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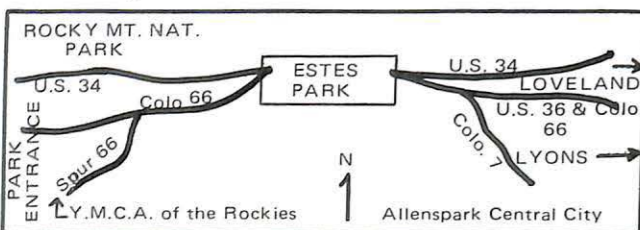


AUGUST 17-24, 1974 Y.M.C.A. of the Rockies Estes Park, Colorado

Estes Park Valley is the land to which people return year after year, and each time see something new—the way shadows hit the rock strata or the tiny flowers that force their way from every crevice. Snowy peaks created through eons of time tower over the valley. Towering pines seem to slide in abundance from the mountains into the valley. The starkness of the majestic mountains serves as a background for the sparkling lakes and waving meadow grasses. The natural beauty from a thousand years ago is here today.

The four seasons occur in Estes every summer day! The mornings are as cool and gentle as spring; afternoons warm as a summer day. Early evening is reminiscent of a crisp autumn day and nights are cool and invigorating. The sun shines brightly over 320 days a year and at least some of the time every day of the year. Summer temperatures run a high of 80 and a low of 49. You will want to bring apparel to suit the temperatures.

The YMCA of the Rockies borders the Rocky Mountain National Park and is located 70 miles northwest of Denver, Colo., and four and one half miles south of the village of Estes Park, at an altitude of 8,000 feet. Bus service is available from Denver to Estes Park Village; taxi to camp.



The large assembly room of the Longhouse will be the meeting place for the conference program. Lodging facilities assigned for our use are all within walking distance, except Mountainside Lodge which is located on the side of a mountain one and one half miles above the main camp area. All meals will be served cafeteria style in the Ponderosa dining hall.

"Building Family Understanding"

Under this theme the conference will attempt to minister to the whole family in building understanding within the family circle. A number of sessions will be designed for the entire family to be present together and through multi-media presentations, special messages, interaction and family cluster activity aim at self-clarifying and self-discovery. There will, however, be times when children will have their own sessions. Single adults as well as couples will enjoy and benefit from the program.

The schedule

The conference begins with dinner at 6 p.m. on Saturday evening, August 17, with registration taking place that afternoon. Saturday evening at 8 p.m. we will become involved in an experience that will get us ready for the week.

Throughout the week, all morning sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. and evening sessions at 7:30 p.m. Most afternoons will be free time. Tuesday all day will be a special Family Cluster day. The capstone of the program will take place on Friday evening with a multi-media presentation entitled "Love Lives Here in the Family," climaxed with the Lord's Supper. The conference will end on Saturday, August 24, with breakfast at 8 a.m. and check-out time by 10 a.m.

Guest Leaders

Dr. Vernon C. Grounds, president of the Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary of Denver, Colo., will bring several Bible messages on the family.

Dr. Ernest Zimbelman, licensed psychologist and professor-elect at N.A.B. Seminary, Sioux Falls, S.D., will share on the subject of family nurture.

Professor H. Norman Wright, a licensed marriage, family and child counselor as well as assistant professor of Christian Education at Talbot Theological Seminary, LaMirada, California, will lead a number of sessions on the theme "Building Family Understanding."

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WORKING WIVES AND MOTHERS

About one-half of the married women in the United States work outside the home. According to United States Labor Department statistics there are 60,154,000 married women in the United States with 45,055,000 of these living with their husbands. There are 31 million women in the nation's working force. Of these, 18.4 million are wives who work outside the home; and this number includes one-fourth of all wives with children under three, one-third of those with children under five, and one-half of all the mothers of school-age children.

Why Some Married Women Work

Some women work to raise family living standards above the level of poverty and deprivation. Others work to help meet rising costs of food, education, medical care and other family needs. Some work to escape boredom with household routine. Others strive for identity and independence and find personal fulfillment through a career other than homemaking. The majority of women, however, do not have the option of working solely for personal fulfillment. They work because of necessity.

Many women trained for and enjoyed a vocation before marriage and prefer to continue in a triple role as homemaker, wage-earner and community participant in such things as church ministries, social clubs and children's activities. Some women go to work to escape the heavy community involvement in which they have found

themselves trapped. They feel imposed upon by those who think that they have nothing to do since they "do not work." This mistaken concept was expressed by one small boy who said, "My mother doesn't work; she just stays home."

Why Some Married Women Do Not Work

Some women do not prefer to work outside the home and are able to gear the family living standard to the husband's income. Others feel that childbearing and child rearing have a prior claim on their time and attention. Some women are not gainfully employed because of a sick or disabled family member who must be cared for. Some are simply not qualified for employment. Others are able and willing to work and cannot find a job. Some are not working outside the home because one or both of the marriage partners, or others, have the strong feeling that "a woman's place is in the home." Other women find homemaking alone a fulfilling career.

Some Considerations

Women have various reasons for working outside the home. Certain basic considerations are imperative.

1. For some the need for money justifies the extra effort. Having to work because of financial need, however, may bring unhappiness with working.

2. Family support and appreciation may offer the necessary encouragement for a woman to find fulfillment in work outside the home.

3. A woman may go to work outside the home when the family, functioning together as a unit, recognizes the psychological and economic benefits to the family as a whole. Her work is more satisfactory when she receives needed help from husband, children, grandmother, or others. One survey showed that the husband of a family with children helps in the home for an average of one and one-half hours per day when his wife does not work. When she does work outside the home, the average helping time increases to two hours per day.

4. Another consideration is efficient organization of her efforts at home. A stepped-up routine may be necessary. When one has more to do, the mind often begins to function creatively to show the way. Well conceived short cuts are found. There may be an increase in both quality and quantity of output.

5. Work outside the home should be suited to her aptitudes, training and past experience. She should feel that she is making a meaningful contribution through the job. She must be careful to maintain her integrity and dignity. She ought to seek to avoid becoming just a part of the system. She should consider whether or not she can take pride in her work. Another consideration is the challenge and diversionary nature of the work.

6. A major consideration is whether or not satisfactory arrangements for the care of children can be made.

7. A woman considering work outside the home must reject work which is so physically exhausting as to leave too little strength for her family life and responsibilities.

Some Counsel

When a woman works outside the home, she must be careful to observe certain important principles which experience has proven to be valuable.

1. She must not neglect her health. This is often a hazard unless her company or employer demands and arranges time for regular checkups.

2. She must not neglect her appearance, especially when she is with her family.

3. She must cultivate a continuing interest in her husband's work and outside activities.

4. She must do her part to keep romance in her marriage.

5. She must have *meaningful* times with her children. It is especially important for the working wife and mother that she give careful attention to the quality of the time which she spends with her family.

6. She should use her job as an opportunity for Christian witness and a place to be a good steward of her Christian influence without being fanatical or too aggressive. She should avoid unchristian behavior, gossip, foul talk, inappropriate dress and questionable emotional involvements.

7. She must be careful to maintain her spiritual growth. Christians grow through Bible reading, prayer, worship, fellowship, study, service, ministry and active involvement in selected issues of the day.

8. She must not rule out all social and community interest although she may have to decrease these involvements.

9. A working wife and mother should get some psychological sunshine with new and stimulating experiences. Take a vacation; develop a hobby; make time to play; do something different as a family. She needs a private, quiet time each day. She should have con-

fidential and warm fellowship with a few friends of her own sex.

Some Hazards

What are some of the hazards that face a wife and mother who works?

1. Working outside the home could mean an undue postponement of having children.

2. It could mean actual neglect of children already in the home.

3. It could result in extraordinary strain and tension within the family.

4. Little time could be left for the fine art of living together. Adequate communication between husband and wife takes time. Children could actually grow up as strangers to their own parents. Growing and maturing in love takes time together.

5. There is the possibility of husband-wife tension due to larger income and higher job status for the wife with a resulting challenge to the male ego.

6. Most people know about an extra-marital love affair that has developed as a result of the wife's working outside the home. This hazard must be acknowledged.

7. There is also the hazard of the wife's making social ties with fellow workers that may exclude the husband or drive a wedge into the family's social life.

Suggestions to Churches

Does the church have any unique responsibility to a family when the wife and mother is working outside the home? Here are some observations.

Churches may consider day-care programs for preschool children with special consideration for school age children after school hours.

Churches may desire to schedule activities so as not to avoid unnecessarily separating the family. A family night is often arranged with activities for all, eliminating the spreading of the church's organizational activities through the week.

Churches may give supportive help through conferences to meet family needs as they develop. Church leadership must be careful not to create guilt feelings by making impossible or difficult demands upon the woman who is working outside the home.

Churches may offer help for families on matters such as family budgeting, money management, consumer education and homemaking skills, possibly making it unnecessary for some women to become family wage earners.

Conclusion

It is beyond dispute that some wives and mothers must work because of economic necessity. Still others clearly ought to work for personal, psychological reasons. Woman also has a basic responsibility in the home. God's fundamental purpose when he created Eve was that she should be "an helpmeet" to her husband—complementing him, making their life together full and complete. God's fundamental purpose has not changed. If working outside the home has a negative, unhealthy effect on the family, the woman should avoid working if at all possible. However, all family members have a responsibility to make their interpersonal relationships creative, meaningful and positive, regardless of whether or not the wife and mother works outside the home. □

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SEMINARY CLASS OF 1974 by Donald N. Miller

How did the seminary prepare you for your vocational choice?

This is the question put to the graduating class of 1974 at North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Purpose of the question was to share with our readers the style and quality of theological education at our Seminary.

The reflections of the 21 students cluster around various

pivotal themes. They include appreciation for the seminary's field education program, the integration of academic excellence and practical understanding, the enrichment of interpersonal relationships, the commitment of professors to the Bible as the word of God and the understanding and insights students have received of themselves as persons. Their full statements follow:



Raymond L. Boleyn

Eric G. Brockhoff

Marvin K. Busenius

Eunice D. Cerqueria

Reimer Clausen

Raymond L. Boleyn
Member, First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa
Ray will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is 25 years old, married and seeking placement as a pastor.
"The seminary has helped to prepare me for the ministry by giving to me academic training as well as practical experience. The academic training has been challenging and mind-stretching. Beyond this, however, there has been the added opportunity to practice what is being learned in a church situation through the field education program at the seminary. I have greatly appreciated the challenge to learn in the church as well as in the classroom. It is this type of education that the seminary has provided for me and I feel I am now ready to begin the task of the full-time minister."

Eric G. Brockhoff
Member, Portland Avenue Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash.
Eric will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is 29

The Rev. Donald N. Miller is vice president of the N.A.B. Seminary with special responsibility for recruitment and seminary promotion.

years old, single and looking toward missionary service or pastoral work.
"The seminary has prepared me for the ministry by exposing me to many different ideas and concepts— theology, Old and New Testament, counseling, as well as practical experience in taking pastorates and working in youth ministry. The variety of forums on church and secular affairs have also enriched my preparation. In class and personal relationships: heretical orthodox and secular thinking have all been discussed and argued. I have found that the seminary student's value systems, thought patterns and life-styles are quite different and this has been a very meaningful part of my educational experience."

Marvin K. Busenius
Member, Brentview Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta
Marvin will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is 27 years old, married and has accepted the call of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B.C. as minister of visitation and Christian education.
"The variety of experiences related to my seminary training is what has been of greatest personal benefit. These have included academic studies, interaction with professors and students and numerous

field education experiences. By integrating all of these, I was able to design my personal model for ministry. This model includes a dynamic dependence upon Almighty God and a functional emphasis upon interpersonal relationships. In combining these two elements I perceive my role as that of equipping the saints to do the job of the ministry."

Eunice D. Cerqueria
Member, First Baptist Church, Coaraci, Brazil
Eunice will be graduating with the Master of Arts degree in Christian education. She is 28 years old, single and has accepted a position with the Brazilian Baptist Convention to serve in the area of women's, youth and children's work.
"I feel I have developed skills of leadership and Christian training in my study at NABS. My training has helped me to refine my techniques in Christian education programs and has given me a deeper knowledge and understanding of the Bible.
A most valuable experience I have gained in the United States is the fellowship and interpersonal relationships I've had with my brothers and sisters at the seminary. I have learned ways to communicate

myself to my fellow students. I have been especially appreciative of the spiritual development groups where I have prayed together with my teachers and peers."

Reimer Clausen
Member, German Mission Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba
Reimer will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is 28 years old, single and desirous of serving in Japan as a missionary.
"About five years ago I felt God calling me into a church-related



David P. Ehman

Candace R. Enockson

Roger J. Freeland

Gunnar Gundersen

Charles M. Hiatt

ministry. It took a long struggle before I finally consented to go. When I did, I decided to be a missionary to a country where only a few people had heard about God.
During my study at the seminary I sensed God pointing me to Japan. The seminary has helped to prepare me for that goal by promoting an active interest in missions, through missions courses and its emphasis on evangelism. And through the biblical studies here I have been able to learn more about the message of God's reconciling love I hope to present to the Japanese people."

David P. Ehman
Member, Steamboat Rock Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa
David will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is 27 years old, married and plans to pursue doctoral studies in psychology following graduation.
"Religion has been called the "opiate of the people." A corollary statement may be made about education; it is the opiate of the *intelligentsia*. What happens when these two disciplines are combined under the common rubric of religious education? The parameters of religion

and education as entities can complement each other or they can yield themselves to creative tension. What I am becoming as a Christian and as a student is the consequential decision I make between these two options. The seminary has been the catalyst in bringing this about."

Candace R. Enockson
Member, Washburn Baptist Church, Washburn, N.D.
Candace will be graduating with the Master of Arts degree in religious

studies. She is 24 years old, single and considering a campus ministry, counseling or lay witness in nursing.
"Since my vocational choice is as yet "known only to Him," I have chosen, instead, to comment on the ways in which my seminary education has influenced my thinking. Through the classes and the academic community I have been able to take a more open approach to the Bible and to my faith. I have been confronted with new ideas as to what the church's responsibility is to the larger world and have been challenged to develop a new sensitivity to the needs of individuals and to the needs of humanity as a whole."

Roger J. Freeland
Member, Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S.D.
Roger will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is 25 years old, married and seeking placement as a pastor.
"My seminary training has helped me tremendously in learning how to better relate to people. My academic studies have helped me to interact with and understand better the individuals who sit across from me each day. Seminary has taught me that others have

valid needs and opinions that differ from the ones that I have. My field education experiences have also helped me to learn to relate to people. By actually being in the field I have been able to apply what I have learned academically and experientially to those in the local church."

Gunnar Gundersen
Member, United Methodist Church, Colome, S.D.
Gunnar will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree.

He is 36 years old, married and the father of three children. He is an ordained Methodist minister and continues to serve as pastor of the United Methodist Church in Colome, S.D.
"NABS has given me a background for pastoral ministry by helping me understand how the biblical message speaks to man's personal and social situations. The commitment of professors and administration to the Bible as the Word of God for today has been inspiring and helpful to me. Through my studies I have also been helped to develop an understanding of how the task of evangelism can be carried out through the local church as an evangelizing and supportive community."

Charles M. Hiatt
Member, Sherwood Park Baptist Church, Greeley, Colo.
Charles will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is 25 years old, married and the father of one child. He has accepted the call as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Emery, South Dakota.
"My education at North American Baptist Seminary consisted of three years in the graduate-level classroom paralleled by three years of



Dennis D. Hoffman



El Roy R. Pankow



Marva (Oster) Radke



Edward J. Schauer

field education in local churches. The intellectual input of books, professors, fellow students and the practical reality of a student-pastorate were constantly being balanced and refined by each other. This blend of academic stimulation and practical experience has led to a professional expertise that allows me to formulate my concept of ministry for the local church and to develop the ability and confidence to actualize such a concept."

Dennis D. Hoffman
Member, Ashley Baptist Church, Ashley, N.D.
Dennis will be graduating with the Master of Arts degree in Christian education. He is 25 years old, married and is seeking placement as a director of youth or Christian education. "Church vocations do require adequate preparation. I feel the seminary provided me the chance for that preparation. The seminary allowed me the freedom to engage in studies outside the normal curriculum in order that my course of study might be enriched. This opportunity gave me the freedom I needed to individualize my preparation. As a result of this experience, I have been provided with the stimulus to grow into a better-rounded person while also preparing me in the task of ministering with people."

El Roy R. Pankow
Member, First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.
El Roy will be graduating with the Master of Ministry degree. He is 26 years old, married and seeking placement as a director of music or Christian education. "With a degree in music education I was not sure what seminary training I could combine to most effectively use for the Lord. The Master of Ministry program allowed me to take the Christian

education courses I wanted, along with the biblical courses, which together gave me the background I needed. My experience in churches, classroom and travel were all a necessary and rewarding part of my experience. My training has allowed my ministry to be person-oriented, with a recognition of the needs, talents and abilities of people."

Marva (Oster) Radke
Member, First Baptist Church, LaSalle, Colo.
Marva will be graduating with the Master of Arts degree in Christian education. She is 24 years old, married and together with her husband Curt is planning to serve as a missionary to Nigeria, Africa. "I believe that my Seminary training has helped in four specific ways to prepare me for my vocation as a missionary wife. First it has provided me with resources upon which to draw, in terms of materials. Secondly it has opened my eyes to the challenge of the desperate need for the Christian training of children, youth and adults. Thirdly it has helped me in realizing the power of God in all situations. And fourth but not least, it is the place God chose to join me with my life partner."

Edward J. Schauer
Member, Boomer Baptist Church, Bommer, W. Va.
Edward will be graduating with the Master of Ministry degree. He is 26 years old, married and the father of two children. He is seeking placement as a pastor. "In a professional sense my seminary training has helped me in many ways. It has helped greatly in my pulpit ministry in that it has shown me how to make the Bible more relevant to the people in the church I served as student pastor. I especially have appreciated the time when I could sit and discuss things individually with some of the

older professors. I have reaped many benefits from their counsel. My studies in the last three years have also been a great help in my visitation ministry, both hospital and home visitation. I feel that the seminary has made me more aware of the responsibilities of the full-time pastorate."

Larry L. Scheffler
Member, Creston Baptist Church, Creston, Neb.
Larry will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is 28 years old, single and desirous in serving as a missionary. "The church of Jesus Christ must be an agent of reconciliation not only in respectable North America but wherever there are people. The church is responsible to care for the needs of people and demonstrate its calling as a caring community. My experience at the seminary has opened my mind to new possibilities for creative types of ministry, which I believe will enable me to work more effectively with the church overseas."

William S. Schmidt
Member, German Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta
Bill will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is 23 years old, single and plans to enter a doctoral program in pastoral counseling following graduation. "The theological education which I have received at NABS has not only provided me with an excellent intellectual base for my vocational choice, but has helped me become aware of myself as a person including my strengths and weaknesses. I have been challenged to develop myself mentally, spiritually and physically. Not only have there been opportunities for training and ministry here at the seminary, but I have benefited from numerous learning experiences which have been provided by the



Larry L. Scheffler



William S. Schmidt



Raymond A. Seutter



Michael J. Sonnenberg

seminary away from the campus. I feel I have been given the necessary tools for an effective ministry."

Raymond A. Seutter
Member, First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta
Ray will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is 28 years old, married and plans to enter a doctoral program in pastoral care following graduation. "In a renewal oriented society each one of us must search for and find that which will fulfill his essential personality needs. This must occur on the horizontal plane in that the Christian must be able to be sensitive and responsive to the needs of others. Closely linked to the fulfillment of man's personality needs is the vertical plane which involves the need for a loving, trusting relationship with God. Seminary studies have stimulated my interests to attempt to integrate and actualize these two areas in an effective counseling ministry."

Michael J. Sonnenberg
Member, Bible Baptist Church, Troy, Mich.
Mike will graduate with the Master of Divinity degree. He is 28 years old, married and plans to teach junior college biology following graduation. He is also open to a position in youth ministry or a lay training ministry. "While a student at the seminary these two and one half years, I have learned that as a layman I am a very important individual. As a whole man, mental, physical and spiritual, it is just as important for me to take the time to develop my spiritual life as those who are the paid leadership. I have grown to understand that without the ability to dialogue and bear one another's burdens, I have an empty faith.

I feel that regardless of our occupation it is important that a seminary level of Christian education be available to all in our respective churches."

James D. Stubbe
Member, Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa
Jim will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is 24 years old, married and the father of one child. He is interested in placement in a pastoral position. "Ministering to a sorrowing and suffering world is my task. How to do that has been the crux of my seminary studies. My studies have taught me a methodology for coping with the "creative tensions" of life. That methodology is one of questioning, seeking and evaluating in an effort to improve the quality of my life and the lives of those with whom I come in contact. This commission will necessitate that I go to "pluck up and to break down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

Charles F. Tangwa
Member, Sob Baptist Church, Banson Field, Cameroon, Africa
Charles will be receiving an African Pastor's Certificate in Ministry Studies. He is 33 years old, married and the father of two children. "My studies here are like fetching water from the sea in a little cup. But

the little I have, has helped me to respect other peoples' opinions and interpretation of the Scriptures. Though I do not have the answers to all of life's problems, I can listen to others and help them where possible with that which I have learned at the seminary. The classes have helped me to reconfirm my own beliefs. I am grateful both to the professors and the students for their help."

Randall C. Tschetter
Member, First Baptist Church, Emery, S.D.
Randy will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is 25 years old, married and is seeking placement in a pastoral position. "The need in our churches for pastors and Christian workers trained to meet the challenges of today seems more urgent than ever before. I believe that NABS provides this kind of training. As students we are confronted with many issues and problems which our churches face. Together with our professors we search for proper biblical and theological perspectives. The opportunity to gain practical experience in actual field positions is a valuable aspect of our seminary training. Personal relationships with students and professors provide stimuli for personal and spiritual growth." □



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Charles F. Tangwa



Randall C. Tschetter

The Seminary and Student Financial Aid

by George W. Lang

"N.A.B.S. makes a determined effort to see that no serious, qualified student is denied opportunity to engage in theological education because of lack of funds."

This statement which appears in our Seminary catalog sets forth the nature of our concern for helping serious students in their financial needs. The Seminary makes this statement not because seminary education is cheap nor because the Seminary has a large supply of funds from which it can draw. In fact, student financial aid does not even appear as an item in the budget. Instead, the seminary makes this statement out of a heart of concern for needy young people seeking to prepare themselves for the Gospel ministry and also out of a spirit of confidence and faith that concerned individuals and churches will give as they are made aware of the need and as they sense the prompting of God's Spirit.

Seminary education does cost money. Although efforts are made to keep expenses down as much as possible, rising prices makes this difficult. This school year tuition and fees amount to \$920. This does not include room and board which amounts to \$910 for single students living in the dormitory. Other important items include books, clothing, travel, insurance and medical care.

To help meet costs, many of the students are engaged in part-time employment and many of their wives in full-time work. Students earn money to help finance their seminary education by working as student pastors, youth workers, music directors, church custodians, piano teachers, insurance office secretaries, laboratory technicians, house-painters, Amway salesmen, Morrell laborers and construction crew members. Those who apply for financial aid are strongly urged to work up to 20 hours a week. This is the maximum number of hours that most students can handle in order to do full justice to their seminary studies.

Home churches are encouraged to help students. If a student demonstrates real financial need, his home church is informed of this and is challenged to contribute up to one half of this need. If the home church can give more than this, it is gratefully received. Such financial support accompanied by prayerful concern from the home church is regarded as being very important, both for the student and for the church. The hearts of students are really touched and encouraged when they receive word that their home church has remembered them in a spirit of warm, concerned support.

But for a number of students, income from work, savings, home church contributions and parental help is not enough. This is why the Seminary has set up a Student Financial Aid Fund. This fund receives money in various ways. Concerned churches contribute to the Student Financial Aid Fund without a specific student being designated. This includes churches which do not have students in Seminary, but who are concerned about training adequate leadership for the Lord's work. Some churches have incorporated this important area of giving into their yearly budget. Women's Missionary Societies and Men's Fellowships, some in a joint venture with those of other churches as an association project, also contribute. Dedicated individuals, burdened about the training of future pastors and Christian leaders, give as well. Various youth organizations help.

In addition, various scholarships have been set up, often in

loving memory of a dear one who has passed on. Or, as in one case, a whole family including the father and mother, married sons and daughters are demonstrating their concern about the preparation of Christian leaders by setting up and contributing to their Family Scholarship Fund.

Such endowment funds are best begun by contributing \$1,000 or more to the Seminary for initial investment. Then from year to year additional money can be sent in to increase the endowment investment. The yearly interest that accrues is made available to individual students through the Financial Aid Fund. Each year the donors to this Fund are informed which student or students have been helped. Their names are given, a statement about them is made, and the students themselves are asked to write a letter of acknowledgement. In this way, the donors can undergird these students with prayer as well. The names of these Scholarship Funds are listed in the seminary catalog.

This year there have been 26 students, who after careful consideration, have been found to be eligible for financial aid. Over \$16,000 is needed this year to take care of the demonstrated financial need of these 26. The amount of help being received by these students range from \$78.00 to \$1,388.50, depending upon the financial situation. The median amount is about \$575.00.

Some of the 26 are international students. Most of these find it extremely difficult to get sufficient funds, partly because of working restrictions. Most of them plan to return to their country to spread the Gospel when they have completed their training in the States. What better way is there to advance the cause of missions than to invest in the training of nationals here at our Seminary? Three other students currently being helped are considering missionary service, one in Cameroon, one in Japan and one in Brazil. Others plan to serve as pastors, Christian education directors, youth workers and in other church-related occupations in the United States and Canada.

Perhaps so far you have not yet shared in the joy of participating in our student financial aid program. We warmly invite you to join together with us in the preparation of dedicated young people for the work of the ministry of Jesus Christ.

You may wish to send in a contribution as an individual giver. Or perhaps you see the possibility of promoting this as a Women's Missionary Society or Men's Fellowship project, through your church or through your association. Or a memorial scholarship in memory of a loved one may be the way the Lord is prompting you.

Here at the seminary concerned young people are giving their lives in preparation for the full-time ministry. And these numbers have been increasing in recent years. This year we have 69 students attending on a full-time basis as compared with 44 last year. Along with this fine enrollment increase, for which we praise God, we have 11 more students in need of financial aid. The total amount of money needed jumped from \$8,900 last year to over \$16,000 this year. For next year, the enrollment may well be even more promising. An indication of this is that 43 young people attended the Seminary's annual Decision weekend in November and 108 attended in February. Many of these came to consider God's

will for their lives in long range terms, but a number are presently exploring seminary admission.

It would be a pity if these willing young people desiring to attend our Seminary were unable to because of being held back financially. This would certainly frustrate our Seminary's worthy goal that "no serious, qualified student is denied opportunity to engage in theological education because of lack of funds."

So we continue to work and pray that young people will respond to God's call into his service. We do this knowing that a number will come having real financial needs, but also knowing that we have a great God who not only calls but also supplies through his dedicated people.

We thank God for you who have given. Our students thank God for you. Churches and many changed lives will thank God for you in the months and years to come as the Lord carries.

The following expressions of appreciation coming directly from a few of the students receiving help this year convey in part what financial aid means to them and to their seminary preparation.

"I must truthfully say that several times a week I find myself thanking God for the N.A.B. Seminary, its "family" here and those who support it. I especially praise God for leading me here and for the experiences I have had! Had it not been for the financial aid I received, however, my experiences would have been cut short. The financial aid I had been counting on from another source fell through and I was "crushed" by the thought of having to leave here because of lack of funds. I wasn't sure where to turn.

One night I was alone in my dorm room and Charles Tangwa, a student from Cameroon, dropped in. He caught me off guard and saw I was troubled. When I explained the situation, he said, "Have faith, brother. If God has a reason for your being here it will work out. Pray about it." I had heard these words before. I had preached them myself! But now it really struck home. I prayed for God's help and guidance. I let Jesus share the yoke and this lifted my burden considerably. Then I went to see Rev. Lang. He reviewed my financial situation and assured me that I would receive enough financial aid to help see me through. I thank God for those who made it possible, through God's grace, for me to continue here. It is important to me because this year has helped me to become a better servant for Jesus Christ. I wish I could embrace each of you who made it possible for me to be here! Praise God!!"

Keith W. Johnson, South Sioux City, Neb.

"When I came from my Peace Corps service in Brazil to the seminary, I had \$20.00 in my pocket. I came to the seminary hoping for work, but knowing that no matter what happened the seminary would not keep me out because of the lack of



Keith W. Johnson



Eric Brockhoff



Michael Cady



Philip D. Voss

money. Over the last few years, I have worked during school and in the summer, but I have still needed about \$600 or so a year. It has been a real help to keep me going. This money has enabled me to avoid accumulating a large debt.

I am thankful that the seminary, concerned friends and interested individuals have helped me to continue my education for service."

Eric Brockhoff, Tacoma, Wash.

"The financial aid program has been the only way by which I have been able to stay at N.A.B.S. I work part-time and carry a full seminary load. My wife stays at home with one small child. We are expecting another soon. Our financial situation, therefore, does not lend itself to any type of loans to be paid off monthly. We just make ends meet now.

The financial aid program has been a true blessing. Most of all, it has lifted a burden of worry and anxiety from my shoulders that I simply don't need in addition to maintaining my family, my seminary work and my own personal growth with the Lord. I just have to thank God again and again for all the assistance I've received."

Michael Cady, Sioux Falls, S.D.

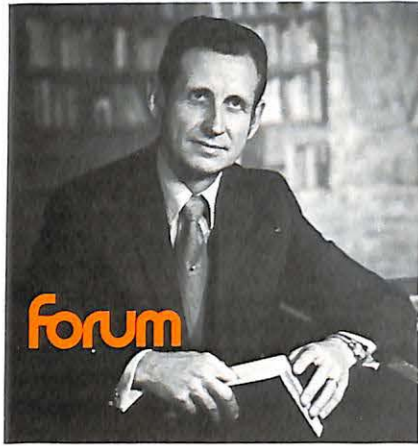
"Financial aid has been a sign to me of just how God provides the essentials. When he sent me here to seminary with just \$400.00 in my pocket and not knowing how long I would be able to stay in school, I received a great surprise. I arrived, registered and paid my \$400.00. I completed a financial aid form and put my trust in the Lord for the rest. He has provided for me beyond my expectations.

With money I received from the G.I. bill, which I thought had expired and money from the financial aid office, most of my expenses were taken care of. Praise God for his wonderful love!"

Philip D. Voss, Alpena, Michigan

But we look to you for continuing interest and support and in fact in light of our growing program we look to you more than ever before. For those of you who have not contributed to the education of a student, we challenge you to consider the training of concerned youth as part of your stewardship priorities. The Lord can multiply your gifts, even though they may seem small to you and use them for the rich blessing of many lives. Jesus who fed the 5,000 by using the boy's lunch is still among us today. God is calling for young people today to dedicate their lives for his service. God is also calling for concerned Christians to share of their resources to help make the training of these young people possible. □

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by Gerald Borchert

Dear Friends,

In the next few months, I will be giving you some of my reflections on visits to various countries in terms of the Church and the religious situation. Please continue to send me your questions and I will be responding to them shortly.

In this issue I am sharing with you some of my thoughts on Spain. The first impression one receives, in terms of the religious scene, is that the Roman Catholic Church which has lived within the protection of a concordat with the State for centuries is extremely powerful. While some of the Spaniards are very faithful in going to church, most in effect tend to be non-church oriented, although at times of birth, marriage and death the formalities of church blessings are regarded as important.

The notable change in recent years is the effect which the new stance of religious toleration has made. Walking through the Plaza Mayor in Madrid I could not help but remember that those cobblestones had witnessed the most intense persecution which the Spanish Inquisition could mount. The Papacy at Rome had not stauncher supporters against the Reformation than in this area of the world. Even in the twentieth century the situation was still very difficult for Protestants to communicate the Gospel. But with the Second Vatican Council and the greater recognition of the religious rights of other people, this country has made a step forward in religious toleration.

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While proselytizing is forbidden and Protestant books are scanned very carefully before they are licensed (some have not been even recently) to be admitted in quantities or printed in Spain, the fact that Protestants can build their houses of worship to look a little more like churches from the outside and can indicate the nature of their building with a regulated sign suggests that there has been some breakthrough in the religious situation in Spain.

One of my greatest joys, while in Spain, was to hear the Spanish Baptists sing. The joy and power with which the song "Castillo fuerto as nuestro Dios"—"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"—rang in my ears as I pondered on the Inquisition. And then as they sang "Dime la antigua historia"—"Tell me the Old (Old) Story"—and heard the Spanish preacher tell his people, from John's Gospel, of God's love witnessed in the crucifixion of Jesus, my heart was elated that God had enabled me to have this opportunity.

And what a time to have arrived! The small Baptist mission project was that very week becoming a recognized Baptist Church. The joy of the people was evident from the radiance of the pastor and his wife to the young children as they spoke about what they had been learning in Sunday school. No, I did not understand everything, but with a missionary (Southern Baptist) at my side and a little Latin in my background, the meaning was clear to me.

In addition to these experiences, I had the opportunity of visiting and speaking at the small Baptist Seminary. By our standards, the student body of five is tiny. But the power of God is able to do exceedingly wonderful things with such students, who in the future will undoubtedly face difficult times ahead. Brethren, remember such students as these in our work in Japan and elsewhere. The Gospel is costing these Christians much.

To witness to someone in Spain can be dangerous. What about North America where we will not be jailed if we share the Gospel openly? In this period when we as a North American Baptist General Conference have set a goal of "One Million Contacts for Christ," let us covenant to do more than nod our heads to catchy slogans on evangelism. We have done that before! If the early disciples would have been as careless of others relationship to God, we might be among the unsaved in the world today. G. L. B. □

IN-DEPTH VISITATION EVANGELISM

by Daniel Fuchs



Do you have a plan for visitation evangelism in your church? There are various helpful plans available today but no plan is effective unless it is carefully and prayerfully put into practice.

Earlier this year, the following letter (abbreviated) by Mr. Robert Coyer, Deacon of our Sierra Heights Baptist Church in Renton, Washington, was mailed to the membership of the church.

"Last summer our denomination adopted a three-year goal of a million contacts for Christ. I was thrilled with this decision because I believe that the Scripture teaches this as our main objective as Christians. This means that each of us will have to make at least six contacts for Christ or approximately 1,000 people for our church each year.

"Is this possible? Not without planning and commitment. We have been praying for a simple plan that would involve as many people as possible without over-burdening anyone and yet attain our goal — one thousand contacts for Christ in 1974? I believe the Lord has given us this plan; now we're asking you for your commitment.

"Each of our four shepherding groups under the leadership of their deacon, co-captain and group secretary, will be responsible for one five-week visitation campaign during the year.

"Each group will be assigned a three-month period out of which to select five weeks, and a specific area of homes as their target.

"You will be asked to serve in one of four methods of evangelism:

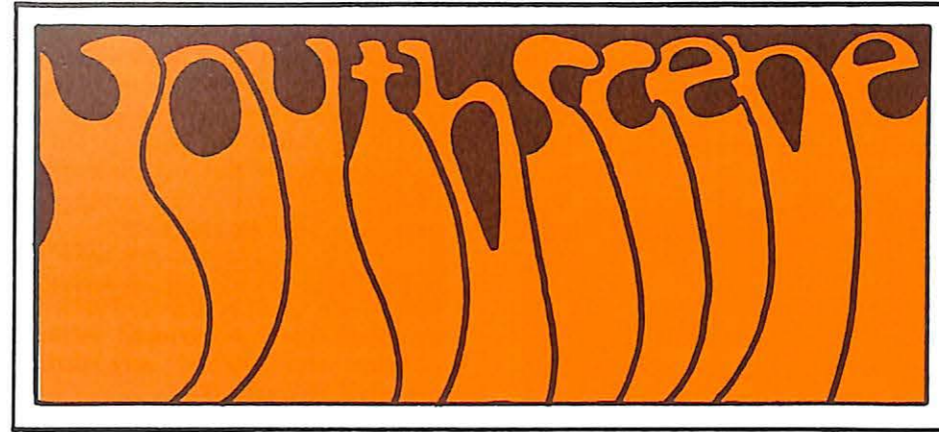
Contact Evangelism: Teams will go door to door in selected areas, asking some simple questions and leaving several pieces of literature.

Friendship Evangelism: Here the object is to make friendly visits in homes of general prospects from contact evangelism and church and Sunday school visitors.

Prospect Evangelism: Teams will visit homes where there is evidence of spiritual hunger. *Steps to Peace with God* or *The Four Spiritual Laws* will be used.

Follow-Up Evangelism: Individuals will be needed to sponsor new converts in a series of Bible study sessions especially designed for new converts." □

The Rev. Daniel Fuchs is evangelism director of the Church Ministries Department, North American Baptist General Conference.



FAMILY LIFE IS...

by Linda Kopf

In thinking about what family life should be and mean to the individual members, I have come up with several ideas which I would like to share with you. I think I can probably best express my ideas about what family life should be and what it should mean to each individual member in the following way.

Family life is . . .

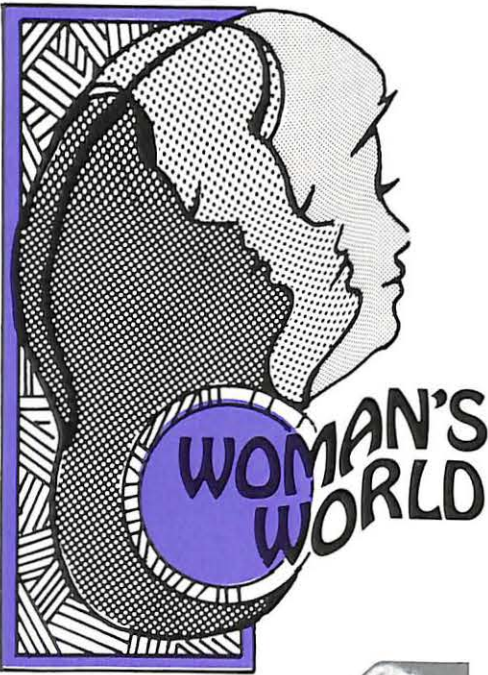
- A feeling of security.
- Having your emotional needs met.
- Doing your share of the work load and enjoying it.
- Expressing your feelings, and knowing you'll be understood.
- Learning to be responsible to yourself and others.
- Having a place where you can bring your friends because you're proud of it.
- Learning to get along with people by considering how the other person feels.
- Having fun together.
- Having a sense of satisfaction because you don't go to bed hungry or have to sleep out in the cold.
- Having a place where you will be accepted no matter what happens, because Christ is the center of your home.
- Taking part in the decision-making and knowing you'll be heard.
- Sharing recreation together.
- Made up of your closest companions.
- Expressing love that binds family members to each other and to God.
- Creating an atmosphere where the Holy Spirit can teach and lead us.
- Living in harmony, if the members are willing to say,

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- "I'm sorry, will you forgive me."
- Teaching your children the commandments of God by walking in the way of those commandments yourself.
- Accepting discipline even when you can't understand why at the time.
- Spending time together.
- Showing respect for those in authority.
- Praying together and staying together.
- Building a relationship which will determine our relationship to the Lord.
- Keeping the communication lines open.
- A nurturing and caring fellowship.
- Being truthful and honest with one another.
- Giving encouragement and approval.
- Having family devotions and praising and thanking God.
- Having a place where you can be yourself.
- Allowing children to be people.
- Being faithful to one another, no matter what the cost.
- Having parents who discover and accept the fact that their teens are growing out of the child stage and are on their way to being adults.
- Having a father who is the head of the house and a mother who is the heart of the house.
- The only cement that will ever hold the world together. □



"Of course it was a long sermon . . . there's a lot of sin!"



LUXURIES

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



Every woman enjoys having luxuries in her home. Fathers are very concerned about supplying the necessities for the family, but mothers do everything in their power to provide for the little extras that make living more pleasant.

Some luxuries add to the happiness of the home and some luxuries do just the opposite. The luxuries that make a happy one are not things, they are relationships and attitudes toward things, people and life in general.

Love is a luxury found in every happy home. It binds the members of the family together and makes each one concerned about the happiness of the others. Laughter is a luxury that acts like a medicine: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine, but a broken spirit drieth up the bones." Another valuable luxury is an optimistic spirit that keeps every member of the family looking on the sunny side of life. Are these luxuries you are enjoying in your home?

There are some luxuries a happy home cannot afford. One of these is the luxury of self pity for it causes a person to lose his interest

members of the family and the happy atmosphere in the home drops rapidly. Another luxury we cannot afford is being pessimistic, seeing the dark side of everything. This attitude is very contagious and can wreck a happy home very quickly. Losing our sense of humor is another luxury a happy home can never afford for when our sense of humor disappears, laughter goes out the window.

This Mother's Day make an inventory of the luxuries in your home. Are love, laughter and an optimistic spirit always there? □

'YOUR CHILD HAS A BIRTH DEFECT'

by Mrs. Etan (Anita) Pelzer, Ashley, N. Dak.

Birth defect! An ugly thought, and in most of our minds it is always something that happens to someone else.

All parents worry a bit and pray that their children will be healthy and normal. We were no different, but it happened to us. "Your baby has a heart murmur," was the doctor's report.

God has promised us grace in time of need, and this was our first "spiritual lesson" as we began our rounds of specialists, hospitals and tests. We learned patience by waiting and trusting in our Father to keep her growing steadily, for most tests could not be given while she was so small. Oh, yes, thanksgiving too, for she did grow and gain, and at 18 months we were assured that the difficulty could be corrected some day with surgery.

"We are learning our lessons, Father. Thank you for them. Now with these experiences we are ready to face the rest of life."

"Not so, my child, for there is yet more!"

"More, Father? Another child with problems? How can this be?"

This time we needed immediate sur-



Etan and Anita Pelzer with their four daughters.

gery for another child born with a serious spinal disorder. The doctors we needed were 200 miles away and it was up to my husband and some hospital personnel to make the trip with the tiny girl. The picture was dark indeed for we were warned that our child would probably be very handicapped—perhaps both mentally and physically.

Now we learned to plead with God in prayer and then be joyful for each good day. Weeks went by and God answered our pleas for she developed no brain problems and retained only part of the physical disability.

So life continued, and, in time, surgery was scheduled for our little heart patient. We worried, but we prayed and learned to praise too, for hasn't he said, "In everything give thanks." Surgery went beautifully and recently her doctor pronounced her cured.

God has been good and we continue to praise him as he is constantly caring for our family. We still have a physical handicap to live with, but our past experiences have taught us that God is indeed in control of our lives. So with confidence, we turn our little one over to him so that he can complete whatever plan he has in mind for her and for us. □

DEATH, THEN INSTANT MOTHERHOOD

by Mrs. Dan (Jeannie) Orluck, Makoti, N. Dak.

"Lord, make me the kind of mother you want me to be." With four children suddenly placed into our home, that prayer was prayed often! We had been married seven years and even after praying for a child many times, we were not prepared for this.

It all began eight years ago this January when the telephone rang. Four members of our family had been killed in an auto accident! They were my husband's parents, his older brother and his wife (my sister). The youngest child and only survivor in the car was in very critical condition in Idaho. The other three children of the family were at home in California.

There were many arrangements to be made, but with God's leading and the prayer support of friends and relatives, the details were completed. A major experience was moving the children from California to our farm in North Dakota.

Now came the experience of actually living together as a family. It didn't take very long for us to realize that we



The Orluck family: Marcia, Dan, Cindy, Jeannie, Roger and Gary (kneeling).

had four different personalities to guide in Cindy, 15, Marcia, 13, Roger, 12, and Gary, 3.

The total responsibility of motherhood drew me toward greater dependence upon God. I had accepted Christ as my Savior, but never before was I so much aware of the need for his guidance. Daily there were new ideas and problems to work through. The "Why's, How comes, and Can I go?" were being asked by sincere hearts and needed answers.

God provided a very thoughtful and fair father in my husband, Dan, who led the family, making the job of being mother easier. We would discuss what should be done, then agree on the decision. God provided the answers we needed.

One day at a time was all I could visualize, and I can now see why God only provided me with that much sight. He knows that too much thought about the future only causes anxiety and worry.

Our association with the First Baptist Church in Minot has been good for the family. The love and concern shown by the church is a very vital ingredient in a Christian home.

The family is somewhat dispersed now. Cindy is a nurse working in Minot, N. Dak.; Marcia is a student at Minot State College, and Roger is studying at the State University in Fargo, N. Dak. Gary, an active fifth grader, is at home.

Now, even more than when it all started, my prayer is, "Lord, make me the kind of mother you want me to be." James 1:5 (Amplified Bible) has this wonderful promise: "If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask the giving God (who gives) to everyone liberally, without faultfinding, and it will be given him." □

OFFERING RECIPIENT

Many local WMU groups take a special Mother's Day offering at their May

meeting. This year these gifts will help to support Miss Eunice Cerqueira, a Brazilian national worker, who has been studying at our Seminary and who plans to return to Brazil to share Christ with her own people. This is her story.



Eunice Dias de Cerqueira

"It is really difficult for me to think of a specific time that I received Christ since I grew up in a Christian home and was involved early in my life in different organizations in my church. But I can say that in my last year of college my involvement with people in a community social work made me aware of their spiritual needs, and I started to feel God working in my life and calling me for better stewardship of my time, money and heart.

"It was at the age of 12 that I was baptized and I could be officially involved as a volunteer worker in my church, a Baptist church of 200 members. My hometown had a population of approximately 17,000 people, and ours was the only Baptist church in that

A MOTHER'S FAITHFULNESS

by LaVerna Mehlhaff, women's work director



Hannah, broken hearted, troubled and unhappy, knew where to go with her problems. As she emptied herself to the Lord, her cries were heard by an ever-listening God. Her vow was sincere. Her request was granted. She went on her way rejoicing, believing (not doubting), with complete faith in



PROGRAM IDEA FOR JUNE

by Mrs. Adeline Kopf, Herried, S. Dak., English program packet editor.

Have you tried a discussion starter this year? You may not be very happy with yourself after you use the discussion starter, "Have You Heard the Latest?" for it brings out some very personal faults that each of us has. The touch of humor which Barbara Sukut blends into this dialogue helps to get the message across. Have your program leader prepare some questions and then let everyone get involved in the discussion.

"Time for Love" is an unusual devotional—one that will really touch your heart. Although it is listed as a Mother's Day devotional, it will go very well with your discussion starter about gossiping. □

town. I was the tenth child in a family of eleven, and my parents were farmers. They were Catholic and my oldest brother was baptized as a Catholic. Then my parents heard the Gospel from a neighbor, and they became very active in witnessing to their neighbors and friends. Being the tenth child in this large family, I was born in an active Christian home, and all the children were active in the life of the church.

"During college I had the opportunity to be a practicing teacher for teenagers (Continued on page 21)

God. She is a woman to be remembered for her faith and her ability to keep her promise to God.

Her son, Samuel, was given back to God and served in the temple all the days of his life. Due to Hannah's obedience not only was her own life, but her home as well transformed. Blessings did not stop there; all the nation of Israel was blessed through the faith of one woman, Hannah.

Today, God is waiting for women who will permit God to use them and work through them. When this happens individuals are transformed, homes are blessed and nations are benefited. The opportunity is extended to us to share in the life of Eunice Cerqueira of Brazil. Pray for her and for her country. □

RETURNING TO CAMEROON AFTER EIGHTEEN YEARS

Introducing Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, Missionaries to Cameroon

by Richard Schilke

The Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson of Peoria, Illinois, are no strangers to our Conference. They grew up in our conference and served within our conference all their life. In presenting them at this time, we are merely presenting them in a new role of service, and yet not entirely new to them.

Previous Service in Cameroon

My first acquaintance with the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson goes back to the time of the General Conference sessions in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1944. At that time they were among the group which was commissioned as newly appointed missionaries to Cameroon, the largest group of any commissioning service up to that time and one talked about by our people for many years. That group was largely a result of the appeal which our beloved Laura E. Reddig made on her deputation during her first furlough in 1944 when she called for 30 missionaries for Cameroon. The Michelsons were the first to respond. To many it was an unbelievable goal but we have doubled that number and gone beyond it since then for Cameroon alone, not counting our other overseas mission fields. It just goes to show what God can do when we call upon him.

Edwin Michelson had graduated from our seminary in Rochester, New York, in the spring of 1944. Verna Viola Michelson nee Rust had graduated from Northwestern Bible College in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1943. They were married on June 15, 1943, and were ready for missionary service. Both had felt the call of God to missions during the years of training. Edwin says: "I felt the call of God to Cameroon during my seminary days. I was deeply touched by the life of Adoniram Judson." His pastor at Martin, North Dakota, the Rev. John Keple, and his professor at the seminary, Dr. Otto E. Krueger, greatly influenced his life and decision. Verna says: "God called me into missionary service while in Bible college and through personal contact with missionaries and their pleas for workers." The same pastor at Martin, North Dakota, and Dr. Curtis Akinson, then professor at the Bible college, greatly influenced her life and decision, as also did Laura E. Reddig.

Their application for missionary service was considered and appointment as missionaries to Cameroon came in the spring of 1944. On October 17, 1944, they set sail for Cameroon via Europe and finally after some delays arrived in Cameroon on January 9, 1945. During their 11 years of service in Cameroon (including furlough years) they were stationed at Soppo and were considered field missionaries in the Soppo area. They also served at Kumba while residing at Soppo before that area was opened up as a mission station. During these 11 years of missionary service, the Lord gave them four children: Paul Edwin, born March 19, 1945; Judith Ann, born August 21, 1946; Mark Philip, born November 11, 1952; and Joel Charles, born October 10, 1954. A fifth child, Carol Ruth, was born on April 4, 1956, shortly after they terminated their missionary service. One of the main reasons for their resignation as missionaries in the fall of 1955, effective March 1, 1956, was the upcoming problem they found

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with the education of their children. With the presentation of their resignation they immediately stated that some day they would like to return to Cameroon.

Pastoring Churches for Eighteen Years

The past eighteen years since early 1956 were spent in service to churches. Brother Michelson held the following pastorates during these years: McLaughlin, South Dakota 1956-59; Wichita, Kansas 1959-63 where he began the church extension project now known as Memory Lane Baptist Church; La Salle, Colorado 1963-69; and the North Sheridan Baptist Church in Peoria, Illinois 1969-74. In these pastorates the Michelsons have manifested the heart of shepherds to their people and made themselves beloved to many.

At each change of pastorate there was a tug in their hearts to consider returning to Cameroon but each time it seemed that the time had not yet come. They had stayed home to provide for the education of their children and that responsibility had not yet ended. Carol, their youngest, was to complete high school in mid-term 1973-74 and had no particular desire to go to college. This left only Joel in college. With that they felt that the time had come to renew their application for a return to Cameroon, possibly by the summer of 1974.

The appointment of the Rev. Fred C. Folkerts, associate secretary for overseas missions, effective with January 1, 1974 created a vacancy which budget-wise could be filled. The Michelsons were thus approached, on the basis of their application, if under the circumstances they would consider leaving somewhat earlier, perhaps already by January, 1974. They agreed, but felt that early March would be a better date for them. With that they were appointed.

Brief Life Sketches

Edwin Michelson was born at Martin, North Dakota on March 31, 1920 as the third of seven children to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Michelson. His father and mother and one brother have since gone to be with the Lord. Early in life Edwin accepted Christ as his Savior and Lord and was baptized on June 25, 1932 by the Rev. Karl Gieser and became a member of the Martin Baptist Church.

Verna Viola Michelson nee Rust was also born at Martin, North Dakota on August 28, 1921 as the oldest of four children to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rust. Her father and a brother have since gone to be with the Lord. Early in life Verna accepted Christ as her Savior and Lord and was baptized on June 14, 1931 by the Rev. Karl Gieser and became a member of the Martin Baptist Church.

Both Edwin and Verna grew up together in church and community. They attended the high school at Martin, Edwin graduating in 1938 and Verna in 1939. Their common interest drew them together and they felt led of the Lord to join their life together which as already stated above was on June

15, 1943. They have since shared many joys as well as sorrows together and the Lord has richly blessed their life.

Cameroon—the Rest of the Time

In his renewed application Edwin Michelson wrote: "I want to serve again in Cameroon and that for the rest of my service time with the Cameroonian and fellow missionaries." If the Lord gives health and strength, the Michelsons will have at least two terms of service of four years each to give to Cameroon. They have not been back since 1955 and many new adaptations will await them. Cameroon has changed, perhaps far more than what they can visualize. But God will give grace for adaptation and for service.

When our Cameroon Field Committee heard of the possibility of their coming, it first thought of posting them as field missionaries to Bango. They would have preferred the coastal area, possibly Soppo, but they were quite ready to go to the Bango area. However, changes in Cameroon are always unpredictable. A decision around Christmas time was made that they be posted to Ndu where they are to teach at the Baptist Bible Training College. Here they will have a great outreach to the students who come to prepare themselves for Christian work. May they rise to this challenge.

The Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson left on March 5, 1974 for Cameroon, travelling via Zurich, Switzerland, and arrived in Douala on March 7th. We are confident that Cameroon welcomes them back. May they not be disappointed but find their expectations and desires fulfilled for as many years of service as the Lord will give them. □



TEAM 1

by Gaylia Boerchers

The door opened . . . Karoline (Kou-tecky) remembered being somewhat disappointed at the reception they got. A heavy man, very gruff and angry looking, asked them into his living room. He didn't seem to want to talk, and certainly didn't look friendly. The room was messy, dark and smelled heavily of smoke. The pastor knew some of the man's background from previous experience and asked how he was doing. Slowly the story started unfolding with the pouring out of bitterness, loneliness, anger and hurt. He was building up a barrier between himself and God. They spent one and three-quarter hours listening to this man and sharing the Good News with him that God still loved him and had spared him from death for a purpose. He had been through many crises, facing death several times, and yet was stubbornly wanting to try to run his own life and unwilling to yield to God.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS REPORT

As the Holy Spirit worked within this man, he grew increasingly restless and one could sense the struggle going on inside between God and that stubborn self-will. Finally this man, brought near to tears, humbled himself before his Creator and prayed for forgiveness of sin, asking Jesus Christ to enter his life and change him into the kind of person God wanted him to be. Karoline felt a bubble of joy burst within her own soul as she witnessed all of this. A hard heart softened! She felt the nearness, presence and strength of God in a new and exciting way. The words of a song surged forth, "Thank you, Lord, for what you've done!"

Seeing someone respond to God's love has to be the most exciting experience each one of us has had during this year. We have also realized that sometimes when we share Christ with a person, that could be just one stepping-stone in a path that leads to his eventual surrender to Christ. This should encourage each one of us not to give up when facing rejection once, but to try again, just like the pastor did in this particular incident. □

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TEAM 2

by Michaelle Schauer

One evening at a high school gathering in Sacramento, Calif., our team was asked, "Do your songs become more meaningful to you the more you sing them?" As the crusade continued, we realized our music had become so much a part of us that titles or lines of our songs would slip out in our conversation.

When we helped this new extension project, called the Sunrise Baptist Church, get started, we "got all excited" about sharing the "sweet song of salvation" in such an open area. All were "filled with happiness" each Sunday when we as a team and the church people were able to welcome visitors, some of which were fruits from the 1,200 calls we had made. We encouraged this beginning core of people to remember that "thru it all" Jesus would be right there with them as they continued this new work.

These words of music have helped us to keep our "hearts right with God." "You don't know what you're missing until you've met the Lord." □



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Sunday school teachers and leaders need two kinds of help as they go about their important work. First, they need help in *planning* their teaching/learning programs. Second, they need *training* in a great variety of understandings, skills and procedures.

This need can be met with the new series of "training pacs" produced by the International Center for Learning. Eight pacs are now available: one titled, "Ways to Plan and Organize" and one titled "Ways to Help Them Learn" for each of the four major age divisions in the Sunday school (early childhood, childhood, youth and adult). Each pac includes a copy of the ICL/Regal textbook of the same title, a leader/study guide and a cassette recording. The guide and cassette are closely coordinated with the textbook and are designed to guide either groups or individuals as they study the text.

The following are specific pointers on how you can implement this new kind of training program in your church.

1. Attend an ICL Seminar yourself, and try to take with you at least one key leader from each of the four divisions of your Sunday school. The Seminars offer three days of intensive training, using such modern learning aids as overhead projectors and videotape television units. These training pacs described above are an outgrowth of nearly two years of experience in these seminars. They allow you to bring much

of the valuable experience and information of the Seminars into your local church.

2. When you return from the Seminar, get a set of the training pacs and study them carefully. Familiarize yourself with their contents and the teaching/learning procedures they feature. Encourage the leaders who attended the Seminars with you to get the pacs for their divisions.

3. Invite the heads of your Sunday school departments to meet at your home to discuss the potential of a new kind of training program for their workers. If your Sunday school is small, invite all the leaders to a single meeting. If this would involve too large a crowd for an informal conversation, ask each division's leaders to meet on a different night. Or if you are concerned that some leaders might resist the plan, launch the program with just one or two pilot departments.

Introduce the training pac concept by commenting on the need for specialized training for each division's workers. Let your own enthusiasm for the program show. If you were able to attend an ICL Seminar in person, share some of your experiences with the leaders. Explain that the training pacs are the result of nearly two years' experience in these Seminars. Show the leaders a sample pac, and demonstrate some of the group and individual learning activities it features. If possible let the teachers actually participate in one of the activities.

Then guide your leaders into a discussion of the potential of the training pacs for your workers. Keep the dis-

ussion free and open, and do not coerce or force the leaders into acceptance of the program. Help them to see the possibilities, but give them plenty of opportunities to express doubts and questions and to identify possible problems.

When the leaders have had ample opportunity to air concerns and ask questions, and when you feel the mood of the group is positive toward the training pac idea, discuss the practical implications of the plan. Should you launch it simultaneously in all departments, or launch just a few pilot programs first? Who will lead each group's study? Where and when will they meet? With which of the two available pacs will each group begin?

Generally it is best if the department leader can at least start the group in their study. Once they are under way just about any member of the group can take temporary or permanent leadership, for the guide and cassette are so carefully planned that they almost lead the group themselves. Each group should meet in their department room if at all possible, for the teaching/learning environment and equipment are important factors in the study programs.

When such practical matters are settled, give each department leader a copy of the pac with which his group will begin. Ask them to study the pacs on their own so they will be familiar with the material before beginning to lead others in the study. If you sense a need for additional discussion, set a date for another meeting after the people have had an opportunity to study the pac themselves. If anyone wants to drop out of the program at that time, don't pressure them. They must feel the same enthusiasm as you do for the program, or they will not be able to lead their workers in the study.

Before the leaders leave, spend a few minutes discussing promotional plans. Use the personal, individualized approach: individual letters, phone calls and personal comments. Support and reinforce these personal contacts with public announcements, bulletin notes and comments by the pastor.

4. At least four weeks before your program begins, send a letter (individually typed if possible) to every worker in the departments involved. Explain the program briefly, emphasizing how it will help him to become a more confident, skillful teacher. Also stress the cassette-guided "programmed learning" approach, and share some of your own

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A NEW COLUMN ON PLANNED GIVING

by Everett A. Barker,
planned giving director



Planned Giving Representatives. Left to right: Alfred Weisser, Herbert Stabbert, Everett Barker, Steve Wilson, J. C. Gunst, Wm. Sturhahn

For more than three years the BAPTIST HERALD has had a monthly ad on various aspects of planned giving. There has been a good response, but it has been suggested that an expanded column be written every month to provide more information for our people on this subject. This is the first in a series on various phases of Planned Giving written by qualified people on such subjects as: estate planning, wills, trusts (revocable and irrevocable), probate, gift annuities (U.S. and Canadian), kinds of taxes, working with attorneys, life insurance gifts, etc. Some articles will be directed specifically to our Canadian members who live under different regulations, often varying from province to province.

What is Planned Giving?

First, let's understand what we mean by the term "Planned Giving." Basically, the term has to do with gifts which take place some time in the future in contrast to gifts made from current income. But someone might ask, "Shouldn't all of our giving be planned?" It is true that *all of our giving* in tithes and offering should be carefully and prayerfully planned as part of our financial stewardship. Most of our giving comes out of current income, whereas planned gifts relate more to our total resources: savings, stocks, bonds, real estate, etc. Specifically, these can be gifts through your will, gift annuities, income agreements, life insurance, etc. For example, you can, through your will, make gifts to loved ones and God's work although the actual gift may not take place for many years in the future. Income agreements can also be made that provide income for a husband and wife, but the gift is not made to God's work until after both have died. The reason for planning gifts is important. After all, when we build a house the builder needs a carefully drawn set of plans. Care and forethought must go into the

project. If we intend to take an extended trip, it is important to make reasonable plans so that the trip will accomplish our purpose within the framework of the time and money available. Planning is much a part of life in this day. Is it not equally important for Christians, as good stewards of God's material benefits, to plan so as to get the most benefit for ourselves, our loved ones and the Lord's work? Planned Giving takes into consideration your total resources, the needs of you and your family, and the plans which you want to effect for these. This takes time, prayer, thought and the expertise of people who understand the intricacies of the law, tax regulations and the application of the various planned giving tools.

A Planned Giving Service

At this point it is well to discuss the type of planned giving service which the N.A.B. Conference has to offer. Let me underscore that this is a *service* to the people of the Conference. It is without charge or obligation. However, whenever legal services are required, there are normal costs which must be paid. This service includes personal counsel, informational literature, audio visual aids and will clinics conducted in local churches. Our Conference is able to provide a full range of planned giving tools including gift annuities (Canadian and U.S.), income trusts with trust management, deposit agreements, etc. We have a three-fold purpose for our ministry: First, we offer counsel to individuals or couples in assessing their situation seeking to assist them in the process of finding a plan that carries out their wishes. Each person or family has a different set of circumstances, so there are no "canned programs." It is a satisfying experience to be able to help individuals find new possibilities for their resources of which they were not aware. Second, through

proper counsel and estate planning your loved ones can be benefited. Separation through death and its heartache can be enough of a problem without the complications, confusion and sometimes misunderstandings which are caused by inadequate, poor or no planning. Third, through prayerful and careful stewardship, gifts can be made to local churches and Conference ministries. The material blessings of God which he has entrusted to our care continue to help the Lord's work even after he calls us home. My experience with North American Baptists in the last six years is that many of our people find joy in providing a gift to God's work through their will or other planned giving means. Actually, millions of dollars are already tentatively channeled through planned gifts for the ultimate benefit of God's work. For this we can be grateful to God for his provision and to his people for their responsiveness to God's work.

Planned Giving Personnel

In order to serve you, I have working with me five Planned Giving representatives: J. C. Gunst, eastern part of U.S.; Alfred Weisser, central part of U.S.; Steve Wilson, Northern California, Oregon and Washington; Herb Stabbert in Southern California; William Sturhahn in Canada. There is the possibility that we will have several more in the foreseeable future. We are not attorneys and cannot give legal advice but we do work with many local attorneys. We also work with C. William Pollard, an attorney in Wheaton, Ill, whose law firm specializes in law relating to charitable giving. They also represent a number of large Christian organizations in the U.S. The field of Planned Giving can require the expertise of people in various professions and our Planned Giving representatives work with you and the necessary people in the planning team. Remember, our purpose

is not to tell you what to do with your resources. That is your God-given privilege and responsibility, but we can help you work through the process of accomplishing your desire concerning your material benefits.

We are at your service. Please feel free to contact any of the men listed at the following addresses:

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and this opened the way to be a witness to them. I could see some lives changed for Christ through my witness. My teaching experience made me decide to be concerned for the people's souls as well as their bodies and minds. I decided to give myself to the Lord, to serve people in order for them to find meaning in life and to have a relationship with the Lord at the same time.

"My involvement in the North American Baptist Seminary gave me a chance to develop adequate techniques for being a Christian leader and the fellowship I have been involved in here has made me aware of the people of God working together as the Body of Christ. These points prepared me with knowledge and skills that I hope to use in my future work to share the news of God and his love with my fellow Brazilians. I look forward to serving as a Christian leader in the N.A.B. mission in South Brazil at Rio Grande do Sul." □

book reviews by B.C. Schreiber

Catholic Charismatics. By R. Douglas Wead, Carol Stream, Ill. Creation House, Inc., \$3.95.

In April, 1973 the annual meeting of the International Conference on Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church was attended by 20,000 people. With so many thousands of participants this movement in the Catholic Church cannot be ignored. The Rev. Wead, a Pentecostal charismatic leader, traveled thousands of miles, on every continent, and explored and encouraged the charismatic renewal. Half of his appearances have been before Catholic audiences. His experiences are related in this book.

Mr. Ray Bullard, a deacon of the Calvary Temple Church (Pentecostal), South Bend, Ind., has been called the "godfather" of the Catholic Pentecostal movement. It was he who hosted a prayer meeting for Notre Dame students where the gift of tongues first appeared.

Pentecostalism and Catholicism at one time seemed to be poles apart. But the impression that the author gives is that spiritual renewal, revival and ecumenicity can be achieved, only through the charismatic movement with the speaking of tongues as the seal of God's approval. □

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IS LOVE ENOUGH?

by Pye Rho

Can a son tell a Mother how much he loves her? Can he show her that over the years he still cares? In agonizing silence I asked that question for I knew that she could not hear me, nor could she know for we were already separated by years of silence, years of no expression which would say, "I care." Yet, Mom, I must tell you that I love you because there are sons whose mothers no longer are here for them to show that they care.

What reward, Mother, could there be in raising me, for all I caused you was sacrifice and pain? I am your son, I know. And so often in your eyes and with your smile you have told me how much I really mean to you. But, just my being your son, your child, your creation—is that enough to say it was worth it all? Even as I ask that question I know deep within—that my being healthy, able and alive has been enough for you. All that you have known of me, Mother, is that sufficient to say that nothing else mattered but me? Where else could I find such acceptance of me as I have found in my mother?

Time passes so quickly. Already I have left your presence, and yet you are still a part of my memory. Who could forget your medical aid when I was hurt, or your words of comfort when my favorite girl friend had enough of me? Many of the things I now know about goodness, kindness, mercy and love came from those early days when you alone were my teacher, my book and my school. As I reflect all of this, Mom, I wonder if there are words pure enough or holy enough to describe what God has given to mothers that they might take care of the "image of God" that is found in the infant. Mother, is it enough to say, "I love you?" □



CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS REPORT

DAMASCUS-BORING, ORE., CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECT

MAY 1974 by Larry Neufeld

"It will be a chance to see new life, new spiritual life come into being". "I will be challenged to do things that I never thought I could do, as there will be no one else to do them". "I am looking forward to a place to worship that is near my home". "I hope that our new church will have a real emphasis on the family". These are but a few of the expectations expressed by those who came together to form the Hollyview Baptist Church and to make a difference for God in this new, growing community.

The Damascus-Boring area is located southeast of Portland in what is one of the most rapidly growing areas in Oregon. A few short years ago the area consisted chiefly of broccoli and stawberry fields. Today the Damascus Union School has plans for a new school that is expected to be full in just a few years as houses increasingly replace farm land.

The Oregon Association began thinking in terms of a new work in this area several years ago when they purchased ten acres of prime land near a major highway. Last summer Dr. John Wobig did a survey and concluded that the area was ready for another evangelical church. On January 15, 1974, the Rev. Larry Neufeld arrived from Sioux Falls, S.D., to join two families in beginning the new work.

God has prepared in many ways for this new work. The openness of the community has been exciting especially to observe that many have expressed their desire to see us start a new work in the community. Three families from local N.A.B. churches have now come together to form the nucleus for the new church. A place to worship was readily available for our use in the Boring Grange Hall. Finally, God had been working in the Oregon Association, as their support of the new work has been exceptional.

The first worship service and Sunday school were held on March 3 in the Boring Grange Hall with 32 present in Sunday school and 40 present in the service of worship. The program now consists of these two services plus a midweek prayer service and a calling program.

God has made it clear that the door is open. We ask that you continue to remember us with your prayers and financial support, as we try to let our love for our Lord be reflected. Pray that we might make a difference in a community that so badly needs to hear the Good News. □

The Rev. Larry Neufeld is the pastor of the Hollyview Baptist Church in the Damascus-Boring (Portland) area, Oregon.



Pastor and Mrs. Larry Neufeld with children.



The congregation of the first Sunday morning worship service meeting at the Boring Grange Hall.



Pastor L. Neufeld at the future site of the Hollyview Baptist Church.

A Growing Faculty

by David J. Draewell



Dr. Ernest Zimbelman



Dr. Ralph Powell



Dr. Arthur Petzia

Centuries ago the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy: "And the servant of the Lord must be . . . apt to teach" (II Timothy 2:24). A modern speech translation says: . . . "ready and able to teach." Without a doubt, the greatest resource of the North American Baptist Seminary is its growing faculty composed of committed men and women who are ready and able to teach those whom God has called to leadership in the Church of Jesus Christ.

The faculty at the seminary contains a blending of youthful vigor and mature wisdom. Its broad range of scholarship is oriented to the practice of ministry. It is characterized by a high sense of commitment to Christ, the Church and the world of needy persons. It seeks to understand and interrelate Christian faith and contemporary culture with insight, sensitivity and respect. And, although acknowledging its limitations, endeavors to "set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity" (I Timothy 4:12).

All full time instructional personnel at the seminary possess earned doctorates from accredited institutions. All are committed to the "inspired authority of the Scriptures in matters of faith and conduct" (NABGC Preamble to the Constitution). All are actively involved in the ministry of the local church. All join together in weekly prayer meetings for praise, petition and intercession.

Three new faculty members will begin service at the seminary with the 1974-75 school year. They will function in the areas of counseling, New Testament and historical theology.

Dr. David J. Draewell is president of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S.D.

Dr. Ernest Zimbelman has accepted the call to become associate professor of pastoral counseling. A native of North Dakota, Dr. Zimbelman received a B.A. at Baylor University, studied at North American Baptist Seminary, received a M.A. in Educational Psychology from the University of California and a Ed.D. in Psychology (with honors) from the University of Oregon. He has taken post doctoral studies in Psychology at Pepperdine College.

After teaching school in the United States for five years, Dr. Zimbelman was appointed missionary to Cameroon, West Africa, by the denomination's Board of Missions. He served there from 1959-68. From 1969-71 he was staff psychologist and assistant professor at the Rosemead Graduate School of Psychology, Rosemead, California. From 1971 to the present, he has been engaged in private practice as a psychologist in Southern California. He is also serving as a part-time clinical instructor at Fuller Theological Seminary School of Theology.

Dr. Zimbelman is a member of the American, California and Los Angeles Psychological Associations. He is licensed in California as a marriage, family and child counselor as well as a clinical psychologist. His appointment to the faculty will enable students to receive quality preparation for counseling persons in need. Dr. Zimbelman's coming will also enable Dr. Roy Seibel, professor of pastoral ministries, to give himself more fully to the teaching of courses in church growth and evangelism, the special emphasis of the seminary.

A second faculty member is being sought to teach in the area of New Testament Literature. His appointment will enable the Seminary to enlarge its offerings in the foundational area of biblical studies.

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OUR CONFERENCE IN ACTION

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Dr. and Mrs. M. Vanderbeck observed their 50th wedding anniversary on March 31, 1974. After many years in the ministry Dr. and Mrs. Vanderbeck have been in "active" retirement. They are members of the Bible Baptist Church, LaCrosse, Wis.

ST. PAUL, MINN. On Sunday, March 10, the student choir of Mounds-Midway School of Nursing of St. Paul, Minn., presented a concert of contemporary and traditional sacred music at Redeemer Baptist Church. Mr. James P. Davis is Director of the choir. Included in the program were several numbers by the "Bell Ringers." The Women's Board served a light supper in the fellowship hall following the concert.

On March 3 we started the "Way of Life" program, as prepared by the Campus Crusade for Christ Lay Ministry, to help us reach our share of the 1,000,000 contacts for Christ in the next triennium. (Lois E. Kampfer, reporter.)

KANKAKEE, ILL. On Sunday morning, Feb. 2, 1974, the Rev. Walter Dingfield was installed as the new pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church. Dr. Gideon Zimmerman, executive secretary, was the speaker. Mr. Gilbert Luhrs is the moderator. After the message Rev. Dingfield conducted the Lord's Supper.

At the evening service Albert Salzman, deacon chairman, gave a welcome. The various chairmen of the boards also participated in the wel-

coming service. Special music was featured for this important occasion. The Rev. Dingfield was given the opportunity to respond. Following the service a reception was held for the Rev. and Mrs. Dingfield. Ministers in the community and civic officials were invited.

The Rev. Dingfield comes from the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N.D. He attended Pacific Lutheran University, Dallas Theological Seminary, and Moorehead State College. He held offices in the Dakota Conference: a Board member of the Bismarck Baptist Home, member of the men's group of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and chairman of Church Extension of the Central Dakota — Montana Association of the N.A.B. General Conference. (Alice M. Luhrs, reporter.)

TERRACE, The Zion Baptist Church has a new opportunity of outreach. The local radio station broadcasts the Sunday morning worship service of one of the churches each week. Our church participates regularly. We have been on the air once every four or five weeks. The Rev. Clyde Zimbelman, our pastor, puts special thought and preparation into our radio services, hoping to make them meaningful for both the congregation and for those listening. On Easter our choir, augmented by the choir of another evangelical church, will present a cantata. As we are scheduled to have this service broadcast we are praying that the message may reach people who would not attend a service. (Rose Dreger, reporter.)

FAIRVIEW, MICH. Camp Barakal was the scene for the annual Michigan Association young people's mid-winter retreat Feb. 22-24. A total of 143 young people enjoyed the beautiful facilities and surroundings. "Breaking Free" was the theme developed in small group sessions, devotions and services. The Rev. Walter Hoffman of Alpena challenged the young people to commitment in the final service Sunday morning. Recreation also played a major part in the activities with one quarter of the young people driving over to Grayling for a day of skiing. Even a broken leg didn't dampen the spirits of the skiers.

The Rev. Wenzel Hanik, the Rev. Jack Dundas, and the Rev. Ronald Kernohan headed the planning for this year's retreat. Two United Methodist churches and an American Baptist church also participated.

ANAHEIM, CALIF. An Ordination Council met on Feb. 15, 1974, at Bethel Baptist Church to consider the statement of doctrine and the personal calling and qualifications of Mr. Floyd McLaughlin into the gospel ministry. After hearing his statement and questioning him regarding these things, the Council recommended to Bethel Church that they proceed with an ordination service on Sunday evening, Feb. 17. Moderator was the Rev. Connie Salios and clerk was Mr. Herbert Stabbert.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 17, Bethel Baptist Church held the service of ordination. Dr. Robert Saucy, of Talbot

Theological Seminary, preached the ordination sermon on the legitimate marks of a true minister. The Rev. Jim Green, pastor, led in the ordaining prayer and the charge to the candidate. The Rev. J. Wayne Bibelheimer, of Magnolia Baptist Church, gave the official welcome to the ministry. The Rev. Floyd McLaughlin led in the benediction.

The Rev. McLaughlin came to Bethel Church in November of 1973 as Minister of Christian Education and Youth. He is presently also involved in obtaining his Master of Theology degree from Talbot Theological Seminary.

VANCOUVER, B.C. On Sunday, Feb. 26, 1974, ten young people were baptized by the Rev. Phil Yntema in the Ebenezer Baptist Church. On March 3 they were given the hand of fellowship along with two young men who were received by letter.

The Rev. David Keiry, from the Spanish-American field, was our guest speaker in the morning service on March 3. Fifteen of our young people are preparing themselves to spend a part of the next summer teaching Vacation Bible School on the Spanish-American mission field.

On Monday, March 4, we resumed our bus visitation. Forty children from the surrounding district have been attending the Sunday school because of this program. The Rev. Phil Yntema is very ably providing leadership in the absence of a regular pastor. (Dorothy Konnert, reporter.)

ELDORA, IOWA. Fun and fellowship was plentiful at the 2nd annual Iowa Adult Winter Retreat at Pine Lake Baptist Camp. Forty-six people were reached, though all could not be present full time. As many as 20-24 people attended the two-day program. Nine churches were represented. Dr. R. J. Kerstan and his wife led us in our discussion. Plans are in the making for a Summer Retreat at Lansing and another winter retreat. (Mrs. Wilbur Huisinga, reporter.)

WINNIPEG, MAN. On the afternoon of Feb. 9, the Women's Missionary Union of the Manitoba Association met at the Grant Park Baptist Church. Mrs. A. Harsch was in charge of the service. Miss LaVerna Mehlhaff, our guest, spoke on the book of Esther: "For such a time as this." An informal time of questions and answers followed. A supper was held in the church base-

ment. On the following Tuesday, the McDermot church was host to the German churches of Winnipeg at an evening tea. Mrs. W. Stein led the service with all churches taking part. Miss Mehlhaff was again guest speaker. (M. Braun, reporter.)

ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH. The Bethel Baptist Church has purchased a new bus for road trips and special activities, bringing our fleet to five. Four of these are used every Sunday and Wednesday. Our bus ministry is under the direction of Ulrich Gerber.

So far this year we have baptized eleven and taken in seven others for membership. A special training emphasis is in progress with two ETTA courses being taught while our youth came home with honors in their junior high Word of Life program for outstanding achievement in southwestern Michigan under the leadership of Robert Morgan.

Our pastor, Kenneth C. Fenner, and associate pastor, Kenneth Fresh, took the ICL training program in February and found it most valuable. March was the month of "Prove Me Now" emphasis in stewardship based on Malachi 3:10. (Mrs. Nancy Short, reporter.)

BISMARCK, N.D. A farewell for Pastor and Mrs. Walter Dingfield was held on Jan. 20, 1974. The Rev. Orville Meth, chaplain of the Bismarck Baptist Home, and the Rev. Ron Norman, our assistant pastor, brought the meditations. The church choir sang two selections. An informal fellowship followed the service in the social hall, which included refreshments, a time of reminiscence and the presentation of gifts. The Dingfields are now serving the Immanuel Baptist Church in Kankakee, Ill. (Mrs. Clarence Delzer, reporter.)

MC LAUGHLIN, S.D. A Valentine banquet was held in the city auditorium, Feb. 9, by the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Art Moser, president, extended a word of welcome. After the meal, served by seven young ladies of the youth group, guests were introduced. The Rev. Clarence Walth, area secretary, was our guest speaker. He related many passages of Scripture pertaining to love. The Rev. Ken Mercer led in closing prayer. Mr. Edward Walker was our toastmaster.

On Feb. 27, a dinner was held in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin

OUR CONFERENCE IN ACTION

Michelson who served our church after they returned from Cameroon about 18 years ago. They have now returned to Cameroon as missionaries. (Mrs. Christ Aldinger, reporter.)

LEOLA, S.D. The Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Friez and family were welcomed by members of the First Baptist Church on Jan. 6, 1974. In the evening a reception was held in their honor, under the moderation of Albert Loelis. Welcome addresses were given by representatives of the various branches of the church. Greetings were brought by neighboring church pastors from Aberdeen, Venturia, Ashley, Eureka and local pastors. The Rev. and Mrs. Friez expressed their appreciation with a challenging response. A time of fellowship followed the service. (Mrs. Wesley Rueb, reporter.)

ARNPRIOR, ONT. The First Baptist Church was pleased to have the Rev. Rubin Kern as a guest speaker on a Sunday evening. A baptismal service was held for one candidate. Five new members were welcomed into our membership, including our new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Ken MacDonald. The others joined by transfer of letter.

Dennis Dewey and Gerald Scheel, students from the N.A.B. Seminary, were with us and shared their experiences when they returned from Cameroon and observed the mission work there. (Mrs. Allan Scheel, reporter.)

GEORGE, IOWA. The First Baptist Church added the support of a new member to our missionary family, Miss Pennie Jucht of the Plum Creek Baptist Church, Emery, S.D. She is a registered nurse and spoke in our services before leaving for Cameroon.

We also conducted a special service thanking God for having enabled us to liquidate our mortgage on the church. Final payment was made about four and a half years after dedication services. The cost of the building came to about \$180,000. Pastor Bert Itterman conducted informal interviews with members of the planning and building committees, reviewing the building program from start to finish. Greetings were heard via tape recording from the Rev. Kenneth Unruh of Dickinson, N.D., pastor at the time the church was built. Slides of the building progress completed the service. (Mrs. John Arends Jr., reporter.)

A GROWING FACULTY

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With the coming of this third faculty member who will teach in historical/theological areas, Dr. Ralph Powell, professor of Theology and Philosophy of Religion, will combine his teaching of systematic theology and the devotional life with the oversight of the seminary's field education program. His service as professor of Theology and director of field education is very likely a unique combination in theological education circles and is a symbol of the seminary's integrated and interdisciplinary approach to professional preparation for ministry.

A visiting professor's program, which has functioned for the past several years during the January term, will begin next school year during the regular semesters. Outstanding scholars from around the world will be teaching courses in the basic program of the school to add program enrichment to those taught by the resident faculty members. The visiting professors will also make it possible for resident faculty to teach seminars in the

seminary's new Doctor of Ministry program which will begin in January, 1975.

Dr. Arthur Patzia, associate professor of biblical literature and director of field education, will be terminating his services at the seminary on June 30, 1974. Since his appointment in the summer of 1970, he has given four years of very effective service to the school and the denomination. Under his guidance, the field education program developed dramatically in its scope and significance.

Dr. Patzia will be using his many gifts of ministry as the new pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B.C. He will be serving there with two staff members of the church who were his former students at the seminary, the Rev. Philip Yntema and Mr. Marvin Busenius.

Prayers of all of the churches of the North American Baptist General Conference are solicited in behalf of the men and women at the seminary who seek to prepare quality leadership for the Church of Jesus Christ at home and overseas. □

OUR CONFERENCE IN ACTION

BRANCH, LA. The 1974 Southern Association met at Mowata Baptist Church Feb. 8-10. The theme was, "A Million Contacts for Christ." Guest speakers were the Rev. Daniel Fuchs and the Rev. Milton Zeeb.

There was also a reception for new pastors and their wives, the Rev. Harold Drenth, the host pastor, and the Rev. Ronald Miller of Canaan Baptist in Crawford, Tex.

Interaction sessions on a million contacts for Christ, creative approaches to witnessing, and small group discussions and reports were led by Rev. Fuchs. Rev. Zeeb led in a million souls for Christ pastors' seminar. Several committee meetings were held in preparation for the Associational Round Robin Missionary Conference, the annual association meetings in July, W.M.U. programs and works, and the possible site of a new church extension project. The Rev. Jesse G. Hood, Central Baptist in Waco, Texas, is the moderator for the Southern Association.

The Mowata Baptist Church members furnished four meals for those attending, and hosted out-of-towners in their homes. (Miss Marie Chance, reporter.)

TROCHU, ALTA. Pastor H. Serger baptized ten young people who were added to the fellowship of the Trochu Baptist Church, and another couple came by transfer of letter. Our young people held a youth rally hosting district teenagers and visitors from Edmonton including a musical group, "The Joyful Noise." Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maxwell conducted a series of Family Life lectures from a Christian's point of view. (W. J. Lynch, reporter.)

ASHLEY, N.D. The mixed choir of the Ashley Baptist Church presented a missionary cantata, "Let the Earth Hear His Voice," directed by Mrs. William C. Giedt. The offering was designated toward the purchase of new choir robes.

Since Jan. 10 home Bible studies of the book of Acts have been held every other week with groups meeting in five homes each time. They are interesting and well attended.

We were privileged to have the Rev. Clarence Walth, area secretary, with us. He discussed the work of our Conference and also challenged us with a message.

We were blessed by the presence of Missionary Barbara Kieper, home on furlough, who brought interesting mes-

sages at both morning and evening services and also showed slides of her work. Missionary Eleanor Weisenburger was also present at the evening service. The Rev. Etan Pelzer is the pastor of the church. (Mrs. Carl Fischer, reporter.)

MILWAUKEE, WIS. On Jan. 27 a reception was held at the Bethany Baptist Church to welcome the Rev. James Schacher and his family. Rev. Schacher is formerly of the Calvary Baptist Church in Stafford, Kan. The Rev. Willis Potratz, Great Lakes area secretary, was the guest speaker. Members and friends from area churches were present to welcome Pastor Schacher, his wife Shirley, and their two children, Ken and Greg. A time of fellowship followed and enabled everyone to meet and speak with our new pastor and his family. (Rita Lick, reporter.)

EDMONTON, ALTA. On Feb. 10 Central Baptist Church had the dedication service of the new church. More than 1,000 people gathered for the occasion with the overflow audience viewing the service on closed circuit TV in the chapel. Greetings were brought by civic, church and denominational representatives. Dr. Herbert Hiller of Detroit, our former pastor, was the guest speaker. Music was provided by soloists, a youth orchestra and the four choirs. Our previous building had served us for more than 60 years.



Our new complex (pictured, interior and exterior) consists of a sanctuary, Christian education building and gymnasium/fellowship hall. It is located in an area where there is much more potential for outreach. The church has triple the previous Sunday school space,



and has features such as a chapel and multi-purpose youth room.

The sanctuary is air-conditioned and carpeted. It seats 500 in padded pews arranged in a semi-circular design. The musical ministry of the church is enhanced by a new grand piano (a memorial gift) and a 1,640-pipe Casavant organ. The Rev. Richard Hohensee is the pastor and Mr. Kenneth Walker is the youth pastor of the church. (Kurt Remus, reporter.)



HUTCHINSON, MINN. On Sunday, Feb. 17, the Bethany Baptist Church celebrated the burning of its mortgages. The church is now free of debt. Pictured are left to right, Robert Fratzke, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Harold Molls, treasurer; Mrs. Hulda Pettit, oldest member, who was present at the time of organization at age 11, but was not baptized until 1905; pastor Wesley A. Gerber; Walter Froeming, chairman of the Board of Deacons; Bob Plowman, moderator.

The church will observe its 75th anniversary on June 1-2. The mortgage burning marks the formal organization which took place on Feb. 14, 1899.

CARBON, ALTA. The Carbon Baptist Church held Deeper Life Meetings Feb. 10-13 with evangelist Ron Susek and his wife Diane. Diane is an outstanding soloist. The meetings were well attended by our members and by those of our neighboring churches. On one afternoon of the Crusade Ron Susek was invited to speak in the Carbon High School.

On Sunday afternoon, March 3, we had a group of young people from N.A.B. College, Edmonton, who presented a program of sacred music and testimony. Miss E. Ardice Ziolkowski, presently on the staff of the College, brought the message at the morning worship service, and also spoke at the afternoon service. Rev. Earle E. Wanamaker is pastor of the church. (David Gieck, reporter.)

ANAHEIM, CALIF. A baptismal service was held on Feb. 17, 1974, at the Sunkist Baptist Church. Twelve people were baptized by the pastor, the

Rev. William Hoover. On March 3, the right hand of fellowship was extended to 45 new members, followed by a welcoming reception in the fellowship hall.

The W.M.S. sponsored a Couples' Conference at the Campus Crusade Headquarters at Arrowhead Springs, Calif., on March 8-9. The speaker was Professor Norman Wright, a marriage counselor and head of the Christian Education Department at Talbot Seminary. In his three sessions, he outlined several principles of communication based on Scripture. His presentations were interspersed with small group interaction and questions from the audience. Thirty-five couples enjoyed the thought-provoking sessions and informal times of fellowship. A similar retreat is scheduled for the fall of 1975, at which time the Men's Fellowship will be the hosts. (Stephanie Radcliffe, reporter.)

EFFECTIVE ENJOYABLE . . .

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enthusiasm from the ICL Seminar you attended.

A few days after the workers have received their letters, ask the department leaders to phone each worker. They should answer any questions the workers have, and be encouraging without forcing the issue. Give those who are hesitant a few days to think it over and then call again. This time ask them for a definite commitment, either negative or positive, for you must order the pacs ahead of time to assure delivery. Again don't pressure the workers to participate against their will. When they see how the program helps those who do participate, they'll be first in line the next time it is available.

5. When the program begins, have the room set up properly before the first worker arrives. Unless the training pac suggests otherwise, either place the chairs around a conference table or in a circle around the cassette player. Know in advance who is to attend, and let them know that you are expecting them by putting name cards on the table or chairs.

The training pac will provide plenty of ideas for conducting the sessions. Keep everyone actively involved as much as possible, and avoid long lectures. Share the leadership role, and use frequent reviews and check-up quizzes. When the series is over, spend some time evaluating it with those who attend. Note their suggestions and put them to use the next time you offer the course. □

In Memoriam

MRS. REBECCA BLUSCHKE nee Ruff, 76, of St. Joseph, Mich., died Jan. 18, 1974. She was born Sept. 23, 1897, in Cathay, N.D. She was baptized into the fellowship of the Clay St. Baptist Church, Benton Harbor in 1910. In 1922 she was married to Caesar Bluschke who survives, as does a daughter, Mildred, a son, Robert, three granddaughters, four sisters and two brothers. At the time of her death she was a charter member of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor. Pastor Norman Vernon was the officiating minister at the funeral service, assisted by the Rev. Paul Zoschke.

MRS. CHRISTINA DAUSE nee Lauth, 88, of Lodi, Calif., died on Feb. 8, 1974. She was born March 3, 1885, in South Dakota. In 1902 she married Mr. Fred Roedell. After her husband's death in 1950, she was united in marriage with John Miller a few years later. In 1960 she lost her second husband and married Mr. Reinhold Dause in 1962. She committed her life to Christ at an early age. She is survived by her widower; two sons: Alvin and Authur Roedell; two daughters: Mrs. Hulda Breiting and Mrs. Louella Canfield; one brother, three sisters, five stepdaughters, eight grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. The Rev. G. G. Rauser was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

PAUL J. FRATZKE, 72, of Hutchinson, Minn., died Feb. 11, 1974. He was born Jan. 13, 1906. He committed his life to Christ in 1917, and joined the Bethany Baptist Church. Here he served faithfully, holding many offices of the church. He married Mildred Ramberg in 1926, and she preceded him in death in 1961. In 1970 he married Ingrid Lagus. His widow, four daughters and two sons survive him. Also two sisters, one brother and 18 grandchildren. The Rev. Wesley A. Gerber was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

EDWARD NEHER, 77, of Elk Grove, Calif., died on Feb. 14, 1974. He was born in Long Lake, S.D., on May 2, 1896. He was married to Katharine Baumiller who died in 1947. In 1948 he married Naomi Wuttke. He was converted and baptized in 1907, and was a charter member of Zion Baptist Church, Franklin, now the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove. He served as deacon, clerk, Sunday school superintendent. He was a Sunday school teacher for 50 years. Surviving him are his widow; two daughters: Mrs. Edna

Derheim and Mrs. Frank Veninga; one son, Walter; one sister, seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

MRS. KATIE RAU, 76, of Lodi, Calif., died on Feb. 19, 1974. She was born on Jan. 30, 1898, in Eureka, N.D. She married the late Fred Rau in 1915. She became a Christian in 1923 and was faithful to her Lord unto the end. She is survived by one son, Ruben, one brother and four sisters. The Rev. G. G. Rauser was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

MRS. PAULINE WAGNER RENNER, 86, of Bismarck, N.D., died March 2, 1974. She was born in Russia May 3, 1887, and came to the United States in 1895. She married John Renner in 1906. Early in life she accepted Christ as her Savior and was instrumental in starting the first Bible study group in their home in the Johns Lake area south of McClusky. She was a member of the McClusky Baptist Church and a Sunday school teacher. Surviving her are two daughters: Mrs. Emma Couts, Mrs. Velda Liebig; one son, Clarence; one sister, two brothers, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The Rev. Myrl E. Thiesies was the officiating minister at the funeral service in McClusky, N.D.

ROBERT SCHULTZ, 80, of Detroit, Mich., died on March 2, 1974. He was born in Germany on Jan. 1, 1894. In 1922 he was converted and baptized. Two years later he emigrated to the United States. He was a member of the Ridgemont Baptist Church at the time of his death. In 1930 he married Frieda Sommer. Surviving him are his widow; three daughters: Mrs. Rita Cormier, Mrs. Delores Strohm and Mrs. Joyce Gomulinski; eight grandchildren, one brother and three sisters. Dr. Herbert Hiller was the officiating minister, assisted by the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt.

MRS. GOTTLIEB STROBEL, 62, of Lehr, N.D., died on Feb. 6, 1974. She was born near Lehr on Aug. 11, 1911. She was united in marriage to Gottlieb Strobel in 1937. She accepted her Lord in faith in 1938, and shortly thereafter was baptized and united with the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr. She is survived by her widower; one daughter, Betty Harter; six grandchildren, two sisters and one brother. The Rev. Arthur J. Fischer was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

ALICE HEINLE STOTZ, 45, of Anamoose, N.D., died Feb. 16, 1974. She was born near Denhoff, N.D., Aug. 12, 1928. She married Elroy Stotz in 1948. In her early teen years she accepted Christ as Savior, and became a member of Anamoose Baptist Church. She is survived by her widower, Elroy; two daughters: Mrs. Donald Rieb and Mrs. Ed. Courson; two grandchildren, four sisters and two brothers. Pastor Oscar Fritzke officiated at the funeral service.

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NEWS & VIEWS

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The territory of the Estonian Republic is washed by the Baltic Sea, the Gulf of Finland and Lake Chudskoye. From time immemorial on this territory there lived a people—not great in number—whom neighboring nations called *Ests*, meaning “eastern people”. Over one million Estonians now live in this Republic. They have their own national history, culture and government, but belong to the multinational family of the Soviet peoples.

Christianity came to Estonia later than to other countries. But the end of the 12th century the first monk-missionaries appeared in Estonia. Only in the 16th century did the Lutheran Reformation come to the Baltic area, but later on it turned this geographical region into a protestant one with a Lutheran faith.

Pietism played a significant role in this revival. A pietistic movement, called Moravian brethren, had an especially great influence on the religious revival in the 19th century. As a result

many houses of prayer were built in Estonia and the number of adherents began growing. A certain influence on spreading the Gospel was exerted by the Swedes who lived then in the western part of Estonia.

The first Baptist community in Estonia was organized on February 24, 1884, after a pastor from Petersburg had come to Haapsalu and baptized 17 persons by immersion. In that same year Baptist communities were formed in Tallin, Kaerdia and Paernu.

In 1945 all the churches of Baptists, Evangelical Christians and Pentecostals were united in the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists. I. Lipstok, former chairman of the Baptist Union, was the first superintendent for the Estonian Fellowship; I. Laks, a leading worker of Evangelical Christians, was his assistant. From 1963 to 1970, A. Sildos was a superintendent for this region. Now R. Voesu, member of the All-Union Council of ECB, is supervising the Fellowship in the Estonian Republic.

In Estonia there are now more than 80 communities with eight thousand members. Believers of many nationalities live in the Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic, therefore worship services are being led in Estonian, Russian, German and Finnish languages. □



by Paul Siewert

The noted film, “The Exorcist”, is not only getting a dramatic response from the public, as people line up for hours to see it, but also from pastors.

One pastor in Chicago went to see the film and then advertised that he would preach on it. Apparently the church was crowded out for his review and assessment. His sermon was later featured in the “Chicago Tribune” and the pastor received notable publicity.

Another pastor of a prominent church in Minneapolis, without seeing the film, spoke out defiantly against its widely known display of vulgarity, demonpossession, masturbation, repulsive nausea and exorcism. He, too, got his publicity.

Most pastors, however, have simply continued to go about their regular task of preaching the Bible without taking up any kind of arms in relation to this latest exhibition of Satan.

Which is the best way? That no doubt will remain an open question. But one thing is sure! Every pastor better be prepared to counsel those who will see the film and will not be prepared to deal with the traumatic aftermath. If we are unprepared to do this, Satan will have gained a double victory. □

The Rev. Paul Siewert is the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Minot, N.D. In this column Mr. Siewert analyzes current religious news of his choice.

CHUCKLE WITH BRUNO

I guess the Federal Bureau of Internal Revenue really means business. I saw a big truck with the sign “Federal Cleaners” on it.

Once a Pun a Mattress
My best thoughts come to me at night,
Long after I doused the light;
I lie there and my thoughts rehearse,
and thus I go from bed to verse.

The April 1974 issue of BAPTIST HERALD, p. 23, reported that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stripling celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The names should have been *Mr. and Mrs. A. Werschke*.

■ *Dr. Reinhold J. Kerstan and Mr. Harold B. Johns*, both from Forest Park, Ill., along with 28 other Baptist editors, journalists and leaders, were the invited guests of the Israeli Government Tourist Office in cooperation with the American Jewish Committee. The 10-day tour gave the participants an opportunity to examine Jewish—Christian—Moslem relations in Israel in light of the tensions resulting from the October 1973 War.

■ During the first three months of 1974, *Evangelist Ron Susek* held meetings in our N.A.B. churches in Wetaskiwin, Alta.; Carbon, Alta.; and George, Iowa. In addition, he spent one month in South Africa conducting crusades in Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Johannesburg. Over 23,000 attended the meetings with more than 1,000 open responses.

The Rev. Ron Susek has been given denominational endorsement to serve as evangelist in our N.A.B. churches. His address is: Continental Christian Crusades, Inc., P.B. Box 945, York, PA 17405.

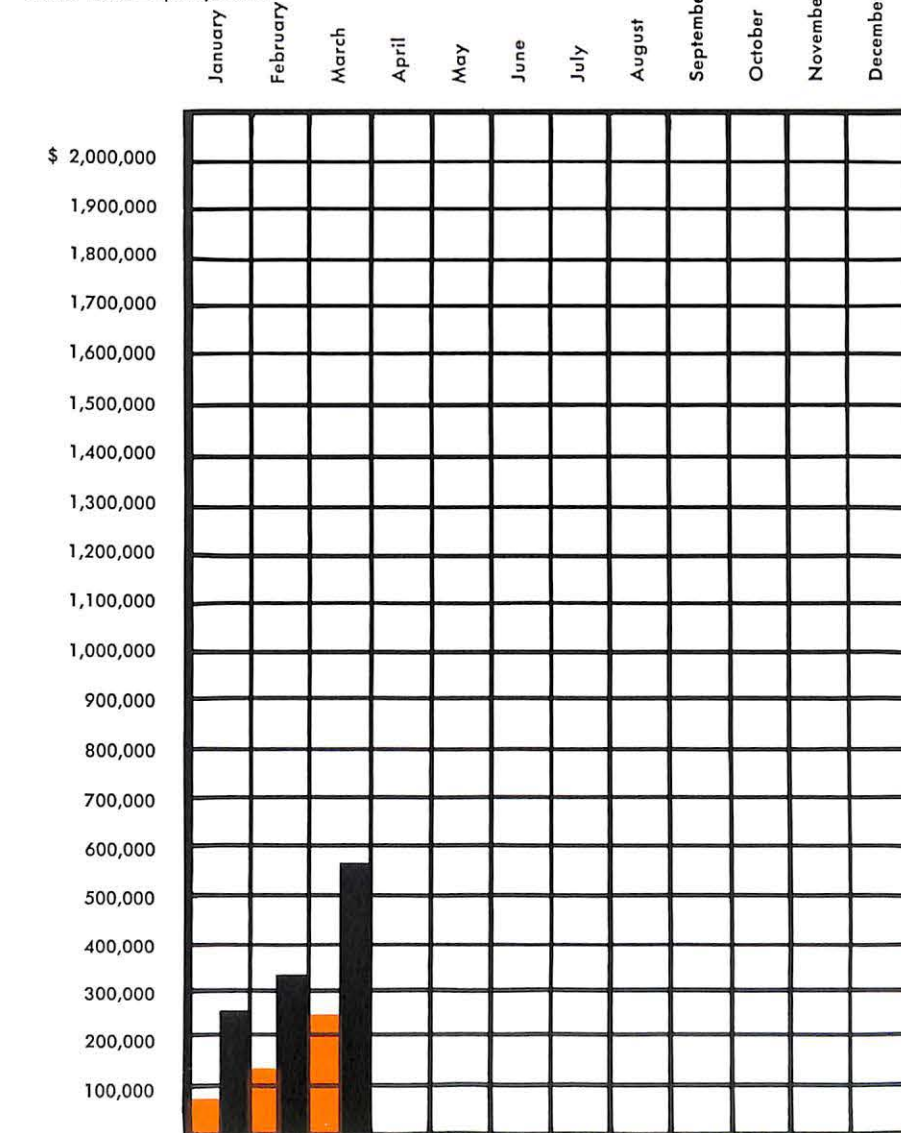
■ *The Rev. Charles R. Collette* has resigned as pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, High Prairie, Alta.

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Goal for 1974 — \$1,974,000

March 1973 — \$578,192.21



Color line for 1974; black line for 1973

■ *The Rev. Aaron Buhler*, formerly pastor of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma Heights, Ohio, is now serving as pastor of the San Jose Church Extension Project. He began his ministry in San Jose, Calif., on April 1.

■ The Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., has called *Mr. William R. Ehmman* as Director of Christian Education and Youth, and the *Rev. Vernon H. Snyder* as Minister of Evangelism. Both men previously had similar positions in churches affiliated with the Conservative Baptist Association.

■ As reported in N.A.B. NEWS, April 1974, the *Community Baptist Church at Xenia, Ohio*, was not damaged by the April tornadoes, nor were any N.A.B. families injured or killed.

■ *The Rev. William R. L. Mc Latchie* has accepted the call to serve as pastor of the Lanse Baptist Church and Forest Baptist Church, Winburne, Pa.

THANK YOU

On behalf of my children and myself, I would like to express deepest gratitude to all of you as a denominational family who have so faithfully stood by us during this difficult time in our lives. How encouraging it was during the illness of my husband to hear from so many churches and individuals of your prayerful concern. Thank you one and all for this, also for the many cards and letters which we have received since our loved one went to be with the Lord. They have been a tremendous source of comfort. I regret, not being able to acknowledge each one personally. Many thanks for the assurance that you are continuing to pray for us during this time of adjustment. It helps so much to know that others care and share. We are very grateful also for the many memorial gifts and floral tributes. The Christian love you have shown us has been overwhelming and most deeply appreciated. We shall never forget it.

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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT



EAT GARBAGE?

If someone would invite you out for lunch, would you accept? But what if you were served contaminated food; would you eat it, knowing that it might poison your digestive system?

Just about the same can be said about the viewing of the movie "The Exorcist." Mix foul sounds, sights, words and deeds into a number of sensational scenes, and the stage is set for an all out attack on the foundations of the Christian faith which makes many people faint and vomit. Even viewers with a stronger "stomach" felt that seeing the *Exorcist* was an unpleasant experience.

Billy Graham, who has not seen the movie, urges, "Stay away from the movie 'The Exorcist.' Anyone who exposes himself to the Devil, even in a movie, is exposing himself to real danger."

Leighton Ford, associate evangelist of Billy Graham, urges that "children should not be allowed to see this picture under any circumstances." He continues, "And I would advise adults who have not studied the phenomenon of exorcism at an intellectual level to stay away, too."

In connection with a professional conference on communication I have seen what may become moviedom's greatest moneychanger. This film, which shortly after its release has received four Golden Globe awards from the Hollywood Foreign Press Association and has won two Oscars (it had been nominated for seven Oscars!), is a revolting, overpowering audio-visual hor-

ror show of demons possessing, corrupting and nearly killing the 12-year old girl Regan. Thomas Orrin Bentz, senior editor of A.D. magazine, called his viewing experience a "going to hell with 'The Exorcist'."

Never before had I gone to a movie house with a prayer in my heart that God would protect my soul from any adverse effect. There was a strong offensive odor, giving evidence of vomiting accidents during previous shows. It is no wonder that an editor friend of mine once remarked that he had no desire to see the movie: "Having raised four children through the rites and passages of milk allergies and viruses, I'm not about to stand in line for four hours to see a kid throw up."

Right from the beginning it struck me that there was a constant flow of loud conversation going on. Did those in the audience subconsciously or consciously try to shield themselves from the powerful influence coming from the screen? They laughed at the terror, talked through serious dialogue and tried to outdo the shouted obscenities of the movie. Its content is a never before seen combination of outright morbidity, obscenity, violence, terror, pornography and filth.

Thomas Orrin Bentz sums up his evaluation with these words: "This film gives God little power and no glory. It leads us into temptation and damnation, breeding hysteria but not hope. Even at the end, the demons soar, the good die, and the indifferent ride away without looking back."

Does this mind-boggling exploitation film succeed in showing what demon possession and exorcism is all about? Viewers have suffered hallucinations and have demonstrated hysteria and depression, but there is now evidence that they have gained a better understanding of the dangerous nature of the occult.

When Jesus sent out his disciples, charging them, "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons" (Math. 10:8), he did not intend them to approach the possessed with holy water, a crucifix and Latin liturgical formulas. "The way in which Christ confronted Satan," says Billy Graham, "was not ritualistic, but authoritative." Although Jesus on several occasions cast out demons, the Bible uses the term 'exorcist' only once, in Acts 19:13—and uses it there to discredit those Jews, who employed magic formulas.

The viewer has to endure two long hours of seeing a healthy child turn into a dehydrated, red-eyed ugly monster with a strange voice, burned by holy water, cut by curses and consumed by self-destructive acts and language that would make any gutter glitter.

Exorcism is real, just as demon possession is real. Jesus and the disciples cast out the demons by faith. Whenever Jesus had freed someone from demons, we find that persons in a life relationship with Jesus, expressing gratitude (Mary Magdalene) and belief (Luke 8:35-39).

Not so in 'The Exorcist' movie. Karas, the young Jesuit priest, grabs the girl, who has strangled his Exorcist colleague, by the throat, swears like the devil, draws the demon out and into himself, and jumps through the window to his death. Then—and that is truly unbelievable—everything and everybody seems to be back to normal. Regan, the girl, tries her innocent smile; and all her relieved mother can say before they drive away on vacation is: "As far as God goes, I am a nonbeliever. Still am. But . . . a devil . . . I could buy that. I do." Neither the mother nor the daughter acknowledge the power and victory of Jesus; they cannot, for they have no faith.

'The Exorcist' gives a dreadfully poor picture of what Christianity is all about. Satan, or whatever or whoever the demonic power is, seems to be dictating the terms—and he wins the victory: The girl is marred for life, the mother still does not believe in God, two priests are dead—and the movie audience is sick.

Have we seen the worst? I fear that worse movies are yet to come. The financial success of this unchristian, unrealistic and potentially harmful movie "may give the studios courage to handle more ambitious themes with more graphic scenes" ('The Exorcist' director, William Friedkin). What can be more graphic than the scenes in 'The Exorcist'? Yet, no doubt there will be directors and producers, who will try to show us. And people will go and see it. Filth will be added to garbage. Yet, people will "eat" both.

"Be careful—watch out for attacks from Satan, your great enemy. He prowls around like a hungry, roaring lion, looking for some victim to tear apart. Stand firm when he attacks. Trust the Lord" (I Peter 5:8-9). RJK

REGISTRATION FORM North American Baptist Family Conference August 17-24, 1974

Complete and return **BEFORE** July 1, 1974. MAIL to Conference Registrar, YMCA OF THE ROCKIES:

Until May 15 at 25 E. 16th Ave.
Denver, CO 80202

After May 15 at Association Camp,
Colorado 80511

Name _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

Address _____
(STREET) (CITY) (STATE/PROV.) (ZIP CODE)

If a FAMILY, indicate TOTAL number of family members, including yourself:

_____ Adults _____ Children: List ages: _____

If a SINGLE, please check: I am willing to share a room up to _____ people per room.

I wish to share a room with the following persons: _____

Please submit individual registration requests **TOGETHER** if you plan to share a room with other than family members.

LODGING, MEALS AND RATES

All rates are quoted per person for the conference period, and include the meals and lodging. The rate for **ADULTS** will depend on the **TOTAL** number of persons occupying the same room; the **CHILDREN'S RATE** applies to those of high school age and under who share room with the parents. Children under 3 are charged only \$5.00 for room for the week if they require no conference meals.

Indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices of lodging by numbering in parentheses provided. Also where necessary indicate type of room preferred by checking the appropriate square.

HOWARD HALL (Twin beds that can be bunked to 6 per room, ½ bath in room, central showers)

FRIENDSHIP LODGE (Twin beds that can be bunked to 6, full bath with shower in room)

RATES:

Adults: 2 to a room	\$84.00 each	Check room preference: <input type="checkbox"/> 2 to a room
Bunked 3 - 6	\$73.50 each	<input type="checkbox"/> Bunked 3 - 6
Children:	\$56.00 each	

HALLETTS LODGE AND LONGHOUSE DORMS (Bunked to 6, centrally located baths)

RATES:

Adults: Bunked to 6	\$70.00 each
Children:	\$52.50 each

MOUNTAINSIDE LODGE (Doubles, singles and bunked beds, central bath) - Located 1½ miles above the main camp area.

RATES:

Adults: 2 to a room	\$77.00 each	Check room preference: <input type="checkbox"/> 2 to room
3 to a room	\$73.50 each	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 to room
Bunked 4 - 6	\$70.00 each	<input type="checkbox"/> Bunked 4 - 6
Children:	\$52.50 each	

We plan to **LIVE OFF GROUNDS** and will pay a conference grounds fee of \$5.00 per adult delegate and \$1.00 per child upon arrival.

FEES TO ENCLOSE

A PROGRAM FEE of \$10.00 for EACH PERSON 18 years of age and over must accompany this form \$ _____

A ROOM DEPOSIT of \$10.00 (to be applied to room cost) must also accompany this registration form \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

FEE and DEPOSIT WILL NOT BE REFUNDED IF RESERVATION IS CANCELED LESS THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE THE CONFERENCE.

Make checks payable to "YMCA of the Rockies"

(Please complete this section also to facilitate registration procedure)

Name _____ Church _____
(PLEASE PRINT) (NAME ONLY)

Address _____
(STREET) (CITY) (STATE/PROV.) (ZIP CODE)

If a FAMILY, indicate TOTAL number of family members, including yourself:

_____ Adults _____ Children: List ages: _____

If a SINGLE, please check here

If planning to live off grounds check here

NAB Family Conference 74

"BUILDING family understanding"

y.m.c.a. of the Rockies,
Estes Park, Colorado.

August 17-24, 1974

GUEST LEADERS:

DR. VERNON C. GROUNDS

DR. H. NORMAN WRIGHT

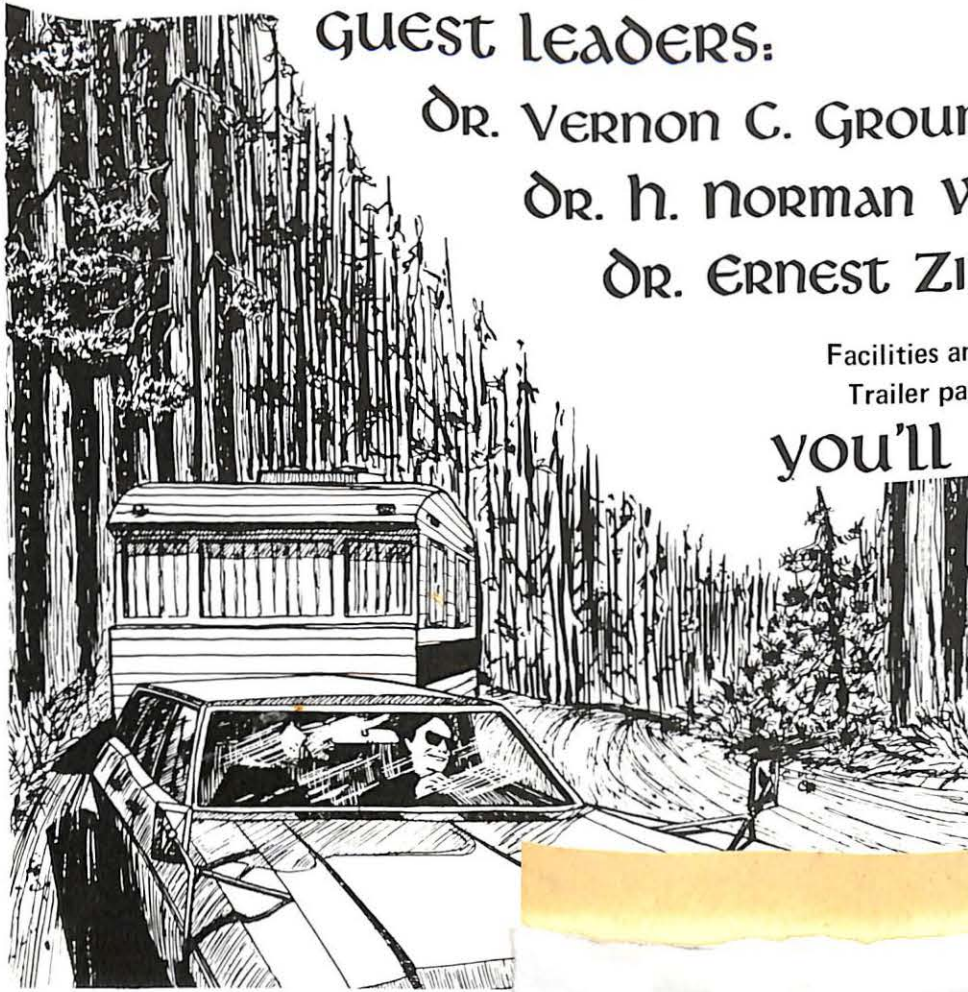
DR. ERNEST ZIMBELMAN

Facilities and activities for children.

Trailer parks near the conference grounds.

you'll EXPERIENCE:

- Family Cluster Day
- Multi Media Presentations
- Small Discussion Groups
- Speakers
- Skit and Fun Night
- Singing
- Sightseeing
- Group Sports
- Swimming
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- Food
- More



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