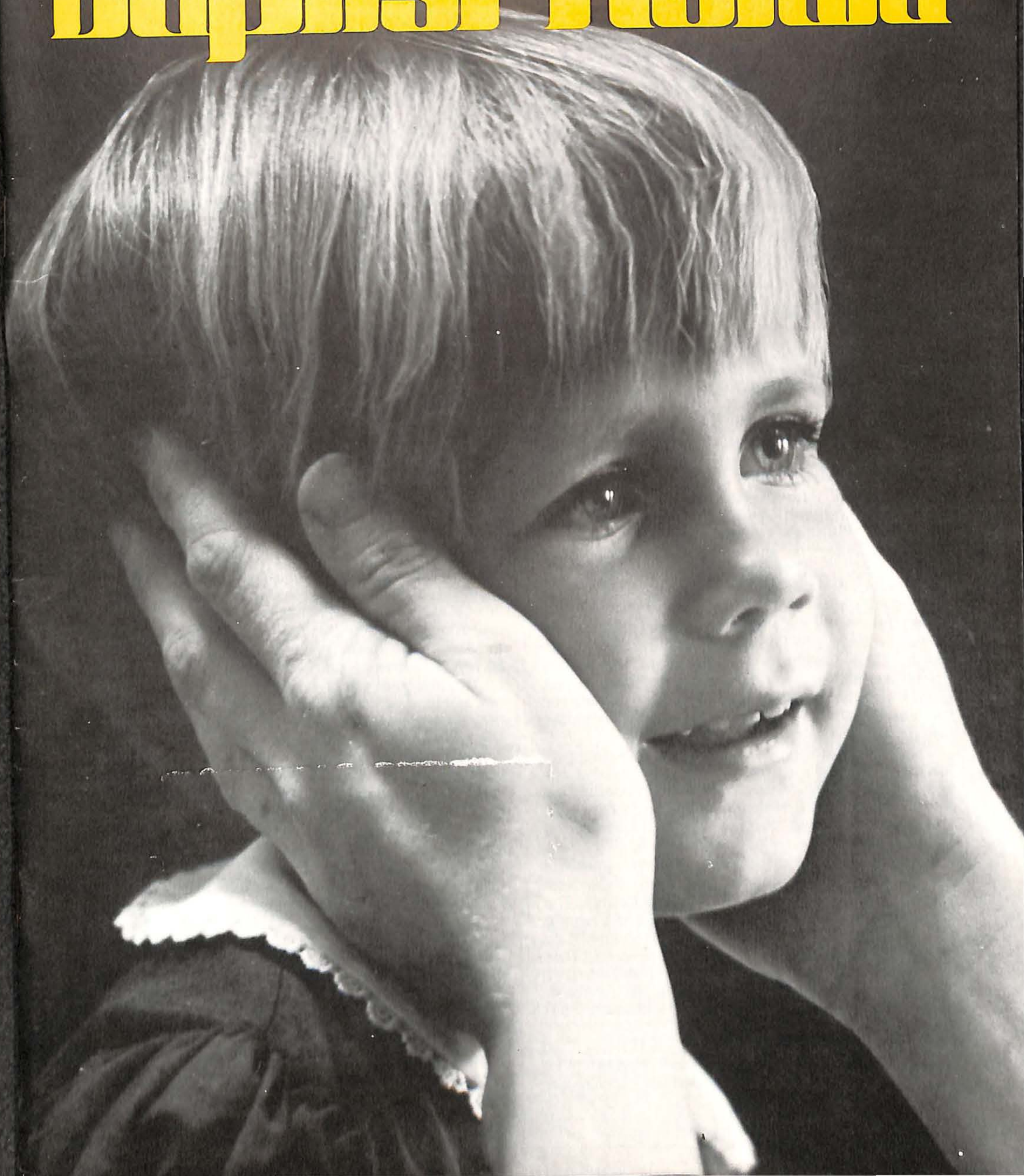


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CONTINUING EDUCATION AND INTER-CAMPUS MASTER OF DIVINITY PROGRAM

by G.K. Zimmerman

From time to time there has been an unexpressed misunderstanding between church and pastor. Unofficially the church looks upon the pastor as an authority in matters of faith, doctrine and administration. In many cases he is also looked upon as a father figure who is expected to solve or alleviate all the emotional and spiritual problems of the members.

The pastors who feel this most keenly are those whose training and preparation are inadequate for the task. Often they become overwhelmed and frustrated because the burden of responsibility is too heavy to carry. While the church looks for help to the pastor, the pastor sometimes looks in vain for help from other sources. Often he feels guilty because his faith, courage and wisdom are not adequate to deal with problems that were not anticipated. The ideals and romance of the ministry when the pastor was first convinced that he was called into the service of the King seem to fade into the background. Even God seems to have hidden behind the shadows.

"The Bible says," is one of Dr. Billy Graham's favorite expressions. The Bible says, "Bear ye one another's burdens." We forget that the pastor also has burdens. The Bible says, "We who are strong ought to help those who are weak." There are also weak pastors.

Both pastors and churches can be strengthened if they will take advantage of the continuing education program endorsed by the General Council. The action of the Council is a suggestion and a request that churches grant time and financial support to help pastors take advantage of this program. They need a retreat occasionally to observe their ministry from a different perspective. In order for pastors to do this they must get out of their immediate prob-

lem area into a "climate of faith and learning." The continuing education program will not solve all the problems pastors encounter in their ministry. Nevertheless it will provide deeper theological insight, understanding, and a more meaningful faith in God's purpose so that problems and responsibilities can be faced confidently and maturely. Financial help and a short leave of absence provided by the church should not be thought of as a burden or an expense, but as an investment from which the church will receive many benefits and blessings.

Our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has various opportunities for continuing education which fit into the schedule of pastors and their full-time staff. As a denomination we are expanding the opportunities of higher education through the Inter-campus Master of Divinity program instituted by N.A.B. Seminary and N.A.B. College. The General Council with great foresight has approved this new venture which will begin in the fall of 1975 on the campus of N.A.B. College in Edmonton, Alberta.

Although the title, Master of Divinity, has an aura of saintliness, there is no guarantee that the pastor will become a "master" in the literal sense of the term. However, it is reasonable to believe that he will become a better preacher, a better servant and a better administrator. In short, he will become a better minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ and like the Apostle Paul can "declare the whole counsel of God."

In addition to helping pastors in their continuing education the two schools, as well as the General Council, believe that this innovative program will provide incentive for more students to consider their calling into the pastorate, missionary service or church-related vocations more seriously. Your executive secretary is giving these programs his wholehearted endorsement.

Prospective students are encouraged to contact the registrar at the College or Seminary for additional information. □

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NEWS Flash

Serving Those Who Serve

Pastors, assistant pastors, Christian education directors, professors and chaplains: Here is something specifically for you. Attend the N.A.B. Pastors Conference and fellowship, study and worship with people of like interests.

Date:

August 12-16, 1975

Place:

N.A.B. Seminary in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Theme:

"The Minister—On the Grow!"

Speakers:

- (1) Dr. David J. Draewell, president of North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S.D.
- (2) "Dr. Lewis Drummond, professor, Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
- (3) The Rev. David Mains, pastor of Circle Church, Chicago, Ill.
- (4) Dr. Warren Wiersbe, pastor of Moody Church, Chicago, Ill.

Registration Fee:

\$10.00 Single
\$15.00 Double

Lodging:

Sioux Falls College Dorm—\$2.50 per person, or local motels.

Meals:

Most of the meals may be secured at Sioux Falls College—Breakfast \$1.20; Lunch \$1.30; Dinner \$1.40; or all three meals for \$3.60.

All N.A.B. pastoral staff and their wives should plan to attend this conference which will give a unique dimension and enriching experience to their ministry.

For information write to the Rev. Ronald E. Mayforth, 33280 De-Four Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48077 or to Dr. R. J. Kerstan, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park IL 60130. □



IS M.C.F.C. THINKING BIBLICAL THINKING?

by Daniel Fuchs

There are few thoughts recorded in the Bible that are more impressive than that of God's great search for his lost creation. The search began back in the Garden Eden when God first said "Where art thou?"

The Garden was one of peace and fulfillment. God placed man within it and gave him dominion over it, and God was there. God loved man and wanted him to be like himself and share with him in creative work and fellowship.

Because man's heart was not sufficiently filled with gratitude and praise toward his creator, he made himself vulnerable to the attack of the adversary. He was tempted of Satan to seek false freedoms and fell in sin. Sin always separates. Man was alienated, lost, filled with frustration and fear, and hiding from God (Gen. 3:1-10).

From that moment on, the primary concern of God in history became a redemptive concern. More than anything else since the day of creation, God wanted lost

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man found and reconciled. Only in a reconciled relationship to his maker could man find peace, fulfillment and the real purpose of his being.

The search was on down the corridors of history. That is the theme of the Bible from the twelfth chapter of the book of Genesis to the last chapter of the book of Revelation. God has continued to communicate his redemptive love and concern for the lost of his creation from the "Where art thou?" in the Garden to the Cross of Calvary and then through the church of Jesus Christ in the world today.

In the fullness of time, Jesus came and summed up his mission when he said, "I am come to seek and to save that which is lost." He outlined the mission of his church in the world when he said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me—; go ye and make disciples of all nations" (Acts 1:8, Matt. 28:19-20).

Jesus made evangelism the heart-beat of his church in the world. When your heart stops in your body, your body is dead. When evangelism stops in your church, your church is dead. It is just as simple as that.

Evangelism means communicating the way of life in Jesus Christ in such a way and by such methods as will give lost men a clear understanding of God's Good News of reconciliation so that they may choose to become disciples of Jesus Christ and a part of his church. Everything you do in your church is important or not important in its relationship to this mission. Divorce the activities of your church from evangelism, and they will have lost their importance.

Evangelism must come first. "Make disciples", Jesus said. Everything else must take a second place. When making of disciples stops, everything else soon stops.

The search for the lost must continue. The ministry of reconciliation and disciple making must go on through North American Baptist churches. That is what One Million Contacts For Christ is all about.

North American Baptist churches have what the United States and Canada need more than all the other benefits of human society put together—God's Good News of reconciliation! Our problem is one of communication. How can we share this Good News with

our generation in such a way that lost men will hear it and will choose to become disciples of Jesus Christ and a part of his church?

Never in the history of our Conference has there been a greater need that the lost be found and pointed to Jesus Christ, the lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world. There have been times when people were won to Christ and his church with good results by means of "revival meetings" in our churches. Every church does well to have such meetings periodically. Most churches must face the fact, however, that the people that need to be found and reached for Christ in the community will not attend these meetings. Revival services no longer secure the results which they once did.

God, however, never leaves himself without a witness. The search for the lost must continue until Jesus comes. There is available to us today a method of communicating God's Good News of reconciliation which is producing amazing results all across the United States and Canada in small as well as large congregations. It is the method which Jesus himself designed and projected over 1900 years ago—the method of directed person-to-person evangelism (Luke 10:1).

At our Triennial Conference in Wichita, Kansas, the resolution was adopted that North American Baptists give special priority to God's continuing search for the lost by making One Million Contacts For Christ in this triennium. M.C.F.C. is a co-ordinated, simultaneous effort by North American Baptist churches from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Texas to Northern Canada, under God, to share in a person-to-person way God's Good News of reconciliation.

To reach this challenging Conference goal requires six contacts for Christ by each member annually, or eighteen
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My Commitment to Witness for Christ

Having accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour, I prayerfully commit myself to witness for Christ. With God's help I will seek to:

- Pray for the lost by name.
- Distribute evangelistic tracts.
- Express personal concern to lost friends.
- Tell what Christ means to me.
- Visit with a more experienced witness.
- Mark and use a New Testament in witnessing.
- Participate in a witness-training program.
- Share and explain Scripture passages on salvation.
- Lead my family to witness as a family.
- Help train others to witness.

I will seek to lead the following people to Christ.

Name _____ address _____

Name _____ address _____

Name _____ address _____

Name _____ address _____

Signature _____

WHY KEEP CHURCH RECORDS?

by Daniel Fuchs

God himself is concerned about records. The entire Bible is evidence of that fact. From the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation it has been God's distinct purpose and plan that chronicles, records and numbers be kept of his work in the world.

Record keeping has a spiritual purpose in God's plan for his church. Not only has the Holy Spirit inspired the records of the activities of God's people in the past, he uses statistics, records and numbers to give guidance and direction to the church of Jesus Christ in the world today. Records are used by the Holy Spirit to guide pastors, deacons, teachers, youth workers and visitation teams more effectively to carry out their responsibilities of making contacts for Christ and sharing God's Good News of reconciliation.

The simple facts are that adequate church records are a MUST, if your church is to minister effectively to its congregation and its community. There is a definite ratio between the growth of your congregation and the way you keep church records. Adequate records of your attendance, your offerings, your contacts for Christ each week are extremely important. It will virtually be impossible for you to have the kind of follow-up ministry the Lord would want you to have in your church unless you keep accurate and systematic records.

Needless to say, the records must be comprehensive enough so that they provide the help needed. At the same time they must never become so cumbersome and unwieldy that few people can understand them.

Record keeping material for weekly contacts made and decisions recorded for Christ by your congregation are available from our Forest Park Office. Please write to Church Ministries Dept., 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, IL 60130.

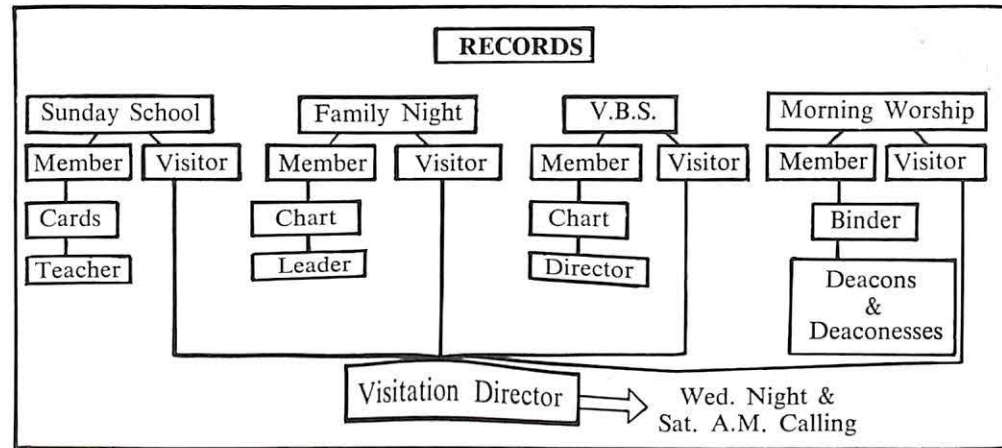
Some pastors and churches prefer a coordinated record keeping system for the church as a whole rather

then for each separate program or individual organization in the church. Although most available record systems involve only one area of the church, there are a few publishers that provide a coordinated system for the church as a whole. One such publisher is "Personal Concern Records", P.O. Box 176, Yorba Inda, CA 92686. Several of our churches, including the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., have found this system

with a few modifications to meet their needs. Although the Temple Baptist Church is a large church of nearly 1,000 members, this system works equally well in small churches.

The Rev. Ernie Rogalski, associate pastor of Temple Baptist Church, has submitted the following motto of the "P-C Records System" as used in their church:

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ONE MILLION CONTACTS FOR CHRIST

Associations	Number of Churches Reporting	For the Quarter Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 1974						Total for Triennium up to Dec. 31, 1974			
		Quarterly Contact Goal	Actual Contacts Reported	Decisions Recorded	New Members Received	Persons Making Contacts	Current Contact Goal	Actual Contacts Reported	Decisions Recorded	New Members Received	Persons Making Contacts
Alberta (38)	4	7,465	2,679	113	42	95	37,325	5,102	214	92	262
Atlantic (15)	1	3,245	62	3	0	12	16,225	1,869	62	35	124
British Columbia (16)	5	4,390	369	12	1	28	21,950	789	46	66	122
Central Dakota-Mont. (30)	10	5,440	827	24	33	67	27,200	3,045	214	105	464
Eastern (19)	9	3,635	584	21	34	112	18,175	3,055	110	95	295
Illinois (13)	8	3,235	456	14	82	69	16,175	1,628	75	163	393
Iowa (15)	2	3,975	466	9	0	13	19,875	4,544	78	67	129
Manitoba (17)	4	3,620	189	22	9	39	18,100	298	42	18	60
Michigan (22)	14	9,850	1,731	114	108	415	49,050	8,493	425	370	1,816
Minnesota-La Crosse (12)	4	2,165	1,057	35	10	107	10,825	4,899	620	86	281
Northern California (6)	4	3,865	2,163	94	140	57	19,325	4,128	218	274	218
North Dakota (18)	7	3,100	505	13	13	39	15,500	2,241	133	112	268
Oregon (10)	8	3,220	177	20	45	42	16,100	1,326	229	170	307
Pacific Northwest (14)	4	2,820	345	74	34	82	14,100	4,439	338	143	464
Penn.-Ohio (14)	2	3,865	2,060	5	0	8	19,325	4,334	409	48	208
Saskatchewan (14)	2	2,165	476	22	3	33	10,825	1,045	50	15	43
South Dakota (15)	7	3,325	158	15	17	26	16,625	796	63	75	149
Southern (10)	2	1,240	35	1	10	8	6,200	1,880	81	41	175
Southern California (6)	5	3,995	619	51	33	184	19,975	3,517	379	210	809
Southwestern (28)	9	4,075	577	38	28	51	20,375	4,177	217	122	267
Wisconsin (14)	5	3,745	41	1	7	10	18,725	1,233	43	46	103
Totals	116	82,435	15,576	701	649	1,437	411,975	62,852	4,051	2,367	6,897

SIX CHURCHES REPORT WHAT M.C.F.C. HAS DONE FOR THEM

"Million Contacts for Christ" Inspires Calvary Baptist Church Tacoma, Wash.

by E. B. Wesner, pastor

We are experiencing a new excitement as we seek to develop and implement a strategy to meet the challenge of "One Million Contacts for Christ" by 1976. This program is one of the greatest things that has happened to us as a church.

We hold periodic training classes for witnessing. A great deal of emphasis

is being placed upon daily person-to-person witnessing. In our weekly visitation program, called "Operation Outreach," we are sending people out two-by-two to contact prospects with the use of M.C.F.C. visitation cards. New prospect cards are added to the file each week from Sunday school enrollment, worship service attendance cards and community surveys. Home Bible studies and bus route visitation have also helped in contacting many new people.

In the past two years, we capitalized on several week-long evangelistic campaigns with various evangelists and also God's Volunteers, correlating these with our "Operation Outreach" program. These larger efforts were built around our one to one approach, involving much preparation before, participation during, and follow-up after these endeavors. We have also promoted two large Sunday school

campaigns, which have proved helpful in making contacts and reaching prospects.

We are thrilled to see souls saved week by week and attendance in our Sunday school and worship services increasing as a result of these efforts. The challenge of "One Million Contacts for Christ" has been of great inspiration to our church. □



M.C.F.C.-Our Sunday Afternoon Opportunity

by David Wick, pastor

Diversity and persistence have been the keys to making personal contacts for Christ at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. We have used a variety of means to encourage our people to make contacts, and we have provided them with a variety of opportunities to do so.

The Christian's privilege and responsibility to share the Gospel has been a major theme in the preaching at our church. Notices in the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter have encouraged people to share their faith, and have explained how to use the contact cards so that we might have an accurate record of those visited. At one service last fall, worshippers were asked to raise their hand if they would be willing to pledge to the Lord to make a certain number of contacts for Christ (minimum) in

a two month period. The secretary of our evangelism committee was faithful in reminding volunteers to complete their weekly visits. Our current evangelism committee chairman invited over ten members to go visiting on a twice-monthly basis. In these and other ways we have tried to encourage our people to make contacts for Christ.

Definite programs of evangelistic visitation have also been established. We began with an evangelism committee whose members visited when their schedules permitted, and who reported their results to a recording secretary. Last summer, we hired a team of four college and seminary students to do full-time door-to-door visitation. Their work has been carried on since last fall on a weekly

basis by four volunteers from Philadelphia College of Bible. Since September '74 we set aside Monday night as visitation time. We have a few who still go visiting on Monday evenings, but on Feb. 9, 1975, we regrouped, recruited and began sending out teams on Sunday afternoon. On our first Sunday we sent out seven teams to do evangelistic visitation, plus other teams to visit the sick, shut-in and Sunday school pupils. For those who can't make scheduled times of visitation, we provide contact cards and Four Spiritual Law booklets. Our prayer is that these tools will be used by all our members in sharing Christ with friends, neighbors and people at work. Our goal is to proclaim the message and press it home on all occasions. □

Sharing- A Way of Life

by Arlyn Thielenhaus,
pastor

At a recent Pastors' Conference in Banff, some of our N.A.B. pastors were disturbed by the fact that our denomination had instituted a program such as "Million Contacts for Christ". I agree, it is disturbing, disturbing in the sense that we have to institute a program that was commanded of all Christians 2000 years ago. I believe the need of the hour is for all Christians to recapture the vision and strategy outlined by Jesus when he commanded his disciples, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations." And so this handful of men, under the power of the Holy Spirit, penetrated the world with such power that the Roman empire was changed into a force for God.

I believe that the church represents the greatest resource for fulfillment of the great commission, and certainly the pastor is the key to unlocking this great reservoir of mankind for God. It is for this reason that a pastor must lead and teach his people in this area of winning people to Christ. At Brentview Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., we have tried different avenues of using our manpower potential for winning the lost. Every Tuesday evening is set aside for visitation evangelism. We meet at 7:00 p.m. for assignments, either door-to-door calling or on prospects, spend time in prayer, and then go in the power of the Holy Spirit. As a pastor, I believe it is essential in going with my people and training them on how to share their faith. We have offered our people training sessions on the Kennedy Plan, and in March we are sponsoring a Lay Institute for Evangelism, where it is my dream that 200 of our people will be trained to effectively articulate their faith.

Now I would recognize that a door-to-door visitation program is not everyone's cup of tea. It is for this reason that other avenues are open to our people for sharing of their faith. We have started a bus ministry, where people go out on Saturday morning for the purpose of inviting and hopefully

sharing their faith with unchurched people.

We have also sought in a special way to encourage our Sunday school teachers to visit in the homes of every student to communicate their faith. I have just proven that every Sunday school teacher who does visitation of his students is finding his class growing substantially.

I would like to believe that sometime in the near future, such programs like One Million Contacts for Christ would not be needed, that our witnessing for Christ would be a spontaneous way of life. I was encouraged some time ago when I was with a prayer group of twelve people within our church, that eight of these people were actively involved in leading a friend to work to the Lord. If our witnessing becomes a normal way of life in the daily routine of our vocations, we will soon see our world won for Christ. And with this in mind, we are asking God to give us the joy of leading at least four hundred people to a personal faith in him in this coming year. □

Winning the Sheep and Feeding the Flock

by Richard Lord,
pastor

When I came to Trinity Baptist Church, Warren, Mich., two years ago, I discovered that there was a great need for the people of our church to be active in evangelism. In the past, as in most churches, the pastor does most of the evangelism either from the pulpit or when the need arises. Consequently, I began searching for a program in which the laymen of the church could become actively involved in this important responsibility of the church.

Thus God led us to the Coral Ridge Evangelism Program. The purpose of this program is to *train* laymen for the task of evangelism. I realized that with every person I trained and got excited about witnessing, I automatically doubled my ministry of evangelism. I started by training two people

and then in turn those two along with myself trained others. As of now, we have over forty people in our church who are ready and prepared to tell others about Christ.

We keep accurate records of the calls that are made and record them on permanent record sheets. Anyone who has accepted Christ receives at least four follow-up calls in the home.

Consequently, this frees me to feed the flock of God on Sunday rather than to evangelize from the pulpit; because every visitor that comes to our church receives a presentation of the Gospel right in their home by a trained evangelist the following week. We also receive lead calls from canvassing in our neighborhood.

The job of a minister is to train rather than do all the work himself. This approach starts out very slowly with two or three people, but eventually builds up to an effective evangelism effort. □

Pilot Project in Community Evangelism

by Dick Katz,
director of evangelism
Magnolia Baptist Church,
Anaheim, California

It has been said that "the only truly joyful church is a witnessing church." Why does sharing Christ with others bring joy and excitement to a church? The true expression of love is sharing that which is most precious to you with someone else. When Jesus Christ is truly Lord in the lives of church members, they will be sharing him with others, and the joy they experience as they are used by God will be seen by others in the congregation. The church is missing God's best when it is not progressively moving toward the accomplishment of his purpose for its existence, making disciples of its members and sending those disciples into the harvest fields.

The idea of establishing a pilot project in community evangelism came when a need was seen for a greater ap-

plication of these principles of discipleship and evangelism. First of all, we as a church need to be going out to reach the community instead of merely waiting for them to come to our church. There is a need for a "go and tell" philosophy, rather than a "come and get it" philosophy. We need to be discovering ways in which this church can reach into the community and have an effective ministry there. This pilot project will allow us to begin the implementation of some methods of discipleship and evangelism.

The pilot project in community evangelism is designed to combine and coordinate several varied strategies of evangelism and discipleship to meet the spiritual needs of the non-Christians and the Christians, members and non-members, who live in this neighborhood. Various strategies are being developed and implemented that are designed to meet the spiritual needs of the community. These strategies are:

I. **GOOD NEWS CLUBS.** Good News Clubs, a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship, are clubs for children of elementary school age. These clubs meet in homes once a week for about an hour after school for Bible stories and songs. The plan is to have several of these clubs in the pilot project area. The hostess in whose home the club meets will assume the responsibility of gathering the children. The club will be taught by an adult member of the church; high school age young people will serve as assistants to the teacher and hostess. There is a two-fold purpose for conducting these clubs. First of all, we desire to be able to share the claims of Christ to the children of our community. Secondly, this ministry will give us an opportunity to then contact the parents of these children with the idea of being able to share our faith with the parents also.

II. **EVANGELISTIC HOME BIBLE STUDIES.** This is a study of the Scriptures designed to present Jesus Christ and introduce others to him as their Saviour and Lord, and is primarily for new Christians and non-Christians. These Bible studies will meet on a weekly basis in various homes in the community. This will allow the new Christian or the non-Christian who would not normally attend church, to be able to discover who Christ is, or to have the opportunity to invite Christ

into his or her life in a non-threatening atmosphere of a friend's or neighbor's home. Each weekly session would include times of prayer, sharing, Bible study and outreach emphasis.

III. **HOME BIBLE STUDIES.** These Bible studies are very similar to the evangelistic Home Bible Studies, but are particularly designed for church members and other Christians. These



would be topical Bible studies following the same general format as the Evangelistic Home Bible Studies. For many, this would take the place of their normal involvement in the mid-week prayer service and adult Bible study.

IV. **EVANGELISTIC SPEAKING AND ENTERTAINING IN THE HOME.** This strategy is specifically designed for women, but can be easily adapted to include couples and young people. This strategy will allow many non-Christians to come into a home and hear a message on practical Christianity. The hostess can reach the neighborhood for Christ without spending time away from home and family. The host or hostess will find personal satisfaction in simply putting on a pot of coffee and inviting neighbors in to hear "the reality of Christianity in a woman's world." Many who have never prayed to receive Christ will do so at this type of event. Many of those attending these meetings, whether or not they receive Christ into their lives, will then desire to attend an evangelistic home Bible study.

V. **EVANGELISM TEAMS.** This strategy is designed for mem-

bers who are particularly interested in an evangelism ministry, and who desire additional training and equipping to participate in an in-depth evangelism strategy in the community. Training will include the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer, sharing Christ as a way of life, making visitation calls, follow-up, developing a personal testimony, and other material designed to equip the participants to be able to share the abundant life in Christ with others.

VI. **PRAYER GROUPS.** Weekly prayer groups, particularly involving women, will be organized in the pilot project area. The objectives of these prayer groups will be to pray for a moral and spiritual awakening in America and in the entire world, to pray for the awakening of the church (local and world wide) and existing church related groups active in the cause of Christianity around the world, and to pray for personal needs. It is thought that many of those participating in these prayer groups will also desire to become involved in other strategies.

We thank God for the vision he has given us and we are trusting him to make these plans into a reality in our community. □

An Open Door in Elgin

by Ralph M. Chandler,
pastor

Reconciling the World to Christ is not only the theme of our Conference but is also the practice of the First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa. This past year our town celebrated its Anniversary with parades, the governor of Iowa and several thousand people from surrounding towns in attendance during the four-day event. What an opportunity for M.C.F.C.! A building was obtained in the center

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THE MAKING OF THE MAN OF GOD

by David J. Draewell

The primary professional qualification of a Christian minister is that he be a true man of God. If he is not this, all his biblical and theological understandings, together with his personal skills and gifts, will be of small value in his attempt to do the work of the ministry.

The North American Baptist Seminary seeks to provide a variety of opportunities for its faculty and students to mature as men and women of God. Every Tuesday and Thursday mornings, the seminary community meets in the chapel for corporate worship. The Tuesday chapels generally focus on biblical preaching, while on Thursday a group-centered methodology in worship is often employed.

Dr. David J. Draewell is president at North American Baptist Seminary.

Spiritual development groups afford another opportunity for students and faculty to grow Godward. Each faculty member meets every other week throughout the semester with a group of 6-10 students. The members of each group seek to develop sensitivity and concern for each other and also to strive to experience, within the small group context, genuine spiritual growth. Many groups have augmented their regular meetings by adding 6:45 a.m. breakfast meetings, evening sharing sessions, etc.

Semesterly days of prayer are a long standing tradition at North American Baptist Seminary. Classes are cancelled to allow faculty and students the opportunity for personal renewal. Activities begin with a fellowship breakfast in the Koinonia Center. Then, the entire group usually moves to the facilities of an area church for personal and group worship, prayer, meditation, singing and sharing. These one-day spiritual retreats each semester have proved to be mountaintop experiences for many. They are usually scheduled just when the pressures of school work are strong and the need for spiritual refreshment is great.

All basic degree programs offered at the Seminary have in them a required credit course on the devotional life. It is designed to aid the student's spiritual growth in the light of the needs, tasks and challenges which he faces. Prominence is given to the use of biblical resources and other devotional materials. Personal guidance is offered to help move students toward a closer relationship with God.

Daily classes, committee meetings and other group activities on campus are begun in a spirit of prayer. There is a strong recognition that God's guidance, forgiveness, strength, wisdom, protection, presence and blessing are needed in every activity of life. Without him, we are nothing and our lives are meaningless. Through Christ, however, we recognize with the apostle Paul that we can do all things.

I believe that the members of the Seminary's 1975 graduating class realize the importance of being men and women of God and have made significant progress toward this essential ministry goal. □

THE SEMINARY CLASS OF '75



Hsien Jen Chen
Home Church,
Lo-Tung
Presbyterian Church
Taiwan,
Republic of China

Brother Chen will be graduating with the Master of Ministry Studies. He is 39 years old, married (Ching Ying Lin), the father of four children, and is returning to his home country as a teacher and pastor.

"I appreciate what the seminary has done to help me to become a man of God. I have grown intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually through the teaching and love of the faculty and students.

I have learned and experienced that I am not my own, but God's. I am a man whose supreme thought is God Himself, who has taken supreme delight in the service of God for saving the unbelievers and comforting the lives of others."



Eric A. Coulon
Home Church,
Ebenezer
Baptist Church
Detroit, Michigan

Eric will be graduating with the Master of Ministry degree. He is 26 years old, married (Jeanne), and is seeking placement as a pastor.

"Paul's words in II Timothy 3:17 are a challenge for the continual effort in the perfection of the Christian. For me, being a man of God means being constantly aware of God within the events of life so that I may be "perfected" in my ministry within my surrounding world. Graduation from the seminary doesn't mean that I have finished my work, but rather I am now moving from a world of lessons and encouragement to a world which is seeking the ministry of a concerned Christian."



Jeanne F. Coulon
Home Church,
Magnolia
Baptist Church
Anaheim, California

Jeanne will be graduating with the Master of Arts degree in Christian education. She is 24 years old, married (Eric), and is seeking placement as a director of Christian education or coordinator of womens' work.

"Spiritual growth is a lifetime process for the Christian. I am learning constantly of the vast dimensions of God, and developing and renewing our relationship together.

Seminary instruction has provided an intensive catalyst in this growth; allowing me to explore and discover spiritual truths, so that I may leave seminary with a solid basis on which to build a strong Christian faith and lifestyle. It is one more step for me in becoming a woman of God."



Arlo Grenz
Home Church,
Bismarck
Baptist Church
Bismarck,
North Dakota

Arlo will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is 24 years old, single, and is seeking placement as a director of Christian education.

"People. God uses people to develop His servants. Thanks to the influence of a fine Christian home, a concerned camp teacher and church pastor, I decided to put my life under God's management.

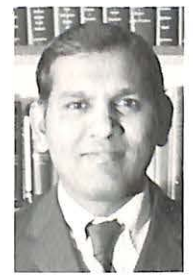
Since then, God has used a variety of people from my home church, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, the seminary family and other groups to nurture my Christian growth. Now, it is my privilege to continue as one of those people who is used by God to develop other men of God."



Gail Harmon
Home Church,
Hope Evangelical
Community Church
Tacoma, Washington

Gail will be graduating with the Master of Arts in Ministry Studies degree. He is 32 years old, married (Beverly) and will continue as pastor of the Berean Bible Church in Sioux Falls.

"As a child of about nine, I was confronted with my sin and need of a Savior. It was through a V.B.S. program that this happened and I went forward and asked God to save me. He did! And, ever since that time He has been leading in my life. For example, as a teen-ager, He spoke to me about attending Bible College and becoming a minister. He did this by putting a strong desire in my heart and then speaking to me through His Word, the Bible. As He led, I did attend Bible College, spent some time in the U.S. Air Force, finished a B.A. degree and now He has made it possible for me to finish seminary at NABS."



Rathnam V. Indurthy
Home Church,
American Mennonite
Brethren Church
Hyderabad, India

Brother Indurthy will be graduating with the Master of Arts degree in Christian education. He is 25 years old, married (Nirmala), and will be returning to his home country to serve as a pastor.

"I was a Hindu before I discovered Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and Lord through the Mennonite Brethren Missionary work in South India.

I taught school until the Lord opened up the opportunity of studying at the North American Baptist Seminary. It has been a great privilege to study under dedicated professors who are truly men of God. I have many blessings to share with my people when I return.

I covet your prayers for my country. The only remedy to her many problems are in Christ."



Leonard Kageler
Home Church,
Portland Avenue
Baptist Church
Tacoma, Washington

Len will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is 25 years old, married (Janet), and is serving as minister of youth at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B.C.

"To be God's person in days that are difficult and uncertain for our world community is a challenge and responsibility that I am thankful to have. To me this means daily discovering what it means to let His power work through me.

I see the entire thrust of my ministry capsulized in the phrase "to teach the Word and disciple men." As He works through me to this end I will be the kind of person He wants me to be for my service both in the Church and the world."



Richard H. Kaiser
Home Church,
Immanuel
Baptist Church
Kenosha, Wisconsin

Rich will be graduating with the Master of Arts degree in Christian education. He is 27 years old, married (Karen), and is seeking placement as a director of Christian education.

"In Old Testament times the phrase "man of God" meant prophet. In the context of II Timothy the phrase probably referred to Christian teaching, but could also refer to prophet.

As a man of God I see myself as a Christian teacher; one who strives to ascertain spiritual and moral insights from God's word, and enables others to do likewise.

I think the experiences both in and outside the classroom have given me a good foundation for Christian teaching."



Kochu K. Koshy
Home Church,
Brethren Church,
Kerala, India

Brother Koshy will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is 62 years old, married (Rachel), the father of five children, and is returning to his home country as a teacher and evangelist.

"Two of the most outstanding religious experiences in my life are my conversion (at age 30) and my subsequent baptism. Until then I was nominally a member of the Syrian Orthodox Church (Kerala, India).

I praise the Lord for the opportunity He has given me to go into the ministry and also to take seminary training here. My fellowship with those who really love the Lord at NABS and in South Dakota has brought me much blessing.

My wife and I shall appreciate the prayers of God's people in the evangelistic and teaching ministry in India to which the Lord is leading me."



Tom Oswald
Home Church,
First Baptist Church
Lodi, California

Tom will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is 25 years old, single, and is seeking placement as a pastor.

"I think that every Christian is a 'man of God,' for every Christian has a responsibility in the Body of Christ. However, by devoting my life to a full-time Christian ministry, I feel the growing pains of becoming a mature Christian more intently.

The Gospel needs not only to be preached, but also to be lived prayerfully to the extent where one can say with Paul in I Corinthians 11:1, 'Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.' My struggle has been to completely depend on Christ, for only then will my ministry be His ministry, leaving me no grounds to boast."



Siegfried Koslowski
Home Church,
Temple
Baptist Church
Calgary, Alberta

Sieg will be graduating with the Master of Arts degree in Christian education. He is 24 years old, single, and will be serving as assistant pastor at his home church in Calgary.

"God's plan for us is to grow into mature manhood (Eph. 4:13) to the full stature of Christ.

God is not making us saints complete with halos—but real men, with sinew and nerve—men with a positive, healthy attitude toward life—men willing to roll up their sleeves—willing to work and sweat—not afraid to get their hands soiled.

This was the spirit of Christ while He was a man and His plan for us as His men."



Gary L. Ostercamp
Home Church,
Aplington
Baptist Church
Aplington, Iowa

Gary will be graduating with the Master of Arts degree in Christian education. He is 25 years old, married (Colleen), and is a missionary appointee to Brazil.

"Becoming a man of God began not with myself but with God. I did not choose the way in which I would meet Christ. He is the One who came and took possession.

My time in seminary and the Scripture's inspiration, its usefulness for teaching, reproof, correction; and training in holiness; has confirmed this. Seminary has directed me to God's Word as the basis for being competent as a 'servant,' a man of God."

Youth Scene

Our All Important Family

by Brent I. Woermke

Over an average life span, most of us spend a major portion of our time at home. It is there that we experience our most intimate relationships. From this environment we acquire most of our habits and our emotional reactions; our first resolutions on value are cultivated there. A person's primary attitudes toward life and the ways in which he will encounter its issues are largely influenced by the family. A person's feelings toward his family and the way the family members live with one another are decisive in shaping the manner in which he will deal with other people throughout his life. No person can escape the effects of his family, whether that influence be good or bad.

Despite the multitude of absolute benefits which can be procured within a family, separation, breakdown and divorce are becoming increasingly common in Western, so-called "Christian" societies. Changing trends in social and moral values due to a division or breakdown between God and man have caused fragility and subsequent breakdown in many family units.

If the family members each have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and each member strives to be Christ-

like, happiness and love will predominate, giving the home and family a strong foundation. The requisite ingredient for a strong family is that Christ must be the center of the home not only on Sundays, but on the other six days of the week as well.

Most sociologists regard the family as the basic social unit of any society. Many maintain that kinship has been and always will be a source of strength at a time of crisis. This being true, the family should be all-important to each individual member. Each member should see his family as a blessing which God has given for a purpose—God knows that in our humanness we have many needs. Our heavenly Father has provided for many of our needs to be met within this entity known as the family. However, God can only meet these special needs if our family is all that he in his wisdom intended it to be.

"Love one another warmly as brothers in Christ, and be eager to show respect for one another."

—Romans 12:10, TEV

If we genuinely apply Romans 12:10 each day in our homes it will become so much a part of us that we will be able to carry it with us in our daily lives whether we are at school, work or play. Perhaps in this way we could convey to friends and

acquaintances the joy of being a part of a Christian family.

"Get rid of all bitterness, passion and anger. No more shouting or insults! No more hateful feelings of any sort! Instead, be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you in Christ"

—Ephesians 4:31, 32, TEV

Ephesians 4:31 and 32 also gives us a code that if heeded and practiced is certain to assure a wonderful measure of success in family living.

There are many ingredients which when combined will blend to form a strong family. For example, love, acceptance, communication, security and understanding all go hand in hand in the establishing of a warm family unit which brings happiness and contentment to one who is a part of it.

Through the utilization of these qualities, the Christian family can generate an atmosphere of love and acceptance which works toward personal growth, maturity and development. As each family member grows and matures toward a Christ-likeness, he gains a capability to relate to people with whom he comes in contact as a healthy and "whole" individual. Christian growth and maturity also enables one to manifest the fruits and the joys of having Christ as the focal point of our lives and families. □



Donald H. Paschke
Home Church,
Emmanuel
Baptist Church
Morris, Manitoba

Don will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is 28 years old, married (Vivian), and is seeking placement as a pastor.

"From the time I was ten, Christianity as a personal faith in God as revealed through Christ meant a way of life for me. I knew that I wanted to help people become more whole, but initially it was physical healing that intrigued me.

Over the years, as I matured in my faith, spiritual healing and reconciliation became more pressing as my expression of both sharing and developing my spiritual gifts in the furtherance of God's kingdom.

The "call" to the pastoral ministry occurred primarily through the lives and ministries of various pastors to whom I have become quite close."



Mousa Saleh
Home Church,
Church of God
Aboud, Israel

Brother Saleh will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is 28 years of age, married (Darnelda), and after additional training will be returning to his home country and expect to serve as a pastor.

"I am a young man called Moses from the Holy Land. I was saved under the ministry of an American missionary in 1965. Shortly after, I started feeling that the ministry should be my profession because my eyes were opened to the need of the people for Christ.

I came to the United States to further my studies for the ministry. My goals are to finish the seminary and then enroll in medical respiratory therapy for a year to have a job when I go home. I will go back after a few years and do my best for God as a minister of the gospel." □



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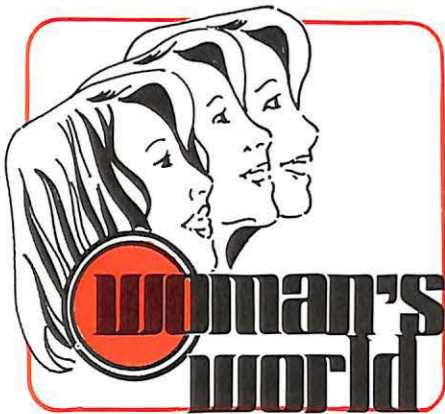
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The Art of Living

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

Few mothers have an arts degree and few are skilled in an art, but every mother is concerned that her children receive every opportunity to become skilled in the particular art for which they show an aptitude. To become an artist and paint pictures that inspire and give pleasure to thousands of people is certainly a worthwhile vocation. To be able to play an instrument and perhaps even compose music is the dream of nearly every mother for her child. Some children have a flare for writing poetry or prose and already the mother dreams of the day her child will become a famous writer. All of these arts contribute to our culture and enrich our lives.

Most mothers know little or nothing about the laws of mathematics or science, they have very little skill in the fine arts, yet they have nearly all mastered the art of living—the most important art of all. They have learned how to be happy, successful and content. They have learned how to smile even when things don't go right. Skills in every art must be taught; the art of living is caught.

How essential for happy homes is the knowledge of the art of living! The mother sets the tone of the home.

It all depends on her skill in the art of living whether her home is a happy one or not, whether it is an understanding home, a charming home. She strikes the chord for the music—a happy, tinkling, cheery song. That's living.

To travel on a weary road,
To stumble 'neath the heavy load,
To rise again and trudge along
And smile and sing a cheery song;
That's living.

To rise at dawn, brave and strong,
To help a weaker one along,
To heal a wound or right a wrong,
To fill a heart with gladder song;
That's living. □

Missionary Motherhood

by Mrs. George (Margie) Baab, missionary to Cameroon.



"You're going to have a baby in Africa?" I heard this question many times before we left for Cameroon in August of 1970. I was expecting in December and the Lord gave me a real sense of peace about having a baby so far from friends and home. I knew he would take care of me and he did.

The only hard part about having a baby in Cameroon is getting to the hospital. We left two weeks early as it is a nine hour drive for us. Believe me, Cameroonian roads were not built for pregnant women!

Kimberly Lynn was born at 4:00 a.m. December 19, 1970, by the light of a kerosene lamp in the mission guest house at Banso. My husband, George, Dr. Lemke and the nurses were with me the whole time (eight hours) except for the time out they took for a popcorn party! After Kim was born, mother, father and baby all

Margie Baab and daughters Kimberly Lynn and Shawn Michelle.



slept in the same room, so "rooming-in" is nothing new in Cameroon.

Shawn Michelle was born in April 1973 in the new wing of our Banso Baptist Hospital. Again wonderful care was given by the late Dr. Chaffee and the nurses, Betty Mantay and Ardice Ziolkowski. After each delivery we all had prayer together thanking the Lord for his care and the miracle of a new life. □

W.M.U. Scholarship Recipients

Each year the Woman's Missionary Union provides scholarships for selected students at the North American Baptist College and the North American Baptist Seminary. Those who received scholarships at the College are Eunice Bushkowsky, Ursula Hemmerling and Brenda Hoffman.

Eunice is the daughter of the Rev. H. Bushkowsky, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, and is enrolled in the Music course.



Eunice Bushkowsky

It is really fantastic to know that there is someone who cares for you more than any friend, brother, sister or even parent ever will.

"Casting all your anxiety upon him, because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7, N.A.S.B.).

This verse has been a real source of comfort to me in the past two years. As a student, things aren't always rosy. On the academic side, there are times when I feel that I'm drowning in work. Often socially there are conflicts, and spiritually, I sometimes find the road going rough. When I remember, though, that God cares for me and "sticketh closer than a brother," I take him all my worries and he takes care of them.

The Lord has answered a number of prayers and one of them was about my financial needs. Along this line, I would like to thank the W.M.U. sincerely for caring enough to contribute towards my schooling at the College. It was a definite answer to prayer! Thank you so much!

My future is uncertain but I am planning on studying to get my teacher's degree in piano. The Lord has taught me not to worry about anything

including my future because he cares enough to plan it for me.

Ursula is from the Ridgemont Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, and is enrolled as a special student.



Ursula Hemmerling

I am very thankful to the North American Baptist Woman's Missionary Union for the scholarship given me. Attending North American Baptist College has richly blessed me because I have grown spiritually, academically and socially. What I have learned here will remain with me always and will provide guidance as I continue in our Lord's work.

Brenda is the daughter of the Rev. Robert Hoffman, church extension pastor in Regina, Saskatchewan, and is taking the Christian education course.



Brenda Hoffman

The Lord has been so wonderful in the past year. He has helped me grow in so many ways and one of the ways is having the opportunity to attend the North American Baptist College. He has provided the way so graciously by the scholarship I received from the Woman's Missionary Union and I am very thankful to them and appreciate it very much. I have applied for the 1975-76 God's Volunteers and am waiting on the Lord for his direction in this area. All that I want in life is to serve him in the way that he leads.

Seminary students who received scholarships are Eric and Jeanne Coulon, Philip Voss and Ritchie White.

Eric is a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. He and Jeanne (Froslic) were married last summer. Jeanne, also a seminary student, is from the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, California. Eric will receive his Master of Ministry degree in May and Jeanne will receive

Eric and Jeanne Coulon



her Master of Arts degree in Christian education.

With our graduation just around the corner, we are looking forward with excitement to the place where God will send us. It is our dream and plan to work together as a team in the ministry of the local church. Jeanne will be graduating with her degree in Christian education and Eric with a Masters in Ministries. We feel that in today's world, the church is the strongest witness of love and understanding. It has been our goal to train ourselves to work together to be able to lead in the witness of God which is so greatly needed.

We wish to thank the Woman's Missionary Union for the gift which has been presented to us. As we finish our training at the Seminary, we trust that our excitement may be shared with you.

Phil Voss comes from our North American Baptist church in Alpena, Michigan. He has been in the military service for a number of years and is presently in his second year at the Seminary, taking the Master of Divinity course.



Philip Voss

I was born and raised in Alpena, Michigan. I accepted the Lord as my Savior at the Ripley Boulevard Baptist Church at the age of 13. Living in a Christian home, I was taught to love and honor Christ even before my conversion. As I grew in fellowship and trust, I saw how mighty and loving God is. I yielded to the call to full-time service while serving in the United States Air Force in 1968. God led me to Gordon College and I graduated in 1973 with a degree in biblical and theological studies.

I am now a middler student in the Master of Ministry program. It has a strong emphasis on Christian education so that I will be prepared to preach, teach or do whatever the Lord directs.

Presently, I am serving as Youth Pastor at the First Baptist Church in George, Iowa. Thank you women of the W.M.U. for what you have done to make it possible for me to continue my seminary training in preparation for God's calling!

Ritchie White is a member of the Fort George Baptist Church in Prince

George, British Columbia. His contact with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship students in college influenced him greatly in becoming a Christian four years ago. One of his special concerns is ministering to young people. Presently he is living and serving at the Norton Froelich Youth Center located at the north edge of Sioux Falls.



Ritchie White

I am glad for those students who will find help from the W.M.U. in the
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Joy



by LaVerna Mehlhaff,
Womens work director

Jesus specializes in filling the heart with joy. In Scripture the story is told of a couple who had a daughter whom they loved very much. One day that daughter lay lifeless on her bed. Jesus came and said to the girl, "Arise!" The daughter arose and was given back to her parents. Their hearts were filled with joy.

On another day Jesus met a funeral procession. A widow was taking her son to the place of burial. Jesus had compassion on the broken-hearted woman. He spoke to the young man and said, "Arise!" The son was given back to his mother and her heart overflowed with joy.

Not only does Jesus say "Arise!" to those who are physically lifeless, bringing joy to loved ones, but those who are spiritually dead are bidden to "Arise!" as well: "Arise, shine, for thy light is come; and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee" (Isa. 60:1). Those who obey Jesus invitation to "Arise!" in newness of spiritual life are rewarded with double joy: joy in their own newfound newness of life and in the joy of their loved ones over their salvation. □

God's Volunteers report

by Betty Hauge and Tina Angeles

"He has done great things. He has done great things, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

As a team we've been singing these words in one of our songs, but we are also personally blessing the Lord for the mighty things he has been doing and teaching us in our recent crusades. God has been transforming lives, as people give complete control to him, and we are excited to be a part of these happenings.

Our last three crusades—Burlington, Ont.; Troy, Mich.; and Auburn, Mich., were all special to us in different ways. The crusade at the Pineland Baptist Church in Burlington again taught us that G.V.s not only minister to people but are ministered unto by them. Each afternoon with the music section and each afternoon and evening with the follow-up section there were church members ready to go on visitation with each of us. It was encouraging and challenging to us to see such a large number of church people willing and excited to share their faith in Christ with those in their community. As we saw this church catch a new vision concerning their evangelistic work in the future, we were personally reminded of the importance of the task to which we have been called.

An incident in Troy showed us that the Holy Spirit can work in lives not just through what we say but even through the material we distribute and leave with people. One young man, when approached by team members would not take time to talk with them, but he was willing to take the "Four Spiritual Laws" booklet handed to him. Half an hour later, when the team members were on their way back to the church, this same man ran out of his house to tell them he had just read through the booklet and asked Christ into his life. What a joy to be able to get him started in a home Bible study and to arrange a follow-up date!

A Saturday night youth rally at Auburn was another beautiful experience for both us and the young people who attended. We had an informal musical program and several team members shared briefly the joy they have experienced since committing their total life to Christ. At the close of the service our director challenged all who would take a definite and total stand for Christ to stand with him at the front of the church, and over forty youth responded. We were able to personally share and pray with many of them later, and their sincerity and real desire to serve Christ was evident.

It can be seen from these few examples that God truly has been using us, teaching us, blessing us and challenging us in each crusade. Would you pray with us that God will continue to use us as his instruments in the weeks coming up? □

Tina Angeles and Betty Hauge are the reporters of the two God's Volunteers teams.



Team Effort



"The Van"—G.V.s home away from home



Getting Assignments



Setting up the Sound Equipment



Getting the results of the evenings calling during sharing-time

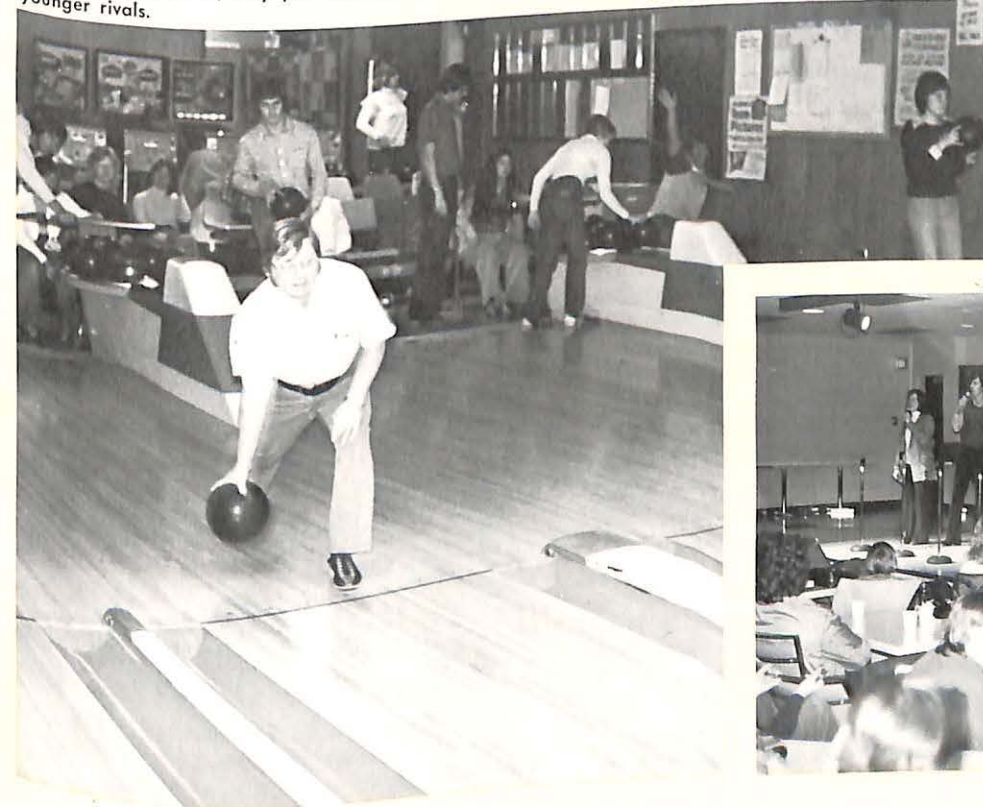


Youth for Christ Rally in Saskatoon



"Anna, is it true that hair on the knuckles is a sign of being in love?"

Old bowlers don't die, they just don't score as often. G.V. director Ray Harsch tries to keep up with his younger rivals.



"Pre-Visitation Strategy" Pastor Don Richter (left) with G. V. Director Harsch.



High School crowd listens intently as music section sings.



SENSING GOD'S LEADING TO BRAZIL

by Richard Schilke

Introducing Rev. and Mrs. Gary L. Ostercamp

Home Background and Influence

Eight years ago North American Baptists entered a new mission field, the southern part of Brazil, by sending their first two missionary families. We had hoped that we could add a missionary family at least every two years for the first decade but these hopes did not materialize. It seems that it takes us four years to add an additional missionary family, for the third family was added in 1971 and the fourth will now be added in 1975. Though financial needs always play a major role in the addition of missionary personnel, they did not play the primary role in this case. It seemed as if God simply did not give us the candidates for Brazil any earlier. We waited upon him to lead these candidates to us. In presenting the Rev. and Mrs. Gary L. Ostercamp, we introduce the fourth couple to Brazil.

Gary Lester Ostercamp was born on Nov. 29, 1949, at Mason City, Iowa, as the oldest of three children, to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ostercamp of Aplington, Iowa. His parents were members of our Aplington Baptist Church and have a "strong interest in missions" as Gary expressed it. In fact, "Mom always wanted to be a missionary; so when I was born, she dedicated me to God's service," Gary said. At the age of nine Gary accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized by the Rev. Donald P. Patet on February 1, 1959, and became a member of the Aplington Baptist Church where he was active in Sunday school and youth groups over the years.

Colleen Frances Ostercamp nee Gortmaker was born on April 25, 1953, at Sioux Falls, S.D., as the old-

Dr. Richard Schilke is the general secretary of the North American Baptist Missionary Society.



est of five children, to Mr. and Mrs. William W. Gortmaker. At the time of her birth, her parents lived on a farm near Parker, S.D., and were active in a Presbyterian church. At the time Colleen was in first grade in school, her parents moved to Brandon, S.D., a suburb of Sioux Falls, and became active in the East Side Presbyterian Church in Sioux Falls. Her father was an elder in the church. Her mother is a teacher and musician. In 1971 the family joined the Calvary Memorial Church (independent) in Sioux Falls where they found more acceptability of their Christian convictions. Colleen had accepted Christ as her Savior and this move made her, as she said, "a bolder witness for my Lord." Baptism by immersion followed after her marriage on Dec. 29, 1974, at Aplington, Iowa, at which both the Rev. Donald P. Patet and her husband officiated, and thus she joined the church of her husband.

Educational Background and Preparation

Following his high school graduation in 1968, Gary enrolled at Marshalltown Community College in Marshalltown, Iowa, but after one semester transferred in the winter of 1969 to Sioux Falls College in Sioux Falls, S.D. In 1972 he graduated from Sioux Falls College with the degree of Bachelor of Religion. That fall he enrolled at the N.A.B. Seminary in Sioux Falls and completed his work with the fall semester of 1974 for the degree of Master of Christian Education. Some day in the future Gary would like to complete his work for the Master of Divinity degree, but right now he is anxious to be engaged in missionary work.

Following her high school graduation in 1971, Colleen enrolled at Sioux

Falls College in Sioux Falls S.D., and completed her work with the fall semester of 1974 for the degree of B.A. in music. While at college, Colleen met Gary who was then a senior. They were married on Aug. 10, 1974.

Commitment to Missionary Service

Gary says that he was always interested in missionary service, perhaps through the influence of his parents. However, in 1973 he was part of a seminary mission action team to the Rio Grande Valley in Texas and to parts of Mexico. These experiences climaxed his interest and he sensed God calling him to a commitment to missions for Brazil. After several more months he applied for appointment to Brazil.

Colleen's parents were also very much interested in missions. Concerning them she says: "Mother and father have supported, written to and entertained missionaries in our home for as long as I can remember." In 1972 she attended Expro '72 in Dallas, Texas, where she committed her life to God—for his purpose. That purpose is now for missionary service in Brazil. Her application for appointment was made even before she was united in marriage to Gary.

The Board of Missions considered the application of Gary and Colleen at the time of its annual meeting in April 1974, and gave them the appointment for Brazil and they were to have gone out in January 1975, following their completion of their education as stated above. However, the visas were not processed in time for a January departure, and so plans are now being made for a July departure for Brazil. In the meantime, Gary continues his education at the Seminary, working toward the M.Div. degree. The first year in Brazil is language study at Campinas in the State of San Paulo. The language course begins with the first week in February. Any delay in their departure would then be for the next course which begins in August.

On Dec. 15, 1974, the Aplington Baptist Church, following a regularly called ordination council the day before, ordained Gary Lester Ostercamp for the Christian ministry. Dr. Gerald L. Borchert, dean of N.A.B. Seminary, brought the ordination message. Combined with the ordination service was also a commissioning service at which Dr. Richard Schilke, general secretary, brought the commissioning charge. We covet God's blessings on these young people as they look into the future to serve their Lord in Brazil. □

insight into christian education

I Feel I Belong

by Ernest A. Zimbelman

There is no better feeling than the feeling that we belong, that we are a part of a group, that if we are not there we will be missed and things will not go as well.

There is no more miserable feeling than the feeling that I'm not part of the group, I really don't matter, I will not be missed when I'm absent, nobody really likes me or enjoys me.

One of the basic needs of man is for acceptance: this is a good feeling. But if we want the best feeling, then we want approval. The opposite of acceptance and approval is rejection. This is a horrible feeling and deep feelings of rejection can lead to serious personality maladjustments.

As Christians and church-related people, we are aware of the fact that one of our chief products ought to be love. Love by definition speaks of warmth, acceptance, concern and caring. It makes me feel good and comfortable just to roll these thoughts around in my mind.

OPENNESS IN CHURCH

We'd like to think that our churches are characterized by love and acceptance, but does this really match the experiences of individuals who are a part of our local Christian communities? If we do not find love and acceptance in our local Christian community, then either we don't know how to nurture ourselves on their abundant love or else the love is not there.

Let's look at a few Scriptures and see if you can practice them with your group. Let's first turn to James 5:16: "Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed."

When is the last time you confessed a sin "to another"?

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In Galatians 6:2 we read: "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Is someone in your Christian group now bearing your burden, or are you knowingly and voluntarily bearing someone else's burden? Come on, name it!

Let's go on to cite more biblical statements. 1 Thessalonians 5:11: "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up."

In the past three days, who built you up, and whom did you build up?

A similar thought is contained in Romans 15:1, 2: "We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not please ourselves; let each please his neighbor for his good, to edify him." You mean I've got responsibility for those who apparently can't pull their own load?

Many of us are critical of our Christian fellowship; we would like to get more than we are receiving. We'd like to feel closer; we'd like to give and receive more love! What's wrong?

If I feel this way, this, of course, could be my problem. The fellowship is okay, I just don't know how to relate. I probably don't even know how to tell them I'm unhappy or maybe I'm afraid to tell them I'm unhappy! It is not profitable to knock churches generally, but it is productive to think of my own Christian fellowship and ask: "What's it doing for me?" and "What am I doing for it?"

This fellowship does not have to be a whole church although it could be. The fellowship group can be a Sunday school class, a Bible study group or a youth group. As Christian people we need meaningful fellowship, and this means a group that helps me and a group that lets me have the chance to help others.

Usually group experiences which are rewarding are those in which we can share—ideas, thoughts, opinions, feelings, tasks and responses. I will share myself with people who are accepting.

TWO SIDES OF FELLOWSHIP

To be rejected or have our thoughts and feelings rejected can be a painful experience. When it happens we begin to feel anxious and usually we withdraw. This means we go private, and when we go private we are not having fellowship. And when we lack fellowship we are less person than we

ought to be. There are two sides to good Christian fellowship. One side is my willingness to give or share myself. The other side of good fellowship is for me to be such a person so that others are willing to share themselves with me.

Let us talk more about side one. For some people to share themselves is no problem. They do it easily and freely. They are truly spontaneous people. But this is not true for all of us. Many of us are shy and self-conscious. We hardly ever allow ourselves to be spontaneous. We are afraid of the response we will get from others so we tend to hold back. We must not do this, because to that degree that I share myself with others—my joys and sorrows—to that degree I find life to be meaningful and happy. The opposite is also true. To that degree that I withhold myself from others and I refuse to share my feelings, life appears bleak, lonely and empty.

How do I learn then to become a spontaneous, open and trusting person? The name of the game is "risking"! It means taking chances. It means doing new things even when you are fearful. Mostly it means reaching out to let others know you. If this is too difficult for you to do alone, then make your first risking experience one of sharing your fear with a trusted friend, youth worker, pastor or Sunday school teacher. It's worth the effort!

The kind of individuals I've been talking about just now are looking for a person who is trustworthy and open. We hear so much about this idea of openness. What does it really imply? An open person is really one who can accept you as you are. If you want to become the type of person that others relate to easily, you must learn not to adjust others before they can be accepted by you.

When people who are different from me present themselves to me, I do not by response show them that I think they are odd, unusual or unacceptable to me, even though I may be surprised at them. You see, it really boils down to saying "I love you even if you are different than I am."

An example would be, you meet a Christian friend and you talk to her about the Christian life and the friend says to you, "I had an experience of speaking in tongues last week." Let us suppose that you don't believe in speaking in tongues; you've never seen it happen and it hasn't happened to you. How do you respond to this person who has risked by telling you

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Christian Mothers

by Dorothy A. Barber

For many the thought of Mother's Day brings to mind a sentimental figure resembling "Whistler's Mother"—a gentle, grandmotherly lady devoted to the old German idea of the three K's: Kinder, Kueche, Kirche. This is fine for those whose mothers lived in days gone by. But today's children see their mothers differently.

These are young, active mothers, no less devoted

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to the traditional role of mother in home and church then were their mothers. They are bringing up their children "in the fear and admonition of the Lord," they are teaching in Sunday school, and working in the missionary society. In addition, thanks to 20th century technology, they find time for being den mothers, leading PTA, working on civic projects and engaging in countless other worthwhile activities. They are making their Christian influence felt in wider spheres.

This is not to suggest that all modern mothers use their extra leisure time to good advantage. There are many who waste the day in mindless TV viewing, aimless shopping and other less meaningful activities. But the mothers of older generations were not all perfect either. Today, as in the past, the necessity of choosing what comes first is all important, and our young Christian mothers are showing the way.

Let us then, on this Mother's Day, not only honor our godly mothers who have gone on before and set traditions for their children to follow, but let us also salute our contemporary mothers who by their unselfish devotion and example of responsible living in a complex society give their children just reason to "rise up and call them blessed."

PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING



Get Your Will Done Before Summer

by Everett A. Barker

I am told by attorneys that a trip by air is one of the stronger motivations for people to get a will made. This is particularly true when a husband and wife are planning to travel together. What often happens is that during the rush of getting travel plans completed it suddenly dawns on the husband or wife that they don't have a will or that the present will needs some changes. A quick call to an attorney is made and he is asked to do a rush order on their wills for signing the next day. Well, I guess this procedure is better than none, but there are better ways to do it. The old adage says: "Haste Makes Waste", and this may be true when inadequate planning is made for a will and other related estate planning matters.

This article is being readied for reading in May so that you won't wait until you are ready to leave on your summer trip to get your will made. Perhaps I am assuming too much that you are already convinced that you should have a will. There are still people around who resist getting a will. Yes, there are even some attorneys who have counseled our people against having a will. I have spoken with dozens of attorneys in the United States and Canada during the past seven years and all of them advise having a will. To be sure there are always some exceptions to the rule of having a will but few of us are the exceptions. Remember, an attorney will collect his fees whether you do or do not have a will. Many people say to me, "I have my bank

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accounts and property in joint tenancy, why do I need a will?" It is true that joint-tenancy ownership bypasses probate, and even if you have a will it may not be necessary to probate it. However, unforeseen circumstances can arise which would make a will necessary; so it is better to have a will that is not needed than to die and not have a will that is needed. If it is your intention to give a gift to the Conference and your local church, a will, trust or other type of agreement is necessary.

Basically, the reason for a will and for that matter estate planning as well, is simply to have a legal plan tailored to dispose of your property to the person(s) and organization(s) you desire under the conditions you choose. By the use of a will you try to cover as many bases as possible to pass on your property for the benefit of the family and God's work. For instance, a husband and wife with minor children and limited resources will usually want to leave everything to the survivor to care for the children. If an accident suddenly removes the husband and wife, provision can be made for guardianship of minor-age children. A provision can be made in the will for a trust to care for the children's financial needs until they reach the age of majority (most often 18) or any age you choose. In the event that a whole family is wiped out, which occasionally happens, most of the financial responsibilities are removed and a will can provide for larger gifts for the Lord's work. A widow or widower with no children or adult children have more options for gift giving.

A will is a flexible instrument and provisions of various kinds can be made to meet the needs of the individual and family. It can be used to complement other estate plans you have made. It seems to me that you will enjoy your summer vacation better with a will and plan that care for the needs of the family and makes a provision for the Lord's work. If you don't have a will, I urge you to get started. If you do have a will, I encourage you to review it and see if it meets your needs and whether God's work has been included. Jesus' parable of the ten virgins teaches that some were prepared for the bridegroom and others were not. Are you prepared with an up-to-date will?

This article is not intended to provide legal advice of any nature. Any ideas and suggestions which may involve application of law to you or your estate must come from an attorney.

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CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS REPORT

AURORA, COLO., CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECT

by Victor J. Gunst

The Meadow Hills Baptist Church of Aurora, Colorado, a southeast Denver suburb, looks to its beginning months of existence with praise to God. What a joy it is to serve a risen Savior who is in the world today in his people! Though we have had to make a change of location, the Lord used that move to provide better Sunday school classroom space and a more suitable area for worship. Two baptismal services have been conducted and our charter membership totals thirty people. Average Sunday morning worship attendance is between forty-five and sixty people. Also, incorporation by the State of Colorado has now been completed.

Our ministry is to the local community. Though the economy is at a low ebb, house construction in this area continues. Our appeal for support in the construction of our church building has basically gone out to families within the five mile radius of the church site. There are nearly 7000 homes in this area with more to come and only one other church. We are promoting our ministry as a Christ-centered, community-minded church.

"Involvement" is the word we are using in this area, and it is the challenge we place before you. We are believing God to provide, not just through our community but through people like you, \$200,000.00 before this summer. We call it PROJECT MIRACLE, and you can see why!

We believe it is not too much to trust God for a total facility right away without outgrowing something before occupation and without the burden of a large loan. We praise God for providing the Church Extension Appeal just now to promote this Miracle and to contact people like you.

People here really want a church building in which to worship and grow in Christ. If God is speaking to you to be involved in this MIRACLE, we implore you not to delay. God will perform the MIRACLE through people like YOU!

Send your gift to Church Extension Builders in Forest Park or directly to the Meadow Hills Baptist Church, Winston St. and Greenwood Dr., Aurora, Colorado 80013. □

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Pastor Victor J. Gunst at the future site of the Meadow Hills Baptist Church.



Pastor Victor and Ruth Gunst.



The Meadow Hills Baptist Church in morning worship, meeting at Laredo Middle School.

COSTA MESA, CALIF. The Southern California Association met for its annual meeting, Feb. 7-9, 1975. Friday evening was for youth with the Rev. Don Miller presenting a "Mini Decision Conference." Saturday morning, delegates from member churches met in business session. Missionaries, Ken and June Goodman, were featured speakers at Men's and Women's luncheons. Various speakers were slated to be at some of the churches Sunday a.m. A special closing rally was presented Sunday p.m., with the offering donated to the new Fountain Valley Baptist Church. (Carol Hatch, reporter.)

APLINGTON, IOWA The Aplington Baptist Church invited the pastor and two delegates from the Iowa Association churches to meet in council to examine Gary Ostercamp as to his qualifications for the gospel ministry. Gary Ostercamp, who is a spiritual son of the Aplington Baptist Church and a graduate of our N.A.B. Seminary, presented his conversion account, call into the ministry, and doctrinal statement. The council recommended to the Aplington Baptist Church that they proceed with the ordination. Gary and his wife, Colleen, are missionary appointees to Brazil. Dr. Gerald Borchert brought the ordination message and the charge to the church. Rev. Herbert Griffin offered the ordination prayer. Dr. Richard Schilke brought the charge to the candidate and led in the commissioning of Gary and Colleen for missionary service. Rev. Don Patet welcomed Brother Ostercamp into the gospel ministry and presented him with the ordination certificate. (Rev. Iver Walker, council clerk.)

KELOWNA, B.C. Since last year a number of families from the Lakeview Heights and Westbank areas have been meeting for services at the Green Bay Baptist Camp. We officially organized under the name, Lakeview Heights Baptist Church with 33 members. One other has since joined with us. Our Sunday attendance is between 60 and 75. We were invited to Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, for a Commissioning Service, particularly for the 23 members who have come out of Trinity Church. On Feb. 2, members of our two Kelowna churches and other friends met at Grace Baptist Church for a public recognition service. The Rev. H. J. Wilcke, western area secretary rendered an appreciated ministry during that weekend.

We are making meaningful contacts in our community and are now moving into the Lakeview Heights Element-

ary School for our services. We appreciate the consecrated leadership of the Rev. Edmond Hohn and his fine family. (Oscar Zimmerman, church reporter.)

LA SALLE, COLO. The Rev. Milton Falkenberg, pastor of the First Baptist Church, baptized 11 persons on confession of faith. The event was made very special by an entire family following the Lord in the waters of baptism. The hand of fellowship was extended to the 11 and four by letter



of transfer. The Rev. Falkenberg is pictured in the back row. (Tyrene Schmidt, reporter.)

PORT COQUITLAM, B.C. The Mary Hill Baptist church reports some outstanding experiences. After six years of professing his faith our pastor's son confessed that he wanted to begin living in complete obedience to God, and wished to be baptized. A neighbor lady who attended our ladies' morning Bible study was tormented by a turbulent family situation. When she heard the Good News, she believed, accepted salvation, was wonderfully released from fear and grief, and asked for baptism. A few days later as she shared her overflowing joy with a neighbor lady, she too accepted the Savior. A young couple in their search for a living faith, delved deeply into the occult and spiritism. Now both husband and wife have found God's peace and fulfillment. We prayed for another discouraged sister, who felt her witness to her husband was weak and ineffective. Shortly after her husband asked the Lord Jesus to give him new life.

Two new members were baptized, and two more were welcomed into our fellowship by letter of transfer. The same evening we joined one of our mother churches, Bethany Baptist in Vancouver, B.C., to share our joyous experiences with them. (Gina Alexander, church reporter.)

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. Highlights of our annual business meeting included the following: The church which we started to build in 1972 is now debt free. We requested the Baptist Union of Western Canada and the N.A.B. Gen-

eral Conference of B.C. churches to discontinue monthly grant-aid effective March 1. We showed an increase in attendance and five new believers were baptized. We are grateful for several needed property improvements, with some continuing and other necessary projects ahead in 1975.

We express our thanks to God for spiritual and temporal blessings, and to our sister churches in both denominational fellowships for sharing with us in strengthening our witness in Prince Rupert. (Wilfred L. Highfield, pastor.)

MEDICINE HAT, ALTA. Evangelistic meetings were held with the Rev. H. Poschwatta as guest speaker. We had the privilege of baptizing Fred and Ethel Holt two of our beloved



young people. The Rev. C. T. Remple is the pastor of the church. (Willa Clark, reporter.)

STAFFORD, KAN. Eight young people and one adult were baptized by our pastor, the Rev. Elton Kirstein. There were six others who were joined to the church membership by



transfer. The Rev. and Mrs. Kirstein are pictured on the right, back row. (Mrs. August Hildebrand, reporter.)

EUREKA, S.D. Our pastor had the joy of baptizing six candidates after they professed Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. There were several musical numbers rendered during the service. Each deacon gave an annual report. A short message given by the pastor was followed by baptism. After

our conference in action

observing the Lord's Supper, the hand of fellowship was extended to the baptismal candidates.

The hand of fellowship has also been extended to four people who were received by letters of transfer. We thank the Lord for those ten people who have been added to our church family. The Rev. Fred Fuchs is the pastor of the church. (Mrs. Harry Bertsch, reporter.)

MOOSEHORN, MAN. The Moosehorn Baptist Church had the privilege of having God's Volunteers in our midst. They went witnessing in Ashern, Moosehorn and Steep Rock area. Some church members went with them. Souls were being won to Christ.

We continue every Tuesday evening to go witnessing, and have also started women's Bible studies in Ashern on Tuesday afternoons. Many are being contacted with the Gospel and we are praying for them, in our prayer meetings.

The Rev. Eberhard Hees is the pastor of the church. (Mrs. Martha Schultz, reporter.)

KILLALOE, ONT. The Calvary Baptist Church observed Holy Week services with Rev. Jack Fullard as guest speaker. They had a full capacity enrollment for the youth at Bonnechere Baptist Camp, and a baptism in Round Lake of fourteen young people (pictured) who had attended special



Salvation-Baptism classes conducted by our pastor, the Rev. Albert Fadenrecht. Following the baptismal service, the Lord's Supper was observed in the camp chapel, at which time the hand of fellowship was extended to those baptized. The Rev. Richard Mayforth and the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimer challenged us with the presentation of their Japanese and Cameroonian fields at our annual missionary conference. (Jean Weckworth, reporter.)

MCCLUSKY, N.D. The McClusky Baptist Church was privileged to have the Goodrich Church choir present us with a very fine cantata. After the

fellowship hour we all joined for a baptismal service. Pastor Thiesies baptized one candidate, Douglas Thiesies, son of Pastor and Mrs. Thiesies. A Communion service was held after the baptismal service and then we all joined hands and sang "Blest be the Tie That Binds," and closed with prayer. (Alvin Dockter, reporter.)

BROOKLYN CENTER, MINN. The Brook Park Baptist Church had a dedication service for their new parsonage. The house (pictured) was built on the



lot next to the church. Pastor Henry Ramus (a former pastor) and his family joined us for this happy occasion. He brought the dedication message and the Rev. Clarence Walth, area secretary, offered the prayer of dedication. After the service we had an open house and refreshments.

On April 9 it was fifteen years since our church began meeting as an extension church. We praise the Lord that we are now self supporting and have grown in number and in spirit.

God's Volunteers were in our church and we were much enriched by their dedicated work for the Lord in singing and witnessing. Our church has an active Boy's Brigade and Pioneer Girl's work, three youth groups, a Women's Missionary Society, and Men's Fellowship. We open our church on Tuesday mornings for a Bible Study for women from the community. There are three fellowship groups that also help in the outreach of the church. A good musical program is being carried out.

At present we are having core training for visitation work using Campus Crusade materials taught by Mr. Cleon Engels. We trust this will be instrumental in helping us win many for Christ. The Rev. Anthony Guenther is pastor of the church.

MARION, KANS. "Patterns of Faith" was the theme for the Mid-Winter Kansas Youth Retreat hosted by the Strassburg Baptist Church. One hundred young people were in attendance. Guest speaker, Professor Dwight Wiebe of Tabor College, challenged the young people by showing how they fit

into God's plan. A film demonstrating the potential of Christian young people was followed by recreation at the Hillsboro High School gym. A banquet concluded the day's activities. Barry Seifert of the Strassburg Church and a student at Tabor College is president of the Kansas youth group. A large display case for archives has been placed in the church foyer. The first Communion service dating to 1911, a large German Bible, hymn books, and the first records and minutes of the church and WMU are among the items on display. The first clock has been restored and is also on display. The Rev. Lester Buenning is the pastor of the church. (Mrs. Roland Stenzel, reporter.)

APPLETON, MINN. The First Baptist Church had an open house and dedication service for their new parsonage which the church had purchased. At an afternoon service we had dedication of the piano and organ and at this time a concert of sacred music was presented on these instruments by Dave Kipp and son.

Eight candidates (pictured) were



baptized upon confession of their faith in Christ as their Savior and Lord. That same evening the right hand of fellowship was extended to them during a Communion service. After the service a fellowship was held in the church parlors in the candidates' honor. Pastor Terry Jarosch is the pastor of the church. (Mrs. Charles Giese, reporter.)

GRIFFITY, COLO. The Sherwood Park Baptist Church held a baptismal service that will long be remembered as most inspiring. Assisted by several deacons, Pastor James DeBoer was privileged to baptize Mrs. Birdie Speelman, who at the age of 87 and completely confined to her wheelchair, was baptized while still in her wheelchair.

Following her brave example were her son and daughter-in-law Martin and Eithel Speelman. The last one to be baptized was Mrs. Jane Gilmore, who has already proved to be a great help

to our church in organizing a nursery church during our regular services. (Mrs. Darrel Giggy, reporter.)

DALLAS, ORE. New members that recently united with the fellowship of the Salt Creek Baptist Church are pictured. Four young girls followed the



Lord in baptism. At the Communion service which followed all the new members were extended the hand of fellowship by the pastor, the Rev. Ray Hoffman, pictured on the left.

We had the unique blessings of having Dr. Ben Song and the Korean Teen Life Singers from Chung Shin Christian High School of Seoul, Korea. At an afternoon service the Salem Singers from Salem, Ore., presented another inspirational concert. Both services were very well attended including many people from the surrounding community.

MEDICINE HAT, ALTA. The Temple Baptist Choir consisting of 33 members brought a soul surging message to all present when they presented the cantata, "Born A King."

A Sunday school program, "O Worship," was presented with 160 students participating. It was a blessing to all who heard it.

We as a church, under the leadership of the Rev. Irvin Schmuland, give thanks to God for all blessings. (Mrs. Jack Enslin, reporter.)

BLOOMINGDALE, ILL. The recently organized Bloomingdale Baptist Church was pleased to prepare a reception for their first pastor, the Rev. Phil Yntema, his wife and two young daughters. The reception was held in the Winnebago school where the church is presently meeting. Representatives of the church, the Village of Bloomingdale, the Illinois Association Church Extension Committee and a neighboring church all expressed a sincere welcome. Dr. G. K. Zimmerman, executive secretary, brought the message.

Special music was provided by the Children's Choir, and the combined choirs of Bloomingdale and Forest

Park churches. **The Forest Park Baptist Church** is the sponsor of this church extension project. A skit, "To Pastor Phil with Love," written by Mrs. Henry Ramus was presented. Pastor Yntema responded with a challenge to the church. (Mrs. Martha Granzow, reporter.)

KELOWNA, B.C. A special occasion for Rev. J. R. Rempel (pictured) was the celebration of his 102nd birthday



on Feb. 1, 1975. His wife, two of his four children, and a few friends from Trinity Baptist Church, gathered at Stillwaters Nursing Home for a small Tea to honor him for this great milestone in his long and active life.

The Rev. Rempel was born in Russia. He became a teacher in the German language. In 1902 he emigrated to Newton, Kan., and graduated, entering the ministry in 1906. He married Martha Russel in 1907. Subsequently he pastored churches in Whitemouth, Man., Oklahoma, North Dakota, Saskatchewan, and again in Whitemouth, where he later took up farming.

He and his wife have lived in Kelowna for the past nine years. One son, Waldemar Rempel, and one daughter, Lynda Zimmerman also reside here. (Mrs. Eileen Griffin, reporter.)

BROOKLYN, N.Y. We were saddened by the departure of Alfred Bakari from the fellowship of the Ridgewood Baptist Church. Mr. Bakari had been staying with the Mangino family since completing his studies at the Baptist College in Texas. Between semesters he has been employed in the city and in order to be closer to the institution where he is taking post graduate courses he relocated to International House. Alfred is one of the fine young Africans from our mission field in Cameroon.

Our 120th anniversary was celebrated January 19. At the worship service the Honorable Orrin Judd, U.S. District Judge, a grandson of Rev. J. C. Grimmell, spoke about the Heritage of a Ministry. Rev. Grimmele

served the First German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, now Ridgewood Baptist, for 35 years from 1872-1892, and 1904-1919. He also served our denomination as General Mission Secretary during his pastorate. Following a visit to the Holy Land in 1890 he wrote a book entitled "The Bible Lands, In Sunshine and Shadow."

At the dinner in the fellowship hall prepared by our Willing Workers a large 3-tier cake made and decorated by our artist member, Karen Kestel, was served. Slides from past highlights were shown and several reminiscences given. In 1921 Mr. Emil Zeidler, a long time member, painted a portrait of Rev. Grimmell. This oil painting was recently restored and the cost was donated by the Judd family. Several children and grandchildren of Judge Judd were present and the young grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Judd, Stephen Judd, unveiled the restored portrait.

The customary business meeting followed under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. A. Lamprecht, at which the organizations of the church reported on the activities of the past year and the deacons and trustees presented current and future concerns of the congregation. (Marion von Ahnen, reporter.)

ANAHEIM, CALIF. More than 200 couples met on Valentines Day for the annual Sweetheart Banquet at the Sheraton-Anaheim Motor Hotel sponsored by the WMS of the Magnolia Baptist Church. Marilyn Heath is the president. A musical program was presented by the church's Sound Foundation with Jon McNeef director. Pat Clark was in charge of the program; Betty McDonald, decorations, and Carol Sundman, tickets. The pastor, the Rev. Ralph Cooke, served as master of ceremonies. (Don Cordill, reporter.)



MRS. LOIS BERGER, 73, of Sunnyvale, Calif., daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. O. R. Schroeder, died Jan. 27, 1975. She was born July 23, 1902, in Kankakee, Ill. Having accepted Christ as Savior she was baptized in 1911. She married Dr. Frederick Berger in 1942 and was a faithful helpmeet in his work with the Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society and as pastor's wife in several churches. Surviving her are her daughter, Normanjean Hinders, two grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Walter Grosser and Mrs. Her-

bert Stabbert. The Rev. Richard Ketchum was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

GERHARD (PAT) DE VRIES, 73, of Ochre River, Man., died on Jan. 25, 1975. He was born Feb. 10, 1901, in Germany. He received Christ as his personal Savior when he was a boy. In 1927 he emigrated to Canada, and in the spring of 1929 he married Geske Oltrop. He was a member of the Grace Baptist Church, where he sang in the choir until his death. Surviving him are his widow; five sons: John, Leonard, Gerald, Herman, Bryon; six daughters. Mrs. Teenie Brenner, Mrs. Annie Boerchers, Mrs. Etta Hodges, Mrs. Margaret Brink, Mrs. Helen Claeys, Mrs. Mary Claeys; one brother, one sister, 30 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

CHRISTIAN C. FISCHER, 85, of Leola, S.D., died Jan. 13, 1975. He was born on Oct. 28, 1889, in McPherson County, S.D. In 1913 he married Elizabeth Bertsch. He was a member of the Ashley and Leola Baptist Churches as well as a pioneer of the North American Baptist work in the Dakotas. He served as Sunday school superintendent, Bible class teacher, worship leader and deacon. Four days before his passing, the First Baptist Church, Leola, S.D. elected him deacon. Surviving him are four sons, two daughters, six brothers, one sister, thirteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Mr. Fischer was a leader and supporter of the Senior Citizens in Leola. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church, Leola, with Arnold M. Friez, pastor, officiating.

MRS. LENA C. JANSSEN nee Kruse, 91, of Creston, Neb., died on Jan. 2, 1975. She was born in Germany, June 4, 1883. In 1913 she married Henry Husmann, who passed away in 1918. In 1922 she was married to Herman H. Janssen. She was a member of the Creston Baptist Church. She is survived by three daughters; Mrs. Ruth Svoboda, Mrs. Edna Paul and Mrs. Henrietta Scheffler; two sons: Herbert and Elmer Husmann; eleven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters. The Rev. D. Lee Grace was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

MRS. HENRY (KATIE) KLAUD, 80, of Bismarck, N.D. died on Jan. 17, 1975. She was born May 9, 1894, in McIntosh County. She was married to Henry Klaudt in 1913. Mrs. Klaudt was a member of the Bismarck Baptist Church at the time of her death. Surviving her are her widower; two sons: Milton and Myron; one daughter, Mrs. Monica Bohart; two brothers, one sister, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The Rev. Ron Norman was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

MRS. HATTIE LENGFELD, 67, of Rayne, La., died on Jan. 27, 1975. She made a profession of faith in Christ and was baptized into the Mowata Baptist Church on Sept. 28, 1919. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Eric Loewer. In 1949 she married Mr. Norman Lengfeld. She is survived by her widower; one son, Eric Loewer Jr.; three brothers, four sisters, and two grandchildren. The Rev. Harold Drenth was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

SAMUEL LIPPERT, 73, of Ashley, N.D., died on Jan. 22, 1974. He was born Sept. 12, 1901, in the Ashley vicinity. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior in his youth and was baptized in 1927 and became a member of the Jewell Baptist Church and later of the Ashley Baptist Church. He was married to Maggie Mittelreider in 1927. Surviving him are his widow; one sister. Pastor Etan Pelzer was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

MRS. PAULINE MACHEL nee Pahl, 84, died on Feb. 6, 1975. She was born in Poland on March 17, 1891. As a teenager she accepted the Lord as her personal Savior, was baptized and joined the Wiesenthal, Alberta Baptist Church. In 1913 she married Rudolph Machel. Five sons and two daughters blessed this union. Surviving her are four sons and one daughter, 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The Rev. Dr. E. P. Wahl, a close friend, was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

THE REV. CHRISTIAN PETERS, 84, of Elsmere, Del., died on Oct. 24, 1974. He was born Aug. 2, 1890. His conversion was at First Baptist, Chancellor, S.D., where also he was called to the ministry. His first church at Gotebo, Okla., ordained him on Sept. 16, 1918. Other churches served were at Killaloe, Ont., Jamesburg, N.J. and Elsmere, Del. In 1911 he married Jessie Neeman who preceded him in death in 1941. He retired in 1962, but continued to serve a Baptist church in a part-time capacity. In 1942 he had remarried and is survived by his widow, Marie; four children: Christina Baker, Viola Riggs, William Warren and Margaret Briggs; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The Rev. Herbert Freeman was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

MRS. ELIZABETH SCHWEIGERT, 90, of Bismarck, N.D., died on Jan. 12, 1975. She was born Jan. 30, 1884, in Russia. She came to the United States with her parents and they made their home near Artas, S.D. She married Daniel Schweigert in 1904. She entered the Baptist Home at Bismarck, in 1966, and remained there until her death. Mrs. Schweigert was a member of the Herreid Baptist Church since 1906. She was a charter member of the Women's Missionary Society. She is survived by seven sons and four daughters, 39 grandchildren, 81 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. The Rev. A. J. Fischer and the Rev. Edward Kopf were the officiating ministers at the funeral service at the Herreid Baptist Church.

EDWARD E. TRIEBWASSER, 79, died Dec. 30, 1974. He was born on Nov. 8, 1896. He was married to Lydia Koth in 1919. Edward was baptized in 1921 and received into the fellowship of the Plum Creek Baptist Church where he was a life-long member. He is survived by his widow, seven daughters, two sons, four brothers, two sisters, and twelve grandchildren. Funeral services were held in the Plum Creek Baptist Church, Emery, S.D. with interim pastor, R. H. Zepik officiating.

MRS. ELIZABETH WERRE nee Balogh, 68, of Grand Forks, N.D., died on Jan. 23, 1975. She was born Dec. 2, 1906, in Rankin, N.J. She accepted Christ and

was baptized by her father, Rev. Frank Balogh, at Chancellor, S.D. She married Joseph Werre in 1927. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N.D. Surviving are her widower; two sons: Joseph, Jr. and Leonard; two daughters: Mrs. Marie Derman and Mrs. Shirley Joyner; 14 grandchildren; one granddaughter; one sister, and four brothers. The Rev. John Thielenhaus was the officiating minister at the funeral service. □

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WHY KEEP CHURCH RECORDS?

We have administered our system in the following way. The chart also illustrates it.

A. Registration

1. Members fill out one side of the registration card and visitors the other side during the morning worship service.
2. Sunday school scholars (regular) are marked on attendance cards; visitors are listed in triplicate on a visitor's form.
3. Mid-week (family night) attendees are listed on charts and visitors are listed on visitor's forms.
4. Vacation Bible school regular attendees are listed on charts; visitors are listed on visitor's forms.

B. Secretarial Responsibilities

1. Members' attendance is posted in the master record binders. These cover a four-year period. Once a month this information is posted on a chart listing the names of each deacon's and deaconess's flock. (Thus they will know at a glance who needs attention.) Information on visitors is recorded in duplicate, with one copy retained for attendance records (two years) and the other copy given to the Visitation (Andrew Club) Director.
2. Sunday school scholars' attendance is noted on cards and the information added monthly to their cumulative record card. Once a month an absentee report is given to each teacher so that they will know which scholar needs attention. Visitors are registered on slips which are given to the teacher and to the Visitation Director.
3. Family Night members (children's clubs, Pioneer Girls, Christian Service Brigade) are listed on charts and posted annually on profile cards. Leaders are reminded to follow up absentees. Visitors are registered on slips which are given to the Visitation Director.

4. Vacation Bible school members are listed on charts. This information is posted annually on profile cards. Visitors are registered on slips which are given to the Visitation Director.

C. Visitation Director

1. It is his responsibility to hand out the contact slips of the visitors in each area to the calling teams who go out after Bible study each Wednesday evening and once a month on Saturday morning.
Note: Absentees who are church members are followed up by the deacons and deaconesses. The absentees in other areas are followed up by the teachers and leaders in that area.
2. It is his responsibility to note which persons who have been visited become members, which ones move away and which ones need an additional contact in the future. He gives a monthly report to the mission board.

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INSIGHT INTO CHRISTIAN ED.

something about herself without knowing what you think or believe? A closed and rejecting statement would be: "I don't believe that really happened because I don't believe in that stuff." Such a statement would probably end the fellowship right there. A more open statement would be: "You did? I don't know much about this. Would you mind telling me what it was like?" This kind of approach can be applied to many different situations.

Remember, the key of rich fellowship is being willing to risk yourself and trying to accept others as they are without first trying to "adjust" them or else rejecting them because they are not like you.

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IS M.C.F.C. THINKING BIBLICAL THINKING?

contacts for Christ for the triennium. Multiply your membership by eighteen and you will have the goal for your church for the triennium. If you did not reach six contacts for Christ the first year, you will need to catch up by possibly making nine, ten or twelve contacts per member the second year, as the case may be.

Churches making contacts for Christ are growing in membership, increasingly finding the lost in their communities and reaching them with God's Good News of reconciliation. Approximately 47,000 contacts have resulted in 3,350 decisions for Christ with 1,718 members received into the 120 churches reporting these contacts.

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AN OPEN DOOR . . .

of town and Moody Science films shown three times daily which resulted in hundreds of people not only viewing these films but prior contact made with them in the handing out of hundreds of film invitations and gospel literature. Person-to-person contact through the distribution of "Have a Good Day" gave opportunity for conversations and friendly greetings. The mayor of our town complimented the program of our films and the good taste used in these efforts.

Bridges currently being built for concentrated efforts for Christ in the following ways are:

1. A Men's Prayer Fellowship Breakfast in the church.
2. Ladies' Home Bible Studies conducted by the pastor and his wife.
3. Member and visitor follow-up because of a new church attendance record system.
4. Teams being built out of the Men's and Ladies' Fellowships.
5. Plans being drawn up for after-school Bible Club meetings for children.
6. Our youth program re-instituted in the church.

" . . . and a door was opened unto me of the Lord, . . ." II Corinthians 2:12. □

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WOMAN'S WORLD

years to come as a result of your interest in the Seminary. I receive the Union's gift with thanks.

I'm at the Seminary for my second year and am experiencing many new things. For instance, I am part of a team working and living in the Norton Acres just outside of Sioux Falls. Youth living there are glad we are

there because we plan recreational activities for them and provide them with one-to-one communication relationships with older teens. Roger Hartman and I live in their community and feel that this says to the people that we would like to be real friends and neighbors to them. This means that we open our house six days a week for six hours so that the kids (age 8 to 18) can drop in, play records, radio, meet together and talk with us. It definitely is a form of missionary work.

I am learning some important life lessons at our little house. A small body of believers (seven or eight) has developed in this area. It is a church with a common mission—to live our lives under God so that other individuals and families may be reached in a redemptive way.

We are praying for another student to join us in this mission. It costs a great deal psychologically and emotionally to point kids to the Way, but they love us because they know we care! □

LITTLE THINGS

Just little deeds of kindness
Along with LOVE and CHEER
Can place a rainbow in the sky—
Each day throughout the year.

There are so many little things
Just waiting to be done—
So many needy golden deeds,
Before life's setting sun.

Today is here so use it well.
How fast the moments fly!
Don't leave undone the little things,
Put rainbows in the sky.

By Mrs. H. E. Widmer
Colfax, Wash.

At the rate of 47,000 contacts resulting in 3,350 decisions for Christ, One Million Contacts For Christ in this triennium would result in approximately 70,000 decisions for Christ. What a rousing challenge! What a thrilling ministry for every N.A.B. pastor and church to be involved in today!

God's great search for the lost of his creation has come down the long corridors of history to you and your congregation today. Through you the search for the lost must go on. The ministry of reconciliation and disciple making is God's call to you in this generation. Are you making this your top priority, helping to share God's Good News of reconciliation in a person-to-person way through One Million Contacts For Christ in this triennium? □

Construction Begins for Spanish Baptist Seminary

Construction has begun on the first unit of new buildings for the Baptist Theological Seminary at Alcobendas just outside Madrid, Spain.

The seminary, formerly located in Barcelona, was moved to Madrid in 1971. Due to delays in arrangements for building, the seminary used facilities of Immanuel Baptist Church (English-language) and rented apartments.

Seminary director Gerald McNeely, a Southern Baptist missionary, anticipates that two floors of the three-story building now under construction will be ready in time to provide facilities for the seminary in the next semester which begins early in October.

This unit will have classrooms, administrative offices, library and instructors' offices. The third floor, to be completed when funds are available, will provide dormitory space and efficiency apartments for married students.

The Spanish Baptist Seminary trains pastors and other workers for churches of the Spanish Baptist Union. The three-year course of studies is similar to those of other such institutions in the U.S. and Europe.

There are at present 23 students, mostly married couples, including those enrolled in night classes. (EBPS) □

Anniversary Celebrations by Estonian Baptists in Sweden

Estonian Baptists in Stockholm recently had three-fold anniversary celebrations.

These marked, first of all, the 10th anniversary of their church, the Norrmalms Baptist Church in Stockholm.

Also being commemorated were 30 years of Estonian Baptist work in Sweden and 90 years of Baptist work in Estonia.

Estonian congregations in Sweden have had the character of a "transit church."

The church in Stockholm has had, during its decade of life, a total of 322 members, 223 of whom moved on to the USA, Canada or Australia. Present membership is 62.

Baptist work in Estonia developed from the witness of Swedish missionaries in 1884, and assistance came later from German, American and British Baptists.

In 1940 Estonia was incorporated into the USSR. (EBPS) □

Union Church in Northampton, England is Dedicated

A sunken baptistry for observance of the rite of baptism by immersion and an 18th century marble font for christening stand side by side in Emmanuel Church, Northampton, England, where leaders of three denominations participated in dedicatory services.

Anglicans, Methodists and Baptists share membership, ownership and ministry in the new church, which is located in the multi-million-pound Weston Favell Centre with shopping mall, schools, community theater and sports center.

The \$130,000 cost of Emmanuel Church came from the Anglican Church Commissioners, the Methodist Rank Trust and local Baptist congregations.

The church staff is comprised of a Methodist, a Baptist and two Anglican ministers. (EBPS) □

Cyclone Destroys Church Buildings in Darwin, Australia

Baptist churches and institutions suffered damage estimated at over half a million dollars (U.S.) in cyclone Tracy, which practically destroyed the relatively small city of Darwin, Australia on Christmas Day, reports the Rev. Alan C. Prior, chairman of the World Aid and Relief Committee of the Baptist Union of Australia.

Darwin, capital of the country's Northern Territory, had two Baptist churches. One was completely destroyed. The other lost its roof but was able to hold services afterwards in the shell of the building.

A Baptist hotel was damaged but still could serve as reception and evacuation center for victims of the storm. A Baptist home for the aged, of recent construction, withstood the cyclone's force and continued in operation.

Of the two parsonages belonging to the churches mentioned above, one was completely destroyed and the other almost so.

Three-fourths of Darwin's population of 48,000 were evacuated to other places, but Baptist pastors and lay leaders remained to carry on such activities of material and spiritual aid as they could, said Mr. Pryor. (EBPS) □



Most of us still remember the widely televised signing, by President Ford, of the Proclamation of 1975 as "The Year for Women." Though it was not a religious ceremony, it certainly had many religious and some very unfortunate overtones.

It is quite obvious that women have been discriminated against in many respects in our society. But it should be equally obvious that this is true in many other more serious areas as well. What about the family, the God-honoring parents, the thousands of honorable young people—how about a recognition for them?

Now, if Mr. Ford would have set aside 1975 to honor the average American family, or the mothers of our nation, or the honor-bearing fathers, or the young people who are honestly seeking to contribute to a world of tomorrow that will honor God and bless mankind, I think we could all very easily applaud his act. But what do you do in a case like this? If you oppose it, you will probably be labelled an ugly male chauvinist. If you don't, you could just as well be guilty of cowardly acquiescence.

It seems to me, we can only acknowledge again with sadness that political addictions are hard to overcome. To play politics at the expense of male and female polarization must certainly be most despicable in the eyes of God. The only thing that I can think of that could be worse than the aforementioned event, would be to declare 1976 as "The Year for Men." □

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.

■ *The Rev. Donald I. Decker* has accepted the call to the Apple Valley Baptist Church, Apple Valley, Minn., effective June 1. He is presently serving the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas.

■ *Whispering Oaks Baptist Church* is the new name of the Church Extension project in Kansas City, Missouri. The Rev. David Ewing is the pastor of this church.

■ *Mrs. Mary DeWard* is the administrator of the North American Baptist Home in Madison, S.D. The Rev. Henry Lang is the board president of this home for the aging.

■ *The Rev. Raymond Harsch* has been appointed by the Church Ministries Board to serve as Director of Evangelism, effective Jan. 1, 1976. Rev. Harsch has served as director of God's Volunteers since 1969. His appointment came in order to fill the position which will become vacant when the Rev. Daniel Fuchs will retire at the end of the year 1975. The Harsch family resides in the Chicago area.

■ *The Rev. Ben Lutt* has accepted the call to serve the Anamoose Baptist Church, Anamoose, N.D., effective June 1.

■ *The Rev. Fred M. Penner* is now serving the First Baptist Church, Au-

burn, Mich. He previously served the Tyndall and Danzig Churches in South Dakota.

■ *The Rev. Terry Chrisope* is the pastor of the Redeemer Baptist Church, Columbus, Nebraska.

■ *The Rev. Rudy Lemke* is now serving the Nokomis and Raymore Churches in Saskatchewan.

■ *The Rev. James Schubring* has accepted the call to the First Baptist Church, Norridge, Ill., effective May 1.

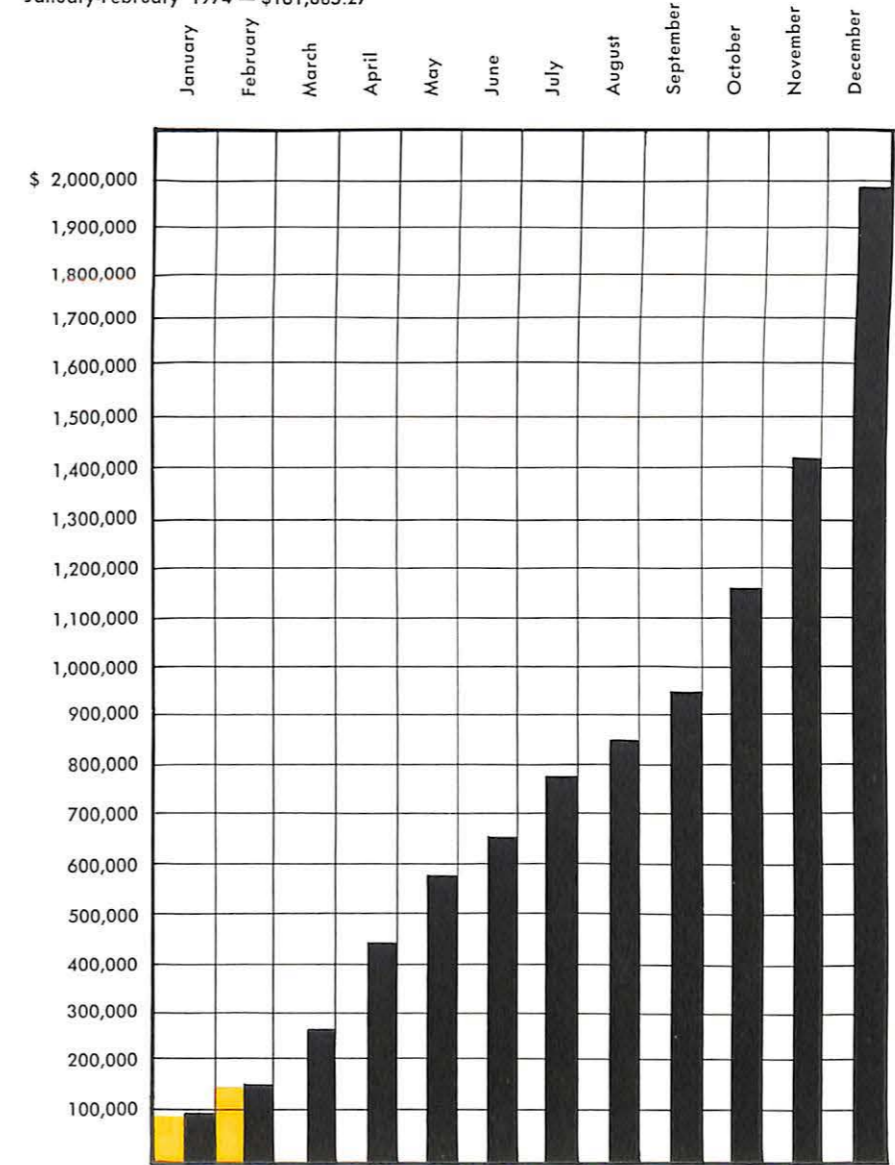
■ *The Rev. John Silvey*, since 1972 pastor of the Greenvine Baptist Church, Burton, Tex., has resigned, effective June 1. His future plans are not known.

■ *The Rev. Klaus Hildebrandt's* ministry at the German Zion Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., did not begin in February, as previously reported, but rather on April 6.

■ *Mr. David J. Posein* is the Director of Youth Ministries at First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif. His wife, Linda Kae Posein, serves the same church in the capacity as Director of Children's Ministries. □

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD/NAB BASIC MISSION PROGRAM

Total for two months
 January-February 1975 — \$148,287.11
 January-February 1974 — \$161,885.27



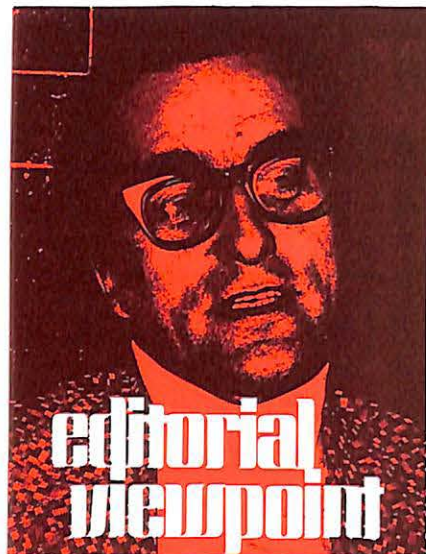
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LIFE CELEBRATION

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 For details of program see page 31.



Who Is To Blame?

A writer for a national magazine has proposed that the schools, the mass media and the business community be forced to share legal responsibility for the anti-social and criminal behavior of youth. The writer says, society unfairly forces families to bear the legal burden of responsibility for adolescent behavior "when agencies outside the house have had a decisive role in shaping the character and behavior patterns of youth."

John Lyon, writing in U.S. CATHOLIC, admits that the chief responsibility is with parents, but he holds that often the influence that these agencies of society have on the development of a child outweighs the influence of the home.

This may be true even in good Christian homes where parents are especially conscientious about raising their children. At various occasions we all have been painfully aware of the fact that "no family is an island; no family stands alone."

It is poor thinking to assume that vandalism, drug abuse, shoplifting, larceny and other criminal behavior would be taught—or learned—in most homes of those juveniles who have been caught doing just that. Where, for example, do vandals get the idea to break into churches and destroy and plunder anything within reach? The Oklahoma City police department re-

ports that in one three-month period, 45 city churches reported break-ins.

Yet, when trouble arises, it is only the parents who receive the calls from the police or the juvenile division. I am sure that all responsible parents appreciate being informed of mischievous behavior of their children. But one cannot help but wonder why the calls are not made also to the schools, where the child spends about eight hours of his "prime time" five days a week. Furthermore, why are no calls made to the local television stations which capture the child's attention an average of four hours a day with crime and devious acts which often undermine even an adult's moral standards? Why are there no calls to the local radio stations which shower its young listeners with sex and drug-oriented lyrics and twisted morality, wrapped in earblasting acid rock sound?

Neither are any calls made to the local Chamber of Commerce, which represents the local business community, whose sexually loaded advertisement have saturated our youth to a degree that they instinctively believe they are not really "with it" unless they brush their teeth with Ultra Brite, "the toothpaste which gives sex appeal," or which forces upon the public anything from a trainer bra to a car "which purrs better and is more sensuous than a woman."

If all of the above mentioned institutions have such an important role in the shaping and education of our children, would it not be proper to keep them informed about the outcome of the "process and product" in which they had no small part?

But since experience teaches us that there never has and most likely never will be a time when all involved parties will be scrutinized, responsible Christians should assume the right, when, for example, Joe Smith is reported to be hooked on drugs or having run away from home, to phone or write the local Chamber of Commerce, the local Board of Education and the committees representing the owners and operators of the local media, in order to point out to them that the agony caused to and within families, and between families and society by the criminal activity of youth, was often not caused by the parents but by a destructive blend of many influences, for which they bear just as much responsibility as the parents.

RJK



letters to the editor

Dear Editor: Thank you for sharing with us the experience of your trip to Cameroon in Der Sendbote. Thank you for all your fine work in making our BAPTIST HERALD so rich and meaningful to us, tying us more closely together as an N.A.B. family. It is much appreciated.

Opposing criticism often uses a louder voice than thanks, and if there are days of that kind in your work, please regard this as our vote of confidence, and be encouraged to go ahead as you see fitting in His cause. Myrtle Ertis, Kelowna, B.C. □

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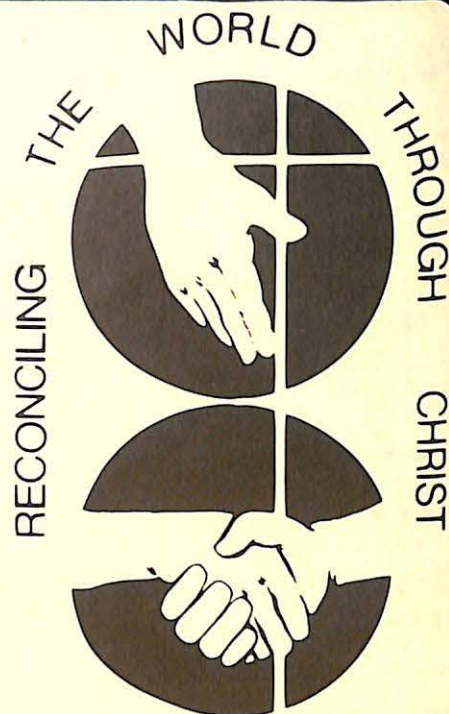
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7:00-8:00 a.m.	"I keep the Lord always before me. . . Thou dost show me thy path of life: in thy presence there is fulness of joy; in thy right hand are pleasures forevermore." Psalm 16:8a, 11	B R E A K F A S T					
9:00-11:00 a.m.		"The Facts of Life" ● Thoughts on salvation ● Life Groups explore doubts and assurances.	"The Love Life" ● Two by two Bible study ● Life Groups share Bible discoveries	"The Hard Life" ● Dramatic sketches ● Small group response ● Exploring Bible study and prayer ● Life Groups set goals	"The Good Life" ● Thoughts on the Lordship of Christ ● Life Groups interact and express commitment	"The Living Life" ● Biblical examples of goal setting ● Life Groups determine and share goals	Shalom—Go and live Life! ● Cost: \$88.50 ● Registration material available from your pastor.
11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.		L U N C H					
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1:30-5:00 p.m.	Registration	R E C R E A T I O N					
5:00-6:00 p.m.		S U P P E R					
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12:00 p.m.		A L L I S Q U I E T					

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ONE MILLION CONTACTS FOR CHRIST



We want numbers—not so we can count people, but because people count! We want North American Baptists to make One Million Contacts For Christ.

The purpose of these contacts for Christ is to present to the one you are visiting the person of Jesus Christ and the power of his gospel.

How many new people do you have in your church doing personal visitation evangelism in the homes of the unreached and unchurched in your community this year that you did not have 12 months ago? The answer to this question will determine to a large extent how much growth you are experiencing in your congregation.

Your church must prepare to be actively involved today in implementing the command of Christ, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." You will need to mobilize and put into action the potential personal evangelists you have in your youth group, your men's and women's organizations, your Sunday school and your total church.

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