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# Can Anything Good Come Out of North Dakota?

by Ron Norman

Looking for a change of scene and a change of pace? An opportunity awaits you and your family for such a change at the Triennial Conference in Bismarck, North Dakota, July 10-15, 1979. It is here that you can discover the goodness of the land, enjoy the friendliness of the people and drink in the warmth of the prairie sun!

We are convinced that the combination of an inspirational and educational program plus the opportunity to rediscover the good earth of North America here in the Dakotas, will also give you the tremendous opportunity of rediscovering yourself, both as an individual and as a family.

North Dakota is strategically located as a gateway into Canada and on into the heart of the Old West. Experienced travelers look on North Dakota as a colorful and exciting destination within an even broader vacation area. Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons and Glacier National Parks border this great regional vacation land on the West. South Dakota's Black Hills and famed Mt. Rushmore are a few hours drive to the South. Minnesota's 10,000 lakes are as close on the East, and Canada's majestic provincial parks are an easy drive to the North.

In North Dakota itself, the Roughrider tradition is alive and kicking. Vacationers can trail-ride in state and national parks or take in one of a variety of rodeos which cut loose during the summer. Visitors to Medora can't help but play cowboy with all the fun-doings going on there throughout the summer. This family resort town offers museums, quaint shops and a variety of Old West activities, including the rollicking two-hour Medora Musical that unfolds nightly during the summer. A trip to the International Peace Gardens should be included in any vacation itinerary. This inspiring and beautiful area offers a variety of sites, including the Peace Chapel, Floral Clock and International Music Camp. The Turtle Mountains provide scenic background, and nearby Lake Metigoshe offers plenty of outdoor action.

Bismarck, the state capital, is an ideal location for the hosting of a Triennial Conference. With a population of near 50,000 it offers plenty of hotel-motel accommodations and transportation facilities, while at the same time presents opportunities and advantages not found elsewhere. Here are some examples:

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"Country Preacher" Ron Norman posing for a welcoming picture in Old West Style.

- a spacious Civic Center, suitable to comfortably seat 5,000 and display-booth arrangements.
- excellent facilities, closeby, for nursery, children's and youth programs.
- over 1,000 outstanding hotel-motel accommodations.
- a beautiful camping site on the banks of the Missouri featuring all hook-ups within ten minutes of the Civic Center (reserved for us!).
- many excellent "quick-service" restaurants within walking distance of the Civic Center.
- an extensive shopping mall (Kirkwood Plaza) just across the street, featuring over 50 individual shops and including a large-chain food store and three major department stores.

The most overwhelming feature of this conference, as far as the setting and atmosphere, will be the convenience, accessibility and freedom to come and go with little commotion, congestion or confusion. Each hotel-motel complex is within five minutes drive or less of the Civic Center, and the Kirkwood headquarters motel is within a five minute walk! There is plenty of open parking on all sides of the main auditorium.

The precious clean air and beautiful blue sky which stretches from horizon to horizon will be a thrilling experience each day for all in attendance. As Chairman of the Arrangements Committee, and in behalf of the 8,000 members of the Dakota Associations churches, I invite you to Bismarck and the 1979 Triennial Conference. Look for continual information and instructions regarding all areas of both program and arrangements in the succeeding issues of the BAPTIST HERALD. Make plans now to attend for, yes, "much good can and will come out of North Dakota" as a result of the 1979 Triennial Conference! □

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## news Flash

### President Establishes World Hunger Commission

WASHINGTON (BP)—President Jimmy Carter has established a Presidential Commission on World Hunger to discover the causes of world hunger and malnutrition as well as to assess the success of present efforts to meet the needs.

The role of the commission will be to "develop factual data as to the causes of world hunger and malnutrition" and to "assess the extent to which (present) programs are meeting their objectives." It will also develop recommendations "designed to significantly reduce world hunger and malnutrition" and "develop various options for harnessing available resources to carry out those recommendations."

Carter assigned the commission the task of holding hearings and conducting studies as needed to develop policy options for government efforts and private organizations.

The commission will be composed of 20 members, 16 of whom will be appointed by the president. Two members from each house of Congress will also be named. □

### cover

In a quiet moment of the day a Korean Christian reads her Bible. It is a Korean translation first published in 1911 under American Bible Society auspices. National Bible Sunday, November 20, will celebrate the Society's worldwide ministry which is bringing the Word of God to millions in a language they best understand.

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# North American Baptist Ministers' Conference

August 8—11, 1978

Here Is What Some Ministers and Their Wives Experienced in Sioux Falls

## A GOOD AND SPIRITUAL TIME

by Allan Kranz

Wonderful! Exciting! Terrific! Sunny! Hot! Dry! Adjectives like the preceding could very well be used to describe the N.A.B. Ministers' Conference held in Sioux Falls, SD. Lest you think that the adjectives present a contradiction, let me assure you that the last one "dry" applied only to the weather. Those who were there do not need a rehashed running commentary of the program, and those who were not there would not profit from such a rerun. The program was well balanced between personal, practical and inspirational. Our hearts thrilled to beautiful music; our consciences were pricked by men of God who spoke on stewardship, faithfulness and commitment to God's Word.

I enjoyed the program; but the most rewarding experiences of the conference were: Singing and praying together with men and women committed to Jesus Christ and the ministry of the gospel; talking to former roommates and classmates; renewing old acquaintances; making new friends; talking and laughing together with brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our special treat was the resurrected "King's Stewards" quartet which represented the Seminary in the early 1950's.

A good and spiritual time was had by all. □

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## FROM CHALLENGE TO ACTION

by Doug Sathren

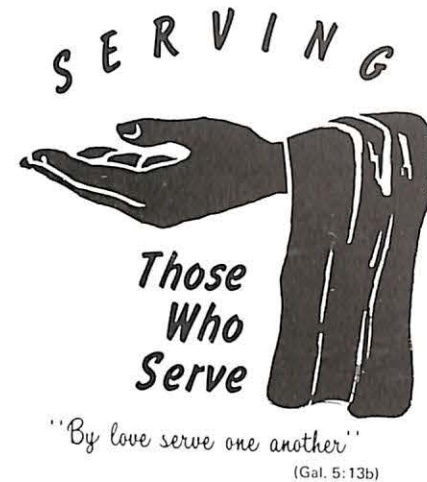
While driving to Sioux Falls and the Ministers' Conference at our Seminary, I had feelings of joy, expectation and a little apprehension. The conference would be a great time of renewing acquaintances and beginning new ones. The conference would be a time of challenge, call to change and possible revitalized commitment to Christ. I was uncertain about whether I could grab hold of God's message for me. I enjoy people, but long absences and personal changes could affect our communication with friends, not to mention tiredness in long meetings. Praise the Lord, he worked out each of these areas and added some bonuses to the conference.

First, the conference provided an abundance of free time for fellowship, partly as the result of a speaker not being able to attend because of illness. The Lord used this extra time for a good purpose in my life.

In talking to other pastors, I learned from their ministries, and hopefully they learned from my ministry. I discovered that other churches and pastoral work is not much different from mine. Each of us as pastors are human beings, who need God's provisions constantly. Though we had friendly, light conversation, we also shared ideas which I may be able to incorporate into my ministry. By sharing my ideas, I was able to test them to see if they were valid ideas.

There were many pastors and wives that had a wonderful experience of fellowship, and the Lord was able to use

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this fellowship for spiritual growth as well as the inspiring messages. I was disappointed that not more pastors saw the importance of being at the Conference. Because of their absences, they cannot reap ideas and challenges from that great fellowship, and we were unable to learn from their ministries.

Secondly, what challenge was to be discovered and what action does the Lord have in mind for me? Many people were disappointed that Dr. Craig Massey was not able to be there. Though I was disappointed, too, I needed to look deeper into each of the other presentations. Everyone, including pastors and wives, needs to know with new enthusiasm that Jesus Christ is our foundation. Jesus wants to be in charge and we need to allow him to be in charge of our lives—he can do it. God is changing us to be better stewards and better servants of his.

I was renewed in Christ by realizing that my service is never completed. God is continuing to make me into a leader. My success as a pastor is determined by what others think of Jesus.

Thirdly, what lies ahead or what are the results of this conference? I believe that I have grabbed hold of the message God had for me. I look at this conference like a congregation listening to a sermon. The Holy Spirit uses the same message to speak a different challenge to different people. Just one phrase, just one friendship started, just one idea sown, may have been the primary purpose for anyone at those meetings. We need prayer, commitment and continued evaluation, in order to put this challenge into action. □

## REFLECTIONS

by William H. Heisler, Jr.

There was excitement in the air! After the six-hour drive from LaCrosse to Sioux Falls, we would be participating in our first North American Baptist Ministers' Conference.

We were housed in the Sioux Falls College dormitory, conveniently near the First Baptist Church, where the events of the conference were scheduled to take place.

It was a real blessing to greet many brothers and sisters in Christ, and to make new friends who share the same goals and interests as we do. We are fortunate in our conference to have a wealth of talented, creative people, who exhibit a willingness to use their abilities for the glory of God and the advance-

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ment of his Kingdom. Many of the people I met were from vast and various backgrounds, some were N.A.B. lifers, others like myself, were experiencing their first conference.

Throughout the entire conference, I sensed the true meaning of *agape*. It wasn't a shallow or pretentious feeling. I counted it a privilege to share and pray with others in their triumphs and testings. And in all our gatherings I witnessed a family-type atmosphere, where I felt I belonged and was an intricate part of the group.

The meetings were structured in such a way as to obtain the maximum potential for each day's need. I personally enjoyed the morning devotional with Dr. J. Gordon Harris. It was truly inspiring to have Moses come alive right before my eyes at 8:30 a.m. The workshops contained much valuable information. Materials presented by the various resource persons could be readily adapted to meet nearly any church situation, large or small, rural or urban. I appreciated the testimony of the ministers

who had tried these programs and attested to the validity of their usage.

The evening service took on an almost worshipful atmosphere. It was a time of spiritual refreshment seasoned with a taste of genuine common sense in matters that pertain to our ministry. It was satisfying to be a "pew-sitter" for a change; to have others do all the preparing and planning, that I might be edified through the fruits of their labor, was enjoyable indeed.

Mealtime (the food was delicious) in the college cafeteria provided a relaxed atmosphere for fellowship. The hospitality afforded us by workers on campus, as well as the entire Seminary staff, contributed to the making of a successful, worthwhile ministers' conference.

My only regret is that the conference couldn't have lasted for another day or two, but it is with eager anticipation that we look forward to the 1979 Triennial Conference in Bismarck. We praise God for our many new friends. How thankful we are to be a part of the N.A.B. family! □



There were occasions for informal fellowship ...



... for musical numbers ...



... for meals ...



... for solos ...



... for laughter ...



Dennis and Pat Hoffman of Butterfly Ministries conversing with conference participants.



Dr. Ernie Zimbelman was a capable "filler" for the originally scheduled Dr. Craig Massey, who canceled his participation because of sudden illness.



A workshop session on "personal relationships between pastor, staff and church leaders" conducted by Dr. R. Houts (pictured) and Professor W. Muller.

The Rev. Samuel Ngum, former executive secretary for the Cameroon Baptist Convention, presently studying at N.A.B. Seminary, used his bicycle to get to the conference sessions.

# RECHARGED- RENEWED- REKINDLED

by Richard Lawrenz

The 1978 Ministers' Conference was the third I've had the privilege to attend. I came to the conference with a need to have my spiritual batteries recharged. I needed a renewal of my inner man. God answered that request.

One of the highlights of the conference for me was the fellowship afforded with some of the Church Extension pastors. Their enthusiasm for the work blessed my heart. I definitely believe that the Church Extension projects, as a whole, could be our greatest force for

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an ongoing work in our denominational family future.

It was also good to renew acquaintances with pastors whom I first met almost 25 years ago.

I thought that the special music at times seemed a special foretaste of heaven. The music adequately prepared us to hear and receive the Word of God. Also, never having attended our N.A.B. Seminary, I much appreciated the use of its library facilities, and the many helps afforded there in expounding the Bible.

The instruction at the conference was especially helpful and adequate. I was looking for something from God's Word to help me, so I in turn could pass it on to the people with whom I have daily contact. I did not go away empty handed. I definitely feel pastors are in the "spiritual" front line today.

The areas which were stimulating to me were the daily studies on the life of Moses and on stewardship. Stewardship, it was pointed out, really involves not only money, but more importantly the bringing of the whole person to a right relationship with God. We were reminded that God is more interested in what we have left after we give than in our actual giving. I am sure, we as

North American Baptists can improve on our stewardship.

We were also challenged to get back to the "simplicity" of the Word of God by primarily making ourselves available to the Lord and thus becoming a true instrument in God's hand. The question was asked, "Can someone explain you without bringing in the difference Christ makes in your life?"

In an open forum the danger of taking a "short cut" in preparation for full-time service was brought out. If I were to register a minor disappointment I experienced at the conference, it would be that due to the illness of one of the speakers *the role of the family* was not given adequate time. Perhaps at the next ministers' conference in 1980, since it is a well known fact that our churches never become stronger than the families or homes which comprise it, the matter could be given more adequate consideration.

Lastly, it was evident that the living indwelling Christ was visible in the faces of a number of the delegates. Some delegates' faces shone like Moses' did in Ex. 34:29 and demonstrated that they had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13) in their daily walk with him. □

**Mrs. Gordon Thomas, Bible Baptist Church, Troy, MI, reflects:** "Often as Christians we claim Romans 8:28 when going through trials, but many times fail to read on to Romans 8:29, 'TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON.' This thought was emphasized by several speakers throughout the conference.

Lois Sibley, speaker for the pastors' wives, beautifully illustrated this through the sharing of how Christ has proved to be sufficient in ALL THINGS, as he has been shaping and remodeling her life.

Her husband, the Rev. William Sibley, was pastor at Wausau, WI, until six years ago, when he was involved in an accident that left him paralyzed, unable to speak, but with a clear mind. Lois, as wife and mother to their six children, was very dependent upon her preacher husband, but things changed overnight. The family prayed and believed that Bill would be healed, or if that wasn't God's will, that he would be released to his heavenly home; however that wasn't God's plan.

Lois became employed, continued to raise her three boys still at home, claiming the promise that God would be a Father to the fatherless, and he has been. One lady, the mother of nine children, often kept Lois' boys and also

ministered to Lois; this woman died months later. A man, whose wife had died of cancer, began to take the boys places and attended their track meets, etc.; this man died of a heart attack. It was as if God was saying, "I AM SUFFICIENT FOR THREE—I'm all you need."

As Lois told us she would not exchange the last six years for anything, she showed no bitterness, no questioning, but she related how there had been struggles. One time in particular she was crying out for answers, and it was as if God was saying, "If I can bring glory to my name through what I'm going to do for you, then can you suffer this for me?" A real peace came to her as she said, "Yes, Lord, I'm willing."

Lois has been ministering to Bill these six years, and he too has found real peace as he has fixed his mind upon Christ. Bill's last sermon that he prepared, but didn't deliver, was on Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice . . ." Lois assured us that "not one thing can touch us without God's permission."

Lois challenged us as Christians that we are to let the walls of our lives down so that others may see Christ in us. Christ will not climb over these walls,

or force his way in, we must allow him entrance. Truly, as we wept, shared and rejoiced with Lois Sibley, it was as if we had been with Jesus as the beauty of Jesus shone through her life. I praise the Lord for this challenge and opportunity."

**Mrs. Sena Brust, Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, CA, says,** "The conference was like a reunion with family. The oneness and prayer support for each other was so evident. The thought came through to each of us—if you hurt, don't bear it alone. God uses pastors' wives. They have more than likely had a similar experience and will pray with you. Although Lois Sibley spoke softly, the Lord spoke loudly and clearly through her. She stressed the only way to serve the Lord is to keep your eyes on him. When we are conscious of being a blessing to someone else, we've already had our reward. When we are a blessing without our being aware, that's when God must be more pleased! Walls need to be broken down. We are so often protecting ourselves that we cannot minister to others.

It was a thrill to see how God has given Lois peace, strength and joy beyond all human comprehension in spite of the human mountains she and her family have had to climb."

**Mrs. Janet Priestley, North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, IL, says** "It's so good to be a part of the Family of God. What a highlight it was for me to see our friends, co-laborers chat and share together! Mrs. Sibley's radiant testimony of God's goodness, faithfulness and strength shows that he freely gives to us when we ask, even before we ask. This was just what I need as I search for ways to minister to a dear friend of mine. It was a terrific week of spiritual food for me."

**Mrs. Jo Putz, Calvary Baptist, Parkersburg, IA, says,** "I really look forward to opportunities like this to share with others whose interests, lifestyles and

goals are so much the same as my own. This fellowship, renewing of friendships and making new friends are an encouragement to me, a real 'shot in the arm.' I came back home refreshed and ready to work! I was especially impressed, through Mrs. Sibley's sharing, with how the Lord uses us in our weaknesses, our hard times. So often it takes difficult experiences to make us really depend on the Lord and allow him to be our strength."

**Mrs. Donna Taft, Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, says,** "Since it was my first time to attend the Ministers' and Wives' Conference, I was overwhelmed by the warm spirit with

which I was made to feel welcome and accepted. It was truly obvious to me that the Spirit of the Lord was in this place! The messages of Mrs. Sibley were a blessing to my own heart because they made me realize anew that God is in control of every situation in our lives. We all need to be reminded of that occasionally. Her sharing so openly with us was both a challenge and thrill. Mrs. Pasiciel so sweetly brought the appreciation and needs of our missionaries to our attention. She helped us to know how much the little things mean and reminded us once again how important the work of the Women's Missionary Union is especially in relation to missions." □

Note: Mrs. Lois Sibley's message will be published in one of the forthcoming BAPTIST HERALD issues.



The Murk Family from Wheaton, IL, presented a 30-minute surprise concert.



Rev. A. R. Fagan spoke on Bible stewardship and New Testament giving.



Robert Fraley drove his message home that there is no limit to stewardship possibilities.

While moms and dads were listening to speeches, this youngster felt right at home in the nursery.



Mrs. Lois Sibley touched the hearts of all the pastors' wives with her personal testimony.



Ladies and tea seem to belong together.



Happy reunion of four "Brazilians": Missionary Colleen Ostercamp, Silvia D'Avila, Missionary Gary Ostercamp, Eliezer D'Avila.



Ladies and tea seem to belong together.



The children of Professor Stephen and Dixie Brachlow proved that a ministers' conference can be fun even for kids.

This year our First Baptist Church in Lorraine, Kansas, is observing its 100th year of service. Our celebration of six months of special centennial events scheduled on alternate Sundays was designed to honor God, to give appreciation to our forebears, both local and denominational, and to renew and develop this faith of our fathers. There is a time when looking back can energize one's forward look! As we searched for our roots, we encountered not only a story of a Baptist colony with an emerging church, but a story of faith and determination in spite of hardship and uncertainties. Disappointments were experienced, but the power of God upheld our forebears. We determined that our past was in the hand of God, could we not claim the same for the future?

As the carefully planned programs were presented, some of the most cherished experiences came as a result of people expanding and individualizing these plans! For example, memorial flowers were scheduled to be placed in the sanctuary each Sunday by relatives of the founders and the 25 charter members. Interestingly enough, because of this gift of flowers, descendants were contacted and family reunions resulted on "their" Sunday. Old family and church ties were re-discovered or strengthened. 165 relatives were present for one of the large reunions. A brief family history and names of descendants were inserted in the bulletin, and old family photographs were on display. Spontaneous reactions resulted in after-church-coffees, stretching the family dining table, probing into family histories, and also realizing that our retired members were at one time the work force of the church. We enjoyed each event to the fullest extent and eagerly anticipated the next! A folder picturing the personnel and listing the events was available for Christmas mailing to relatives and friends of the church.

Each Sunday, mementos were changed or added to the

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by Thelea Wesseler

display in the narthex. Families shared their treasured keepsakes, church related photographs—even conference pictures nearly 100 years old! Record books, programs, anniversary booklets, documents, collections of church and community news events, souvenir church decorated china and silver from early 1900's were enjoyed too, as people gathered around with a magnifying glass trying to identify individuals and to study details.

Attention was given to the many ministries of the church. For instance, the history of the library, its extensive use for all ages and even service to shut-ins was reviewed, and an offering was designated for a centennial collection of books. Pieter Smit reviewed the Sunday radio ministry of 35 years. The church park and recreation area, the services of women's organizations along with vacation Bible school, Scripture memory courses and camp, youth activities, the many church boards and committees, musical groups, Bible study and visitation groups were noted.

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One of the wagons of the Memorial Day Church Parade.



Head table of Fellowship Supper. From l. to right: Mrs. Thelea Wesseler, author of the article, Delmer Wesseler, Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Vetter, Dr. and Mrs. Pieter Smit. A limestone piece from the Old Stone Church and the Cornerstone Box are in foreground.



The Old Stone Church (1879-1893) with congregation.

Church members participated in the services each Sunday, usually in relation to their own area of service or interests within the church as it related to the emphasis of the day. By the end of the celebration, all church members had an opportunity to participate in an individual way. A resume of the speaker was inserted in the bulletin, and very often the wife or members of his family were involved in the program, usually with music. A framed, woven wheat straw quadrafoil symbol was presented to many of our speakers for some special service or office they represented. This symbol, signifying the gospel and the church's mission is used repeatedly in our church furnishings. Personalized souvenir plates were also given.

The anticipated Centennial Celebration began with Watch-night and New Years services with our youth gladly ringing the church bell 100 times to "bring in" our Centennial year. Communion and relevant messages from George and Harold Lang (both men Lorraine sons) along with a taped message from former pastor Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Lang blessed our hearts. The theme song, "Our Foundation," composed by a church



Program personnel standing within Old Stone Church area, measuring 30' x 60'. At right, part of today's congregation that tried to fit into the space.



Kansas' own Dr. John Peterson, composer, led the mass choir and orchestra.



Dr. Eugene Nida autographing Good News Bibles.

daughter, and memorial handbells dedication were special musical events of the morning. Afternoon organ and harp recitals were illumined by the chrismon decorated, native cedar tree, and the hand painted backdrop depicting the reason for any church celebration—the Cradle, the Cross, and the Crown.

Dr. C. Ronald Goulding, BWA associate secretary and director of evangelism and education, emphasized our world outreach as Baptists on Baptist World Alliance Day. In his five services of Deeper Life meetings, he developed our theme "Contending for the Faith" as found in Jude 1:3.

The effort and planning of the church buildings was reviewed with the coming of Dr. Pieter Smit, pastor when the present church was built. On Sunday, Dr. Smit removed the cornerstone which he had sealed in 1937. The contents of the box were viewed during the Fellowship Supper. The faith of our fathers was evidenced as a ribbon tied German Bible from the original church cornerstone was lifted from the box. Also, some grandparents discovered their childish scrawled signature on a parchment scroll! Individual favors were a small lime-

stone rock from the old stone church, with an ink sketch of the building drawn on it. Handmade cornhusk flower bouquets and corsages completed the decorations. Dr. Smit served as Master of Ceremonies, as he did 40 years ago for our first annual Fellowship Supper. "A night to remember" included honoring members of the building committee and people involved in related areas. It was recalled that 47 men of our church poured the entire concrete foundation in one day, so that it would be without seam.

Dr. David Draewell presented a Seminary emphasis. A number of our church's young men received training in our Seminary. Twelve ordained men and five missionaries have gone from our church. Dr. Joe Sonnenberg of N.A.B. College in Edmonton will minister to us during Harvest Mission meetings of our Centennial year.

Many visitors joined us in a night of music with our Handbell Choir, directed by Dr. Mumaw, handbell clinician, who also presented a concert of handbell music.

We shall always remember Easter Sunday with Dr. Eugene Nida preaching from a "field" of 58 memorial Easter lilies which flanked the platform. The American Bible Society Executive Secretary for Translations spoke to us concerning "Good News for Everyone" and "God's Word in Men's Language." We received insights into translation problems, as he related many experiences from the 75 countries where he has worked with linguistic problems involving over 200 languages. God's Word can indeed reach to the "uttermost parts of the world." He graciously autographed Good News Bibles.

Our choir had practiced for many centennial presentations, but the coming of John W. Peterson to direct the choir in music he had composed required as near perfection as possible. All neighboring choirs, music groups, and all Kansas N.A.B. church choirs were invited to sing in the mass choir of 260 voices with orchestra accompaniment. Vocalists from 15 towns and the Sterling College traveling choir joined in the unforgettable experience of singing the "Love and Kindness" cantata to 1,800 people. The musical is still fulfilling its purpose in reminding us Christians of our duties to each other and to a lost world. During the Sunday morning worship hour, Mr. Peterson shared his testimony in word and song and directed our choir in several of his songs. This composer-director endeared himself to everyone as we observed his deep commitment to Christ and his fellowman. His birthplace, old homeplace, and many relatives are but 45 miles from Lorraine.

The ladies' societies arranged the mission emphasis days with a "welcome home" shower honoring Dr. Laura Reddig. Mother's Day with Laura Reddig and Hilda (Tolbert) Gieseke, former Cameroon nurse and pastor's wife respectively. Both emphasized how much our world needs Jesus.

Next was the Memorial Day Pilgrimage. Horse drawn wagons took our church family to the old stone church site, where the church was organized June 22, 1878, and built during the year following. Philippians 2 was read, a German song sung, just as church minutes from the organizational meeting on this very spot recorded the event 100 years ago. Charter members' and colony founders' names Janzen and Stassen were read, as our present day congregation stood together in a field of ripening wheat. The group was confined within a mowed area of 30 x 60 feet, the same size area the stone church with parsonage occupied on this hill. I am sure that each mind momentarily pictured those courageous and dedicated pioneers, as they stood on this same windswept hill overlooking the endless prairies all about them. Words from the hymn "Grace has brought us safe thus far and grace will lead us home" could have been written by these sturdy and determined pioneers. One hundred years ago they undoubtedly reconstructed past days too . . . actually standing on 80 acres

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In 1978 five short-term missionaries to Japan terminated their service. Miss Susan Pahl extended her service until April of the third year. Miss Valarie Urquhart extended and completed her third year and terminated in July. Miss Linda Hartley and Mr. and Mrs. William D. Lengefeld completed the two year program in July. We are grateful to all for their service.

Miss Urquhart wrote early in 1978: "I am so thankful to be in Japan for my third year. The Lord continues to show his love . . . A prayer request for these remaining months in Japan would be that his perfect plan for each day would be carried out and many people would become God's children." Later in the year, when she was missionary of the week, (see June issue of N.A.B. NEWS) she wrote: "What does it mean to be a short-term missionary?" And then she listed the following blessings: (1) getting to know the missionary family; (2) seeing the Japanese pastors at work and getting to know them; (3) to be part of God's tool to work in a person's life; (4) to learn to communicate; (5) to grow

in the Lord.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Lengefeld wrote in their missionary letter (see September/October issue of N.A.B. NEWS): "As we sit down to write, we can't help but praise God for his blessings . . ." And then they wrote of past, present and future blessings. The future blessings they anticipate are returning to Japan as regular appointed missionaries. They were since appointed in September. In the coming two years they will prepare themselves more fully for this service. This year Mr. Lengefeld is enrolled at the N.A.B. Seminary in Sioux Falls, SD.

In their application for appointment, the Lengefelds stated: "Our past two years have been great. We have had many opportunities to teach, witness and share with our many students. By our estimates, nearly 700 different Japanese people were in our classrooms at one time or another during our term of service . . . As we left Japan, it was with a strong conviction that God was once again preparing the way for us to go back." They are looking forward to

the work of evangelism through an English institute and are presently preparing themselves for this. We pray that others will likewise be challenged. (For a fuller write-up on Mr. and Mrs. Lengefeld, see BAPTIST HERALD issue of September, 1976.)

In view of the termination of five short-termers, our Japan field asked for at least five replacements in the area of short-term service, which is mainly teaching conversational English but which can go beyond that, depending on the individual. The above testimonies are certainly evidence of that. God led that five young people could be appointed in April of this year. One of these five mentioned the influence which led her to apply, and which I am using as the heading for this article, namely: "Two couples from our church went out as missionaries. It was at this time that I became particularly aware of the desire to be a part of missionary service . . . Right now I feel the definite leading of the Lord to serve as a short-termers." Let me introduce all five to the readers of the BAPTIST HERALD.

member of the Cypress Baptist Church in Lynnwood, WA.

In 1974 Audrey graduated from Lynnwood High School. That fall she enrolled at Shoreline Community College in Seattle, WA, where she remained until the summer of 1976. She then transferred to Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA, where she will be graduated this year with a major in music.

Concerning her experiences with Christ, Audrey says: "He is my Savior, Lord of my life, personal friend who loves me and meets my needs daily. Jesus Christ means love in the truest, most unselfish sense. He is worthy of praise and worship."

Audrey has considered short-term service over the last three years and made her first inquiry in September 1976. She filed her application a year ago. Appointment came this year.



Alan Willard Steier

Alan Willard Steier was born Feb. 5, 1956, at Marinette, WI, to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Steier as the oldest of four children. Early in life he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized Aug. 22, 1965, by the Rev. E. S. Fenske and became a member of Pioneer Baptist Church in Pound, WI.

In 1974 Alan graduated from Coleman High School in Coleman, WI. That same fall he enrolled at Bethel College in St. Paul, MN and graduated in May 1978 with a B.A. degree in Biblical Studies.

Concerning his experience with Christ, Alan says: "Jesus Christ is my Savior and Lord. He is the Son of the living God. He is my helper, strength, comfort and friend . . . Having experience as a camp counselor for, I have led a number of young people to the Lord . . . I take the great commission seriously."

Alan presently is serving as a short-term missionary in Japan, but he is also considering full-time missionary service, should the Lord so lead him. This would mean more training, especially theological training.



Janice Lorene Willeke

Janice Lorene Willeke was born on Jan. 31, 1956, in Waterloo, IA, to Mr. and Mrs. Irvin C. Willeke as the youngest of three children. Early in life she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized on Dec. 10, 1967, by the Rev. Donald Patet and became a member of Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, IA.

In 1974 Janice graduated from Aplington Community High School. She then enrolled at Iowa State University, Ames, from where she graduated in May 1978, receiving her B.A. degree.

Concerning her Christian experience Janice says: "Jesus Christ is the only Son of God who died to save me and has given me eternal life, since I accepted him as my Lord and Savior. He is my friend, the one to whom I turn not only when I have problems, but also when things are going right. He is my reason for living right now and as the song says, 'Because He lives, I can face tomorrow'."

Janice has considered missionary service over the past two years. In the summer of 1976 she met Lois Faust at a camp, and in winter she was further challenged by attending the 1976 IVCF Congress at Urbana. She was appointed as short-term missionary to Japan in 1978.



Sharon Louise Paschke

Sharon Louise Paschke was born Oct. 28, 1943, in Winnipeg, MB, to Mr. and

Mrs. Arthur Paschke as the second of three children. Early in life she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized on April 13, 1952, by the Rev. Otto A. Ertis and became a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Morris, MB.

In 1960 Sharon transferred from Morris High School to Caronport High School in Caronport, SK, from where she graduated in 1963. From 1963-64 she attended Manitoba Teacher's College in Winnipeg to receive her teaching certificate. From 1965 to the present she has taken evening courses at University of Winnipeg, and graduated with a B.A. degree in History in May 1978. During her study years she has been teaching most of the time.

Concerning her Christian experience, Sharon says: "Jesus Christ is a personal friend in whom I place my complete faith and trust. Without Christ I can do nothing worthwhile. Jesus Christ is the way, truth and life to me personally, John 14:6."

Sharon has considered missionary service over the past three years. Her wish has grown into a deep desire to be part of a missionary service. She was appointed in April as short-term missionary to Japan in line with her desire and in fulfillment of her prayers.

Ordinarily, the newly appointed short-term missionaries leave for Japan about the middle of August. However, a Missionary Orientation and Deputation Workshop was held at the N.A.B. Conference International Office in Oakbrook Terrace, August 28-31. The short-term missionaries participated in this workshop and enjoyed it immensely. It also gave them the opportunity to mingle with, and get to know eighteen other missionaries who had recently come home on furlough from Cameroon, Nigeria, Brazil and Japan. What better opportunity could there be than to meet these missionaries, and particularly the couple from Japan, the Rev. and Mrs. Reimer Clausen.

On September 2, all five left from Chicago for Los Angeles and from there by PAN AM for Osaka, Japan. Miss Barker and Miss Coryell will reside in Matsusaka. Miss Paschke will reside in Nagoya. Miss Willeke will reside in Osaka with Miss Diane J. Penner, the only remaining short-termers from last year. Mr. Steier will reside in Kyoto.

May each of them experience the desire not only to carry out the main assignment of work, teaching conversational English, but also the desire to become a real part of missionary service, and may their experiences and blessings be great. □

# Desire to be a Part of Missionary Service

by Richard Schilke

## Introducing Five Short-Term Missionaries to Japan



Deanne Kay Barker

Deanne Kay Barker was born July 18, 1950, in Britton, SD, to Mr. and Mrs.

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Dean Barker as the oldest of six children. Early in life she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized in October 1963 by the Rev. Dan Herring and became a member of the First Baptist Church at McLaughlin, SD. She is now a member of the newly organized Century Baptist Church in Bismarck, ND, where her parents reside.

In 1968 Deanne graduated from Fort Yates High School, Fort Yates, ND. Then she enrolled at Northern State College, Aberdeen, SD, and graduated in 1972 with a B.S. degree in Education. In 1976 she enrolled at North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, which graduated her in May 1978 with a M.A. degree in Christian Education.

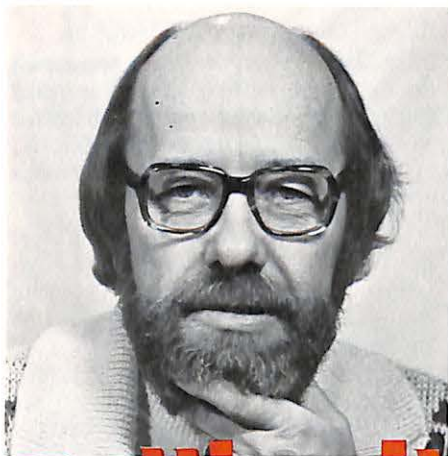
Concerning her experiences with Christ, Deanne says: "Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. When I accepted him into my life, he slowly showed and is showing me areas in my life that I have to commit to him. He has taken someone worth nothing and made her into his own to be used in any way he

sees fit. All I do, I do for the glory of God and Christ."



Audrey Diane Coryell

Audrey Diane Coryell was born on Oct. 1, 1956, in Seattle, WA, to Mr. and Mrs. Glen E. Coryell, the third in a family of five children. Early in life she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized on May 22, 1966, by the Rev. Richard E. Grabke and became a



## putting it together

by Ernie Zimbelman

A modern book that has made a great impact on my life is entitled *The Transparent Self*, written by Sidney Jourard. As the title readily suggests, the subject of the book deals with the importance of openness.

The concept of openness as related to human relationships means that I am a person who can be known and understood. My feelings and desires, whether positive or negative, are fairly apparent.

The opposite of openness is closedness or defensiveness. A closed person is one who does not want to be known. Closed people may readily appear to be

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something which they are not. They may express feelings which they do not feel or may even express the opposite of what they feel.

People are the only beings who can act in this contradictory way. A droopy plant usually has something wrong with it. A droopy person may only be trying to gain sympathy. A growling dog should be treated with respect; while a dog that wags his tail can be trusted to be friendly. People are not this way. There are many people who may smile at you and verbalize nice things, but really intensely dislike you. If we are inconsistent or contradictory in our feelings and actions, we will suffer serious consequences. Being dishonest in this way leads to guilt no matter how we rationalize or spiritualize our actions.

Other consequences of closed behavior is that it affects our relationships with others. This may mean only somewhat more shallow relationships, but it can also mean irreparable broken relationships. This is because others become tired of trying to guess where the closed person is "really at" or what they "mean."

Any person that lives a closed lifestyle is living dangerously. Apart from having guilt and anxiety and wasting lots of time "explaining what we really meant," the true danger is that we can deceive ourselves. There are many people who are perceived by others as closed and defensive, but they see themselves as open and genuine people. In addition to feeling they are open and genuine, they usually also feel very misunderstood.

The Bible speaks frequently of the importance of "openness." James 5:12b "... let your yes be yes and your no be no" speaks of the importance of a consistent lifestyle.

James 5:16 "Therefore confess your

sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed." James here states that our openness heals.

The Psalmist prayed that God demand openness of him. "Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me and know my heart! And see if there be any hurtful way in me" (Psalm 139:23-24). David knew all too well through bitter experience that he had the ability to deceive himself.

To be open involves risk. John Powell discusses this concept of risk fully in his book, *Why Am I Afraid to Tell You Who I Am?*

Children are born as basically open persons. They learn very quickly that you can be hurt or that you can apparently take shortcuts—but it really does not work. □

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## USSR Visit-A Joy

by Kenneth L. Fischer

Gayly painted wooden dowels, fur hats, pictures in wood carvings, are among the souvenirs my wife and I brought back from a great trip to the Soviet Union. But far beyond those tangible items, we returned home with a far greater appreciation of a people who just showered us with the love of God.

Some great friendships were made because of our like faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. While in Russia, the leaders of the Baptist Union gave us the

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thrill of a lifetime by taking us to many Baptist churches, where we were able to bring greetings from our churches in America as well as share from the Word of God.

At each new church we were met by a delegation of Christians, who presented us with beautiful red tulips, a real symbol of their love toward us. There were three couples from our Conference—Dr. and Mrs. Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Streuber and Dr. and Mrs. Ken Fischer. We were met by guides in each new city we visited, who took us to see monuments, museums and their beautifully kept parks.

The pastors we met were gems; very knowledgeable in the Word of God.

Many of them were eager to discuss theological viewpoints with us. The singing in the churches was a refreshing breeze, as everyone just radiated the love of God from their hearts.

We spoke eleven times in nine days, traveling hundreds of miles by plane, train and auto. Every service was packed to capacity by very warm-hearted and loving listeners. I was free to speak the same type of biblical messages that I bring to my own church in Lodi. I must admit at the end of our tour, I was very tired. But the memory of the insights gained and the relationships built quickly rejuvenated me to praise the Lord our God, who is the same yesterday, today and forever, to all who call upon his name in every country of the world. □



## WORSHIPING GOD

by Kent Carlson

Worship—the very mention of this word will bring different thoughts to our minds depending on the background that we have. When you think of worship, do you think of Abel sacrificing the first of his little baby lambs on a crude rock altar? Or does your mind drift towards the person of King David, sitting pensively in the wilderness, writing such things as, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his Holy Name." Or do you picture the worship services they had in the Old Testament times (and similar ones today) where people clapped their hands (Psalm 47:1), lifted up their hands (Psalm 134:2), shouted (Psalm 47:1), danced (Psalm 149:3) and generally got all excited? Or do you think of the church service that you've attended all your life, where you've done the same thing every Sunday for as long as you can remember and where the structured rigidity of the traditional order of events seems to almost forbid anything exciting to happen? Or, are you like many of us, when you think of worship your memory reminds you of times when you've had glimpses of the presence of our Creator, where you were in contact with him; times that are all too infrequent, but which carry with them the ability to let us "set our minds on things above, not on the things of the earth." How true it is, that in this day and age, with the world screaming at us from all sides and pushing its value systems at us, endeavoring to "cram us into its mold," we need the ability to view life from an eternal perspective. I believe that worship, private and public, is the key way to keep us in touch with our Lord. As a youth leader, it's of primary importance to me to be able to communicate and relate worship to a youth culture which demands reality and meaning in its experiences.

The first thing we must do is define

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worship. The meaning is found in the name itself—worthship. Worship is giving to God his worth. It's giving to God what he deserves! Our biggest problem is that we make worship man-centered; our emphasis is on us, on what we do. Worship, by its very definition, must be God-centered, not man-centered and not even worship-centered. We must not come out of a worship experience saying, "Wasn't that some kind of worship!" We, instead, should be saying, "Wasn't it great to meet God!"

Worship can be divided into two categories, private and public. I want to spend a little time with private worship. For those of you who are looking for secret formulas, programs or information guaranteeing you meaningful times of public worship in your church or with your youth group, I have two words of advice: give up! I am sold on the fact that unless one is having a



meaningful time developing a personal and intimate relationship with God in private worship, he will never have a consistent public worship experience. Sure, there may be excitement felt when attending a large meeting with a big-name speaker or band, but even this wears off after awhile. But get a person experiencing an individual worship time with the Lord, and he'll be there to meet the Lord, and he's always exciting.

We've talked about what worship is, but what is involved in it? Let me give you four things that should be included. First of all, *praise*. How many times have we said, "Praise the Lord!" Well, what does that mean? Praise is simply telling God good things about himself. It's saying, "God, you're great, you're fantastic, you do amazing things!" This is rational rather than emotional. Next, *adoration*, which is emotionally centered. It's telling God that you love him. The psalmist said it this way: "Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon the earth that I desire beside thee" (Psalm 73:25). Thirdly, *thanksgiving*. This is simply thanking him for all he has done for us. It should be personal and specific. The last is *confession*. Now confession is dif-

ferent than the other three in that it draws attention to us. When we begin to see God in all his glory and holiness, we are often struck with an awareness of our own sinfulness. Isaiah, upon seeing God, lamented, "Woe is me, for I am undone." Peter cried out, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man." Confession is merely agreeing with God that we're sinful. The beautiful thing in worship is that confession turns into a realization of our being forgiven, which, in turn, promotes thankfulness, praise and adoration, and our worship remains God-centered.

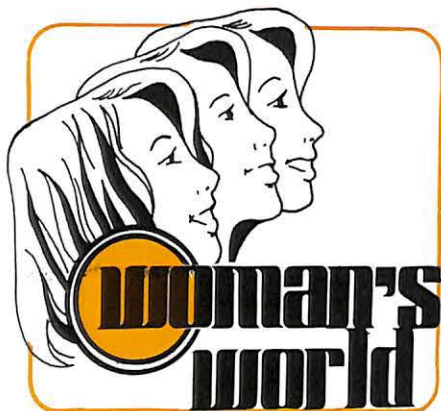
Let's say that you're a leader in your youth group or a youth sponsor who is trying to develop worship in your youth group. What steps should you take? First, worship for yourself—get sold on it! Make it your prime objective in life. Do you need help on this? Ask your closest friend to covenant with you to teach yourselves the art of worship. Ask your wife or husband, boyfriend, girlfriend or best friend to worship with you. Set a time where you will meet and worship. Then as you get sold on it, begin to take those in your youth group who seem to be interested and worship individually with them. They'll catch the vision. Then encourage them to do it with others. God is alive, and he's a great motivator. He'll create a thirst that only he can satisfy.

All right, you say, so that's what worship is and that's what worship involves, but how do I do it? How can I begin to implement it in my youth group? Worship finds its best expression in avenues which are not new to us at all; in avenues which are quite familiar but have often been sterilized by lack of meaning and intensity. First is *singing*. Worship songs must be God-centered, not man-centered or commitment-centered. "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus," a very useful and beautiful song, is not a worship song for it is centered around commitment. Worship songs fall into two categories, singing to God and singing about God. Their only qualification is that they must be God-centered.

Next is *prayer*. Prayer in worship cannot involve petitions, it must revolve around praise, adoration, thanksgiving and confession. Another avenue that is often overlooked is *testimony*. This is telling others what God has done and is doing, thus sparking a worshipful response in them. Let me give you an example of how these last three avenues were used in worship with our youth group.

Among the youth at our church are those having a vision and desire for worship. One of these young people suggested that we get together for pizza

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## Thank You for Being a Woman

by LaVerna Mehlhaff,  
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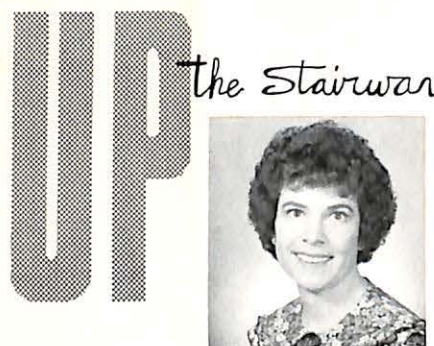
Are you rejoicing, thanking and praising the Lord for the privilege of being a woman? We cannot praise the Lord unless we belong to him. We become a child of God when we accept Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. All things become new as we begin our life in him. "When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same any more. A new life has begun" (2 Cor. 5:17, LB). To be a child of God is a privilege as well as a responsibility. It means to accept him as the Lord and master of our lives. This will involve recognizing that he is the one who has designed us and has a plan for each of us. Therefore, it is by the design and purpose of our Creator that we have been made women.

We often hear the expression, "I'd like to be free." This desire can be fulfilled if we accept ourselves just as we are, thanking God for the talents and abilities he has given. God has given to us, as individuals, all of the abilities and talents needed to do the work he has for us. It does, however, mean that we use the talents and abilities entrusted to us for his honor and his glory. God's way is the best way. He is perfect and cannot make a mistake. How could we fail by obeying him completely?

The human nature within us strives to keep us discontent and dissatisfied. All of our hangups need to be placed at the foot of the cross. Not to accept ourselves as God has made us is insulting to God, our Creator. We are then saying (perhaps not audibly, but by our actions) that God, the perfect one, did not know what he was doing when he designed us. To accept ourselves and to thank God for just the way we are made

is the right step toward becoming a free person.

Christ loved each of us so much that he died for us. If Christ accepted us and was willing to die for us, with all our



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

Twenty-five degrees below zero or colder meant that there would be no school in my North Dakota hometown. It was an exciting time for my little sister and me, for we would move a folding table and a couple of chairs up close to the heat register and engage in hours of parlor games.

Anyone who has been a leader in church work would agree with me that the names of some of these games suggest games often "played" in church congregations.

Game rules usually state the objective of the game before the procedure. In church games they might sound like this:

**Checkers:** Check on other members of the church to determine the percentage of services they miss and the percentage of income they give monthly.

**Detective:** Watch who sits where and with whom. Observe things like new clothes, new cars and looks on people's faces. Take note of those who snub one another. Tune in on bits of conversation others are having. When considering all these "facts," it is easy to build a story that would make good gossip. Remember, gossip is like grapefruit—the juicier, the better!

**Monopoly:** Study the Sunday school lesson well. This enables you to intelligently monopolize the discussion in class. Or make certain that members of your family and close friends are on as many boards and committees as possible in order to monopolize decision making in the church.

**Old Maid:** Notice those singles that need to be matched up. Realize that it

weaknesses and faults, then surely we should be able to accept ourselves just as God has made us. In his perfect plan, he has given to each of us the talents, abilities and gifts needed to do the work

is your divine responsibility to pair them off. Always draw attention to their singleness when around them, so that they will be so uncomfortable they will want to marry in order to feel at home in your church!

**Password:** If you do a good job playing Detective, you'll be adept at this game. Be the first to spread the news of births, deaths and, more importantly, young people in trouble, marriages having difficulties and the latest problems of the pastor and his family.

**Scrabble:** By doing and saying the right things at the right time, you can keep key factions in the church alive so that there will be constant "scrabbles" in the church over unimportant subjects. This really helps to keep the deacons and pastor on their toes.

**Aggravation:** If you are truly subtle, you can aggravate the most unsuspecting people. If speaking from the front, drop your voice frequently and generally speak softly enough so that not everyone can hear.

Greet someone as though they've been absent a long while. Phrases like, "Long time, no see!" or "I'm surprised to see YOU here!" are very effective.

Gum chewing, whispering, note passing, mischievous smirking and a restless, noisy youngster are good aggravators for people sitting near you. Always sit as far back as possible and keep your eyes closed during the message. This insures a frustrated pastor.

I Timothy 4 exhorts the believer concerning these "games." We are told to "spend your time and energy in the exercise of keeping spiritually fit; . . . practice being a better Christian; . . . be their ideal; let them follow the way you teach and live; be a pattern for them in your love, your faith and your clean thoughts; . . . keep a close watch on all you do and think. Stay true to what is right and God will bless you and use you to help others."

*Lord, help me to mind my own business! Keep me from playing petty games in my church. I would rather think about you than dwell on the negatives of neighbors. Cleanse me of my critical spirit. Keep me from a legalistic attitude. May others notice my spiritual progress up life's stairway and give you the glory!* □

he has planned for us. To deviate from following his plan, to deviate from using the abilities he has given, will cause us to be bound in the chains of dissatisfaction, uneasiness, selfishness and uncertainty.

God has intended for us to live with a sense of well-being, responding to God, our Creator, with thanksgiving and praise for his wisdom in making us just right.

If we have completely accepted ourselves the way God has made us and are allowing our lives to be used of God, we will experience freedom. There is no safer place for any of us than to be in the center of the will of God. We will be able to love others, for we have learned to accept the love of God and to accept ourselves and love ourselves. We will be able to reach out to others and love them just as they are. We will be able to forgive for we have experienced forgiveness.

There are women today who are trying to prove their personal worth by finding a place of honor in the world. Striving for good pay checks, position and a type of recognition that the world gives—these will give temporary satisfaction but will keep us from facing ourselves as we are.

## December's Offering

by LaVerna Mehlhaff,  
women's work director



The W.M.U. executive committee suggests that the offerings taken by our women during the month of December be designated for a new vehicle for the couple who will be heading the evangelism program in Nigeria.

The couple designated for this work are the Rev. and Mrs. Ed Hoepner with their family of three children. They are in Nigeria on a temporary visa and are awaiting a permanent visa.

Continue to pray for the missionaries in Nigeria and the missionaries on our other fields. God has given to us as North American Baptists the privilege and responsibility to support this large family in prayer and through finances. The commission given to us is to "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). □

## 1979 Triennial Conference Preparations

by Freda Reddig,  
Cathay, ND,  
triennial conference  
women's activities  
chairperson

The 1979 Triennial Conference in Bismarck, ND, will be different than any previous conference. More emphasis is being placed on activities for our youth—the leaders of tomorrow. Instead of the missionary event usually sponsored by our W.M.U., the missionary emphasis will be part of the program throughout the week. The high-

## A First

by Hazel B. Chandler,  
Sumner, IA

The first Iowa Association Ladies Retreat held at Central Baptist Camp, Lansing, April 7-8, 1978, was a great success. The 94 ladies who attended enjoyed the busy schedule, the good food, the special speaker, Mrs. Dorene Walth, national W.M.U. president, and the fellowship of other Iowa women. For many, it was their first time to see the facilities of the Central Baptist Camp.

Friday night after supper, the film "Eighteen" was shown. This was followed by a get-acquainted time in the fireplace room of the bunk house. The chorus singing and heart sharing time

we are made just right, made just the way he wants us to be. Equality is not what women need, but the right to develop to the fullest potential what God wants them to be.

God has a very special place for us in his plan. Generally speaking, we should bring radiance, joy and warmth into the home and provide a place of refuge for our family and friends.

It has often been stated that women set the social standards for the home, church, community and world. It has also been said that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.

We have the privilege of being a unique influence in the world. We have a place of position and a purpose to fulfill on this earth. Be proud to be a woman. Accept your place as a very special gift from God and sing his praises. □

light for our women will be the luncheon on Friday, to be held in the beautiful new facilities of the Kirkwood Inn with its Old World charm and decor. The Dakota women have been diligently stitching on some special favors for all who attend. In place of the customary conference banquet on Saturday night, there will be a musical extravaganza by the young people followed by an old-fashioned ice cream social for everyone. There will be more free time for everyone—all of Friday and Saturday afternoons—for visiting with friends, sight-seeing or shopping. Kirkwood Plaza—a fabulous shopping center—is within walking distance of the conference meeting place and headquarters hotel. The Bismarck area also offers many interesting places to see—the state capitol building, museum and ancient Indian village, beautiful parks and a zoo. COME AND SEE! We know you will enjoy your week on the Dakota Prairies.

were a real blessing to all. The get-acquainted games, provided by the Elgin church, warmed everyone up not only physically, but with new friendships formed as well. After a snack of popcorn and fruit and a bedtime devotional by Dorene, we all headed for bed.

It was amazing how many ladies showed up in the bathrooms at 5:30 a.m. to "beat the rush"! After a chilly flag raising, where a few of the hardier souls braved the damp cold air, we had a delicious breakfast followed by two class sessions on "Communicating God's Image" conducted by Dorene. A coffeebreak was enjoyed between the two sessions. The noon dinner was enjoyed and carloads of enthused women headed back home looking forward to next year's retreat. □

# Canadian N.A.B. Tour To The 9th Baptist World Youth Conference

by Wenzel Hanik

The 9th Baptist World Youth Conference in Manila is now history. For 55 Canadians, four Americans and one German youth this conference was the springboard for a once-in-a-lifetime tour covering Japan, Hong Kong, Philippines and Hawaii. Young people, representing 20 of our N.A.B. churches, participated on this tour. The German Baptist Mission Church of Winnipeg with 13 participants and the German Zion Baptist Church of Edmonton with eight participants had most representatives.

This tour took shape four years ago, when I had the privilege to attend the last youth conference in Portland. At that time I promised myself that I would work towards the goal of making it possible for more N.A.B. young people to go to the next youth conference. Thus, when traveling

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throughout Canada, I spread the word about the tour and responses came.

The Lord led the tour from the beginning. When contacting CP Air in Winnipeg I found out that the aunt of two of our participants worked in the groups tours office. CP Air put me in touch with a travel agent in Toronto. At that time I did not know that I would be moving to the Toronto area, which helped me later on in making final preparations.

On July 11, all 60 of us met for the flight to Tokyo at the Vancouver airport. All were excited at the prospect of the tour. After what seemed like forever, we landed in Tokyo. The time in the jet was used to get to know each other, as most had been strangers when boarding the plane.

Space prohibits telling you about all of our exploits but some highlights for me were . . .

Our stop on our mission field at Kyoto-Osaka-Nara in Japan. The missionaries met us at the Kyoto railway station. There we split into three groups and visited three different churches. I went with my group with Doug and Sharon Woyke and their delightful children, Joyce and Todd. As Doug and Sharon had been on the same God's Volunteers team with me many years ago, it was a pleasure to renew old acquaintance.

New insights were gained as we saw and visited with the Woykes.

In Tokyo I did not realize that the Ron Stollers were still in language school. They knew that we were in Tokyo, but they did not know the hotel we were staying at. While shopping, the Lord let our paths cross, so that we met. This was certainly the leading of the Lord in a city of 12 million people.

When we arrived in Hong Kong the Morgans, Southern Baptist missionaries, met us at the airport and were our hosts and guides during our stay there. Our shopping trips were made so much more enjoyable by their help. When one of our girls became ill, Mrs. Morgan took her to the Baptist Hospital for treatment. With the treatment and medication she recovered within two days.

In Hong Kong I wanted to visit a friend whom I had met at the University of Winnipeg. Unfortunately, his phone number had been changed, but upon looking at the address it turned out that he lived right across the street from our hotel. One evening I had the privilege to be in his home and share my faith with his brother and sister who were home from England.

The Conference in Manila was a time of fellowship and

learning. Our own Bruce Rich was the chairman of the program committee, and he had done a great job. At the conference, Emma Metzloff of Winnipeg led a workshop on "Ministering to Special Needs in Your Community." Ute Treder, also of Winnipeg, led a workshop on "Finding God's Will." I led a workshop on "How to Strengthen Youth Ministry." The speakers of the evening services were inspiring and helpful. Music also played a great part in the program with groups from all over the world participating.

Our last stop was Hawaii. There we relaxed and did a lot of sightseeing. On day, six of us were travelling on the north shore. We had decided to see Pali Point, but got lost. Finally we found it and drove up to it. While there I was able to persuade a Hawaiian not to jump off Pali Point, and I shared Jesus Christ with him.

I should also mention Chris Khayat from our Bellwood Baptist Church, Illinois, who is a marine stationed in Hawaii. Each day, he and a friend came and took different people sightseeing. This was appreciated by the young people.

After travelling for three weeks as a family, few eyes were dry when we said our final farewell. The great experiences were overshadowed by the fellowship in Christ we experienced.

## young people share their experiences

This last summer I had an opportunity to be in Japan with 60 people on a tour which eventually led to the World Youth Conference in Manila. While in Japan, we found that the Japanese people were very warm and friendly, and although there was a tremendous communications gap, we all felt very welcome.

We visited our missionaries, Doug and Sharon Woyke, in the Nara mission field. They shared with us the joys and sorrows of their work. The Japanese mission is a very large field. Most of the old people hold onto their old traditions and religions. But the middle age, and especially the young people, are searching for something to believe in; for they are finding that neither material wealth nor the old traditions will fulfill their needs. It is sad to see the people searching and yet not finding the life that Christ can give.

When we left Nara I felt a burden in my heart for the people of Japan and also our missionaries located there. For the first time the Scripture was clear to me, "The harvest is plenty, but the workers are few."

Perhaps in the future we can make a greater effort towards our mission in Japan, and our mission in general. We should place a greater emphasis on our



Shopping in Japan. Missionary Joan Stoller on left. Ronald Stoller with one-year-old Jonathan in back.



Tea ceremony demonstration. W. Hanik at right.

mission work by supporting them in prayer; by supporting them in our giving, for the costs in Japan are sky-high. We must not shut ourselves into our own churches, our own communities, but we must support our missions, for there are millions of people to be reached. We know the ways to reach them. Now all we have to do is to act out our convictions.

**Ernie Schreiber, German Zion Baptist, Edmonton, AB**

Japan, Hong Kong and Manila became very real to me as God began to



The group on tour in Hong Kong.



Welcoming committee in Kyoto, composed of missionaries and national pastors.

open our hearts and minds to new experiences with Christians from different cultures. God's love became so real, as I was able to share and experience the bond of love through His spirit. This short song spoke to me as I was realizing God and his love for us:

I am the church.

You are the church.

We are the church together.

All God's children  
All around the world,



Ute Treder from Winnipeg leading a discussion group at the youth conference.

We are the church together.

Singing this song as we were greeting people of many races just made me aware of our responsibility to God and others.

I also have to thank and praise God for the opportunity of traveling with the N.A.B. youth group from Canada. Good times of sharing and praying together, learning and growing through the cultural experience was appreciated immensely. Friendships will be treasured with people from all over the world.

**Joy Brown, Trinity Baptist, Sioux Falls, SD**

As I recall all the events leading up to and including the trip I am just overwhelmed. Words can't express the things which we saw and experienced during those three weeks in July. I found out about this trip from a Baptist girlfriend last fall. Not being a Baptist myself, I wondered whether or not I should even consider applying. However, I was soon reassured that everyone was welcome. It had been in the back of my mind to go on an overseas trip in



Group participants relaxing on a cruise in Hawaii.

Ingrid Block from Winnipeg models a kimono.



'78, and what better opportunity than to travel with a group of fellow Christians!

Personally to have taken part in this trip to the Orient and the conference in Manila has been a very broadening experience. God has a goal for each one of us, and through this trip I feel he has revealed many things to all of us.

To see the different landscapes and people God has placed on this planet makes me ask, "Can I even begin to know how great God is?"

The friendships made within our tour group as well as international friend-

ships will not soon be forgotten.

This trip, as you can tell from the above, has been something special to me. A special thank you to Pastor Hanik for all his trouble in organizing the trip and making it such a success.

**June Peacock, Winnipeg, MB**

When I think about the Baptist Youth World Conference in Manila, one Scripture verse comes to my mind: "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it" Psalm 118:24. I can only say that every day of the conference was a day to rejoice in. No matter if the people were from Africa, Europe, Asia or North America, it was great to be able to rejoice in the Lord together. One of the things I learned was that in spite of the differences in culture and nationalities, we were all working towards the same goal. I also learned to appreciate the different ways that each country strives to achieve this goal, of serving the Lord. When we were saying our good-byes, we couldn't help but think that we probably would never see these brothers and sisters on earth again, but one day we will all be reunited with our Lord, to spend eternity together.

**Ute Treder, German Baptist Mission Church, Winnipeg, MB**

It is rather difficult to put my impressions of the Baptist World Youth Conference tour on paper as there is such a kaleidoscope of visions in my mind's eye. The first thing that impressed me was the graciousness of the people.

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of church property, which had been donated because of a special request to the Union Pacific Railroad for the miraculous sale of ten sections of its land within the allotted month's time, and only to German colonists. The feat was accomplished by the founders, contacting our German Baptist magazine, *Der Sendbote*, and by "Tele-a-Baptist" campaign in those days before telephones.

Our today's people now walked and rode in a procession, led by flag bearers carrying our church Christian and American flags to the cemetery located on the far corner of the church property. The American Legion Color Guard gave tribute to the deceased veterans. Roll was called for 26 men from Civil War days to the present. A flag was presented to a representative relative or friend, who placed it on the grave. A gun salute tribute to those who had served in the cause of freedom, and playing of taps dismissed us to "walk in" (or ride) the mile to our church in Lorraine for Memorial Day worship service. One of our church's 58 military veterans, the Rev. Eldon Schroeder of Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, spoke to our hearts during the occasions of the day.

After many of the events, our people would declare, "This has to be the best event of the celebration!" but, when most of our eight former pastors and six ordained sons of our church had their day, memories were activated and people felt the celebration couldn't get better! "Pot luck" dinners increased the time for fellowship on Sunday noons, when our former pastors spoke. Many former members and children of the church returned for these special Sundays. Interwoven with love into our church history is the work of our faithful pastors and their wives, who brought the Word of God to their people. We thank God for the ministry of these undershepherds.

The traditional "first Tuesday of June" for the Sunday school picnic was observed with homecoming festivities. This annual picnic began 100 years ago, when the people went in wagons across the roadless prairies from home to home—singing Sunday school songs to friends and neighbors and later feasting together on shared foods. This year the Fellowship Hall was bustling with interested people, who were enjoying a quilt display of 67 treasured hand-made quilts, ranging from patchwork quilts, friendship quilts, to a civil wartime quilt. Much attention was given to a memorable guest appearance of three quilts made by Kansas' Chris Edmonds, whose quilts are taking national honors—George Washington in Prayer, Paul Revere's Ride, and the commissioned quilt made from the famed Norman Rockwell "Saturday Evening Post" cover. Countless crafts and hobbies were displayed along with treasured memorabilia representing our ethnic heritage. Everyday life demonstrations, such as using homemade soap on a scrubboard, quilting, etc. were shown along with the aesthetic touch of an old fashioned Christmas tree, complete with toys and gifts, and a German mother reading from the German Bible to her children, followed by a young German mother singing German songs with them. A parade, old fashioned games and contests, a bountiful meal and the traditional evening vesper service led by the Rev. Milton Zeeb, South Central Area secretary, completed the beautiful day—shared with friends and neighbors. The next Sunday evening our congregation enjoyed going back in time, as slides along with several very old movie films of our church family and events were "brought to light" in this presentation.

The church gratefully received greetings from a wide constituency. These along with each Sunday bulletin, programs, newspaper coverage of events and photos, have been collected in a book for permanent record. Many families also made collections of items on a personal basis. Our centennial publication "Through the Years" history includes individual or family pictures along with historical pictures and records. One must

recognize the countless people who sensed the value of records and history. Accurately recorded events, detailed church minutes, carefully preserved memorabilia, photos, clothing, etc. proved invaluable to our detailed centennial celebration. As I collected data for the writing of the pageant, I was grateful for the accuracy, as I matched dates, events and details from old family Bibles, letters, portions of diaries, church and organizational minutes, county records and documents. Interviews which were recorded, and books which were written about families and early days of our people, some going back to the early 1800's, made quite a complete story of our people's historical reasons for becoming an active part of a Baptist settlement.

Our last day of celebration was probably the most beautiful June 18th in church history! A cool gentle breeze surrounded us as we walked to the school for our eloquently catered Centennial Dinner which was served to 425 people.

Prior to this, our two hour worship service was filled with joy and jubilation, with choral singing accompanied by trumpets and organ, a sermon, "A Milestone at Lorraine," a message in song, "Bethlehem—Galilee—Gethsemane," and climaxing with our Executive Secretary giving "A Charge to the Church." Dr. Zimmerman's presence added to an era of very special servants of the Lord being in our church on memorable days. One hundred years ago, when our church was organized, the editor of *Der Sendbote* represented the denomination. In 1893 when our wooden structure replaced our outgrown stone church, General Secretary Dr. Schulte dedicated our building, and in 1937 his son-in-law, Dr. William Kuhn, general secretary, dedicated our present brick structure.

The morning worship service closed with communion—even as our centennial opened—being present at the Lord's Table and recognizing our Lord as Savior and as one returning again for his own. Six pastors were a part of this service.

The afternoon pageant, "Faith of Our Fathers . . . Still Living Through Us," included 130 participants. Many of the pageant characters were descendants of the individuals they portrayed, and a deep sense of love and respect was evidenced. It was not difficult to "go back" many years, since these persons were in clothing from the era they represented. A scaled painted replica of our old stone church, two pews from that church, a pump organ, old church chairs, antique table, an old "sod-busting" plow with sections of sod the size used for buildings, and rock quarrying equipment used to quarry limestone for our first church, all of this set the scene and became a part of the pageant. It was the story of our church as members lived it, recorded it and told their families about living during the past century. Occasionally tears flowed, as the audience in our crowded church related to the many hardships and heartbreaks as well as to the joys of victory; some scenes proved humorous. The pageant closed with these thoughts: "Ordinary men and women will continue to be transformed by God's grace and go out to useful inspired living. We did not choose our ancestors, but we are enjoying the fruit of their faith and noble efforts. Today, we covenant together to also 'Contend for the Faith' and to follow in faith into the second hundred years . . . With these challenges the First Baptist Church of Lorraine closes this phase of their story which truly is His-story, even as was this entire centennial celebration. It too has truly been God-directed from its very inception through to this closing day." The choir sang the "Hallelujah" chorus from Handel's *Messiah*, followed by the bell joyously ringing 100 times, as grateful and inspired people parted.

October 15 was the anniversary of the granting of our Charter. This was celebrated with the placing of additional items in the copper cornerstone box, resealing it into the confines of the cornerstone, and an area in the cemetery being dedicated to the memory of our founding fathers and charter

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## insight into christian education

# Getting the Most out of an ICL Seminar/Clinic

by Floyd E. Moore

Planning to gain the most from effort to train leaders for more effective Christian service is a challenging task. Most concentrated periods of training, such as ICL (International Center for Learning, a division of *Gospel Light*) seminars and clinics, should be preceded by some over-all general considerations. Then the highly specialized sessions will have more meaning and impact on participating individuals and the church. Two approaches to the matter will serve to illustrate the principle.

First, rarely is a specific church leadership task or ministry so specialized that an understanding of Christian doctrines, Bible knowledge and how to work with people would not also be necessary. These are basic for a good foundation to all leadership development. The goal is personal growth as well as training for long and meaningful

service. Sessions featuring these broad areas should come before specific training for a given church office. We could think of these as initial training for all potential leaders and the second phase as training for leadership skills.

Second, the Sunday school teacher or leader is in need of a great variety of helps and understandings in order to be an effective part of a team and to accomplish a specific task. Personal satisfaction as well as effectiveness in a given service is very often directly related to good preparation. It is the responsibility of the church to provide the training and of the individual for taking advantage of the opportunity. A practical approach to this could be the following.

Set a time of preparation for the period of training and planning. One night a week for three or four weeks prior to the intense study/reaction times, or the three or four nights of the same week of the clinic or seminar could be the planning and preparation period. Each session would feature a specific topic or area of selected concern

according to needs. Some of these could include "understanding my church's doctrine," "learning to study the Bible," "learning to lead or teach," "working together" or others.

A typical session schedule could include a presentation on the general subject to all attending for approximately half the allotted time. A short break might be helpful for a number of reasons. Then, small groups would be formed based on the specific meaning of the topic to their age group needs or the nature of the service to be rendered. "Learning to Study the Bible" could be the featured topic for a given night. The small groups could relate how study of the Bible is dealt with in terms of children, youth, adults and church members in general or families in particular.

After the periods of general preparation and planning for the Sunday school, the clinic/seminar sessions become more pertinent. The 1978-79 clinic theme, "How to Enrich Your Teaching" is highly specialized in terms of sessions for specific groups. The divisions include early childhood, children grades one through six, youth grades seven through 12, and adults ages 18 and over. Individualized help is available to each teacher and officer in their own division workshop, whether they are new or experienced teachers.

The information and enthusiasm gained from the training experience can provide the basis for continued meetings of the Sunday school workers. These meetings could be the monthly workers' conference or some such structure that will enhance the work in general and provide ongoing help and encouragement for all teachers and officers.

Growth and development is a divine principle for both individual Christians and the church. This is a never-ending process and should have priority in each life and for the program of enrichment in the church. □

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members. A monument, using a limestone window arch from the old stone church along with other cherished stone items, a listing of names, and a map locating the old stone church site was also dedicated. The Rev. John Binder, secretary of stewardship and communications, spoke at this occasion.

For 100 years our old stone church has been analogous to the spirit of our German colonists. The sturdy limestone of its walls representing their firm resolve to quickly organize and build a church, build homes, and transform the virgin prairie sod into highly productive fields, always doing each thing to the best of their ability! The mortar symbolizes the gripping roots of the many descendants and church members, whose endearment to this heritage makes us cherish and revere our early beginnings. The old stone church will always represent our powerful God and the faith of our fathers . . . living still through us! □

## Lorraine's Honored Pastors of First Baptist Church

Dr. G. A. Lang	Rev. Alfred Bernadt	Rev. Donald Decker
Dr. Pieter Smit	Dr. Douglas Gallagher	Rev. Charles Priddy
Rev. Fred Ferris	Rev. Everett Barker	Rev. Herbert Vetter

## Centennial Committee

Delmar Wesseler, chairman	Mary Alice Sies, secretary, souvenirs
Irene Steinberg Kohrs, music	Delmar Williamson, exhibits
Janet Janssen Splitter, decorations	David Mollhagen, youth
Velma Stassen Peters, historian	Herbert Vetter, pastor

# Central Baptist Home dedicates Skilled Nursing Unit and Center for Re-Creative Living

Text by B.C. Schreiber  
Photos by Herb Schoene

More than 500 people gathered at the Central Baptist Home on Sunday afternoon, September 17, to help dedicate the new two-million-dollar nursing pavilion, the first phase of a three million dollar capital development program. Although the service began under bright skies, the clouds soon gathered and the rain drove everyone indoors to continue the program in the chapel. The quick change in weather did not dampen the spirits of the people. It was best expressed in the Act of Dedication when we read "... as a Home of fellowship and comfort and care of our older citizens; as an infirmary for the needy; and as a spiritual haven where God's work is shared in the Name of the Lord." All were convinced they were part of this ministry.

Members of the Board of the Central Baptist Home took part in the dedication service. Dr. Herbert Pankratz directed the Foster Ave. Baptist Church choir in an appropriate anthem, "All Earth be Glad," and Joyce Huck sang, "Bless this House."

Representing the residents in congratulatory greetings was Clara Etten; Dorothy Rittmueller represented the staff. Hedwig Guenther, a 26-year resident took part in the ribbon cutting ceremony. Joseph Sieb, president of the Village of Norridge, brought greetings. Two neighborhood ladies referred to affectionately as "Estelle" and "Angie," received plaques for contributing more than 400 hours of service to the residents.

Administrator, Myron Dudek, introduced Mr. Arne Jansen, president of Jansen Electronics, Inc. and president of the board, who brought the dedication message. Drawing our attention to the "T" in Central as well as in Baptist, he shared a few "T's" with us. The first two were *trials* and *tribulations*. He cited numerous problems that arose during construction that resulted in delayed completion. The next "T" referred to *tenant*—the residents. In their generation they held office in the churches, taught in Sunday schools, helped build churches, and supported young people. They are our parents and grandparents. Then he mentioned another "T"—*tribute*. "This is one of the reasons we are building today and continue to build," he said. "But we also pay tribute to all those who contributed long hours to clean up when things were late." Another "T" is found in *team*—a team of Board of Directors with administrator, architect, contractor and interior designer

who in spite of numerous frustrations continued to finish the project. Three additional "T's" are included in *time*, *talent* and *treasure*.

The most important "T" appears in the form of a cross, referring to Jesus Christ who gave his life as a



Mr. Myron Dudek, administrator of the Central Baptist Home.



Part of the crowd gathered on the outside before the rain started.



The Foster Avenue Choir in front of the one wing of the new Central Baptist Home unit.

ransom for many. There is a "T" in *trinity*, *thanksgiving* and *trust*. This leads to the last "T" found in the *tremendous* opportunities for unlimited service.

The offering of more than \$15,000 was encouraging, but this amounts to only a small percentage of what is



Mr. Walter Pankratz, treasurer, making an appeal for the offering. Chaplain Ray Dickau is sitting behind him.



Mr. Arne Jensen, president of the Board of Directors, and Mr. Sigmund Lefkowitz, contractor.



The Rev. Merke receiving a plaque for his six years of service as president of the Board of Directors. Mr. Arne Jensen, the current president, made the presentation.



Some of the guests in the dining room, enjoying refreshments.

needed before the building is free of debt. We pray that God will open the hearts and pocketbooks of anyone who is interested in this important ministry to the elderly.

More than 80 years ago the Rev. Jacob Meier, a pioneering spiritual leader, saw the need for the care of the elderly, and built the first home in the northwest side of Chicago. In 1956 a beautiful new home was erected on nine acres of land in Norridge, a suburb of Chicago. The building had excellent facilities for 94 residents.

One of the problems that developed over the years was the need for health care and activities. The present building was inadequate for these services. Not only did it lack physical facilities, but it did not meet the stringent federal and state standards to pursue this kind of ministry. The new health care and activities building is constructed to provide two new major services: a skilled nursing unit where 24-hour-a-day service will be available to persons who need various levels of nursing care; a Center for Re-Creative Living, an imaginative concept that offers recreational opportunities within the context of total health care. Although the Central Baptist Home is instituting this day-care program for the benefit of individuals in the immediate area, it believes that as it progresses, it can become an example for other homes in metropolitan Chicago and elsewhere. Through such programs, a significant and forgotten segment of our senior population will be given the opportunity to participate in outside group activities while continuing to live in their homes. The day-care program is an attempt to fill a major gap in existing approaches to problems concerning the elderly and their families. It is one way of uprooting them from familiar surroundings of their own homes, a drastic move that often results in severe trauma. At the same time it is not a geriatric babysitting service. The elderly are encouraged to participate in daytime activities that support their physical and emotional needs. It is a kind of service that is virtually impossible for individual families to provide. Many of these people do not need permanent residential care, but because of their loneliness and need for companionship, the day-care is a viable alternative.

The new center will serve between 200 and 300 persons per day when it becomes fully operative. It is hoped that this will serve as a vanguard of a legion of elderly people enjoying an alternative to institutionalization and isolation.

When the skilled nursing unit is completed it will have a licensed capacity of 102 residents. It can ultimately accommodate 125 guests.

Independent living will be emphasized in the present residential dwelling. It will contain about 70 private rooms and apartments for people in reasonably good health and able to take care of themselves. Some will even have their own kitchen facilities if they do not wish to use the dining room. Residents of this facility will be able to participate in activities at the Center for Re-Creative Living. They also have the comforting knowledge that skilled medical and nursing care is available if it should ever be needed.

After the dedication service, hundreds of people had the pleasure of a guided tour before gathering in the dining room for refreshments and fellowship. □



# CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS REPORT

## WINNIPEG, MB, CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECT

by Jerry J. Edinger

November 1978

**ANNOUNCING THE BIRTH OF A BODY . . .** The following report gives information concerning the birth, the progress and the needs for prayer and financial support of Southdale Community Baptist Church.

**FACTS OF THE BIRTH . . .** The work officially began with survey work in the summer of 1977 by Beth Bleeker and Marlene Ginter. Their reports showed 30-50% of this area as unchurched; they also reported solid potential and an active interest in the beginning of a local church. Southdale Community Baptist Church is about 4-5 miles southeast of downtown Winnipeg, within eyesight of the Canadian Mint. Actually, we are in the process of being born: 8-10 single guys and gals; 6-7 young families and a number of children—each committed to the growth of a church in this community.

**WE ARE GROWING . . .** We do not have a church building—but we are ministering through open homes and open hearts. On Sunday morning, we meet at the Shamrock Elementary School for graded Bible study and worship. Two home-centered Bible studies meet weekly for growing and sharing. The men meet weekly with the pastor for smaller group discipling and fellowship. Structured visitation and spontaneous witnessing on the job have provided opportunities to tell others about Jesus; almost daily we come in contact with the pressing needs of people.

**YOU HELPED US GROW . . .** Already we have sensed the concern of God's people in standing with us in this work. Child Evangelism workers have conducted Back Yard Bible Clubs for children the past two summers with good results. God's Volunteers ministered with us in October to further prepare us for service. N.A.B. churches in Manitoba have sent us people to help full-time in teaching and calling, people to share special music at services, and many who are prayer partners in the work. Also, they have provided a beautiful home for extending hospitality. The N.A.B. Conference assisted in calling a pastor and is now assisting with his salary. Praise the Lord for each one!

**PRAY FOR NEW STEPS . . .** In Acts 2:42-47, Luke records three major objectives for the Church: 1) vital learning experiences with God's Word; 2) vital relational experiences with God and each other; and 3) vital wit-

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nessing experiences with the outside world. Pray for us that we might see the continued development of a vibrant, balanced ministry for the glory of God. We are looking for property for a future church building; pray for God's will in this matter. We are convinced that God has given us life that we might be seed sown to reproduce his life in others; pray for willing hearts to obey as God leads. □



Shamrock Elementary School; the temporary home of Southdale Community Baptist Church.



Friendly after-church chatter.

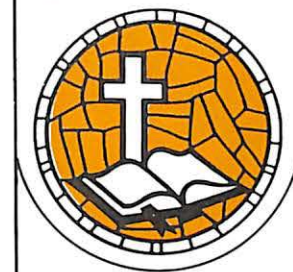


Parsonage



The Back Yard Bible Club drew many participants.

## PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING



# A Christian Will

by Everett Barker

What is a will? It is a document expressing the wishes of an individual regarding the disposition of his possessions at death. It is written in tested legal language conforming to the laws of the state/province of legal residence. Any competent person of legal age can have a will written.

The title of the article is "A Christian Will." Why this distinction? I have been working in the field of stewardship, and more specifically in estate planning for the past ten years. It is my observation that there is a basic attitude with some people I have worked with which makes a great difference. The basic attitude is a conviction from Scripture that God is the owner of all that I possess and that God has provided the life, opportunity, talent and time to enable me to have and use whatever I possess. Therefore, I want to express appreciation to God by providing a gift for his cause through my will.

In recent months I have worked with a couple on their estate plan. The attitude expressed above came through the planning process, so that they made generous provision for their local church and the Conference ministries. I did not do any persuading or even encouraging them to provide generously. They had this in their hearts and made it a part of their estate plan.

What is a Christian will? It is the usual and necessary legal document, but it also seeks to specifically direct a portion of one's earthly possessions for the cause of Christ. How much should you give? A tithe of your net estate is a reasonable biblical guide. The percentage can be increased as God prospers you and as you consider your family

needs. Hopefully your gifts will be viewed as an opportunity to thank God rather than as an obligation.

Christian parents have an opportunity to determine guardianship for minor age children in the event of multiple death. You will want to choose guardians who will provide a Christian atmosphere for your children. Your will gives you the opportunity to exercise Christian parental responsibility.

Attitude toward possessions makes all the difference in the world when considering a will. If you feel that you have already given to the Lord's work through the years, you may be totally ignoring the increased value of land, houses and stocks. When planning your will, opportunity is available to give God's work a share of the increase.

Some years ago I conducted several Wills Seminars with the late Herman Bleeker who was an active leader in the Conference and a lawyer. I recall him saying words to the effect that your will is your last opportunity to express to your heirs your commitment to the cause of Christ. Some people told me that they are leaving all their possessions to their children with the confidence that the children will do what is right. That may or may not happen. But I personally believe that this attitude is an abdication of personal responsibility and opportunity to give to God. It also places an unfair expectation on children and the in-laws involved to make a decision you should have made.

What about your will? Does it accomplish for your family what you intend? Is your will simply a legal document setting forth the distribution of your possessions or does it express your recognition of God's rightful ownership of your possessions? Send today for the free booklet, "The Making of a Christian Will," without cost or obligation. □



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# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fritzemeier was celebrated at the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, KS, on June 25, 1978. Their five



children and families hosted the reception and presented the program. The church presented the Fritzemeiers with a family Bible. Many friends and relatives attended.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bentz (the former Alma Hegel) celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 30, 1978. Over



200 gathered at the McClusky Baptist Church to help their eight children and families celebrate this event with a program and reception following.

On Aug. 5, 1978, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Barsh were honored on their golden wedding anniversary by their children with an open house in the beautifully decorated fellowship hall of First Baptist Church,



Lockhart, TX. Many relatives, friends and neighbors came from far and near to help celebrate this special event; 175 guests registered. Rev. and Mrs. Barsh have four children, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**KYLE, TX.** On June 4, 1978, words of tribute and appreciation were expressed

to the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Barsh in recognition of the Barsh's fifty years in the Christian ministry. Raymond Engelbrecht spoke on behalf of the North American Baptist Seminary from which Barsh graduated in 1926. Norman Lengefeld, moderator of the Southern Association, members of the family, members from former churches which the Barshs served and members of Immanuel Baptist Church also spoke words of appreciation.

The Barshes have served Immanuel Baptist Church for 14 years. Until recently he also served Elm Creek Baptist Church, Seguin, TX, at an earlier hour each Sunday morning.

Rev. and Mrs. Barsh are very active in the Southern Association. They are strong supporters of our N.A.B. mission work in Rio Grande Valley, TX, as well as our total mission work. Rev. Barsh, as pastor of the mother church, Immanuel Baptist, Kyle, actively promoted the first Church Extension project in the Southern Association which is the Anderson Road Baptist Church, Houston. He has also served on the Southern Association Church Extension Committee.

Barsh was converted and baptized at Bethel Heights Baptist Church during the ministry of the Rev. Theodore Frey, who celebrated his 100th birthday this year. Barsh was ordained by this same church in 1928. In preparation for his ministry, Barsh attended North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester Theological Seminary, and University of Rochester, NY, Hartford Seminary Foundation, CT, and Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT.

During Barsh's fifty years in the ministry he has served churches in New Britain, CT, Meriden, CT, Lockhart, TX, Houston, TX, Seguin, TX, and Kyle, TX. He also served as a chaplain in the U.S. Army as well as an instructor at the University of Houston.

Mrs. Barsh is a dedicated pastor's wife. She is active in all phases of the church as well as the Association. She is an accomplished musician; her violin music adds much to the beauty of the service not only at the church but also at the Associations and other functions. (Adolph Hill, reporter.)

**BROOKS, AB.** During the Alberta Baptist Association sessions held recently in Medicine Hat, the Association approved purchase of two acres of land on which the congregation of Brooks could erect a Baptist church. This choice parcel of land is situated in a new development area, adjoining two main streets into Brooks.

The Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, is the mother church and has been more than faithful in support of the work at Brooks. The Sunday school bus donated by the Carbon Baptist Church is continuing to be used to transport children to Sunday school.

Our area secretary, the Rev. Isador Faszer, and the chairman of the Southern Church Extension Council, the Rev. Richard Grabke, were present for the organizational meeting, following the Association.

We now have a place to conduct our services. Our facilities were very inadequate, and the local schools remained closed to church groups. The manager of a newly constructed motel permits us to use the facilities without charge. The large beautiful banquet room is adjusted according to need by use of portable partitions. There are spacious rooms for Sunday school classes and junior church. Because you prayed, our dreams became a reality; our wonderful Lord answered. (Philip Grabke, pastor.)

**WELLMAN LAKE, MB.** The 48 junior campers, ages eight to twelve, were taught by a fine team of dedicated volunteer teachers and counsellors at the Tri-Union Baptist Camp in the Duck Mountain National Park, northwestern Manitoba. One teacher wrote and directed a most impressive five act play about the Prodigal Son, which was presented to several hundred people during the Camp Sunday of the four participating churches. This presentation was highlighted by several songs by the camp choir.



One of the "firsts" for this group of campers was the choral speaking portions of a Psalm as the Scripture reading. Pastor Allan Martin led the group.

In response to the mission presentations about Cameroon and Japan, the campers shared some of their spending money, \$42.25, for the purchase of books for the Bible school in Mambilla, Nigeria. (H. Kahler, reporter.)

**LODI, CA.** The Deacon and Deaconess Board of Temple Baptist Church honored Emma Bertha (Mlodoch) Lohr at a reception in honor of her birthday on July 23; she is 100 years old. The Rev. Ernie Rogalski, Dr. A. S. Felberg, the Rev. G. G. Rauser and Dr. Kenneth Fischer gave greetings.

At 100 years, Mrs. Lohr reads her Bible, which has always been a daily part of her life, carries on voluminous correspondence with friends and family, shares a home with her son, who is blind, to whom she reads two newspapers every day and chats with visitors and her family in Lodi.

Mrs. Lohr is the widow of the late Rev. George Lohr. Together they served pas-

torates in St. Paul, MN, Minonk and Chicago, IL, Avon, SD, and First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, MI. This church they



served for 13 years, until Rev. Lohr died in 1937. In all the churches Mrs. Lohr ably assisted her husband in a quiet, loving way. She taught Sunday school and served as a W.M.S. leader. Her home, the parsonage, welcomed many pastors, evangelists, and denominational workers.

**OAKBANK, MB.** Oakbank Baptist Church held our Family Camp this year on June 23-25 at Lake Nutimik Baptist Camp in the Whiteshell. The theme for the weekend was "Responsible Christian Living in the Home, Community and Church." Our speaker was Ed Hughes who had been our interim pastor. It was a very enjoyable weekend.



On July 1, 1978, the Rev. Ed. Fuellbrandt began his ministry here at Oakbank. A welcome service was held on July 9 for our new pastor and his wife, Sharon, and their two sons, Jeremy and Paul. Greetings were brought from many churches in Winnipeg and neighboring areas. A time of fellowship and refreshments followed the service. (Sharon Bredin, reporter.)

**VANCOUVER, BC.** With the recent welcoming of Pastor Curtis Congo to Ebenezer Baptist Church, the pastoral team is once again at full strength. Pastor Curtis is a graduate of Vancouver

Bible College and holds a B.A. degree. Following two years of study at Talbot Seminary, La Mirada, CA, he received a M.A. degree in Christian Education.

Holiday time gives us the privilege of greeting many visitors. Among these have been visiting speakers and Bible teachers. On August 13 we participated in the creative worship experience of "Evensong," an inspiring group from N.A.B. Seminary, Sioux Falls. These talented young people offered an exceptionally beautiful gospel presentation. (Margaret Gowe, reporter.)

**ARNPRIOR, ON.** The 50th Anniversary of the founding of Willing Workers, the ladies' society of the First Baptist Church, was celebrated June 3, 1978. The evening began with a banquet, following which President Bette Daze welcomed members, Pastor Ken MacDonald and special guests, the Frieday family, whose mother was the founder of Willing Workers. Marg MacDonald paid tribute to two charter members, Mrs. Hazel Phillips and Mrs. Ella Chabot, who were present.



A plaque in memory of the founder, Mrs. Otto Frieday, will be placed in the First Baptist Church as a permanent memorial. The history of Willing Workers was presented by Marg MacDonald, wife of the pastor, who told how the organization began in the spring of 1928 when the founder, Mrs. Otto Frieday, organized a Sunday school class of 23 girls, who adopted the name of Willing Workers. This continued until 1929 when the class was reorganized into a girls and younger married women's society. At present the group meets once monthly. Establishing and maintaining a healthy, happy Christian home is the general theme of the meetings.

Over the years we have purchased table linens, remembered our boys in the Armed Forces during the war years with cheer packages, worked for the Red Cross, done sewing for the local hospital, and made donations throughout the years to local hospital and local charitable organizations.

At present our society is made up of 21 members. Pastor Ken MacDonald's benediction and thoughts on the next 50 years and their achievements brought the anniversary celebrations to a close. (Rosalie Russett, reporter.)

**BURLINGTON, ON.** After weeks of anticipation, the day finally arrived, September 9, Homecoming Sunday for all the vacationers at Pineland Baptist Church. Nearly 400 people shared in both the morning and evening services.



Warmth, sincerity, humor and talent filled the sanctuary as Steve and Maria Gardner shared two concerts with us. The commitment this couple has to our Lord was transmitted to all by their hymns of praise and their testimonies.

The Gardners are professionals who have toured for the past nine years throughout the United States, Canada, the Middle East, Scandinavia, and South America. They record for Word Records. (Maria Hanik, reporter.)

**ST. ALBERT, AB.** Recent highlights at Sturgeon Valley Baptist Church include a service with our mother church, McKernan Baptist, when three adults were baptized (pictured). In early March our mother church served as host for the Recognition Council which met to consider our request for membership in the Alberta Baptist Association. On this recommendation we were received into the A.B.A. at the April sessions in Medicine Hat.



Visiting our sister churches during the past several months has been a special blessing for our people. Their warm response has been most encouraging. In May we completed outreach visitation in a new development of St. Albert. The Lord blessed us with several new families. The Rev. Irwin Kujat is the pastor of this church.

**STAFFORD, KS.** The Rev. Theodore Frey was 100 years old on July 3, 1978. To celebrate the occasion, a reception was co-hosted by his children and the church on July 2 at the Calvary Baptist Church.



He is the oldest living North American Baptist Conference pastor and has membership at Calvary Baptist Church. Rev. Frey, born in Hutchinson County, SD in 1878, is a 1907 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary. He was ordained in Portland, OR, that same year and served 59 years as a pastor. His pastorates were in Lodi, CA; Hillsboro, KS; Bethel Baptist, Gatesville, TX; Trenton, IL; La Salle, CO; Creston, NE; and Napoleon, ND. (Mrs. Alfred Hildebrand, reporter.)

**XENIA, OH.** Arthur Bollaert was installed as pastor of Community Baptist Church on Aug. 6, 1978. The Rev. Wilmer Quiring preached from I Peter 5: "God's Word for God's Man." Special music was



presented by Roy Carr of Cedarville College, OH. A reception was held following the worship service to welcome the new pastor and his family into the church.

**EBENEZER, SK.** Pastor Ed Schellenberg presented eight youngsters to the Lord at a recent parent and child dedication service at Ebenezer Baptist Church. During the past months the Rev. Wes Andrei has been serving as pastor of the

Canora Baptist Church. Recently he presented his resignation to the Ebenezer Baptist Church, effective July 31, 1978. The church had a farewell service in their honor with all departments of the church involved.

On July 30, 1978, the church celebrated with the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Hoffman, Sioux Falls, SD, the occasion being completion of 25 years in the Christian ministry. As our church was the first in their ministry, they celebrated with us. Rev. Hoffman brought the morning message. The afternoon service was a musical presentation of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord.

On August 20 the Women's Missionary Society held its annual program. Dr. and Mrs. Louis Knoll, returned missionaries from India, were the guest speakers. A missionary offering was received. (Mrs. Martha Dreger, reporter.)

**WASHBURN, ND.** The new bell tower was dedicated at Washburn Baptist Church on a Sunday in August. The tower was dedicated in memory of Jack Luithle, a member and officer of Washburn Baptist Church for many years and given in his memory by his family.



In the morning service, a daughter, Cheri, spoke as she was preparing for Christian service on the Ivory Coast in Africa. Another daughter, Jodi, and her husband (Mr. and Mrs. Tim Blackburn) from our church at Apple Valley, MN, assisted in the services with several special numbers. At a potluck dinner at noon, many old friends of the church had opportunity for fellowship. The bell tower adds a finishing touch to the new church building completed about eight years ago. (Bernard Edinger, pastor.)

**CRAWFORD, TX.** Ordination services for Marcus (Mark) Munson were held at Canaan Baptist Church on Aug. 18, 1978. Six of our N.A.B. Conference pastors and a deacon from each church served on the council, which met earlier that same afternoon. In the evening service each pastor took an active part. Rev. Munson's wife, Judy, sang a solo, "I Am A Servant." The Rev. Dwayne Martin, a former pastor and good friend of Pastor

Munson, brought the message using John 1:6, "God Sent A Man," as his text. (Mrs. Rose Marie Freyer, reporter.)

**SUMNER, IA.** During the past seven months, fifteen people have become members of First Baptist Church, eleven by baptism (pictured with Rev. Ralph Chandler, pastor,) and four by letter.



A week of special services were conducted by Rev. Chandler, on the theme, "In Times Like These," resulting in several people rededicating their lives to Christ.

Recently several young people asked the pastor for a special time for extra teaching. This has resulted in the formation of a Discipleship Class which meets for two hours before the Sunday evening service. (Mrs. Don Mosher, reporter.)

**MADISON, SD.** West Center Street Baptist Church had the joy of installing their new pastor and wife, Douglas and Patricia Bittle, on Sunday, August 13.

The Rev. Ron Mayforth, North Central Area secretary, and family were present for the occasion and challenged the congregation with his messages. Following the evening service, a reception and pantry shower honored our new pastor and his wife.

Pastor Bittle graduated from North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, in May 1978, and was ordained in June at Jamestown, ND. He succeeds the Rev. Oliver Bender who resigned in March to become chaplain at the North American Baptist Nursing Home in Madison. (Mrs. Graydon Rohrer, reporter.)

**SPRINGSIDE, SK.** The Springside Baptist Church has been blessed by the ministry of many Bible school choirs,



who presented concerts in the church recently, as well as by many visiting pastors in the area.

Six young people were baptized by the pastor, the Rev. Wm. Keith. Each candidate read his favorite verse, which challenged the congregation. These persons were welcomed into the fellowship of Springside Baptist. There also was a child dedication service recently.

All organizations of the church are very active. (Julia Yanke, reporter.)

**JUNCTION CITY, KS.** The Southwestern Association, held July 28-30, was hosted by the Highland Baptist Church, the Rev. Dwight Brown, pastor. Meetings were held in the beautiful new sanctuary of the church. The theme was "His Mind in You," Phil. 2:1-4. Keynote address on Friday evening was given by the Rev. Connie Salios, associate secretary for stewardship. Other guest speakers included Dr. Laura Reddig, Cameroon, the Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Walth, Mrs. Wilfred Weick, Japan, and the Rev. Milton Zeeb, South Central Area secretary.

The Fellowship Bible Church of Tulsa, OK, the Rev. Bruce Ewing, pastor, was

adopted as a Church Extension project.

Noon luncheons and the women's breakfast highlighted the W.M.U. and the men's work. The Saturday activities closed with a picnic.

The Association closed on Sunday afternoon with the dedication of the new sanctuary and educational unit of the Highland Baptist Church. Former pastors participated in this dedicatory service.

Officers for the coming year are moderator, Rev. M. D. Wolff; vice moderator, Bill Meier; treasurer, Arlen Janssen; recording secretary, Mrs. Mildren Burroughs; statistical secretary, the Rev. Dwight Brown; General Council representative, the Rev. Herb Vetter; alternate, the Rev. W. D. Dachtler; Church Extension and Mission Committee, the Rev. Elton Kirstein, Ch., Herb Kipf and Robert Wirth, laypersons; and the Rev. Harry Haas, pastor. (Ruth Kirstein, reporter.)

**BISMARCK, ND.** In May the Century Women's Fellowship of Century Baptist Church held their first Mother-Daughter Salad Supper. A great time of fellowship was enjoyed by the 47 present. The theme for the evening was "Handiwork

for the Lord." Mrs. Ron Norman (pictured), senior pastor's wife of our mother church, Bismarck Baptist, was the guest



speaker. Doris Stadig was the mistress of ceremonies for the evening. In keeping with the theme, many displayed their hobbies and told their reason for choosing their hobby. The Rev. Donald Ganstrom is pastor. (Eileen M. Martin, secretary.)

and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Harry, and one sister, Hilda.

**MRS. MARTHA NELNER** (nee Preis) was born in Poland on June 24, 1897, and died at the age of 81 on Aug. 19, 1978. She came to the Leduc, AB, area at the age of nine. With her husband, she resided in the Hand Hills district of Alberta until retiring to Calgary in 1951, where they joined the fellowship of Bridgeland Baptist Church (now Grace Baptist) and then became charter members of Brentview Baptist Church. She and her husband celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in April. Survivors include her husband, Theodore; children: Edwin, Rev. George, Stan, Irma, Mrs. Ileen Konnert, and Mrs. Doris Comfort; 12 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, one brother and two sisters. The Rev. Ron Kernohan, the Rev. Harold Kokot and the Rev. Bill Laing officiated at the services.

**MRS. BARBARA PRENDINGER** died on Sept. 2, 1978. Memorial services were held at the North American Baptist Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, PA, on Sept. 6, 1978. She was laid to rest at the side of her husband, the Rev. Victor H. Prendinger, Sr., who preceded her in death in 1974. Both the Rev. and Mrs. Prendinger are remembered for their loving devotion to the Lord and his work and for their compassionate ministries in Jersey City, NJ, Gladwin, MI, and Fredonia, ND, for a period of over 50 years. Surviving are her son, Victor Jr. of New Jersey; daughter, Caroline Baumfalk of Long Island, NY; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## in memoriam

**DANIEL FERDINAND FALKENBERG** was born April 25, 1891, in Russia and died July 24, 1978. In 1919 he married Adena Eckert and moved from Rabbit Hill to Camrose, AB. Early in life he accepted the Lord as Savior and was baptized. In Camrose they attended Fellowship Baptist Church. Upon moving to Chilliwack in 1973, they became members of Victoria Avenue Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife; five children: Howard, Edmonton, David, Stettler, AB, Mrs. Eleanor Burneski, Agassiz, Mrs. Phyllis Butler, Three Hills, and Mrs. Verneal Hillman, Sherwood Park; three sisters: Bertha, Elsie, Sadie; one brother, Fred; 17 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. The Rev. A. Schlak officiated at the services.

**JACOB AND SOFIE FLOHR.** Jacob, born Jan. 24, 1912, in Petrovopolje, Yugoslavia, died March 18, 1978. Sofie, born July 27, 1909, in Kurura, Yugoslavia, died March 26, 1978. In 1931 they were married. In 1953 they emigrated from Goettingen, Germany, to Windsor, ON, where they joined Bethel Baptist Church. Their lives were marked by faithfulness, humbleness and service for the Lord. Sur-

**ALFRED SCHULTE** was born Dec. 12, 1903, at Platte Center, NE, to Herman and Dora Schulte (nee Meyer). In his youth, he accepted Christ, was baptized, and joined the church at Creston. In February 1927 he came to the Corona, SD, area and joined First Baptist Church on June 5, 1927. Alfred married Vera Sprung on April 14, 1930. They moved to Milbank in 1958. Survivors include his wife, three children: Mavis (Mrs. Kenneth Knaus), Milbank, Dale, Twin Brooks, and Janice (Mrs. Jerre Heikkila), Milwaukee, WI; one brother, Elmer; two sisters: Mrs. Clarence (Martha) Scheffler and Mrs. Albert (Emma) Iblings; six grandchildren

## Baptists and the International Year of the Child

GENEVA—The United Nations Organization has designated 1979 as International Year of the Child (IYC). The Baptist World Alliance, a non-governmental organization of the UN, is a member of the committee for the IYC.

A meeting of the International Year of the Child committee in Geneva April 3 and 4 brought together various secular organizations to report on their plans.

Mrs. Lim, assistant general secretary of the UN, made a moving appeal for involvement. Paraphrasing a Chilean author, she said children cannot wait for Tomorrow because their name is Today!

As followers of Jesus who said, "Let the little children come unto me," Baptists have always worked to better the welfare of children around the world—and indeed to better incorporate the children into the family of Christ. The IYC provides a unique opportunity for Baptists to re-think the place of the child in the family and the church.

On an international level, the BWA has adopted a program by the Baptist doctor and inventor of the jet immunization gun, Robert A. Hingson. Dr. Hingson had a vision, shared with and now adopted by the BWA, of eliminating the six childhood diseases from the world. Just as smallpox has been effectively eliminated, so too it is hoped the other childhood diseases will be eradicated.

Less than ten per cent of the 70 million children born every year are immunized. This means that millions of children die, or else suffer the crippling effects from one or more of these diseases.

Dr. Hingson has shown that a five-member team can immunize a village of 3,000 persons in one day. It would take that same one team 3,000 years to immunize the world. But with 3,000 teams the job can be done in one year.

The Brother's Brother Foundation was founded by Dr. Hingson to buy vaccines, send teams, and literally immunize whole villages, cities and countries.

The Brother's Brother Foundation and the BWA cannot do it all. The World Health Organization, other international organizations, and some gov-

ernments are cooperating to make it possible.

President William Tolbert of Liberia has authorized the program to begin in his country. The BWA, in connection with Brother's Brother Foundation, has planned for the International Year of the Child to try and immunize one country each in Africa, Asia, Caribbean Islands, and Central and South America. Dr. Hingson hopes this will be a model for the world: "It is my dream that we may be working here with a blueprint that will one day see such a worldwide control of disease a reality."

The BWA has set a goal of one million dollars for this program. Twenty dollars will protect eight children. The Great Physician still is at work healing the bodies and souls of men and women and children. □



Baptists the world over are given the opportunity to take part in observing the International Year of the Child in 1979. The project, sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance and the Brother's Brother Foundation, is mass immunization against communicable childhood diseases. It will help to assure that these children and millions of others have health and happiness to face the future which God holds for them. (EBPS Photo by John Wilkes)

## a Joyful Wedding

August 26, 1978, will be long remembered by the many guests who attended the wedding of Ardice Ziolkowski and Ralph E. Powell. The beautiful ceremony took place at Trinity Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, SD. The Best Man and the Matron of Honor were Mr. and Mrs. Ray DeNeui. Sharing the officiating duties were the Reverends Leon Bill and Richard Grabke and Dr. David Draewell. The Rev. George W. Lang and Dr. Ernie Zimbelman were ushers.

In his brief message, Rev. Grabke quoted a pastor's wife, saying, "When I heard that Ralph Powell and Ardice

Ziolkowski were going to get married, I felt that a whole big shout from the North American Baptist Conference was reaching the heavens."

Why was this wedding so important and why has it been "the N.A.B. marriage of the year," as some have called



it? Many years of faithful service in the North American Baptist Conference have endeared Ralph Powell and Ardice Ziolkowski to all North American Baptists. Dr. Powell has been professor of Theology at North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, since 1950. Ardice Ziolkowski dedicated 21 years of her life to missionary service as nurse in Cameroon, Africa. Since 1973 she has been dean of women at North American Baptist College, Edmonton, AB.

The Powells are living in Sioux Falls, where Dr. Powell continues to teach at the Seminary.

All of the BAPTIST READERS join in wishing the newlywed couple many happy years filled with the blessings of God. □

## what's happening

■ *Mr. Jim Jansen* resigned as minister of music at Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, CA, and is serving a church in another Baptist conference.

■ *Mr. Paul McNeff* is the minister of music at Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, CA.

■ *Community Fellowship Church* is the name chosen by the new Church Extension group in Indianapolis, IN. *The Rev. David Steinfeld, Jr.* became the pastor of this project on Aug. 1, 1978.

■ *Fellowship Bible Church of Tulsa* is the name of the new Church Extension project in Tulsa, OK, with the Rev. Bruce Ewing as pastor.

■ *The Rev. Oliver K. Ringering* has retired from the active pastorate and now lives in Hillsboro, KS. He resigned as pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, KS, which he has served since 1972.

■ *The Rev. Robert Vogt* accepted a position at Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, MI, and has resigned as assistant pastor at Faith Baptist Church,

Regina, SK, where he has served since 1975. He assumes the position when he receives his visa.

■ *The Rev. Jack Nemeth* became senior pastor of Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, CA on Sept. 17, 1978. He comes from Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, CA. *Miss Janet L. Wood*, children's activities director, resigned from this position at Magnolia Baptist to enter another ministry. *Mr. J. Michael Broyles*, Christian education director at Magnolia Baptist, resigned effective Sept. 15, 1978. He is awaiting the Lord's guidance for the future.

■ *The Rev. Philip R. Grabke* resigned as pastor of Brooks Baptist Church, AB, where he has served since 1976. He is considering a number of options that are open to him and awaiting the Lord's guidance.

■ *The Rev. Joseph A. Harrison* became pastor of First Baptist Church of Warburg, AB, on Sept. 24, 1978. The church has been formed by the former First Baptist Church of Telfordville, AB. Rev. Harrison served as pastor of

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Valleyview, AB, from 1971-78.

■ *The Rev. Bob Hornstein* is the youth pastor at Meridian Woods Community Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN.

■ *Mr. John Taylor* became associate professor of music at North American Baptist College, Edmonton, AB, effective September 1978. He was formerly on the faculty of Vancouver Bible College, BC.

■ *The Rev. Clifford Grant Hamil*, is the new church administrator and minister of outreach at Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, MI. He previously served the Algoma Baptist Church near Grand Rapids.

■ An error was made in "What's Happening," October 1978, when it was stated that *the Rev. David E. Korb* became pastor of Forest Baptist Church, Winburne, PA. It should read that his father, *the Rev. Maurice Korb* became pastor of the Winburne church in July 1978. *The Rev. David Korb* continues as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, PA.

## Learning to Serve

by LeAnn Wolitarsky & Wayne Jorstad

As we walked back to the lodge after a rigorous volley ball game we noticed that the dirt was ground into our feet quite thoroughly. What a job it was to clean those feet!

Jesus was a footwasher. By his example given to us in John 13 we learn that to be effective leaders we must also take on the role of servants. This is the foundation of God's Volunteers. People often have a concept of G.V.s as two separate groups of young people: a music team and a follow-up team. This concept is far from the truth. Instead we are finding in our month of training

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that we are, in fact, *one* team made up of two sections. And we are learning to serve one another. Neither section is better or more useful than the other, for both have a common mission.

Already as a team we have had many opportunities to learn to serve one another. This service is shown in very practical ways, such as washing ten or twelve loads of clothes for all of the 16 members, encouraging one another when the workload gets heavy, teaching one another how to effectively present the gospel, and lifting up each other in prayer.

In our weeks of training here at Central Baptist Camp we are seeing our role as servants of our churches more clearly, also. How eager we are as the 1978-79 G.V.s to visit you in your local churches! We look forward to serve you by sharing our faith and joy in Christ in music, and in training you in methods of presenting the gospel in personal evangelism. In a sense we are learning to wash the feet of our fellow disciples.

"If I then, the Lord and Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I gave you an example that you should do as I did to you" (John 13:14 and 15). □

## G.V.s are Ready for Action

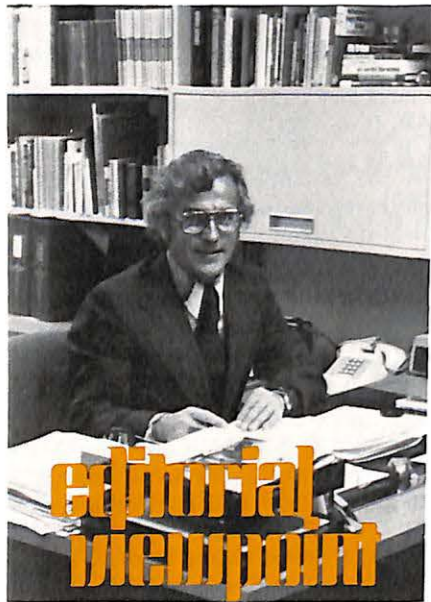
by Ray Harsch

Another year of ministry is just beginning for God's Volunteers. The team members are serving in the spirit of Christ with a genuine commitment that is sure to bear much spiritual fruit. I am confident that this will be an outstanding year of ministry in our churches.

The team this year is composed of 16 members: nine in the music section and seven in the follow-up section. The music section of the God's Volunteers team will be known as "NEW DAY" for publicity purposes. Two new recordings by "NEW DAY" will be available for your enjoyment.

Pray for their ministry. Expect great things. God has given us outstanding young people. Thank him for his faithfulness. Let's join them this year in reaching out with the Good News and help the Church to grow. □

*The Rev. Ray Harsch is evangelism director of the North American Baptist Conference.*



## Peace on Earth?

It was Sunday night, one of these rare occasions when we were together as an entire family and when we had decided to watch a highly advertised TV program, rather than to play some games or just talk. Suddenly the program was interrupted by an ABC news special. President Jimmy Carter, President Anwar Sadat and Prime Minister Menachem Begin appeared on the picture screen. The Camp David summit had come to a climactic end, and now the heads of the three nations proclaimed to the world the wonderful outcome: There will be peace between the two archenemies, Israel and Egypt.

We listened first to the announcement of President Carter, then to the two brief speeches of the other leaders and we rejoiced that the President of the United States ended his speech with a quote from Jesus Christ. The heads of the two hostile nations called each other friends. We felt that these were special moments of historical significance.

News of the close of the summit reached Baptists in Israel about 5 a.m. on Monday, September 18. In Nazareth, Baptist deacon Fuad Haddad went around his neighborhood, knocking on doors, waking people and alerting them to the good news. My close friend Fuad Sakhnini, pastor of the Nazareth Baptist Church, wished the news would have reached him already on Sunday, when his congregation had been in prayer for the Camp David summit meeting.

Israel's striking school teachers, including some at the Baptist Secondary School in Nazareth, decided to return to their classrooms to be with their students at this historic moment.

Elizabeth F. Smith, press represen-

tative of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Israel, registered the following reactions of Baptists: "A glimpse of hope." "A breakthrough." "It's so remarkable, we are stunned." "It's the answer to our prayers, a bigger answer than we could have conceived." "It won't be easy in the Knesset," said one Jewish believer. "But I now have hope for success. When the treaty is signed by mid-December, truly it will be Christmas all over the world."

Another S.B.C. Foreign Mission Board representative in Israel commented, "How wonderful that a Christian president can bridge the gap between a Jewish prime minister and a Moslem president to bring peace."

Pessimism and protest on the other hand characterized the response in Lebanon to the agreements signed at Camp David. Even several Baptist leaders expressed the opinion that Camp David meant nothing to Lebanon. "Our war will go on," they said.

A pastor and denominational leaders stated, "Israel has not really given up the West Bank and never will, and therefore, there will not be peace. Without the West Bank, where can the Palestinians go?"

"Ike," Lebanon's only English-language paper, declared that the harmony demonstrated at the end of the conference had split the Arab world and thereby split Lebanon more severely.

On the west side of Beirut, a Moslem and leftist oriented area, there was a one-day strike, and demonstrators burned piles of automobile tires in the streets.

A high ranking guerrilla official of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was quoted September 21 as saying, that a decision had been made to strike against the United States and other western targets in reprisal against American leadership of the Camp David efforts for Middle East peace. Although no specific targets were identified, could the PLO also have thought of the American missionaries working in the Middle East?

More than twenty years ago, when I lived in Egypt for about seven weeks, I saw some of the hatred against Jews that was taught to children in elementary schools and which was evident among all age groups.

Years later I visited Israel and the West Bank territory. I was horrified about the same amount of hatred evident in the so-called Holy Land as I had observed in Egypt. The Jews spoke lowly of Arabs, and the West Bank Israeli-occupied Arabs seemed to be willing anytime to join a resistance group against Jewish "oppressors."

A letter to the editor of the Jewish-Christian magazine, SALVATION,

urged: "Sir, all observers and participants in the Mideast peace/war struggles must remember that, at Rabat, Morocco, on Oct. 26, 1969, a summit conference of 20 Arab nations voted unanimously for terror, when they appointed the PLO as the sole legitimate spokesman for all Palestinians. First let the Arabs repeal the Rabat decisions, then we will believe their promises!"

All the above mentioned cases clearly indicate how complex the peace question in the Middle East really is. Will there be peace by December? At the time of the writing of this article, Egypt and Israel are making good progress in peaceful negotiations. But will the peace last? Can two nations really live in peace when their other neighboring countries are counseling to war against each other?

Before and during the Camp David conference, President Carter had urged Christians all over the world to pray for a successful outcome of the peace negotiations. God has seemingly answered the prayers of his children. But now it will be the continuous task of all Christians to pray that the longed-for peace will last. There are forces in the world who would rather see battle and bloodshed. They have Satan as ally on their side. However, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, urges us, his disciples, to be peacemakers, "for they shall be called sons of God." RJK □



## letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

Thank you for another worthwhile edition of the BAPTIST HERALD (Sept. 1978). We appreciate your faithful service.

I wholeheartedly agree with your article "I Pick Up Hitchhikers," with only one difference: I do not pick up fellows, only girls. Thank you for sharing this. Inge Hohensee, Kelowna, BC

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## YOUTH SCENE

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and a sing time after the Sunday evening service. Well, after the pizza was finished, we moved closer together and sang songs of worship. Some of the youth began to close their eyes and actually sing to the Lord and not to

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Christians could learn about brotherly love from these non-Christians in Japan, Hong Kong and Philippines. The scenery was beautiful, and the contrast of abject poverty, filth and human misery of some areas we visited tore at my heart.

The young people were touched, and some felt closer to the missionaries who labor in these areas. I was proud of our group, they were warm hearted, open and tender in their attitude. As a mother, I felt their parents could be justly proud of their offspring.

The conference itself was a revelation. The sight of young people from all countries, all colors, grouped together hand in hand to learn and share about God's love, brought tears to my eyes. If our future were to be left in their hands, wars would be no more.

Mrs. Elsie Nelson, Gimli, MB

I attended the 1976 Triennial Conference in Portland and at that time decided I would like to attend more conferences. I heard about the youth conference to be held in Manila and waited anxiously for the conference to come. Now the 9th World Youth Conference has come and gone.

I had a terrific time! However, the trip has taught me a lot more, especially about humility, poverty and thankfulness.

Seeing the crowded conditions in Japan and Hong Kong made me appreciate Canada so much more. Also the poverty in Hong Kong and Manila spoke to me.

Although most of the people we saw were not Christians, and they lived in pitiful conditions, they seemed to be happy, content, humble, courteous and friendly.

What impressed me most at the conference was that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. About 2,000 Christians from all parts of the world gathered together to worship and praise the same God. Although we were different in color, we were all *one* in the bond of Love. Linda Nelson, German Baptist Mission Church, Winnipeg, MB

others; and then it happened. Our hearts united in worship, and God was there. Some began to share what God was doing in their lives; while some confessed bad feelings toward others. We sang some more and then ended by praying together. It was great! It was as if the Lord was walking among us patting our heads and saying, "Thank you children; you make me happy." And don't feel that you need great crowds; we didn't even have ten people that night.

Another important avenue is *Scripture*. Reading the Psalms privately and in a group is a beautiful way of expressing worship to God. In fact here is worship that is truly inspired by God. One more avenue, surprisingly, is an *offering*. It's a beautiful thing to give an offering to the Lord as an act of worship. We did this as part of a worship service during a high school camp at Central Baptist Camp in Iowa last summer, and the effect was fantastic. The campers

voted to set a goal (if I remember right) of \$200.00. The normal offering is \$60.00. When they counted the money, it came to \$540.00! I'm convinced that it's easier and more pleasing to give to the Lord than to a budget.

In closing, let me suggest that you try your own worship service with your youth group. Center it around one theme, for example, "God is love." Use the avenues I've listed and others you may think of, and then worship. Let me emphasize though, worship is first of all internal. We must individually *want* to worship. Public worship won't mean a thing in the long run if we don't experience the Lord in our own private worship. Why should we worship? Because *he is worthy!* "Worthy art thou, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou didst create all things, and because of thy will they existed and were created" (Rev. 4:11). □

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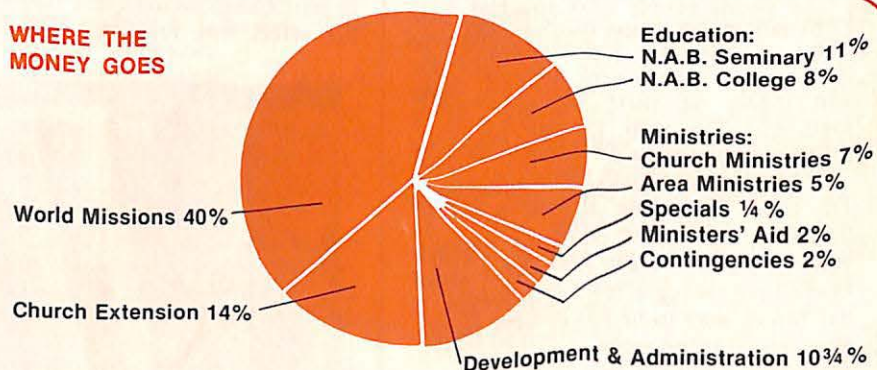
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