many through visitation.

When our tour was over, we spent a few relaxing days in Chicago and made a recording there.

How thankful we are for all those who responded to Christ this year! Although there were many late nights, tight schedules to meet, and sometimes seemingly impossible tasks for us to perform, Jesus never let us down. We have been rewarded in many, many ways and we thank God for using us. We also want to thank the Rev. R. Harsch our director, as well as all the pastors and evangelists we have



God's Volunteers Team 2 making a record at a studio in Wheaton, Illinois.

*Following are the testimonies of God's Volunteers 1972-73, reporting on what the nine months of volunteer service have meant to them.*

**GORDON BAUSLAUGH**, Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan

Let me share with you a short story of how a young Christian guy was used of the Lord. He traveled around the country stopping off in designated areas working with church people. The people he met were just wonderful to him. They went together sharing Jesus Christ, having the privilege to see others accept Christ as their Savior. This young man could see how the Lord was gradually guiding him to grow in God's word and to learning something new everyday. It was a tremendous year for this Christian and he was sorry to see the year come to an end. I know, because I'm that guy.

**JANIS DE BOER**, West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S.D.

The opportunities the year on Volunteer's gave me to share



Team 2 in one of Wisconsin's beauty spots.

worked with during this year, and all our Christian friends for their prayers and encouragement. God bless you all!

Yours in Christ,  
Trudy Spletzer, reporter Team 2



Jim Schneider telling one of his famous children stories.

the love of Christ were beyond counting. Everytime I got to share Christ with someone else, I seemed to grow twice as much in my own faith. Among many of the things I have learned, I was taught patience and love. I mainly realized that I don't have to be in a special service to share Christ's love. I thank God that he has given me a joy that no power can take away, so that I may share it with others. I am looking forward to what God has in store for me and the opportunities I'll have to share his life, no matter where I am.

**RENEE HOFFER**, Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N.D.

It's exciting to be a God's Volunteer. Through the coffee house programs I have learned very much. We usually broke down into small discussion groups and talked about positive aspects of the Christian life. I've really been able to

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# AGRICULTURAL SHOW IN BUEA

by John Binder

An Agricultural Show was held in Buea, Cameroon, Africa, on March 9-11, 1973. There were 160 booths reflecting the various developments of the country in industry, agriculture and other services.

The Mbingo Baptist Hospital had a booth where the various services and therapeutic handcraft articles of the hospital were on display such as baskets, shoes, crutches and artificial legs. Mr. David Mfiekwe, the leprosy inspector at the hospital, and Mr. Berndt Lemke, an N.A.B. missionary stationed at Mbingo Hospital, gave health education lectures and described the vari-

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ous items that the patients make at the hospital. The Cameroonian President, Ahmadou Ahidjo, opened the show at Buea on March 9 and personally viewed some of the exhibits. He took special note of the Mbingo Baptist Leprosy Hospital booth and the services described by Mr. Mfiekwe. He was visibly impressed with the quality of leprosy care rendered at Mbingo and expressed his appreciation, saying, "God bless Mbingo Hospital."

More than 100,000 people viewed the exhibits. The Leprosy Hospital sold all of the baskets, and many people showed keen interest in the work of the hospital by asking many questions about its services. Literature was also distributed describing leprosy and how people can be healed and restored back into society through the ministry at Mbingo Baptist Hospital. □

The Mbingo Baptist Hospital booths at the Agricultural Show in Buea, Cameroon.



## GREATEST DISCOVERY

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very slowly, using simple words, I still could not understand him. I knew he could hardly understand Japanese. At first I was very afraid of him, though I learned from Miss Dendinger that he was a good person and teacher. But the more I got acquainted with him, the more I got interested in him. At last he invited me to his Baptist Church. When I came for the first time to this church, I felt as if I had been friends with all the people for a long time. I don't know why I felt like this.

Now all things I have are given to glorify God, the Father. I know that God is the Lord of my life and that I am only his servant. If a servant handles his master's belongings unrighteously and wastes them, he is a thief and will be convicted. I, the child of God and his servant, must live by following God's command. Only God, the Father, knows what is good or evil, because whether a thing is good or evil depends on its relationship to God. He reveals his will in the Bible and in our history. He talks to us personally every day. I must always pay attention to God's will. As long as Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, is with me, grace and peace from him are with me. My love of God has driven away all fear. For "if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's" (Romans 14:8). □

# Insight into Christian Education

## THE CHURCH MUSIC PROGRAM

by Ted Faszter

Exciting things can happen musically in your church regardless of size, if you are willing to employ imagination and creativity along with hard work in your church music program. We cannot begin any discussion of church music without first asking ourselves what the Lord expects of a church music program. If we believe that the church has been commissioned by Christ to go and make disciples, we need to discover to what extent our church music program supports and furthers this, our primary goal.

While the New Testament references to music are brief, I believe they are sufficient to give us guidance for our church music programs. Two references most often quoted are Ephesians 5:19-20, "Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father," and Colossians 3:16, N.A.S.B., "Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you; with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

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### Purpose

We find here at least three functions of church music; thanksgiving, teaching and testimony. The necessity of God-directed thanksgiving, or worship, is made clear in the phrase, "singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God." It is in an attitude of continual thanksgiving and worship to God that our music must be presented. The teaching function of music is also unmistakable, "teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." The wisdom of the Christian gospel is to be communicated through song. The expression to others of our personal experience with Christ is found in the phrase, "speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." Genuine joy in Christ cannot be contained, it needs to be shared. Once we have the purpose of our music program clearly in mind we can begin to discuss organizations, methods and materials.

### Planning

The importance of an active, progressive music committee to unify, guide and promote the church music program cannot be overstated. In a very small church this function might be fulfilled by a committee of the deacon board. Careful projection of long and short range musical objectives and needs should be stated in writing, along with the personnel and facilities

required to carry your plans. A good plan is to project your music for all services quarterly, thus allowing consistency, continuity and variety. Including young people on the music committee is a good idea both for leader development and for fresh points of view.

A healthy musical attitude in a church doesn't just happen. It needs to be carefully nurtured. The place to begin is with children and youth whose tastes and attitudes are forming. A good church music program will make young musicians feel wanted and needed, and will find places for them to serve while learning. Your music committee should not only allow, but actively encourage and program careful, responsible use of musical instruments and facilities. Adult church musicians are the key, and can do much to foster the proper spiritual attitude toward musical service. These experienced musicians can also multiply their own ministries by sharing their experience and skills with young people.

Your music committee can work together with the deacon board and pastor in developing variety in your services. Some possibilities are: nights of music, outdoor services, youth services, men's night, W.M.S. night, Senior Adult night, deacon service, Christian films, guest musical groups, Brigade and Pioneer Girls service, evening communion service, gospel magic or gospel ventriloquism service, pulpit and choir exchange. Many of these services are not strictly music, but can be partly coordinated by the music committee.

The different types of services call for various styles of music. You can program gospel, classical, traditional, contemporary, gospel folk, hymns, choruses, children's music, youth music, nationality music. Try using a variety of musicians, groupings and ages: vocal or instrumental solos, duets, trios, quartets, ensembles, choirs mass numbers and orchestras. Try music with drama, using projected and non-projected visual aids, Scripture narrations, dramatic readings, pre-recorded sections etc. One good way to try some of these new ideas is in a special musical night in which you carry out a single theme for the entire evening using various groups and techniques.

Your congregation will be learning new music constantly if you introduce a hymn or chorus of the month. It can be presented in a song sheet or on an overhead projector, and introduced by one of your choral groups or by a re-

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## A HEARTY THANK YOU

by Eirene Mbongo Martin

Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness.

Col. 1:10-11

August 28, 1969 was four years ago when I said farewell to my parents, relatives and friends in Cameroon, West Africa. And now, it's that time again for me to say "goodbye" and "thank you" to the people of our North American Baptist General Conference.

My family has prayerfully and financially supported me all along, and I really want them to know that I am very, very grateful.

I wish to thank all of my many, many friends across Canada and the United States for the part they played



to make my stay here a real success and an enjoyable one. I can happily look back to those exciting times we

had together, visiting in your homes, taking part in the Women's Missionary Society programs, as counselor and guest speaker in camps, story-teller and teacher at summer vacation Bible school, as Sunday school teacher, and taking part in some of the Sunday services. It is amazing to think of how some of you willingly gave up your nice comfortable bedrooms and allowed me to use them as my own for a whole week. I really appreciate that.

And finally, I must say I owe a world of thanks to the Baptist Christians in Edmonton, Canada, especially the North American Baptist College faculty, staff and students, and to all the members of the Central Baptist Church. May God bless you for all you did for me. You have been so helpful, understanding and very friendly. It has been a real joy to know you. Thank you all so much. □



cording. Lend variety to congregational singing by occasionally rotating song leaders, pianists and organists. Tell the stories of hymns. Encourage attention to the hymn message. Song services and congregational singing are the best opportunities to build positive church feelings toward music. Everyone should feel free to express praise and testimony in song.

Sunday school music should also be reviewed by the music committee. Are the children learning to sing? Are they being used to play preludes and offertories? Are gifted youngsters encouraged to lead or accompany singing? Is there an opportunity for writing and performing music coordinated with the lesson theme? A good way to encourage boys to sing is to have a man they admire lead Sunday school singing. If you do not have access to a piano get an autoharp, a record player or a cassette tape recorder to accompany you. Have a musician pre-record your accompaniment on tape, or record music from a Christian radio program to help you teach new music.

#### Choirs

Graded choirs are one of the primary means of church music education. Most churches have an adult choir or ensemble which participates in the church worship services, but many churches have recently also begun youth choirs. This is not restricted to large churches. One of our rural North Dakota churches of less than 100 members developed a youth choir which went on tour and raised money for a working mission trip to our Colorado field. Choir trips build enthusiasm. A men's choir can strengthen your church musical attitude. Several publishers have simple, effective unison and two part men's arrangements available. Recruit high school young people for your adult and men's choirs. Children can learn their faith, learn music, learn to serve and be trained for future service in cherub and junior choirs. Using a children's choir in a service will promote attendance. Most churches use a children's choir for special programs. Why not use them periodically throughout the year?

#### Instruments

An orchestra to accompany hymns will add zest to your congregational singing. It need not be large. Check your hymnal publisher to see if transposed orchestra books are available with your church hymnal. These books can also be used to teach beginners to play hymns and develop ensembles.

Publish your Sunday evening hymn numbers in the bulletin a week in advance so even beginners can practice and play in the orchestra.

#### Sources

You may be asking yourself, "Where will I find music to try these ideas?" If you do not have a music store or Christian bookstore nearby, take time to write a few letters and you can have a wealth of music ideas delivered to your home. Publishers are eager to have you on their mailing lists, and periodically send out their catalogs, new publications, and on request will send you music on approval which you may review. (See the listing at the end of this article.) A quick way to build your church music library is to subscribe to a monthly choir magazine which affords a wide selection of music inexpensively. These magazines are available from several publishers, notably Lorenz and Singspiration, in several difficulty gradings, and are available for children, youth and adult choirs, as well as for organists. Some good sources of music your youth will respond to are the several recently published youth hymnals and folk hymnals. Another source of music might be an association-wide music directory and exchange. Many of your cantatas and octavos are not presently being used. Work out a sharing arrangement with sister churches. If you are on a limited budget, a good choir book with several usable numbers is often a better buy than sheet music.

Be flexible and patient in trying new ideas. Use those your congregation is able to respond to. "Let the word of Christ richly dwell in you; with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God." Belwin Mills Publishing Company, Rockville Center, New York, 11571  
Carl Fischer Inc., 62 Cooper Square, New York, New York, 10003 and 312 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60604  
G. Shirmer Inc., 609 — 5th Avenue, New York, New York, 10017  
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Word Music — Sacred Songs, Waco, Texas, 76703

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## CHUCKLE WITH BRUNO

A diet specialist said to a lady, "Now if you will follow my directions, I guarantee you will lose weight, and you can eat anything you want." "You really mean I can eat anything I want?" "Yes," he said, "as long as you don't swallow."

"Young man," exclaimed the customer haughtily, "I'd like to speak with someone with a little authority."

"I think I can help you ma'am," the clerk replied, "because I have as little authority as anyone I know around here."

A certain wise guy made a very uncomplimentary remark about me. When my friend said I was quite a wit, he said he was half right.

Some people are so proud that they won't admit their faults. I'm glad I'm not that way. I'd admit mine if I had any.



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## TESTIMONIES OF GOD'S VOLUNTEERS . . .

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see that we as Christians have a purpose in life, real deep peace and joy. Also the witnessing has been a great challenge to me.

**JOHN NEUFELD**, Pineland Baptist Church, Burlington, Ontario

God's Volunteers has been a tremendous growing experience for my Christian life. Having a personal relationship with Christ is wonderful; but this year has taught me that real joy comes through his Holy Spirit, by letting him control my life as I yield myself to his will.

**CAROL WALKER**, First Baptist Church, Mc Laughlin, S.D.

This year has really been a highlight in my life — I've been able to see other people's lives changed as well as changes in my own life and in my family.

God has shown and taught me many things. Before being a Volunteer I never felt I could share Jesus with others for fear of what they would think as well as the fear of not knowing what to say. This fear is gone. Throughout the year God has given me the right words to say.

In our last two crusades I had the opportunity of being a channel through which God spoke. Six people with whom I had shared the Good News accepted Christ. I have learned to share Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit and leave the results up to God.

**SANDRA WALKER**, Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N.D.

Although the year as a God's Volunteer has ended, the experiences I've had will always be with me. To put into mere words all of the wonderful things God has shown and taught me, hardly seems to do justice.

This year I have learned to share the love of Christ with others and have been able to see Christ working in many lives. It has been not only a year of sharing, but also a year of growing in my own spiritual life. To see how God will use our lives if we are willing to let him, has been a great experience and one that I will never forget.

I praise and thank God for this wonderful opportunity to show his love and be drawn closer to him. □

#### TEAM 2

**MARILYN BLACK**, Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon:

This year I have discovered real joy with Christ. The more I have shared his reality with others and enjoyed fellowship with believers, he has continued to become more personal and real in my life. I praise God for allowing me to serve him in this way, and for the fullness I have received in return.

**AGNES LITFIN**, First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

This year has greatly influenced my life. I have discovered many new ways to share my faith in Christ with others. Through discussions, counselling, calling and just rapping God has shown me that everyone has different needs, most of which I can't relate to — but Christ can. Praise the Lord!

**EDITH SCHROEDER**, Center Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

I'm thankful that I had the opportunity to experience this type of work for the Lord. I came to realize that so many people are looking for a deep inner peace that can only be found in the Lord, and I've developed more of a concern for others by communicating. Music has meant a lot to me this year, and I think we have all received blessings from it.

**TRUDY SPLETZER**, Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, B.C.

"To God be the glory for the things he has done!" I'm grateful for the privilege of sharing Christ with so many this past year. What a joy to lead someone to Jesus! My own faith has increased as I've seen the reality of Christ in the lives of so many and as I have spent time alone with God and his word. My eyes have been opened to the necessity of personal evangelism today, and I can also appreciate more fully the dedicated work of our pastors and the role of the church.

**RAYMOND LICK**, Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

I praise God for the tremendous year he has given me as I had the privilege of serving him on God's Volunteers. I had much joy in sharing Christ with others; training church lay people and seeing them become excited about sharing their faith in Christ. It was wonderful seeing many people pray to receive Christ into their lives. I learned much and grew in my own personal relationship with Jesus. I also learned much about my own relationships with other people. Perhaps the greatest lesson I learned was that of putting Phil. 4:8 into practice: Trying in my own life's outlook to be positive about other people and circumstances, and looking for the best in all things. This gave me many victories and is a lesson which I hope to keep learning. God truly has supplied all our needs, and I know he always will; therefore I will continue to praise him.

**JIM SCHNEIDER**, Grace Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta

"Through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus" are the words to one of the songs we sang this year. Sometimes it was hard to trust in Jesus for the situation at hand, but as the year went on I learned that it was the best thing to do. He never let me down! I learned the importance of spending time alone with God, as I could see the change in my own life from day to day. I think the value of this year will only be realized in the years ahead as I continue to let Jesus live in me. □



# Kansas Steadily Gaining Fame as Tourist Territory

by Bob Tonsing Sr.,  
travel editor

Kansas' image as a vacation and recreation area has changed tremendously in the past 30 years, even though no way has been found to elevate its plains and rolling terrain into genuine mountains.

There are "Mt. Oread" in the northeast and "Mt. Sunflower" in the northwest. (At 4,039 feet above sea level the latter by far tops Arkansas' highest point, Magazine Mountain, at 2,753 feet, and Missouri's Taum Sauk Mountain at 1,772.)

Water has been the biggest factor in the transformation. Kansas never was the dry region pictured in the minds of easterners who never have been west of the Allegheny Mountains. It is interlaced with rivers and smaller streams, and a vast "ocean" of irrigation water underlies most of the western two-thirds of the state.

Though it lacked the large natural lakes boasted by some other states, that deficiency has been remedied since the 1940's by construction of 20 large federal reservoirs and innumerable state, county and city lakes and private ponds.

Availability of this huge acreage of surface water has resulted in ballooning of water sports including boating, fishing and skiing. Marinas have been built at most of the lakes, parks laid out and campgrounds constructed.

Kansas has been blessed with a wide variety of scenery. The eastern two-fifths is mostly wooded and hilly, and includes the Missouri Valley in the northeast, the Ozark foothills in the southeast and the Flint Hills stretching in the northwesterly direction from the Oklahoma border almost to the Nebraska line.

The great plains begin roughly at U.S. 81 (I-35) through Wichita and Salina and rise gradually to the Colorado border. This area makes Kansas the premier wheat producing state and also grows vast quantities of milo, soybeans and sugar beets.

Promotion of tourism is a relatively new thing in Kansas. It is based on the

seasonally changing scenery, the big increases in water sports, and the state's rich historical background.

Though it is impossible to include all the tourist attractions in a single issue, the following places top the Kansas list, in the opinion of this writer:

• **EISENHOWER MEMORIAL COMPLEX, Abilene** — The Eisenhower Complex is becoming one of the nation's leading tourist destinations. Its recently enlarged museum, a memorial to the late President and World War II leader, contains priceless items given to him by governments and rulers over the world, as well as mementoes of his long and illustrious military career.

Nearby is his boyhood home, furnished as it was in the early days of the century. Also in the complex are the Presidential Library, containing books and papers relating to his administration, and "A Place of Meditation," a beautiful little chapel in which President Eisenhower lies entombed. The buildings are open each day from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., except the burial chapel, which will close at 8 p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Near the complex are Old Abilene Town, a reconstruction of the pioneer village as it was in Chisholm Trail days, and a wax museum featuring 16 scenes from World War II.

In spring and fall Abilene is host to the National Coursing Meet for greyhounds.

• **STATE CAPITOL, Topeka** — The high-domed "heart" of Kansas still dominates the city's landscape. Offices of the governor and many other officials, as well as the two legislative chambers, are in the Capitol. On the second floor are the famous John Steuart Curry murals, one of them a controversial portrayal of John Brown, pre-Civil War liberation leader. Statues and portraits of state leaders, as well as encased historical exhibits, are of interest. A winding stairway leads to a walkway around the dome, but it is closed for repairs. Visitors may go as high as the fifth floor. Capitol open hours are 8 to 5 daily.

Just to the west is the modern State Office Building. Also nearby is the Kansas Memorial Building (open daily), headquarters of the Kansas State His-

torical Society. Its museum contains thousands of displays, several period rooms and many interesting exhibits that give a broad picture of the state's history.

Also of interest to Topeka visitors are the Santa Fe Railway headquarters, executive mansion, Menninger Foundation, Topeka VA Hospital, Industrial School for Boys, Gage Park and Zoo, Washburn College, Lake Shawnee, and Forbes Air Force Base (soon to be phased out) nearby. The Mid-America Fair each September shares top billing with the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson.

• **FRONT STREET, Dodge City** — For 13 years, starting in 1872, Dodge City was known as "queen of the cow towns." Now its reconstruction of that pioneer village brings the legendary cowboy, outlaw and lawman conflict to life. From June through August there is the Long Branch Variety Show nightly at 8:30, and from Memorial Day to Labor Day guns blaze each evening at 8 in front of the Long Branch Saloon. In a museum the Beeson collection shows personal effects and items used by famous Dodge City residents.

Visitors may trudge between tombstones to the famous and infamous on Boot Hill and in the memorial cemetery, and take pictures of Hangman's Tree. Other attractions are an old jail, a big cowboy statue and a memorial fountain.

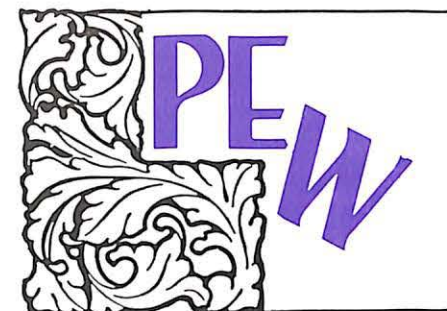
Five miles east of town on U.S. 154 is old Fort Dodge, an Army post established in 1864. Several of the original rock buildings still are in use as the Kansas Soldiers' Home.

• **COW TOWN, Wichita** — A reconstruction of the pioneer community of 1872, when Wichita became the northern terminus of the Chisholm Trail bringing huge herds of Texas longhorns to the railroad for shipment east, gives some idea of those wild and woolly days. Several of the original buildings have been preserved and others have been duplicated.

The new Wichita-Sedgwick County Zoo northwest of the city is scheduled to become another major tourist attraction.

Come and see Kansas. Try it — you'll like it! □

## THE UNCOMFORTABLE



## A GUIDE FOR FINDING LEADERS

by Pye Rho

Due to the large number of requests by pastors and congregations, this guide has been developed to give everyone the clues needed to find the leaders of a church. Here are four fast ways to finding the potential leader, and also for becoming a potential leader.

A potential leader is one who never misses a business meeting. This is the first, and probably the most important, clue. There the potential leader will listen with close attention for about five minutes and then he will say something. At this point it makes no difference if what is said is important or makes sense, all that counts is that the potential leader's voice is heard. The business meeting is where one makes his voice heard. If the leader is gaining in influence, his suggestion will be accepted simply on the merits of hearing his voice.

The next clue will be his opposition to the pastor. If during the business meeting, or any other time, he says black when the preacher says white, then this is a man to follow. When one opposes the pastor, it shows that that man is a thinking, intelligent man, not easily swayed, and he should be followed.

The third clue is his acceptance of church jobs. If he is willing to become a deacon, but not an usher or a trustee, then this is a man who can command. Becoming a deacon, but not a trustee or usher show that the potential leader is a man who has confidence and pride. No one is going to push him around by giving him a job that does not have any real importance. He will be the person who will really roll his sleeves up and work because he has

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## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. William Schonert observed their 60th wedding anniversary on March 21, 1973. They are members of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Breitreuz observed their 60th wedding anniversary on March 6, 1973. They are members of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Binder observed their 65th wedding anniversary on April 1, 1973. They are members of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, N.D.

**ASHLEY, N.D.** The South-central Area Crusade for Christ was held at the Ashley High School auditorium April 1-8, 1973. More than 1,000 people attended the last meeting on Sunday evening. The crusade was led by Alf Rees, an associate of Barry Moore, founder of Crusade Evangelism International, based in London, Ont. With him were B. Camper, crusade director; H. Schroeder, music director and H. Bowker, musician. Music was also provided by local talent.

The south-central area comprises a radius of about 50 miles west of Linton, N.D., south to Eureka, S.D., east to Ellendale, N.D., and north to Napoleon, N.D., and the local participating churches.

A number of people received special help in their faith. (Mrs. Carl Fischer, reporter.)

**EDMONTON, ALTA.** On March 25, Central Baptist Church held the groundbreaking service (pictured) for the



new church complex. Special music was presented by the choir and male trio. The sod was turned by several people, including a member of the congregation who attended the groundbreaking service of our present building, 62 years ago. The Rev. Richard Hohensee is pictured turning the sod.

The new church (sanctuary, Christian

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education building and gymnasium) has been in the planning stage for several years. Completion is scheduled for Thanksgiving. (Kurt Remus, reporter.)

**DALLAS, ORE.** On Easter Sunday the Salt Creek Baptist Church choir presented the cantata, "Hallelujah, What a Saviour," by John Peterson.

"Roads to Fellowship" was the theme of the annual Spring Rally of Oregon Baptist Women attended by 150 guests



on April 27. The program was coordinated to present the idea of choosing the right road, the way of the cross. May 4 the annual Mother and Daughter banquet was attended by 125. The dinner was cooked and served by the Men's Fellowship. "Mother's Hands" was the topic. Appropriate awards were presented to outstanding mothers.

Our Children's Church group is pictured in their little chapel listening to the Rev. Edward Janzen, Oregon Director of Child Evangelism. He and his wife were with us on May 6. The Rev. Ray Hoffman is the pastor of the church. (Mrs. William Burns, reporter.)

**HERREID, S.D.** The Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Fischer of Fredonia, N.D., were our guests for two weeks of revival meetings during March. Both grew up in this area and this was a homecoming for them and the church. The spirit of revival continued so that on Palm Sunday we were able to baptize 13 adults and young people. On Easter Sunday these, plus four others, were received into the fellowship of the church. (pictured.)





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The Bismarck Baptist Men's Quartet thrilled us with an evening of Gospel singing on April 29. These four laymen, Milton Hochhalter, Elmer Fandrich, Larry Moser and LeRoy Kiemele, with Mrs. Milton Hochhalter, pianist, have been singing together in our churches in the Dakotas, contributing the offering to our Crystal Springs Baptist Youth Camp.

The Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet was held on May 8. The theme was "Patterns for Living." The message was given by Mrs. Etan Pelzer, pastor's wife from Ashley, N.D. The Rev. Edward Kopf is the pastor of the church. (Mrs. Philip Ebel, reporter.)

**FRESSENDEN, N.D.** Twenty-six new members were received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church in 1972, some of whom are pictured. A baptismal service was held on Nov. 5, 1972,



and Rev. Ron Derman baptized nine candidates upon confession of faith; the remaining new members were received by transfer of membership.

We had a special musical service on Palm Sunday evening by the choir and other church members. (Mrs. Marvin Koenig, clerk.)

**ELLINWOOD, KAN.** The First Baptist Church was blessed by the ministry and music of the Rev. Floyd Dazelle who held meetings Feb. 25-March 2, 1973. On March 25, seven followed their Lord in baptism. These seven and three others who joined by letter of transfer were given the hand of fellowship on April 1, 1973. Pictured with



baptismal candidates are Pastor Harold Weiss on the left with Mr. Edgar Sturtz, chairman of the Board of Dea-

cons. (Mrs. Thelma Wilkerson, church clerk.)

**BURLINGTON, ONT.** We have been privileged recently to see new families come to our services and have an encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. In March, 18 new members (photo No. 1) were accepted into our church, six



were new converts and followed the Lord in baptism. On Easter Sunday we witnessed the baptism of two adults and nine youth. (Photo No. 2.) Our



church is growing in number and we thank God that our people are also growing spiritually.

Our Church is a Church Extension Project. We started holding services in May 1966 and were entirely dependent on assistance from the Church Extension Committee. But on April 1, 1973, our church became self-supporting and we praise God for the provision and the love and faithfulness of our people.

Already we find that our facilities are too small. We are now in the process of having plans approved for a three-story extension to give us space for an effectual ministry. This is a great step of faith, especially so soon after we have accepted the responsibility to become self-supporting. (Dinah Herd, reporter.)

**EDMONTON, ALTA.** During a series of cottage prayer meetings the Immanuel Baptist Church prayed for the anticipated evangelistic campaign, with special intercession for the evangelist. Our campaign was held from March 19-25 during which the Rev. Rudolf Schmitt of Florida was the guest

speaker. The special musical selections by Rev. Schmitt, an accomplished violinist, added to an effective presentation of the gospel. One adult and eight Sunday school children made their personal decision for Christ. The Rev. Waldemar Ertis is the pastor of the church. (Myrtle Ertis, reporter.)

**VERNON, B.C.** Faith Baptist Church enjoyed the songs and testimonies of God's Volunteers Team 2, who were with us Feb. 27-March 7. Each evening was highlighted by a story for the children. Several decisions were made and a baptism class was begun. Much benefit was received by the Bible studies, and the door-to-door visitation. The Rev. Siegfried Hoppe is the pastor of the church. (G. Glinsbockel, reporter.)

**EAST DETROIT, MICH.** Under the direction of our assistant pastor, Mr. Wenzel Hanik, and our pastor, Dr. Herbert Hiller, Ridgemont Baptist Church began preparing for the visit of God's Volunteer's Team 1. As the members joined in prayer we were given instructions and on the job training. With the arrival of the Rev. Ray Harsch the witnessing crusade began. Fifty-seven members joined the team in calling on 2348 homes, talked to 1231 people, found over 100 prospects, and registered 12 decisions for Christ. In each home was left a copy of the book, "Touched By Fire," containing the books of Luke and Acts. Under the direction of Mrs. H. Hiller all meals were coordinated. This visitation work, started with the God's Volunteers, is now a permanent part of our church activities.

Our Palm Sunday evening service at Ridgemont Baptist Church was opened by the choir singing, "Rejoice the Lord is King." Members of the Bethel Church of Windsor, Ont., joined us for a baptism service. After a devotional by our pastor, Dr. H. Hiller, we were witnesses to the baptism of one candidate from the Windsor church by their pastor, the Rev. G. Kalmbach, followed by 13 candidates from our church baptized by Dr. Hiller. At the close of the service an invitation was given. A young girl came forward making known she, too, wants Christ as her Savior. We joined in singing, "Blessed be the Tie That Binds." (Mrs. C. H. Sonnenberg, reporter.)

**MARTIN, N.D.** On April 8, 1973, the men of the Northern Dakota Baptist Laymen's Association met in Martin for their annual spring fest. An

afternoon and evening program was planned with special musical numbers from the area churches, testimonies, and a mass men's choir. A capacity crowd filled the church at both services. An offering was received in the amount of \$480.99 which was divided equally between our Scholarship Fund and Crystal Springs Baptist Youth Camp. (Reuben Mehrer, Sec. Treas.)

**WACO, TEX.** On Sunday evening, April 8, twelve of us, who were members of the BYPU some 50 years ago, met together at Central Baptist Church, Waco, Tex., for a reunion. Dr. Charles W. Koller, known to all of us as "Charlie," spoke on "Fifty Friendly Years in the Ministry." After the service the congregation gathered for refreshments and fellowship. During the course of the evening our group gathered in one of the Sunday school rooms for our reunion. We were joined by husbands, wives and one daughter, bringing the total to 20. In this period of spiritual sharing, it was pointed out that eight persons who had been members of the BYPU during the years from 1913-1923 had entered the ministry as pastors, ministers' wives and one missionary. In addition, one son, two daughters and one grandson have also entered the ministry. At the close of the reunion Dr. Koller led in prayer. We are looking forward to another reunion soon. The Rev. Jesse Hood is the pastor of the church. (Mrs. Raymond Engelbrecht, reporter.)

**LYNNWOOD, WASH.** The Cypress Baptist Church welcomed the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Schmuland, and their children, Laura, David and Arlene on April 1, 1973. The Rev. Herbert Vetter from the Valley View Baptist Church in Everett, Wash., gave the challenge to the church at a special service. Pastors from neighboring areas brought greetings. A special guest was the Rev. H. J. Wilcke, area secretary. Following the service there was a time for fellowship and refreshments. (Miss Lanay Williams, reporter.)

**DRUMHELLER, ALTA.** This coal miner's town and so-called penitentiary city is plagued by alcoholism and family disintegration. The Rev. Reinhold Wilde, pastor of the Parkdale Baptist Church, met with the evangelical pastors to pray for a revival. Pastor and Mrs. Willems were invited for a series of meetings. As a result conversions were experienced and rededications witnessed. Grudges and bitterness among God's children were replaced

by the Holy Spirit, and a new-found love for God and his people became evident. (Reinhold Wilde, reporter.)

**ELK GROVE, CALIF.** Pastor Merle Brenner spoke on "Faith's Greatest Discovery" on the Easter Sunday morning service. The evening service took us a step further with the emphasis on the Great Commission from Matthew 28. Under the direction of Mrs. Sharon Rosander, the choir presented the cantata, "To Tell the Untold," by Dick Anthony. Herschell Mills related the life story of the martyred missionary, Dr. Paul Carlson, for whom the song "To Tell the Untold" was written as a memorial. We were challenged to reach not only those in other lands, but those of all races and creeds who are our neighbors. Geri Palmer, organist and Jo Putz, pianist were the accompanists. Sharon Rosander and Rev. Phyl Putz were the soloists. (Mrs. John Wagemann, reporter.)

**BEULAH, N.D.** On April 1, 1973, Immanuel Baptist Church dedicated eight children. On Palm Sunday evening the program consisted of solos, duets, trios, and group singing, centered on the crucifixion and empty tomb. A time of fellowship followed.

The Women's Missionary Society held its meeting on April 5. The group gained one new member. The Rev. George Neubert is the pastor of the church. (Mrs. A. E. Moos, reporter.)

**MILWAUKEE, WIS.** For the first time in the history of Center Baptist Church God's Volunteers Team 1 and the Rev. Ray Harsch, their director, were with us. Fourteen decisions for Christ were made and a great number reaffirmed their faith in Christ and their allegiance to the church. The mission offering for God's Volunteers' work passed the \$1,000 mark.

On Good Friday the German and English mixed choirs joined to present the message of Christ's suffering and death in song. In March a Will Clinic was held with the Rev. E. Barker, Dr. J. C. Gunst and an attorney of the city. The challenge of planned giving for God's work was well presented and enthusiastically received by the people. The Rev. H. A. Pohl is pastor of the church. (George Frede, reporter.)

**BISMARCK, N.D.** The members of the Bismarck Baptist Women's Mission Society completed a fund-raising project in which the money was designated toward the women's project of the Gen-

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eral Conference. An apron was passed from member to member and a patch was sewn on the apron with a love offering under the patch.

On Palm Sunday, the children's choir, under the direction of Mrs. Roger Kennedy, sang the cantata, "The Cross of Redemption." This was their first performance with their new blue and white robes made by the ladies of the church.

Good Friday services were held with seven pastors each speaking on one of the seven last words of Christ. These meditations were given by the Rev. E. Fenske, retired Baptist pastor; Rev. C. Auch, administrator of the Baptist Home, Rev. O. Meth, chaplain of the Home, Rev. Clarence Walth, North-Central area secretary, Rev. Roger Hedberg, pastor in the neighboring city of Mandan, and Rev. W. Dingfield and Ron Norman, pastors of Bismarck Baptist Church.

On Easter Sunday, the youth of the church presented a program at the Sunrise Service and also served the breakfast. The pastor extended the hand of fellowship to thirteen new members. The presentation of John F. Peterson's cantata, entitled, "Behold your King" was sung by the adult choir under the direction of Milton Hochhalter and narrated by Harold Michelson. (Mrs. Arnold Franke, reporter.)

**ELK GROVE, CALIF.** On April 24, 1973, the Women's Missionary Union of the six Northern California Association churches met at the First Baptist Church for Christian fellowship. The evening was designated as "We The Women Hobby Night." Many women displayed a variety of items which they had made. This was preceded by an inspirational program, and two films prepared and narrated by Mr. and Mrs. Phil Herman of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, entitled "Born Again" and "The Earth Is The Lord's." The offering was designated for the work of the missionaries in Brazil. Mrs. Wanda Lippert is President of the Nor-Cal WMS.

Photography is a hobby of Mr. and Mrs. Herman, and they are using their hobby for God's glory. The film, "Born Again," depicted the life of a Monarch butterfly, and they likened its life to that of a Christian. "And the Earth Is The Lord's" was fantastic. The scenery of sea, river, sky, land, trees, birds, flowers, etc., included a narration based on Scripture. It took them four years to put this 20 minute film together. They were not Christians when they first went into photography, but after they became Christians they felt



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that the Lord wanted them to use photography as their way of witnessing. The "Born Again" film and narration was presented in a small Catholic church. The Catholic priest then spoke briefly, and explained the new birth as any evangelical pastor would. (Thelma Fischer, reporter.)

**VANCOUVER, B.C.** The Bethany Baptist Church called an ordination council April 7 to consider brother Harvey Wilkie's ordination into the pastoral ministry. The council heard brother Wilkie's testimony, and he related how he was called, how he prepared himself and gave a doctrinal statement. The council was unanimously satisfied with his presentation and recommended that the church proceed with ordination. The ordination service was held Sunday, April 15. This was also the candidate's birthday. The Rev. Paul Siewert brought the ordination message, "Completely Presented to God." Dr. A. S. Felberg led in the ordination prayer. The charge to the church was given by pastor Ervin Strauss and pastor Ed Hohn gave the charge to the candidate. A monetary gift was presented to the candidate for his personal library. (Erwin Strauss, clerk.)

**ASHLEY, N.D.** On April 21, 1973, an ordination council met at the Ashley Baptist Church to examine Mr. Gary Vossler for the Christian ministry. The Rev. Gordon Husinga was elected moderator and the Rev. F. W. Fuchs, secretary. The host pastor was asked to introduce the candidate. Mr. Vossler proceeded to present his views to the Council in the following areas: his conversion experience, his call to the ministry, his academic preparation, and his doctrinal statement. A time of question and discussion followed each area.

After Executive Session a motion was made to recommend to the Ashley church to proceed with the ordination service. The motion carried unanimously. The ordination service was held on Sunday evening, May 27. (Rev. F. H. Fuchs, council secretary.)

**NORTH FREEDOM, WIS.** The North Freedom Baptist Church celebrated its 115th anniversary on Sunday, April 29, 1973. Following the morning worship service a dinner was served and an informal program was held in the afternoon. The church was organized by 14 members on April 25, 1858. There have been 24 pastors, with Rev. Allan Gerber serving presently.

There are 17 in our church who have been members for fifty years or more. Mrs. Margarette Pawlisch and Mrs. Lillian Wilzewske have been members for the longest time, 69 years each. Miss Irma Getschman had visited with these two ladies and conveyed their thoughts and remembrances of the past. Several other members told of experiences of the past and several poems and musical numbers were rendered. (Mrs. Carl Faivre, reporter.)

**HILLSBORO, KAN.** The Southwestern and Southern Association pastors and their wives met at Tabor College April 10-13 for a study seminar. Thirty-three were present. The states represented were; Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado. Dr. Ralph Powell from our North American Baptist Seminary, the Rev. J. V. Porter, hospital chaplain at the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oklahoma City and the Rev. Milton Zeeb, South-Central area secretary were the guest lecturers. Topics were: The Charismatic Movement, Healing and Abortion by Dr. Powell; the Rev. Porter dealt with the area of pastoral care and counselling and the Rev. Zeeb presented the area of ministering to the bereaved. The pastors' wives also appreciated the session with Rev. and Mrs. Porter. We were directed in our thinking in trying to understand ourselves and had a time of sharing.

We wish to thank the Rev. Helmut Michelson for planning and directing the sessions. (Mrs. Donald Decker, reporter.)

**MINOT, N.D.** Two couples from the First Baptist Church joined Campus Crusade for Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Engel and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell G. Lillestrand have been assigned to work in the Lay Ministry. Mr. Engle was a public school principal for several years. Mr. Lillestrand was a counselor in the public schools for a number of years. Mr. Engle will be working with the Lay Ministry in Minneapolis and Saint Paul; Mr. Lillestrand has been appointed Lay Director for the State of Minnesota. (Rev. Clarence Walth, reporter.)

**ANAHEIM, CALIF.** The WMS of the Sunkist Baptist Church hosted a 24-hour retreat on March 23 and 24. One hundred and thirty-five women from six southern California NAB churches attended. The churches represented were: Magnolia, Harbor Trinity, West-

brook, Milo Terrace, University and Sunkist. The retreat was held at the Campus Crusade headquarters at Arrowhead Springs. The guest speaker was Mrs. Beverly LaHaye, wife of Tim LaHaye, pastor and author of several books. Her messages were based on "Love, Joy, Peace." Other highlights were the rousing song times led by Phyllis Chiles, a "kooky" fashion show of modern styles, and small group sharing sessions. Sharon Kwast introduced special guest, Emma Chiabi, wife of Emmanuel Chiabi, who is one of our Cameroonian students now studying at Biola College. (Stephanie Radcliffe, reporter.)

**LANSING, MICH.** The children of Mrs. P. F. Schilling, members of the Colonial Village Baptist Church, surprised her on her 90th birthday, April 15. They presented her with an album, "This is Your Life." She lives with her daughter Susie, and is still active in the house and in the garden every day. Mrs. Schilling is the widow of the Rev. P.F. Schilling who served many of our N.A.B. churches.

**INDIANAPOLIS, IND.** The Meridian Woods Baptist Church reports an increase of ten new members, eight of these were by baptism. In March the Rev. George Breikreuz led the church in a week of special meetings. In April the church surprised Pastor and Mrs. Drenth on their 25th wedding anniversary. They were presented with a silver tray, table linens, and cash. On Sunday, April 29, the pastor resigned to accept a call to Mowata Baptist Church in Louisiana. Pastor Drenth will be leaving Indianapolis the first part of June. The W.M.S. sponsored a Mother-Daughter Banquet with 50 in attendance. Miss Lucille Wipf was the missionary speaker. (Miss Deborah L. Estes, reporter.)

**TORONTO, ONT.** At the Eastern Association, 103 young people held a winter retreat at Cedar Glen on March 9-11, under the theme: "You believe it . . . do you live it?" with Rev. Paul Meister of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Cleveland, as guest speaker. His topics were "Where am I," "The Beatitudes," "What Can We do About it?" The highlight of Friday night was the trust walk. The group was divided into pairs. One "blind" person (with eyes closed) was led around the retreat centre by his partner. This was then applied to our Christian life. Without the

Lord we are all "blind"—afraid of what lies ahead, when we are alone.

Another highlight was the candle-light Communion Service on Saturday night. An opportunity was also given for us to re-dedicate our lives to the Lord and to share what he has done. Several young people accepted Christ as their personal Savior and many others made a new start.

The joy of the weekend was shared through the testimonies of some of the young people. The members of the planning committee had the assurance that the Lord would do great things among us. We came with great expectations. But the Lord gave us much more than we expected. (Isa Houser, reporter.)

**KENOSHA, WIS.** The deacons in striving for closer Christian fellowship have embarked on two new programs with the goal that members and guests may experience more love and concern for each other. First, a monthly Friendship Hour in which the Sunday evening service participants are divided into groups and invited to a member's home for fellowship. A fellowship Supper is held every fifth Sunday.

We heard the testimony of God's Volunteer Team 2. Five young people accepted Christ as Savior. The Rev. Jothan Benke is the pastor of the church. (Collie Westbrook, reporter.)

**PARMA, OHIO.** On April 1, the Rev. Paul Winslow from Parma Heights became the interim pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church. We celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Savior with a sunrise service sponsored by our young people with guest speaker, Dave Pedrick, son-in-law of our pastor. Eighty-seven people participated, followed by a breakfast.

Our Easter offering exceeded the goal of \$1,000.00 for the first time in the history of our church. The \$258.00 which was over and above was designated for N.A.B. missions. One of our youngsters brought her piggy bank with her saved lunch money as an offering for the Lord.

At the evening service we were blessed by the many testimonies, especially that of Wolfi Buchroeder, who felt the Lord's calling into the ministry. We had many rededications and renewals in faith to our Lord Jesus Christ. In June we had our Vacation Bible School with new methods in canvassing and visitation programs. (Lydia Maliszewski, reporter.)

## In Memoriam

**MRS. MAGDELENA BERTSCH**, 70, of Ashley, N.D., died on April 8, 1973. She was born on Feb. 14, 1903, in McPherson County, S.D. In 1918 she accepted Christ as her personal Savior, was baptized and became a member of the Bertsch station of the Ventura Baptist Church. She was united in marriage to Adam G. Bertsch in 1922. At the time of her death she was a member of the Ashley Baptist Church. Surviving her are her widower; two sons, four grandchildren, one sister. The Rev. Etan Pelzer was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**MARIE ELLIS**, 77, of Lake County, died on April 8, 1973. She was born on March 4, 1896, and was married to Mr. Howard Ellis in 1920. They had no children. Marie was an active member of the West Center Street Baptist Church where she served in many ways such as Publications Agent. She is survived by a brother. Pastor Dave Ewing was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**MRS. MARY SONNENBERG JESSE** nee Albrecht, 80, of Detroit, Mich., died on April 29, 1973. She was born on Jan. 9, 1893, in Poland. At age 17 she emigrated to the United States. In 1910 she was united in marriage to Adolph Sonnenberg. She was saved in 1911 and was a member of the Ridgemont Baptist Church at the time of her death. After her husband's death in 1940, she married August Jesse four years later. Surviving her are five sons: Arthur, Edwin, William, John, Norman; one daughter, Mrs. Lydia Behnken; 25 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, one sister and one brother. The Rev. Herbert Hiller was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**FRED F. KRETZ**, 81, of Shattuck, Okla., died on April 5, 1973. He was born in Lehigh, Kan., Sept. 11, 1891, and came to Oklahoma with his parents in 1908. In 1915 he was united in marriage to Mary Klein. He accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized and united with the Ebenezer Baptist Church May 6, 1928, where he served as deacon, church treasurer and trustee. The Rev. Edwin Ollenburger was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**MRS. LYDIA LUCETTA LUFU**, 82, of Northfield, Minn., died April 29, 1973. She was born Aug. 16, 1890, in Mound Prairie, Minn. In her youth she accepted Christ as Savior. She served in the Randolph Baptist Church as Sunday school teacher, deaconess and other positions. In 1910 she was united in marriage to Oswald C. Lufu. Surviving her are one daughter Marie; four sons: Arnold, David, Nathan and Harvey; four grandsons, one granddaughter, and one great-grandson; one sister and one brother. The Rev. George Brite was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**DANIEL RIEW**, 83, of Detroit, Mich., died on April 23, 1973. He was born on Oct. 15, 1889, in Poland. After his marriage to Hilda Kuehn in 1912 they emigrated to America the following year. In 1933 he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized. At the time of his death he was a member of the Ridgemont Baptist Church. Surviving him are three daughters: Mrs. Edith Yager, Mrs. Alice Timm, Mrs. Esther White; one son, Elmer; nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, one brother, two sisters. The Rev. Herbert Hiller was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**MRS. LYDIA THOLE**, 91, of Stafford, Kan., died on March 6, 1973. She was born on April 11, 1881, at Council Grove, Kan. She was united in marriage to Herman Thole in 1902. She was a life-long member of the Calvary Baptist Church after having accepted Christ and followed him in believer's baptism at a youthful age. She is survived by two daughters: Mrs. N. J. Howe and Mrs. Rosa Flandermeyer; one son, Louis; three sisters, one brother, six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. The Rev. James Schacher was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**MRS. HEIKEA VOIGT** nee Ter Veer, 83, of Scotland, S.D., died on April 22, 1973. She was born on Sept. 24, 1889, in Germany. At age 18 she emigrated to America. In 1912 she was mar-

ried to Emil Voigt. She accepted Christ as her Savior in 1905 and was baptized. At the time of her death she was a member of the First Baptist Church, Avon, S.D. Surviving her are her children: Mrs. Clara DeBoer, Mrs. Johanna Weber, Mrs. Margaret Hubner, Adolph, Carrie, John, George, Esther and Vert; two stepchildren, one sister, 12 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren. The Rev. Walter Sukut was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**SHANNON WEIBLE**, 4, of Lodi, Calif., died on April 17, 1973. He was born on Jan. 1, 1969. He had serious physical difficulties from the time of his birth. Surviving him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Weible; one brother, Kris; grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wiebe, Mr. and Mrs. Melbert Lehr; great-grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lehr, Mrs. Anna Heitzmann. The Rev. Willis Potratz was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

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demonstrated in 1972 when missionaries became members of local Baptist churches of the Convention. This means that missionaries are an integral part of the Convention and share in its work, witness, and administration. A new sense of independence and freedom among Baptists in Cameroon has deepened a feeling of fellowship and interdependence with Baptists in North America and elsewhere in the world. The Convention will continue to rely upon the Missionary Society for supplements to its funds and personnel.

The concepts of Baptist believers in Cameroon regarding freedom and independence are shaped by the declaration of the Apostle Paul, "If Christ shall make you free, you shall be free indeed." □

Look for another article by Mrs. Patricia A. Meinerts in the August issue, titled "Education and Baptists in Cameroon."

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the job he wants. Knowing that the deacon must also be a spiritual leader, this leads us to our last clue of the potential leader.

Does the potential leader sleep in church? If he sleeps in church, then he is a very spiritual man. Sleeping in church is a sure sign that he has heard everything the pastor is saying—and when one knows as much as the preacher, he is very spiritual.

If the preceding guidelines are used often, then the church is sure to have a pew full of leaders that are unquestionably the best. These are sure to be men and women who will give the church many years of service, much vigor, many new ideas, and probably a new pastor every two and a half years. Everyone seems to know that a new pastor and these kinds of leaders are the secret to growing, vital and relevant churches. □



# NEWS & VIEWS

BILOXI, Miss. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Press Association meeting here adopted a resolution protesting any restrictions regarding freedom of the press, declaring that "the full and free sharing of information is essential for any self governing society."

The editors of Baptist state papers across the country noted that "there are warnings on the national horizon that restrict free flow of information."

During their three-day annual session at the Sheraton Hotel here, the editors took a look at a wide range of issues and problems facing the SBC, including Christian education, denominational structures, social issues, theological education and world missions.

During the session dealing with social issues, Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the SBC Christian Life Commission, reminded the editors that many Southern Baptists are becoming angry at those within the convention who agitate for action and press for social change.

Valentine said he felt his agency, the Christian Life Commission, was ordained of God to bear a prophetic message urging Baptists to apply Christianity to the problems of society. "Our ordainment, we fully understand, is not to polarize," he said.

"Our task is to convince our alienated brethren who seek to turn the church away from the great issues of our time that if, indeed, we did turn away, the world would be impoverished and the church's whole life and work would be invalidated," Valentine said.

WASHINGTON — Baptists of the world now number almost 33 million, and the Baptist "communities" of the world are estimated to number almost 67 million, the Baptist World Alliance announced.

The church membership figure is an increase of nearly 1.4 million from last year's data. At that time the count was 31.4 million; the new figure is 32.8 million.

Church membership for Baptists is limited to persons who have reached "the age of accountability" and who make their own affirmative request and commitment as Christian believers. Baptist data is therefore not usually comparable to statistics for some other church bodies, though it roughly resembles "communicant member" data of others.

The Alliance, therefore, has gathered information on the total Baptist com-

munity from a number of its member church bodies, and has projected it, continent by continent, to arrive at the 66.9 million total of its world community. The larger figure includes children in Sunday schools who have not become church members; it also includes some adults who attend church regularly but are not members. This practice is especially noted in some third-world countries, where applicants for membership undergo a long probation period before being accepted, and in some Socialist countries, where the step of becoming a church member is likely to be fraught with political disabilities.

In North America, the Baptist community is estimated to be twice the size of the church membership; in Central America and the Caribbean it is figured at 6.39 times the membership; and in Asia it is limited to 1.77 times the membership.

The Baptists of the world, as a whole, represent one of the most far-flung nongovernmental enterprises. Though their global numbers are exceeded by Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, and Lutherans, the Baptist distribution is in more countries and dependencies than either of the latter two churches. The BWA figures show Baptists in 105 nations and 23 dependencies.

Most Baptists are in the United States, a total of 24 million. Second largest number is in India — almost 732 thousand. In sequence of size, the other countries with large numbers of Baptists are: the Soviet Union with 535,000; Brazil with 400,800; Burma with 275,008; the United Kingdom with 261,108; and Zaire with 225,100.

A summary, grouped by continental areas, is as follows:

	Church Members	Baptist Community
Africa	652,198	1,206,566
Asia, except Middle East	1,134,476	2,008,023
Central America & Caribbean	234,579	1,498,961
Europe	1,141,214	2,533,495
Middle East	1,369	3,943
North America	29,013,168	58,026,336
Oceania	165,225	348,625
South America	462,169	1,247,856
	32,804,398	66,873,805

The figures apply both to churches which are affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance and those which are not. The church membership of Baptists includes 27,303,000 in BWA member bodies and 5,501,398 outside the BWA. □



by Paul Siewert

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs joined with several religious groups earlier this year to petition the U.S. Supreme Court to hear a case involving the tax exemption status of Billy James Hargis' Christian Echoes National Ministry, Inc. Reports indicate that even though the supporters of the petition did not necessarily agree with many of Hargis' views on public matters and his methods of protest, they felt that withdrawal of tax exemption for Christian Echoes National Ministry, Inc. could well threaten exemptions and freedom of all religious bodies in the future.

Indeed it seems a noble gesture for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to make its voice heard in this issue which undoubtedly has many overtones that could produce adverse future side effects. We certainly need checks and balances to save our political system from error and corruption.

On the other hand, however, I find it very difficult to sympathize with Mr. Hargis. If Mr. Hargis wants to be a religious-political crusader, should he not, out of due concern for other Christian organizations, voluntarily forego the tax exemption? The very fact that he is putting up such a fuss, substantiates that he wants the best of two worlds, regardless of where the chips fall.

Effective crusading for a cause always has a hollow ring to the public when it lacks discipline in the area of concern for others. □

The Rev. Paul Siewert is the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B.C. In this column Mr. Siewert analyzes current religious news of his choice.

■ The Allen W. Faul family of McClusky, N.D., has been selected as North Dakota's "FHA Farm Family of the Year" by the Farmers Home Administration, the Rural Credit Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Fauls are members of the McClusky Baptist Church. Mr. Faul is the Sunday school superintendent. His wife, Grace, is the church treasurer and Sunday school teacher. They farm an acreage of 2,982 acres.

■ The Rev. Richard P. Voth's ordination was recognized by a council which met at the Turtle Lake Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N.D., on April 15. Rev.

Voth, who is presently serving as the pastor of this church, was ordained in 1971 in a non-N.A.B. church.

■ Ben Hulsing, Robert Lang and Grayson Paschke appeared before an ordination council at the First Baptist Church, Emery, S.D., on May 15. The council recommended the ordination of all three candidates to the respective churches: Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S.D. (B. Hulsing); First Baptist Church, Avon, S.D. (R. Lang); Ebenezer and Immanuel Baptist Churches, Wessington Springs, S.D. (G. Paschke).

■ The General Council appointed the

# What's Happening

Rev. Willis E. Potratz to take the office of the Great Lakes Area Secretary, effective September 1973. Rev. Potratz is the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.

■ The Rev. Milton W. Zeeb, south central area secretary received his Th. M. degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J., on May 30. His major was in Pastoral Counseling.

■ Chaplain (Major) David A. Samf has been reassigned from Japan to Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex., effective July 1973. He plans on being at the Triennial Conference in Wichita. Chaplain Samf reports that just before leaving Japan the church attendance at the Yokota Air Base had reached 1,100 each Sunday, which was an increase of 100 as over last year.

■ Chaplain (Major) Clinton E. Grenz recently has been selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. He is stationed at Sacramento, Calif., where he is working in the area of counseling and management. He reports that the Army "Industrial" Chaplaincy Model, which he helped develop, has been extended to five out of ten army depots and to one major Army Material Command installation.

■ The Rev. Harold Drenth is serving the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, La., effective June 3, 1973. He previously was the pastor of the Meridian Woods Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

■ The Rev. Walter C. Damrau is the interim pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Wilmington, Del., effective June 15. He previously served the Zion Baptist Church, Rochester, N.Y.

■ The Rev. Walter Schmidt has accepted the call of the King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Conn., effective Aug. 1. He previously served the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

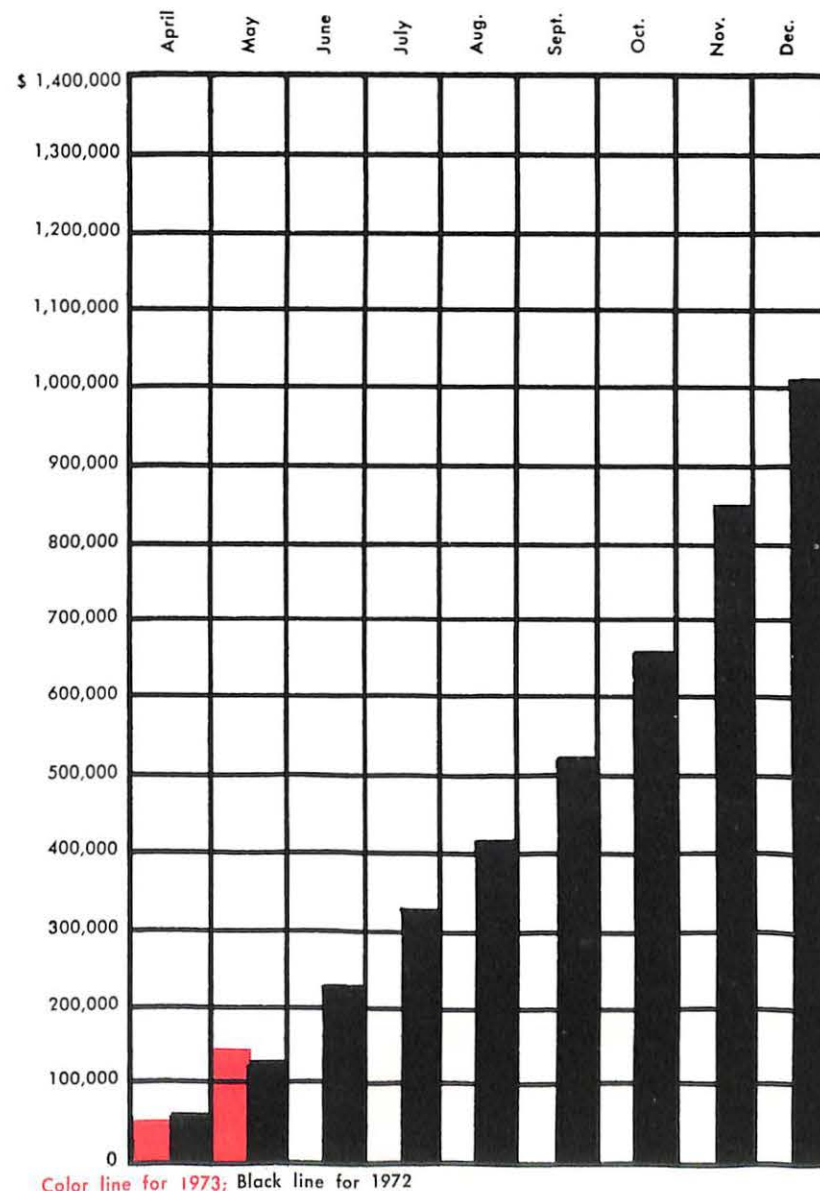
■ The Rev. John D. Taylor is the interim pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Wausau, Wis. The Rev. William W. Sibley was the pastor of this church.

■ The Rev. George W. Breikreuz has accepted the call of the Temple Baptist Church, Jamestown, N.D., effective August 1. He previously served the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wis. □

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## EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ISRAEL

Twenty five years ago, on May 14, 1948, David Ben Gurion read Israel's Declaration of Independence. On the same day, only a few hours after the public reading of the declaration, Arab bombers attacked Tel Aviv, trying to kill the "new-born babe" in the crib.

The Jewish journalist Ephraim Kishon described Israel as "the country where nobody expects miracles, but everybody takes them for granted." The 25 years of national history have made up a list of events which resembles more a miracle worker's agenda than a true historical account.

For nearly two thousand years Jews of the Diaspora have celebrated the feast of Passover with the prayer: "Next year in Jerusalem!" This hope had kept the Jews longing for that day, until on the sixth of Iyar, 5708 (May 14, 1948) that prophetic vision came to pass. The Medinat Israel (State of Israel) was born.

This date—for many Christians—marks the most dramatic fulfillment of Bible prophecy since A.D. 70, when Titus with his Roman soldiers overthrew Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple, as foretold by Jesus (Matt. 24:1-2). Later Israel became a part of the Ottoman Empire until 1917, when it came under British rule. In November 1947 the United Nations voted to partition Palestine, whose mandate Great Britain was relinquishing after a 30-year occupation. To this all the surrounding Arab nations said "No!" with one voice. The Jews hailed the U.N. resolution as a wise decision. Then one miracle after the other happened. In Israel's very first war as a new nation against Egypt, Transjordan, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia the Jews

gained the victory along with more territory. They were outnumbered in soldiers forty to one, in population a hundred to one, and in equipment a thousand to one.

In less than four years the population of the Jewish state—barely larger than New Jersey—doubled. At the age of eight Israel had to fight a second war to affirm its right of life. And on its nineteenth birthday Israel displayed its powerful strength in the 1967 Six Day War, which reunited Jerusalem and gave to the Jews the control of an area three times its original size.

How did a small nation hold back a flood of 50 million sworn enemies in three armed conflicts? To many observers, Jews and Christians alike, God himself seemed to have intervened in those conflicts. Even the non-Jewish press reported many miracles in the Six Day War of 1967.

Miracles seem to happen in Israel even to this day especially when one thinks of the agricultural advances. But has Israel become the God-given land of peace, of which the Zionists dreamed already in the nineteenth century? Even the Israelis have discovered, that this turned out to be an unrealistic dream. They have beaten plowshares into swords—swallowing up half the total national budget—and giving its people the highest taxes in the world. Politically Israel is no purer than Washington or Ottawa. Its leaders are not inerrantly inspired. The people are not all noble and good. Jewish newspapers tell of housing inequalities, acute social and religious conflicts, problems of inflation, poverty and the unequal distribution of wealth. The constant atmosphere of tension and uncertainty has left its mark on the people. The nation has experienced a 35 percent rise in crime since the 1967 war. And the already low moral standards have not been enhanced by the personal scandals tied to Moshe Dayan, the hero of Israel's youth. We congratulate Israel on its 25th anniversary, although we do not blindly admire it as the land of peace and harmony; for we know that the Prince of Peace alone will usher in the golden age when, according to the prophet Zechariah, "Jerusalem shall dwell in security." Not because of their goodness did God choose the Jews as his people, and not because of their military might. If Israel is flourishing today, Jews and Christians will have to admit that "it is because God loves you and is keeping the oath which he swore to your fathers" (Deut. 7:7). RIK



letters to the editor

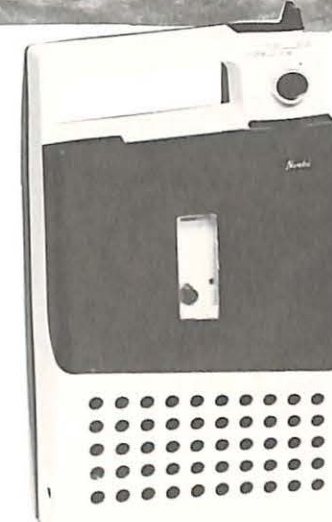
Dear editor: Today, April 23, I received the April issue of Baptist Herald, and as usual I enjoyed every page of it. I don't know what day of the month our magazine is given over to the post office, but I suspect it has been a l-o-n-g time on the way. I don't know whether there is any way to encourage the post offices of our respective countries to improve service on magazines. We often have similar delays with CHRISTIANITY TODAY and other American publications, and one wonders whether they are being simply side-tracked somewhere en route. I thought you would like to know. Wilfred L. Highfield, pastor, Prince Rupert, B.C.

Dear editor: Thank you for producing fine work on the Baptist Herald. It certainly matches any religious periodical I know of. Henry Lang, pastor, Avon, S.Dak.

Dear editor: In connection with Bible classes I will be teaching at Hillcrest School, Jos, Nigeria, I am interested in receiving used copies of paperbacks published by Gospel Light and Scripture Press for Sunday school use. The ones I am especially interested in include the following Regal Books (Gospel Light): "The Other Side of Morality," "So What's the Difference?" "Who Says?" "Body Life," "Genesis in Space and Time," and "What on Earth's Going to Happen?"

Scripture Press books include: "Facing Today's Problems," "Know Why You Believe," "The Spirit World," "Things to Come," "Dead Men Talk," "Evolution—Fact or Fiction," and "Can You Trust Your Bible?"

If your readers can provide used copies of any of these or similar paperbacks they should send them to Rev. Harold Lang, Box 601, Jos, Nigeria, Africa, labelling them as "Used Books." If you have these books available, I would appreciate it if you could send them as soon as possible as it will take them several months to reach us. Thank you very much. Harold Lang, Chaplain at Hillcrest School, Jos, Nigeria



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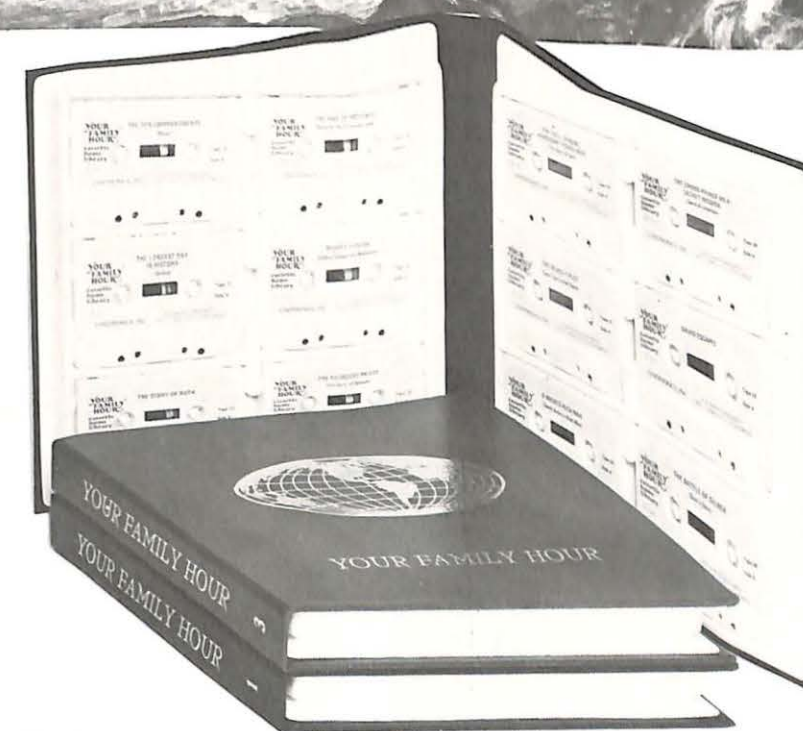
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## 1972 STATISTICS

Association	Churches	Baptisms	Members	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Enrollment	BYF Society	BYF Members	WMU's	WMU Members	Baptist Men's Groups	Baptist Men's Membership
Alberta .....	35	164	4,960	31	4,881	80	1,333	31	828	1	5
Atlantic .....	17	44	2,197	14	1,497	29	329	16	334	3	26
British Columbia .....	16	88	2,815	16	2,474	41	907	15	365	2	108
Central Dakota-Montana ..	30	113	3,623	28	3,471	60	674	35	669	14	227
Eastern .....	18	55	2,343	16	1,653	37	713	21	511	3	90
Illinois .....	13	57	2,187	12	1,748	30	400	18	370	3	58
Iowa .....	15	114	2,866	15	2,555	30	344	21	660	5	83
Manitoba .....	15	63	2,391	16	2,567	46	748	16	501	-	-
Michigan .....	21	253	6,485	20	5,977	77	1,522	22	706	6	70
Minnesota .....	10	72	1,444	10	1,159	24	220	12	290	1	25
Northern California .....	6	145	2,519	6	1,849	23	346	6	409	1	-
Northern Dakota .....	19	68	2,047	19	1,517	20	328	21	324	9	107
Oregon .....	10	80	2,205	9	1,651	31	344	17	338	3	74
Pacific Northwest .....	13	119	1,754	13	1,999	33	377	14	293	4	74
Penn-Ohio .....	15	89	2,723	13	1,997	50	576	16	473	-	-
Saskatchewan .....	14	48	1,359	-	1,269	24	284	13	209	1	20
South Dakota .....	14	69	2,188	14	1,823	33	423	17	462	7	175
Southern .....	11	27	827	9	650	13	122	9	134	4	65
Southern California .....	7	-	2,552	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southwestern .....	27	62	2,678	26	2,614	28	227	33	651	8	135
Wisconsin .....	14	49	2,446	14	1,730	28	283	24	399	5	81
Totals .....	340	1,783	54,609	308	47,616	743	10,823	402	9,335	80	1,423

## 1971 - 1972 CONTRIBUTIONS OF NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE CHURCHES

Association	Local Church Operating Expenses	Local Building Fund Expenses	Total For Local Field	N.A.B. Missions & Ministries	Local Association Missions	Total All N.A.B. Missions	Other Than N.A.B. Missions	Total All Mission Purposes	Total All Purposes
<b>EASTERN AREA</b>									
Atlantic .....	\$ 236,584.57	\$ 43,229.23	\$ 279,813.80	\$ 51,734.99	\$ 5,768.48	\$ 57,503.47	\$ 20,180.92	\$ 77,684.39	\$ 357,498.19
Eastern .....	288,159.91	115,351.55	403,511.46	39,264.32	3,225.25	42,489.57	15,398.14	57,887.71	461,399.17
Penn-Ohio .....	319,070.05	73,729.37	392,799.42	46,876.26	1,598.94	48,475.20	17,685.21	66,160.41	458,959.83
<b>GREAT LAKES AREA</b>									
Illinois .....	265,761.79	77,449.07	343,210.86	81,396.36	13,621.99	95,018.35	11,897.18	106,915.53	450,126.39
Michigan .....	1,042,523.68	261,037.15	1,303,560.83	216,057.65	10,964.51	227,022.16	133,249.37	360,271.53	1,663,832.36
Wisconsin .....	230,562.24	78,008.88	308,571.12	48,762.86	3,314.51	52,077.37	28,924.61	81,001.98	389,573.10
<b>WESTERN AREA</b>									
Southern California .....	375,611.53	190,971.40	566,582.93	52,812.29	-	52,812.29	12,647.45	65,459.74	632,042.67
Northern California .....	321,639.87	24,946.92	346,586.79	79,220.71	7,150.01	86,370.72	12,017.30	98,388.02	444,974.81
Pacific Northwest .....	175,321.34	36,616.37	211,937.71	50,732.54	12,517.91	63,250.45	11,447.30	74,697.75	286,635.46
British Columbia .....	346,189.01	355,947.59	702,136.60	89,801.18	21,994.18	111,795.36	24,862.63	136,657.99	838,794.59
Oregon .....	236,171.22	21,026.02	257,197.24	72,231.90	15,871.05	88,102.95	13,096.23	101,199.18	358,396.42
<b>NORTHERN AREA</b>									
Manitoba .....	182,354.29	70,016.42	252,370.71	93,875.19	17,660.49	111,535.68	17,628.14	129,163.82	381,534.53
Saskatchewan .....	107,600.73	27,467.00	135,067.73	23,857.43	8,496.20	32,353.63	6,072.32	38,425.95	173,493.68
Alberta .....	478,518.97	134,615.03	613,134.00	144,388.26	24,570.21	168,958.47	26,659.03	195,617.50	808,751.50
<b>SOUTH-CENTRAL AREA</b>									
Southern .....	87,220.79	11,545.09	98,765.88	15,060.94	10,650.40	25,711.34	3,257.84	28,969.18	127,735.06
Iowa .....	249,455.21	118,467.35	367,922.56	61,947.29	19,697.30	81,644.59	40,981.92	122,626.51	490,549.07
Southwestern (Okla., Colo., Kan., Neb.) .....	256,328.43	30,588.78	286,917.21	96,490.60	5,488.46	101,979.06	6,706.29	108,685.35	395,602.56
<b>NORTH-CENTRAL AREA</b>									
Minnesota-LaCrosse .....	152,418.03	43,667.00	196,085.03	47,037.14	7,471.49	54,508.63	6,564.38	61,073.01	257,158.04
Northern Dakota .....	211,080.80	85,617.22	296,698.02	51,412.36	10,871.98	62,284.37	17,654.37	79,938.71	376,636.73
Central Dakota-Montana .....	315,302.32	85,713.44	401,015.76	97,051.59	13,603.56	110,655.15	7,311.59	117,966.74	518,982.50
South Dakota .....	189,956.57	31,414.34	221,370.91	71,189.22	2,810.62	73,999.84	6,264.79	80,264.63	301,635.54
Totals .....	\$6,067,831.35	\$1,917,425.22	\$7,985,256.57	\$1,531,201.08	\$217,347.54	\$1,748,548.62	\$440,507.01	\$2,189,055.63	\$10,174,312.20

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