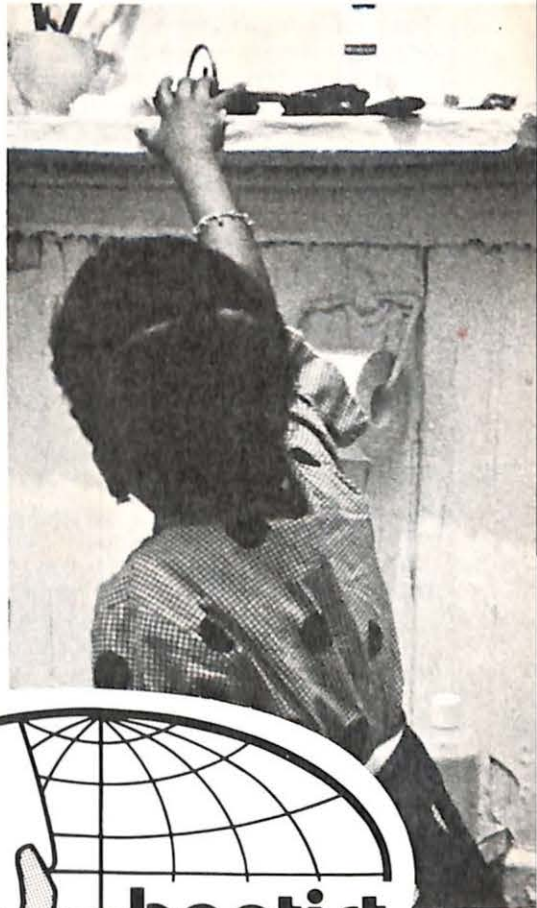


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# The Second World Conference of Baptist Men

Indianapolis, Indiana, April 5-9, 1978

Sponsor: Men's Department, Baptist World Alliance

Theme: God Working through You

Representation anticipated from 75 countries of the world

## Who

The Second World Conference of Baptist Men will be an international gathering of laymen, pastors and their wives for the purpose of instruction, motivation, and fellowship to the end that laymen throughout the world will accept and discharge their responsibilities as lay ministers. It will be held April 5-9, 1978, in the Indiana Convention-Exposition Center, 100 South Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, IN.

## What

Sponsored by the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, the meeting is for laymen, pastors and wives from Baptist churches, associations, unions and conventions throughout the world.

## Why

The task of carrying the gospel to three billion unchurched people on the earth cannot be done without the involvement of millions.

This meeting will challenge lay persons to their responsibility, give them some training in regard to their duties and motivate them for committed service.

## Registration

The registration fee for a Baptist man 18 and older from the USA and Canada is \$25.00. No fee is required for delegates from other countries or wives of men attending, but career women are required to pay the registration fee.

Everyone must complete a registration form. Write for a registration form at the address shown below. Deadline for advance registration is March 3, 1978. Mail completed registration form and check (payable to Baptist World Alliance) to:

Men's Conference Registration  
Baptist World Alliance  
1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20009

Persons wishing to register after March 3, 1978, should bring their registration form and check with them to the conference.

Registration fees will be refunded after a deduction of \$3.00 for handling costs if the cancellation is received in the Washington office of the BWA by March 3, 1978.

LAYMEN, PASTORS AND WIVES INVITED TO ATTEND.

## Workshops

### New People through Bible Study

Personal Devotion - the key to power  
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Application of Bible teaching to daily living, family life, world challenge  
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Creating a Christian lifestyle in the light of Christ's teaching  
Role of the deacon  
New mission methodology for a new age  
Individual and church renewal

### New People for Witness and Service

The calling to witness  
Person to person witness

Group or team witnessing  
Discipleship training (WIN Program)  
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Organizing men for witness and service

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Financing evangelism through scriptural methods  
The pastor-layman team  
Adult leadership for youth  
Using laymen at home and around the world

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## BAPTIST SHIP 200,000 BIBLES

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—More than 200,000 Bibles and Christian hymnals have been imported into eastern Europe through Baptist World Alliance auspices in the past 12 months, according to a report by Gerhard Claas to the BWA Relief and Development Committee. Claas serves as BWA's associate secretary at its European office in Hamburg.

Claas reported that Bibles are in very short supply in most of the Communist-dominated countries of eastern Europe. Hymnals are even more scarce. Baptists have work in all of the Socialist Republics, except Albania.

The Baptist World Alliance is in regular contact with the Baptist union or convention in each such country, and the BWA Relief program offers Bibles, and on occasion hymnals, whenever permission is received from the authorities to receive such books from the West.

The Alliance's program of inter-church aid for eastern Europe runs to about \$166,000 a year, in addition to its special program of fostering theological education, according to Carl W. Tiller, associate secretary for Relief and Development in the Washington office.

In addition to the Bibles and hymnals, assistance takes such forms as: 1) Financial grants for the building, rebuilding and repair of churches; 2) The importation of blank paper—newsprint and book paper—to enable Baptists to get religious printing done; and 3) Food, clothing, medicines and cash grants to pastors, pastors' widows and other leaders in special need in certain countries.

The Relief and Development Committee also ratified plans for accelerating theological education in eastern Europe, principally using gifts received by the Alliance in earlier years. Besides a projected plan to establish a Bible college or seminary in Moscow, the approved plan

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# WE AS NORTH AMERICAN BAPTISTS...

## ...BELIEVE IN SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

by G. K. Zimmerman

The burning desire to worship God in an atmosphere of freedom has filled the pages of history books, including the Bible, with accounts of men and women who were martyrs for their faith. In Hebrews, chapter 11, there is a brief roll call of some who were tortured and who suffered and died because their faith in God was challenged. All too often the authority of governments, involved in the persecutions, included religious leaders who governed both the state and religious affairs.

The Baptist stand on separation of church and state has sometimes been viewed as a problem because the Scriptures state that "every person must submit to the supreme authorities. There is no authority but by act of God, and the existing authorities are instituted by him. . ." (Romans 13:1-2).

It is true that we are to obey the civil laws of the land. However, if the laws of the land do not provide for dissent in matters of religion, we must choose holy disobedience. The church cannot yield to civil authority when such authority infringes upon the laws of God and the spiritual rights of the church. There are circumstances that force us to say, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

World history documents the fact that for several thousand years religion was confronted by intolerance and persecution to such an extent that more lives were lost because of religious convictions than for any other causes. Again it must be re-emphasized that the deaths of many religious people were the direct result of the will and action of those who were in power as religious leaders and also in control of the state. This was true of the Roman Empire, which demanded of its subjects that they worship the emperor and not God.

The hope that seemed to emerge when the reformers, Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli and John Calvin, tried to

upset the controls of the Roman Catholic Church, soon faded away because their reformation achievements only substituted another form of state control over religion. The continuation of church unity within the state prohibited any dissent, such as that of Anabaptists. The suffering and death of Anabaptist leaders shall always serve as an example that religious liberty and separation of church and state did not come to pass as a result of the Reformation. Religious freedom was denied because the Reformation continued the same church-state structure already in existence under the Catholic Church. The new world, America, appeared to some of the dissenters to be a beginning of new hope of gaining religious freedom. However, even here in the new colonies the Puritans soon established laws that held everyone to the established religious faith of the land. This soon led to persecutions and cruelty for such as Roger Williams. It was he who succeeded in establishing Rhode Island as the first secular state which provided full religious freedom to its citizens. Roger Williams tenaciously held to the principle of separation of church and state. He also maintained that the support of religion through taxation was wrong. Roger Williams, who was deeply rooted in the Christian faith, must have gained his courage from the writings of the New Testament, which state: "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (Galatians 5:1 NEB). "Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom" (2 Cor. 3:17 NEB). "Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil, but live as servants of God" (1 Peter 2:16 NEB).

### THE CONSTITUTION AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The noble efforts of separation of church and state by Roger Williams did not spread to all of the other colonies. Even a hundred years later, in 1787, when the Continental Congress met to formulate the constitution of the United States, the principle of separation of church and state was not included. Nevertheless, there were voices like that of Isaac Bakus, John Leland and members of the Continental Congress, who were committed to the principle that the constitution of the newly founded nation must provide for the separation of church and state. It was not until three years later, in 1791, that the Bill of Rights, containing the first ten amendments of the Constitution, was approved. The statement within the Bill of Rights which became the foundation for separation of church and state reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." In Article VI of the U.S. Constitution there is a further reference to religious freedom when it states, "No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office of public trust under the United States." Based on Article VI persons of various religious faiths can serve in high places in government, whether they be laity or clergy. It is important to note that currently there are a number of clergy serving in the Congress of the United States.

The provisions in the Constitution of the United States make it the first government in the world to provide for this type of religious freedom where the state has no

control over religious affairs. It is well for us as Christians to note that the same freedom which we enjoy is also extended to non-Christian religions. Furthermore, it provides that persons may choose not to be affiliated with any religious group. Since North American Baptists are located in both the United States and Canada, it needs to be stated that both the Federal and Provincial Governments of Canada likewise provide freedom of religion similar to that which is found in the United States. As Christians and citizens of the United States and Canada it is encouraging to know that the principles of separation of church and state have also been adopted by many other countries around the world.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

According to the Yearbook of American Churches 1977 the inclusive membership of all Christian churches in the United States in 1976 was 131,012,954. This means that 61.5 percent of the population is currently affiliated with the Christian church. In contrast, in 1776 when steps were being taken to adopt the Constitution of the United States and finally include the First Amendment, which provides for religious liberty and separation of church and state, only 5% of the population registered church membership. By 1850 the membership in churches had reached only 15.5% of the population.

According to the Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches for the year 1976, the inclusive membership in Canada is 14,497,842. This also represents approximately 63 percent of the population belonging to Christian churches. These statistics seem to indicate that religious liberty gives a greater number of people an opportunity to choose their Christian faith through a personal and meaningful relationship with God, rather than give lip service to a religion decreed by a state.

### THE FIRST AMENDMENT INTERPRETED

Since the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States has been challenged in the courts on a number of occasions, it is important to recall that the Supreme Court in 1947 in the Everson vs. Board of Education gave the following interpretation of the statement "no establishment of religion": "The 'establishment of religion' clause of the First Amendment means at least this: Neither a state nor the Federal Government can set up a church. Neither can pass laws which aid one religion, aid all religions, or prefer one religion over another. Neither can force nor influence a person to go to or to remain away from church against his will or force him to profess a belief or disbelief in any religion. No person can be punished for entertaining or professing religious beliefs or disbeliefs, for church attendance or non-attendance. No tax in any amount, large, or small, can be levied to support any religious activities or institutions, whatever they may be called, or whatever form they may adopt to teach or practice religion. Neither a State nor the Federal Government can, openly or secretly, participate in the affairs of any religious organizations or groups or vice versa. In the words of Jefferson, the clause against establishment of religion by law was intended to erect 'a wall of separation between church and state.' "

In recent years and even in recent months there have been numerous efforts made to secure favors from the state and Federal Government, such as taxation monies for parochial schools. It has become very evident that separation of church and state is under attack, especially when in 1977 more than 100 members of the United States Congress favor sponsoring tax relief legislation in behalf of non-public school education.

### WILL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY REMAIN?

In the United States the Internal Revenue Service has undertaken to define for religious bodies what are "integrated auxiliaries of churches." This is looked upon by Baptist leaders in the United States as an infringement upon the separation of church and state. This type of entanglement by government with religious bodies can only lead to greater controls by government and the loss of religious freedom and the violation of the First Amendment of the Constitution.

As Baptists we need to do all within our rights, as provided for in the Constitution, to uphold religious freedom and the separation of church and state. Let it never be said of us that we misuse this freedom. The warning of the Apostle Paul in Galatians 5:13, 14, should be heeded: "For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants one to another. For the law is fulfilled in one word, 'you shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "

This brief discussion of such an important matter is very inadequate. I would encourage readers to avail themselves of additional literature provided by Baptists on the continent. Among these is the "Report from the Capital," published ten times each year by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, 200 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, DC 20002. Subscription rates are \$3.00 per year. I would also suggest the book, "Nationhood and the Kingdom," by Dr. James E. Wood, Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. □

*The North American Baptist Conference is known for its conservative, Bible centered Christian convictions and for its evangelistic zeal.*

*The Preamble to the Constitution of the Conference states the following "distinctive principles for which Baptists have lived and died" and which North American Baptists affirm:*

1. Soul liberty;
2. The inspired authority of the Scriptures in matters of faith and conduct;
3. The separation of Church and State;
4. The Revelation of God through Jesus Christ as only Savior and Lord;
5. Regenerated church membership;
6. Believer's baptism by immersion;
7. The congregational form of church government;
8. The proclamation of the gospel throughout all the world.

*Dr. Gideon K. Zimmerman is executive secretary of the North American Baptist Conference. His article concludes the series of eight articles on North American Baptist distinctives.*



# Goals for Ministry

by David J. Draewell

Jesus expressed his personal goal for ministry by saying: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10b). Following his resurrection and prior to his ascension into heaven, he also gave a challenging goal for ministry to his disciples: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20a).

Goals are important today. They are important for our Conference, for our churches and for each of us as God's redeemed children. The goals which we have adopted identify those things which we feel are significant in life. They can reveal a great deal about us as individuals as well.

*Dr. David J. Draewell is president of North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD.*

It is a pleasure to present to you the members of the graduating class of 1978 of the North American Baptist Seminary. I feel genuinely proud of these men and women who have been gifted by God's Spirit for ministry. They have had these gifts stretched and strengthened during their years of preparation at the seminary. They all have a strong commitment to Christ and his church. They all are knowledgeable students of the inspired Word of God. They all wish to carry on an effective ministry of reconciliation with lonely and estranged persons in our world today.

In addition to sharing basic biographical information about each graduate, we have asked each to state briefly his/her goals for ministry. This will help you to come to know them in an even more meaningful way.

We commend these men and women to our entire North American Baptist Conference family. Pray for them, encourage them, call them to challenging places of ministry and support their witness for Jesus Christ. They are among the finest servants of God produced by our homes, our churches and our seminary. They have responded to God's leading in their lives and wish to continue to be sensitive to his direction in the days to come.

## N.A.B.S. Class of '78

*Samuel Tharmalethu Abraham* will be graduating with a Master of Divinity degree. He is married and is pastor of Maranatha Bible Church, Colman, SD, and is from India.

The Apostle Paul states in Philippians, chapter 1:21, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." This is my main goal for my Christian life. I came from India with an orthodox Syrian background. The goals for my ministry are someday completing all my education and starting a Christian counseling program in India. I am praying and preparing myself for that great task which the Lord has laid on me. I enjoy preaching and missionary evangelistic work. North American Baptist Seminary has played an important part in my life for preparing me to deliver the message of the gospel with my counseling work for the future great task. God blessed

me with a son Isaac and a beautiful wife Melodee, who is also a counselor. Your prayers are needed in our lives."

*Leslie Paul Albus* will be graduating with a Master of Divinity degree. He is married to Phyllis, and has a son Jerome. He is a member of Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, ND, and is a retired army chaplain. He is presently a Rehabilitation Counselor and interim pastor in North Dakota.

*James Fredrick Allen* will be graduating with a Master of Divinity degree. James is married to Frances Gunnarson and the father of four children. James is currently the pastor of the First Assembly of God Church and has been a pastor for 20 years.

*James Christian Anderson* will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is married to Bonnie Fiscus and is a member of First Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD.

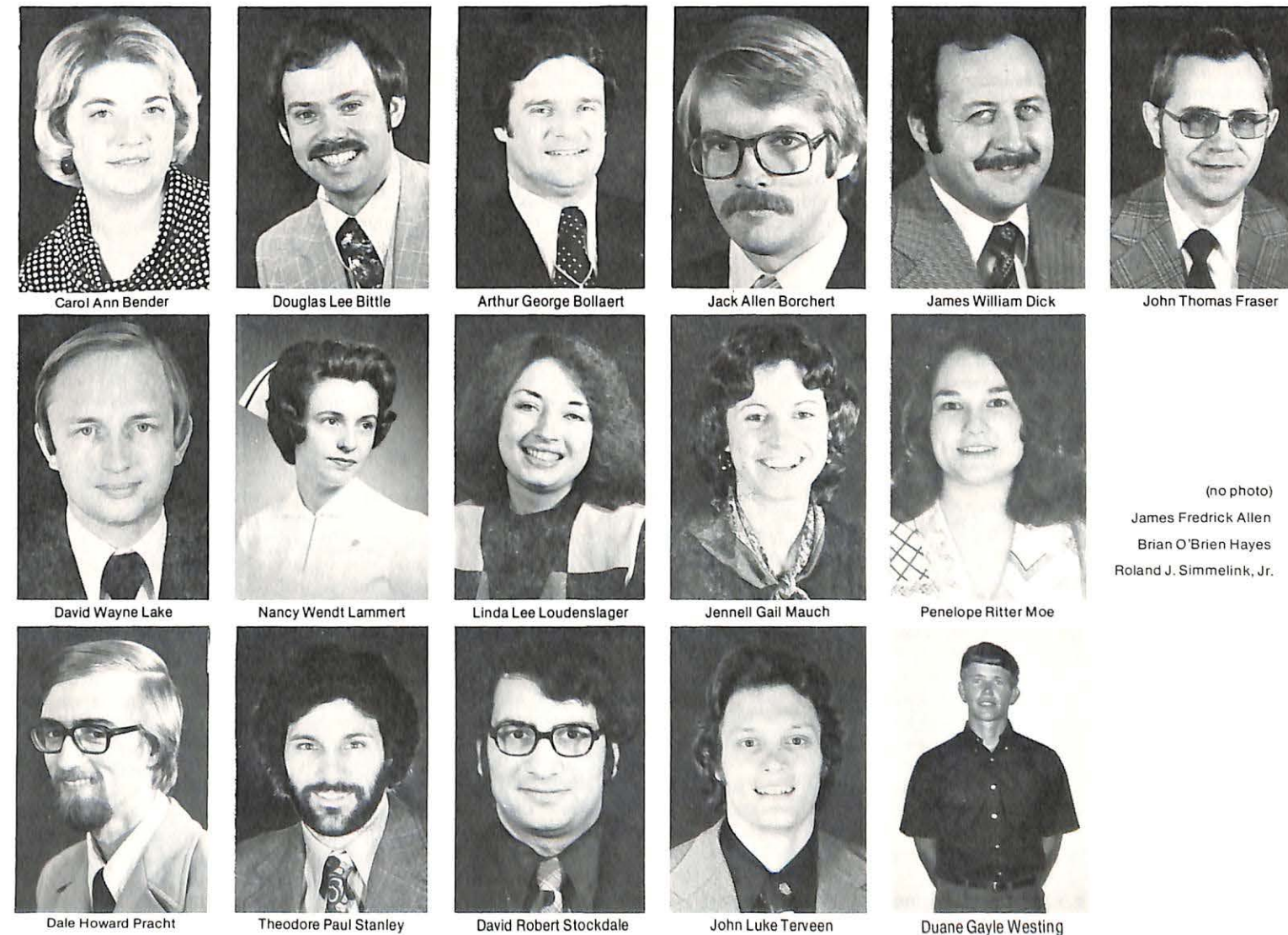
"It perhaps sounds trite and simplistic, but my goal in the ministry is to help the unsaved discover Jesus

Christ and to help the saved move to a deeper spiritual maturity. By God's grace and through the leading of His Holy Spirit, I hope and pray that I may be used in this way.

"In our society as a whole and in our churches, there are so many people of all ages who seem totally incapable of recognizing and embracing Christ's love, his forgiveness and the freedom of 'new life.' I have experienced this in my own life and am confident there can be no higher goal than to be an 'enabler,' as others seek fulness of life in Jesus Christ."

*Dale Harold Axt* will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is married to Cyndee Leppke and is a member of Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, ND.

"There are three things that remain—faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is love" (I Cor. 13:13). "What is love? Love ought to be a willingness to sacrifice in total forgiveness. Indeed, Jesus himself knew the meaning





of love when he paid through his blood the price of sacrifice on the Cross. He loved his fellowman in a total way of forgiveness. It is this kind of love that I feel the Christian ministry must have, if men are to be won to the Kingdom of God. It must be a healing ministry. Thus, I feel God has given me the vision to minister in sensitivity, love and forgiveness to the needs of all people. "Let love be your greatest aim . . ." (I Cor. 14:1). I hope to serve in the rural ministry and do Church Extension work."

*Deanne Kay Barker* will be graduating with the Master of Arts in Christian Education degree. She is single and is a member of Central Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD.

"The most important goal for me is to do *anything* that God would have me do. I do not make this statement lightly. It has taken years for my stubborn pride to break down. Praise the Lord for his faithfulness and patience with me.

"I feel very strongly the call for missionary work. My background has been in Elementary Education. This skill is needed on the mission field, especially with missionary children.

"A future goal is to work in a church, working with teachers and other leaders in the education of the people."

*Grace Marie Beaumont* will graduate with the Master of Arts in Counseling degree. She is single and is holding membership with Edmonton Gospel Temple, Edmonton, AB.

"My primary goal, as far as ministry is concerned, is to do "Christian counseling." There are several areas in which I am considering pursuing this. One is counseling in a church-related setting, probably combining it with other functions, e.g. home and hospital visitation and youth work. Another is mental hospital chaplaincy, at which I have had brief experience. I am also interested in working in a counseling clinic or agency which has a Christian orientation to therapy."

*Carol Ann Bender* will be graduating with the Master of Arts in Counseling degree. She is single and is holding membership with the First Baptist Church, Wishek, ND.

"After my seminary training my goal is to get back into a school system as a teacher, counselor or a combination of both. I feel as a Christian teacher and counselor I can be used by the Lord to reach out in love to searching young people. Another part of my ministry is to introduce Jesus Christ and his redeeming love. Young people are facing some difficult times and problems, and my goal is to help them experience the abundant life of Jesus Christ."

*Douglas Lee Bittle* will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He

is married to Patricia Staiger, an elementary school teacher. He is a member of First Baptist Church, George, IA and is associate pastor of Good Shepherd Mennonite Church of Sioux Falls, SD.

"God led me into the ministry by speaking to me through Jeremiah's call. My goals in ministry are found in God's statement to the prophet, when he was commissioned with these words: "See I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant" (1:10). My first goal is, by God's grace, to help 'break down' barriers that keep people apart from one another and from God; to 'destroy and overthrow' Satan's strongholds. The second goal is to 'build and to plant,' to aid in the growth of God's people and of the local church by 'equipping the saints' (Eph. 4:12) for ministry to God, to one another and to the world."

*Arthur George Bollaert* will be graduating with the Master of Divinity degree. He is married to Christine Montgomery; they have three children. Art is holding membership in Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, MI, and is currently pastor of the Swedona Covenant Church in Brandon, SD.

"As graduation draws closer and closer, it is exciting to anticipate where God might be calling. But at the same time, I realize it is useless to speculate about such matters. This is so because experience has proven it to be true in my own life. Five years ago the ministry was not a part of the goals that I had set up for my life. But God has called me into his service, and now the time has come to reach out into new avenues for his kingdom. I am praying that the Lord will help me to be totally willing to respond to his call. In that spirit my goals are to be a servant and to live a life worthy of my calling (Luke 22:26, Ephesians 4:1)."

*Jack Allen Borchert* will graduate with the Master of Divinity degree. Jack is single and is holding membership in First Baptist Church, Calgary, AB.

"The primary goal that is strategic in terms of fulfilling any other goal in ministry is that my life may continually draw upon and reflect the abundant love of Jesus Christ, my Lord. The goals that I might have for ministry would be pointless without the resources which he alone can provide. Issuing from the resources which are drawn from God is the goal to become a more effective agent of reconciliation, directing men to new life, new freedom, new liberty and salvation itself in Jesus Christ. This is the ultimate goal that I have for ministry and to which my life is directed."

*James William Dick* will graduate with the Master of Divinity degree. He is married to Marilyn Diggory and has three sons. Jim is the assistant pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD.

"God has given each believer gifts to be used for strengthening the Body of Christ. As a disciple of Jesus Christ, my goal for ministry is to use those gifts that he has given me, so his purposes will be accomplished. I look forward to an equipping ministry, through which people will grow in the relationship to Christ. This growth will be evidenced by our devotion to him, our love for one another and our ministry to the world."

*John Thomas Fraser* will graduate with the Master of Divinity degree. He is married to Diane Duca, and they have three children. John is holding membership in Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN, and is student pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Wentworth, SD.

"In my years in industry I have personally experienced a world of people in desperate need of and with a great hunger for a living Lord of their lives. The Lord Jesus Christ has become real and alive to me, and I have experienced his personal call to go and make disciples, baptizing them and teaching them to observe all that he has commanded. My goal for ministry is to be used by God through the power of the Holy Spirit to help individuals experience Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives. I believe Christ is calling me to a preaching, teaching and discipling ministry to the world in and through his church."

*Dale Herman Fuchs* will graduate with the Master of Arts in Christian Education degree. He is married to Lois Cooke, and they have a son. "Bud" is holding membership in Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, MO, and is the student intern of Central Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD.

"In my life many goals have already been achieved in education and ministry. The foremost goal in my life is being an effective servant of God. This can only be achieved through diligent communion with God and service for him. In service my goals are to use God's Word in discipling fellow believers, so they can mature in the faith. In this form of service Christian Education becomes a reality. In Christian Education the mission field is both here and abroad, and the ministry of the local church is where the discipleship of believers best takes place."

*Larry Edwin Graffius* will graduate with the Master of Divinity degree. He is married to Janice Williams, and they have one son. Larry is holding membership in North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church, North Loup, NE.

*Brian O'Brien Hayes* will graduate with the Master of Arts in Christian Education degree. He is married to Grace Fahrenkrog, and they have two children. Brian is pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, Parkston, SD.

*Jeffrey Paul Hoag* will graduate with the Master of Divinity degree. He is married to Jenny Burton. Jeff is holding membership at First Baptist Church, Warrens, WI, and is pastor of Komstad Covenant Church, Beresford, SD.

*David John Johnson* will graduate with the Master of Divinity degree. He is married to Lana Peterson. David is pastor of Canova Congregational Church and United Church of Christ of Winfred, both in South Dakota.

"I firmly believe that God has called me to serve his people in rural communities. Having the opportunity to serve two United Church of Christ (former Congregational) churches these last two years of seminary has confirmed that call. This goal could best be stated as being available as God's servant in rural areas. Another goal which I have in ministry is to keep myself updated as far as new trends of theological thought and techniques for effective pastoral ministry are concerned. I anticipate this goal of continual education will be worked at in a number of ways, but primarily through periodicals and workshops. My overriding goal, however, is to be an effective servant of God wherever and in whatever ways God sees fit to use me."

*Stanley Arthur Johnson* will graduate with the Bachelor of Theology degree. Stan is married to Marjorie Barnhart, and they have five children. Stan is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, SD and is director of the M2 program at the State Penitentiary, to put inmates in touch with a friend outside the prison.

"My primary goal is to be a worthy disciple for the Lord Jesus Christ. I am not entirely sure where he is going to lead me to serve, but I am inclined to believe it will be in the field of prison ministries. I see great things happening in this field every day. The Holy Spirit is moving and doing great things in prisons all across the land. I am willing to be a part of this action.

"Christ said to Peter, 'Feed my sheep,' and I believe that is what Christ is still saying today. From personal experience I can say that the tougher the going, the more the sheep had to be fed. So it is with the friends we meet on the highways and by-ways of life, hungry and needing to be fed. I rejoice every-time I see a sinner set free from his bondage by the grace of God.

"Only as I can share my love and my trust in God with some hungry soul will I feel that I have fulfilled the commis-

sion of Christ saying, "Feed my sheep." It is with this feeling that I look forward to my future full-time ministry."

*David Wayne Lake* will graduate with the Master of Divinity degree. David is married to Dorothy Reich, and they have one son. David is holding membership in Central Baptist Church, Edmont, AB, and he is pastor of Plum Creek Baptist Church, Emery, SD.

"I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" (I Cor. 9:22). "This has been my life's goal since my teen-aged years, when I used this verse in the first sermon I preached. I have spent most of my fourteen years between high school and North American Baptist Seminary in a university environment where I developed a serious, intellectual approach to life. Local church ministry opportunities, God's Volunteers, missionary teaching in Cameroon, marriage and now seminary training have helped me to better understand people of various ages, backgrounds and cultures, and to discover and use my spiritual gifts to implement I Cor. 9:22."

*Nancy Wendt Lammert* will graduate with the Master of Divinity degree. "Nicky" is married to Duane, and they have two children. She is also an R.N. at Sioux Valley Hospital. She is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Sioux Falls, SD.

*Linda Lee Loudenslager* will graduate with the Master of Arts in Christian Education degree. Linda is single and is a member of First Christian Church, Sioux Falls, SD, and is a nurse aide at a local nursing home.

"Let me be of service to God. That is my main goal in all the facets of life. Specifically, I would hope to work (disciple) in a nursing home situation or in the children's home in Omaha. These are ministries which I feel I would like and do best at. However, I must always be sensitive to where God wants me."

*Jennell Gail Mauch* will graduate with the Master of Arts in Christian Education degree. Jennell is single and is holding membership at Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, CA.

"The primary goal I have for ministry is to serve God to the best of my abilities with the resources he has given to me. Another goal would be to help others gain a real and vibrant faith, to further their understanding of their faith and God's love and provisions for them. Also, I see the future of the church dependent upon trained lay people. I would hope to be part of the process in training others to serve in various capacities in the church in the areas of youth and Christian education."

*Penelope Ritter Moe* will graduate with the Master of Divinity degree. She is married to Stanley. Penny is hold-

ing membership at Truman Community Baptist Church, Truman, MN, and she is parish assistant at Asbury United Methodist Church, Sioux Falls, SD.

"That men and women may know" accurately describes my goals for ministry at spiritual, practical and personal levels. Obviously I am in ministry so that men and women may know, in a personal way, the love of God and the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. I want men and women to know that the educational ministry of the church is a number one priority and that it can be vibrant, exciting and very much alive for persons at all age levels. I would hope that men and women may know that ministry can be creative, flexible and multi-faceted and that it is a viable vocational choice for members of both sexes. Personally I want to know that I continue to learn, to grow and to mature in my faith, and that men and women may know I need to do that and allow and help me to do that."

*Harvey Arnold Motis* will graduate with the Master of Arts in Religious Studies degree. Harvey is married to Joyce Eickmeyer, and they have two children. Harvey is a member of Isabel Baptist Church, Isabel, SD, and does interim preaching.

"I have had the rare privilege of serving for several years in the area of overseas missions. Over the past year, I have had the opportunity of taking further ministerial studies which have been an excellent complement to my previous training and experience. This time in the classroom has given new insights and has instilled in me a greater confidence in areas I felt a need for strengthening. I feel I have grown in my faith and have been able to temper, modify, adjust and even change some of my previously carefully considered goals for the Gospel ministry to become a more mature and balanced workman for Christ."

*Samuel Nsakse Ngum* will graduate with a Certificate. Samuel is married to Susannah Chekedei, and they have seven children. Samuel is holding membership in the Cameroon Baptist Convention, Cameroon, Africa, where he has been a pastor, area secretary and executive secretary.

"I draw the goals of my ministry from the life, ministry and message of our Lord Jesus Christ who himself has chosen and called me to the service of his Kingdom.

"In the first place, I pray to continue as one of those laborers whom he already has in the harvest field, while he looks for others (Luke 10:2).

"In the second place, I pray to remain an effective means by which Christ can continue to pursue his goal of seek-

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## How Do You Spell Relief? We Spell It B-W-A-R-F



### What is BWARF?

BWARF stands for "Baptist World Alliance Relief Fund." The Relief and Development program of the Alliance is separately funded, through BWARF.

### Why should Relief be of concern to us?

"To love is to share." Jesus' compassion for the hungry and the needy is disclosed many times in the Gospels. Other portions of the New Testament lay it upon Christians to love as Jesus loved, to give cheerfully as an expression of our love, and to be ready always to assist those who are in need.

### How is BWARF administered?

The program is carried out under the direction of a worldwide Committee on Relief and Development, comprised of 13 Baptist leaders from 12 "conventions" in nine nations. (The North American Baptist Conference is a member of BWARF.) An Associate Secretary at the headquarters of the Baptist World Alliance serves as the staff executive in charge of day-to-day operations; Associate Secretaries in Area Offices in the German Federal Republic and in Australia assist.

### How large is the BWA Relief and Development program?

The financial objectives of the program usually are in the range of \$550,000 to \$650,000 a year. They cover about 40 projects. The exact number of projects and sum of money will vary, according to the size and extent of the unpredictable disasters which occur.

### Can you be sure that relief is "delivered" to those in need?

Yes. Our relief is normally channeled through an autonomous Baptist convention in the area of need, or through an expatriate Baptist mission. The people in charge are well acquainted with the circumstances of the nation's culture and with the needs of those for whom the relief is destined. Those handling the relief are people of integrity. Visual inspection by a BWA representative, plus accounting reviews or audits assure that the delivery system is working properly.

### How much of the relief contributions goes for administration and promotion?

None of the contributions designated for a particular purpose or project; not even one cent. In the case of contributions which are for relief in general (not designated), 5% is applied to administration and promotion of the program. "Overhead" is a bit higher, but is cared for by the



**Baptists provided food and temporary shelter for this family left homeless in Bangladesh floods.**

BWA's general budget rather than paid from relief contributions.

### What kinds of help are given?

Famine relief, disaster relief, refugee relief, and development; also inter-church aid in the form of Bibles, hymnals, and religious printing; grants toward church rebuilding; and special fellowship assistance. See "boxed" insert elsewhere in this leaflet for a fuller explanation.

### If I send an undesignated gift to BWARF, how will it be used?

Each undesignated gift is spread over the whole range of Relief and Development programs, in accordance with the ratio of each program to the total financial objectives. The Relief and Development Committee may change the ratios from year to year. The key figures for 1977 are: famine, disaster, and refugee relief, 36%; developmental, 37%; interchurch aid and special fellowship assistance, 22%; administration and general, 5%.

### Does the BWA compete with my own Baptist denomination?

No. The Baptist World Alliance is a servant of its 106 member bodies, not a rival to them. Many of our member bodies do not have an international relief/development program of their own. Of those who do have such a program, most use the BWA as their instrument of relief in areas beyond their own foreign mission fields. Your gifts to BWARF will supplement gifts through your own denominational channels, and probably extend your sharing on a wider international scale.

### How can I give material items: clothing, blankets, food?

BWARF is working on possible procedures. At present, we are not able to accept any packages of this type. Do NOT send any until an announcement is issued, giving the shipping address and the packing instructions. At this

time, money is still much more helpful than "in kind" gifts would be.

### May I refer individual cases of need to BWARF?

No; please do not try this. We are not equipped to do "case work," nor do our policies permit it. BWARF basically deals with Baptist conventions and missions. We do not make grants to individuals, families, or local churches.

### Does the Relief and Development program have any spiritual results?

Yes. We cannot conscientiously limit our relief to persons who have responded or will respond to invitations for a commitment to Christ. Nevertheless, experience in many situations has demonstrated that our aid to needy people has often prepared their hearts to accept our Christian message subsequently.

## HOW BAPTIST WORLD RELIEF HELPS

The Baptist World Relief program consists of several elements, which can be best understood in two groupings.

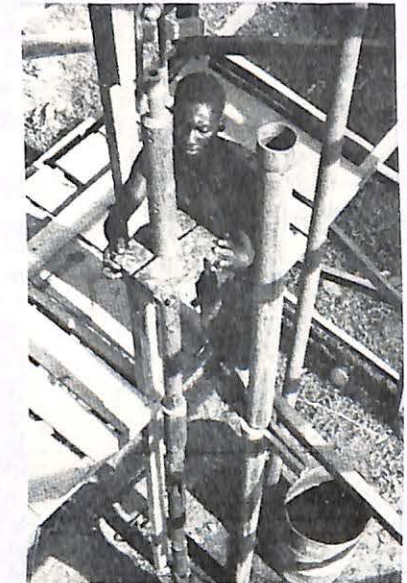
### A. Mitigation of suffering, and long-range help

**Famine relief.** BWARF feeds the starving and the malnourished, especially in the countries that are chronically food-shortage areas and in those which have suffered from the blight of recent drought.

**Disaster relief.** Food, shelter, blankets, and medicines are provided following a major hurricane, tidal wave, flood, volcanic eruption, earthquake, or other "natural disaster." May include help in restoring water supplies. This often includes subsequent rehabilitation of homes and churches after the immediate emergency has been met.

**Refugee relief.** Assistance is given in caring for large groups of refugees which cross national boundaries to escape persecution and the ravages of civil war.

**Development.** Grants are provided for projects of well-digging, the planting of fruit trees and coconut trees, the increase of herds, agricultural and nutritional education, health improvement, etc.—activities which will help poor people to avoid future situations of famine and malnourishment, or to improve their capacity at self-help and wage-earning.



**New deep wells provide water to drink and for irrigation.**

### B. Assistance to colleagues in the faith

**Bibles, hymnals, and religious printing.** BWARF imports Bibles when permitted into Communist countries, and provides paper, and sometimes printing plates, for hymnals, religious periodicals, and other such printed materials for conventions and churches there.

**Church rebuilding and rehabilitation.** Grants are made for the importation of materials for church building and repairs in special cases, usually, but not always, in countries where currency controls are in effect, local materials are rationed, and outside help is a necessity if our people are to continue to have a place of worship. Virtually always the members of the local congregation contribute many hours of hard, loving labor to more than match our grants.

**Special fellowship assistance.** Pastors and pastors' widows in some eastern European countries need help to get prescription medicines unavailable at a reasonable price in their own country, or need food supplements to subsist on restricted incomes. We help.

**Hospitality in special cases.** Small sums are used when necessary to provide for such items as lodging and food when pastors and church executives are permitted to leave exit-controlled countries for short periods of time for conference with colleagues and attendance at religious meetings in "the free world."



*NOTE: Help in Category A is extended to people in need without regard to tribe, caste, color, or religion.*

*Help in Category B is normally limited to those of the Baptist faith and order.*





## putting it together

by Ernie Zimbelman

Dear AF:

Space does not allow me to reprint your full letter. You refer to my column in which I discussed the concept of a husband who is a "mama's boy." You rightly question on the basis of I Timothy 5:4 as to what responsibility one does have to family members.

I feel you state your case quite well when you talk about your own struggle of trying to decide where self-interest and personal goals conflict with family needs.

It is always difficult to generalize

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## Is Jesus Christ the Lord of your life?

by Marlene Ginter and Karen Trax

"Where exactly is your relationship with Jesus Christ going? Is it growing, at a standstill or taking a step backward?" This is the challenge to youth presented by this year's God's Volunteers team.

from a specific case to all others. But I can see where the way I discussed the "mama's boy" case made you wonder about yourself.

My own attitude toward family life is that we have over-emphasized the "nuclear" family. While serving as a missionary in Africa, I became familiar with the concept of tribal living. Within this system, a person's responsibility to the group (tribe, extended family and family) is very great; and in the African system there are abuses.

However, in my opinion, our own American culture has greatly over-emphasized the importance of personal independence and freedom. I strongly feel that individuals who have developed good interdependence with God and people are those who live most effectively.

I believe in family interdependence and support. There is no doubt in my mind that because we are so mobile as a population we lose out on certain family experiences.

I know of many examples where individuals sacrificed for children, or children for parents or brothers and sisters. I think this may be the appropriate thing to do.

But whatever I do, I must take responsibility for my actions. I must do it willingly and voluntarily. There are cases where a person feels it their Christian duty to provide care for a relative and then develops bitterness towards God, the person cared for, and other relatives.

Anyone facing a loyalty conflict between duty to a relative and his own goals should discuss it with another person such as a pastor. There is a great difference between fulfilling a Christian duty and allowing oneself to be cheaply manipulated by relatives. □

Through youth seminars and a 3-screen multimedia musical presentation, entitled "Jesus Is Lord," the goal is to ask people, especially young people, to examine their lives and ask themselves, whether Jesus Christ really is the Lord of their lives.

In these youth seminars, Jim Calamunce and Marlene Ginter use the help

of an exercise, graphing the spiritual development of the youth. This is a time of personal evaluation of one's relationship to Christ. Youth are challenged to obey the command found in Ephesians 5:18 and to allow the Holy Spirit to control their lives, so that Jesus Christ

will indeed be Lord of their lives. Further seminars are directed to maintaining the Spirit-controlled life. Principles, such as Bible study and prayer in our vertical relationship with God and then witnessing and fellowship in our horizontal relationship with others, are emphasized to promote a balanced Christian life through obedience to Christ's control and help us to realize the Lordship of Christ in a tangible way.

There is indeed a difference between having Jesus as Savior and having him as Lord and controller of our lives. This difference is further emphasized in God's Volunteers crusades through the musical, "Jesus Is Lord." The musical is presented in conjunction with 900 slides shown by three projectors, while the music section sings a challenging collection of songs, encouraging the audience to dedicate their lives to the Lord completely (see photo).



We as a team know that we could not begin to present such a musical unless Jesus was truly the Lord of each of our lives. Barry Seifert from Marion, KS, shares his testimony in the musical, "Jesus Is Lord." It was at a Baptist Youth camp that Barry made his decision to allow Jesus Christ to be the Lord of his life. Barry shares that "before I had been living my life pretty much the way I wanted to live it." After he came back from camp, his friends at school could tell there was a difference in him, as they saw new priorities in his life.

Bill Kosachuk from Benton Harbor, MI, was challenged to make Jesus Christ the Lord of his life through a youth meeting, where his assignment was to write a letter to Jesus. Through writing this letter Bill realized that his relationship with Christ wasn't what it could be. He then asked Christ to be the Lord of his life.

Marlene Ginter from Winnipeg, MB, was challenged to re-evaluate her priorities in life through a sports injury. At that time basketball held top priority in her life. She then acknowledged Christ as Lord and experienced new joys, as God changed her interests and goals.

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# TALKING ABOUT LISTENING

by Dennis Dewey

A popular song of a few years ago had these lyrics:

"Lean on me when you're not strong/  
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you  
carry on./For it won't be long/And I'm  
gonna need/Somebody to lean on."

The words of this song point out a simple truth: there are times when other people will need your help in a special way and other times when you will need them. The Bible indicates that it is our Christian responsibility to help another person who has a problem or need: "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ! (Gal. 6:2). One of the most significant ways of helping bear another person's burdens is by being a good listener. And don't forget, there are going to be times when you need someone to listen to you, too.

Author Paul Tournier says, "It is impossible to overemphasize the immense need humans have to be really listened to." Real listening involves seeking to understand what a person really means by the words he speaks. It involves caring about the person speaking, as well. When you listen to someone, you show them that you truly do care. Listening proves to people that you feel they are important; you are willing to give them an irreplaceable gift—your time. Give them some money, a book to use or clothes to wear, and those things can be returned, but the time you give to another individual can never be replaced. You don't have to be able to give them answers to all their problems, just give

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some of your time and a listening ear.

During high school, Wayne and I were very close friends. I am convinced that one of the main reasons we were so close is that we listened to one another. I remember one summer night being awakened by a noise at my bedroom window. It was Wayne wanting to talk; he had walked over a mile across the

section to get to our house. In a couple of minutes I was dressed and outside. Then for an hour in the middle of the night, we sat in the yard and talked before he took off across the field to go back home. That's been several years ago, and I don't remember what we talked about now, but he wanted to talk. He trusted me enough to come and share with me the things on his mind, and I cared enough about him that I wanted to listen.

Scripture tells us to be "quick to hear" or listen (James 1:19). I am sure this is to reach beyond just our closest friends. Many people have problems, frustrations, loneliness or self-doubts churning around inside of them. Usually, if someone else will just indicate a willingness to listen, some of that inner turmoil can be released. Most of us need to really work at being more sensitive to people who need a good listener. I began to realize the need to be more sensitive while working as a Dorm Supervisor in a Christian boarding high school. One of the freshman guys had some obvious problems; he wasn't doing well in classes; he was moody, sometimes even bitter, and he resented discipline. One night this fellow got into trouble in the dorm, so I sent him to his room. I could tell he was upset, and I thought I had hurt his pride; so in a few minutes I went to talk to him. That night I found out that more than his pride was hurting. He began to tell me about his family, and he said that his father used to beat him. It got to the point that he hated his father. His father was a truck driver and this boy said, "I used to lay in bed at night and pray that my father would be killed in

an accident." I had never realized the hatred and bitterness that he had been living with. Suddenly I could start to understand him in a new way. Being able to talk about his feelings must have been helpful to the boy since he came to talk to me again a few days later. Again he said, "I used to lay in bed and pray that my father would be killed in an accident," but this time he continued, "and then one day he was." That young man had been living with feelings of guilt, anger and pain, all building up inside. He really needed somebody to listen and help bear his burden. I just wish I had been more sensitive and ready to listen sooner.

If you realize the importance of listening, you will probably also realize the need to talk through your own feelings to a good listener. I've been helped many times by just having someone listen to me talk. Like the time I got a "Dear John" letter from a girlfriend. It hurt too much to keep inside and a friend's listening ear meant a lot. When I received news that my friend, Wayne, had been killed in an accident, I didn't think I wanted to talk about it at all. But the next day, I found myself telling a friend, who had never met Wayne, about the kind of guy he was and what had happened. It was relief just to be able to talk about it.

We all have difficult experiences and develop feelings such as worry, anger or frustration. If we don't talk about the things that bother us and release them in a healthy way, they just keep building up inside of us. Then at some point, they are going to overflow, usually at the wrong time and at the wrong place. Meanwhile, bitterness toward other people or God, or feelings of dislike for ourselves, can grow. We save ourselves a lot of inner agony by verbalizing our feelings and facing them honestly.

As Christians, we certainly do not want to overlook our greatest source of help. God is always ready to listen to us and earnestly desires that we talk to him. First Peter 5:7 tells us to "Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you." There is nothing we have to hold back; we can reveal our deepest feelings and thoughts to God. God understands and cares, so we should "with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16).

Begin to be a listener when you are young, and you will be able to demonstrate real Christian love throughout your life. You will also help yourself by recognizing the need to share your own feelings with others and with God.

If you have read this far, I have just one more thing I would like to say to you: "Thanks for listening." □





## Blessed Days

by Doris Fehr,  
W.M.U. vice president,  
Minneapolis, MN

The Women's Executive Committee of our Conference met in Oakbrook Terrace from September 14-17. Our days of meeting together were filled with reports, discussions and decisions. During this time we were made to realize again all the work and preparation that are done by the staff at our offices: by LaVerna Mehlhaff, our women's work director and by our president, Dorene Walth. During this time of work we were much aware of the Lord's nearness and his direction in our work and lives.

I'm sure we have all had experiences in our lives that we wish we could have our friends experience with us. In trying to describe how we feel, we probably would say, "I just wish you could have taken part in it." That is how I feel about our Women's Executive meetings. There is such a spirit of love and friendship, as well as a oneness in our purpose of serving the women of our denomination, among a group of women who hardly knew each other before becoming officers in the W.M.U.

Many relationships are made in our lives, but those made through the bond of Christ's love are really special. I feel this way about our Executive Committee members, about our meetings each year and about the place we play in the work of our Conference. □

## Fellowship

by Iona Quiring,  
English program packet  
editor,  
Minneapolis, MN

"The frosting on the cake"—that's the way Dorene Walth described the lunch-

eon our Women's Executive Committee had on Saturday with the presidents of all the local W.M.U. societies. And she was right. The restaurant was lovely and the food was delicious, but the *fellowship* was out of this world! As each of us told something about herself, the Lord's working in her life and her involvement in W.M.U., we discovered we were no longer just a group of polite strangers who had met for lunch. We had become a circle of warm, excited friends, eagerly sharing our experiences and concerns with one another. It was a time to treasure. □



by Dorene Walth,  
W.M.U. president,  
Sioux Falls, SD

There are blessing bonuses when God gives special responsibilities. Representing over 10,000 North American Baptist women at the 1977 Assembly of the North American Baptist Woman's Union at Freeport in the Bahamas was just that for me. Sharing in worship, music and fellowship with over 2600 other Baptist sisters, representing 17 Baptist denominations on this continent, was an unforgettable experience. God blessed, and prayers were answered. The Holy Spirit touched lives through speakers and many ways of sharing.

On a two-day excursion to Nassau following the Assembly, some of us observed the local Bahamians preparing for the arrival of Queen Elizabeth of England that week. What a fanfare, and what fussing was everywhere! Shops had pictures and posters of the royal family in their windows. Shrubs were being trimmed around homes and hotels. The grounds along roadsides and in parks were being raked and cleaned of debris.

The royal yacht, in readiness to house the Queen, was in the harbor accompanied by its protective warship. Bands were marching in practice for perfection.

Even though these islands are now an independent nation, ceremonial traditions of their British heritage are still re-

tained. Anticipation of the Queen's arrival seemed to permeate the balmy, humid air.

At a closer look, however, there were scores of citizens who were going about their work (or "play") as though oblivious of the impending monarch's visit. Some yards were unmanicured, while workers slouched under palm trees resting. Some shopkeepers seemed too busy taking advantage of the vulnerable tourists to worry about whether or not their store window looked patriotic. The straw artists had piles of raw materials on hand and steadily used their creativity to attract stateside visitors.

Isn't this a good picture of the status of Christians regarding the arrival of the King of glory? Granted, we know not the day nor the hour of his coming, but we are to have our "house in order" for his visit (Isa. 38:1). Hebrews 10:31 reminds us that "it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

The alert Christian will be watchful and prepared. A check-up list will include asking oneself: Are my daily sins confessed and forgiven? Have I made things right with my family, friends and others with whom I have had harmful differences? Have I shared words and deeds of kindness or encouragement that I've intended to? What tasks with eternal consequences are yet unaccomplished personal goals?

Lord, I look forward to meeting you at the "top of the stairs." Keep me from spiritual laziness, even as I "rest" in you. Help me to be discerning when I step over the fine line of earning and caring for my own physical needs and enter into the "rat race" of living for material gain and selfish interests. Keep me close to you through your Word, so that I won't feel like a stranger when you come to call. Thank you for the assurance that I know my King is coming for me! Amen. □

## Bahamian Recollections

by Sally Prast,  
West New York, NJ

How does one recall the happenings, meaningful events and messages of those four wonderful, beautiful days in the Bahamas for the North American Baptist Women's Continental Assembly? You look over your pictures and programs and think of—

### Memories—

The restful beauty of the clean, blue, warm water with no waves breaking.

The beauty of God's creation in the

gradations of color of the ocean—greens to deep blue—so clear you could see the coral reefs and waterholes from the air as we departed.

The gracious hospitality of a people whose major island commodity is tourism.

### Memorable Programs—

The theme challenging all depths of faith: *Growing in the Love of Christ*.

The strong impact of Christian Bahamian women in government.

The joyful singing of the lovely Bahamian choirs.

The simple, direct and honestly helpful Bible studies of Andrew MacRae.

The communication of practical Christianity through the many workshops.

The visual presentation of our own White Cross ministry.

### Memorable Quotes—

Evelyn Christianson advised each to learn the worth of oneself, and that God wants to work in our lives.

Myra Taylor said the skillful application of fundamentals is the art of communication; therefore, KISS (Keep It Simple Sister).

Harriet McDonald believes prayer is a leveling agent with a common meeting place at the feet of the Master, at the mercy seat.

Andrew MacRae said the Bible must be a living part of our lives. If we try to have a hidden witness, it will either destroy the witness or the secrecy.

### Memorable Thoughts—

The warm encouraging feelings as you are a part of such a body of believers and the strength and witness of this happy group has truly been scattered abroad as we left the Assembly to return to our places of service in the body of Christ.

The sense of responsibility; we can never be the same.

The sight of the closing candlelight service with the tiny flames throughout the auditorium casting a glow that made everything visible and signified the potential power and influence each one present would carry home and utilize for him.

### Memorable Contrasts—

The friendly mingling of black and white demonstrating integration through faith.

The absence of fire and police sirens, factories and pollution.

The veil of privacy that descended more firmly, airport by airport, canceling the loving spirit, as we came back into the hustling world. This was a stark reminder that it is easier to "talk the talk" of Jesus than to "walk the walk"; yet we are committed to be his lights while in this world.

Just as salvation cannot be imputed

to another but only shared in order that others will desire it, so the joy of these recollections is shared with the prayer that many will earnestly and deliberately continue to *Grow in the Love of Christ*. □

## An Inspiring Opening Session

by Irma Norman,  
Jamesburg, NJ

Wednesday evening, Oct. 12, 1977—the opening session of the North American Baptist Women's Union at which time greetings were brought to the 2,600 attending the Convention by the spiritual and political leaders of the Islands. We were warmly welcomed by the Rev. Harriet McDonald, president, Bahamas National Baptist Women's Convention, inviting us to enjoy the Bahama sun . . . sea . . . sand and people, all gifts of God.

Historically, we were informed that this was where Columbus first landed in the New World. Bahama Island became independent in 1973 and their background is rich in Baptist heritage. This heritage began at about the time of our American Revolution when Loyalists fleeing the States after the American Revolution sailed to the Bahamas with their slaves, some of whom were able to buy their freedom. About 1790 some freed slaves sailed from the U.S. and settled on the Island, one of whom was a freed slave, named Prince Williams. He was part of a group who purchased land on which Bethel Baptist church was built. The government of the Bahamas has its roots in Baptist principles. It was founded on Christian principles and rules of law with a guarantee of freedom of worship.

Women are involved in the administration of the government and it was a woman who obtained the right to vote for women. Tourism is a major source of income for the islands, and they have a total of about 1,400,000 visitors yearly.

A word must be said for the choir music too. Two wonderful choirs were presented to us, the Freeport Choir from the churches of Freeport and the United Baptist Choir from the churches of Nassau. This truly was a gift of music from the Bahamian people to us, and we thoroughly enjoyed it. It was a wonderful opportunity for me to have attended this convention. □

## A Taste Of Heaven

by Sandy Norman,  
Bismarck, ND

As I reflect on the meetings, my heart is filled with joy and praise to the Lord for allowing me to be a part of the meetings. I felt as though I was truly receiving a taste of heaven. Before, when I thought of heaven, it was always being in the presence of God with my loved ones and those who I came in contact with every day. But I had my eyes opened to the fact that heaven will include all of those who know Christ as their personal Savior, many of whom I do not know. And this was the case in Freeport. We were all there with our one common bond in Christ Jesus, and no matter what our heritage, we were sisters (and a few brothers) in the Lord. The Spirit of the Lord was truly present and felt by all. Praise his holy name! □

## World Day Of Prayer



by LaVerna Mehlhaff,  
women's work director

March 3 is the date set aside for the observance of the World Day of Prayer. The theme is "The Doors to Community Spirit in Modern Living." The materials have been written by Mrs. Viola Pahl of Nanaimo, BC. Copies have been sent to each of our societies. Additional copies are available in the German or English language; write to the Oakbrook Terrace Office requesting the number of copies needed.

The offerings for the month of March will go toward electrical installation for Mbongo in Cameroon, West Africa. □



(Note: There has been great confusion over the names of the two women's organizations involved in the following report. NABWU stands for the North American Baptist Women's Union which is related to the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. N.A.B. WMU is our own denominational Woman's Missionary Union.)

More than 2,600 women from 17 different Baptist conferences and from six nations gathered for the Continental Assembly of the NABWU. Over 160 of our own N.A.B. women attended.

The meeting in Freeport was the sixth continent-wide convening of North American women related to the Baptist World Alliance Women's Department. The Union was founded in 1951. Our N.A.B. Woman's Missionary Union joined in 1953.

The NABWU embraces the women's organization of English-speaking conventions and conferences in North America. English-speaking nations in Latin America also participate. Nations officially represented include Canada, the United States, Jamaica, Guyana, Trinidad and the Bahamas.

Mrs. Letha Casazza of Washington, DC, presided over sessions built around the theme, *Growing in the Love of Christ*. Major speakers included Andrew MacRae, secretary of the Baptist Union of Scotland; Ronald Goulding, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance; Pearl Lee McNeil, anthropologist from Dallas, TX; Evelyn Christenson, author from St. Paul, MN; Dorothy Brown, surgeon from Nashville, TN; and Doris Johnson, president of Bahamas Senate.

The 17 presidents of the NABWU constituent bodies also participated. Our president, Dorene Walth of Sioux Falls, SD, presented a brief historical sketch, outlining the characteristics of our W.M.U. during the Thursday night program, when the 25th anniversary of the NABWU was observed. She also gave a five-minute slide synopsis of our White Cross ministry in Cameroon and Nigeria, when world missions was emphasized on the Friday evening program.

Miss LaVerna Mehlhaff, our own women's work director, served as overall program chairman of the entire Assembly. She worked long hours "behind the scenes" with program arrangements and many detailed duties to make every session run smoothly, so that God's Spirit could work freely in the lives of all who attended.

Two former N.A.B. WMU presidents appeared in the programming. Thelea Wesseler of Lorraine, KS, is a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance and gave a report of the BWA Communications Committee, of which she is chairman. Froh Hiller of Detroit, MI, has been serving as the secretary of the NABWU for the past five years. Jeanette Stein of Winnipeg, MB, immediate

WMU past president, was also in attendance along with three other members of our national WMU executive committee: Doris Fehr, vice president; Caroline Zeitner, secretary-treasurer; and Irma Koch, White Cross chairman.

In business sessions, the women heard the report of their treasurer, Mary H. Wright of Philadelphia, PA, who stated that the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, promoted around the world by the BWA Women's Department, reaped an offering of \$100,208 in North America in 1976. This offering provides the operating income for NABWU and makes contributions to Baptist World Relief. Fifty-six percent of contributions in North America has been given to the Women's Department for its operations on other continents.

#### New Officers Elected

Officers elected to lead the continental union for the next five years are: president, Mrs. Marena Belle Williams, Kansas City, MO (National Baptist Convention); vice-president, Mrs. Judith Clanton, Oakland City, IN (General Baptist Church); secretary, Mrs. Florence Korb, South Dennis, MA (American Baptist Convention); treasurer, Mrs. Helen Fling, Birmingham, AL (Southern Baptist Convention); members-at-large, Mrs. Tiny Holmberg, Worthington, MN (Baptist General Conference); Mrs. Cynthia Ray, Brooklyn, NY (National Baptist Convention); Mrs. Madeline Fitz Randolph, Boulder, CO (Seventh Day Baptist General Conference); Mrs. Margaret MacQuade, Moncton, NS (United Baptist Women of the Atlantic Provinces); and Mrs. Sharon Mayforth, Sterling Heights, MI, (North American Baptist Conference).

Mrs. Mayforth's husband, Ronald is the North Central Area Secretary for N.A.B. Conference. Sharon is a public school teacher who majored in elementary and music education. She has served as president in regional WMU's in the Dakotas, Western Canada and Michigan and is past president of the North American Baptist Seminary Auxiliary in Sioux Falls, SD. She has spoken at retreats and banquets and has directed adult and children's choirs. The Mayforths have three children, Pam, Polly and Peter. The N.A.B. WMU congratulates Sharon on her election to the Executive Committee of the NABWU.

#### Meeting Highlights

Bahamian Baptists took the gavel for the opening session of the Continental Assembly, presenting the governor general of the Bahamas, two cabinet mem-

## NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN'S UNION CONTINENTAL ASSEMBLY Freeport, Bahamas October 12-15, 1977



Women in prayer. At left, LaVerna Mehlhaff.



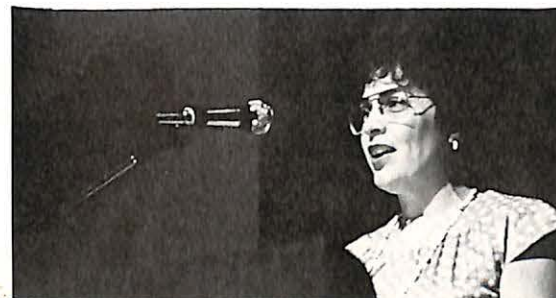
Mrs. Lillian Wong, whose husband is president of the Baptist World Alliance, and LaVerna Mehlhaff, N. A. B. women's work director.



Three musicians for the continental assembly of the North American Baptist Women's Union are (left to right) Deirda Durham, Waco, TX; Malvie Lee Giles, Magnolia, AK, and Wanda McGee, Waco.



At the North American Baptist Women's Union Assembly in the Bahamas, three leading women in continental and worldwide Baptist work met. They are: (l to r) Marena Belle Williams of Kansas City, MO, newly-elected president of the NABWU; Letha Casazza of Washington, DC, NABWU president for the past five years and treasurer of the Baptist World Alliance Women's Department; and Marie Mathis of Waco, TX, president of the BWA Women's Department.



Mrs. Dorene Walth



NABWU Executive Staff meeting. Mrs. Froh Hiller presented a plan to her group.



Among members of the North American Baptist Women's Union Executive Committee were these who met in Freeport, Bahamas, during the recent continental assembly.



Women's leaders of the Bahamas Baptist Missionary and Education Convention who led in welcoming the continental assembly of the North American Baptist Women's Union were (left to right) the Rev. Harriet McDonald, president of Bahamas Baptist women; Senator Doris Johnson, coordinator of Baptist women in the Bahamas; and the Rev. Lavania Stewart, president emeritus of Bahamas Baptist women.

bers and all leaders of the Bahamas Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention. Doris Johnson, coordinator of Baptist women's work as well as a leading governmental figure, presided over the session. Choirs numbering 200 from Freeport and Nassau sang.

Acting Governor General Gerald Cash told the assembly: "Christian women who are keeping aloft the torch of their faith are running a race against time in the seventies with people giving way to blind materialism." He urged the women to maintain Christian ideals at home and in the nation.

Andrew MacRae led Bible studies for three mornings presenting paths of spiritual renewal through the Word of God. MacRae presented faith, obedience and love as the three essentials for renewal of a person's relationship to Jesus. "Renewal means to make fresh again what life and circumstances may have made dull or obscure. There can be no renewal unless we come to the Word of God willing to subject ourselves to it," he said. "Obedience is the proof of faith. If you trust Jesus as your Savior, you must obey him as your Lord," MacRae preached in his second address. In the third session he told the women, "In the Christian life, love comes before anything else."

Ronald Goulding reported on Baptist World Relief projects and on the BWA Divisions of Evangelism and Education. "We must have renewed people renewed daily," Goulding told the assembly. "Who knows but that you were brought to the kingdom for this time," he said, suggesting that women work to implement the Alliance theme, *New People for a New World in Jesus Christ*.

Pearl Lee McNeil told the women that the family is in danger because marriage is in trouble, and she called for a greater commitment to stable, mature, wholesome family life. "Commitment is more than an arrangement," said the anthropologist.

Evelyn Christenson, author of the best-selling book, *What Happens When Women Pray*, said that a hunger and thirst for righteousness is sweeping the continent. "Millions are praying in an organized way," she reported. "It is a wave from God." She asked women to insert a plug into the source of spiritual power through prayer and motivate others to pray. "Climb off your pedestal and level with people that you need prayer, not casseroles, aprons and all the trappings of church women's work," she said.

Dorothy Brown, the first black woman surgeon in the southern United

States, told of her personal Christian commitment to replace hatred and resentment of racial prejudice with love. "Only God has sustained the black woman," she said. "The only abiding answer is God. To blacks, I say, the essence of Christianity is forgiveness. To whites, I say, forgiveness is resolute, inoffensive, accurate and immediate. There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness. Blacks can rise up and say to white America, I forgive you. Now let's walk together."

Dr. Johnson, who was a leading woman in the Bahamian independence movement, said, "World governments are expecting Christian women to give new leadership in a new economic order." She pleaded for women to champion absolute moral purity in shaping a new world plan.

Mrs. Marie Mathis, president of the BWA Women's Department, presided over a candlelight ceremony which featured all nations in the Baptist World Alliance. She introduced women's leaders from other continental Baptist women's unions. Mrs. Kerstin Ruden of Sweden reported on the oldest continental union, the European, and challenged the women to "go forward, look upward, move onward, rise heavenward."

Mrs. Ruth Velasquez of El Salvador expressed thanks for BWA relief aid to Latin American countries struck by natural disasters. "We may lack in economic and human resources, but we are your equals in spirit, understanding and love. We share a future and a hope," she said.

Mrs. Lillian Wong, wife of BWA president David Wong, reported on her travels as "first lady" of the BWA and traced the history of the Asian Baptist Women's Union. "The Baptist Women's Day of Prayer is the most significant day in the spiritual development of Asian women," she said.

Mrs. Aduke Akinola of Nigeria told of Baptist women from most African nations finding unity through their continental union.

Mrs. Mathis, reporting for the women's union of the Southwest Pacific, reported the Day of Prayer observances of Papua New Guinean women who camped on a seashore, prayed all day, made beadwork and sold it for an offering.

President Casazza, closing the 25th anniversary celebration for the NABWU said, "Let us go forward according to the same route we have followed until now. We do not intend to turn our backs on the history of this union, but to look forward. Instead of being smug in our huge success, we would hope that

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# the CHRISTIAN COLLEGE- option or necessity?

by Sydney  
H. T. Page



When you purchase a new car there are certain items which are standard equipment and are included in the purchase price. There are other features which are optional. They are not considered to be essential, and, if you want them, you must pay extra for them. Very often the Christian college is looked upon much like the optional equipment on a car. It certainly is not thought to be essential, and, if the budget is tight, it can be dispensed with easily.

This low opinion of the importance of the Christian college probably stems from the fact that to many people it is something of an unknown quantity. They do not know exactly what goes on there, nor how the Christian college is different from its secular counterpart. Generally their convictions as to the merits or demerits of a particular institution are based on their experience of its graduates. If they come into contact with a graduate who makes a favorable impression, they will be inclined, rightly or wrongly (!), to credit

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the school he attended with having contributed to that. If, on the other hand, a graduate makes a poor impression, a measure of the blame for his behaviour will attach to his college. Whatever we might say about the validity of judging a college by its graduates, it must at least be admitted that such judgments are based on a narrow range of experience.

I believe that there are some broader principles which are relevant to the question of whether Christian colleges have a vital role to play in relationship to the Church, and will set out three of them here.

1. Christian colleges are needed, because without their contribution Christians would be abandoned to subjectivism.

A Church without Christian scholarship might be compared to a ship that is cut adrift from its moorings. Like such a ship it is subject to being tossed to and fro by every change of wind or current. How so?

As Christians we profess a loyalty to the Bible as God's Word, but that confession immediately prompts the question of how the Bible is to be interpreted. The history of biblical interpretation has shown that the most bizarre and far-fetched interpretations imaginable have been attributed to Scripture. How, then, are we to discern between those which are legitimate and those which are not? How are we to evaluate the truth or falsity of teaching that is described as biblical by its proponents? If a scholarly or scientific approach to interpretation is rejected, we are left without any criterion to distinguish between truth and error.

As heirs of the Reformation, we Baptists lay great emphasis upon the doctrine of the priesthood of believers, but it would be a great mistake to infer from this principle that we will tolerate any point of view so long as its advocates claim Scriptural support. The claim must be made good, and that can be done only through the adoption of sound principles of interpretation.

The tendency towards subjectivism is widespread in our day, and the Christian Church has not been immune from its influence. Its impact may be seen wherever Christian doctrine is subordinated to experience. Here, however, is precisely where Christian educational institutions have an important role to play in assisting people to apply their minds to the data of Christianity. This is essential, for if we repudiate an intelligent approach to our faith, we will end up holding to subjectivism in the name of Christianity. Our faith will become a shapeless, all-engulfing amoeba, where no distinctions are made, and

all differences are dissolved into one colorless, amorphous whole. Faith will be entirely without content, an empty vessel into which every individual will be free to pour whatever he wishes.

2. Christian colleges are needed, because of the challenge presented by an unbelieving world.

You may be quite content to leave the foundations of your faith unexamined. Perhaps you have never been troubled by problems of an intellectual nature. Nevertheless, we are living in an age which demands that we be prepared to discuss such issues. Many of the men and women about us have been exposed to the attacks that have been leveled against Christianity by skeptics, materialists, humanists, and so on. If we wish to bring the gospel to them, we must be prepared to answer their questions and to demonstrate that the Christian message is credible.

Of course a sustained and well-reasoned argument cannot in itself produce faith. That is the work of the Holy Spirit. But the Holy Spirit works in conjunction with the presentation of truth, and we need to be as well-equipped as possible to demonstrate the rational basis of Christian belief in the marketplace of human ideas. This is crucial, for if we fail to do so, we will leave the impression that we are unable to do so. Our silence will be taken as an admission of defeat.

In I Peter 3:15 we find the exhortation, "Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you." Here the obligation is laid upon us in no uncertain terms to equip ourselves to be able to give a rational account of our faith in Christ. Not only does Scripture admonish us to be ready to meet the challenge of the world, it also provides us with illustrations of how this was done in the early church. We have only to think of how the apostle Paul sought to confront unbelievers with the claims of Christ. For instance, Acts 17:2, 3 says, concerning his evangelistic activity among the Thessalonians, that "... for three weeks he argued with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead..." The use of the terms, "argued," "explaining" and "proving," indicates that Paul presented a reasoned case for Christian belief.

The Christian position is one that is eminently intellectually satisfying, and the Christian college can perform a valuable service by equipping Christians to be able to demonstrate this in the face of the challenge of unbelief.

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## insight into christian education

### Improve Your Missionary I.Q. Part-2

by  
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Effa

Editor's Note: Part 1, carried in the January 1978 issue of the *Baptist Herald*, covered the following topics: Become Informed; Write to the Missionaries; and Support the Missionary in a Material Way. Part 2 in the following paragraphs concludes this series. Become Involved with Missionaries on Furlough

1. Pray for them. The culture shock and adjustments can be very real. They need safety and protection in their many travels while on deputation. They need the Holy Spirit's guidance and working in their presentations, to know what the people want to hear and how best to present it. They need ease and calmness in their presentation. Many missionaries are not public speakers and therefore this is not natural or easy for them. They need rest and relaxation and often do not get it. They need to regain their health and receive the correct treatment for any problem they have.

2. Provide for them. If they will live in your area, do all you can to provide them with what they need to live comfortably for a year. They come home with only a suitcase full of personal things so they begin setting up housekeeping with nothing. For them to buy everything not only is too expensive but duplicates what they already have on the field. Not only furniture, but household items like dishes, pots and pans, linens, towels and appliances are needed. For someone who likes to sew, it can be heartbreaking to see all the lovely materials and fabrics and not have the use of a sewing machine! A pantry shower would also be very much appreciated and so helpful. If you want to help them out with clothes, don't head them off to the missionary closet or barrel. They will be in the public eye for much of the furlough year and need to be in style and well dressed. Have a

*Mrs. Effa, her husband, Herman, and children, Allan and Jerilyn, were missionaries in Brazil for ten years. Rev. Effa is now pastor at Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, MI.*

party and during the party have a style show. Then surprise the missionary by giving him the items modeled.

3. Prepare for them. If they are coming to your church, prepare by announcing their coming in good time and enthusiastically. Promote the meetings with posters, pictures, newspaper articles, announcements in the various organizations, reading letters from them, etc. Provide them with a good, quiet place to spend the night so they get their rest and *don't overfeed them!* Go light on the food as constant traveling and eating out can cause a serious weight problem.

4. Encourage them. Attend their presentation and show an interest in their work by asking questions and complimenting them on their presentation. Promote Missions in Your Home

1. Have some missionary prayer cards in a conspicuous place near where you have your family devotions and each day pray for one of them.

2. Entertain missionaries in your home whenever possible.

3. Keep missions before you and your family by sharing missionary news items or articles often.

4. Pray often in front of your children for the Lord to send forth laborers into his harvest and then be ready to go yourself or to let your children go should the Lord so indicate.

5. Always speak positively in regard to missions or any Christian work, stressing the joys and blessings rather than forming negative pictures in your children's minds about the "difficulty and sacrifice" involved in serving the Lord.

Promote Missions in the Church

1. Display a large map of the world with our mission fields lighted or have the pictures of the missionaries around the outside of the map with a ribbon going from each to his area of service.

2. Have a missions interest center in a conspicuous part of the church where a photo of the "missionary of the week" is displayed along with a letter from him and if possible some recent articles by or about him, some curios from that

particular area, a small map and pictures of the region.

3. Have the name of the "missionary of the week" printed in the bulletin and remembered in prayer by the pastor in the Sunday service. For prayer meetings, the "missionary of the week" letter should be read followed by prayer for him.

4. Plan a "Round Robin" missionary conference with your area churches where you share missionaries for three or four nights of meetings, or have a missionary visit your church during the year. By sending your request to the International Office in Oakbrook Terrace for these missionaries in good time, the General Missionary Society will do all it can to provide you with these missionaries.

5. Use the Children's *Contact* mission education stories in your Sunday school opening exercises or your boys' and girls' clubs, preparing them well so you can make them exciting and alive! Use dramatizations or role playing or other methods to present them.

6. Use the Youth/Adult *Contact* mission education articles in your W.M.U., Men's Brotherhood, Senior Citizens or Youth groups. Since these articles are usually lengthy, they should not be read but presented in some other way—either briefly summarized, dramatized or presented in the form of an interview or a newscast. Use your imagination to present these interestingly.

7. Use the missionary-prepared devotionals and programs from the W.M.U. program packet each month in your W.M.U. meeting. These can be presented in a variety of ways, but take time to prepare. A good program is worth good preparation. Read any missionary letters you receive at your monthly W.M.U. meetings. Have a "Missionary Tea" when you have a lady missionary in your church and invite your sister churches to attend.

8. Encourage church members to write to the missionaries by having a "Write Your Missionary" rack where their pictures are displayed and prepared, addressed envelopes inserted near the picture for anyone to pick up, write a note, seal and send.

9. Visit the mission fields. So many people go to visit the Holy Land where Jesus walked nearly 2000 years ago. Why not visit the mission fields where Jesus is walking today? You'll get a completely different picture of missions and will become the best missions promoter your church has ever had. Missionaries love to have N.A.B. folks visit them and will try to give you a picture of the work plus a good time. (Don't forget to help out with the food costs!)



# Serving Those Who Serve

North American Baptist Ministers' Conference  
August 8-11, 1978  
North American Baptist Seminary  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

*Church-related workers of the North American Baptist Conference meet every three years for sharing, Bible study, information and inspiration.*

*The editor has asked some of the scheduled speakers and workshop leaders of the 1978 conference to give a brief introduction to their presentations. Dr. J. Gordon Harris, N.A.B.S., Bible study leader, and Dr. Richard I. Houts, N.A.B.S., in cooperation with the Rev. Willy Muller, N.A.B.C., have responded to the request. The following two articles are a rough outline of their studies.*

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:** "Personal Relationships between Pastor and Staff and Pastor and Church Leaders"  
by Richard F. Houts

The Rev. Willy Muller of North American Baptist College, Edmonton, AB, and myself will be jointly conducting this workshop. We are concerned with the prevention and treat-

ment of interpersonal conflict in our local churches. How can pastoral management and leadership avoid or deal with symptoms of conflict such as the following: withdrawal of attendance and giving, polarizing into factions, vocal protests, unresolved issues, personality clashes, much expression of failure or low image of the church by key leaders, "blinking red lights," feedback by clientele, or sub-Christian behavior manifesting itself as jealousy, bitterness, complacency, mistrust, or similar.

Since I am collaborating with brother Muller in this responsibility, we have not yet finalized our approach or scope of content. However, Rev. Muller has met with various groups of our Conference pastors who have shared their concern for help in this area of conflict management. This workshop can be a beginning towards alleviation of these pastoral concerns.

**DAILY BIBLE STUDIES:** "The Minister as a Servant of God"  
by J. Gordon Harris

Many modern ministers are frustrated by the "servile" image of the pastor current in congregations. The church leader often is stereotyped as a mild-mannered reporter of the "good news." Youth begin to believe that there are three sexes: male, female and ministers. Too long the minister has been expected to be the "servant of the people"—one who bows and accepts the whims of any member as a dictum from God.

Other ministers react strongly to the "servile" image of the pastorate or church staff worker. Instead, they create unrealistic expectations for themselves by pretending to be "super persons" in the mold of Super Man. All they lack is a big letter S printed on their sweat suit.

The Bible can help both the frustrated and reacting minister to identify with a more realistic image of church leader. A knowledge of the minister as a servant of God alters the common concept of the nature of the ministry. At the Ministers' Conference we will examine the biblical leadership different from any current stereotype.

We will first of all examine the image of a servant of God in the Bible. The biblical image of the servant does not primarily refer to a slave born in bondage or one sold into slavery. Servanthood has a myriad of surprising implications.

Servant is most often designated as one who chose to be loyal to a master. Bond slavery was tolerated among the Jews, but was not common. Servanthood for the Hebrew referred more often to a reciprocal relationship which bound together a master and a worker.

Servants of God describe themselves as such both as a humble self-descrip-

tion and to indicate that God has chosen them to become his agents to fulfill his divine ministry on earth. In return for a faithful relationship of service, God promises the protection of his faithful covenant love.

Paul uses the word "servant" in a parallel sense. He is not visualizing himself as a slave in the Roman or Greek sense, but parallels servanthood with apostleship.

Throughout the Bible the "servant of God" implies an image quite unlike that of a slave or servile person who has given up the rights of a free person. Instead, the servant acts as an agent of the divine King. A Christian leader chooses Jesus Christ as Master and offers total loyalty and service. In turn the servant can expect salvation and faithful love to follow to the ends of the earth. A Christian servant is truly a choice child of the King!

Next we will discuss the assertive leadership of a servant of God. Leadership assertion always poses a dilemma for the servant of God. Can a servant act as a respected leader? Must he or she assume a role of servility—akin to senility?

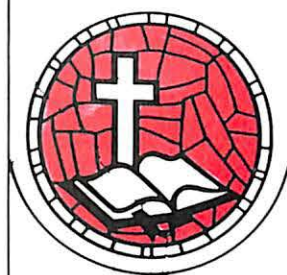
Jesus asserted leadership with authority and yet with consideration and style. The supreme suffering servant spoke with a frankness and confidence unlike that of the Scribes and Pharisees. He commanded the wind and the rain. Demons obeyed and feared him. With the authority of God he cleansed the Temple. His words and leadership style made him dangerous to the religious establishment. He had to be eliminated. Though he came to "minister," he did not abdicate leadership assertion.

A servant of God is called to assert responsible leadership. As a representative of the divine King, one acts in behalf of the Master. In rational and respectful terms the truth must be proclaimed in word and deed. The servant must shed both aggressive and nonassertive behavior as leadership unfit for the unique office to which the Christian has been called.

Family problems often haunt the servants of God. What they are able to accomplish while serving God, they often shunt at home.

God continues to seek servants who will be trained for his type of assertive leadership. Perfection is not required. Courage may be lacking. Loyalty to God and to his will alone is required. A life of training lies ahead for the adventurous who risk servanthood. Nevertheless, goodness and mercy shall follow all the days of one's life. The servant shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Interested? Apply through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ—the complete suffering Servant. □

## PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING



### What Can A Trust Do For You?

by Everett A. Barker

*(The information in this article applies to U.S. Citizens)*

Many people think trusts are only for wealthy people. This is not necessarily true. Trusts are a flexible legal instrument that can be used for small and average size estates. Let us ask and answer a few questions you may have about trusts.

#### WHAT IS A TRUST?

"A trust is a relationship of confidence or trust in which one person assumes an obligation to hold and manage property for the benefit of another person."

#### WHAT KIND OF TRUSTS ARE THERE?

1. A Living Trust—This is a trust created during one's lifetime. Again, a person places assets (money, stocks, real estate) in a trust, and a trustee manages these assets for the benefit of the person creating the trust or for some other designated person(s).
2. A Testamentary Trust—This is a trust created through a will and does not come into being until the person dies and the will goes through probate court. This type is commonly used when minor age children are left without parents. It can also be used as part of an estate tax saving vehicle.

#### HOW LONG DO TRUSTS LAST?

1. Revocable Trusts—These can be changed at any time as long as the one creating the trust is capable of doing so. One of the advantages of the revocable trust is the change-your-mind feature.
2. Irrevocable Trusts—This type of trust is fixed, and the assets cannot be recalled. You can add assets to some irrevocable trusts but others do not per-

mit additions. Irrevocable Charitable Trusts provide immediate income and future estate tax savings.

#### WHAT DO YOU PUT IN TRUSTS?

Basically you can put anything you want in a trust, but the more familiar assets are cash, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate, etc.

#### DOES A TRUST ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR A WILL?

Attorneys advise having a will even though you have a trust. Your will can catch assets and items not in the trust agreement. Your will may not need to be probated if your estate is disbursed by use of a trust, joint tenancy, specific beneficiary, etc. It is also possible to have a "pour over will" which basically pours assets from your will into a previously created trust.

#### CAN I GIVE A GIFT TO THE LORD'S WORK THROUGH A TRUST?

You certainly may.

1. You can establish a living trust, making the N.A.B. Conference and/or your local church a beneficiary of all or part of the assets in the trust.
2. You can establish an irrevocable trust.
  - a. Charitable Reminder Unitrust—It pays a fixed percentage (not less than 5%) on assets that go up and down in value. It is meant to move up with inflation.
  - b. Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust—It pays a fixed percentage and amount. This is designed for people who do not want a fluctuating income.
  - c. Pooled Income Fund—Your assets are pooled with others and pay according to the investment results.

#### WHAT OTHER THINGS CAN TRUSTS DO?

1. A trust provides privacy. A probated will is a public document at a court house and is available for public review. A trust is private.
2. A trust provides management. You can name as trustee, a person or persons, a bank trust department or a qualified organization such as North American Baptists, Inc., to act as trustee. This can relieve you of worrisome management decisions. Trust management can be provided for minor age children, spendthrifts or incompetent persons.
3. A trust generally costs more than a will to establish, but it usually costs less than probate fees.
4. Trusts are less likely to be contested than a will.

This article is intended to provide only

general information. You should discuss your needs with competent legal counsel, since there are tax implications and trust laws which vary from state to state.

Should you have a living or testamentary trust? It all depends upon your situation and desire. Remember, trusts are very flexible instruments and can be tailored to your special needs.

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# CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS REPORT

## KALAMAZOO, MI, CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECT

by Larry T. Messer

February 1978

Evangelism, discipleship and prayer constitute the main thrust of the ministry of Fellowship Bible Church. One evening in a suburban home, two couples along with the pastor, were engaged in prayer and Bible study in preparation for an evangelistic Bible study using the Marriage Encounter material. Each couple then invited an unsaved couple to attend the "Marriage Encounter." At the end of the four week presentation, the plan of salvation was presented as the only means of eternal life and of a happy, fulfilled marriage. The Christian couples are now continuing to talk with their unsaved friends and are praying that soon they will ask Christ into their lives. Four other couples now are actively involved in evangelism and discipleship training.

As a result of our evangelistic outreach and discipleship training, our members have led others to Christ, are discipling them and are beginning to experience the reality of a Christ-like character.

Prayer is essential in moving the hand of God and has a high priority at Fellowship Bible Church. The church is divided into "prayer groups," which are led by our deacons and meet in various homes on Sunday evenings. During one prayer service, while twenty individuals in one group were praying for the salvation of Glenn, he accepted Christ in his own home. We praise God for such answers to prayer.

Fellowship Bible Church is located in Oshtemo Township of Kalamazoo, MI. The predicted growth rate for Oshtemo is 40,000 more people by the year 2000. Oshtemo is a young family community with many new homes and apartments going up. During the summer of 1976, the work was begun in Oshtemo, which had no evangelical witness.

The objectives of the new work are threefold: To promote and engage in (1) active evangelism, (2) active discipleship and (3) to promote and grow in maturity in the areas of biblical love, faith and hope. God's blessing has been with us from the start in providing us with the facilities of the local community college: four rooms, free of charge; also in leading individuals to donate to us, without our asking, a large reel to reel tape recorder for our music service and a mimeograph machine. The first service with twenty people present was held on Nov. 6, 1976. On our first anniversary we had 96 in attendance. We are now ministering to about 90 people on a regular basis.

Pray for us regarding our outreach program, the purchase and selection of property, and that we would display true biblical love toward others. Send your gift designated for

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Pastor Messer shares the Word of God with an interested congregation.



The young congregation loves to sing.



During the second hour of worship, the congregation shares and prays.

On October 27, 1977, the Bible Baptist Church of LaCrosse, WI, celebrated Dr. M. Vanderbeck's 65th year of Christian ministry and the 50th ordination anniversary. Dr. David Draewell, president of North American Baptist Seminary, was the guest speaker, with the Rev. William Heisler Jr. being in charge of the program.

The Rev. M. Vanderbeck was the youngest of four children, born in Badum-Groningen, Netherlands, Jan. 27, 1895. His father and mother were Christians and were members of the Christian Reformed Church. The Bible was read three times a day routinely and the children were introduced to the Lord and the church at an early age. His education was received for the most part in Holland. Then the family moved to America and settled in Michigan. He followed the call of God to become a missionary to the Zuni tribe of the Pueblo Indians in New Mexico. He served as the religious work director of the Nona Reservation Indian School in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Haskell Institute of Lawrence, Kansas.

Rev. Vanderbeck married Nellie Meulendyk of Grand Rapids, MI, in 1924. In 1927 he was ordained by the Belden Avenue Baptist Church in Chicago.

Rev. and Mrs. Vanderbeck served the N.A.B. churches in Mauston (1928-29) and La Crosse (1929-34), WI. He also served as an evangelist for the Conference.

In 1938 he accepted the call to become the pastor of the Seventh Street Baptist Church of La Crosse, WI. Mr. and Mrs. August Kaaz prayed earnestly that the little church on the corner of Seventh and Winnebago Streets, which had only a few members, would once again be a testimony to God and bring the message of salvation to any and all who would hear the Word. With the divine guidance of God and the devoted services and prayers of all who attended, the Sunday school grew and the

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## Honoring A Veteran Baptist Preacher

by LaVerne Samb



church family became stronger, as they feasted upon God's Word.

Pastor Vanderbeck accepted a call to the Bethel Baptist Church in Sheboygan, which he served from 1948-55. He then served the Humboldt Park Baptist Church in Chicago. It was while in Chicago that he became active in the sale and reestablishment of two North American Baptist churches.

While ministering in Chicago, the Board of Trustees of the Central Baptist Home for the Aging called him to be the administrator. It was during this time that new facilities were built in Norridge, Illinois. In 1960 he retired from these strenuous responsibilities and

served as an interim pastor.

During the years as interim pastor the Rev. and Mrs. Vanderbeck served about twenty churches in the States of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota, and Kansas. Many of these churches rallied to carry on in greater ways. Some churches were remodeled and parsonages were built. The people were united to work together, pray together, and were thus lead to obtain full-time pastors. Dr. Vanderbeck accepted many churches that were experiencing troublesome times. His family often wondered why he accepted calls to these difficult situations, but he always remained steadfast and said, "I have to go where the Lord calls me."

Presently, Rev. Vanderbeck is serving a small church in West Union, Iowa. The church had an attendance of approximately ten people. Today the attendance has grown to approximately fifty. The church has repaired the parsonage and redecorated the church building, all within the last two years. The church has been blessed because of his leadership, but most importantly the members have taken on new hope for their calling and mission in West Union. In La Crosse he serves as visitation pastor for the Bible Baptist Church as well as a chaplain at St. Francis Hospital.

Dr. Vanderbeck counts among the many blessings that God has provided the assurance of knowing that their children and grandchildren have accepted Christ as their personal Savior, and that their son and grandson accepted the calling of Christ into church-related service.

The hours were never too long to discuss the Word of God with an unsaved person; the hours were never too late to go to the jail to talk to a wayward son and to bring comfort to the grieving mother; many have been the hours that were spent praying and bringing understanding and sympathy to the sick and dying; but his greatest joy was to have that man or woman, boy or girl, take a stand for Christ and live for Jesus. The real fruits of our efforts will not be known until we see Jesus face to face. □

... LORD OF YOUR LIFE?

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People have been challenged through the musical as well as through the youth seminars to respond and allow Jesus

Christ to be the Lord of their lives. A young man committed his whole life to the Lord Jesus Christ in an elevator at work, after hearing the team's message. A young couple, after the musical, came forward to dedicate their marriage and family to Christ, as Lord. A young gal, struggling to live the Christian life in

school, realized she needed to make Christ her Lord, in order for her to be the witness Christ wanted her to be. Many have committed their lives to the control of Jesus Christ. Can you, along with the team and others, say that "Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life?" □



**JAMESBURG, NJ.** Five new members were recently received into the fellowship of First Baptist Church on confession of faith and baptism. On Oct. 3, 1977, at the morning worship service five adults and three young people joined by letter of transfer.

Also, on this Sunday we observed the first anniversary of our move into our new place of worship.

The Rev. Bruce Rich, director of church ministries, N.A.B. Conference, conducted G.R.O.W. workshops in our church and brought the message, "God's Plan for a Growing Church," at the following Sunday morning worship service. The Rev. Karl Bieber is the pastor. (Marguerite Lee, reporter.)

**PORT COQUITLAM, BC.** We, at the Mary Hill Baptist Church, celebrated our church's seventh anniversary Oct. 1, 1977. Our guest speaker was the Rev. Hans Wilcke. A highlight was the cutting of a big anniversary cake. It was a good time of reflection on the past and a challenge of new hope for tomorrow with work to be done.



On October 30, our pastor, the Rev. Manfred Taubensee, baptized three adults. At the communion table, he extended the hand of fellowship to the three and one more who joined by testimony (pictured). (Mrs. Ernie Meier, reporter.)

**NAPOLEON, ND.** On Sept. 11, 1977, Napoleon Baptist Church observed Celebration of Gratitude Sunday with Missionary Wilma Binder as our guest speaker. We were blessed by her slide and message presentation about our mission work in Cameroon. Our Thanksgiving offering amounted to \$2,074. Of this \$1,202 was designated for missions.

On October 6 Dr. Earl Ahrens spoke at our midweek service. He drew our attention to the many Scriptures speaking of the blessing and rewards for helping the poor.

Scriptural renewal meetings were held Oct. 17 to 23 with the Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Edinger, Washburn, ND. The special music, children's feature and challenging messages were a great blessing to us as a church. One young couple, who moved into our community recently, expressed their desire to follow the Lord in baptism and unite with the

church. The Rev. Edwin Walter is the pastor. (Helen L. Walter, reporter.)

**MEDICINE HAT, AB.** The best news from our church in Medicine Hat is that we welcomed our new pastor, the Rev. Art Freitag and his wife, Lenora, into our midst. They formerly served in Mercer, ND. We have received joy and many blessings from them in our service.

Grace Baptist Church celebrated the 60th anniversary on Oct. 16, 1977. The evening service contained presentations from the various organizations of the church. We also enjoyed hearing from several guest pastors. A time of fellowship followed the service. This service was also our yearly Thanksgiving Service.

On Oct. 2, 1977, we welcomed Trudy Schatz to our morning and evening services as guest speaker. Grace Baptist Church sponsors Miss Schatz as a missionary in the Cameroon. Miss Schatz has been on furlough but returns to Cameroon in January 1978. (Renita Graham, reporter.)

**PARMA, OH.** On Oct. 16, 1977, a farewell service was held for the Rev. John Reimer, our interim pastor for three years, and Mrs. Reimer, a deaconess and vice president of the women's association, who accepted a call to Berlin Baptist Church, Fredonia, ND, as full-time pastor.

After the program, at which all organizations of the Church participated, representatives of our N.A.B. sister churches of the Cleveland area were invited to have fellowship with the Reimers.

We all wish the Rev. and Mrs. Reimer the Lord's richest blessings for their new ministry in North Dakota. We are grateful for their faithful ministry in our Church and their exemplary living for Christ. (Lydia Maliszewski, reporter.)

**WEST FARGO, ND.** On Oct. 2, 1977, a communion and baptismal service was held in Grace Baptist Church, with the Rev. LeRoy Moser and the Rev. Ted Keck officiating. Three candidates from Grace Baptist and three from our church extension project, Metropolitan Baptist Church, South Fargo, were baptized. One additional person was received into the membership of Grace Baptist Church.

On Oct. 9, 1977, the Harvest and Mission Festival was observed at Grace Baptist Church. The communion table was decorated with garden produce and flowers showing the abundance of God's love toward us. The theme above the podium was "God Is So Good." Dr. Earl Ahrens from the mission field

in Colorado was guest speaker at both services. The offerings for that day totaled \$1,318.57. (Frances Abrahamson, reporter.)

**LORRAINE, KS.** On Sept. 18, 1977, members and friends of First Baptist Church bid farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Hoover. Rev. Hoover came to us in April from Anaheim, CA, as interim minister. We learned to love the Hoovers in the short time they were with us.

On Oct. 2 members and friends of the church gathered for a sandwich and salad supper to welcome our new pastor, the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Vetter and Tim. Rev. Vetter comes to us from Everett, WA, where he was pastor of Valley View Baptist Church for about 10 years. (Mrs. Leon Janzen, reporter.)

**VENTURIA, ND.** Three persons were baptized in Lake Hoskins by the pastor, the Rev. Vernon Schneider. The annual Sunday school picnic of Venturia Baptist Church was held at the Ashley Lake Hoskins, where the Sunday school hour was held followed by the Sunday worship service. A potluck dinner followed the service.

The Church also had an appreciation fellowship hour for the pastor, the Rev. Vernon Schneider, and family. It is Rev. Schneider's fourth year as pastor of our church. (MyLetta V. Heupel, reporter.)

**DURBY, NY.** On Oct. 16, 1977, the Highland Baptist Church, a church extension project, joined Bethel Baptist, Getzville, NY, for a baptismal service. Five were baptized by Pastor George Brite. In October two new members were received by letter and testimony.



The Church hosted the Eastern Association Pastors' Retreat, Oct. 24-26, 1977. Prof. Willy Muller of N.A.B. College spoke on "The Pastor-Christian Counselor." The Rev. Wilmer Quiring, Eastern Area secretary, and his wife, Eleanor, also shared with the pastors and their wives. (George Brite, pastor.)

**HUNTER, KS.** The Bethany Baptist Church was privileged to have Dr. Richard Schilke, general secretary,

N.A.B. Missionary Society, as guest speaker for our Harvest-Mission Sunday, Sept. 25, 1977. A display of products from the fields and gardens was centered around the Scripture verse taken from Ezek. 34:26. A fellowship dinner followed the morning service. The offering for this special day amounted to \$3,377.00. The Rev. Doug Anderson is pastor of the church. (Mrs. Robert Wirth, reporter.)

**GRIFFIN, CO.** On Oct. 2, 1977, Sherwood Park Baptist Church celebrated a church family reunion. The festivities began with an afternoon volleyball game, followed by a pot-providence supper. The evening service was an informal sharing time with singing, testimonies and the reading of a letter from Karen Smith, a church member attending college in Oklahoma. The central theme for the service was faith. A special offering was taken to replace the boiler that heats the original wing of the building. The boiler, ruined by overheating, is estimated to cost about \$2,500 to replace. An offering of \$2,944 was received. The Rev. John Rasko, Jr. is the pastor.

**ASHLEY, ND.** The annual birthday observance of the Women's Missionary Society of Ashley Baptist Church was held Oct. 4, 1977. Approximately 160 women attended the program centered about the theme, "The Joy of the Lord Is My Strength." Mrs. Nancy Palmer, a doctor's wife, was guest speaker. Centering her thoughts on "Let the Earth Rejoice," she used a series of scenic slides taken in Alaska and related them to various Bible passages on the creation of the earth. Special music was provided by various members of the W.M.S. Mrs. A. Gerber, pastor's wife, sang. (Mrs. Carl Fischer, reporter.)

**NEW LEIPZIG, ND.** The New Leipzig Baptist Church held their annual Harvest and Mission Fest in connection with the missionary conference from Oct. 2-5, 1977. Missionaries, Ed Hoepner, Wilma Binder and the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, shared some challenging messages on the work in Africa.

Our church participated in the Sunday school enlargement campaign, with much interest shown by young and old alike. The Rev. Roger Freeland is pastor. (Mrs. Walter Kallis, reporter.)

**CALGARY, AB.** Temple Baptist Church welcomed back home our summer missionaries, Debbie Splett and Terry Fowler, who gave a detailed report of their activities at a Sunday evening service. On Aug. 28 students going back to Bible school gave their testi-

monies. The young people also gave a short program, and an excellent film was shown. Brian and Lea Adams have been assigned by Berean Bible College, Calgary, as part-time workers among our young people and Sunday school.

Our Pioneer Girls and Boys Brigade have been well attended. Highlights of these groups' activities were an outing to Drumheller Badlands and a mountain hike in the Kananaskis, Banff area.

On Oct. 23-30 our church had a family crusade called "God's Town." Our speaker was the Rev. A. E. Johnson. He geared the program mainly for children. Many children responded in a childlike faith to the stories and messages presented by our speaker. The Rev. Franz Schmidt is the pastor of the church. (Irene Wirzba, reporter.)

**EMERY, SD.** On Oct. 30, 1977, six young people were baptized at First Baptist Church by the Rev. Charles Hiatt. The candidates, two assisting deacons and the pastor are pictured. As each young person affirmed his faith in Jesus Christ, his parents lit a candle on the communion table from the master candle to symbolize the Spirit of Christ that lives within each candidate. Those baptized received the hand of fellowship on Nov. 6, 1977.



Our annual Deeper Life Meetings were held Nov. 7-13, 1977, with the Rev. Adolph Braun, Anaheim, CA, as guest speaker. Special music was provided on two evenings by the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Hoffman, Sioux Falls. On November 11 the Celebration of Gratitude offering was received during a special Missions Emphasis evening. Children and youth used the banks and coin folders to contribute over \$150 of the offering which totaled over \$1,900. (Mrs. Otto V. Bleeker, reporter.)

**STOCKTON, CA.** The second annual Nor-Cal Fall Festival was held at Swain Oaks Baptist Church on Oct. 28, 1977. The theme was "Thank You God for Busy Hands."

Women from various churches participated in the program including Ida Hoffman, First Baptist, Lodi, who gave an insight into mission work in Africa, since she recently visited there.

Mrs. Doreen Walth, national president of W.M.U., Sioux Falls, SD, was guest speaker.

The offering amounted to \$145 which went toward the White Cross room at the N.A.B. International Office.

A fashion presentation by ladies from each of the churches followed. Then the ladies viewed a display of sewing and crafts, all handmade things, from women of our churches showing how our hands have been kept busy. (Anadora Fandrich, reporter.)

**CALGARY, AB.** What better place to "retreat" than beautiful Banff in the Canadian Rockies! The 1977 Deacon Board members of Brentview Baptist Church, the newly-elected deacons and deaconesses and their spouses met for a retreat not only for fellowship but also to draw up plans for the future. All were challenged to personal spiritual growth in order to be better-equipped for the position of responsibility as deacons, as well as at home and work. The Rev. Ron Kernohan is pastor of our church.

This retreat followed special meetings with the Rev. Norman Archer, pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Victoria, BC. His theme, "Under Pressure," dealt with very relevant issues and needs which all must face daily. (Linda Ohlhauser, reporter.)

**RIDGEWOOD, NY.** The only way to stretch the brief Christmas Season is to begin celebrating early in December. At the Ridgewood Church, the children's presentation of the Christmas story was given the afternoon of Dec. 11, 1977, under the direction of our talented superintendent, Mrs. Thomas Mangino. At the top of a series of steps stood the tree, surrounding it were many favorite stuffed toys. Songs and readings were eagerly presented by the children and appreciated by the more mature audience. A hearty supper followed.

The church was decked with greens and candles for the annual Candlelight Service on December 18. The choir, under the direction of our organist, Mrs. A. Lamprecht, presented Christmas music; there were lovely vocal solos and the bright voices of children. Our member, George Poulos, wrote the words and music of his solo: "On That Eve." A duet was sung in German by Mrs. Gus Beck and Mrs. Edwin Neithardt. The congregation sang the well-loved carols to the accompaniment of organ and piano. Our pastor, the Rev. Alphonz Lamprecht, brought a devotional message: "The Music of Christmas." There followed pleasant fellowship around the tables. (Marion von Ahnen, reporter.)



**HOPE, KS.** On Oct. 16, 1977, First Baptist Church of Dickinson County observed its Harvest and Missions Festival. The Rev. John Hall, secretary of missions for Latin America, Mennonite Brethren Church, was the speaker and was introduced by our pastor, the Rev. George Victor. Rev. Hall is experienced as a pastor and as a missionary in Paraguay and Uruguay, South America.

In the evening the brethren from Ebenezer Baptist Church were our guests. Rev. Hall spoke on the topic, "Glory in the Church." Special music was sung by various members at each service as well as by members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. (Mrs. Earl Rhodes, reporter.)

**WINNIPEG, MB.** As an expression of gratefulness to the Lord, God's people, old and young, gathered on Thanksgiving Day at the Rowandale Baptist Church to give thanks in songs, poems, testimonies, Bible verses, selections by the brass band and to listen to a short message by the pastor, the Rev. G. Poschwatta.

A beautifully decorated table with harvest products decorated the sanctuary. These gifts were then donated to the Union Gospel Mission.

The children brought their mission offerings in little boxes or quarter cards. The treasurer was able to forward a mission offering of about \$6,000.

The afternoon's program was ended with a time of fellowship in the lower auditorium. The Rev. Gerhard Poschwatta is pastor of the church. (H. Kahler, church reporter.)

**KILLALOE, ON.** The highlight of Calgary Baptist Church's year was a series of dramatized Bible stories presented by "Uncle Elmer" (Rev. Elmer Strauss) who ended the stories with a challenge to adults on Christian living. An area youth rally was a climax to the week on Saturday night. Rev. Strauss challenged the youth to sacrifice, if they love God. The services were well attended, especially by children. The Rev. Albert Fadenrecht is pastor of the Church. (Mrs. Linda Welk, reporter.)

**EDMONTON, AB.** The Steele Heights Baptist Church called an ordination council to examine Dan Heringer for ordination into the Christian ministry. He has served that church for two years with responsibilities of visitation and outreach with pastoral oversight of Christian education. That council, including 46 delegates from 20 churches, met on Oct. 6, 1977. After Mr. Dan Heringer made his presentation, the council, with a note of commendation, recommended that Steele Heights Baptist Church proceed with his ordination.

The Rev. Sig Schuster, moderator of

the council, led the ordination service, Oct. 23, 1977. The candidate's father, the Rev. Daniel Heringer, Goodrich, ND, delivered the ordination message.

Dr. Joe Sonnenberg, president, North American Baptist College, gave the charge to the Church. The Rev. Ron Berg, pastor, Steele Heights Baptist Church, gave the charge to the candidate. The program ended with special presentations by the Church and Dan's family. (Pastor Larry Parker, clerk.)

**WEST FARGO, ND.** The Rev. G. G. Rauser was guest speaker at the Grace Baptist Church for both services on Oct. 23, 1977, as well as the following five evenings, speaking on "The End Times."

Rev. Rauser has been in the pastoral ministry some forty years, serving churches in Canada and the U.S.A. He comes from Lodi, CA, where he is a member of First Baptist Church. (Frances Abrahamson, reporter.)

**BENTON HARBOR, MI.** The impact of the revival sought and found at Napier Parkview Baptist Church will be felt long after its closing session by all of us. The Holy Spirit entered, in a new way, the lives of many families and individuals. We, as a congregation, were richly blessed, and numerous friends



found salvation in Jesus for the first time. The Sutura Twins and company from Canada (pictured) led the crusade. The Rev. Herman L. Effa is pastor of the church. (Lois Breitzkreuz, reporter.)

**CALGARY, AB.** The Brentview Baptist Church called an ordination council for the purpose of examining and setting apart for the Christian ministry Associate Pastor Harold Kokot. Delegates from many of the Alberta churches and N.A.B. College met Oct. 22, 1977, for this purpose. After a recommendation to proceed with the ordination, the service was held the same evening. The Rev. Kurt Redschlag, Mrs. Verda Schalm, and Rev. Richard Grabke gave charges to the candidate, his wife, Floria, and the church. The Rev. Isador Faszer, Northern Area secretary and member of the Brentview Church, delivered a challenging message. Musical

selections by the chancel choir, ladies' trio and soloist were chosen to fit the theme of the evening.

Pastor Harold and his family have served Brentview for the past three years. (Linda Ohlhauser, reporter.)

**ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI.** The Bethel Baptist Church met for the 25th annual Thanksgiving praise gathering on Nov. 11, 1977. A turkey dinner was served to 326 people.

The program featured the Regeneration Singers, known throughout the United States. Four hundred people joined in praise in the sanctuary. A goal of \$25,000.00 was set by the church to celebrate God's goodness over the past 25 years. The goal was met. It was a beautiful sight to behold—God's people walking to the front of the sanctuary, placing their praise offerings in the Jehoash Box as an act of commitment. The idea came from II Kings 12:9.

The \$25,000.00 is being used to pay off personal loans on our sanctuary and to purchase a mini-bus for our church groups. The Rev. Kenneth C. Fenner is our pastor. (Mrs. Ruth Gerber, church secretary.)

**CALGARY, AB.** Those who attended a very unusual evening sponsored by the senior high youth group at Brentview Baptist Church had a giant size dose of laughing medicine. It had been advertised as a churchwide family fun and fellowship night. Actually, it was a "roast." The "roastee" was our pastor, the Rev. Ron Kernohan. He was almost overwhelmed but conceded it was one of the most enjoyable functions he'd ever attended; even though he had to tolerate considerable "abuse." The panel of "roasters" included his wife, Mary; the chairman of the Board of Deacons; our associate pastor, the Rev. Harold Kokot; and Bernie Smith as Rose, sister of Geraldine (of TV fame), and others. (Linda Ohlhauser, reporter.)

**ROCHESTER, NY.** On Nov. 4-6, 1977, the youth of the Eastern Association met for their annual conference at the Latta Road Baptist Church. About 180 young people shared this weekend. The theme was "God's Answers to Life's Problems." The Rev. Ken MacDonald was the main speaker. The ladies of the church prepared and served all the meals, including a candlelight banquet on Saturday night. An inspiring musical, "In My Father's Name," was presented by the youth of the church under the direction of Diane Quiring. A time of testimonies and sharing ended the conference on Sunday afternoon. (Mrs. Hildegard Metzger, reporter.)

## in memoriam

**MATILDA ACKERMAN**, daughter of John and Elizabeth Goetz Ottmar, was born Dec. 8, 1888, in Russia, and died Sept. 28, 1977, in Eureka, SD, at the age of 88 years, 9 months, and 20 days. She came to the United States with her parents. They lived in the Greenway, SD, community. She married Carl Ackerman, Sr., Jan. 9, 1909, at Greenway. She accepted Christ, was baptized and joined Greenway Baptist Church in 1918; later she joined Eureka Baptist Church. She is survived by two sons, one daughter, seven grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, four sisters and two brothers. The Rev. Walter Weber and the Rev. Edward Kopf conducted the memorial service.

**ALVIN H. BERNDT**, 69, son of Ludwig and Dorothea Stading Berndt, was born April 25, 1908, near Herreid, SD, and died Nov. 9, 1977. On Dec. 16, 1930, he married Lydia Bickel, who died in 1960. In 1961 he married Katherine Bollinger. He was baptized and joined the Herreid Baptist Church in 1931. Survivors include his widow, Katherine; three sons: Oren, Maurice and Alan; three stepchildren: Sherman and Daniel Bollinger and Priscilla Kelly; four grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; three brothers: Julius, Labolt and Bernie; five sisters: Mrs. Arthur Fischer, Mrs. Alvin Bertsch, Mrs. Fred McIntosh, Mrs. Roy Peterson and Mrs. Jim Pinasco. The Rev. Arthur Fischer and Rev. Edward Kopf officiated at the funeral service.

**ERWIN BREITKREUZ** of St. Petersburg, FL, was born Aug. 23, 1909, in Shitomiir, Russia, and died Nov. 11, 1977, at age 68. At the age of two, he and his family immigrated to Germany where he spent his young life. After marrying Edith Hett, God blessed the union with two sons, Volker and Winfred. In 1950 they came to the United States. He faithfully served his Savior as a devoted husband, father, deacon, S.S. superintendent and friend. Survivors include his widow, Edith; two sons; four grandchildren; many relatives and friends.

**MRS. ESTHER ELIZABETH GEIS**, wife of Mr. Elmer Geis, was born at Russel, KS, March 30, 1903, one of two daughters of C. W. and Lydia (Ehrlich) Seibel. The family moved to Marion when Esther was one year of age. She has lived here since. On Sept. 14, 1926, she was united in marriage to Elmer A. Geis. One daughter was born of this marriage. Among survivors are her widower, Elmer, and a daughter, Virginia Lee (Mrs. James F. E. Young) both of Phoenix, AZ; a sister, Mrs. Marie Wall; two grand-

**SHATTUCK, OK.** We had the privilege of hosting the Oklahoma Fellowship of North American Baptist Churches Nov. 4 and 5, 1977.

The theme of the Oklahoma Fellowship this year was "Teaching Them to Observe All Things." Our guest speaker was the Rev. Milton Zeeb, Southwest Area secretary. Rev. Zeeb's messages were outstanding. The Rev. Bruce Rich, general director of church ministries, presented "How to Teach an Adult Sunday School Class." A great deal was learned from this.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Oklahoma Fellowship heard the Rev. Zeeb speak on "Unconcerned Christians." A program followed presented by some of the W.M.U. members.

On Nov. 6, 1977, the Ebenezer Baptist Church observed the Harvest-Mission Festival. Our guest speaker for the Sunday morning and evening services

daughters: Diane Branstrom and Kimberly A. Young, and many other relatives and friends. She was a lifetime member of Emmanuel Baptist Church. The Rev. Stanley Geis officiated at the funeral service.

**REUBEN O. KOENIG**, 72, of Underwood, ND, died Nov. 7, 1977. He was born Feb. 8, 1905, at Underwood. He was married to Martha Grueneich, Nov. 3, 1932. In January 1955 he accepted Christ as Savior and became a member of First Baptist Church. Surviving him are his widow; a son, Roland; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Karen) Johannes; eight grandchildren; two brothers, and two sisters. The Rev. Wesley A. Gerber was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**CHARLOTTE BORCHARDT KRUEGER**, 66, was born June 25, 1911, in Muscatine, IA, and died Nov. 1, 1977. She was baptized in 1923 and became a member of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Muscatine. In 1934 she married Edward Krueger of Elgin. Since that time, she lived in the Elgin-Clermont communities. She was an active member of First Baptist Church of Elgin, where she served as a member of the choir, junior choir director, Sunday school teacher, and in the Tabitha Society. Survivors include her husband, Edward; four children: Carlton, Allen, Barbara (Mrs. Kent Nydegger) and D'Lene (Mrs. Eddie Anderson); and three sisters. Her brothers-in-law, Dr. Pieter Smit and the Rev. Richard Kress, assisted the local pastor, the Rev. Walter Damrau, in conducting her memorial services.

**KARL A. MILLER**, 76, Clermont, IA, was born Nov. 17, 1901, and died Nov. 2, 1977. On Mar. 2, 1913, he was baptized and became a member of First Baptist Church of Elgin, IA, where he remained a faithful member until his death. He married Rose Winkelman. Three daughters were born to them: Carl (Mrs. L. D. Potratz), Evelyn (Mrs. Samuel Lamb) and Clarissa (Mrs. Edward Hoefler). Karl served his Lord as a Sunday school teacher, singer, a deacon for 20 years and as secretary of the Iowa Church Extension Committee. Rose died in 1962. In 1965 he married Hazel Potratz, who died in 1974. They were active in Gideon's International. In January 1977, he married Eileen Hutchins, who survives. Three daughters, 13 grandchildren, and stepchildren also survive. Memorial services were conducted by the Rev. Ralph Chandler and the Rev. Walter Damrau.

**ALBERT LAKE** was born in Edmonton, AB, June 15, 1912, and died on May 7, 1977. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at the age of 11. In 1923, he was baptized and joined the membership of Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, of which he was a member until his death. One of his most noteworthy gifts from God was his vocal talent. He joined the choir at age 11. Besides being the bass soloist for Central's choirs, he soon became the guest soloist at

was the Rev. Milton Zeeb. The Rev. Edwin C. Ollenburger is pastor of the Church. (Marlene Longhofer, reporter.)

**KESWICK, NJ.** On Nov. 4 and 5, 1977, our Atlantic Association Women's Missionary Union held its 14th Annual Retreat at America's Keswick, Whiting, NJ. We celebrated the 70th anniversary of the organization of our women's work in the Atlantic Association. Several societies brought posters marking this milestone. A skit was presented giving some of the early statistics of our National W.M.U.

Mrs. Eleanor Quiring, Rochester, NY, was our speaker on the theme, "The New Me." She challenged us to see ourselves as "The Woman I Am," as "The Woman I Don't Want To Be," and "The Woman Others See."

There were 133 present. Our missionary offering amounted to \$315.00. (Anna Draeger, reporter.)

numerous musical programs, cantatas, missionary rallies, convocations, and conferences throughout western Canada as well as at weddings and funerals. Over the years, he served at Central as deacon, trustee, treasurer, board member, choir president, and as a member of various music, building, pulpit, and nominating committees. He also served in different capacities on N.A.B. Conference boards, including the General Council and the Board of Trustees of the N.A.B. College, where a memorial fund has been established in his name. Preceding him in death was a daughter, Jean, and one brother, Fred. Survivors include his widow, Lydia (nee Schroeder), to whom he was married 39 years; three sons: Brian, Sarnia, ON, Dennis, Edmonton, and David, Sioux Falls, SD; one daughter, Barbara, Edmonton, and one sister, Mrs. Lydia Wolfe. The Rev. Peter Schroeder and the Rev. Gerald Scheel officiated at the funeral service.

**KATIE BUSEMAN**, daughter of Rev. J. J. and Augusta Valkenoor, was born in Calhoun County, MI, Oct. 18, 1883, and died Oct. 20, 1977, in Canistota, SD. In 1904 she married John Buseman. They farmed in the Canistota area and were members of Spring Valley Baptist Church. Her husband and two sons preceded her in death. Survivors include two daughters: Mrs. John Wolzhen, Canistota, and Mrs. Clarence Smith, Parkersburg, IA; three sons: John and Edwin, Chancellor, SD; Alvin, Canistota; 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Pastor Ted Faszer officiated at the funeral service.

**CARL LOEWER** was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Loewer at Strausburg, Alsace-Lorraine (Elsass-Lothringen), on March 8, 1904, and died Oct. 1, 1977, at the age of 73. He came to the U.S.A. as an infant. On Aug. 14, 1934, he married Augusta Heiman. Mr. Loewer accepted Christ as his Savior and joined the Mowata Baptist Church on June 20, 1920. He faithfully attended all the services of the church and served as trustee and treasurer. Survivors include his widow; two sons: Raynold and Wilfred, Eunice, LA; one daughter, Ellen (Mrs. James Hall), Hattiesburg, MS; seven grandchildren; one brother, and one sister. Pastor Harold Drenth officiated at the service assisted by Dr. O. C. Clark and the Rev. Eldon Sandau.

**RUDOLPH G. THYE** was born in Danville, IA, Oct. 10, 1901, to Mr. and Mrs. George and Marie Thye, and died Nov. 5, 1977. They moved to Kansas in 1903. On Jan. 6, 1926, Mr. Thye was happily married to Miss Lydia Toews. The couple shared nearly 52 blessed years together. He was baptized and was a faithful member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, KS. Mr. Thye had served as trustee and usher. Survivors include his widow, Lydia; two brothers: George and wife of McPherson, and Harry and wife of Hillsboro; five sisters: Matilda (Mrs. Francis Hauck), Martha (Mrs. Pete Schroeder), Mrs. Elizabeth Christiansen, Edna (Mrs. Loren Forrest), and Janet (Mrs. Harold Keazer); nephews, nieces, many relatives and a host of friends.

**LOYAL, OK.** On Nov. 13, 1977, 86 persons gathered at Immanuel Baptist Church to honor the Rev. and Mrs. Martin DeBoer at their retirement after 48 years of service for the Lord. For 17 years and five months, he was pastor of our church.

The Rev. Milton Zeeb, Southwestern Area secretary, was the guest speaker.

Pastors from the Oklahoma N.A.B. churches spoke words of congratulations. Representatives of the different departments of the church expressed appreciation. The church members presented the Rev. and Mrs. DeBoer with a silver tray with words of appreciation and the date, 1960-1977, inscribed on it. In the 17 years, there were 25 souls led to the Lord and baptized.

The Rev. and Mrs. Martin DeBoer will continue as members of Immanuel Baptist Church and to reside in Enid. (Mrs. Norman Vilhauer, reporter.)



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in the next 25 years, we can look back on even greater progress."

# Afterglow

by Mrs. Thelea Wesseler

The beautiful Bahamian "Welcome to our shores which are complimented by Sun, Sand, and Seas" had something even warmer than their sun, and that was the welcome of their Baptist people! They were glad we had come to visit them.

On the opening night we were impressed with the testimonies of these Christians involved in politics, civic responsibilities, community and church. Throughout all the days, our hosts performed their tasks in speaking, singing and ushering, each with an equal commitment which reflected their vibrant love for their Lord. This same dedication was noted even upon our departure, as we took a cab to the airport on Sunday, when our driver was softly singing along with his radio music coming from the Emmanuel Baptist Church congregation. Our conversation revealed that often this was our driver's only way of participating in his church's worship service.

The program chairman, our own Laverna Mehlhaff and her committee, had selected the theme, "GROWING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST." Each participant in the 'early 'til late' program had made every effort in preparation, so that people felt they couldn't miss any part of the meetings. As you can well imagine, shopping and beaches were indeed strong attractions tugging the opposite direction! The quality in all the musical presentations, the variety of subjects for the well qualified speakers, along with the selective workshops, touched nearly every aspect of our daily living, giving us a wealth of information.

A diversity of programming media was used, even to the final program, which terminated in a beautiful significant candlelighting ceremony. In these closing minutes, women had begun assessing this total Assembly with its many stimulating and inspirational hours spent together, and were now participating in a ceremony which somehow reflected the spirit of our BWA Women's Department. Its president, Mrs. R.

L. Mathis, used a candle which had been presented to her by a Polish woman who was able to come, even though very late, to their recent European Women's Assembly. The comforting promise, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall never overcome it . . ." began the chain of lights from the darkened corner of the world of Helen's from Poland, as her 'gift' candle was lit, significantly by Mrs. Ruden, Europe's immediate past president. The light was passed to women representatives from each continent and finally to women in the audience, who represented each of the 138 countries or territories in Baptist World Alliance.

To me this candlelighting reflected not only the witness these Baptists radiate in their area which we trust will finally give light to the whole world, but I related it also to our Baptist Day of Prayer. As the earth rotates, new lands awaken nearly as quickly as one candle and then another made this room brighter. So also does the final massive number of Baptists praying together give a glow which brightens and which hopefully will soon arise and awaken the darkened areas of the world. Our theme for the Baptist Day of Prayer this year, "A FUTURE AND A HOPE," significantly conveys this aspiration. □

## Assembly Impressions

by Isabelle Nornberg

1. I was greatly impressed by the quality of the sessions; —they were INTERESTING (no one needed or thought of coffee breaks). —they were INFORMATIVE (I could have used a better system of shorthand to take more notes). —they were STIMULATING (my mind is still trying to file and assimilate the wealth of material presented). Every speech, report and seminar was based on the theme, "Growing in the Love of Christ."
2. The Baptist Women's Day of Prayer will take on new meaning for me, as I was made aware of how a certain time for prayer does form a common bond of fellowship among all the Baptist women of the world, and unites us in Christ.
3. Andrew McRae's Bible studies made

## book reviews

by B.C. Schreiber

**You Are Somebody.** By Ben Johnson, Waco, TX: Word Books. \$2.95. The value of some books cannot be judged by their purchase price. This is one of them. Actually, the first chapter, in the form of free verse poetry, is already worth the price.

Ben Johnson had a Christian Ministry that had everything going for him on the outside but nothing going for him on the inside. Success was written all over his exterior, but failure and a sense of worthlessness was all too evident in his mind.

After some prayer and self-examination, he began with the affirmation that he was a unique, unrepeatable miracle of God. As a result he developed a feeling of worth that brought him joy, confidence and effectiveness. His identity is no longer "out there," because he lives from the inside out. In his new found freedom, he also accepts the freedom to fail occasionally. Life, on the whole, is now a celebration, because he can count on the presence of the Holy Spirit.

the word of God so vital, so relevant and so very personal.

4. Hearing Gay Moseley present Scripture for meditation by memory was most inspiring, and reminded me how God can use talents and capabilities for his honor and glory.

5. The music presented was beautiful. The local choirs, soloists and group participation were a real thrill to hear.

6. The dedication of the women as they serve in their everyday places, yet make time for the affairs of God and his Church, impressed me; they are the capable leaders and officers of the NABWU, as well as those of the participating conventions, and the many faithful ones who make up the societies within the churches.

7. Isn't it wonderful to meet old friends and to make new ones? I am becoming increasingly aware of how God gives me "new" people in my life at just the right time to meet a special need. God is so Good.

Attending the Assembly was indeed a rich experience. "Oh, that these men would praise the Lord for his loving kindness, and for all of his wonderful deeds! For he satisfies the thirsty soul and fills the hungry soul with good" Psalm 107:8-9. □

■ *The Rev. Mike Holtzinger* became the pastor of Valley View Baptist Church, Everett, WA, on Dec. 4, 1977. He previously served as assistant pastor at Temple Baptist Church, Everett, WA.

■ *Mr. Dave Barr* accepted the position of director of youth at Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, CA, effective Dec. 1, 1977.

■ *Mr. Tony Ahrends* assumed the position of pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Loyal OK, on Jan. 1, 1978. He was a recent student at Northwestern Bible School.

■ *The Rev. Helmut Strauss* became pastor of First Baptist Church, George, IA, on Jan. 15, 1978.

■ The new church extension project in Idaho Falls, IA, is named *Eagle Rock Baptist Church*. The Rev. Robert Lenick is the pastor.

■ *Southdale Community Baptist Church* is the name of the new church extension work in Winnipeg, MB.

### CHRISTIAN COLLEGE . . .

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3. Christian colleges are needed, because God requires that our intellects be consecrated to him.

Fundamental to a Christian view of man is the concept that man is in the image of God. He is distinct from the rest of creation in that he has been endowed with certain characteristics and abilities which reflect aspects of the divine nature. Our rationality is one such feature. Part of being human is the fact that we can think. We enjoy a God-given capacity to reflect on the world and our place in it. Since God created us with minds, we have a responsibility to train them to enable us to understand ourselves and our world correctly. Our mental capacity is a divine gift, and as such ought to be used for the glory of God.

When we turn to Scripture, we find that the consecration of our mental faculties is specifically mentioned. Jesus taught that the first commandment was, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matt. 22:37). One of the greatest examples of a mind completely turned over to the Lord is provided by Paul. You have only to read his epistle to the Romans to appreciate how effectively he devoted his reasoning abilities to the cause of

■ *The Rev. Dennis Hoffman* resigned as director of youth and music ministries at Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, CA, where he has served since 1974. He is engaged in further studies in Sioux Falls, SD, effective Feb. 1, 1978.

■ *The Rev. Randall C. Tschetter* accepted the call to become pastor of Venturia Baptist Church, Venturia, ND, effective Feb. 16, 1978. He has served as pastor of Turtle Lake Baptist Church, ND, since 1974.

■ *Mrs. Jan Ardrey* is the director of Christian education at Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, CA.

■ *The Rev. Dan Heringer* was ordained by Steele Heights Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB, on Oct. 23, 1977. He is pastor of visitation, outreach and Christian education there.

■ *Mr. James Calkins* became the assistant pastor and youth minister at Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, MI, on Jan. 29, 1978.

## what's happening

■ *Mr. David Moore* has joined the staff of Sunrise Baptist Church, Fair Oaks, CA, as associate pastor of youth education. He previously served as youth minister at First Baptist Church, Citrus, Heights, CA.

■ *The Rev. Robert Orr*, minister of Christian education at the McDermott Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, MB, since 1970, resigned and accepted the call to Ness Ave. Baptist Church, a Baptist General Conference church, in Winnipeg.

■ *Mr. Donald E. Harris* is the new associate pastor at South Calgary Community Church, Calgary, AB.

■ *The Rev. Harold Kokot* was ordained on Oct. 22, 1977, by Brentview Baptist Church, Calgary, AB, where he serves as director of Christian education.

■ *The Rev. and Mrs. Berthold E. Milner* of Edmonton, AB, have been appointed as missionaries to Cameroon, Africa, effective Jan. 1, 1978.

They compel us to regard the Christian college not as an option, but as a necessity. □

### My Lord is Near

No matter what the trial may be  
My Lord is at my side,  
I hear His voice speak tenderly . . .

"With thee I do abide."  
And when my heart is aching  
And the sun I cannot see,  
My Savior's words are gentle . . .

"Lay thy burdens upon Me."  
How can I be discouraged  
When my Lord is always there,  
His eyes so full of kindness  
speak . . .

"I love you, and I care."  
You see, He is the "Shining Light"

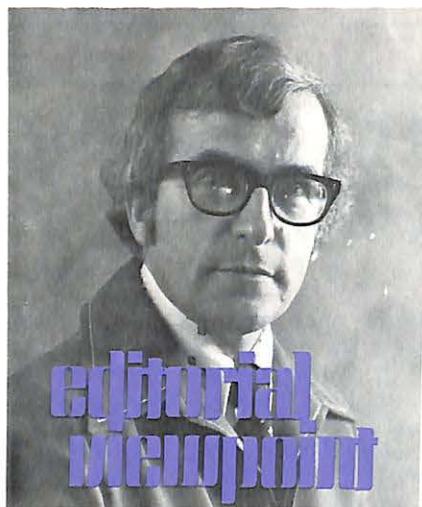
That glows within my heart,  
With loving arms He draws me near . . .

"From thee I'll not depart."  
So even when the heavy clouds  
Turn daytime into night,  
My Savior's hand takes hold of mine . . .

"Fear not—I am thy Light."

Sue Soldin





## Where Has Honesty Gone?

Last summer my family and I visited Europe. We had a marvelous time, taking in the most interesting sights of seven countries and celebrating two golden wedding anniversaries of both of our parents. There were many occasions of happiness, gratitude, laughter and joy, and the excitement never seemed to end. We felt good that we could converse freely in the languages of all of the visited countries, except in Italy, where sign language and hands and feet had to be employed.

One of the most striking negative impressions of our trip was the discovery that trust and honesty seem to have said goodbye to the Western society, even in Europe.

Until one or two decades ago, for example, Switzerland prided herself to be one of the most honest countries of Europe. In 1959-61, when I studied at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Rueschlikon, Switzerland, it was nothing unusual to ride a bicycle to the railroad station in Rueschlikon or even in the big city of Zurich, lean it against the station building, take off by train for one or several days, and upon return find the bicycle standing on the same spot. At that time Swiss people would just laugh at the idea of using a chain to secure their property. Likewise, hardly anybody would lock his house. The doors remained open 24 hours a day.

On our recent trip we discovered a tragic difference. Nobody seemed to trust anybody. People were very careful to lock their house doors. The old houses have locks with large keys. In shopping centers we saw many housewives with a set of old-fashioned keys taking up quite a bit of space in their purses. Bicycle riders made sure that their stored-away vehicles had heavy safety chains.

"Things have changed," they would say in answer to our raised eyebrows and questioning looks. "You leave your car door or your house open, and thieves will help themselves to whatever they'll find."

A few weeks later we were in Sweden, the homeland of my wife. I remember how years ago I was impressed with the openness and honesty of the Swedish people. They had come through both world wars remaining neutral. While in post-war Germany thievery and deceit were considered the everyday rule, almost as a necessity for survival, Sweden in its wealth did not have to stoop that low. Part of their dignity was their mutual trust and respect for each other's property.

A story is told of a Swedish city dweller who was leaving his home in the midst of a terrible blizzard. He was carrying a bucket of sand. In the doorway he met his friend who wondered why he was leaving his house in such bad weather. "Oh," he replied, fighting the strong winds, "I am on my way to my summer cottage at the seashore." "?" "Yes, look how icy the roads are. Should a thief come to my cottage, he might slip, break his leg, and then sue me. That's why I am going there to put some sand on the stairs."

The point is that Sweden also has lost her innocence as far as honesty is concerned. New houses are equipped with sophisticated locks (made out of Swedish steel!). Security guards are patrolling new apartment buildings. The Swedish people are discouraged, but they cannot change the downward trend.

Just about the same could be said about many other countries, including the U.S.A. and Canada. Where have the nations failed? Where have the Christians missed out on their calling to uphold "law and order"?

The Bible states clearly that "Godliness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). Wherever we look, sin seems to be rampant. In the light of increasing crime and decreasing honesty we see that the idea of a "great society" is only a pipe dream.

What can we Christians do to bring about a change? We will not do it by removing the safety locks from our doors, exposing ourselves to grave danger. We will not succeed by just writing, talking, or sighing about it. Rather we will have to take a clear stand in the matter of truth, beginning in our very own lives and in our homes, then in our communities and in our nation. That is what saved Charles Colson from total moral decay. That brought a militant revolutionary like Eldridge Cleaver to the feet of Christ. That forced the editor of the smut magazine

"Hustler" to analyze his life and then change it—and his magazine. This taking of a stand for the truth is being done also by hundreds and thousands of less prominently known people all over the world. They are the very ones who will come out of the battle victoriously.

Let's not sit back, hoping for the world to change for the better. It is not going to happen. But there is always room for improvement in our own lives. How about starting out by resolving for this new year to live closer to God, making him the true partner of all of our conversations and actions? When we start living lives of integrity and honesty before God, the world will become just a little bit better place because, one cannot be honest to God without also being honest to his fellowman. That is what the world needs, and that is what we as Christians can and ought to give. RJK

### ... NEWS FLASH

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calls for placing a mini-library of theological books in the Baptist offices in each Communist country, and for increasing the use of short courses and correspondence courses in pastoral work. Many of the Baptist pastors in eastern Europe have comparatively little formal educational preparation for their work. □

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### ... CLASS OF 1978

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ing and saving that which was lost (Luke 19:10).

"In the third place, I pray that by my ministry God may continue to win and reconcile to himself through Christ not only individuals, but whole families and nations, that those individuals, whole families and nations so reconciled to God, may also reconcile among themselves (Phil. 1:27; 4:1; II Cor. 5:18-21).

"In the fourth place, I am not only committed to warning men that they may repent from their sins and find life in Christ, but also to the work of nurturing to maturity those in the Kingdom to whom he assigns me, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge and likeness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (II Peter 3:18).

"In the fifth place, to enlist and train for the work of Christ's Kingdom those whom he gives me. (II Tim. 2:2)"

*Roger Eugene Olson* will graduate with the Master of Arts in Religious Studies degree. Roger is married to Becky Sandahl, and they have a daughter. Roger is assistant to the pastor at Faith Temple, Sioux Falls, SD, where he is a member.

*Carol Jo Potratz* will graduate with the Master of Arts in Christian Education degree. Carol is single and is holding membership at First Baptist Church, Sumner, IA.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 28:19.)

"In 1973, Christ used this challenge to direct me to Japan as a short-term missionary. Today, he is challenging me again.

"I'm really excited to go out—no not to Japan—but to the churches, here in North America. My goal is to help the people here, either as a youth or Christian Education director, realize and utilize their potential to meet the opportunities available."

*Janet Marie Potz* will graduate with the Master of Arts in Counseling degree. Janet is single, and she is holding membership at Benton Street Baptist Church, Kitchener, ON. Janet is a part-time instructor in Music History at Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, SD.

"My first responsibility in ministry is to make sure that my relationship with

the Lord is solid and growing, then nurture and guide those around me. Whenever I minister, I want to foster and develop the biblical view of the body of Christ as a therapeutic community. There is so much potential here that is not being tapped. People need to know how to deepen their relationship to the Lord and to experience his power in every area of their lives. People also need help in developing deep and meaningful friendships. I want to minister to the whole person."

*Dale Howard Pracht* will graduate with the Master of Divinity degree. Dale is married to Alice Cerny, a music teacher at a local junior high school. Dale is holding membership at First Baptist Church, Broken Bow, NE.

"Looking to the unknown of placement in positions of leadership in the Christian ministry is an awesome thing for me. A number of interests and skills have been developed over the years I have been here at North American Baptist Seminary. Among these are studies in counseling, which filled most of my elective courses, and the use of puppetry. The latter has been encouraged by my wife, Alice, who is "co-operator-writer-producer-designer" of our presentations.

"I wanted to mention present interests because my goal is to secure placement where these and other interests can be utilized to serve our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, I am rather open to many possible directions. Perhaps as an assistant to a senior pastor my goals and God's purpose can be realized."

*Roland J. Simmelink, Jr.* will graduate with the Master of Arts in Christian Education degree. Roland is married to Winifred Revers, and they have four children. Roland is a member of Trinity Reformed Church, Orange City, IA. Roland is on the staff at Northwestern College at Orange City, IA.

*Theodore Paul Stanley* will graduate with the Master of Divinity degree. Paul is married to Barbara Pohl. Paul holds his membership at North Shore Baptist Church, Chicago, IL.

"As a Christian and minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I seek to reflect his character and purpose. Christ became man to establish a redeeming relationship with man. In unfathomable love he bore our sin and hostility, even to the point of death. He now lives to give us a real life of love and purity. It is in this spirit that I seek to minister to people.

"Through solid biblical and evangelistic preaching and lifestyle, through love, sincerity, understanding and openness, I desire to lead people into a life-changing relationship with Christ and his

gospel. My efforts will be aimed at promoting a fellowship of believers that live the redeeming love of Christ in this lost and needy world. It is therefore my ultimate goal to be a worthy and capable representative of Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord (II Cor. 5:18-19)."

*David Robert Stockdale* will graduate with the Master of Divinity degree. David is married to Kathleen Rodgers. David is holding his membership at Harbor Trinity Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, CA.

"My goal in ministry is to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in whatever way I can. I believe that the gifts and abilities he has given me are such as to prepare me for the pastoral ministry; however, I am open to whatever the Lord has for me. Some other possibilities that he has laid before me for the future are the military chaplaincy, Church Extension work, the mission field, or continuing education. In whatever area of ministry I am in, I hope to grow as a person and continually develop my abilities as a minister to people. I am fortunate also in being blessed with a wife who supports me and is willing to go to wherever we feel the Lord is calling us."

*John Luke Terveen* will graduate with the Master of Divinity degree. John is married to Laura, a teacher in Brandon, South Dakota, schools. John is bookstore manager of the seminary and student assistant at State Line Presbyterian Church, Ellsworth, MN. John has his membership at First Baptist Church, Emery, SD.

"Jesus simply said to his disciples 'follow me'. As a disciple of Jesus, my goal for ministry is to follow him wherever he leads. Jesus also commissioned us to 'go, and make disciples of all nations.' As I follow Jesus in this world, I see my task as that of a disciple-maker for Christ."

*Duane Gayle Westing* will graduate with the Master of Divinity degree. Duane is married to Terry Yost. Duane is holding his membership in Miltown United Brethren Church, Miltown, SD.

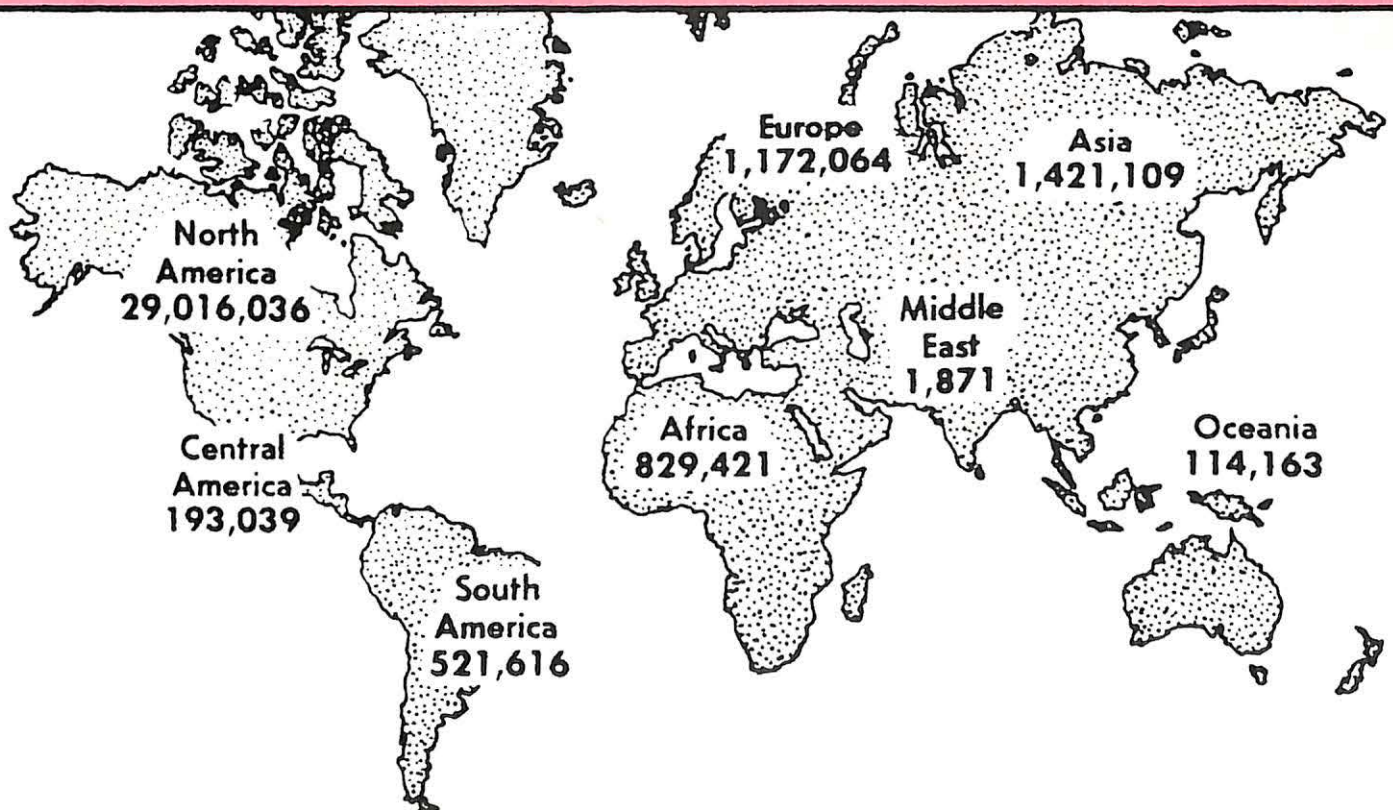
"In a general way I have the goal to follow the perfect example of Jesus Christ and to become what he wants me to become for his glory. This involves keeping myself right with God and growing personally as well as ministering to the spiritual, physical and mental needs of others. To accomplish the above goals, it is essential that I continually pray and listen to God as well as study the Bible. I often feel inadequate to fulfill this high calling of God, but from my past experience and the example of many great men in the Bible who felt the same way, like Moses, I know God will be beside me every step of the way. Praise God!" □



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