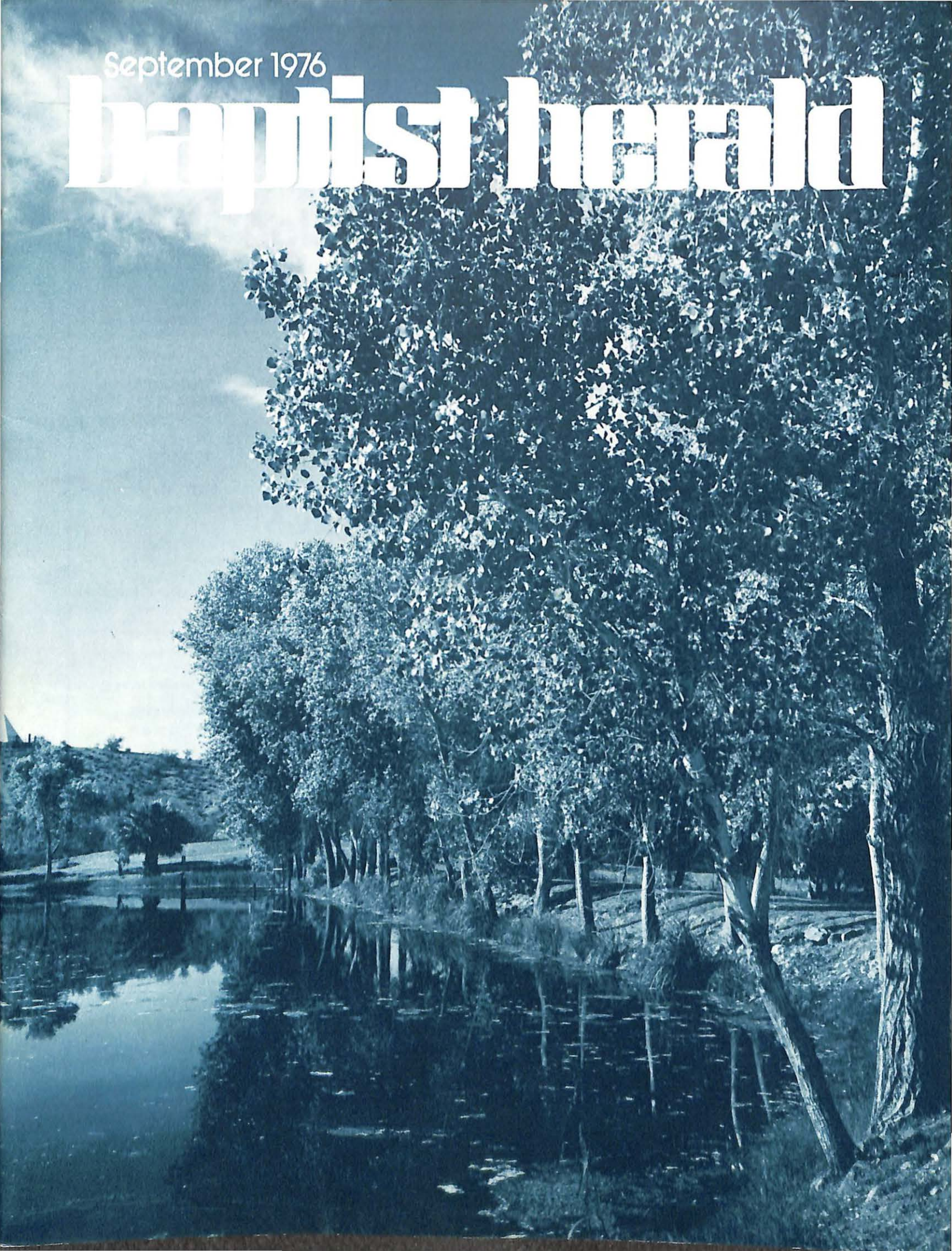


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AVERAGE ANNUAL DOLLAR GIVING FOR THREE YEAR PERIOD

1.	\$66,869.00	First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas
2.	47,098.00	McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba
3.	41,346.00	Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia
4.	39,006.00	Ridgemont Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan
5.	38,783.00	Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan
6.	38,418.00	Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon
7.	35,582.00	Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan
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5.	121.00	Ridgemont Baptist Church, East Detroit, Michigan
6.	119.00	Cathay Baptist Church, Cathay, North Dakota
7.	110.00	First Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana
8.	109.00	Zion Baptist Church, Drumheller, Alberta
9.	104.00	Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia
10.	103.00	First Baptist Church, Corona, South Dakota

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Texas
Broadcasters
Honor
Paul
Stevens

FORT WORTH (BP)—The Texas Association of Broadcasters honored Dr. Paul M. Stevens, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, with the TAB's second annual "Distinguished Texan Award."

U. S. Sen. Lloyd M. Bentsen (D-Tex.) presented the award to a surprised Stevens during the awards luncheon, a highlight of the TAB state convention. Bentsen, the luncheon speaker, received the first such award last year.

The honor, accompanied by a specially designed gold medallion, is bestowed on the Texan whom state broadcasters believe has "done the most to serve his fellow man, Texas and the nation."

TAB officials said Stevens has "contributed greatly to building a personal relationship between his religious group and broadcasters."

Stevens also was cited for creating the annual Abe Lincoln Awards which the Radio and Television Commission has sponsored since 1969. The Abe Lincoln Awards encourage improvement in public service broadcasting efforts. □



Mr. Delmar Wesseler, Conference moderator, leading the dedication program.

dedicated to GOD

by the Editor



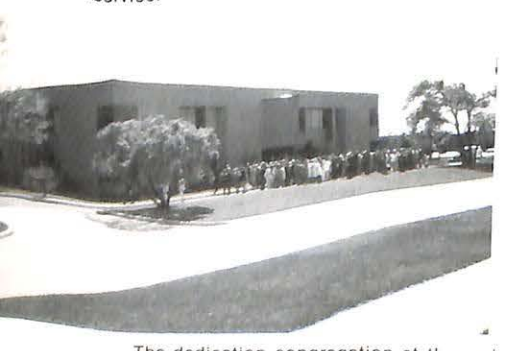
The Herman L. Effa Family praising God in song.



Pastor Kenneth Fischer (right), vice moderator, leading in prayer, invoking God's presence at the dedication service.



Mr. William Kresal, project supervisor, reporting on God's miraculous leadings before and during the construction period.



The dedication congregation at the main entrance of the building.



Mr. James Smith, architect.

On May 22, 1976, North American Baptists dedicated their new International Conference Office. The service of dedication was a joyous and festive occasion. Invitations had been sent to all churches and individuals who had contributed to the N.A.B. Conference International Office Fund. About 350 people from the community, neighboring churches, and some from distances of many hundred miles had come to share in this historic event.

Never before could North American Baptists point to a building which had been built especially for their ministries. During the early decades of our history the administrative work was done from the homes of the respective executive secretaries. In the early 1940's, when the Conference had grown to some 265 churches and 38,000 members, with mission work being done in Cameroon and among the Canadian Indians, five rooms rented above a bank in Forest Park, Illinois, hardly were adequate. In 1946, therefore, a Chinese laundry and restaurant two blocks away from the

bank, were purchased and converted into offices.

In 1958 a new building was constructed on the vacant lot beside the existing office. It was only a 50 x 100 foot addition to the older converted facility with very limited space for parking.

Then, when the North American Baptists Conference grew to 345 churches and had mission fields in Cameroon, Nigeria, Japan, Brazil and among the Spanish-speaking Americans in Colorado and Texas, the time had come to construct a totally new facility, specifically designed to meet the present needs at home and overseas and to serve for our projected expansion in the decades ahead.

God blessed all of the efforts of looking for an adequate building site, a capable construction company, a reasonable building price, a skilled architect. So it happened that on May 22, several weeks ahead of schedule, North American Baptists gathered for the dedication celebration in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

Mr. Delmar Wesseler, Conference moderator from Lorraine, Kansas, began the ceremony with these words: "It is my pleasure to extend to you a most hearty welcome as we come together as North American Baptists and friends to celebrate the completion of this building with its dedication to the glory of God. How marvelously God has shown his grace to North American Baptists all around the world these past years. By what our eyes are seeing today, we know that a new day is dawning as our staff, pastors and laymen develop our wide area of ministry of the unchanging gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. From this location of our Conference office the faith of our fathers will continue to shine forth across the vast continents of the world. . . . We invite you to rejoice with us in what God has done, and we summon all our North American Baptist family to a fresh dedication to our holy mission and high destiny as we participate in this dedication service. . . ."

The dedication congregation responded to this appeal by singing the hymn, "Faith of our fathers living still. . .", led by Dr. R. J. Kerstan. The Rev. Kenneth Fischer, Conference vice moderator from Lodi, Calif., then gave the call to worship and led in a prayer of invocation.

Following the prayer, Mr. William Kresal, Conference office business administrator, gave a brief report on the office relocation and construction his-

tory. Mr. Kresal had functioned as project supervisor and had rendered an invaluable service of untiring and dedicated work. His emotion filled voice revealed how much this project had become a part of his life.

Mr. James Smith, building architect of Smith and Stephens Company, had praises for the good cooperation he had encountered while working with the N.A.B. Building Committee.

The keys to the new office were handed over by Mr. Robert Harbour, president of I.C. Harbour Construction Company.

Then it was the turn of the executive secretary, Dr. G. K. Zimmerman, to welcome all visitors. One of the most prominent visitors was Dr. Frank H. Woyke, former executive secretary for 22 years. Dr. Woyke gave a brief Conference abstract of days gone by and praised the leadership of the North American Baptist Conference for a dynamic and visionary expansion program, demonstrated even in the construction of the new office facilities.

In order to emphasize our unity as U.S. and Canadian constituency the flags of both countries were raised. Mr. Ed B. Streuber raised the flag of Canada and Mr. Doug Floria the U.S. flag. They will be flying as a symbol of our common cause and effort across national borders.

The Herman Effa family, recent Brazil missionaries, now pastoring the Napier Parkview Baptist Church in Benton Harbor, Michigan, sang "Songs of Praises."

The stage was now set for the dedication address given by Dr. G. K. Zimmerman. His message was filled with praise and gratitude for God's gracious and bountiful leading through the years. The "Act of Dedication," led by the Rev. John Binder, stewardship and communications secretary, picked up the thought of the message and climaxed in the pledge: "We as North American Baptists, grateful for our heritage and mindful of the sacrifices of our people, dedicate ourselves anew to the service of God in this building in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

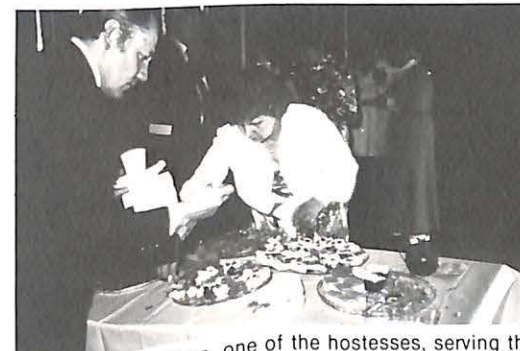
Immediately after another musical selection by the Effa family, Dr. Richard Schilke, general secretary of missions, gave the prayer of dedication. The "congregation" responded by singing, "Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father." There was a spark of radiance in the singing and facial expressions of all: 'Blessings all mine, with ten



Raising of the American and Canadian flags by representation of the two countries.



North American Baptists of all age groups had come to dedicate themselves and the office building to God.



Mrs. Lydia Wiedman, one of the hostesses, serving the Rev. Herman L. Effa refreshments.



Dr. Richard Schilke, general secretary of missions, leading in the prayer of dedication.

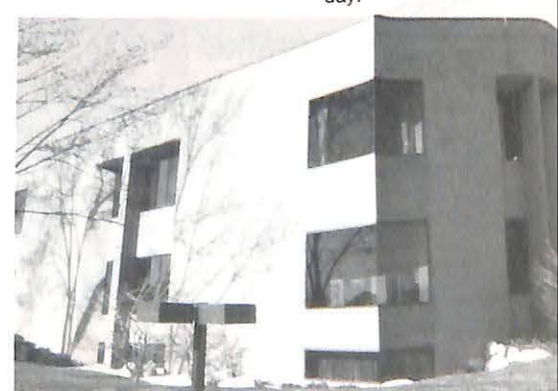
thousand beside!" The dedication ceremony closed with a prayer by Mr. Milton Hildebrandt, Conference treasurer. Then the doors were flung wide open to permit the guests to come in and see to what God had wrought about through sacrificial giving and faithful service of several hundred of our people. A reception with refreshments brought this eventful day to a close.

North American Baptists have their own office building! A 26,400 square foot facility with parking for 75 cars, located in an excellent neighborhood with good connections to air and road travel—a dream come true. It is now our task with the help of the Holy Spirit to live up to the pledge given at this occasion: "For the spiritual and numerical growth of the kingdom of God through the unified efforts of churches and Conference agencies, for the prayerful deliberations and decisions to be made by boards and committees in this place, in accord with God's will, we dedicate this building." □

Mr. Robert Harbour (2nd from right) general contractor, handing over the keys to the building.



Dr. G. K. Zimmerman, executive secretary, delivering the dedication address.



North American Baptist International Office.

An Open Letter from Japan

by Shirley Ann Bailey

"For God giveth to a man . . . joy" Ecclesiastes 2:26.

What a privilege it has been to serve God in Japan as a short-term missionary. As I reflect over these past two years I have many things to be thankful for. God not only gave me six wonderful missionary children and one Japanese girl (sixteen years old) to teach at Osaka Christian School in (grades 1-3), but he also has given me a wonderful roommate to live and learn from, Japanese friends who can speak very good English and brotherly missionary neighbors near my apartment and throughout Japan! I never dreamed that God could give me so many wonderful experiences.

It is difficult to begin to tell you of all my unique experiences in this brief letter. Just a few things that *you* may experience also if you should come here. Possibly:

1. You will be able to witness to these Japanese people (where Christianity is less than 1%) and to be used as a light for Jesus.
2. You will also be able to learn about their fascinating customs, like
 - a. wearing kimonos
 - b. participating in tea ceremonies
 - c. living in a Japanese style apartment with Western style conveniences
 - d. traveling on trains throughout this country
 - e. sight-seeing of ancient and historic Japan
 - f. eating Japanese food (which I've really grown to like) which is not only rice, tea and fish
 - g. attending an all Japanese church and to feel God's spirit and presence and to receive blessings that I did not think possible.

Miss Shirley Ann Bailey is a short-term missionary in Osaka, Japan.



Shirley teaching grade 1-3 children at Osaka Christian School.

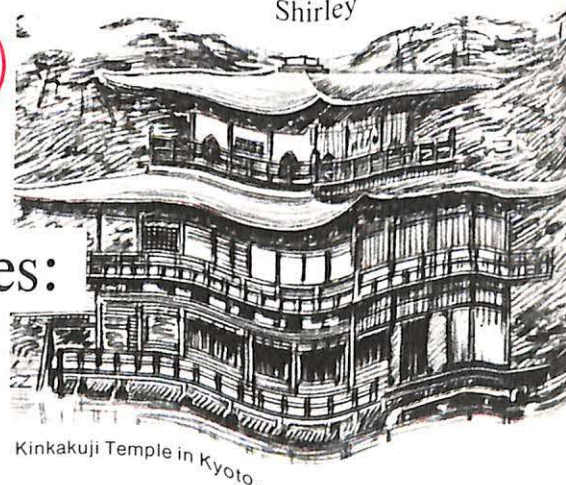
3. You will see miracles from God like Japanese friends becoming Christians and baptized and enthusiastic for Jesus Christ.

Again I thank our precious Lord for directing my life here and for teaching me so very much especially about Himself.

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever" II Peter 3:18.

If you are seeking an exciting, adventurous and spirit-filled life *consider* and then *reconsider* coming to Japan as a short-term missionary. God will give and teach you much more than you can even begin to imagine! I came and I am glad I did!

In Christian love,
Shirley



Kinkakuji Temple in Kyoto.

from our regular short-term service in that she taught at the Osaka Christian School which is a school for missionary children. The regular short-term missionaries are involved in teaching conversational English in adult

classes. Actually, Miss Bailey wrote the letter to me but I thought that it would be a fitting introduction to this article on the newly appointed short-termers; so I am publishing it in this issue of the BAPTIST HERALD as an open letter in the further hope that it might challenge other young people to get the vision of overseas service.

One of the three who are introduced to the readers of the BAPTIST HERALD is really not a newcomer to Japan. She was the former Miss Lucille I. DeBoer who already served in Japan from 1971-73 prior to her marriage and whose write-up appeared in the 1971 November issue of the BAPTIST HERALD. In 1973 she also accompanied the "Young Ambassadors from Japan" and was co-director of the drama group along with our veteran missionary, Miss Florence Miller. In her present application for another short-term service she writes: "I had been considering it ever since I returned in 1973. It has taken until now for me to 'get the message.'"

William D. and Lucille Lengefeld



William D. Lengefeld was born on Oct. 2, 1944, in New Braunfels, Texas, to Mr. and Mrs. Kurt H. Lengefeld of our Immanuel Baptist Church in Kyle, Texas. He has one older and one younger brother. Early in life he accepted Christ as his Savior and in 1956 was baptized by the Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder, joining the Immanuel Baptist Church in Kyle.

In 1963 William graduated from Kyle High School and for the next two years attended Jacksonville Baptist College in Jacksonville, Texas. In 1965 he transferred to Stephen F. Austin State University where in 1969 he received his BA degree with a major in History and a minor in English. William saw service with the Armed Forces of the United States (Air Force section) and spent 13 months in Korea. During one of his leaves while in Korea, he visited our mission field in Japan, since missionary C. Richard Mayforth was at one time his pastor. On that visit he met Miss Lucille DeBoer, short-term missionary in Japan and in her second year. They felt led of the Lord to be engaged. Following the short-term service by Lucille in the summer of 1973, they were married on Sept. 1, 1973, at Corona, S.D.

Concerning Christ, William says: "He is my God and Savior. Without his saving grace there would be no hope of eternal life. He has been a kind and patient Lord, allowing me to have access to much. I have returned my life and everything else he has given to me back for total involvement in the way he leads." In 1958 at the Latham Springs Camp in Texas where the Rev. and Mrs. F. Ken-

Dr. Richard Schilke is general secretary of missions of the North American Baptist Conference.

neth Goodman spoke, William dedicated his life to Christian service. However, somehow he was at the time not led into full-time Christian service. In his application for short-term service he wrote: "Both Luci and I, having been in Japan, feel that this is where we should be serving God at this time."

Lucille DeBoer Lengefeld was born on Jan. 21, 1947 in Milbank, S. D. to Mr. and Mrs. Dick DeBoer. She is the third of six children. Early in life Lucille accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized on Aug. 10, 1958, by the Rev. Herman Lohr and became a member of First Baptist Church in Corona, S.D.

In May 1965 Lucille graduated from Corona Independent High School at Corona. That fall she enrolled at Sioux Falls College in Sioux Falls, S. D. and graduated in 1969 with a BA degree, majoring in English. The following two years she served as a teacher at Lincoln Junior High School in Beloit, Wisconsin. In 1971 she joined our first team of short-term missionaries to Japan and served in that capacity for two years. In the summer of 1973 she was part of the "Young Ambassadors from Japan" touring our churches in the United States and in Canada.

Concerning Christ, Lucille says: "First of all he is my Savior. I love him because he does so many wonderful things for me every day and because of the abundant life we can have through his spirit. Most of all I am thankful for his plan for my life and that he makes it possible for us to find his will for us as individuals. I am filled with joy for this opportunity he has provided us to serve him. God has used me as an instrument in bringing several of my Japanese students to his saving knowledge. Several times I have been able to pray with friends who are having serious problems, and I have led one young woman to the Lord." Concerning returning to Japan as a short-term missionary she says: "My husband and I feel that God has called us very specifically to Japan." In fact, with reference to regular service in Japan she wrote: "If the Lord should lead us in that direction, we would be willing."

For the past three years Mr. and Mrs. Lengefeld resided at Austin, Texas, where they both had employment and were active in the Hillcrest Baptist Church, a church of the Southern Baptist Convention, which they joined during their stay in Austin. They have now transferred their membership to the Immanuel Baptist Church at Kyle, Texas.

Miss Linda S. Hartley



Linda S. Hartley was born on Nov. 22, 1950, in Terra Haute, Indiana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Hartley and the oldest of six children. The family lived in Whittier, Calif., until Linda was age 15. Early in her (Continued on page 31)

SERVING GOD IN JAPAN

by Richard Schilke

Introducing Short-Term Missionaries: Mr. and Mrs. William D. Lengefeld and Miss Linda S. Hartley

This issue of the BAPTIST HERALD has "An Open Letter from Japan" by Miss Shirley Ann Bailey who expressed her joy over the opportunity of serving in Japan as a short-term missionary during the past two years. Miss Bailey's service in Japan was somewhat different

Our Purpose in Going to Brazil

by Richard Schilke
Introducing the Rev. and
Mrs. Richard H. Kaiser



In his preliminary application for missionary service, Richard Kaiser answered the question, "What is your missionary purpose?" by saying: "My purpose is Jesus Christ's command in Matthew 28:18-20—to make disciples through teaching in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." In his final application he added: "The idea of missions cropped up throughout my life. I would say, the last few years, this year (1975) in particular, I have developed a real sense of mission." Mrs. Kaiser answered the question in a similar way by saying: "My purpose is to proclaim what Christ means to me, and how others can come to know him in the same way." And in her final application she added: "In the past months missions have become underlined, and we believe this is the work God has for us." Both of them felt strongly drawn towards Brazil and applied for service in that country.

Life's Early Influences

Richard Herbert Kaiser was born April 28, 1947 in Kenosha, Wis., to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Kaiser as the second of six children. He has two sisters and three brothers. At the age of thirteen he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized on Oct. 29, 1960, by the Rev. Milton W. Zeeb and became a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Dr. Richard Schilke is general secretary of missions of the North American Baptist Conference.

Richard graduated from Kenosha High School in 1965 and then attended the University of Wisconsin Kenosha Extension for the next two years. Then he studied at University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wis., and in January 1970 he received his B.S. degree with a major in Physical Education. He continued his studies until June 1970 with an additional 20 credits.

Though Richard accepted Christ in his early teens, he confessed that he was a luke-warm Christian—"never doing anything real bad, but only occasionally witnessing verbally." He admits: "The church told us to witness but I didn't see anyone doing it or showing me how to do it." After entering graduate school in the fall of 1970, he dedicated his life to God and asked for guidance in his life. In the fall of 1971 he began work at a factory. In December of that year his father died, and he sensed the nearness of God especially in those days. In the fall of 1972 he accepted a job at Wyler Military School for Boys at Evansville, Wisconsin. There he met Karen who was to become his future wife.

Karen Elizabeth Kaiser nee DesRochers was born on Nov. 10, 1953 in Stoughton, Wis., to Mr. and Mrs. Chester M. DesRochers as the fourth of five children in the family. She has two brothers and two sisters. Her father was a teacher at the Wyler Military School in Evansville, Wisconsin. Her parents were Episcopalian, but since there was no church of that denomination in Evansville, they attended a Lutheran church where Karen received infant baptism. In the summer of 1965 she visited her mother's sister in Minnesota where she heard of Christ's love for her. The presentation of the gospel in this way was new to her. She was challenged and responded by accepting Christ as her Savior. The next few years saw Christian growth, and on Aug. 19, 1971, she confessed her living faith by being baptised by immersion at Flathead River, Montana. Later she united with the Middleton Baptist Church in Middleton, Wis., a church affiliated with the Conservative Baptist Association.

Karen graduated from Evansville Community High School in Evansville, Wis., in June, 1971. That fall she enrolled at University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis., taking up studies for the nursing profession. In 1972 she enrolled at the Madison General Hospital School of Nursing and received her diploma in May, 1974. Karen first met Richard when he came to work at her father's school as coach. As they talked and prayed about their future, Richard told her of his dream of several years to attend seminary and enter full-time Christian service. They were married on May 25, 1974.

Preparation for Service

Richard Kaiser enrolled in the N.A.B. Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. D., in the fall of 1973. He planned to take only the two year course leading to the MA degree in Christian Education which he received in May, 1975. Karen found employment as a nurse at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls following their marriage. At the time of the Senior Class visit to the N.A.B. office in the spring

of 1975, Richard and Karen were housed at our home. During that visit they made known their intention and desire for service in Brazil. The file was processed and the Board of Missions meeting in April 1975 gave favorable consideration to their application and appointed them as missionaries to Brazil. However, for budget reason the appointment could not take effect until the summer of 1976. The visa for Brazil was granted in May 1976. The extra year gave opportunity to Richard to take

an additional year of studies at the seminary and to Karen to take several mission courses at the seminary.

Ordination and Commissioning

In the afternoon of Jan. 24, 1976, the Immanuel Baptist Church in Kenosha, Wis., met in an ordination council at which other N.A.B. churches of the Wisconsin Association were represented. Richard H. Kaiser gave a very satisfactory presentation of his conversion, call and

(Continued on page 21)



Have you ever heard of STEER, Inc., an evangelical, interdenominational livestock and crop program which channels money to missions? In 18 years this missionary enterprise has channeled well over \$580,000 to mission societies including this mission. How does it work? The plan and program is managed to STEER, Inc., headquartered in Bismarck, N.D. STEER encourages donors (non-farmers) to provide the capital for the purchase of young animals like calves, hogs, sheep or brood cows, dairy cows or for seed and fertilizer whereby a farmer can share in either the livestock program or "God's Acre" plan. When the animal or crop is sold, the original capital is used to purchase another animal or crop project with the profit going to missions. All investments are covered by insurance against loss. After the donor passes away, his unit becomes a memorial and keeps right on producing for missions.

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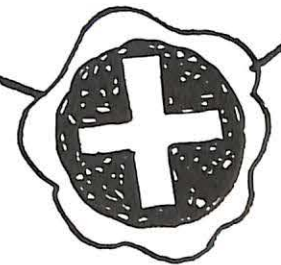
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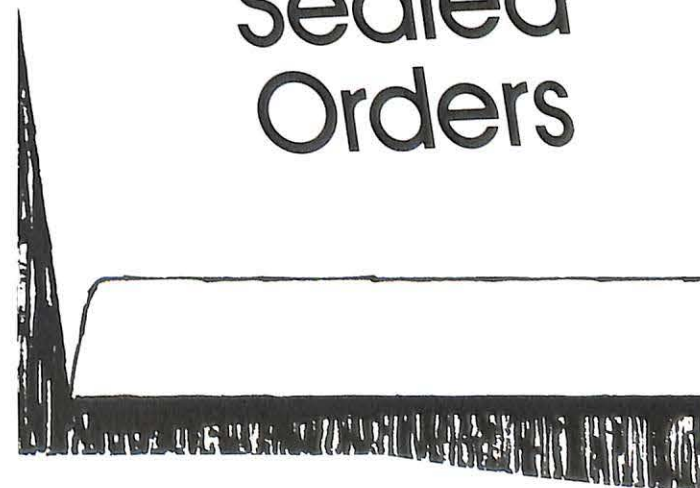
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BACK to SCHOOL



by Fred Mashner

The wise King Solomon once said: "Wisdom is better than rubies, and all things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. . . . Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not." Was he merely expressing his personal bias or is there truth in his words?

Festus said to Paul: "Paul, you are raving mad, much study is driving you crazy." There is an element in society that is highly suspicious of higher education, who like to use Festus' remark to support their suspicions. The fear that professors will destroy the faith of their children, and will put questionable concepts into their heads, is very real to them. The news media telling of the wicked atmosphere and activities on some campus serve to heighten their

fears of permitting their children to go to college, especially a secular institution. There may be limited justification for these fears as these and other factors are examined.

On the other hand, everyone is keenly aware that we live in an educationally saturated era. Education is an important status symbol. It is common knowledge that even a factory maintenance position requires a high school diploma to gain such employment. The school dropout is at the bottom of the social and economic ladder. A good education is an absolute necessity to achieve success or even to provide a satisfactory livelihood.

There is no question that we must do all in our power to encourage our youth to achieve the best training of which they are capable. Parents must believe in their children and have confidence that education will serve to strengthen faith rather than destroy it, unless no firm con-

victions were entertained by the student before entering college. The young person that enters college is not likely to deviate extensively from the moral standard he maintained while he was at home. He can only be influenced to evil if he was subject to such influence while still at home.

It is incumbent upon each student, however, that he permit God to have an important place in his life and have his fair share of your time while away from home. It is important as well that we be as diligent in Bible study as we are in any other area of study. Remember, God believes in getting wisdom, but he is more concerned for our growth in spiritual understanding and in our obedient and faithful following of the Holy Spirit in our lives. If we "train up a child" to love and obey God as he has instructed us to do, then "when he is old (or educated) he will not depart from it." □

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by B.C. Schreiber

Life Without Limits. By Lloyd J. Ogilvie, Waco, Texas. Word Books. \$7.95.

The messages presented in this volume are based on the Gospel according to Mark. Dr. Ogilvie makes use of a free expository type of approach that centers not only on a few verses or larger portions of the gospel, but makes the truth relevant to present-day experience.

In his chapter on "Blest be The Tie That Unbinds," he suggests six steps toward becoming the church in the home. The first one is worthy of immediate attention: "Begin with yourself as parent or child, husband or wife. We dare not expect our homes to be any more Christian than we are willing to be in ourselves in attitude and action."

Based on Mark 10:29-35 the church is to be like a family and the author makes it clear what the family in the present ought to be.

There are 33 devotional, expository and practical chapters that may be read in their entirety or as daily devotional meditations.

The Triple Crown. By Valerie Pirie, Wilmington, N.C., Consortium Books. \$12.00.

For Protestants who are not familiar with Catholic tradition and practice THE TRIPLE CROWN refers to the papal tiara, the Pope's official head-dress. Not until the fourth century did the Popes wear a circle around the base of the conical-shaped cap, which until then was quite plain. To make it more impressive a second was added later. Benedict XII superimposed a third. Although some Popes in succeeding generations disapproved of these innovations THE TRIPLE CROWN was adopted in the fourteenth century as the official head-dress for ceremonial occasions.

The short review on the flyleaf describes this volume as "an entertaining look" at what goes on behind the scenes of electing a new Pope. In the chapter on Pope Benedict XIV the author refers to one of the "Pope-makers," Neri Corsini, as "a gifted comedian." However, this well-written and no doubt documented work can hardly be classified as entertainment or comedy. Much of it is tragic, cruel and inhuman. The Borgias and Medicis such as Leo X and Clement VII were political despots.

Occasionally the reader is relieved to read of a Pope (Innocent X) who had "a strong sense of justice . . . a kindly, peaceable disposition, frugal habits, . . .

disliked oppression; relieved his subjects from much of the heavy burden . . . constrained nobles to pay their taxes . . . reduced Vatican expenses." Problems in the family circle nevertheless revealed a dual personality toward the end of his life.

The book reads like Kings and Chronicles in the Old Testament in which it was so often repeated: "... and he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord." So seldom does it say: "... and he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord."

Protestants will find the history informative and interesting. At the same time it should remind us of some of the cruelty perpetrated by reformers such as Martin Luther and Ulrich Zwingli. The Pilgrims who came to the new world to seek religious freedom denied it to others through persecution and banishment.

One can only wonder at God's great grace and patience with his creatures. □

Faith— As A Grain of Mustard Seed

by Helen I. Griffiths

I had a tiny bit of faith
small as a Mustard seed—
I put that faith in Jesus.
I told Him of my need.
Then fear stepped in to seize me,
(For my faith was very small)
I doubted; and I told Him so—
(For He's my 'all-in-all')
"Life's too hard," I told Him.
"I can't make it on my own."
He told me, He is with me,
I will never be alone.
I said: "But Lord, I'll falter,
For I am very weak!"
He whispered that the earth, itself,
He would someday give the meek.
"But my brother turned against me, Lord,
when I told him about you."
So . . . He gave me other brothers—
more loving, kind and true.
With Christ I've found the answers
to all life's pain and woe.
I've found a joy more rapturous
than I thought I'd ever know
Together we move mountains,
and do what "can't be done."
With a tiny Mustard-seed-of-faith,
the victory has been won! □

North American Baptists are PEOPLE WHO CARE

Financial Needs for 1976

MISSIONS:

Cameroon	472,000
Nigeria	122,250
Japan	157,250
Brazil	79,500
Home Missions	48,000
Special Mission Projects	110,000
Church Extension	263,400
G. M. S. Administration	126,300

Total Amount . . . \$1,378,700

TRAINING LEADERS:

N. A. B. College	178,170
N. A. B. College Capital Funds	11,000
N. A. B. Seminary	250,160
Inter-Campus	52,000

Total Amount . . . \$491,330

CHURCH MINISTRIES:

Evangelism/God's Volunteers	48,050
Women's Work	15,526
Youth Ministry	18,800
Administration and Education	87,624

Total Amount . . . \$170,000

PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION:

Conference and Council	158,295
Stewardship and Communications	147,630

Total Amount . . . \$305,925

AREA MINISTRIES:

Area Secretaries	124,840
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Total Amount . . . \$124,840

AID TO NEEDY AND AGING:

Pension program	19,500
Aged Ministers	8,000
World Relief	19,000

Total Amount . . . \$46,500

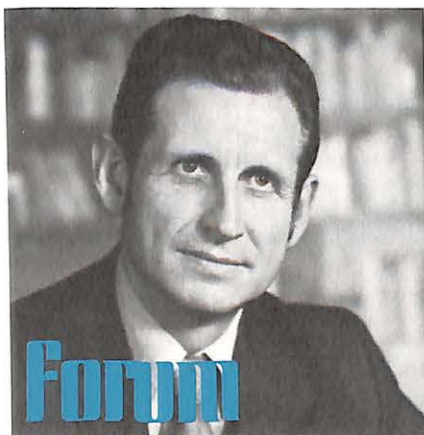
SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Bible Distribution	2,500
Baptist World Alliance	3,500
Contingencies	705

Total Amount . . . \$6,705

TOTAL . . . **\$2,524,000**

The Rev. Fred Mashner is pastor of Winton Road Baptist Church Rochester, N.Y.



by Gerald L. Borchert

Dear Dr. Borchert:

Excuse me for asking for a little of your valuable time but I have a problem. I have been asked to speak to our youth group on the Rev. Sun Myung Moon and the Unification Church. I have looked in quite a number of book stores for some material but failed to find anything. That's my problem.

Could you direct me to some material...?

T.L.

Dear T.L.:

To write about Moon's Unification Church raises for me feelings of great sadness because of the many young people who have been captivated by an oriental style of sophisticated religious brainwashing during the time of their lives when at about college age they are formulating their real life perspectives, goals and commitments. Moreover, the North American democracies with their patterns of religious freedom make it extremely difficult for an oriental religious dictator like Moon to be controlled. When one knows families whose children have been captivated by this cult, one also knows the horrendous problem of actually recapturing and deprogramming them which is necessary to bring them to self-thinking patterns once again.

In terms of the movement Dr. R. J. Kerstan, editor of the *Baptist Herald*, provided a helpful introduction to the appeal pattern of Sun Myung Moon in the *Baptist Herald*, February 1975 issue. The public appeal usually involves the music of clean-cut, enthusiastic young people and speeches detailing anti-communist, pro-conservative morals which the editor of *Christianity Today* likens to the earlier phenomenon of Moral Rearmament.

Then comes the invitation to join a training seminar for approximately four days at a cost of about \$7.00. This experience as John Cotter, writing for *New York Daily News*, relates is a studied experience in mind change. Nineteen hours a day are spent in lecture-repetition, singing, games—mostly

children's games, discussions, prayers and exercises. Prayers are made in a sing-songy manner punctuated with the word "Father" twenty or more times within the span of two minutes. Meals are very thin in terms of protein, writes Margaret Bowers. Resistance is, thus, lowered. But on the last day, Cotter states, a mood of relaxation is introduced and the last meal is the best, a preparation for hearing a glowing speech by the "master," Moon himself. In the group context, the conditioning pattern is amazing. The invitation is then extended for a seven day seminar at a \$35.00 fee, which can be borrowed from the "church." This session is followed by conditioning seminars of 21, 40 and 120 days.

To support this effort Moon has developed a phenomenal economic enterprise wherein young people abandon their past goals and give themselves to selling flowers, candy, peanuts, candles and receiving donations for the "church's" mission. The average take for a seller in the 12 to 15 hour day of work is \$100.00 but some followers are known to have garnered a whopping \$400.00 a day. In contrast, the devotees live in church-supported communes, sleep in sleeping bags and are given an allowance of about 90¢ per day. Is it any wonder why the Moon conglomerate in South Korea is worth over \$10 million and the profits in the United States for 1974 were \$8 million? The devotees may live in poverty but the "master," like an oriental dictator, has at his disposal several palace-like mansions. The real estate acquisitions in New York alone are now nearly equal to his South Korean holdings.

The morals of Moon sound at first somewhat innocuous in the emphasis upon stricter moral standards and a desire for unification of all people under the leadership of the "Third Adam." But the more one penetrates beyond his *Divine Principle*, the authoritative text, the more the spectre begins to appear. Moon affirms the right to dictate every decision for his devotees, including the arrangement of marriages. Mixed marriages are often commanded, a means of getting his Korean devotees into the United States. He also states that obedience of the devotees to their new true parents is demanded "even if you have to be beaten and driven out to the pain of death." Moreover, Moon claims (because of his ascent to heaven and return to the world) to be able to "rule the spirit world using only my physical senses."

Furthermore, Moon claims to have had a personal appearance from Jesus Christ on a Korean hillside in 1936 and at that time the "key to righteousness

and restoration of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth" was given to him. In all this one cannot help but recall Paul's words in Galatians 1:8 "But though we, or an angel from heaven preach any other Gospel unto you than that we preached unto you, let him be accursed."

Moon also considers that because of John the Baptist's lack of commitment to Jesus, Jesus was killed and failed in his mission to marry and produce holy offspring. Therefore, the "third Adam" is needed. Moon is usually careful not to say that he is the new messiah, but the implications are never far from obvious, such as the fact that the messiah will be a Korean and has been born between 1917 and 1930. It is instructive to recall that in the early church there were Gnostic heretics who emphasized a similar teaching about marriage and holy offspring. Also it is significant that Moon has reportedly been arrested several times on charges of sexual misconduct, including bigamy. He is now married to a second wife.

While one could write much about the syncretism of "Moonism," which is a combination of Christianity and oriental religious ideas, I should conclude by saying that perhaps the best preparation for young people is a solid living faith in Christ Jesus, the Lord. Moon makes his inroads generally with nominal Christians who are looking for answers and for authority. He has been able to win many, both Jews and Christians, because of his messianism. He is a former Korean Presbyterian who knows the form of biblical teaching but has been excommunicated by that church for heresy and life style.

Moon's objective is definitely the gaining of power. He is launching a determined effort to gain converts in the government of the United States. It has in fact been intimated that he is looking for young ladies and would assign three "good-looking girls" to each senator. Lying, cheating, etc. for the sake of the "church" are permissible and the rigid concept of morals which he portrays may be nothing more than a front in his drive for power.

In conclusion, let me remind all parents and church people to pray for our young people that they may be able to withstand such confusions of the devil. I trust, T.L., that this information is helpful to you. Since you asked for additional sources, I recommend: William Petersen, *Those Curious New Cults (Keats)* or write for tapes to The Spiritual Counterfeits Project of the Berkeley Christian Coalition, P.O. Box 4308, Berkeley, California 94704. G.L.B. □



Knowing the Will of GOD

by Donald N. Miller

It is not easy to know the will of God. Sometimes we talk very glibly and casually, even flippantly, about the will of God as if it's all a matter of circumstances, feelings or isolated verses of Scripture.

On the other hand, perhaps we have made it more difficult than it is. Surprisingly, much of God's will is readily discernable and available. God has made many things clear to us in his written word, the Bible. Therefore, no further revelation is necessary. Nor is it necessary to stand in perplexity and ask, "I wonder if I should do this or that?"

The Ten Commandments are a good example of God's will for our lives. There are, of course, many other verses of Scripture which speak equally clearly to us. It is obvious that the better we know God's Word, the more clearly we will know God's will.

It is especially important in this regard to bring to the Word of God and our circumstances a dedicated mind,

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heart and spirit. In Romans 12:1-2, we read, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good, and acceptable and perfect will of God."

I think it is fair to say on the basis of this Scripture that it is possible to know the will of God even when his written word is not specific or obvious. But how? The Scripture says, "... by the renewing of your mind." This suggests that we can know God's will through sound reason and good Christian judgment. By thinking with the mind of Christ.

But does not the Bible warn us against leaning on our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5-6). It does indeed! But there is a world of difference between human understanding and spiritual wisdom.

In one of his devotional books, Dr. Oswald Chambers says that we should try to discern the "goings on" of God.

That is, we should think through the way in which God goes about life. We should try to understand his mind and get his perspective—the things he likes and dislikes.

Obviously this involves a commitment of ourselves to God, a desire to do his will even before we know what it is. It also involves prayer, meditation and a willingness to agonize in a decision even as Jesus so often did.

It is said of James L. Kraft, a Baptist layman and founder of the Kraft Food Company, that he never made a decision without first praying about it and trying to figure out what God would do if he was in a similar position. In those early years when this humble man had nothing but an old wagon, a horse named "Paddy," and an idea about the processing of cheese, he said, "I would often go home at night not knowing where I was going to get the money to pay my few employees or to buy the materials I needed. But I always talked to God about it. And I told God what I needed. Things didn't always turn out right, but that was because I was never able to quite get rid of all the error in me." And then he made this very important statement: "The degree to which you live with God, to that degree does error drop out and truth remain."

I believe that the primary way of knowing the will of God is through sound reason and good Christian judgment as we commit ourselves to Christ and prayerfully think through the issues in the light of his Word.

But what about signs, visions, dreams, spiritual impressions and the opening and closing of doors? Does God not reveal himself in these things as well? I am confident that he does. The wisemen saw a star. Our Lord's parents were warned in a dream. Peter had a vision. And I have personally experienced some of these things in my life which I have never doubted to be anything but the will of God.

But I believe that these things are exceptions to the rule, that God's usual way of guiding us is through sanctified reason. I think that many times people are misled in their thinking or are kept from making a decision at all because they are waiting for some dramatic or cataclysmic revelation from God.

It is also important to remember that the will of God is not a static or once-for-all thing, but an on-going process. As we grow and walk with God, doing the things which we know are right, new insights and understandings are revealed to us.

Think. What is God's will for my life right now in relationship to my parents, my friends, my church, my boyfriend or girlfriend, my career, my _____.



That Sixth Quality

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



God has given us five senses: seeing, hearing, tasting, touching and smelling. These are sufficient for anyone to function properly. If one of these five senses fails, we suffer a considerable loss. When someone acquires an unusual perceptive skill, we say she has a sixth sense.

In 2 Corinthians 8:7, Paul mentions the six qualities which the Corinthians should manifest in their Christian service. He commended them on the use of five and suggested that they had tended to neglect the sixth which was a great loss to them. The Word of God is never out-dated and now, at the beginning of a new season, it would be wise for us as members of the W.M.U. to check and see how we measure up in our use of these six qualities.

"*Their faith was abundant.*" During Christ's ministry he often criticized his followers for their lack of faith. Paul, in writing to his friends at Corinth, commended them on the use of this quality. The women of our W.M.U. can also be commended on their abundant faith in undertaking much and then following through to a successful conclusion.

"*They abounded in their testimony for God.*" During the last ten years the women in our North American Baptist churches have taken a much more active part in spreading the gospel and are also to be commended on this point.

The Corinthian Christians "*abounded in knowledge*" for they spent time searching the Scriptures. This quality has also been evidenced in our circles as women gather for Bible study, searching

the Word of God in order to become knowledgeable.

Their "*devotion*" was so great as to be listed with other abounding graces. The devotion of our women has been such as to motivate us to constant effort to excel in all worthy endeavors.

Their "*love of God's servants*" was evident to Paul. The women of our denomination have certainly abounded in this quality for the welfare of our missionaries is always a priority.

The neglected quality is clearly shown to be that of "*giving liberally of their material blessings.*" There is no indication that the Corinthian Christians were withholding their contributions. If they excelled in all the other qualities, they certainly were concerned enough to give financially. They only did not abound in this grace. We can each judge ourself and see if we abound or if we need to stir up this quality in the months ahead. Our giving as a group, during this triennium, has been tremendous. It could, however, be possible that if each member gave liberally we could accomplish much more. □

The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength (Neh. 8:10b)

by LaVerna Mehlhaff, women's work director



Our theme for the triennium states, in proper order, the source of our strength.

Joy does not come of itself; it is a result. There is a source for the joy of a Christian. The source of the joy is Jesus Christ, and joy is received through accepting Christ as personal Savior and completely submitting oneself to Christ. Divided allegiance never brings joy. Only a life completely dedicated to the Lord will receive strength from the source of strength which is Jesus Christ. As the Lord is given opportunity to live through an individual, joy will be evident for it will no longer be the individual struggling to do the work, it will be Christ with his strength and power working through the individual. The person so dedicated will experience the joy of the Lord and strength for service will be from the Lord. □

The Women Behind the Men in Government

All of our lives are affected by the actions and decisions of people in governmental positions, whether they be local or national positions. We can thank God that there are many Christian people in government and we should pray regularly for them. This issue begins a series of articles by the wives of some of our Christian politicians, in which they share their testimonies and something of what it is like to live a Christian life in the political arena:

My Story

by Glen Loew Kleppe (Mrs. Tom Kleppe)

As a newcomer to Washington, D.C., when my husband was elected to Congress from North Dakota in 1966, one of the first groups I became part of was the Congressional Wives Prayer group. This group meets twice a month to pray for the President and our husbands along with others.

In time I learned that there are many prayer groups here in government. There are eighteen at the Pentagon, one at the White House, five at the State Department, a new one at the National Archives and one at the Small Business Administration which my husband helped start while he was administrator there. Shortly after my husband became the Secretary of the Interior, he helped begin one there, too. A most exciting bit of information came when Tom was tapped for this position as we learned that a group of Christians at the Interior Department had been praying for a Christian Secretary for over a year.

During the fall of 1975, a prayer group for teenagers who are children of the Administrative, Judicial and Legislative branches of government began meeting monthly. The group numbers about fifty and has outstanding speakers.

Last spring a "Circle of Love" prayer group for the wives of the Cabinet, Pentagon officials, Diplomatic Corps and government leaders began meeting much as the Congressional Wives do. These both meet at Fellowship House which is the home of the Prayer Breakfast movement.

Several years ago, eight of us women began sponsoring the New Life Series, a Christian lecture-lunch planned for

women in Washington to offer them additional Christian fellowship and opportunity for a deeper spiritual walk in the Lord.

The group dearest to my heart is the Tuesday morning Prayer-Bible Study group for women which meets weekly at our home. We enjoy a quick cup of coffee and fellowship until all arrive when we sing hymns of praise to the Lord. Each session includes Bible study led by a fine pastor's wife, intercessory prayer, a time of sharing what God is doing in our lives and a time of praying for each others' needs. Weekly we see relationships healed, people accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior, people healed of physical problems and so many answers to prayer.

This group began as twelve four years ago and now sometimes numbers fifty. At least seven different Protestant denominations are represented along with many Roman Catholics, four Jewish women who have accepted Jesus as their Messiah, several black women and several international women. My prayer for this group is that God would send to it the women he wants to have come. Some are knowledgeable enough to teach while others open their Bibles for probably the first time and the rest are somewhere in between. The spiritual level is varied, too.

About a year after coming to Washington, D.C. I was invited to speak to a Pentagon women's prayer group. I accepted believing it to be a Bible study I was to do. When I learned they expected a personal testimony, I almost panicked. I didn't know what it meant. Then when I did learn what it meant I was sure I would do a Bible study. For some reason I couldn't work out any Bible study at all which, for me, was strange and I finally said, "OK, Lord, I'll give a testimony, whatever that is." I would truly like to go back there and finish my story because I did not know the Lord then, but I didn't know that either.

Really, I could share with this Pentagon group only the beginning of my story. I grew up in Holland, Michigan in a happy, normal home. My parents were good parents and I thank God for them. I have one older sister who was always the best sister one could have and she was a big influence in my life. We had a very moral upbringing and even though we didn't talk about God or pray, that I ever knew about, our family attended the Methodist Church faithfully, and I loved both worship services and Sunday school. At age ten I was baptized when I made arrangements for it and began saying grace for Sunday dinner. All through college I attended church regularly and knew that when I married it would have to be to

someone who had the same desire for church I did.

At Michigan State University, on our second date, Bill Gompf of Fargo, N.D., took me to church. It was his idea and I was impressed. Other things impressed me too, and we were married in the fall of 1948 when we had finished college. In each city in Minnesota in which we lived, we were active in the Presbyterian Church, teaching, singing in the choir and directing the high school kids groups. He was a deacon at the time he became sick with cancer. Our only daughter was a few months old. It wasn't long before we realized he was going to die. Neither of us knew anything about praying for healing at that time and accepted the doctors' statements.



Pictured from left to right are Debbie and Tom Kleppe, Rick and Jane Sutermeister, Secretary of Interior Tom Kleppe, Jill, Mrs. Kleppe, Janis and Jerry Cunningham.

Once during the last five months when I was taking care of him at home, he called me to him in the night to say that he was dying. I wasn't a nurse, but I checked everything I knew to and couldn't see any change. He said if he weren't dying he was getting better, but suddenly it didn't matter whether he died or recovered because he knew he was right with God. Somehow I knew it too. Later I recalled how he used to ask me to play over and over again the record with Mario Lanza singing "I'll Walk With God." This must have ministered to him in a spiritual way. From then on he was still more patient and not afraid to die. When he did die at age thirty one, I knew indeed that he was with God.

Many times during those days and in the ones to follow, I leaned on God through my favorite Bible verse from Psalm 55:22, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee."

Sometime after Bill's death, I realized just how lonely I was and remembered that Bill had encouraged me to remarry. He had even tried to think of someone who would be right for me. Then he had cautioned me with, "Don't marry for anything less than love or think about whether he is right for Jane

or not. If he's right for you, he'll be right for Jane." So I now thought about remarriage and didn't know how to go about it. I recall very vividly praying this prayer. "Lord, I'd like to remarry and I just don't know anyone or how to meet the right one, but somewhere in this big world there must be someone who is right for me to love and who is right to love me. I'm just going to go on living my normal life taking care of Jane and playing my cello in chamber music and orchestra and staying active in church things, and I'm just going to ask you to bring the right man to me." Never have I been so aware of releasing anything so completely to God. From then on I really didn't wonder about men or look for one. I just trusted God.

Some months later the boy who was best man for Bill and me called to tell me about Tom Kleppe and his outstanding character and the Gold Seal Company of which he was president. He told me Tom was a widower with a daughter and son and lived in Bismarck, North Dakota. First I thought he was trying to get me a job with that Company, which I wasn't interested in, but when I learned he merely wanted me to meet Tom, I agreed. Having just sold my home in Austin, Minnesota, I was temporarily living with my mother in Holland as my father had just died. Tom came out to see me twice and we were engaged by the third weekend. It was just right from the very beginning because God's hand was in it and he just doesn't make any mistakes. Six months later we married at Tom's Lutheran Church in Bismarck. Our oldest daughter, Janis (13), sang and after we had been pronounced husband and wife, the pastor called our three children—Janis, Tommy (11) and Jane (4)—up front and read a paragraph to which they said, "I do." It wasn't a vow or a promise but rather a willingness to pray for their parents. Within

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IN MEMORIAM Reverend Herman Palfenier 1892-1976

In Lasting Memory

by Allan Strohschein

To the precious Savior I belong
And His love is now my happy song.
For He leads and guides me all the way
Even to the crowning day.

These words from the song written by Rev. Palfenier express something of the convictions of his life as he knew the present reality of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and also looked forward to the crowning day.

Herman Palfenier was born in Schuettdorf, Hannover, Germany, on Aug. 24, 1892. As a youth of 12 he came to Canada with his parents. In a unique way, God's Spirit touched and transformed his life. After his conversion, he immediately began to share his faith and to serve the Lord. He felt God's call to the ministry of the gospel and attended the North American Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N.Y., from 1919 to 1925.

He was ordained on Sept. 7, 1925, at Manitowoc, Wis., where he pastored his first church. Other places of service included:

North Freedom, Wis.	1930-1936
Steamboat Rock, Iowa	1936-1941
Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	1941-1948

He then served as Denominational Evangelist from 1948 until his retirement in 1964. Since that time he has remained active in pulpit supply, Sunday school teaching and other Christian service.

The Rev. Allan Strohschein is pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Windows of Home

Isaiah 50:10

Through night and darksome valleys I must go,
My strength is gone, my heart is full of woe.
The road so long, the end not yet in sight,
I see no light, how can I walk aright?

The storm clouds lower nigh on every hand.
The sky is gray, and far the harbor strand.
Here yawns the deep, to swallow up my soul.
O lover of my soul, do thou the waves control.

In Loving Memory

In the midst of the General Council session on May 21, the news reached us by telephone from the Rev. Allan Strohschein, pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Minneapolis, that our Brother Herman Palfenier was called to

Dr. Richard Schilke is general secretary of missions of the North American Baptist Conference.



Herman Palfenier was united in marriage to Eleanor Specht on Sept. 1, 1926 and she has served faithfully with him for almost 50 years. Their marriage was blessed with three children: Carl of Chicago, Ill., Dan of Phoenix, Ariz., and Edith Treptau of Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. Palfenier was called to his heavenly home on Thursday, May 20, 1976, at the age of 83 years. North American Baptists will remember Rev. Palfenier for his love for the Lord, his friendliness and outgoing personality, along with a delightful sense of humor. He was richly blessed with the gifts of writing, teaching and preaching.

Dr. R. Schilke and Pastor Allan Strohschein officiated at the funeral service, conducted at Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, on May 24, 1976. Fellow N.A.B. pastors served as pallbearers. □

by Herman Palfenier

by Richard Schilke

his eternal glory at about midnight. The family expressed a desire that someone from the N.A.B. office come and represent the Conference at the funeral on May 24. Because of my past associations with Brother Palfenier, I was glad to fulfill this desire of the family.

My direct associations with the Rev. Herman Palfenier go back 25 years. He served as our denominational

evangelist from 1948 to 1964 when he retired. From 1951 to 1959 his evangelism schedule in our churches was set up by me, since the Conference Office arranged for his scheduled service. From 1959 to his retirement these scheduled services were arranged by the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, my associate in home missions. The schedules were heavy, requiring absence from home usually in periods of four weeks and sometimes even longer. Yet Brother Palfenier never complained, as far as I know. He always served gladly and willingly. His service as evangelist was much in demand, and time did not permit to accept all the invitations which came to the office for his ministry.

It was always refreshing to listen to this servant of God expound the Word of God. He had a depth of insight into the mysteries of God. He was a student of the Word. He had a unique approach in presenting the truth, for he was also a poet and a humorist. His genuine and original humor brought to life even the hum-drum events. Who will ever forget his humorous anecdotes at special occasions! He proved to all that the Christian life was one of constant joy. Eternity alone will reveal how many were brought into the Kingdom of

In Honoring Memory by Daniel Fuchs

Isn't it a wonderful thing, that whenever God has a great work to be done he generally calls a man or a woman to do it. Very often he calls a man.

In 1948 a special work needed to be done for God in our Conference. We needed a denominational evangelist who would give his full time to helping our churches in their ministry of winning the lost. The Board of Missions extended a call to the Rev. Herman Palfenier who was then the pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In that call of the Board of Missions Rev. Palfenier heard God's call. He responded favorably, and for 15 years Rev. Palfenier served with devotion and outstanding faithfulness as fulltime denominational evangelist. This is a distinguished record indeed.

On May 20, 1976, after a rich, full life, our Brother Palfenier heard God's call once more. This time it was the call to glory, that he might rest from his labors and allow his works to follow him.

In 1952 I was called by the Board of Missions as the second fulltime denominational evangelist in our Conference. For the next seven years I shared in the work with Brother Palfenier. We addressed each other as "Leidensgenosse" and often discussed our mutual problems and difficulties as well as our victories in the work. Seven years later, when I became the director of evangelism, it became my responsibility to set up his

The Rev. Daniel Fuchs is the former director of evangelism of the North American Baptist Conference. He retired in December 1975 and continues to live in Oak Park, Illinois.

God, not only through his forceful preaching but also through his joyful living.

Upon his retirement in 1964 after 15 years as conference evangelist, a citation for distinguished service was presented to the Rev. Herman Palfenier which read in part:

"Be it resolved that the North American Baptist General Missionary Society, Inc., hereby expresses its appreciation and affectionate regard for the distinguished contribution the Rev. Herman Palfenier has made to our denomination.

Presented by the Board of Missions at the 34th triennial session of the North American Baptist General Conference in Sacramento, California, July 14, 1964."

Typical of Brother Palfenier on such occasions, his reply was: "Now I know how a pancake feels when it is smothered in syrup." He always had the right humorous and original remark for every occasion.

At his funeral service I was privileged to bring the message of comfort from God's Word. I was led to choose as text Psalm 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." He loved his Lord and his Lord loved him and held him precious in life and in death. I am confident that our Brother Palfenier had some original expressions when he was ushered into the very presence of his Lord and beheld what here on earth can only be dimly seen. □

evangelism schedule in our churches. He was much in demand by our churches and always served gladly and willingly wherever he was scheduled. He often informed me that he considered his work as denominational evangelist as the most precious in all of his life.

In his last report to the Board of Missions Herman Palfenier referred to his shortcomings and failures. He concluded, "above all do I magnify the grace of our Lord. He gave keeping and enabling power throughout the years to do the work of an evangelist and permitted me to see the grace of God in a thousand ways. It was indeed all of grace and none of works!"

Who can estimate the blessings that have gone forth and will continue to go forth as a result of the devoted ministry of our brother. The burden of the Lord was upon him! The message of the Lord was burning in his heart. God used him in his own way to sound forth the invitation to the wedding feast of the love of God in Christ. Children as well as adults heard him gladly. Many were brought to a saving knowledge of Christ through the faithful ministry of God's servant of the hour, the Rev. Herman Palfenier. We will continue to cherish his memory. □

Thank You

It is with a special sense of gratitude that we wish to express our thanks and appreciation for all the cards received with notes of love and comfort. Your sharing in our loss has made us much more aware of our oneness in Christ and of that special work in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. The Rev. Herman Palfenier family.

PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING



How to Select and Work With a Lawyer

by Everett A. Barker

One of the problems encountered in estate planning is the difficulty of getting people to work with lawyers. Some people are distrustful and avoid them if at all possible. Other individuals have had a bad experience or they have heard bad reports through conversation or the news media, and even the President of the American Bar Association admits that there are incompetent lawyers. I also suspect that many people feel intimidated by lawyers and their legal language. The relative high cost of legal services billed at the rate of \$35.00 to \$100.00 or more per hour is beyond the

The Rev. Everett A. Barker is estate planning director of the North American Baptist Conference.

average person's understanding. As a result, a large number of people avoid the use of legal services unless absolutely necessary with wills and estate planning falling into this category.

Lawyers serve an essential function in our legally complex society, and it is important for us to learn how to make the best use of legal services. It is also important to understand that there are different areas of law such as real estate, probate, estate planning, litigation, corporation, etc. Since these areas can be complex, there are very few lawyers who practice in all of them. Some lawyers, particularly in small towns, are generalists. In larger communities, lawyers will limit themselves to one or two areas of practice and use the services of other lawyers for areas in which they are not proficient.

For the purpose of this article, I want to confine my comments to estate planning and probate practice. A simple estate poses no problem, but the more complex your tax problems and estate plans the more you need a specialist. Such a person needs to understand taxes (estate, gift, inheritance and income) wills, trusts and probate. The use of one or several words in a trust can have significant tax implications regarding the acceptance or rejection of the plan by the Internal Revenue Service. Not all competent estate planners are familiar with charitable giving vehicles such as charitable remainder unitrusts, annuity trusts or gift annuities. Since our Conference has begun serving in deferred giving we have worked with a law firm in Wheaton, Ill., who has lawyers specializing in charitable giving instruments. Whenever necessary, our lawyer has counseled the lawyer of a donor in another state.

How do you find a local lawyer to assist you? The reason for using local counsel is that he understands law as it applies to the state or province where you live. One way to find a lawyer is to inquire in your community. Trust departments of banks work with lawyers, and they will usually suggest the names of two or three. Law professors know the good lawyers in their area. Check with friends who have used legal services and check their experience.

Once you have the names of lawyers, you should contact them and ask questions about their experience in estate planning. Don't assume that a lawyer knows all areas of law. He probably knows something about all areas but not enough to do a good job in more than a few. Ask about his fees, so there is a clear understanding of what you can expect. Good legal work is worth the

charge, just as good medical care is worth the cost.

When you do work with your attorney, it is important to give him the information he needs. For instance, if you fail to tell him about all the property you own, it could make a significant difference in tax planning. Do not be afraid to ask him to explain things in language you can understand. Remember, lawyers are human beings and they want to do work that will please you. A cooperative attitude will usually accomplish much more. Statistics indicate that many people are not using legal services they need. When you develop a good working relationship with a lawyer, you will feel freer to bring other legal problems to him. These are a few suggestions to select and develop a good working relationship with a lawyer. □

Note: For information I used "A Shopper's Guide to Lawyers" published by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, Harrisburg, PA 17120

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insight into christian education

Reaching Out to Touch People

by Henry G. Ramus

People-reaching action should be the main business of every church. However, the emphasis on "reaching people" is not just to gain numerical successes for our church records. The focus should be to reach people for Christ and then to help them "grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ."

The apostle Paul described the divine outreach assignment given to every church in these personal words: "So, naturally, we proclaim Christ! We warn everyone we meet, and we teach everyone we can all that we know about him so that, if possible, we may bring every man up to his full maturity in Christ Jesus. This is what I am working at all the time with all the strength that God gives me" (Col. 1:28-29, Phillips). What a commitment to reach out to touch people for Christ.

Reaching People Is a Biblical Concept

When we think of reaching people for Christ and church membership, certain biblical phrases come immediately to mind: "to every creature," "into all the world," "other sheep," "next towns," "all nations." Behind these and similar expressions, however, lie basic concepts related to reaching people.

1. The Bible reveals the fact of God's outreach to man. God's concern for man is proven by the very fact of the existence of the Bible; the Holy Book stands as a symbol of his caring outreach. The writers of the Bible repeatedly indicate that God revealed himself to man. Time and again the Old Testament says, "The Lord spoke . . ." or "Thus saith the Lord." The New Testament further shows how God re-

vealed himself through his eternal Son. "God . . . hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son" (Heb. 1:1-2). Why did God show himself? God was reaching out for men. He did not intend that men should grope blindly for him; he wanted to be found of them.

2. The Bible reveals the purpose of God's outreach to man. The purpose of God's revelation of himself is that man might be saved. The Bible indicates that this is a basic spiritual need of all persons. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). God's outreach is to persons in the con-



REACH OUT AND TOUCH—that's the overall theme for the N.A.B. Fall Sunday School Enlargement Campaign to be held September 26 through November 7. With its emphasis for involving families, friends, neighbors, schoolmates, fellow workers and the entire community it provides a strong thrust for building attendance and reaching people for Christ.

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dition described by this verse. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

The biblical concept of reaching people, therefore, begins with the nature of the Bible itself. God is at work reaching out to men in order that he might have salvation which God has provided through the death and resurrection of his own Son.

Reaching People Is a Church Task

The church is God's agency for using human effort in reaching people for himself. In the churches, people-reaching actions, personal contacts, are made and followed up with a view to bringing unsaved and unchurched persons under the influence of the gospel.

1. **Reaching people expresses the nature of the church.** The church is a fellowship of redeemed people. It is more, however; it is an agency of reconciliation. Paul spoke of the Corinthian church as a letter "known and read of all men" (2 Cor. 3:2). He also noted the relationship between their personal experiences of salvation and the outreach of their church in 2 Cor. 5:17-19 where Paul expresses the fact that a born-again Christian is not only a "new creature" but also is given "the ministry of reconciliation."

2. **Reaching people fulfills Christ's intention for the church.** Jesus established the church for the purpose of doing his work on earth. He helped his followers to understand this mission when he told them to go into all the world and make disciples for him, baptize the believers and teach them to observe all things he had commanded (Matt. 28:19-20). In Acts 1:8 he told his followers to embark on an aggressive, continuous, ever widening outreach task. Reaching people is not a question of convenience for the Christian. Every Christian should go to the limit of his ability to make disciples for Jesus and then teach them to go and make other disciples. The church which loses sight of this responsibility misses the priority of assignment given it by Jesus.

3. **Reaching people follows Christ's example to the church.** Not only did Jesus teach the importance of going after people, but he also set the example for us to follow in outreach. At no point in his ministry did our Lord's personal human needs come ahead of those of other people. He saw the multitudes "scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd" (Matt. 9:36); and he did something about it! He "went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people"

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an hour of the wedding, the judge, having waived the six month waiting period for adoption, brought up the final adoption papers stating that I legally adopted Janis and Tommy and Tom legally adopted Jane. Four years later, Jill was born to us.

When Tom was elected to Congress, my only sacrifice was not being able to complete the Bethel Bible course from our church. It is a very exciting study and I really got into my Bible through this. Scripture tells us that if we draw nigh to God, he will draw nigh to us (James 4:8). As I studied, I could feel this.

The fall of 1968 when we were home in Bismarck campaigning, our son, who was a student at our University, came home all excited. He said, "Mom, I've got to talk to you." Handing me the Campus Crusade's *Four Spiritual Laws*, he continued, "Mom, you've got to read this. Mom, I've become a Christian and it's great!" Well, I didn't know what he was talking about and said, "Tommy, you've always been a Christian. Remember a couple of years ago when you gave the high school class sermon at church?" Tommy had accepted Jesus in the student union lobby when some Campus Crusade kids shared with him and he tried so hard to get me to see and hear, but I was spiritually blind and deaf. John 9:39 tells us that Jesus came to show us that we were blind and opened our eyes. God had to deal with my spiritual infirmities and he did this by sending three women to me over a year and a half with what was for me an embarrassing question.

One day, following a prayer group, a lady I didn't know came up to me and asked, "Glen, are you a born-again Christian?" Well, I was so upset by that question, I told her I'd been in church and Sunday school all my life. I'd taught Sunday school, Bible school, Bible camp, circle Bible studies and even been a deacon in my church following my first husband's death. It took me about a year to simmer down when, following another prayer group, another lady I didn't know asked me, "By the way, Glen, are you a born-again Christian?" I wondered what in the world was going on! I gave her the same answer as the first lady. How full of I's it was; how full of that sinful pride, but I didn't realize it then.

While the first question had made me angry, the second one sent me searching. We were running for the United States Senate the fall of 1970 and, all over North Dakota when I would see a turned collar or a Christian symbol on

someone, I would ask, "What does it mean to be born-again?" I must not have asked the right people because I only got one partially helpful answer. Back in Washington I was a guest at an embassy. The ambassador's wife had become a Christian from Hinduism and was having a farewell coffee for her Christian friends before returning to her country. There I asked a dear Christian friend, "What does it mean to be born again?" I never had understood John 3:3 in which Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born again. She said, "Glen, you are an intellectual." I stopped her and denied it but she continued, "I mean, you believe in your head." I assured her I had believed in the Holy Trinity and the Bible as long as I could remember. She went on, "You just need to drop that belief twelve inches from your head to your heart." I asked how in the world I could do that. She told me to go home and pray about it. I did and nothing happened.

Then in February 1971 the Lord sent a third lady to me with that question. This time I knew her; it was my neighbor and dear friend, Marge Horton, whose husband is a Congressman from New York state. We were out doing our yard work and chatting about spiritual things over our rakes. Marge asked me, "Glen, are you sure you're born again?" I said, "Marge, I don't know if I am or not; how do you know?" She told me if I weren't sure, I wasn't, and I'd better do something about it. She told me what to do and I

just couldn't get in the house fast enough. I went into our bedroom, closed the door, knelt beside our bed and prayed, "Lord, if I thought I could get to heaven by myself on my own activities in church and my baptism, forgive me. If I've bypassed Jesus who says of himself, 'I am the way, the truth and the life and no man comes to the Father but by me' (John 14:6), forgive me. I really do need you, Jesus. I really do accept you as my Lord and Savior and right now, Jesus, I ask you to come into my heart and forgive my sins." When I stood up I didn't hear bells ring nor did I weep, but I knew beyond the shadow of a doubt that I was born again. I had the security of eternal life at once. Because of an experience? No, because Jesus told us in Revelation 3:20 that if we will open the door and ask him to come in, he will. It's just that simple.

And immediately I knew what Tommy had been trying to tell me in 1968. He had experienced the new birth and was sharing with me. Immediately also I knew what had happened to Bill back in 1956. His "being right with God" was the born again experience and lying flat on his back in bed he was a new creature as was Tommy and now I.

Paul speaks of this in 2 Corinthians 5:17 when he says, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things pass away; behold, all things are become new." Praise the Lord!

At once I began changing from the inside out. My thoughts began to change as I began thinking about Jesus more and me less. My priorities got changed; my interests began to change. The Lord has had to pull me away from spending so much time in music so he could get my attention and now, little by little, I began to play more cello, but now it is for God's glory rather than mine. What a difference even that made!

Two months later Jesus clothed me with the power that he promised us in Luke 24:49 just before he went back to heaven. The book of The Acts is really a continuation of Luke and Jesus mentions the promise again in Acts 1:4-5. In verse eight Jesus tells us that the purpose of this power is so that we can be witnesses to him all over. This has surely been so for me. I had a deeper yearning to read my Bible and understood it much better. I found things about Jesus cropping up in my conversation more often all the time. I yearned to be with Christian people more often. I found a boldness in speaking of Jesus that I had never known before. Where I used to love to talk about church or even God once in a while in general terms, now I wanted to speak of Jesus to others—

acquaintances and strangers—I might be seated next to.

God began to place next to me, at dinners or in receptions I attend so often, the people whose hearts he had prepared to hear about Jesus. Often I followed up a conversation with a letter or a little booklet on the new birth or a Christian book when the person was interested. I found an eagerness and openness in men and women from all over our country and even the world. Washington, D.C., is such a melting pot that the "utmost part of the earth" comes right to us here. Our whole family knows Jesus as

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(Matt. 9:35). Evidently the multitudes in Jesus' day were not in the regular religious meetings, and so Jesus went out after them.

4. Reaching people satisfied the need of the church. Churches need to reach out for people. Unless outreach occupies the heart of its program, a church cannot grow spiritually. The desire and effort to reach other people for Christ satisfies the need of the church, a need for self-giving that can be met in no other way. Here is one all-compelling reason why, almost without exception, church leaders see reaching people as a priority task of the church.

5. Reaching people utilizes the resources of the church. The most important resource of the church is the presence and power of God working through the Christian to reach people. Christians are not ordinary people. The

Lord and Savior now. My husband became born again some years back and his unwavering belief in God and deep faith in the power of prayer have guided his life whether at home or in his various positions of work. Our oldest daughter, who had quite a spiritual inclination, accepted Jesus the day I shared the new birth experience with her. Our second daughter came to know Jesus earlier at a Lutheran retreat following a message on forgiveness by the pastor. Our youngest daughter heard us tell of the need to ask Jesus to come into our hearts and be our Lord and Savior and she did at age eight. Our

presence and power of God in our lives furnishes the plus factor which makes us more. To us, Jesus says, "I am with you always" (Matt. 28:20). "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do" (John 14:12). "Ye shall receive power," he promised his disciples (Acts 1:8). The limitations upon outreach, therefore, are human, not divine. The outreach of a church is proportionate to its leaders' vision and their commitment to fulfill their responsibilities in this area.

Reaching People Is a Responsibility of the Sunday School

If church leaders determine to make the best possible use of every resource in outreach, they will give major attention to the Sunday school. "Build a great Sunday school and the devil and all his cohorts cannot keep you from having a great church," someone wrote. Sunday schools have a history of success in reaching people. For many decades church leaders have used Sunday school and Bible teaching effectively to lead

oldest three are now married and are establishing homes that are Christ centered or ones in which church is a vital part of their lives.

Going to church has been very important to us all. Even when we travel, we stop to worship whether it's a Baptist, Episcopal, Lutheran or another church. We have had fellowship with wonderful people this way. We do share in the Lord and pray together. I just thank God for our family, for his patience with me and for burdening a lady in our Bismarck church to pray for my salvation for seventeen years. God is so good. □

large numbers of persons to Christ.

Too often we see the Sunday school as an educational organization only. We must not minimize this educational function. Neither can we afford to emphasize it to the exclusion of the outreach task; reaching others is a spiritual experience just as is adding to Bible knowledge. We must not pit one vital task against the other. Both can be the function and the focus of the Sunday school, which in turn, can become a great outreaching agency to touch people for Christ.

Any church can, if it wishes, use its Sunday school to reach people for Christ and church membership. The fall Sunday school enlargement campaign, scheduled for September 26 through November 7 with the theme emphasis of "Reach Out and Touch" can help you do just that. Why not commit yourself to extend your reach—"warn everyone you meet . . . teach everyone you can" as the apostle resolved. For reaching out to touch people for Christ is a biblical concept and a church-centered task. □

OUR PURPOSE IN GOING TO BRAZIL

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preparation to the ministry and the council recommended to the church to proceed with the ordination. The ordination service was held that evening, and the writer was privileged to bring the ordination sermon and lead in the ordination prayer. Richard Kaiser was thus duly ordained to the Christian ministry and specifically to missionary service.

Due to the fact that the Kaisers were not at the Triennial Conference in Portland, Oregon, and therefore could not be among those who on August 1 were commissioned to missionary service, the Immanuel Baptist Church in Kenosha, to which Mrs. Kaiser had now also transferred her church membership, held a commissioning and farewell service on the afternoon of June 27, 1976. The area secretary, the Rev. Willis E. Potratz brought the commissioning sermon. The writer was again privileged to have a part in bringing the commis-

sioning charge and in welcoming them into the family of missionaries. The Rev. James Schacher from Milwaukee led in the commissioning prayer as all of us joined hands and hearts. The pastor, the Rev. J. G. Benke, who had charge of the program then called on Richard Kaiser to bring this memorable service to a close by pronouncing the benediction.

The Rev. and Mrs. Richard H. Kaiser left for Brazil on July 19, 1976. Their language studies at Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil, began on Aug. 2, 1976, and this necessitated their departure before the Triennial Conference sessions in Portland. It was anticipated that they might occupy the same living quarters in Campinas which the Rev. and Mrs. Gary L. Ostercamp occupied this past year. The latter completed the one year of language study and moved into the practical ministry at Caxias do Sul. The Kaisers will be occupied with the study of the Portuguese language for this next year. We covet your prayers on their behalf and that even through the language study their purpose in missions might be strengthened. □

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CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS REPORT

LETHBRIDGE, ALTA., CHURCH EXTENSION PROGRAM

by Bruce H. Merrifield

Sept. 1976

"God loves the Park Meadows Subdivision" began the newspaper story of the new Church Extension project in North Lethbridge, and that was a good phrase to sum up our goal. We want to mature as a group of God's people to the place where our community senses and sees evidence of "A Caring Church For Christ."

But you may ask, "What is a 'Caring Church For Christ' really like?"

..... It is like—the middle aged policeman who came to our first communion service on Good Friday and there asked Jesus Christ into his life. Since that exciting event, the man's daughter has rededicated her life and is now actively involved in the church, her boyfriend has prayed to receive Christ and he, in turn, brought his best friend to church who also prayed to receive Christ. This "chain reaction" will continue as God's Spirit works.

..... It is like—the girl who comes regularly to the Young People's mid-week Bible study and expressed a deep concern for her unsaved family. She arranged a visit, and at that first meeting both parents prayed to receive Christ. They are both now enrolled in the ten week follow-up course taught by the pastor.

..... It is like—the 10-12 people who after completing the Introductory Way Of Life Seminar, gather each Tuesday evening and conduct a religious community survey. The goal is to find out the religious concerns of the more than 10,000 people who have moved into the area in the past three years. The other goal is to share our faith in Jesus Christ. On one night recently, two of our callers were able to share and experience three people pray to receive Christ.

..... It is like—the three men who have committed themselves to a 13 week, 3½ hrs/wk, discipleship training course. We are now following up the numerous contacts that have been made.

..... It is like—the church considering a building that would be more functional, i.e. house a day care center, a kindergarten and meeting rooms for community needs. There is also a possibility that a Senior Citizen's complex will be leased to us which would be developed adjacent to our proposed building site.

In four short months, we have seen God affect lives in a positive and exciting way and this is only the beginning. Within 2-5 years, another 3000 homes will be built next to us and a new General Foods complex is slated for a neighboring industrial area which will bring families from all over North America.

You can be directly involved in this exciting event now and in the future by supporting us in prayer and marking your contributions "Park Meadows Baptist Church, Lethbridge". God will be richer for it! □

The Rev. Bruce H. Merrifield is pastor of Park Meadows Baptist Church, Lethbridge, Alberta.



Pastor Merrifield conducting a Bible study for young people in a relaxed home atmosphere.



The Park Meadows Baptist Church in morning worship service.



Church members taking a community survey.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Roth observed their 50th wedding anniversary on April 25, 1976. They are members of the Odessa Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash.

The Rev. and Mrs. John C. Schweitzer observed their 50th wedding anniversary on May 20, 1976. They were married in Rochester, N.Y., by Prof. F. W. C. Meyer. This year also marks Rev. Schweitzer's 50th anniversary of his graduation from our Seminary as well as his ordination. He and his wife have served seven of our churches, mostly on the west coast. He also served two periods of time as evangelist and church extension worker.

Pastor Norman Vernon gave a fitting address and the dedication prayer. Presently they are assisting Pastor Vernon in the establishment of a N.A.B. extension church in Boca Raton, Florida.

LODI, CALIF. Theological Seminary at LaMirada, Calif., held its annual commencement at an impressive service on Saturday, May 29, 1976. It was at this service that our Pastor Kenneth Fischer had bestowed upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity for his uncompromising stand for the faith, for his able exposition of the Word of God, and for his effective and outstanding leadership in the church of



Jesus Christ as pastor, teacher and denominational leader. The commencement speaker was Hudson Taylor Armerding, President of Wheaton College, who spoke on "In Trust With The Gospel." Pastor Ken, in his twenty years of ministry, has served two churches: Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim, CA, for 16 years, being the founding pastor of that church, and for the past four years it has been the joy and privilege of the members and friends of Temple Baptist Church of Lodi to sit under his leadership and teaching. His dedication to the Lord and his people have been an example to many friends and observers in the com-

munities in which he has served. On Sunday evening, June 6, a reception was held at Temple Baptist Church in honor of Pastor Ken's God-given achievements, and to express to him our love and praise to the Lord for his goodness to us. (Mrs. Leonard J. Fischer, reporter.)

BANFF, ALTA. The 20th Alberta Baptist Women's Retreat was held in the beautiful Banff Springs Hotel (pictured) May 6-8, 1976. The theme was "It's Time for His Coming," and it was thrilling to hear the corridors echo with the theme chorus: "Jesus is Coming Again." Four hundred and seven ladies registered. Informative topics were



presented by our guest speaker, Mrs. Peg Rankin, Birmingham, Mich. Our missionary speaker, Minnie Kuhn, had us laughing and also weeping with concern for the work and the need of workers on the mission fields. Miss LaVerna Mehlhaff, our women's work director, presented new ideas, suggestions and encouragement. Music was presented by a 35 voice choir from Brentview Baptist, Calgary, also by the Maranatha Singers, Meadowlark Baptist, Edmonton, and others. The 1976 Budget was presented at \$5,530.00 and we praise the Lord for the offerings of \$3,056.39. The balance is to be made up by the individual societies. Much work is involved in a retreat such as this and we would like to express our appreciation to Mrs. Lois Grabia, president and the executive, for planning the wonderful spiritual feast. Mrs. Ellen Breikreuz, Meadowlark Baptist, Edmonton, is our newly elected president and Verna Unger, Olds, Alta., is treasurer. (Mrs. Marion Comm, reporter.)



A small group of women eagerly waiting for the morning sessions to begin.

MCLAUGHLIN, S.D. About 70 teens from area Baptist youth groups attended a spring rally sponsored by the McLaughlin Baptist Alpha Teens. Registration and showing of the film "Nineteen" opened the activities. Sessions exploring God's purpose in bringing men to salvation were led by the guest speaker, Glen Letellier, chaplain at Sunshine Bible Academy, Miller, S.D. Bowling, swimming, and other indoor recreation rounded out the afternoon. A banquet was held in the City auditorium. The message pointed out the importance of any talent a Christian offers in service to God. Sunday morning Glen stressed the necessity for Christian youth to obey their parents, live apart from the world and seek God's will for their lives. Each youth group presented a special number. A choir made up of representatives from all the groups sang for the Sunday morning service. (T. Martell, reporter.)

GOODRICH, N.D. Members and friends of the First Baptist Church witnessed the baptism of two young girls on Easter morning. Sunday evening, the church choir gave a Cantata titled "The First Easter," under the direction of Mrs. Daniel Heringer. On Sunday, May 2, four people were extended the hand of fellowship by our pastor, Rev. Daniel Heringer.



Pictured with the pastor are Becky Brockel, Karla Felchle, and Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Seibel, who transferred their church membership from First Baptist Minot, N.D. (Mrs. Paul Stober, reporter.)

WEST FARGO, N.D. June 5 and 6 a Bicentennial Youth and Parent Conference was held at the Grace Baptist Church. Guest speakers were Dr. Steven Woodward, Winnipeg Bible College and Rev. Stephen Bangsi of Cameroon. A good number of young people from Canada attended as well as many from the surrounding area.

On June 7 Pastor Lee Moser left for "Big Stone Camp For Christ" and Bible lecturer. The theme was on the Holy Spirit. (Frances Abrahamson, reporter.)

On June 1 the Rev. Herman Effa became the new pastor of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church. Pastor Effa and his family: wife Ardath, daughter Jerilyn and son Allan (pictured), have taken up residence in the parsonage which has been completely rejuvenated.



On Sunday, June 6, the church had a welcome reception for the Effas following the evening service. Previous to coming to Benton Harbor the Effas spearheaded our N.A.B. work in Brazil for the past 10 years. Our congregation feels very privileged to have Pastor Effa and his family with us and we are looking forward to God's blessings in the months and years ahead. (Mrs. Lois Breitkreuz, reporter.)

CAMROSE, ALTA. The Ladies Mission Circle of the Fellowship Baptist Church presented their annual program with a good attendance. Two honor pins were presented by our president, Alma Miller. Our special guests were Rev. and Mrs. Reinhold Neuman from Capilano Baptist Church, Edmonton. Mrs. Mildred Neuman formerly from our church, was our guest speaker. They are busy preparing for the mission field in Jos, Nigeria.

Our church was filled to capacity, with several churches cooperating, to hear a musical program by the Eternal Trust Company, conducted by Bob Smith, a group of fourteen young people from the Meadow Lark Baptist Church, Edmonton. Lunch and fellowship was enjoyed.

Our missionaries from our church, Dr. and Mrs. David Grabke and family, arrived home from Cameroon, Africa on April 1. Their pictures showed how busy a doctor's life can be on the mission field. David will resume his doctor's practice in a few weeks, at Beaverlodge, Alberta.

Eleanor Stark, a daughter of our church, just returned from India and Gladys Taranger, a friend of our congregation, recently returned from Ethiopia. Our pastor, Rev. H. Schumacher, thanked the missionaries for their faithful work on the mission fields. (Mrs. Annie Soderstrom, reporter.)

WEST ST. PAUL, MINN. The River-view Baptist Church held an ordination service for its pastor, Douglas Radke, on June 6, 1976. The Rev. Donald Decker, Apple Valley Baptist Church, presided and pastors from Apple Valley, Redeemer, Shakopee, Minnetrista, Brook Park and Randolph Baptist Churches took part in the service. A challenging message was brought by Rev. Clarence Walth, area secretary. A reception followed the service. Rev. Radke has served the Riverview Baptist Church since June of 1975. He is a native of Bothell, Wash., and attended Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, graduating in May of 1975. He and his wife have two children, Daniel 4 and Lisa 2.

A crowd of more than 300 listened as the combined choirs of Grace Baptist, Minnehaha Baptist, Mpls., and Riverview Baptist Church of W. St. Paul as they sang John W. Peterson's cantata "Jesus Is Coming" at the Henry Sibley High School auditorium on Saturday evening, June 5. Invitation had been extended to all local churches and publicity about the event placed in newspapers. The cantata was accompanied by organ, piano, electric bass, violin soloists and the brass sextet from Riverview. (Mildred E. Bruce, reporter.)

WASHBURN, ND. Sunday evening, April 25, the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah and the Washburn Baptist Church of Washburn held a joint baptismal service. Rev. George Neubert of Beulah baptized eight candidates which were to be received into their membership on the following Sunday. Pastor Bernard Edinger of Washburn baptized four candidates, and four others were received by testimony and letter for a total of eight new members.



New members joining at Washburn were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nortvedt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hurni, Mrs. Murray Engebretson, Steve and Leslie Engebretson, and Scott Grueneich. Pastor Edinger is pictured with the candidates on the right. Deacon Orrin Enockson had charge of the service, and special music was presented by the Beulah Baptist Church. (Bernard Edinger, pastor.)

KENOSHA, WIS. The Immanuel Baptist Church praises God for the opportunity of sharing in the Commissioning Service of the Rev. and Mrs. Richard K. Kaiser on June 27, 1976. A full biographical report is given by Dr. R. Schilke in this same issue of the BAPTIST HERALD.

The church is grateful to God that one of its sons has responded to the call for missionary service in Brazil. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Kaiser. His wife, Karen, was born in Stoughton, Wis., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester M. Des Rochers.

Dr. R. Schilke, Rev. Willis Potratz and Rev. James Schacher took part in the service. The pastor, Rev. Jothan Benke, presided. (Sue Smith, reporter.)

COLUMBUS, NEB. The members and pastor of Shell Creek Baptist Church rejoiced on Easter Sunday morning when six candidates followed the Lord in believers' baptism. These were Mr. Clarence Hilmer and five members of the Junior Sunday School Class: Jon and Jan Behlen, Inel Johnson, Angela Reiken, and Marianne Effa. At the evening service these six were welcomed into the fellowship of the church and received communion. Pastor William Effa is pastor of the Shell Creek Baptist Church.

WEST FARGO, ND. Two candidates (pictured) were baptized in the Grace Baptist Church on Sunday evening May 2, after having confessed their faith in Jesus Christ. Left is Pastor Lee Moser, George French and Miss Juanita Fried.



We were honored on Saturday May 8 by a group of 32 singers from the North American Bible College from Edmonton, Alta. (Frances Abrahamson, reporter.)

CALGARY, ALTA. Over 150 delegates met in the Grace Baptist Church for the Alberta Association. The theme was "Threats to the Dynamic Church." Our guest speakers were Dr. Earl Radmacher, from Western Baptist Seminary in Portland and Rev. Norman Archer of Vancouver. Missionary Elmer Strauss brought a missions challenge.

Church Extension was the exciting spark of the Association. We have six current projects. The three started this year are St. Albert with Rev. Irwin Kujat; Lethbridge with Rev. Bruce Merrifield and Brooks with Rev. Philip Grabke. A total budget of \$62,500 was approved, with most of it going into Church Extension.

The election resulted in the following executive: Moderator, Mr. Daunovan Buyer; Vice moderator, Rev. Henry Schumacher; Secretary, Miss Betty Ohlhauser; Treasurer, Mr. Dick Garrett; Statistical Secretary Mrs. Gertie Froehlich; Rev. Ron Berg and Mr. Heinz Kleiber as General Conference Representatives; Rev. Philip Grabke as chairman of the Northern Alberta Church Extension Council, and Rev. Richard Grabke as the Southern Church Extension Council. A Church Ministries Committee was chosen consisting of Rev. Harold Kokot, chairman; Rev. Willy Muller, Ed Poschwatta, Bob Goethe, Phyllis Buyer and Edwin Lowandowski. The next Association is scheduled for March 17-19, 1977. (Rev. Richard Grabke, reporter.)

CARBON, ALTA. The Carbon Baptist Church youth have been on tour presenting the play of Christ's resurrection. The play has been presented in Carbon, Trochu, Edmonton and Calgary. It is the story of a centurion who was paid to lie concerning the disappearance of Christ's body and to say that his body was stolen. For twenty years he lived



with this lie. God gave them a son, born blind. Only as he tells the truth, does his son receive faith in Christ and is able to see. Pictured is Myles Becker, high priest; Marc Fenske, centurion. We are grateful for our youth sponsors, Morley & Shirley Buyer, and play director, Bob Ohlhauser. Recently we had a Youth Retreat at Banff, which included attending a concert by the Gaithers. Our pastor, the Rev. Richard Grabke, brought Bible studies on the top of Sulphur Mountain, which we pray we can live in our own Carbon Valley. We also were in charge of the Easter sunrise service for the community of Spying Cop Hill. (Dawn Graham, reporter.)

CARBON, ALTA. Twenty new members were given the hand of fellowship by our pastor, the Rev. Richard Grabke. At this baptismal service, (the second since he arrived nine months ago) all except five joined by baptism and testimony. Most of them were those who moved here recently from Lethbridge, Edmonton, Saskatchewan and as far away as England. Included in the picture is Pastor Grabke, back row left, and deaconate, front row. Another baptismal class has been started.



One of the greatest thrusts into the community is our club and youth work. Especially encouraging is the many young couples who served as sponsors. Recently we honored our Senior Citizens from our church with a meal and program. Included in the improvements is a new sound system. (David Gieck, reporter.)

WARREN MI. Mr. Ronald Habermas was ordained into the gospel ministry on May 30 at the Redeemer Baptist Church. The Rev. Elmo Tahrán gave the charge to the church and the Rev. Allen Heron to the candidate. The ordination message entitled, "My Father's Business," was given by the Rev. Adolph Braun, pastor of Redeemer. The Rev. Willis Potratz, Great Lakes area secretary, gave the ordination prayer and welcome into the ministry. A reception followed.

Brother Ron and his wife, Mary Beth, are members of Redeemer. Ron graduated from our North American Baptist Seminary this spring with Master of Divinity degree. He has accepted a call to become the Director of Christian Education at Trinity Baptist Church, in Kelowna, B.C. (Linda Willms, reporter.)

KELOWNA, B.C. The Trinity Baptist Church hosted the B.C. Association, May 20-23. The guest speakers were Dr. Ralph Powell, Seminary professor; Miss B. Westerman missionary in Cameroon; Rev. W. Kroguletz, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Vancouver; Rev. L. Wilkes, president of Okanagan Bible Institute, Kelowna; Rev. S. Bangsi,

Cameroonian pastor and N.A.B.S. student; and Dr. and Mrs. R. Hiller, missionaries in Nigeria and Cameroon. The Grace Baptist Church choir and band as well as our own musical ensembles provided music. Dr. Ralph Powell brought the opening message, based on 1 John 4:2: "Testing the Spirits." Dr. Powell gave five more messages on "Baptism and fullness of the Spirit," "The Charismatic Movement," "The Fruit of the Spirit," "Walking in the Holy Spirit," "Witnessing in the Holy Spirit." The workshops conducted by the Rev. W. Kroguletz and the Rev. L. Wilkes, where the topic "The gifts of the Holy Spirit" was dealt with, and a panel discussion gave opportunity for questions and answers.

Our business deliberations were under the capable leadership of Dr. H. J. Waltereit, moderator of our Association. We were blessed with three representatives from our African mission field: Dr. Ron Hiller, Miss Bernice Westerman and Rev. Stephen Bangsi.

Saturday afternoon was a time of fellowship banquets. Miss B. Westerman guest speaker for the ladies, and the Rev. Stephen Bangsi and Dr. R. Hiller spoke to the men. Saturday evening was in charge of the young people, Dr. Powell bringing the message on "The fruit of the Spirit," and an afterglow time of sharing. Sunday afternoon was the closing rally with the Trinity Baptist Church band and mixed choir playing and singing. Dr. R. Powell brought the closing message on "Witnessing in the Holy Spirit." The moderator Dr. Waltereit presented the new officers, and Dr. R. Powell gave the dedicatory prayer. Our mission offering was \$3,462.00. After the offering the Rev. Rudy Rapske presented to our moderator a check of \$1,000.00 from the Senior Home of White Rock. This was a touching scene to see the love and devotion our elderly folks in the Home have for the Lord's work. We were all challenged to a deeper spiritual life. (Robert Jaster, reporter.)

HILLSBORO, ORE. Mr. Richard Stoller, a recent graduate of North American Baptist Seminary, was ordained in Bethany Baptist Church—his home church—on Sunday, May 30, 1976. Mr. Stoller was examined by an Ordination Council made up of the churches of the Oregon-Idaho Association on May 25, and was recommended to the church at that time.

Various pastors of local churches took part in the ordination, with Rev. Richard L. Smith, Youth Guidance Counselor for Portland Youth For Christ, bringing the ordination sermon, entitled "Where The Message Meets The Road." Rev. Frank Friesen, retired

NAB pastor and former pastor of Bethany Church, led in the ordaining prayer. After special music by the candidate's brother, and the hand of fellowship and welcome into the ministry, the service was closed with prayer by the Rev. Richard Stoller. (Rev. Jim Green, reporter.)

RIVER HILLS, MAN. Seven young people (pictured with pastor on left) were baptized by the Rev. P. Aaldyk on confession of their faith at the White Shell Baptist Church.

We had a farewell for Rev. and Mrs. Aaldyk and family. It was a joyous occasion because the Aaldyks did not move away and still are members of our church. Rev. Aaldyk has taken over the duties of caretaker of the Baptist camp at Nutimik Lake.



On the 16th of May we welcomed our new pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Hans Serger and their two daughters into the fellowship of the church. Oak Bank, Beausejour, Pinawa and the German Baptist Church of Whitemouth rejoiced with us on the occasion. (Mrs. Katie Alpers, reporter.)

KELOWNA, B.C. The Trinity Baptist Church enjoyed the ministry of the Rev. Adolf Braun in a week of Deeper Life studies. Four people followed the Lord in baptism, a young mother and three teenage boys. This makes nine baptismal candidates for the first quarter of this year. Besides these, many other people have been contacted for Christ in our area recently, some of whom have made positive decisions.

The young people had a successful Spring Banquet featuring the Day Spring Sunshine Band from Calgary, with the Rev. John Francis as guest speaker. The expenses for this event were partially covered by a slave day: raking, painting, cleaning being done by the young people. (Mrs. L. Spletzer, reporter.)

RIDGEWOOD, N.Y. For many years we at the Ridgewood Baptist Church have been privileged to have as our treasurer Mr. Theodore Bracher. Now the time for retirement has come and

also the time for sad goodbyes. The Brachers will be relocating to Connecticut to settle among their relatives. Their many church friends decided to surprise them with a special appreciation day. At the worship service on May 16 Mr. and Mrs. Bracher were honored and presented with appropriate gifts by Rev. A. Lamprecht and by Mrs. Gus Beck who, as president of the NAB Women's Residence in NY City, thanked Mr. Bracher for his helpful cooperation in insurance matters and other valued advice. Mrs. Bracher has been the treasurer of our Women's Missionary Society for 25 years and she was thanked and commended for her faithful service. Following the benediction a buffet luncheon prepared by the Willing Workers Society afforded a time of fellowship. (Marion von Ahnen, reporter.)

VALLEY CITY, ND. On May 15, 1976, 20 delegates from seven churches met as an Ordination Council for Pastor Bill Loge of the First Baptist Church. Pastor George Breitzkreuz of Jamestown and Pastor E. R. Oster of Gackle functioned as moderator and secretary of the council. Brother Bill gave clear presentation of his doctrinal views and his experience with the Lord. He presented additional references to each point in print. After limited questions and upon recommendation of the Council while the candidate was absent, it was unanimously agreed that Bill Loge be recommended to the First Baptist Church of Valley City for the purpose of ordination. Upon informing the candidate of the decision, the council adjourned. Brother Bill Loge was ordained by the First Baptist Church of Valley City, N.D. on June 6, 1976. (E. R. Oster, reporter.)

VERNON, B.C. Baptist Church reports that the children pictured with the Rev. Siegfried Hoppe were baptized on Easter Sunday April 18, 1976, and received into the church. The service ended with the Lord's Supper, and the hand of fellowship was extended to the baptismal candidates.



Our church was blessed with a full week of deeper spiritual life meetings by

Dr. H. J. Waltereit of Vancouver. His main topic was "The Second Coming of Jesus Christ." (Mrs. G. Glinsbockel, reporter.)

BURLINGTON, ONT. The Pineland Baptist Church (pictured) observed its tenth anniversary May 28-30, 1976. The program emphasized youth, fellowship, worship and praise. On Friday evening the Pineland Youth Chorale, directed by Mr. Earl Simpson, presented the musical "I'm Here, God's Here, Now We Can Start." The highlight of Saturday was a Texas-style steer barbecue and a concert by the Watchmen Quartet. A challenging message was given at the Sunday morning worship service by the Rev. Donald Miller of the N.A.B. Seminary. The celebration was concluded by the Canadian Festival of Male Voice Praise Choir.



The church was organized by the Rev. Walter Kerber and we thank the Lord for the inspirational leadership he has provided for these ten years. We look forward to the continued leadership of the Rev. and Mrs. Kerber and our Minister of Christian Education and Music, the Rev. Arlo Grenz. The celebration and services enriched us spiritually and our congregation emerged from it with a new vision and vitality for the task ahead. (Mrs. Karen Grenz, reporter.)

A CENTENNIAL INVITATION

The Danzig Baptist Church, rural Avon, SD, and the Tyndall Baptist Church, Tyndall, SD, are planning their Centennial Praise Celebration October 8, 9 and 10, 1976, with special events and speakers. You are welcome to attend to make this a special and memorable occasion.

These churches evolved out of the Emmanuel Creek Baptist Church, the first German Baptist Church in Dakota Territory, established in 1876.

in memoriam

THE REV. EDWARD S. FENSKE, 72, a resident of the Strasburg Nursing Home, Strasburg, N.D., went to be with the Lord on June 8, 1976. He was born Nov. 21, 1903, at Springside, Sask., Canada. He grew up in Canada and graduated from North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N.Y. After ordination in 1927, he served a church at Edenwald, Sask., before moving to the Herreid and Eureka, S.D. area in the early 1930's. Several years later he transferred to churches in British Columbia and Alberta, then was at Lehr and Herreid and in Wisconsin before moving to a church near Fessenden, N.D. In 1965 he retired and moved to the Bismarck Baptist Home but continued as an interim pastor. Recently he resided at the nursing home. He was a member of the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N.D. Rev. Fenske leaves his widow, the former Ludwicka Wolfe, whom he married Oct. 20, 1926, at Regina, Sask.; a son, Gordon; two daughters: Mrs. Milbert (Evangeline) Rau, and Mrs. Cecil (Darleen) Jahraus; two brothers and three sisters, one of whom is Mrs. Albert Krombein, Bismarck. The Rev. Ron Norman was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

LYDIA RUTH BILLETER nee Miller, 81, of Portland, Ore., died on May 5, 1976. She was born on May 29, 1895 in Minneapolis, Minn. Prior to coming to Portland about 1910, she had received Christ as her Lord and Savior. She was united in marriage with David Billeter on April 8, 1915. She was a great lover of flowers and raised many varieties. Sometimes she would take the seeds from her flowers and scatter them along the roadsides. She is survived by her son, James D. Billeter; a daughter, Marian Sly, and five grandchildren. Dr. Robert Schreiber was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

ALFRED BRACHLOW, 85, of Minneapolis, Minn., went to be with the Lord on April 14, 1976. He was born at Winona, Minn., on May 18, 1890. He was married to Melita Schmidt on Nov. 16, 1916. At the age of 12 he gave his heart to Christ. He served at Faith Baptist Church in numerous capacities, among them, he was a deacon for 25 years, Sunday school superintendent for 26 years and choir director for 20 years. He is survived by his widow, with whom he lived for more than 59 years, and one son, Calvin; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Allan Strohschein was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

ESTHER BUSTER nee Schroeder, 86, of Forest Park, Ill., died on May 10, 1976. She was born in Omaha, Neb., Jan. 22, 1890. Esther was the youngest of five children of the Rev. and Mrs. Herman Schroeder. Her father, a German Baptist, served in a number of midwest pastorates. Mrs. Fred (Lillian) Grosser was one of Esther's sisters. At the time of her death, Mrs. Buster was a resident in our Central Baptist Home in Norridge, Ill. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. William H. Jeschke.

MIKE DIEDER, 78, of Hebron, N.D., died May 1, 1976. He was born in Russia, Dec. 30, 1898. He came to the United States in 1903 with his parents. Mr. Dieder married Bertha Raaf, April 3, 1919. Survivors include his widow, Bertha, and the following children: Mrs. Shelby Tuttle, Raymond Dieder, Emil Dieder, Roy Dieder and Alfred Dieder; 20 grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, one brother. Mr. Dieder was a faithful worker in the First Baptist Church, Hebron, for many years. The Rev. H. Schauer was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

HELMUTH ECKART, 79, of Martin, N.D. died on May 31, 1976. He was born Jan. 8, 1897, at Menno, S.D. On March 27, 1919, he married Mary Putz. He served on the Martin School Board and City Council for many years. Brother Eckart accepted Christ as his personal Savior and followed the Lord in baptism on July 7, 1940. After losing both legs through amputation, Mr. Eckart lived in a nursing home. Surviving him are one son, Richard; five daughters: Mrs. Alice Wade, Mrs. Vernon (Dorothy) Dockter, Mrs. Marvin (Mary Ann) Michelson, and Mrs. Royce (Cleo) Bender, and Mrs. Gil (Frances) Arusell; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, one sister, three half-brothers, and five half-sisters. Officiating at the funeral service was the Rev. Adine Harsch.

ROSINA GRAF, 77, of Plevna, MT., went to be with the Lord on May 11, 1976. She was born Aug. 17, 1898, in Russia. Mrs. Graf was converted at the age of 14 and later baptized. On Dec. 9, 1918, she married John Graf. The Graf came to Plevna in 1951 from Germany. Surviving her are her widower, John, two sons: Ewalt and Viktor; two daughters: Mrs. Ida Sieler, and Mrs. Lisa Znidich; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Pastor R. Lawrenz was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

ERVIN GRENZ, 55, of Eureka, S.D., died on April 14, 1976. He was born on Aug. 17, 1920, at Artas, S.D. Mr. Grenz was a member of the First Baptist Church in Eureka. He was also very active in the community, serving on the board of directors of the Campbell County Soil Conservation service, Eureka Chamber of Commerce, Eureka Development Association, owner and operator of the Lakeview Motel until a short time ago. Surviving him are his widow, Frances; one son, Gregory; two daughters: Mrs. Josephine Andmeier and Mrs. Hilda Bauer; three sisters, one grandchild and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Grenz. The Rev. Don Paschke was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

JOHN HEUPEL Jr., 64, of Leola, S.D., died on June 8, 1976. He was born in Eureka, S.D. on Nov. 16, 1911. He married Emma Goehring on Dec. 26, 1943. He accepted Christ as his Savior when he was 17 years of age, was baptized when 22 years of age and became a member of the Baptist Church. At the time of his passing he was a member of the First Baptist Church, Leola, S.D. He leaves to mourn, his widow, Emma; one son, Jerry; two daughters: Shirley and Linda; one brother, two sisters and three grandchildren. The Rev. Arnold M. Friez was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

MAGDALENA HUBER, nee Vilhauer, 82, of Herreid, S.D., died on May 28, 1976. She was born on Oct. 23, 1893, near Artas, S.D. She married Henry Neu in 1914. He died in 1918 and the following year she married August Huber. For the past year she lived in the Good Samaritan Center in Herreid. She was a member of the Herreid Baptist Church. She is survived by six daughters, three stepsons, two brothers, three sisters, 24 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. The Rev. Edward Kopf was the officiating pastor for the funeral service.

MRS. JOHANNA JURRENS nee Roll, 84, of Avon, S.D., died on June 5, 1976. She was born at Avon, Nov. 5, 1892. Mrs. Jurrens was united in holy matrimony to Dick Jurrens on March 3, 1915, to which union two daughters and one son were born. They were married 68 years last March. Mrs. Jurrens accepted Christ as her Savior in 1921, was baptized and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Avon. Surviving her are her widower; one daughter (Dolores) Mrs. Howard Hebrer and one son Russell; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two sisters and one brother. The Rev. Henry Lang was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

RUDOLF E. KWAITKOWSKI, 76, of Prince George, B.C., died May 21, 1976. He was born on April 12, 1900, in West Prussia. On April 12, 1930, he was united in marriage to Anna Gillwald. This union was blessed with six children. That same year they immigrated to Canada. As a young man Mr. Kwiatkowski accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. Surviving him are his widow, Anna; three sons: Heinz, Willy and Eric; two daughters: Mrs. William (Hildegard) Rahn and Mrs. Harry (Doris) Streckenbach; 11 grandchildren, two brothers and four sisters. The memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Fritz Goliath assisted by Rev. Jake Neudorf, Rev. Berta Harsch and Mr. Mark Morris.

ROSE Z. LITKE nee Ziehner, 91, of Forest, Pa., died on April 29, 1976. She was born in Russia, June 29, 1884. She was a member of the Forest Baptist Church and for many years had served as primary Sunday school teacher and church clerk. She is survived by five children: William, Alma (Mrs. Fred Muirhead), Gust, Bertha (Mrs. Leroy Burd), Amelia (Mrs. Ralph Rott); 19 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren, one sister. Pastor William McLatchie was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

EDWARD LUTZ, 62, of Herreid, S.D., died on May 24, 1976. He was born April 1, 1914, at Greenway, S.D. He died as a result of injuries in a farm accident. Mr. Lutz accepted Christ as his personal Savior in 1953 and was baptized into the fellowship of the Herreid Baptist Church in 1959. He married Agatha Volk on Aug. 20, 1950. To this union were

born two daughters. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, one grandson, six sisters and two brothers. The Rev. Edward Kopf was officiating pastor for the funeral services.

WALTER R. MAAS, 78, of St. Bonifacius, Minn., died on March 27, 1976. He was born on Jan. 11, 1898. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior in his youth, was baptized and received into the Minnetrista Baptist Church. Walter attended the University Farm School and devoted his entire life to farming. Pastor Delvin Bertsch officiated at the funeral service.

MAGDALINA NEUMAN nee Klein, 80, of Carrington, N.D., died on May 24, 1976. She was born in Russia on Dec. 28, 1895. She was baptized on March 15, 1908, and became a member of the Cathay Baptist Church. She was united in Marriage to William Neuman on June 29, 1915. Surviving her are six sons: Ervin, Werner, Herman, Wesley, William, Clifford; four daughters: Mrs. Albert (Regina Ann) Kurzweg, Mrs. George (Selma) Berge, Mrs. John (Natalie) Paulson, Mrs. Erling (Anna Marie) Boeck; 25 grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren; four brothers and five sisters. The Rev. Frank Unruh was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

KRIENE SCHNEIDERMAN Jr., 69, of George, Iowa died on June 6, 1976. He was born March 28, 1907, in George. At a young age he received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Shortly thereafter he was baptized and became a member of the First Baptist Church. He served as Sunday school teacher, Sunday school treasurer, church clerk, Co-Chairman of the Building Committee, and as deacon. His first marriage was to Johanna Wagenaar in May 1936. She passed away on April 20, 1942. Two children, Helen and John, were born of this union. On Aug. 25, 1943, he was married to Henrietta Winter, and God blessed this marriage with three children: George, Ruth and Thalia. Surviving him are his widow, Henrietta; five children: Helen (Mrs. Harold Even), John, George, Thalia (Mrs. Kenneth Abel), Ruth (Mrs. Charles Buboltz); two brothers and two sisters: The Rev. Bert A. Iterman was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

ALBERT EMANUEL SCHUH, 60, Tyndall, S.D., died Jan. 25, 1976. He was born April 29, 1915, near American Falls, Idaho. In October of 1944 he was married to Viola Elizabeth Berndt. Upon confession of his personal faith in Christ he was baptized at 15 years of age and was received into the Tyndall Baptist Church. He has been faithful in service to his Lord and the local church for 44 years serving as church treasurer for 16 years which responsibility he held at the time of his death. Surviving him are his widow Viola; one son, Laddie; four brothers. Pastor Ken Unruh, officiated at the service.

EDWARD B. VOIGT, 84, of Tyndall, S.D., died April 30, 1976. He was born March 6, 1892, in Bon Homme County, South Dakota. At 12 years of age Eddie was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Emmanuel Creek Baptist Church. The church is now known as the Tyndall Baptist Church. For 18 years he served as church treasurer and 12 years as custodian. He also served as trustee and Sunday school teacher. Pastor Ken Unruh officiated at the memorial service.

MRS. IDA ELMA VAN WECHER nee Schneider, 80, of Tacoma, Wash., died on Feb. 15, 1976. She was born on June 19, 1906, in Medina, N.D. In her early youth she accepted Christ as her Savior. She was married to the Rev. Gerlof Palfenier and together they served five churches in our North American Conference. After the death of her husband in 1947 she was married to Mr. Gus Kageler who died in 1958. For the last 18 years she was married to Mr. Walter Van Wecher. She was a deaconess and held various offices for many years: Surviving her are her widower; four sons: Robert and Alvin (missionaries), Roland and Jerry; one daughter, Myrna Chausse; three brothers, two sisters and 16 grandchildren.

LAURA WEIHE, 90, of Milwaukee, Wis., died on May 2, 1976. She was born on April 24, 1886, in Milwaukee. She accepted Christ in her younger years, was baptized on confession of her faith and joined the Immanuel Baptist Church. For many years she was a faithful member of the Bethany Baptist Church, serving as a Sunday school teacher and president of the W.M.S. In recent years as a shut-in she had a far reaching ministry in prayer, philanthropy and sending greetings to many acquaintances. She had taught almost 40 years in Milwaukee public schools. The Rev. James A. Schacher was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

BIBLETOWN CONFERENCE CENTER TOTALLY DESTROYED

On June 2, 1976, the Conference Center Building of the Bibletown Community Church was totally destroyed by fire. All four of the Boca Raton fire stations responded to the call extending every effort to contain a fire that had already surged out of control. The fire is said to be one of the worst in Boca Raton's history. The Conference Center Building provided facilities for the church, the winter Bible Conference and the Boca Raton Christian School. It included a 400 seat auditorium, a 300 seat dining-room and an 80 seat tea-room, administrative offices and a bookstore.

Of the more than ten buildings that make up the Bibletown complex, this building served as the heart for all of the activities that take place across the campus. For the thousands that have visited from all parts of the world over the past 25 years, all that remains are the beautiful memories of many happy occasions that took place within that building.

Fire Marshall, Jack Hartzell, stated that "today a little bit of Boca is gone." His comment reflects the views not only of the people of the church but of the community at large and many friends across this country. Not only did this building serve the Bibletown Community Church but many other churches, schools, groups and clubs, utilized the beautiful rustic facilities for special meetings.

Currently, plans are being formulated to reconstruct facilities that will not only offer the same advantages as the former Conference Center Building but extended facilities to accommodate the growing needs of the church and the Boca Raton community. □

QUEEN COMPLETES BAPTIST CLASS AT SPANISH UNIVERSITY IN MADRID

Leaders of Baptists and other denominations in Spain apply their beliefs to the solution of world problems for the Queen of Spain and other students at the state Autonomous University of Madrid.

Queen Sophia, wife of King Juan Carlos, has donated one million pesetas (US\$15,000) to the Contemporary Humanities Department, which initiated the program of religious studies in February 1976. The idea of the state university of-

fering courses on religions other than the state Catholic church is "a real revolution in the Spanish community," said the department chairman, Jose Solas, in an interview at the Baptist World Alliance headquarters in Washington, D.C. Solas and his son Ignacio, a 24-year-old student in the department, who recently were on a brief tour in the United States to encourage American universities to develop similar departments.

The Autonomous University of Madrid launched its Contemporary Humanities Department in 1968 after a suggestion from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The international students, including five from the People's Republic of China, apply their study of various world civilizations and values to contemporary situations.

Jose Borrás, president of the Baptist Union of Spain, taught the Madrid department's classes on the Baptist faith for eight Friday evenings. He was pleased that Queen Sophia sometimes stayed "afterward, commenting or asking questions" with other students, some who stayed until 11 p.m. The Queen took home two copies of course materials, one for the King. The university taped, printed and distributed course lectures on Baptist beliefs for use of other Spanish universities and for persons who could not attend the class.

Borrás sat near Queen Sophia at a university banquet. He said that the Queen responded to his statements on the Baptist belief of religious freedom by saying, "Very good, that is what we need." □

CHURCHES ORGANIZED IN BRAGA, RIO DE MOURO

LISBON (EBPS)—Two new churches, recently organized within the Portuguese Baptist Convention bring to 19 the number of new congregations begun since 1960.

In Braga, known as the "Rome of Portugal", a mission started in 1972 has been constituted as the First Baptist Church of Braga. It is the result of cooperative efforts between the Convention's Home Mission and the Brazilian Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and is served by Brazilian Missionaries Osvaldo and Stella Bomfirm.

Another Home Mission project which reached church status last month is in Rio de Mouro, a Lisbon suburb. Work there began under sponsorship of the Queluz Baptist Church, which in a period of twelve years has been instrumental in organizing three new churches. □



as i see it

by Paul H. Siewert

Somewhat over a year ago, I wrote an article in this column on the controversy then raging over the genuineness of the reported Christian conversion of Charles W. Colson. Colson was serving a prison term for obstructing justice in trying to influence the outcome of the 1971 Pentagon Papers trial of Daniel Ellsberg.

It was at that time that I suggested that it would be much more in keeping with the spirit of "What made America great" to do everything possible to give Mr. Colson the benefit of the doubt. His forthcoming months would no doubt either vindicate or indict him.

Well, time has spoken: The very fact that Mr. Colson was chosen to be the opening speaker at the N.A.B. Triennial Conference in Portland, Oregon in July is evidence enough that the spirit of Christian honor has prevailed. Praise God for the outcome! We all know it doesn't always happen that way.

Only one thing more remains to be noted. Where is the media that so courageously gave us all of the "black-balling" commentaries on Mr. Colson's conversion? Does honest reporting not have a responsibility to the other side of the coin? I think it does!

Certainly we acknowledge that what was said at the time had a certain measure of justification. But the attitude with which it was said is hardly in keeping with our public honor. Why is it so hard to acknowledge that God really can transform a life? □

—Paul H. Siewert

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

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Girl to friend: "I'd marry him if he were rich or handsome or dignified or had a sense of humor—or if he'd ask me."

■ The Rev. Herman Palfenier, pastor and denominational evangelist from 1925 until his retirement in 1964, was called to his heavenly home on Thursday, May 20, 1976, at the age of 83 years (see tributes on pages 16 and 17 of this issue).

■ The Rev. Arthur Bettig, former missionary to India, is now serving the Baptist Brethren Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

■ Mr. Siegbert Zukowski, former student pastor at Immanuel Baptist

Church, Edmonton, Alta., is now the pastor of Ellis Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

■ The Rev. Wilfred Unruh is the pastor of Neustadt Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ontario.

■ The Rev. Edward S. Fenske, 72, a resident of the Strasburg Nursing Home, Strasburg, N.D., went to be with the Lord on June 8, 1976. Rev. Fenske, a graduate from North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N.Y., served several N.A.B. churches in North Dakota, British Columbia, Alberta and Wisconsin. His last church was First Baptist Church in Fessenden, N.D. In 1965 he retired and moved to the Bismarck Baptist Home, and recently resided at the Strasburg Nursing Home. We express our sympathy to the widow, Mrs. Ludwicka Fenske, and the family.

■ The Rev. Ray Niederer has received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Baylor University on Aug. 14, 1976. The title of his dissertation is: "Baptist Missionary Activity Among the German People in Texas, 1850-1950. Dr. Ray Niederer is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S.D. Congratulations!

■ The Second Spanish Baptist Church of Union City, N.Y., has changed its name to First Spanish Baptist Church. The former name was a merger of the original name, "Second Baptist Church," and the descriptive adjective, "Spanish." Because there is no other Spanish Baptist Church in Union City, the church voted to take on the name "First Spanish Baptist Church."

■ The Rev. Werner F. Lemke has accepted the call to the First Baptist Church, Colfax, Wash., effective Oct. 1, 1976. Presently he is serving Twin Pines Baptist Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. □

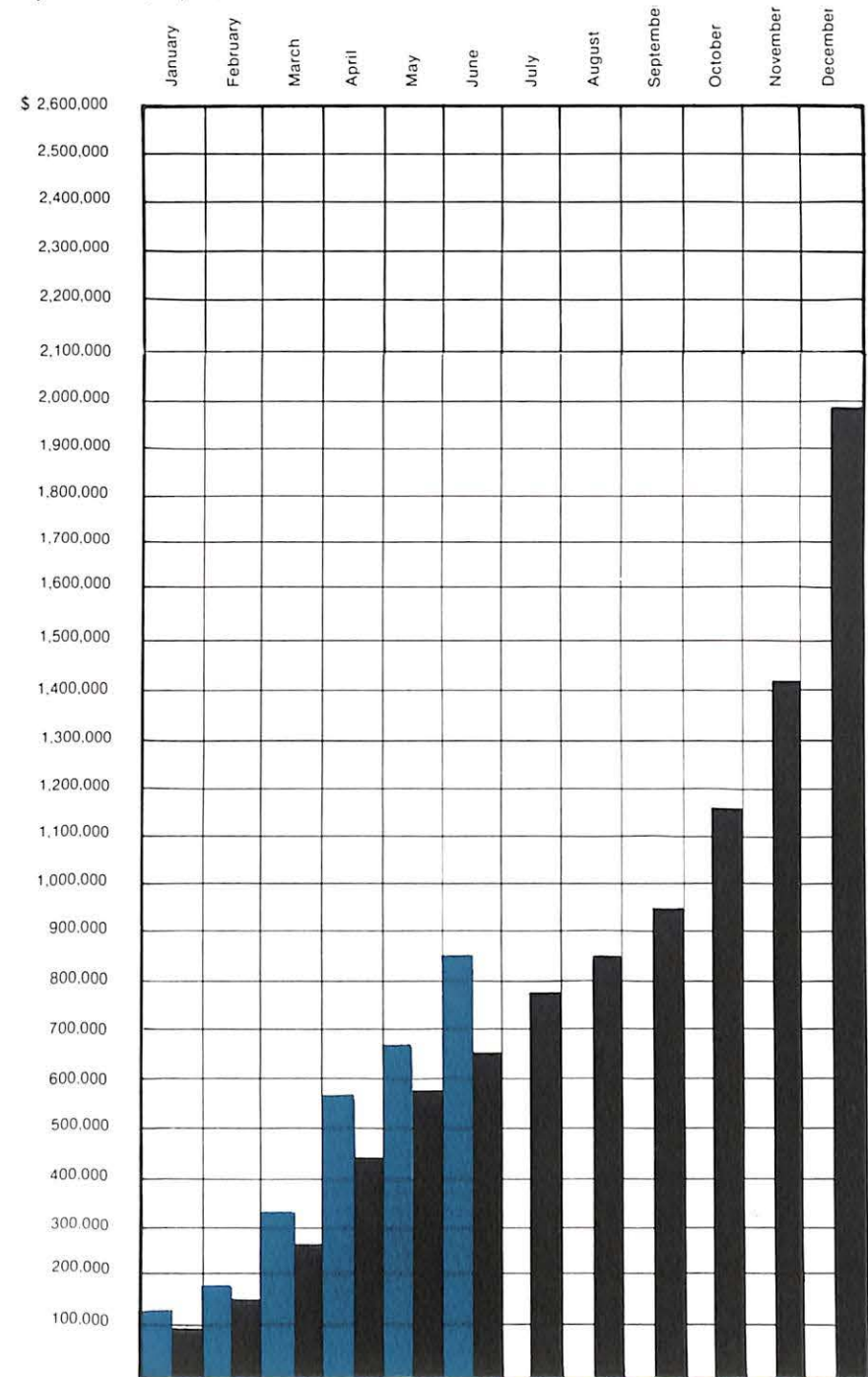
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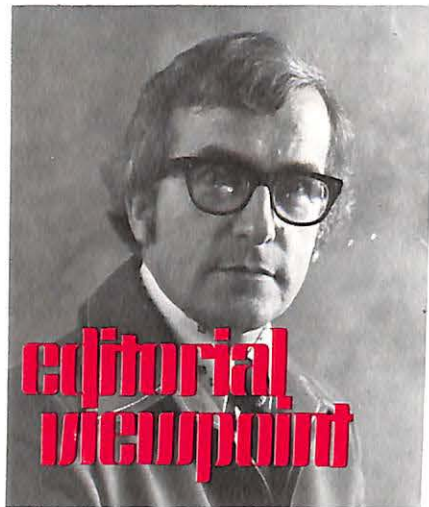


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Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

In the month of July the nations of the world were saddened by the political clouds which darkened the Montreal sky and the Olympic Games. "Not to win, but to take part is important in the Olympic Games because in life it is more important to fight than to conquer." These words spoken by Baron de Coubertin, the first man to kindle the Olympic Games in 1896, were to guide also the games in Montreal. Again, men and women from all over the world had come together to prove what idealism and love of sport are capable of attaining, when they compete under the five rings of the Olympic Flag. But it was the national flags that were to endanger Coubertin's ideal. The Republic of Taiwan was not permitted to display its flag and to bear the name "Republic of China." Canada was put under the pressure of economic boycott by China in case it should side with Taiwan. African nations protested against the participation of New Zealand because of her relationship to the Republic of South Africa. Close to thirty African nations pulled their sport representatives out of the competition. The words of the founder of the modern Olympic Games seemed to reveal an unintentional truism that "... in life it is more important to *fight* than to *conquer*." Suddenly, each nation seemed to suspect

every other nation of political intrigue and wrong alignment. The fight was on, politically manipulated. At least during the first few days of the Olympics the "Super Show" threatened to break down under the bickering of nationalistic propaganda. The Olympic Games continued, but much of the good neighborly spirit seemed to have disappeared.

Neighborly love does not seem to function too well on the international scene. Is it perhaps because nations and people have lost the skill of getting along within their own home, neighborhood and land?

The idea of President Gerald R. Ford to have a "National Good Neighbor Day" may prove to be an effective remedy. Upon his suggestion this observance will take place for the first time on September 2, 1976. In his proclamation the President urged:

"As we teach our children the cherished ideal of government by and for the people, let us begin by teaching them to know and care about the people next door. We must not only help each other, we must be willing to learn from each other so that we may remain for ever united."

His plea closes with the words, "I call upon every American man, woman and child to be a good neighbor to those around them. . . ."

Can September 2, 1976, change our attitude toward our neighbors at home and overseas? September 2 will come and go, and even the proclamation of a president will not have achieved anything, unless we make up our minds to renew our relationship with our perhaps neglected neighbors. Not a presidential proclamation nor a decree will help us in this effort, but rather the One who 2,000 years ago declared: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." He, Jesus Christ, ranked this commandment side by side with the other commandment, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." And as if to emphasize his instructions to the startled religious leaders, Jesus added: "There is no other commandment greater than these two."

A Good Neighbor Day for the nation? Whether we live in the U.S.A. or in Canada, let us make an effort to find new ways to better relate to our neighbors. And please, let's not evasively ask, "Who is my neighbor," as did a certain lawyer 2,000 years ago. We will rather ask ourselves to whom we can be a neighbor in order to go and love him. And remember: "Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law" (Rom. 13:10.) RJK □

open dialogue

letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

Almost one year ago I wrote a letter to the editor. It appeared in the August issue (A. F., Ontario).

It was my privilege to attend the Eastern Association retreat with the Baptist ladies at Guelph, Ontario, in June of this year. The topic was, "Conquering the Inner You." Lena (Dr. Lena Castenado, Rochester, N.Y.), you were wonderful; and I could completely identify with missionary Minnie Kuhn and understand her frustration in her chosen field of work. Don't despair, they need you, and those of us who are weak, need you. Watching and listening to your forthright way of speaking gives off a spark, an energy, we could all use more of.

At no time did I feel left out or lonely. Listening to Lena made me conscious of the inner me. Now I can know myself and know my limitations, and it is good to know that my conflict for years now is not with the church body as such, but is due to my own makeup.

How quick we are to blame others, when the faults we see there are usually our own. I can shed silent tears, but am unable to relate openly and warmly with other people. So I see now that there must have been many occasions when those around me felt I had shut them out.

The three day fellowship with a truly dedicated group of ladies helped me to come away refreshed, and with a new understanding of Women's Missionary groups, what they represent and what they do.

I guess I am a very unliberated woman, because I truly believed that only a man can lead with dynamic force. Watching the leaders of the various groups at Guelph proved to me, that the female of the species probably could lead and direct a country, if given the opportunity.

So don't give up, Minnie, your people in Nigeria haven't had my opportunity to become knowledgeable, and I'm just finding out in my forty-ninth year, that I don't know very much.

We ended our Sunday fellowship by joining hands and forming a circle, and I was part of it. I don't know what part I will play in the future in God's work. Perhaps the Lord will show me, how in

my own insignificant way, there is something I can do. Maybe by writing down these lines someone else will be inspired or lifted up.

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God" Ephesians 2:19. A. F., Ontario (full name withheld by request).

Dear Editor:

Would you please cancel my subscription? I find your magazine somewhat boring, unchanging, trite and in format, pictures, color and articles, so predictable!

Things like a separate section for women called "Women's World" and a million articles on "My country 'tis of thee" is enough to strain any Canadian woman's tolerance. But the final straw was a "joke" in the June issue— "A woman likes a strong, silent man because she thinks he's listening." That was really stupid and unnecessary. Why don't you include Ukrainian jokes as well?

I don't know why Christian magazines are always second rate. But I don't want you to waste any more paper on me. Miss Brenda Taft, Terrace, B.C.

P.S. If you can't write something nice and *good* (as in quality) don't write.

Dear Editor:

As missionaries we always enjoy receiving the BAPTIST HERALD to learn

what is happening in our churches and denomination at home. Through reading various missionaries' articles we even learn more about what is happening in our own field, Cameroon. May God bless your service for him through the BAPTIST HERALD. Mary June Burgess, Cameroon, West Africa.

Dear Editor:

While heads of state and royalty have been coming to help celebrate our Bicentennial, thousands of young people left behind want to learn about us and how it feels to live in a country 200 years old. They wish to do this by exchanging interesting, friendly letters with young Americans in all 50 states.

Edna MacDonough, executive secretary of the pen pal organization, reports a 72% increase in the number of letters from overseas piling in her offices on Boston's Beacon Hill. "Interest is great in our Bicentennial, and country after country after country is issuing special postage stamps commemorating our Bicentennial" she reports. India has the Signing of the Declaration of Independence on its newest stamp; Korea has a map of the United States. England has Benjamin Franklin, now Turkey, Brazil Ghana and many other nations are producing fascinating, colorful new stamps in our honor.

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SERVING GOD IN JAPAN

(Continued from page 7)

life she accepted Christ as her Savior, and on Jan. 3, 1960, she was baptized by the Rev. Dallas L. Gladson and became a member of the First Christian Church in Whittier, California. In 1965 the family moved to Racine, Wis., and affiliated with our Grace Baptist Church in Racine where Linda presently holds membership.

In 1968 Linda graduated from J. I. Case High School in Racine, Wis. That same fall she enrolled at University of Wisconsin, Parkside, Wis., where she took 34 hours majoring in music. From 1970 to 1971 she attended the UW in Milwaukee where she took 36 hours majoring in music. In 1971 she returned to the UW at Parkside and graduated in 1973 with a BA degree, majoring in French. While in college, she met many Japanese, French, Spanish and Argentinians and developed an interest in foreign students.

Concerning her experiences with Christ, Linda says: "He is my Savior and also my teacher and friend. He gives assurance about eternal life, help with problems, and comfort in troubles. I feel extremely privileged because of this opportunity Christ has given me to serve him. I have told others about my faith. I have a regular prayer and Bible study time every day."

For the past three years Linda has been teaching

grades 7—9 in the public schools at Racine, Wisconsin.

Her past employer gave her a good reference by saying: — "Miss Hartley is a young teacher, but she impressed me with her sincerity of purpose. She accepts challenges and can be depended on to follow through and do things right. I would prefer to keep her here, but she feels that she can fulfill a higher mission in your service."

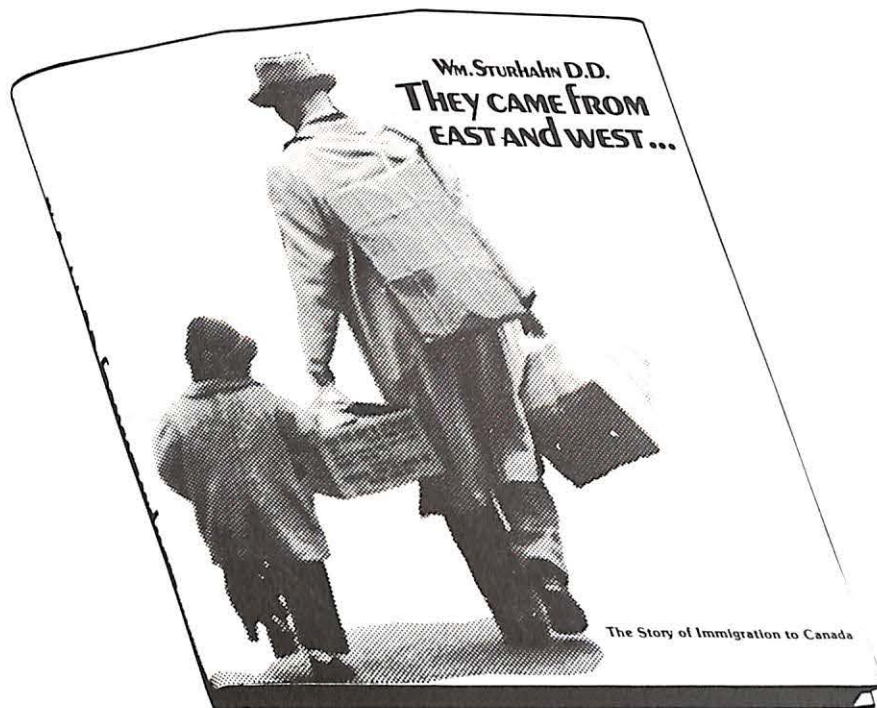
The Board of Missions at its annual meeting in April 1976 considered the application of the above three and appointed them as short-term missionaries to Japan, beginning with the summer of 1976. All three were present at the Triennial Conference in Portland, Oregon, and among others were commissioned for service on Aug. 1, 1976, the closing day of the conference. The following two days they participated at a Missionary Orientation Workshop held at Camp Tapawingo, Falls City, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lengefeld and Miss Hartley left from Portland for Japan on Aug. 5, 1976. Their flight was routed via Honolulu, Hawaii, where they had a brief stopover and then arrived in Japan on Sunday, Aug. 8, 1976. Mr. and Mrs. Lengefeld are stationed at Matsusaka and Miss Hartley at Nagoya where this next year she will be living together with Miss Susan J. Pahl, another short-term missionary now in her second year. We pray that theirs will be the same joy in service as expressed by Miss Shirley Ann Bailey in her "Open Letter. . . ." □

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