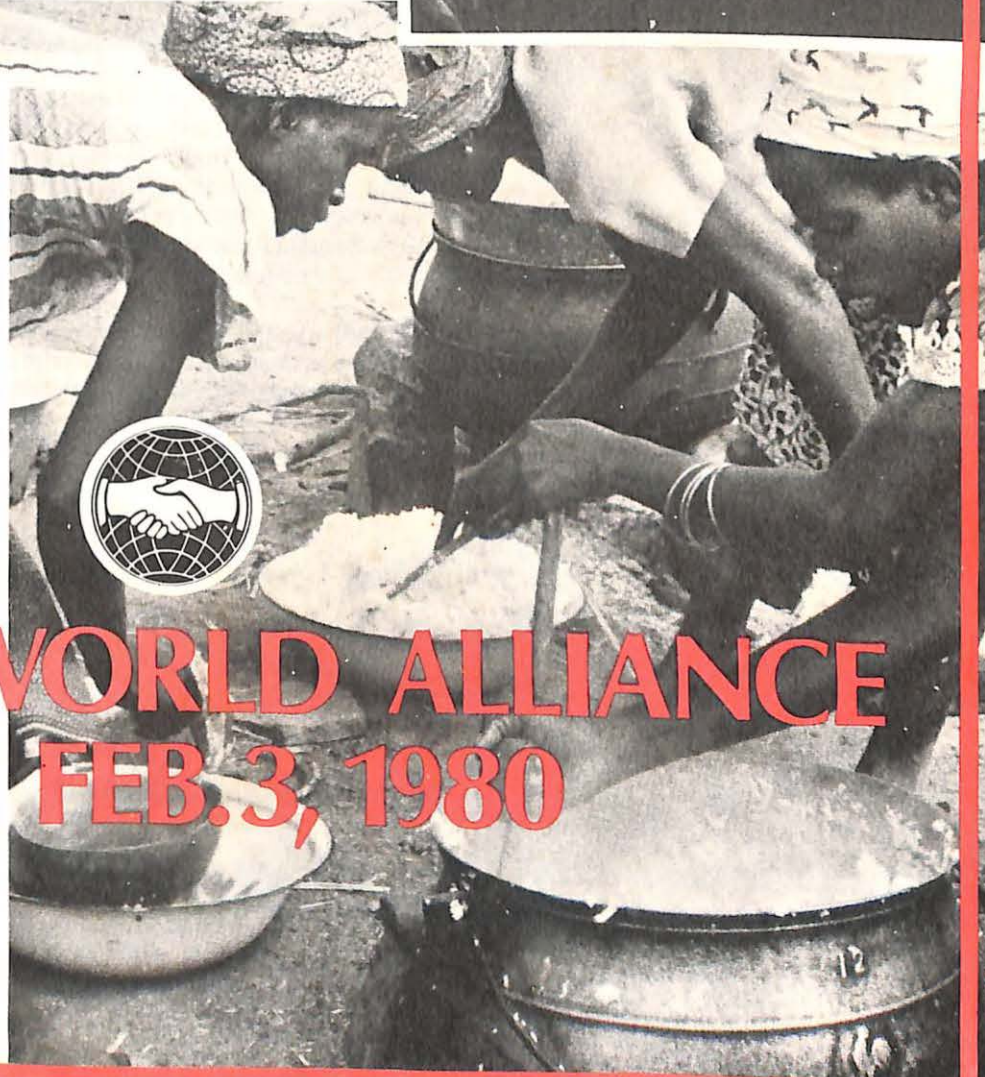
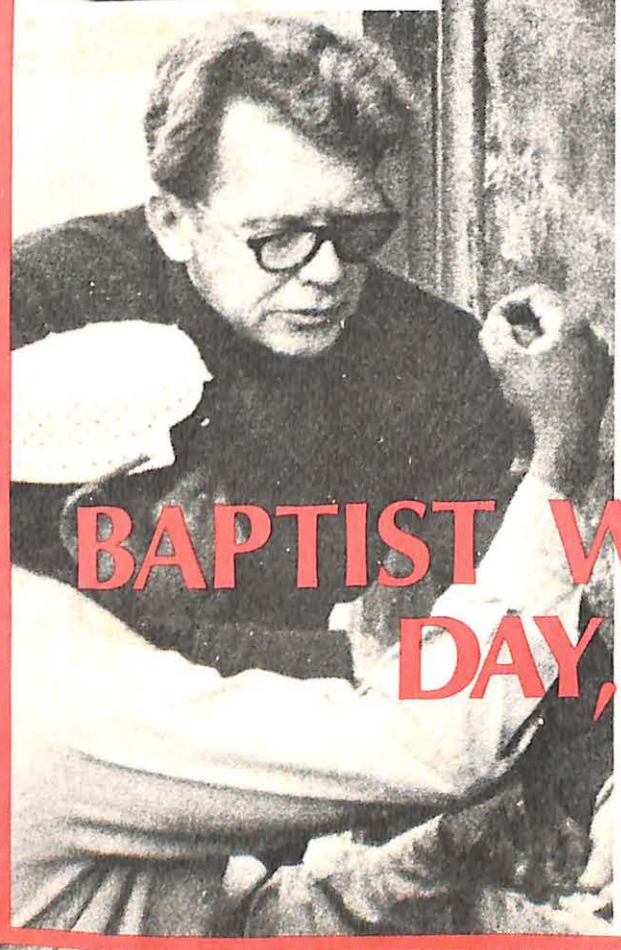
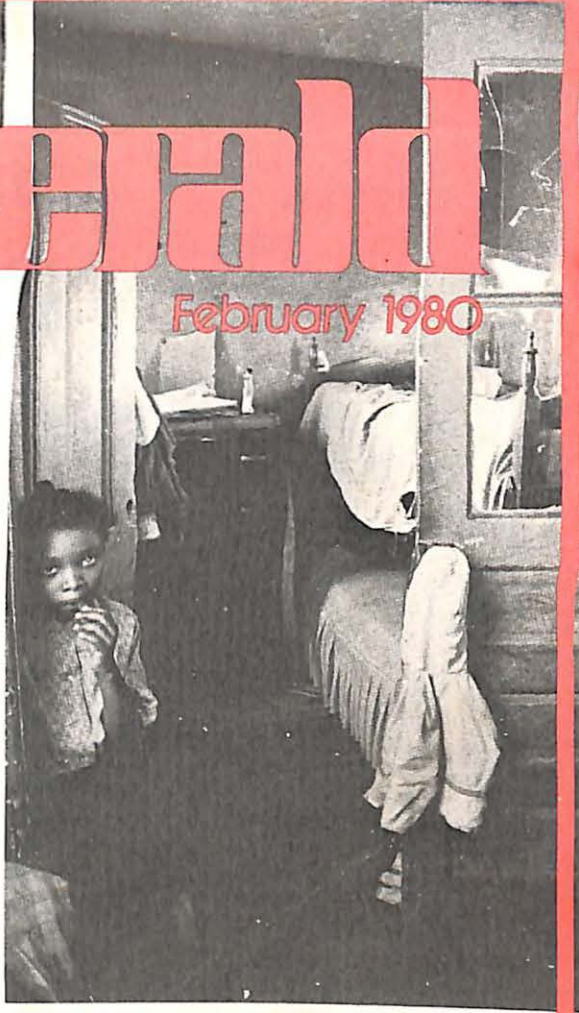
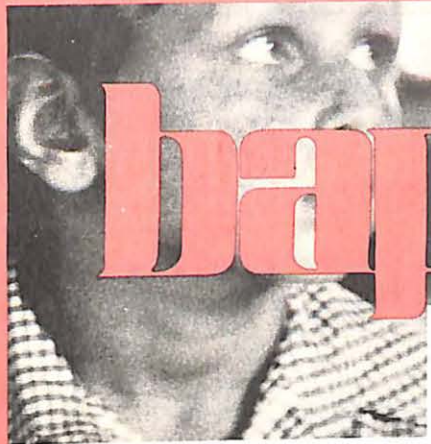


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NEWS Flash

Baptists Should Pray for Peace

WASHINGTON—The Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, meeting in Washington November 26-27, "called on Baptists and other Christians of the world to pray for the present deliberations of the United Nations dealing with peace and human rights of people everywhere."

"We call upon our people to pray to God that the U.N. may be led to bold and effective action in establishing peace and stability in our troubled world."

The resolution was presented by Fred B. Rhodes, the BWA treasurer and a representative of the Southern Baptist Convention, and June Totten, a representative of American Baptist Churches USA. It was adopted unanimously in a session chaired by M. L. Wilson, pastor of the Convent Avenue Baptist Church in New York.

The resolution closely follows a call to prayer issued November 19 by BWA General Secretary Robert S. Denny, in response to a request from President Carter which focused primarily on the holding of American hostages in Iran.

The Baptist World Alliance is a fellowship of 33 million Baptists in 120 nations. □

A Remarkable Thanksgiving Celebration

MINISTRY TO THE BOAT PEOPLE
by James Correnti

- Once there were these boat people—
- They were fleeing their homeland to avoid persecution, as they were not in favor with those in power.
- All their vessels were not seaworthy, some hardly making it out of the port.
- The space on the boats was not sufficient for all who desired to travel.
- Outside monies were needed to fund the voyage.
- With boat conditions and sea conditions as they were, they did not even arrive at the location for which they had set out.
- Many others were arriving at other ports.
- Due to hostility, weather, illness and starvation, about half did not survive even one year of the flight to freedom.
- Many children among them were orphaned because of the death of parents and had to be taken in by the survivors.

—The reception in the new land was not always friendly. Fortunately, not all of the people in the land were unwilling to share their culture; so the newcomers, although ill-prepared for their new setting, ultimately survived.

What story am I telling? Undoubtedly, you recognized the story of the Pilgrim Fathers who arrived in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1620. But in a remarkable way, this story also parallels the story of the refugees who have been fleeing Southeast Asia in recent months. God made it possible for us at Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church to recently celebrate a most meaningful Thanksgiving, hosting 58 of these modern-day boat people for Thanksgiving Eve dinner.

BEGINNING A NEW MINISTRY

Of course, our work with these people did not begin at that level. At first, we were concerned with getting to know a few families by spending time with them and having them into our homes. Communication was established by pointing to objects and using sign language. Soon we discovered some folk who had even a few months training in English and could be called upon to translate some simple concepts. Then there was always the English-Chinese dictionary—you simply find your English word in the dictionary and point to the Chinese equivalent for them to read!

But actions speak loudly, too. In addition to sharing meals and even several camping trips with them, there were all sorts of helps to offer: helping them shop, taking them to medical appointments (which we often had to make, as well), picking up their incoming relatives and friends at the

The Rev. James Correnti is pastor of the historic Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church in Philadelphia, PA.

airport, learning about and teaching them to take advantage of various government aid programs, and generally helping them to understand our culture. Of course, we learned a few Chinese and Vietnamese expressions to assure them of our appreciation of their heritage. But the more needful task was helping them with their English through reading and speaking lessons, helping children with homework, and even attending PTA meetings with the families.



Ruth Correnti, pastor's wife, is at upper left. Next to her is Mr. Dinh Davh, who translated that night. On back wall is a confirmation that N.A.B.s are interested in foreign missions overseas!

One of the greatest needs has been in the area of food, furniture and clothing. These are people who have arrived with virtually nothing and have never experienced the cold of our winters. We have distributed hundreds of articles of clothing, being greatly aided by donations from suburban churches, who have the means to share. One of the rooms in our church building has been set aside for the collection of clothing, and we attempt to do sorting and distribution on a weekly basis.

Housing has been a great concern, as many of these people are presently living in substandard and even condemned buildings. For four months, we attempted to find better living quarters in the immediate area of our church building, but with no success. However, in the last two months, four homes have become available on the very block where one of our ministering group lives, so that at the same time we are improving their living conditions, we are also in a position to expose them to the life of the body of Christ in a much fuller way. In one of these homes, many of God's people here spent countless hours working with a Vietnamese family to renovate the property in order to bring it up to federal standards, so that funding could be received. It was only after this effort that the other three locations opened up.

A new area is that of working with families and agencies

to make contact with remaining family members in Asia and securing their passage to this country to join their loved ones. The red tape is considerable enough when everyone is communicating, but the language barrier can hopelessly complicate the whole process, unless there is someone who has the motivation, love and patience to persist and get the facts of each case. We are just entering this area and are praying that God would be raising up the finances needed to deepen our ministry and other areas—perhaps even make it possible to support a worker to coordinate these ministries. It appears imperative that we concentrate our work quickly, as these people are industrious and will undoubtedly find their way into the secular culture, with its quest for money, when they no longer feel the needs which are so obvious now.



At bottom right, with the smile: Mrs. Thang Hon Thvong—the one with whose family the church has done the most work. She made the statement that concludes the article.

THANKSGIVING EVE

A friend of our church informed us that he would like to donate four turkeys at Thanksgiving for the refugees, so our people had to quickly move into action, planning and providing the rest of the meal. Some cooked and set up; others visited all the boat people with whom we have had personal contact through the months. On the night of the dinner, we transported 59 people to share in the American tradition, which so closely and appropriately parallels their own situation.



Young people seem to bridge language barriers much faster.

But God providentially made it possible to share something far more significant than a mere national tradition. The night before the dinner, the Lord led us to a Vietnamese man, who speaks far better English than anyone we had previously met—and who had only been in the United States for three weeks! With his presence on



Eating turkey is NOT a Vietnamese custom, but you wouldn't know it from this picture! When we showed them an uncut turkey before the meal they said, "Big bird!" Actually this gentleman, Ding, has been in the U.S. five years and speaks very good English.

Thanksgiving Eve, it suddenly became possible to turn our scheduled Praise Service into our first bi-lingual service, with all the testimonies and the message being translated into Vietnamese! The gospel was clearly presented, and Christ's loving welcome to sinners was made known to all, for the first time in some cases. After the service, amidst the thanks of many people, the translator requested an English Bible.

A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

According to Luke 14:12-14, our Lord Jesus Christ took it upon himself to instruct his host as to whom he should



Apparently some heavy communication is going on. Actually, the gentleman gesturing, Mr. Tan Van, speaks fairly good English (haltingly), second best of the new group of refugees, and is attending Community College in Philadelphia.

have invited to dinner: *not* friends, family and rich folk, but "the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind." I believe it would be safe to say that, in many cases, we seldom use Thanksgiving as a time to fulfill that exhortation when, actually, it would be hard to imagine a more suitable time. (And we at Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church would have done no better if it had not been for the outside gift of the turkeys.) Naturally, no one would deny our responsibility to our loved ones, especially if they are unconverted. And we recognize that the Holy Spirit can use holiday times to soften and open their hearts to hear of their need of salvation and the redemption, which can only be found in Christ. But, sad to say, if we are really honest, we must say that we usually end up simply expending enormous amounts of energy on ourselves and our own interests without giving proper thought to the only kind of hos-

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Reconciling the World Through Christ

by David J. Draewell

In 1971, the Board of Trustees of North American Baptist Seminary adopted the challenging words, "Reconciling the World Through Christ," as the of-

ficial motto of the school. Based on statements in the Apostle Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, the motto expresses the life goal which the seminary seeks to instill within the heart, mind and will of each graduate.

To help persons become better acquainted with the class of 1980, we have asked each graduate to summarize his or her commitment to task of "Recon-

ciling the World Through Christ." As you read their testimonies, pray not only for these choice and gifted servants of the Lord, but also that their concern for the urgently needed task of reconciliation in our world today might be shared by every North American Baptist. For the motto of the seminary subsequently became also the ongoing theme of the N.A.B. Conference.

It seems symbolic to me that the seminary and Conference have adopted the identical words to provide a focus for their activities. This suggests the strong bond which ties the two together as partners in ministry.

It is with thanksgiving to God that the seminary introduces its 1980 graduating class to the Conference and its churches:

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



CHARLES ASCHE

"My ministry is based upon a relational attitude between God and myself, and between myself and the world. I believe God seeks communion and fellowship with mankind, thereby establishing a special relationship with man, made complete in the Son Jesus Christ. In my ministry I seek to establish a relationship with people. Once this is established, I then seek to present Christ as the answer to unfulfilled needs. I believe Christ is the essence of fulfilled relationships with man."

Charles is a senior and will complete his studies during the January Term. His wife's name is Patricia; his children are Christopher and Rebecca. Charles is in the Master of Divinity program. His hometown is Scotland, SD.



RICHARD BOYD

"Within the four walls of the church, there is security. But to reach the world, I must go outside the 'doors' and proclaim Christ. It therefore is not theory, but practice. Christianity, as we know it, must not be contained but shared, that all the world may know the Christian witness. We cannot expect to

begin to reach the world, when our neighbor has not been confronted with the Gospel. Christ taught in the synagogue, but his ministry was outside, with the people."

Richard is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He is married, his wife is Janet. His hometown is New Sharon, IA. He is a member of the Christian Church, Rock Rapids, IA.



JAMES BATTEY

James Battey is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. His wife's name is Sheila. They have a son, Matthew, and a daughter, Sarah. He is a member of First Baptist Church, Mitchell, SD.



ELIEZER F. D'AVILA

"I was called by God to participate in the ministry of reconciling the world through Christ. I am committed to the Lord to make him known to relatives, neighbors, friends and others who are without hope, peace and forgiveness, which only a committed faith in God can give. The core of my message shall be centered around the sacrifice and

resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Eliezer is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He will be returning to Brazil. His wife's name is Sylvia. They have one son, Nathan. His hometown is Tenente Portela, Brazil. He is a member of First Baptist Church, Tenente Portela, Brazil.



KEN GABERT

"The devastation of sin is seen in starvation in Cambodia, violence whether in Iran or a bar in Sioux Falls, broken homes and broken lives. Only the reconciling power of Christ's love can stop that devastation. May God use me to help people experience Christ, the life-giver. The ministry of visiting the sick, preaching sermons, organizing the work of the church, witnessing to non-Christians, praying for and with people, is to 'present every man mature in Christ' (Col. 1:28)."

Ken is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. Ken is single. His hometown is Yorkton, SK. He is a member of Central Baptist Church, Yorkton, SK.



TERRENCE H. S. FOSSEN

"Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd and the Lamb of God. He is the Bread of Life and the Light of the World. He is the Firstborn of all creation and the Last Adam. He is the Alpha and the Omega. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is Prophet, Priest and King. He is the Holy and Righteous One; the Son of God. He is my living Savior and Lord. I will be his servant."

Terrence is a senior in two programs, the Master of Divinity and the Master of Arts in Christian Education. Terry is married and his wife's name is Tamara. His hometown is High River, AB. He is a member of First Baptist Church, Ponka, AB.



DALE GONCALVES

"I see 'my ministry' as equipping and building people to become all that they can be in their Christian walk. Because of this, I see the teaching ministry of the church and the development of lay leaders in the church as vital. I feel that Christ has chosen the church to be an instrument for reaching the world for him. In order to do this, people within the church must be well equipped for this task."

Dale is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He is married, his wife's name is Colleen. Dale's hometown is Sacramento, CA. He is a member of Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, CA.



ANNEMARIE-HATTEN HAUER

"God's ministry of reconciling the world through Christ (II Cor. 5:18) has become my ministry. Therefore I thank God for the privilege of studying at North American Baptist Seminary during my last two furloughs from missionary service in Nigeria.

Seminary training has renewed my desire to help prepare Christians in Nigeria to teach the message of reconciliation to the many children of their elementary schools."

Annemarie is a senior in the Master of Arts in Christian Education program. Annemarie is single. Her home is Hannover, West Germany, but she lists her hometown as Oro-Ago, Nigeria, where she will be returning as a missionary. She is a member of Humbervale Park Baptist Church, Toronto, ON.



ARTHUR M. JAGGARD

"God works in the world today through his Church. It is there that people hear his Word and feel his powerful love. It is in the Christian community that people can be healed from their sins. Through the continuing sacrifice of

Christ and his body, people are reconciled to the great and loving God. My job is to speak God's Words, calling people out from slavery to a living love."

Arthur is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He is married, his wife's name is Deborra. His home town is Cleveland, OH. He is a member of Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S.D.



SAMUEL THOMAS MITCHELL

"Laity or clergy, each of us is to be a reconciler. As one who senses God's call to become an ordained clergy person, my essential task is to enable, to urge others to find reconciliation with God through Christ and subsequently with those persons living around them."

Tom is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He is married. His wife's name is Michelle. They have a son, Samuel and a daughter, Christene. He is a member of United Church of Christ, Lake Preston, SD.

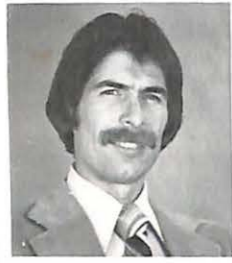


KLAUS JOUJAN

"I know a person who is the oldest child in a very special family. He is

totally unselfish, extremely personable, unquestionably loyal, sensitively affirming, and wholeheartedly brings to bear everything he knows towards helping others. He is my best friend, my brother, my Savior, my Lord and my God. He died on a cross and yet he lives. His name? Jesus. Sharing and serving him in whatever way I can is my desired ministry."

Klaus is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. Klaus is married, his wife's name is Janet. They have a baby born Oct. 5, 1979; her name is Anna Grace. His home town is Calgary AB. He is a member of Thornhill Baptist Church, Calgary, AB.



MONTE
MICHAEL-
SON

"Reconciliation comes only after there has been estrangement. Sin creates a feeling of estrangement between man and God; and the essence of Christianity demands forgiveness. I see my ministry as an ambassador of Jesus Christ to proclaim him, who sets the captive free. It is a ministry of forgiveness, of healing and reconciliation through Christ—and him alone. It is a ministry for the whole world, to the saved and the unsaved, to the church and the unchurched by the proclamation of God's own Word, the Bible."

Monte is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He is married. His wife's name is Leslie. He has two daughters, Loryn and Dana. He is a member of Trent Baptist Church, Trent, SD. His hometown is Pierre, SD.



KEN
ONTJES

"Often I have gazed thoughtfully at the motto of the Seminary. Now as I ponder those words as epitomizing the ministry to which God has called me, several things stand out: The *great*

honor of being called to such a ministry. I? An ambassador for Christ, with God's Word of reconciliation committed to me? But, along with that thought of the great honor of such a calling, comes the related idea of the grave responsibility involved in that ministry. Impressed with the weight of that responsibility, one finds himself asking Paul's question: 'Who is adequate for these things?' The answer to that question is suggested to my mind by the last two words of the motto, 'through Christ'—in the strength of the One who Himself said, 'Apart from me you can do nothing.'"

Ken is a senior in the Master of Arts in Religious Studies program. He is married. His wife's name is Alice. Their children are Ken Jr., Kathy and Carol Kay. His hometown is Emery, SD. He is a member of First Baptist Church, Emery, SD.



RODNEY
POPPINGA

"Being called to serve, my responsibility is enabling the church to be reconcilers. As a pastor, I shall seek to recognize the needs of the church, work to build up the church, and direct the church towards continuing Christ's reconciling work. Men and women, young and old, rich and poor, we all are part of the active church, as we bear our cross each day and give priority to our reconciling mission."

Rodney is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He is married. His wife's name is Daylene. Their son's name is Zachary. His home town is Chancellor, SD. He is a member of First Baptist Church, Chancellor, SD.



GLADYS M.
PETERSON

"As I complete my degree in counseling, I see my ministry in terms of preventative educative counseling.

With a sustained interest in teaching, a growing interest in writing, and an increased awareness of the value of a group ministry, I feel that I can be instrumental in helping to prevent problems rather than dealing primarily with crises. I am grateful for my seminary education which will enable me to be a more effective minister, as I seek to reconcile my part of the world through Christ."

Gladys is a senior in the Master of Arts in Counseling program. She is married to Dr. Wayne Peterson, academic vice president and professor of Biblical Theology at NABS. They have two sons, Bill and David. Prior to their residence in Sioux Falls her home town was Texarkana, AR. She is a member of Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD.



DIXIE
POTRATZ

"Christ's church is an extended family, consisting of those who are old, young, in-between, single or married. As God's servant, I see my focus of ministry in helping the church become that family. As an extended family, we can then invite others to become our brothers and sisters in Christ, so that they too might find the encouragement, love, support, healing and challenge that God and his family can offer them."

Dixie is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. She is single. Her home town is Sumner, IA. She is a member of Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD.



E. ARDICE
POWELL

"In our day of rapid change and frequent crises, I am thankful for the ministry experience and professional skills I have gained through service in our Conference and studies at NABS. I believe my primary task is to exemplify Christ in my daily life, so that people

can be reconciled to him through my witness. By God's grace and strength I shall continue to find joy and fulfillment in this ongoing ministry."

Ardice is a senior in the Master of Arts in Counseling program. She is married to Dr. Ralph Powell, distinguished professor of Theology and director of Doctoral Studies at NABS. Her home town prior to their residence in Sioux Falls was Edmonton, AB. She is a member of Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD.



TIM
QUIRING

"My call and training are directed toward helping individuals develop their relationship to God, themselves, relatives and the world. Jesus taught about having right relationships with God and one's neighbor. Right relationships do not come naturally, they have to be learned. The principles of gaining right relationships are known. This presents the Christian with the obligation to teach others and practice themselves the skills that lead to right relationships."

Timothy is a senior in the Master of Arts in Counseling program. He is married. His wife's name is Ruth. His hometown is Rochester, New York. He is a member of Latta Road Baptist church, Rochester, NY.



BERND RIST

"That is a tall order. Obviously, it will be impossible for me personally to accomplish this goal. However, this does not mean that I will throw in the towel. I can do what is within my grasp. I can start the process of reconciling my personal world to Christ. This world involves first myself, then my family, then the people I come into contact with during the course of my daily life."

Bernd is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He is single. His hometown is Warren, MI. He is a member of Ridgmont Baptist Church, Detroit, MI.



DENNIS RIES

Dennis Ries is a senior in the Certificate in Religious Studies program. He is a missionary, a physician. He is married to Shirley. They have a son, David, and daughter, Sarah. He is a member of Salem Mennonite Church, Freeman, SD.



FRANK
THOMAS

"I see my limitations as one person among four billion. But I am compelled by the words of Paul in II Corinthians 5:16-21 to view my reconciliation to Christ as a responsibility to the world as well as a gift from God. I clearly see that God wants me to be his messenger to a world in need of forgiveness. In my current and future ministries I pray that I will be used to win, disciple and love others for Christ."

Frank is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He is married. His wife's name is Lori. His hometown is O'Neill, NE. He is a member of First United Methodist Church, O'Neill, NE.



TERRY
STOLTZENOW

"I believe the world's greatest need today is to be reconciled to God. Christ, by his death and resurrection, has made

it possible for all the world to come into harmony with God, but this harmony only develops as individual people are restored to a right relationship with God. My ministry in the local church is to encourage, teach and train Christians to be involved in reaching people with the message of reconciliation, while growing in their own commitment to God and his Church."

Terry is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He is married to Sharon and has two daughters, Susan and Caren. Terry's hometown is Wahpeton, ND. He is a member of Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD.



DENNIS
THUM

"I thank God that he enabled me to hear and respond to the gospel of reconciliation through Christ. Out of thankfulness to him, I wish to spend the rest of my life declaring that same gospel to others. May God help us all to realize that our highest calling in life is to be his ambassadors of reconciliation."

Dennis is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He is married. His wife's name is Nancy. His home town is Scotland, SD. He is a member of Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD.



JIM
WRIGHT

"If I look at reconciliation totally as my work, I either get burdened down, or big-headed. I choose to look at reconciliation of the world as starting with *Jesus and me*. Partnerships give me a positive chance for growth and fellowship. I ask only that my cup of cool water be directed by Jesus to some thirsting soul."

Jim is a senior in the Master of Arts Counseling program. He is single. His

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100 Years of Ministry 1879-1979

by Sam Rich, Sr.

The Bible says, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid" (Matt. 5:14). Thus it is with Bethany Baptist Church in Portland, Oregon, which is set on a hill, a "landmark" visible from the surrounding countryside and the West Hills of Portland, both in the daytime and in the evening, when its white walls reflect brilliantly the light shining on them.

It was with excitement, challenges and thanksgiving that the 100th anniversary of the church was celebrated on June 21-24, 1979, centering on the theme, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever" (Heb. 13:8). The initial service on Thursday evening was shared with the other churches in the community, with Mr. Lon Findell representing Senator Mark Hatfield.



German School of Bethany Baptist Church.

Friday night an all-church banquet was attended by nearly 400 people, and was a memory night when days gone by were remembered in words and pictures. The congregation was addressed by the Rev. Bruce Rich, director of Church Ministries for the NAB Conference and also a son of the church.

Sunday morning and afternoon, Dr. Joseph Sonnenberg, president of NAB College, Edmonton, AB, focused our thinking on the subjects, "Jesus, the Pioneer of our Faith," and, "Jesus Christ, the Perfector of our Faith." Our other Oregon churches joined us for the afternoon service.

Sam Rich, Sr., is the co-historian of Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, OR.

All services were beautifully enriched through the ministry of music. The struggles, trials and glories were expressed in the choir rendition of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" under the direction of Connie Wobig.

Pastor Donald N. Miller, associate pastor Carlo Walth, and visitation pastor Dr. John Wobig participated in the services. The Centennial Committee under the leadership of Florence Bauder arranged the program.

Starting in September 1978, special commemorative events were featured each month with frequent foyer displays of memorabilia recalling "how it was done then": old instruments, old books, clothing, horse and buggy days, and a

Sunday afternoon featuring historic automobiles and horses and carriage. All of these serve to remind us of the continuing change in external things; but the eternal values have not changed. The church has never deviated from the motto behind the pulpit, in German, on the wall of the second church building, "We preach Christ Crucified" (1 Cor. 1:23).

Bethany Baptist Church, we believe, is unique among N.A.B. churches in that it was organized by Swiss people, who immigrated directly from Switzerland to this hilly area of fertile forested land back in the 1870s.

Various factors influenced their coming. Among these: religious freedom, economy, mandatory military service and adventure.

They came without a denominational



Present church edifice of Bethany Baptist Church, erected in 1976.



Mrs. Eleanor Rich, direct descendant of charter member and member of Bethany Baptist Church for 70 years.

church relationship, no doubt a part of the "Free Church" movement in Switzerland. They met together for Bible study and fellowship in their common belief in the Scriptures as their sole guide in matters of belief and practice. They could not accept the practices of the two "Swiss" churches already established in the community, the Presbyterian and Reformed churches, particularly in the matter of infant baptism.

After some consultation and dual cross examinations with German speaking representatives from the First Baptist Church (ABC) of Portland, it was determined that they were "Baptist" in their doctrine and practice, and were consequently organized as the "First German Church of Baptized Believing Christians (Baptists) of Bethany, Oregon."

They had all come from the primary and secondary valleys and mountainsides of "Berner Oberland," up river from Bern, Switzerland, a people whose roots lay in the Anabaptist movement of Europe.

There were 18 charter members. In the church today there are 35 descendants of

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by Ernie Zimbelman

One of the greatest frustrations a person can possibly have is to be a male, but not feel and think like other males; or to be a female and not think and feel like other females. Many of you who have read this sentence do not know what such frustra-

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tion is, because this has never been your experience.

One of the most important learning experiences we have in life is in the area of our psychosexual development. Boys who are raised in homes where there are competent male figures—father, brothers, uncles or grandfathers—have no problem in developing a sexual identity that is in harmony with the body they have.

Girls who are raised in a home where there are competent women models—mother, sisters, aunts, or grandmothers—have no problem in developing a comfortable sexual identity.

Unfortunately there are millions of homes which are headed by single parents. Sometimes this solo parent is very competent and does good modeling. But children need to see models of both sexes. Also, frequently children are raised in homes where the parents are not acceptable models in the eyes of the child. If a boy rejects his father as a model, he develops an attitude that is referred to as sexual ambivalence. This may mean that as this boy grows and develops he may not only be indecisive regarding his sex role function, but he may be very indecisive in regard to many social, athletic and career situations. He simply does not view these circumstances as others do.

Of course, a young girl who does not accept or does not have good female modeling develops the same kind of pattern of indecisiveness.

Many boys and girls do model their fathers and mothers, but their parents are already wrestling with the patterns of indecisiveness described above. As a result, they simply learn what they see.

Many children are raised in homes where there are adequate male/female models, but the child is not allowed to develop spontaneously. An example of such a situation can be seen when a father wants a boy, and treats a daughter like a son. The opposite is also true when a mother wants a daughter and reinforces feminine behavior in a boy. Sometimes this remaking of a child is done quite openly and happily. "Julie has always been Daddy's little boy!" The message Julie gets rather early in life is that the way to win Dad's, and frequently Mom's, approval is to play along with this assigned role. The consequences are that usually the sex role switch causes conflict in future roles.

In addition to the situations described, good sex role modeling is frequently not available to children. This is usually more true for boys than for girls. The reason for this is that during the early formative years of a child's life, fathers are away from home. Mothers, babysitters, nursery school, and kindergarten teachers are, almost without exception, women. Consequently, many young boys do not see much good modeling by competent males, but they see much good modeling by competent women.

What can be done when ambivalence develops in a child? Usually the child's anxiety can be relieved if he is allowed to talk to a knowledgeable person. This may be a Sunday school teacher, pastor or friend. If you feel ambivalence in these areas, even as an adult, it is advisable that you also discuss it with someone. That person can consciously influence your feelings and actions. □

God's Volunteers Report

by Tim Meier

The first month of the "New Day" tour has come to a close, and it has definitely been a month filled with exciting experiences.

We started out the tour with a concert in a garage, of all places. In the same area, we gave a concert at a high school, where we met a Christian coach. He was a former Olympic wrestler, who is a pretty impressive witness for the Lord. We really appreciated the tolerance and understanding of our early tour learning experiences. When we arrived in the Twin Cities, we drove up to a large sign reading, "New Day in Concert." We also learned that a 24-hour prayer vigil was

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being kept for us. It's exciting to see the Lord working in people this way. We are always aware that we will be kept as busy as possible, but we thought they were using us a little too much, when we were awakened early one morning to let our host into his house after he had locked himself out! We also had the opportunity to view the film on Paul Stokey, formerly of Peter, Paul and Mary. He is known among Christians for his "Wedding Song" which he wrote shortly after his conversion.

A highlight on our day off was eating at an authentic Afghanistan restaurant. The owner allowed the entire team to eat at his cost. Quite a loving gesture!

Another unexpected event was when we had the opportunity to meet and shake hands with President Carter in Chicago. That was something that could only be equalled by driving our van around the Indy 500 racetrack, which we also did. A really super young Christian got us in there, and we also were allowed to see some behind-the-scenes work at the track. We counted it a real honor.

We had the privilege of meeting a Chicago lady named Jean. She is in an iron lung and has been laid up for many, many years. However, we failed to see anything but a smile on her face the whole time we were with her, although she's had to go through some difficult situations other than her illness. That to many people would seem to say that God has for-

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gotten her, but she definitely would disagree. She loves to look out her big picture window and admire God's majestic nature, and just keep on trusting him for her total needs. Though her earthly shell may be crumbling away, she has a joyful loving soul that couldn't be contained in hundreds of those shells.

Our first record of the new touring year has been made. We recorded it in one and a half of the three days allotted for us at the Pinebrook Studios, which is owned by the Gaithers. We didn't rush the recording, but took in with us a spirit of knowing just what we wanted to say with this record, and we said it positively. We be-

lieve that "To the Glory of God" is the best record that we can possibly turn out, and we are very enthusiastic about sharing it with others!

We can definitely feel your prayers working within us, and we would appreciate your prayer support continuing with us throughout the year. □

A "Typical" Day

by Shari Hildebrand

You often hear of the ministry of the Discipling Section of God's Volunteers, but perhaps you've never been able to pinpoint just what it is that we do. So, how about an explanation of a typical day with God's Volunteers.

We usually arrive at the church around 10 a.m., unless we have team Bible study—then we come at 9 a.m. Sometimes we attend a prayer breakfast at 6 a.m. or 7 a.m. The girls may be involved with a women's Bible coffee all morning, or else the whole team plans programs for later in the day. *Well, maybe there's no such thing as a typical morning!*

We eat lunch at the church, where the girls gather favorite recipes and make promises to bake them for the guys sometime. In the afternoon, we may spend

time surveying the community, or else we have children's clubs at the church or in a home. Sometimes we call on members of the church who are ill or otherwise unable to get out much. *Well, maybe there's no such thing as a typical afternoon!*

Each evening we eat at the church, in the home of a shut-in, or perhaps we go out to a restaurant with a church member. Afterwards we may go surveying in the community, or call on folks who have had some contact with the church. These may be visitors or parents of children who



Shari Hildebrand and Linda Patzia surveying in a small community.



Cindy Adolf (left) shares the Four Spiritual Laws.

came to Vacation Bible School. When we're with the music section "New Day," we attend their programs and may get involved in sharing time or with personal testimonies. Sometimes we may be in charge of the program at a fellowship banquet, or just join with weekly Bible study. *Well, maybe there is no such thing as a typical evening!*

As you can see, there is really no such thing as a typical day! Each day provides new experiences, new people and new places. Proverbs 27:1 speaks of us well when it says, "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth." □

all get together with a sack lunch in hand and begin our day of adventure!

Activities range from things as juvenile as eating lunch in a McDonaldland Park to such cultural events as dining in an authentic Afghan restaurant, and even shaking hands with the President of the U.S.

When we're in a large city, it's inevitable that a bit of the day will be



Discipling section has fun at McDonaldland Park in St. Paul.



Picnic at the lakefront in Chicago.

"spent" (note the pun) at a shopping center, much to the guys' dismay and the girls' delight. Chicago brought much of that as well as much sightseeing at the lakefront, Museum of Science and Industry, Sears Tower and Water Tower Place.

While in South Dakota, the team

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PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING



The Funded Revocable Trust

by Wil Dachtler

(This article does not apply
to Canadian Law)

When we commit ourselves to Christ, we become stewards (managers) of all we possess. During life we are responsible to God for use of our time, money and abilities. Most of us recognize this. However, we often overlook what we leave behind when we die. It is our responsibility to God and our family to have our affairs in order, so that our earthly possessions will be effectively used after we are gone.

It is the desire of the Personal Estate Planning ministry to alert our North American Baptist families to the need for

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pitality which will bring eternal recompense: inviting those who have no way to repay you here.

Jesus went on in Luke 14, following his exhortation concerning who are the proper banquet guests, with the other concern which is the proper banquet, and how many are so busy elsewhere that they excuse themselves from attending. We have already discovered that, in being so deeply involved in diaconal ministries such as these, it is far too easy to become

good estate planning. What is estate planning? It means, "... the creation, conservation and the utilization of family resources to obtain maximum support and security for the family during the lifetime and after the death of the planner." In less formidable terms, it means making the most of what you own or hope to own.

I want to introduce the Funded Revocable Trust (F.R.T.) as a practical estate planning vehicle. A F.R.T. is established by completing a legal trust instrument. Ownership of assets such as a house, land, stocks and bonds are then transferred to the named trustee who can be yourself, a bank or other designated person(s). Legal title to the assets is held by the trustee. The owner reserves during his lifetime all the beneficial rights to revoke the trust in part or completely. Assets can be added to the trust. In short, a F.R.T. is a very flexible instrument and can be tailored to your needs.

Upon the death of the owner, the trust becomes irrevocable. The assets in the trust will then be administered and distributed according to the terms of the trust.

There are several benefits to the F.R.T. The first is the avoidance of probate, which can mean reduced fees. It should be said that a F.R.T. initially costs more to set up than a will. The F.R.T. also has the advantage of privacy and does not become public record at the courthouse as a will does.

The second benefit to be obtained by the use of the F.R.T. is a reduction of federal estate taxes. A husband and wife are able to arrange the trust so that no more than one-half of the owner's estate will be taxed on the death of the first spouse and no more than the other one-half will be taxed on the death of the second spouse. To accomplish this it is necessary that the assets are owned by the trust at the death of the owner or directed to the trust through use of a pour-over will. Such a will directs non-trust assets into the trust. The trust provides that,

immersed in all the temporal aspects of the work and lose sight of the ultimate purpose of all such ministry: "earning the right," the gospel of grace, preaching "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21). We would ask you to pray that we would maintain the biblical balance between meeting legitimate temporal needs and actively seeking opportunities to present the eternal gospel.

CONCLUSION

In spite of all the apparently insurmountable barriers in language and cul-

ture, God's people can always find a way to communicate the love of Christ. One family, with whom we have done much work, was invited by a relative to join his family in another state; they responded by making reference to the believers at Fleischmann and saying, "We do not want to leave our friends here". We are humbled to think that we already could have made such an impact upon them, but our prayer is that one day soon they would also be able to say, "We thank God that we now know and worship the same Savior as our friends do, the Lord Jesus Christ." □

upon the death of the first spouse, the trust becomes irrevocable and is divided into two separate trusts, usually called Trust A and Trust B. The surviving spouse can have complete control over the assets in Trust A, but only receives income from Trust B, although there are limited invasion privileges. Upon the death of the surviving spouse, the assets in Trust A will be taxed, but the assets in Trust B will not be subject to Federal Estate tax. The assets remaining in the two trusts at the death of the surviving spouse will not be subject to probate.

A third benefit to having the assets in a F.R.T. is to prevent the necessity of guardianship or conservatorship proceedings in the event of legal incompetency of either spouse. Such proceedings can be costly and time consuming.

The fourth possible advantage may be the use of the trust as a generation skipping device. This provides for the use of the assets to the children for life and then distributes the assets to grandchildren, a charity or other designated beneficiaries. It can eliminate both probate and Federal estate tax at the death of the children within certain funding limitations.

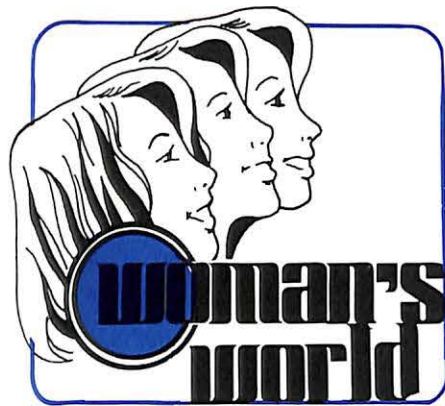
It should be remembered that a will is necessary to complement a F.R.T. to handle assets, which may not be in the trust at the time of death.

Further reduction of Federal estate tax may be accomplished by making charitable gifts from trust assets either during life or at the death of the owner.

Have you considered the use of a F.R.T. for your estate plan? □

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Rooted . . . Grounded . . . Growing . . .

Women's Missionary Fellowship

This is the theme for our new Women's Missionary Fellowship triennium, a theme that provides inspiration for our larger fellowship, that stimulates new depths of commitment for our church groups and that adds to the foundation for our personal spiritual growth. The theme verses are from Colossians 2:6, 7: "Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

The testimonies of the new Women's Missionary Fellowship executive council follow. Pray for each one as she works with you and for you for the next three years.

Dorene Walth, president

I am growing in the Lord! This is a year when I am being stretched more than I thought possible. Last fall, when I signed a contract to teach science at Whittier Junior High half days, I did not dream of all that job would entail! I'm up to my neck in test tubes, beakers and bunsen burners, and finding it more than challenging!

My part-time business continues to be my spiritual high because I have opportunities to minister to women of all ages and from all backgrounds. To see lives changed in various ways for the better is my goal, and God certainly does answer this prayer. The "business" is teaching a franchised personal improvement course called, "The Image of Loveliness."

Classes have a Christian emphasis and are held in my home. Nearly 300 women have been my students in the past two years, and some have been born into the kingdom of God as a result. That is my reward for the time and effort I expend in this venture.

My roots and "grounding years" began in the midwest. I am a North Dakota girl. At age 19, I met and married my husband who led me to Christ and into serving as a pastor's wife in Sioux Falls, Sacramento, Dallas (Oregon) and Chicago. We returned to North Dakota when Clarence became North Central Area secretary. After six years in Bismarck, he accepted his present position as associate director of development at the N.A.B. Seminary.



Sylvia Auch, Dorene Walth, Iona Quiring

We are members of Trinity Baptist Church and enjoy these years together. Our three sons do not live near us. Carlo, with his wife, Jean Ann, serves as associate pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, OR. Michael is stationed in England where he serves in the U.S. Air Force. Jesse and his wife, Michelle, live in Minot, ND, where he is manager-in-training for the Kinney Shoe Company.

Serving as national W.M.F. president has given me opportunities to meet great numbers of our N.A.B. women through retreats, conferences, and various speaking engagements. What a rich experience! I value all these friendships and look forward to three more wonderful years of W.M.F. ministries. I am grateful for the encouragement and the prayers of our faithful women.

Iona Quiring, vice president

My name is Iona. For 25 of my 47 years, I have been Mrs. Edward Quiring. We live in the country near Minneapolis where Ed has a machine shop. Mostly I'm a homemaker, but when Ed needs some unskilled labor in the shop, I help out. We have four children: Jill is married to a pastor and recently moved to Ohio; Vicki is a nurse and lives in Sioux Falls; Mike was married last August and is working with

his Dad; Terry is a senior in high school. And we have a precious little granddaughter!

Faith Baptist, in Minneapolis, is my home church. Ever since I can remember, I've gone to church with my family. My closest friends were in the church, and I was active in Sunday school and youth groups. And I liked it. Still, I felt uneasy and scared inside a lot of the time, especially when I thought about dying and meeting God. I used to think that if I could ever know for sure that I would go to heaven when I die, there couldn't be another thing worth worrying about. But I never told anybody I felt like that. Whenever that scary feeling came up, I just pushed it down. I knew God was real and close to some people—people in my own family and church—but I just had the idea it couldn't be that way for me. I had to make it on my own. But I got to the place where I couldn't do that.

When I was 30 years old, I experienced a period of depression. Everything was black. Life was hopeless, useless and pointless. It was an awful experience; I don't want to go through anything like that again. Now I can honestly say that I'm glad that it did happen to me because, in that situation, I really discovered that the gift of eternal life was for me. I could know for sure that I was going to heaven! Life began to make sense. My fears of dying and meeting God were replaced with the assurance that God had forgiven and accepted me because I had put my trust in his Son.

Editing the English program packet for the past three years has been tremendously rewarding. The wonderful women I worked with on the last executive council have become my very special friends. And now there's love and unity and excitement in the new executive council too, right from the first meeting. God is so good!

Sylvia Auch, secretary-treasurer

Born on a North Dakota farm, I received my early education in a one-room country school and attended a small, country church. When I was eight years old, I accepted Christ as my Savior and was baptized. I rededicated my life to the Lord's service when I was 23. I had already gone through nurses training and my desire was to become better prepared to be a missionary nurse.

While in seminary, I met Clemence Auch, who became my husband, and later served with him in Japan. Our two girls were small, so my duties involved being mother and homemaker. I conducted an English Bible class and occasionally did some public speaking through an in-

terpreter. When we returned to the United States, our son, Bernie, was born, and two and one half years later our youngest, Gary, joined our family. All four children are grown now; Gary will soon be graduating from high school. We live in Bismarck, where Clemence is the administrator of the Baptist Home.

God has blessed us as a family with good health and has taught us many lessons. We thank and praise him for the way he has cared for us and proved his love to us. God does not give up on us or forget us. Every day I learn something new and I understand that in God, there is no end. He is eternal and in him our life is eternal. Praise his holy name!

Sara Pasiciel, English editor

Since our marriage almost 13 years ago, the thought of "putting down roots" has appealed to me—but the reality has been different. We have lived in South Dakota, in Alberta, in Texas and in West Cameroon. We have, for all of those years, thanked God for where we were—but often wondered, "What next, Lord?"

A verse in Psalm 90 became special to me. In the *Good News* version, "Lord, thou has been my dwelling place . . ."

This Year's Theme

by LaVerna
Mehlhoff,
women's
work director



During 1980, we will be emphasizing the "Rooted" part of our theme. To help us remember, the W.M.F. Executive Council chose the theme: "Let's build a strong root system. Read the Bible through in 1980!" We want to be rooted in Jesus Christ so that he can use us in his kingdom's work. God will grant each of us much joy and many unexpected blessings as we read his Word faithfully.

All of the women in our churches are encouraged to read the Bible through in 1980, using the Bible Reading Guide from the American Bible Society. Bible Reading Guides have been sent to each W.M.F. president and each pastor's wife. I will be happy to send additional Bible Reading Guides to anyone wanting them.

Encourage one another! It will be a good experience to unitedly join in this Bible reading program.

becomes "O Lord, you have always been our home." Our roots are not in Illinois, or Minnesota, or Alberta, or in a house or apartment. Our roots should be in the Lord, so that when we are in his will, we are "at home."

Right now, home is Steinbach, Manitoba, a small town near Winnipeg. My husband, Ernie, is teaching at Winnipeg Bible College and Seminary, a non-denominational school with a truly Christian, dedicated staff and student body. Our two children, Lisa, 10, and Stephen, 7, are enjoying a small-town atmosphere, an excellent school system, and a settled down feeling. We all enjoyed unpacking our wedding gifts and using them for the first time!

My top priority right now is being a Christian wife and mother. Guiding a Bible study, writing, reading, teaching a Sunday school class, speaking occasionally for women's groups, learning to paint and arrange flowers—these activities fill my time and hopefully develop my talents. And I look forward to one day returning to high school or college teaching, or editing, or to whatever the Lord has in store for us.

This will be great three years, I know, serving as editor of these pages. Getting to know you as women better, sharing your ideas and concerns, helping to focus our attention on the purpose and mission of the church today—these are my goals as a member of this executive council.



Eva Helwing, Sara Pasiciel

Eva Helwing, German editor

The year 1952 proved to be one of the most important years of my life. It was in that year that my family came from Germany to the United States. It was also the year when I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and was baptized at Foster Avenue Baptist Church in Chicago.

My roots go back to a Baptist heritage. My paternal grandfather, Eifert Janos, started the Hungarian Baptist Church in his hometown of Soltvadkert. In spite of Communism, there is still a large Baptist congregation in that town today. My maternal grandfather, Andreas Felder,

founded the German Baptist Church in Tab, Hungary, where I was born.

An environment for Christian growth was provided by my parents. They not only provided a Christian home but encouraged participation in choir, Sunday school and youth work, and made it possible for me to attend a Christian college and get my degrees from North Park College and Northwestern University.

For the past 15 years, I have taught history, politics and law at Crane High School, an inner city school in the poverty area of the city of Chicago. My husband, Art, teaches German in a city school. We are both active members of the Baptist Mission Church where we attend with our two boys, Paul, 11, and Carl, 9.

I am looking forward to the challenge which my new position as editor of the German Women's page of the *Baptist Herald/Der Sendbote* offers. Using God's Word as my guide, I hope to be of service and contribute to the growth of the German speaking women in our Conference.

Donna McFall, English Program Packet editor

Our lives today are built upon our yesterdays. As I look back, I see a selfish young woman waking up one day realizing that the things she had dreamed would fulfill her life (a husband, children and home), were not enough. In her sin and despair, she cried out to God, "If you are real, help me!"

Because God is real, he began his work of love and conviction in her hard heart. Through friends, her children and circumstances, she finally broke in two! God revealed himself to her. Six months later, both she and her husband received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

Her yesterdays include ten years of prolonged physical pain. Trips to doctors and clinics all over California gave no answer. However, she found out that even in the midst of the pain and questions, the Lord Jesus is trustworthy and merciful. There were times of joy and tears when he made himself known to the women in hospital rooms and their families. He was in control and she knew it. Her yesterdays also include the right diagnosis and surgery that followed. She was then back in the mainstream of life. She wouldn't trade it for anything.

That is a glimpse of my yesterdays. My today's are filled to the brim. I have the fun of being wife in an empty nest and the treat of answering to "Grandmother." Women and children are at the heart of my life and ministry—all ages and sizes. I

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Missionary Larry Scheffler Introduces New Co-workers

Harold Neff-A Man on Fire For the Lord

Teaching at Baptist Boys' Secondary School is a new experience for Harold Neff. Since he arrived in Soppo, Cameroon in September 1979, Harold has been involved in many areas of service, through which he is sharing his vibrant faith in Jesus Christ.

Adapting to a new culture and life style is not always easy. There were adjustments to be made, but Harold proved himself capable of meeting the challenge. "Many things that we take for granted at home are luxuries here," he observes. "Without all of those time saving appliances, even simple chores



A teacher in Cameroon doesn't have to complain about lack of interest on the part of his students. They WANT to study—and they do.

become hard work. I have also become aware of the disparities between the rich and poor. Seeing these things is giving me a clearer understanding of human nature."

Harold was well prepared for short-term service in Cameroon. He was born in Winnipeg, MB, on Oct. 13, 1956. After graduating from high school in Thompson, MB, in 1974, he attended the Baptist Leadership Training School in Calgary, AB. He received a diploma in Biblical Studies in 1975. He then continued his studies at University of Calgary and University of Alberta. He graduated in August 1979 with a B.A. degree, majoring in History with a minor in Religious Studies.

Harold has been active in his church. He accepted Jesus Christ as Savior at an early age. He was bap-

Cameroon missionary Larry Scheffler is home on furlough and is assisting in the Missions Department at the N.A.B. International Office.



Harold Neff preparing the next day's lectures for his classes at Baptist Boys' Secondary School.

tized in 1969 and became a member of Thompson Baptist Church in Thompson, MB. When he moved to Calgary in 1975, he joined Brentview Baptist Church. Harold worked at Gull Lake Baptist Camp as a counselor and resource person. During one summer he served as a student pastor at First Baptist Church in Lacombe, AB. While in university, Harold was involved in Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. He had the opportunity to get to know a number of foreign students. His friendships with people of other cultures helped to kindle his interest in overseas missionary service.

Now in Cameroon, Harold finds many opportunities to share his faith with Jesus Christ. He has a full



One of the classes of the Baptist Boy's Secondary School at Soppo, Cameroon.

load of teaching responsibilities at Baptist Boys' Secondary School. He is heavily involved in teaching, advising and counseling Cameroonian students. In addition he is helping out with general administrative duties for the Cameroon Baptist Convention,

and he is involved in numerous activities with the churches of the Buea area. Harold is a busy man in the Lord's service. His enthusiasm is already making a positive impact, as he shares the gospel of Jesus Christ with the youth of Cameroon. □

Mildred Martens- Her Dream of Missionary Service Has Come True

The grass covered hillsides of Cameroon bear little resemblance to the busy streets of Philadelphia, but Mildred Martens has never been one to ignore a challenge. After 13 years of teaching in inner city schools, her career has taken an exciting new direction. Taking a sabbatical year from the Philadelphia public school system, Mildred is now teaching Home Economics at Joseph Merrick Baptist College, Ndu.

Mildred brings a wealth of experience to our Cameroon mission field. As a teacher in an inner city school she found many opportunities to develop deep friendships with both her students and fellow teachers. She was also active in a number of professional organizations, serving as an officer of the Philadelphia Home Economics Association, and several other local committees. Teaching in a nearly all black school, Mildred went out of her way to develop friendship with those who did not share the same racial or cultural background. She thought of her students as "real people who were worth helping." Those who have worked with her have described her as a team worker who cares about people and one who is willing to work in difficult situations.

Mildred spent most of her life in the Philadelphia area. She was born on Feb. 23, 1922. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior as a young girl. In 1934 she was baptized by Dr. Martin Leuschner and became a member of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church in Philadelphia. She graduated from Temple University in 1946. Later she pursued graduate studies at Temple and Penn State.

Mildred is the mother of two daughters, Marilyn and Diana, both of whom live in the Philadelphia area. Her husband, Anton Martens, passed away in 1975. She has since continued her career as a teacher and community leader.

Mildred has always been active in the local church, serving as an organist at Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church for many years, teaching Bible school, and helping with typing at the church.

To be a missionary has been a lifelong dream for Mildred. As a young girl she was greatly influenced by Ruth Doescher, missionary to India, who was a member of her church. Many times she thought about the possibility of missionary service. Now, having raised her family, God has given her that opportunity. Her dream of serving on a mission field has finally come true.



Mildred Martens always wanted to be a missionary. Now, as a widow and her children married, her dream has come true. She is a missionary teacher at Joseph Merrick Baptist College at Ndu, Cameroon.

Mildred has touched the lives of many young people throughout her career. She has often taken the opportunity to tell others of the peace and joy that Jesus Christ can give. At Joseph Merrick Baptist College, Mildred has the opportunity to reach out to many young Cameroonians. Her genuine concern has made her both teacher and friend to her students. As a Home Economics teacher, she has the opportunity to help young Cameroonians find answers to both physical and spiritual problems.

Let us pray for her as she reaches out to share the love of Christ with the youth of Cameroon. □

the GROWING edge

FEATURES FROM YOUR CHURCH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Brief, provocative articles to expand the growing edge of the mind and soul—to suggest, perhaps, new avenues of thought and action.

Denny's Column



by Denny Miller

took a more cheerful tone. "Well, he's fine now. Everything's okay." We moved on to another topic.

Here I was, praying someone would reach him, and when Christ gave me an open door, I said, "Me? Not me! I couldn't say anything." So I didn't.

I've always said to myself that I dislike people who don't practice what they preach. So I'd just practice. I tried to let my life be my witness. I still think that's good, because our actions are what most people watch and we should be "doers of the Word." We should practice a lifestyle that others admire and desire.

But can we afford to let it stop there? Acts 20:24 says, "But life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about God's mighty kindness and love."

What if the world ended today and I went to heaven and my friends didn't and they said to me, "Why did you tell us?" What would I say? That I was afraid? That I couldn't tell my friends about the one thing which was central to my existence and my happiness?

Matthew writes that words reveal character and (12:34b) "... the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart." If Christ is in my heart, won't I speak of him? Plus I want others to have the here-and-now benefits of God's grace, not just heaven.

It's not easy to know exactly what to say. I think the word "witness" often puts us off. It seems so big and awesome and heavy. I believe Christ works beautifully through our relationships with other people. When we have trust and confidence and previous experiences with another person, those things back up what we say.

I used to think you had to walk up to someone and say, "Here's what you must do in order to be saved . . ." Now I can share with them in an area of their inadequacy of how I have another greater strength to depend upon . . . that I am not alone . . . and how Christ is real to me.

It's not the halting words Christ looks upon but the willingness to be used by him. He will give you the necessary words.

have influenced countless people, perhaps you, too, from childhood on. Pray that God will lead each who has the gift of teaching into a teaching position.

Pray for our leaders. Ministers, Christian education directors, deacons, superintendents, committee members who make plans and determine directions and goals that give strength and vitality to our Sunday schools. Ask God to bless them with wisdom to match their responsibilities.

Pray for the achievement of our goals.

Learn the purpose and goals of your Sunday school. Pray that they may come to fruition.

Pray for your community. Whom will your Sunday school try to reach for Christ during 1980? Pray that God will help your Sunday school take the gospel to the lost and hurting.

Pray for yourself. How will you help your Sunday school? What would God have you do? Do you have the gift of teaching? Pray that God will open your eyes and heart to opportunities.

Junior girls feel important. She taught us to love Jesus because she loved him.

When I was a young married woman Aunt Jessie and I were co-teachers. She told the Bible stories with special sounds and expressions. The children loved her. I gave the Bible drills and supervised handwork. We taught our pupils to love Jesus.

was the wife of an elder. (He was a carpenter. My dad was a carpenter. Jesus was a carpenter. This seemed important to me.) I went to Sunday school parties at her house. They were so special—full of fun and good refreshments. She made her

When I was a young mother . . .

. . . Aunt Jessie, a widow by that time, came to help with each new baby. She sang hymns, and with patience let the toddlers help her clean the house or take care of the newest baby. We taught my children the love of Jesus.

Then Aunt Jessie was gone . . .

. . . from the small community and the big house where she lived across the street from the church she loved. But she is not gone from the memory of all the boys and girls who listened to her Bible stories. She lives on—even as she receives the promises of her Lord for eternity.

Our Sunday schools have been blessed

with dedicated teachers and workers like Aunt Jessie. Their stories never appear in national news and their fame is like a quiet ripple in the local church.

Dear Lord, let this tribute ring for all the unnamed, beloved Sunday school teachers who enrich the lives of their students—past, present, future!

Midway Through a Long Semester

by Phil Schroeder

Merciful God, these are hard times for many of us: flu and other sicknesses have weakened bodies and afflicted spirits,

midterms have added to the burden of books to read and papers to write and lectures to absorb.

It's been a long time since the last vacation and still five weeks to the next, and then only six weeks more until decisions as to where we go from here fall due for many of us.

But you are the Light of our life, you are the Healer of our bodies, minds, and spirits. You do call us to be students (taking our work seriously, but not too seriously). And you want us to mature into

vulnerability and to grow into usefulness to your purposes.

The Sabbath comes, which you command us to remember for our health and freedom and for your praise and glory. Be present to us, mercifully, in our working and in our resting, in our striving and in our waiting, that we may find your health and strength, know our vocation, trust your gracious and ample providence for our lives, and so celebrate both our hard times and our good times in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ministry

by Mildred Schell

Hurrying along the noisy, crowded street—preoccupied with the busyness of trifles—the woman suddenly stopped and stared upward at the sight of three crosses reaching heavenward.

Expression chased expression across her countenance. She looked startled—incredulous—appreciative—seeking. Thoughtfully she dropped her eyes to

look at the cross-crowned building, with every brick and every pane adding its bit to the precision of perfect lines sweeping the gaze up to the highest cross—and beyond.

She had thought she was in a hurry, but now she altered her course and entered the building. Her mind's eye peopled each room. Some were filled with tiny children, eager with the joy of the very young. Others overflowed with young people, perplexed by the problems of growing bodies and expanding horizons. Still others held adults, preoccupied with their concerns; firm in their faith.

Each room cried out with the clamor of silence for her help. The challenge—wordless, yet eloquent—was unmistakable. She dared not deny it. This was her church. Here were her people. Here was the task to which God called her to dedicate her life.

Leaving the quiet of the building, she returned to the noisy street to continue her journey, with a picture firmly etched on her memory's eye—the picture which had given purpose and meaning to an ordinary day—the picture of three crosses, atop a living church.

About Church Growth

"Two buildings which were built in the early 1900's stood side by side, one almost as strong as the day it was built, the other about to collapse. One caretaker had crawled often under his house, examined the foundation, replaced or improved weakened timbers. The other owner didn't bother because from the

outside the house looked strong. Churches and their programs, too, are often evaluated by their appearance rather than by their inner strength." —Harold Westing in *Sunday School Growth Through Evaluation*.

"Christian fellowship is more than serving Kool Aid in the church basement. Christian fellowship isn't a bunch of people in a room bouncing off each other like ping-pong balls; it's like grapes crushed together. It means sharing our lives with each other." —Dr. Richard Halverson.

"The mission of the church will not be any clearer to the congregation than it is to its leaders." —Forrest Schwalm.

"There is no substitute for proclaiming the message daily in the temple, on the street, and from house to house. The going church is the growing church. Multiplication by division is the principle. That church which 'brings men in' but doesn't 'send them out' nurtures religious obesity which in turn contributes to all kinds of spiritual heart failure." —Don Hillis in *I'm Against Protestant Monasteries*.

Stupid

Stupid (adj.) wanting in understanding; obtuse; dull of perception.

Ah, Lord,
That's me.
I never really thought of myself as stupid.
But wanting in understanding? Yes,

more's the pity—
when my eldest cries out in protest
against the hidebound traditions of
the past.
Obtuse? Yes, when my neighbor comes to
borrow a cup of sugar, but really needs
to borrow strength for her day.
Dull of perception? Ah, so.
Seeing, I perceive not.
My vision checks out 20-20,
but my insight is out of focus.

Stupid?
Yes, it applies
But it needn't be a permanent state of
affairs.
I can decide to be otherwise.
I can take time to listen to what cannot
be said and see what cannot be
shown and perceive what is beneath
the surface.
Forgive my stupidity.
Guide my tomorrows. Amen.

A Tribute to Aunt Jessie by Wilma L. Shaffer

When I was a little girl . . .

. . . Aunt Jessie was my teacher. She

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Tribute to The Rev. Irvin H. Schmuland

by Norman W. Dreger

The summons of the Lord, "Come home," came to his servant, the Rev. Irvin Harold Schmuland, on Oct. 10, 1979, after 60 years of earthly sojourn.

He was born on Dec. 27, 1918, at Fenwood, SK, to Emil and Mary Schmuland. As a young man he accepted Christ as Lord and Savior and was baptized by Rev. Wuerch. He united in fellowship with the believers of the Baptist Church at Fenwood, SK.

During World War II, Mr. Schmuland served with the Royal Canadian Army for four years. It was during this time that he felt the call to full-time Christian service. Before commencing his studies for the ministry, he was united in marriage to Lottie Dohms on June 28, 1945. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY, and Bachelor of Divinity from North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD.

While a seminary student, he served a church at Trent, SD. Following his ordination, he pastored churches at Goodrich, ND; Aberdeen, SD; Jamestown, ND; and Medicine Hat, AB.

During these ministries, the Holy Spirit used Rev.



Rev. Schmuland

The Rev. Norman W. Dreger is pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, AB.

Schmuland to touch many lives. He had the privilege of seeing many accept Christ as their Savior, and baptized them. He stood by many in the joys of matrimony and the sorrows of death. It was his special privilege to baptize and perform the marriages of his three children.

Rev. Schmuland's denominational activities included service in co-founding Crystal Springs Baptist Youth Camp in North Dakota, vice chairman of N.A.B. Church Ministries Board, and moderator of the Alberta Baptist Association.

In addition to his helpmate, Lottie, he leaves to cherish his memory, Rodney and his wife, Sharon, of Minneapolis, MN; Wynne and his wife, Connie, of Calgary,

AB; Luanne and her husband, Edwin Asbach, of Buffalo, NY; two grandchildren, Todd and Tammy Schmuland; his stepmother, Mrs. Mathilda Schmuland of White Rock, BC; four brothers: Arnold and Gordon of Vancouver, BC; Herbert and Lawrence of Regina, SK, and three sisters: Mrs. Ray F. (Esther) Dickau of Norridge, IL; Miss Sylvia Schmuland of Vancouver, BC; and Mrs. A. (Audrey) Govinchuck of Regina, SK. Besides these, there are members of churches he pastored and many dear relatives and friends.

Rev. Schmuland now rests from his labors, and his works follow on. □

Pastors Recharge at Retreat

by Ed Hughes

"Come ye apart and rest awhile..." Heeding our gracious Lord's advice, 46 N.A.B. pastors from four western provinces met in conference Nov. 5-8, 1979. Housed in beautiful Banff Springs Hotel in the Canadian Rocky Mountains, the pastors enjoyed physical relaxation, stimulating Bible messages and opportunity for unhurried exchange of blessings and burdens. Veteran and beginning pastors from city and country churches sang God's glory together under the able leadership of NABC music professor, John Taylor.

Sharing the conference with 100 pastors of another Baptist body, the N.A.B. men spent mornings in prayer session and study. Afternoons saw many make their way up to the sulphur Hot Springs where, in spite of sub-zero weather, open-air bathing, trail-trekking or rock-collecting filled the leisure time. Evening activities included rich Bible ministry

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The Banff Springs Hotel as seen against the spruce forests of Sulphur Mountain in the heart of the Canadian Rocky Mountains.

and business meetings. Reports were received from the four provincial Associations, and prayer requests were shared by the pastors.

Presenting a series of lectures on patterns of church growth, Dr. Roy Seibel, N.A.B. Seminary, encouraged God's servants in the task of serving their church while their church serves the sovereign Lord Jesus. Reinhold Kerstan, *Baptist Herald* editor, brought greetings from the Oakbrook Terrace office and Conference highlights, and Dr. Wm. Sturhahn reported on the soon-to-be-disbanded

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CHURCH
EXTENSION
PROJECT

Planning for the Future in Red Deer

by LeRoy Moser



Sunday school opening for young and old.

Strong motivation, a spirit of adventure and lots of will-power are involved in launching a Church Extension project. A bit of introspection and a willingness to sample something new are also important in beginning this type of ministry.

The main objectives of Community Baptist Church in Red Deer, AB, are for the worship of almighty God, aggressive preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ unto the salvation of the lost, teaching and instruction of the believers, and the development of a consistent Christian character as revealed in God's Holy Scriptures, to administer the New Testament ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the promotion of missionary enterprises at home and abroad.

Because of these purposes, Community Baptist Church became a vital living reality when it met for the first morning worship service and Sunday school on March 5, 1978. The Spirit of that first service was electrifying, and the congregational singing was enthusiastic. Since that first service in March it has been our Spirit-filled joy to extend the hand of fellowship to over thirty members and to wit-

The Rev. LeRoy Moser is pastor of Community Baptist Church, Red Deer, AB.



Pastor LeRoy Moser with family.



Children brighten up the serious Bible study of the adult Sunday school class.

ness the attendance of more than eighty people for an average.

Community Baptist Church is located in Alberta's fourth largest city, the City of Pines, beautiful Red Deer, nestled midpoint between Calgary and Edmonton, with a population well over 39,000 and projected to reach 100,000 by the turn of the century.

Our immediate future is planned around growth, both in spiritual quality and physical numbers. We will continue to provide a family emphasis that appeals and reaches families with a variety of backgrounds. We share that the God of the universe—infinite, unimaginable, unfathomable—loves people in whatever their condition. The results has been incredible!

With the help of the Alberta Baptist Association of Churches, Community Baptist Church has purchased two acres of land (\$72,000.00 per acre) in north Red Deer, where the majority of residential development is taking place. As a congregation we are anticipating a building program by this coming spring. We also know that the cost for materials and supplies will be astronomical. Therefore, the needs of Community Baptist Church are substantial. Our task is great! We do appreciate your financial help and continued prayer support.

Your personal designated gifts for Community Baptist Church may be sent to the North American Baptist Conference International Office, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

MR. AND MRS. ROY SCHNABEL celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 12, 1979, at Ventura Baptist Church, Ventura, ND. Their son, Delmar and his family, hosted the event which was attended by many relatives and friends. An afternoon program was held with Delmar Schnabel serving as master of ceremonies. Pastor Randall C. Tschetter gave a meditation based on Psalm 117.



A reception followed. The Schnabels are active church members and sing in the choir. The actual date of their anniversary was Dec. 8. (Rev. Randall Tschetter, reporter.)

On the eve of the **REV. AND MRS. DAVID LITCKE'S** 50th wedding anniversary, Sept. 16, they were invited to the home of their youngest daughter, Mrs. Randall Belflower. The oldest daughter, Mrs. Harry Belflower and her husband from Chatsworth, GA, had arranged to be there for the occasion. Upon entering, they were surprised to be greeted by flashing cameras and the whole family, including granddaughters and their husbands, a great-granddaughter plus a host of relatives and friends. The scene was one of flowers and elaborately decorated table with an anniversary cake, lunch and all the trimmings. Gifts and cards were presented with congratulations and well-wishes for the future. A thought, expressed on a card presented by the family, "Every moment touched by love turns to gold," was a fitting climax. The Littkes are both active in the Senior Citizens work, teaching Sunday school and occasionally preaching.

THE REV. AND MRS. ROBERT JASTER were married on Oct. 27, 1929, in the Golden Prairie, SK, area. The Rev. Henry Schatz officiated. He served churches at Valleyview, AB, Nokomis and Regina, SK, and Chilliwack, BC. He also served as chaplain in the Haven of Rest Senior Home, and Sunnyside Nursing Home for four years. Since retiring he has helped as interim pastor in Prince George, Vernon and Chilliwack, BC.

Dinner was served to about 150 guests.



A rich and varied program followed. The couple's son, Ray was emcee. The choir and ladies groups brought fitting songs for the occasion, as well as the German guitar group. There were also poems and readings, and words of appreciation and encouragement. The Rev. Len Strelau, pastor of Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, also spoke.

The Jasters have three sons: Ray, Harvey and Eugene, and three daughters: Laurie James, Carol Blessin and Sharon. There are also 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The Rev. and Mrs. Jaster are semi-retired in Chilliwack and are still active in the Lord's work as members of Victoria Avenue Baptist Church. (Monika Schulz, reporter.)

MR. AND MRS. HENRY H. SIEMENS marked their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 23, 1979. During the morning worship hour, a presentation was made by the Brentview Baptist Church to Mrs. Siemens. Mr. Siemens is a patient in an auxilliary hospital and was unable to attend, but was able to be present at a family celebration in the afternoon at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Ohlhauser. The Siemens also have a son, Waldo, of Leduc and seven grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Siemens have been active in N.A.B. churches in Winnipeg and Leduc prior to moving to Calgary where they are members of the Brentview Baptist Church.

Many friends and relatives gathered at the Goodrich, ND, school gymnasium Sept. 22, to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of **MR. AND MRS. WALTER Kiest**. Mr. and Mrs. Greg Jurkovich,



daughter and son-in-law, and their sons and children participated in a program. Other friends and relatives also took part through music and readings, including a history of the past fifty years given by Mrs. Len Barreth, sister of Mrs. Kiest, who was also an attendant at the wedding.

The Rev. Daniel Heringer, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Goodrich, gave a sermonette. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kiest are members of the First Baptist Church of Goodrich. Mrs. Kiest was honored in 1978 for her 33 years of service as a Sunday school teacher.

MR. AND MRS. ASOPH HAAS celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 29, 1979. On July 22, their children and grandchildren gathered at Ventura Baptist Church, Ventura, ND, with about 150 friends and relatives to celebrate the occasion. They had the privilege



of going to church for their anniversary service in the same car that was used on their wedding day, a 1924 Model T touring (picture taken seated in car). Their children are the Rev. Harry Haas, Gillette, WY, and Murel Haas, Missoula, MT.

MINOT, ND. Nov. 4, 1979, was a day of welcome to our new associate pastor, Keith Heyn and his wife, Margaret. In the morning service, a time of installation was observed with gifts of flowers presented from the deaconesses and deacons.

The evening service was celebrated with Communion and a welcome and challenge from a delegate from each of the seven boards. A response and meditation was then given by Pastor Heyn.

After the service, a reception and grocery shower was held in the lower auditorium for the entire church body as well as many visiting friends. Welcomes were given by several visiting pastors and friends from the community. (Inez Rhone, reporter.)

VANCOUVER, BC. Our new youth pastor at Bethany Baptist, Reid Galbraith and his wife Edie, arrived in the beginning of June to start their ministry. Already they have captured the affection of the youth and begun many imaginative programs.

We are thankful, too, for Brian Rap-ske, one of our members, who served as assistant to the pastor in the many months that we were without a second pastor. We're confident the Lord will continue to use Brian as he carries on with his theological training.



Thanksgiving Sunday was a fitting time to honor Dr. and Mrs. H. Waltereit (pictured) on the occasion of their 40th anniversary in the ministry. Their ministry began in Fenwood, SK; Ebenezer Baptist in Lehr, ND; Grand Forks, ND; and McDermot Avenue Baptist in Winnipeg, where at one time they had over 1,000 members. They spent another nine years at Ridgmont, Detroit, MI, and the last eight years here at Bethany.

Many letters and personal congratulations were read which attested to Dr. Waltereit's quiet and loving spirit of service. He has had a most interesting background, and in Dr. Waltereit's response he shared with us how our almighty God upheld them through good and bad times, and thanked everyone for their continued prayer support. Dr. Waltereit mentioned that as he traveled with the seminary quartet in 1937, they stopped at Bethany here in Vancouver at the time of our inception. A coffee fellowship concluded the afternoon. (Mrs. Trudy Zindler, reporter.)

MANITOWOC, WI. The tenth annual meeting of the Wisconsin Association was held Oct. 19-20, 1979, at Manitowoc. Ninety-four delegates represented our 14 churches, five of which were from our Church Extension Church at Sun Prairie. The Rev. Willis Potratz and Dr. Reinhold Kerstan gave the denominational reports. The slide presentation, "To Reach the Unreached," by the Rev. Milton Hildebrandt was shown.

The theme, "Build One Another Up," was enlarged upon by Dr. R. Kerstan and four of our Wisconsin pastors. The Scripture theme was 1 Thess. 5:9-11.

The Rev. Willis Potratz was the speaker at the pastors and wives breakfast. Missionary speakers at the Saturday night banquet were the Rev. Richard and Mrs. Karen Kaiser serving at Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

The Rev. Allan Kranz, Watertown, was elected moderator. (Alice Gates, secretary.)

WACO, TX. Central Baptist Church of Waco, TX, has much to rejoice about. In the few short months that our new pastor, the Rev. Joe Cook and our new youth director, Andy Andros, have been with us, many moving and beautiful things have been accomplished. The most important of these has been the saving of lost souls. Twelve people have been saved, and on Sunday evening, Nov. 18, 1979, after a most inspiring candlelight service, led by our Youth Department, with singing and testimonies, eight people were baptized by our pastor. We thank God for these new members and ask for his continuing Holy Spirit to work in our church. The outreach in our community has been good and many new programs have been started, all in the direction of saving the lost and church growth. (Louise Hoeffner, reporter.)

JODI, CA. For the second time in 31 years, Temple Baptist Church has been a part of the joyous occasion of groundbreaking services. On Sunday evening, Sept. 16, 1979, on a thirty-acre plot, purchased four years ago, we stood and praised the Lord for his faithfulness in allowing us to begin with the building program of a new church and related facilities, which has become necessary because of the growth of the church membership.



A large number of the original 148, who were the charter members of Temple Baptist Church, are still a part of the church, and quite a number of these were able to attend this second memorable groundbreaking service. One of the original members, Mrs. Emma B. Lohr, was 100 and one-half years of age at the time of her death on Jan. 24, 1979. Another charter member was 99 years of age on May 9, 1979, and is living in a convalescent hospital in Lodi. Two of our oldest members, both 89, one of whom is a charter member, turned the first two shovels full of ground. This now begins the first two phases of our development program, and it is our prayer that, because of his faithfulness in answering our prayers, we will be faithful in carrying out the great commission of winning souls for Christ. Pastor Ken Fischer is senior pastor of the church. (Mrs. Leonard Fischer, reporter.)

TACOMA, WA. The Pacific Northwest Association met at the Olympic View Baptist Church Oct. 11-14, 1979, in Tacoma, WA, with 97 delegates from 14 churches. The theme was "Rooted, Grounded and Growing" taken from Col. 2:6, 7. Special speakers were Dr. and Mrs. Ron Hiller from Nigeria, and Dr. Helen Marie Schmidt brought greetings from Cameroon.

We welcomed two new pastors into our fellowship. They were the Rev. and Mrs. Allen Strohschein from Minneapolis who are at Sierra Heights in Renton, and the Rev. and Mrs. Hero Ulrich from Saskatchewan who are now pastoring the church in Missoula, MT.

The award for the greatest growth in Sunday school this year went to our church in Everett, WA. (Mrs. Melvin A. Ensley, secretary.)

CARRINGTON, ND. On Sunday, December 2, a farewell service at Calvary Baptist Church was held for the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Unruh. A communion service was held in the morning. Everyone was invited for the program in the evening. It included musical selections by various groups, and church officers commented on highlights of the pastor and his wife's ministry. Gifts and a love offering were presented to the Unruhs. A time of fellowship followed. They will be making their home in California. Their future plans are indefinite. (Vi Pepple, reporter.)

DURHAM, KS. Groundbreaking services, in conjunction with the morning worship service, were held on Sept. 30,



1979, at the First Baptist Church, Durham, KS. A fellowship hall, baptistry and additional Sunday school classrooms are part of the new addition. Also included in the plans is a renovation of the existing structure. Harvey Friez, pastor, is pictured breaking ground. Also pictured are Henry Geissler, William Rhode, Leonard Klein and chairman of the Building Committee, Glenn Klinkerman. (Marcella Mohn, reporter.)

our conference in action

KELOWNA, BC. On Oct. 21, 1979, the Lakeview Heights Baptist Church celebrated its fifth anniversary with a Thanksgiving turkey dinner in our new church, dedicated Dec. 3, 1979. The facilities were filled to capacity with about 290 present.

There was hearty singing and special music by our junior choir and men's choir, specially arranged for this occasion. There were three testimonies: a charter member, a transferred member and a new Christian.

Pastor Ed Hohn showed slides of the five years since its beginning. For our guest speaker we had the Rev. John Binder share with us the leading of God in his life. The Thanksgiving offering of \$8,000 went toward the building fund. We already are suffering from growing pains, and have to add seven new Sunday school rooms.

On Nov. 4, we had our third baptismal service of the year. Five young people followed the Lord in baptism, 18 were received by transfer and testimony, making a total of 23 new members. Hearing the testimonies of these new members is always a spiritual delight and we greatly rejoice in the goodness and blessing of the Lord upon us.

Our present membership stands at 135, with four more to be received before the end of the year. (O. Zimmerman, secretary.)

BILLINGS, MT. On Nov. 18, 1979, Calvary Baptist Church observed Laymen's Sunday. Both morning and evening services were conducted by men of the church. The morning message was brought by Roger Aldinger. The evening service was a sharing time with the entire congregation participating on the theme "I Have a Dream."

Wednesday, Nov. 21, a Thanksgiving praise service was held at the home of a member with a special gratitude offering received. We continue to thank God for his rich blessing. The Rev. Brian Hayes is the pastor of the church. (Jan Kapptie, reporter.)

CARRINGTON, ND. On Sunday, Oct. 7, at Calvary Baptist Church, our Harvest Mission Festival was held with the Rev. Kenneth Goodman, missionary in Nigeria. After the morning service a fellowship dinner was served, followed by an afternoon service. Morning and afternoon offerings were received for N.A.B. missions.

The New Life meetings, held Oct. 21-24 with the Rev. Adine Harsch of Martin, ND, were an inspiration for all. The nightly features included gospel singing, children's story and vocal solos. We thank the Lord for the blessings bestowed upon our lives during these days.

On Oct. 28 a joint baptismal service



was held with Cathay Baptist Church, whose pastor is the Rev. John Dikkers. Seven candidates (pictured) followed the Lord in baptism. (Violette Pepple, reporter.)

BURLINGTON, IA. The Rev. Henry Ramus has accepted the call to become associate in Church Ministries at the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, IA. He began his work there on Sept. 29, 1979.

Mr. Ramus was Leadership Education director, director of Children's Ministries and assistant to the general secretary during his eleven years in our Conference office. These areas of leadership add to the splendid qualifications he takes to his new ministry. Prior to his work in the Conference offices he pastored churches at Minneapolis, MN, and Neustadt, ON.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramus will make their home at 1509 Airline Drive in Burlington. Their daughter, Debora (Mrs. Lee Gorke), resides in Wheaton, IL. Their son, Kevin, is a university freshman at Ames, IA.

The Burlington church has been one of our strongest North American Baptist Churches over the years. The church has been without an associate for a year, and there has been great anticipation at Burlington for the coming of the Ramuses. Mr. Ramus had served five months in an interim position at Burlington 23 years ago. The Rev. Bert Sweeney is the pastor.

LODI, CA. On Sunday evening, Oct. 14, 1979, during the evening service and with mixed emotions, the members and friends of Temple Baptist Church bade a fond farewell to our faithful and dedicated Pastor Harv and Sandy Wilkie and their two boys, Roger and Ryan. Pastor Harv and Sandy have faithfully served the Lord here at Temple for six years in every possible area of our youth. We shall miss them very much, but we are thankful to God that they have been faithful in yielding to God's calling to a senior pastorate at the McKernan Baptist Church in Edmonton. Pastor Ken Fischer is senior pastor of the church. (Mrs. Leonard J. Fischer, reporter.)

BRIDGMAN, MI. Ronald Gunter, member of Woodland Shores Baptist Church, was set aside to the Gospel ministry at the ordination service held Sunday evening, October 14.

The Ordination Council was called to examine the candidate on October 13 and recommended that the local church proceed with ordination. At the ordination service the church moderator, Dr. Kenneth Kieft presided, with the Rev. Willis Potratz of Stevensville giving the charge to the candidate. Pastor of the local church, the Rev. Rubin Herrmann, brought the ordination sermon. Dr. Herbert Atkinson led in the prayer of commitment and the Rev. Ronald Gunter pronounced the benediction.



Mr. Gunter graduated from North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, SD, May 1979, with an MA degree in counseling. While attending seminary he was involved in counseling under Dr. Ernest Zimbelman in the Psychology Services.

In August 1979, he and his family moved to the Cincinnati, OH, area where he has teamed up with Dr. Entner in ministering to the spiritual needs of an area representing over a million people. The congregation expressed their continued loving care for the Gunters' future success by receiving a love gift for them.

EMERY, SD. Members of First Baptist Church, Emery, SD, joined with the Rev. C. Hiatt, former pastor, in a prayer of dedication for the bell tower completed this summer as part of the Rally Day service on Sunday, Aug. 26, 1979. The



members of the Trustee Board rang the bell a number of times before the dedicatory prayer. The bell was taken off the old church building in 1963 when the present church was built. (Mrs. Otto V. Bleeker, reporter.)

GOODRICH, ND. The WMF of the First Baptist Church presented a birthday program on Sunday evening, Oct. 14. Several ladies baked and decorated cakes in themes appropriate with the 12 months, and those attending sat at their respective birthday month table. The regular WMF circle gave a skit, "The Little Red Hen," written by Beth Rabenhorst. Other WMF members participated through music and readings. Following the program the cakes were cut and served along with other refreshments.

The WMF of Goodrich First Baptist has had an interesting past year by trying the Circles of Interest concept. We divided into four interest groups: traditional, crafts, Bible study and visitation/outreach. We also had combined meetings periodically. The Rev. Daniel Heringer is the pastor of the church. (Judie Seibel, reporter.)

SUMNER, IA. Pictured are babies born this year since First Baptist Church moved into the recently purchased former E.U.B. church building. The picture, taken under the supervision of Retha Menke, Cradle Roll supt. (shown at left)



shows the babies, their parents, and the Rev. and Mrs. Chandler. Extensive remodeling has been done on the church building, including the nursery, pastor's office, sanctuary painted, new carpet, new pews, new basement entrance and wide stairway, basement walls redone, and new ladies restroom. As soon as the baptistry is removed from the old building and installed, an open house will be held. We praise the Lord for the babies and for the church building he has provided for us. (Ann Mosher, reporter.)

LEDUC, AB. It is thrilling for members of Temple Baptist Church and friends to see our new church growing and taking shape. On Oct. 14, 1979, we were happy to have the cornerstone laying. Our pas-

tor, the Rev. John Martens, gave the message. The chairman of the deacon board, Mr. Elmer Wambold, read the church history, a copy of which was put into the box along with other items: a Bible, a copy of the September BAPTIST HERALD and newspaper articles. The box was put in place by Edward Ohlmann, chairman of the Building Committee and Elmer Wambold. Work is progressing and the Lord is blessing for which we thank him. (Vi Fleck, reporter.)

CHEEKTOWAGA, NY. Decision, Discipline, Discipleship and Destiny! These were discussed at our four "Daring Discipleship" meetings during October. We met at various homes in small groups. After an informal meeting we had refreshments. What blessed fellowship! The ultimate climax came as reports were read during our Sunday, Oct. 28, 1979 banquet. What enthusiasm we now have for the future, courage for today and sadness for the past. Pastor Thole instigated this "mini-intrachurch revival" and believes it has touched some member of every family at Temple. Yes, Lord, we heard your voice and truly believe "that they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength..." (Mrs. George Hartman, reporter.)

MARTIN, ND. The Martin Baptist Church was privileged to host two missionaries this fall. The Rev. Kenneth Goodman (pictured) was the speaker at the Harvest and Missions Festival, with inspiring messages at the morning and afternoon meetings. On October 3, women of the community met in the fellowship hall of the church for a missionary tea.



Dr. Laura Reddig was our honored guest and speaker. In the evening she showed slides of her work among the leprosy patients. The Rev. Adine Harsch is the pastor of the church. (Lorraine Seibel, reporter.)

BORING, OR. "Be not conformed to this world... Be new... Be different..." Rom. 12:2 was the key verse around which the Ninety-second Annual Session of the Oregon-Idaho Association, held Nov. 2-4, centered its theme of

our conference in action

"Today's Christian Lifestyle."

The social format of the meetings took on a different structure than in previous years with a brown bag lunch and an ice cream social held at the Hollyview Baptist Church in Boring, OR, where the Rev. Larry Neufeld is pastor.

"The character of spirituality depends on one thing only—being able to pray," said one keynote speaker, Dr. Herbert Dickerson, professor of Homiletics at the North American Baptist Seminary. Dickerson addressed the topic of "Authentic Spirituality" during his series of talks.

Beginning with a talk on, "A Lifestyle That Satisfies," missionaries Ken and June Goodman challenged those present with their responsibility to share with others what God has done for them.

Moderator Dean Gonneman and area secretary, Hans Wilcke, saw that the business and conference ministry portions of the meeting went smoothly and optimistically. Goals were proposed as far as budgets, future church extension projects and various other items were concerned.

The youth banquet was indicative of the association spirit with over 100 youth in attendance. The youth program, led by the Rev. Carlo Walth, was a mixture of singing, getting to know one another, special numbers, Dickerson's message on fear and guilt of failure, and a gearing up for the coming year's activities.

The meeting was closed with a rally held at Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, OR, (Rev. Ed Wesner, pastor) with a message by Dickerson and numbers from a mass choir drawn from association churches. (Denny Miller, reporter.)

McCLUSKY, ND. A Family Building Seminar, emphasizing family foundations, was held at McClusky Baptist Church, Oct. 31-Nov. 4, 1979. Guest lecturer was Prof. Willy R. Muller of N.A.B. College, Edmonton, AB. Topics were: "The Family in the Word of God;" "The Contemporary Family;" "Discipline;" "Role Acceptance in the Family;" and "The Pillars of Marriage."

Prof. Muller also ministered on Sunday, speaking to the Sunday school on "Choosing Life's Vocations," and at the worship service, "The Church's One Foundation." On Sunday evening the Goodrich congregation and other guests met with us for the closing service during which he spoke on "A Measure for Spiritual Growth." (Mrs. Allen Faul, reporter.)

OKEENE, OK. After having served our church faithfully these past five years, our pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Harry Haas presented their resignation effective the first of August. A farewell reception was held following the evening service, and gifts were presented to

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pastor and family members. We wish them God's blessing as they have now begun the extension work in Gillette, WY.



God has heard and answered our prayers in sending us our new pastor, Mr. Christopher Creech and his lovely wife, Faith, (pictured). They began their ministry on Aug. 1, 1979. Pastor Creech is a graduate of Colorado University, Boulder, CO, receiving a degree in Business Education. He was a member of Campus Crusade for a time and also worked as a mortgage broker for three years. He has recently graduated from the Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX, and did a summer's work in Continuing Educational Biblical Studies. His formal ordination will be held sometime after the first of the year. Our pastor's wife, Faith, is the daughter of our area secretary, the Rev. Milton Zeeb. She received her B.S. degree in Elementary Education and Music at Baylor University, TX, and has had several years teaching experience.

A reception and pantry shower was held in their honor. We have begun a mid-week discipleship program using as a format the concept of Carl Wilson, Worldwide Discipleship. Thirty-seven members are involved in the first phase of this program. We are very thankful for this spiritual experience as we seek to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Mrs. Weldon Leisher, reporter.)

MOOSEHORN, MB. On Aug. 3, 1979, the Moosehorn Baptist Church held its closing program of a successful week of Vacation Bible School. On Aug. 5, 1979, we joyfully welcomed our new pastor, the Rev. and Mrs. S. Zukowski and their family, with an evening program and coffee fellowship. Thanksgiving was observed on Oct. 7, 1979, with a morning praise service, dinner in the church served by the ladies and an afternoon Thanks to God program. Missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Storey, from New Tribes missions, shared with us their work in Thailand in word and slides. Musical selections from various church members and the choir enriched the service.

Nov. 3-4, the Moosehorn Baptist Church observed its 60th anniversary

with the theme, "God Enables Us to do What He Commands." A Love-Feast was held for the church families in the form of a potluck supper and informal sharing time. Sunday school classes held a contest to see which class had its door decorated most meaningfully. Sunday morning, the Rev. R. Goetze addressed the congregation. Choir and other musical selections enriched the worship service. This was followed by a soup and pie dinner. The afternoon service of Praise and Thanks was again filled with local musical selections as well as visiting musical groups from McDermot Ave. Church. The Rev. Goetze spoke again, and greetings were read from dignitaries, former pastors and churches. Other former pastors brought greetings in person. The church history was read. Refreshments were served. Money for an autoclave for Banso Baptist Hospital was raised by contributions from the young people, ladies' aid, offerings on Sunday, and through the sale of commemorative spoons. The congregation was challenged through the messages and music and encouraged in looking back at how God had blessed the church through good and hard times. (Mrs. Margaret Grauman, reporter.)

ONOWAY, AB. On Sept. 9, 1979, an induction service was held for Pastor Wenzel Hanik and his wife, Maria. They were welcomed by various church organizations. Pastor Erwin Kujat of St. Albert welcomed them on behalf of the Alberta Association. The induction message was brought by Pastor Harold Weiss of the Parkland Baptist Church of Spruce Grove.

Pastor Hanik was formerly the assistant pastor of Pineland Baptist Church, Burlington, ON. We are thankful for his willingness to serve us and are looking forward to many good times together serving the Lord.

One area of growth that we experienced immediately has been in the area of our youth work. We are praying that this will expand into other areas of the church. (Sonia Turner, reporter.)

OLDS, AB. On July 1, 1979, the East Olds Baptist Church celebrated fifty years of ministry. Over 400 people were present for the worship and praise services. Our theme, "Rooted and Built Up in Him," based on Col. 2:7, was made visual by a tree design covering the front wall of the sanctuary and another tree on the foyer wall, on which were several hundred leaves, each one bearing the name of a present or former member family.

It was a unique privilege to have the founder of the church, Dr. E. P. Wahl, as our morning speaker. He challenged us to entire dedication to God as his people (Lev. 26:12), using powerful examples in

his own life related to the founding of this church and others. Also sharing in the morning service was former pastor, the Rev. H. Bushkowsky (1967-72), now in Leduc. The Rev. Isador Faszer, Northern Area secretary brought greetings from the Conference and from the Alberta Association and challenged us from Luke 9:24.

Eleven of our 46 charter members were able to be with us for the anniversary celebrations. Neighboring churches, Trochu Baptist, Red Deer Community Baptist, Maycity Missionary Church, Carbon Baptist, Olds First Baptist, Drumheller Zion and Parkdale, brought greetings. The offering received in the morning service was designated for the Conference mission budget.



In a nearby Quonset, a delicious noon meal, featuring beef barbecued overnight in the ground for 13 hours, was served. Returning to the afternoon service at 2:30 there was special sharing by the Rev. Irwin Kujat (1972-76) and Mrs. Betty Beutler (1936-41). Our main speaker for the afternoon was the Rev. H. J. Wilcke (1942-44), now Western Area secretary, who spoke on our theme. Following the service, a light lunch was served and a special anniversary cake was enjoyed.



On July 2, celebrations continued during our Sunday school picnic. Of special interest were a sing-along and a spontaneous choir led by former member, Professor Ed Link of N.A.B. College.

We thank God for 50 years of service in the community and in our Conference and look forward to what lies ahead under his direction. (A 50th Anniversary booklet, covering the history of the church is available at \$4.50 per copy. Write to East Olds Baptist Church, R.R. #1, Olds, Alberta, T0M 1P0.) The Rev. Ritchie White is the pastor of the church.

in memoriam

KATHARINA GIENGER ADAM, 90, was born near Long Lake, SD, Oct. 28, 1888, and died Oct. 27, 1979, in Elk Grove, CA. She married Jacob Adam of Ashley, ND, Dec. 10, 1907. They settled on the farm, and in 1917 moved to Elk Grove, CA. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Elk Grove. Her husband and two sons, Gottfried and Gottlieb preceded her in death. Survivors include four sons: Fred of San Jose, Alvin of Sacramento, and Ernie and Roy of Elk Grove; two daughters: Eva Price and Edna Jonas of Sacramento; two sisters: Lydia Feikert of Elk Grove and Emma Dockter of Escalon; 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Pastors Fred Klein and Merle Brenner officiated at the funeral service.

ELSIE ELIZABETH DINGFIELD, nee Shubert, 90, was born in Lodz, Poland, on June 2, 1889, and died in Chicago on Oct. 11, 1979. As a girl of eight, she trusted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior in Poland, and became active in the Baptist church in Lodz. At the age of 23, she immigrated to Canada, living in Edmonton for six years, and again became active in the church there. Elsie married Emil Dingfield on May 20, 1919, who preceded her in death in 1947. She was active in Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, WA, for more than 60 years. For the past ten months she lived at the Central Baptist Home in Norridge, IL. A memorial service was held there on Oct. 13, 1979, with Chaplain Ray Dickau and the Rev. Fred Sweet officiating. Another service was held at Calvary Baptist, Tacoma, WA, on Oct. 15, 1979, with her son, the Rev. Walter Dingfield and Pastor Ervin Gerlitz, participating. She is survived by three sons: Dean of Tacoma, Walter of Kankakee, IL, and Harold of Streamwood, IL; two sisters: Lydia Brucks and Olga Kuerbis of Edmonton, AB, eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

ANNIE GENTNER, 92, of Lodi, CA, went to be with her Lord on Sept. 20, 1979. She was born near Carrington, ND, on Nov. 29, 1886, the first American-born child of immigrant parents, Christian and Wilhelmina (Fandrich) Seibold. They had arrived in Dakota Territory in the spring of 1885. Annie Seibold and Christian E. Gentner were married in the Germantown Baptist Church on Feb. 28, 1907. The couple returned to Balgonie, SK, his home. The family moved to Lodi, CA, on Dec. 20, 1920, and started attending the First Baptist

Church soon after their arrival. In 1925, under the ministry of the late Dr. G. E. Lohr, Mrs. Gentner received Christ as her personal Savior. She was baptized and received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church. She remained a faithful member and was active in the Women's Missionary Society. She was preceded in death by her husband and son Herbert. She is survived by her children: Edmund F., Santa Barbara; Reuben A., Courtland; Elton C., Elk Grove and Irene G. Suelzle, Lodi; three daughters-in-law, one son-in-law, seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

SOPHIA (BERTSCH) DOHN, 88, Eureka, SD, was born April 29, 1891, in Greenway, SD, and died Oct. 2, 1979. She married Christ Dohn Nov. 20, 1909, and was a member of First Baptist Church, Eureka, SD. Survivors include four sons: Adolf, Albert, Theophil and Walter; three daughters: Otellia Dohn, Mrs. Orvin (Martha) Bader and Mrs. August (Clara) Dockter; four brothers: Julius Bertsch, Adolph Bertsch, Theodore Bertsch and Otto Bertsch; two sisters: Mrs. Emelia Dohn and Mrs. Julius (Martha) Diede; 24 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two uncles: Henry Schrenk and Andrew Schrenk. The Rev. Walter Weber officiated at the funeral service.

BRENDA GAIL ERTMAN passed away on March 9, 1979, at the age of 22 years. She was born to Mr. and Mrs. August Ertman of Millet on May 30, 1956, and received her education in the Millet and Wetaskiwin schools. At an early age, she received Christ as Savior, and was baptized into the membership of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church in October of 1970. Brenda lived a full and meaningful life. She will be greatly missed by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Ertman; her brother, Jerel; her twin sister and brother-in-law, Beverley and Manfred Kisser; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Ertman, Mr. and Mrs. William Zilke. Funeral services were conducted from the Wiesenthal Baptist Church with pastors Neil Strohschein, Edwin Kern and Ernest Hoffman officiating.

FRANK FRIESEN was born in Dallas, OR, on May 24, 1893, and died at the age of 86 in Portland, OR, on Oct. 23, 1979. He accepted Christ as Savior in 1905. Frank was married to Anna Ehns in Dallas, OR, on July 24, 1913. God blessed their union with two sons, Lester and Paul. He attended normal school in Monmouth, OR, and taught school for a short time. He also attended Tabor College in Hillsboro, KS, in 1911. In 1912 he graduated from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, where he had studied under Dr. R. A. Torrey. Radio evangelist Charles E. Fuller was one of his classmates. Frank became an ordained Baptist minister and served for 40 years. He was pastor of the Bethany Baptist and Villa Ridge (Family Baptist) Baptist

churches in the Portland area at one time. He was appointed as an N.A.B. interim pastor and served in 17 different churches from Oregon to New York, and also Canada. For eight years he was chaplain of the Baptist Manor in Portland, OR. He is survived by his wife, Anna; two sons, Lester of Portland and Paul of Glenview, IL; a brother, John; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. One brother and two sisters preceded him in death. Three step-sisters are still living. The Rev. Edgar Wesner, assisted by Dr. John Wobig and the Rev. Hans Wilcke, officiated at the funeral service.

JOSEPH ALBERT HARRISON, 61, of Warburg, AB, died on Oct. 26, 1979. He was born on July 12, 1918, in Toronto, ON. He attended Macalester College, St. Paul, MN; Toronto Bible College and St. Paul Bible College. He was ordained at Rapelje, MT, in May of 1962. He pastored churches in Ontario, Minnesota, Montana and North Dakota. His last three pastorates were in Telfordville, Valleyview, and Warburg, AB.

MR. WILBERT KNOBLICH, age 50, went to be with his Lord on Sept. 19, 1979. He had been a resident of Lansing, MI, since 1950, coming here from Lehr, ND. He was a very active member of Colonial Village Baptist Church as a very dedicated Sunday school teacher, choir member, soloist and deacon. He was a self-employed carpenter and real estate salesman. He is survived by his wife, Peggy; daughter, Jenne; parents, Jacob and Bertha Knoblich, Lansing; one brother, James, Colorado; one sister, Mrs. Vivian Hicks, Colorado, and several nieces and nephews. Officiating at the funeral service was his pastor, Dr. Arthur W. Boymook.

FREDERICK KROMBEIN of Oakbank, MB, was born in Winnipeg, Jan. 28, 1893, and died in Steinbach, MB, Nov. 2, 1979, at the age of 86 years and nine months. On Feb. 25, 1906, he was baptized and joined the Oakbank Baptist Church, to which he belonged until his death. He was preceded in death by four brothers. He is survived by three brothers: Albert of Bismarck, ND, Edward of Oakbank, MB, and Louis of Steinbach, MB. The Rev. E. Fuellbrandt officiated at the funeral service.

THERESA LUTZ, 80, of Carrington, ND, was born April 4, 1899, in Eureka, SD, and died on Nov. 9, 1979. She was united in marriage to John Lutz on March 28, 1916. Her husband died in 1971. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Carrington at the time of her death. Survivors are: one son, Frank of Bozeman, MT; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Bernice) Helmers of Winterset, IA; one sister, Mrs. Herman (Tillie) Lutz of Carrington, ND; seven grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren. The Rev. Frank Unruh and the Rev. N. E. McCoy officiated at the funeral service.

PASTORS RECHARGE . . .

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Baptist Immigration Society. Church Extension needs and news about N.A.B. Church Extension Investors' Fund were shared by Area Secretary Isador Fazer, retreat master.

Did the pastors benefit? "No question!" stated one. "Great rest, great food for body and soul—time to think, plan, be ministered to. I'm ready to go back and try out some of the things God gave me here."

Will the churches benefit? Retreat secretary, Pastor Bruno Voss of Edmonton, believes so.

"We've had a chance to reassess our ministry. We swapped ideas, learned timely methods and were reminded of timeless biblical principles. It will all filter into our pastoral ministry. The retreat is a good investment."

Refreshing, encouraging, motivating; the 8th Annual Pastors' Retreat was all of that and more. As another pastor remarked, "It isn't original, but 'coming apart awhile sure beats coming apart'." Pray for these men and all the pastors as they continue to exalt the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ throughout our North American Baptist churches. □

YOU DESERVE . . .

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visited Sioux Falls and the Seminary there. It's always good to see the Conference schools, and of course it was good to visit with some familiar N.A.B. friends. Since the team was near Avon the week of Thanksgiving, the entire group had Thanksgiving Dinner together at the home of Paul Dykstra's family.

One difficult aspect of our day off is that many places also find Monday as their day off. We tried every roller skating rink in Minneapolis, a bowling alley (it was league night) and a planetarium. All were closed! So we ended up washing the van in the evening! Never have you seen a group of kids have so much fun cleaning their "house."

It's exciting and necessary for the team to spend a day together just relaxing and having fun. There are even unique opportunities to share with people that we meet along the way, especially when we wear our team jackets. People ask questions when a dozen people walk by with identical jackets!

Exhaustion usually sets in around 10 p.m. after a busy day. But the day has revived us and we are ready for our ministry with the church once again! □

HUNDRED YEARS . . .

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the charter members. Since the community was small with no real job opportunities, economics dictated a move to the cities for many of the younger people; consequently growth was slow and Bethany was, until better roads and modes of transportation were available, a "feeder church" for the city churches.

During the life of the church, 20 of its members have been called into full-time Christian ministry. These include:

Rev. William Graf, Dr. Mark Rich, Rev. Stanley Cornils, Mr. Lester Spencer, Dr. Leslie and Edna Chaffee, Rev. Roland Rich, Rev. Don Rich, Rev. Dallas Keck, Rev. Bruce Rich, Mrs. Lorraine Smotherman, Mrs. Carla Smith, Rev. Ted Keck, Mr. Ron Stoller, Rev. Richard Stoller, Ms. Judy Steele, Mr. Alan Aman, Mrs. Marilyn Schlafmann, Mr. Doug Schulz, Mr. Ken Stoller, Mr. Rudy Bauder.

The emphasis of the church has consistently been evangelism and missions. As a very young church, Bethany contributed to foreign missions from its meager resources, and through the years conducted Sunday afternoon preaching and teaching outposts at various points in the county, and helped to establish N.A.B. churches in the state such as Trinity, Stafford and Family.

Today the church worships in its fourth building, completed in 1976 at a cost of \$575,000. The first church built in 1881 is now a Memorial Chapel. The Spanish style church built in 1928 still stands. Fifteen pastors have served the church during its history.

Church membership now stands at over 300, reflecting an increase of 24% in the past ten years. Giving has increased in ten years from \$50,140 to \$156,531, reflecting an increase in per capita giving from \$108.05 to \$534.21.

We sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst with the continued admission of new members and the constant coming of new families.

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what's happening

■ *The Walnut Hills Baptist Church*, Church Extension project, Englewood, CO, voted to disband effective Nov. 26, 1979. Pastor Gordon Voegelé accepted the call to Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, ND.

■ *The Rev. Jake Leverette* resigned from First Baptist Church, Lodi, CA, and accepted the pastorate at Pineland Baptist Church, Burlington, ON. He began his ministry there January 1, 1980.

■ *Rev. Edwin Kern* received his Doctor of Missiology degree from Fuller Theological Seminary. Dr. Kern is associate professor of Missiology, Church Growth and Anthropology at N.A.B. College, Edmonton, AB.

■ *Chaplain (Major) Henry E. Wake*, currently assigned to U.S. Army Intelligence School Devens, Fort Devens, MA, was awarded the Humanitarian Medal for taking part in a massive relief

effort during the 1978 New England blizzard, for removing people from homes which were being flooded, and for aiding injured and homeless people in the city of Revere. The Humanitarian Medal was recently instituted by Congress, and Chaplain Wake was among the first to receive it.

■ *The Rev. Ralph Chandler* resigned from First Baptist Church, Sumner, IA, effective Nov. 4, 1979. He was pastor there since 1977. He is on full disability because of health reasons.

■ *The Rev. Myrl Thiesies* resigned from McClusky Baptist Church, McClusky, ND, and became pastor of Evergreen Baptist, Renton, WA.

■ *The Rev. Dwight Brown* resigned from Highland Park Baptist Church, Junction City, KS, in December. He will become pastor of a Bible church in Jackson, MS.

■ *The Rev. Donald Prill* became the pastor at Sherwood Park Baptist, Greeley, CO, on Nov. 15, 1979.

■ *Mr. Paul McNeff*, minister of music, Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, CA, was ordained Dec. 16, 1979.

■ *The Rev. Ron Berg*, Steele Heights Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB, in November took part in a three-day Campus Crusade for Christ meeting of more than 220 leading evangelical pastors from throughout the U.S. and Canada.

■ *Mr. Edward J. Russell*, 84, a layman with distinguished record of service in the North American Baptist Conference, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 7, 1979.

Born in Poland, he lived most of his life in the Detroit area and was a member of Grosse Pointe Baptist Church. He died in Grosse Pointe Woods, MI.
(Tributes will appear in the next issue.)

WOMANS WORLD

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find it exciting to be a woman serving God in a local church!

Maria Rogalski, German Program Packet editor



Maria Rogalski, Donna McFall

My first reaction to the request to be German Program Packet editor was, "Oh, no, not me. That's a mammoth job, and I'm too busy." But as I went about doing my housework that day, the Lord relentlessly kept bringing little Samuel to my mind and how many times God had to call him before he finally said, "Yes, Lord, I'm listening." This was the second time I had been asked to serve on the executive council, and I had to ask myself how many times it would have to take for me to say, "Yes, Lord, I'm listening."

Coming to Canada from Germany in 1950 was a milestone and turning point in my life. Here I found the Lord under the ministry of the late Rev. Alexander Hart at McDermot Avenue Baptist Church. The motto for my spiritual life since then has been Philippians 3:12. "I don't mean to say I'm perfect, I haven't learned all I should even yet, but I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ saved me for and wants me to be." Serving Christ is a high priority in my life, and I'm actively involved at McDermot Church as a member of the deacon board, as cradle roll chairman,

and in our choir and W.M.F.

A secretary by profession, I have been a full-time homemaker for the last 24 years. My husband, Hans, who is also my best friend and encourager, is a vocational teacher, teaching a Jewelry Arts Course at a local high school. We have four children: Karen is married and is our church secretary; Connie and her husband, Paul Dykstra, are currently serving with God's Volunteers; our son, Ron, started his music studies at North American Baptist College in Edmonton this year; and Carla, 14 years old, and her dog, Bootsie, keep our household young and lively. We also share our home with my 83-year-old widowed mother.

My hobbies are many and varied, and sometimes I wistfully look forward to old age (God willing) when I can pursue them to a higher degree. Collecting poetry, creative writing, reading, music and sewing are on top of the list at this time. I also guide a weekly neighborhood Bible study on our street block.

I'm excited about our theme for the next triennium, because it is so relevant to

each one of our lives and also happens to be from one of my favorite passages. Paul's words from Colossians 2:2, 6, and 7, express my prayer regarding the goal I would like the Program Packet to achieve during these next three years.

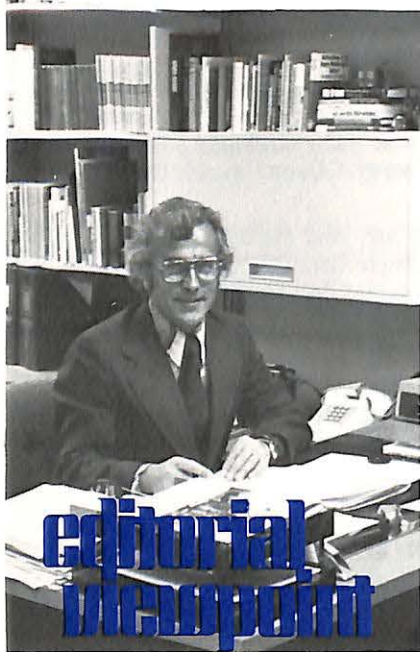
Lois Conrad, White Cross chairman

Although I have been living in the U.S. since I graduated from college, I am still a Canadian citizen. I was rooted in a Scotch Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and my grandfather was a Presbyterian minister. When I was ten years old, a special Sunday school teacher said, "When you feel right about it, just give the key of your heart to Jesus, and ask him to come into your life." I did that in bed one night, and I feel this is when I truly accepted Christ.



LaVerna Mehlhaff, Lois Conrad

I met my husband, Clyde, a Baptist, when I was working as a dietitian in Den-



Jesus Christ— The Same Yesterday And Today And In The '80s

We have just started a new decade. Although it is still 20 years until we reach the threshold of a new centennial, many people are already looking to the year 2000, anticipating all kinds of changes. Some even think that God will use such a date for a very special demonstration of his power. This may sound naive, considering the fact that our calendar is based on the calculations of the ancient Egyptians and Romans. Frankly, I doubt that God will be moved by the calculations of either Emperor Julian (Julian Calendar) or Pope Gregory XIII (Gregorian Calendar), who in 1582 gave his final blessing to the calendar, as we have it now.

I believe it is of much greater use and importance to look at some issues of the next ten years and to do some sober thinking about how they will affect our local churches and Conference.

One thing seems to be sure: The '80s are not going to be better than the '70s. The past decade was full of violence, inflation, murder, bankruptcy, thievery, spiritual indifference, growth of cults, illegitimate births, abortions and corruption. Yet, as Christians, we have much reason to thank our God, who brought us through all these adverse conditions and used them to make us mature and draw us even closer to his father's heart.

Jesus Christ—we have experienced his help and friendship in the past.

Jesus Christ—he is beside us, giving us strength and sense of direction in the present.

Jesus Christ—how will he guide us in the future?

Studying future projections, for example in economy and politics, I would be deeply depressed had I not Jesus Christ to cling to, the one who promised: "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (RSV, Mt. 28:20).

What economic difficulties will our North American Baptist Conference face in the '80s?

- Inflation will continue to take its toll of 8-10 percent annually.

- The average wage earner will be unable to keep pace with the inflation rate.

- Construction costs will continue to climb by about 10 percent each year.

- Borrowing of money will be more difficult and even then only at a higher cost.

- Social Security payments will climb by ten percent annually.

- With more standardization and simplifications of U.S. federal tax forms to be expected, the charitable giving of the general public will decline substantially.

What does all that mean for the ministry of our Conference?

- It now costs a family \$55,000 to raise a child to 18 years. How much will families be able to contribute to the Lord's work at home and overseas, when the child rearing costs will increase? A clear determination *now* to be a tither will save us much unnecessary discussion in the future.

- More working wives and mothers will enable many families to keep up with the rising costs of living, but will they strengthen family ties and add to the security of a home? Parents need to ask the Lord *now* for insight and proper stewardship.

- Land costs for church extension projects will zoom up almost out of reach. Our Conference and various Associations should acquire land *now* for present and future churches.

- Construction costs of church buildings will continue to jump higher and higher. Some congregations will have to build either *now* or make some alternate plans, such as the Circle Church in Chicago, which made a rented Union Hall its permanent home.

- Housing costs for pastors will make it harder for churches to find church-related workers. More than ever before churches *now* will have to look at this issue before they call a minister.

- In order to keep up with living standards, an increasing number of pastors

are taking on moonlighting jobs. Although they would rather devote all of their time to church responsibilities, financial stress forces them to look for additional income.

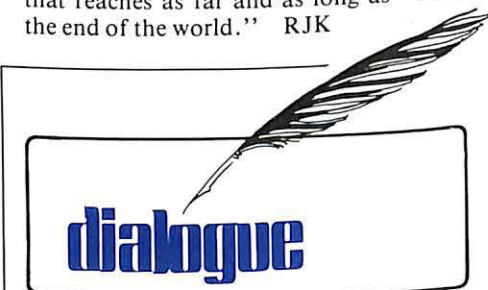
- Whereas in former years it was relatively inexpensive to support a missionary on an overseas field, this is no longer true. The devaluation of the dollar combined with the worldwide inflation has shot up the missions budget. Our missions work in Japan has especially suffered from the economic squeeze. Our Conference also feels the financial pressure in Cameroon, Nigeria and Brazil, not to speak of transportation costs which have doubled over the last few years.

- Postage rate increases have severely hindered the planned communications flow from the Conference Office to the churches. The mailing costs of the BAPTIST HERALD have tripled over the last ten years; and the coming years will see several further increases.—

Our N.A.B. Conference has seen ups and downs in the past decade. But thanks to God it was able to make 1979, the last year of the 70's, a historic milestone of God's grace. In the midst of an unstable economy and political turmoil, our people have achieved another miracle year of giving of themselves and of earthly belongings. God has blessed our dedicated effort and has helped us in achieving our set goal.

How I wish to write: "Relax, now, people! You've worked and given so well—you deserve a break." For the sake of a dying world, for Christ's sake and for our sake, I cannot say so, because the '80s are going to tax our strength and dedication to the cause of Christ even more.

But remember his words; remember them well: "Lo, I am with you always . . ."—that includes also the '80s, that reaches as far and as long as "unto the end of the world." RJK



letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

You people are doing a good job with the HERALD! Best ever—and I was on the scene early. Norman J. Boehm, Sun City, CA.

Dear Editor:

I wanted to take a minute and tell you the cover on the November 1979 BAPTIST HERALD issue was so wonderful!

A teacher can take the cover and use it so nicely in her classroom at church. We need more pictures of this type and quality. On the back of the cover, the outline map of Israel is so usable, too. A good church teacher can use *all* the help he or she can get! Keep up the good work of helping Sunday school teachers. Mrs. R. C. Rolfs, Lorraine, KS.

Dear Editor:

As you can see from my return address, I am in prison. I am currently serving five years for the sale of a pistol. But the reason I am writing to you is for assistance.

I was saved in 1978 while I was living in Florida. Before I found Jesus, I led a wild and lawless life and was bound for hell. I was on the run from New York. Jesus came into my life, changed me, and I returned to New York to surrender myself to the authorities. I wanted to get my life straightened out and conduct myself as a Christian should. I have started a Bible

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ver. We visited many churches, and eventually joined a Presbyterian church, but we gradually became unhappy there. During this time, we moved to Glen Ellyn and had four sons.

One Sunday morning we got in the car all dressed for church, but we didn't know where we were going. As we drove down the street, we passed Glenbard Baptist Church (now Village Green) and said, "Let's go here." We felt a real warmth in this church and knew right away that the Bible was taught here. My husband was happy in the church, and I felt my Presbyterian roots were being grounded with good basic Baptist beliefs; so one Sunday, nine months later, my husband and I went forward. I asked to be baptized, and

study course to help better myself, and I read my Bible daily. I now consider myself a Baptist, because I believe that Baptists preach the Word of God. I want to join in with other Baptists in fellowship with Christ, but because of where I am, it is very difficult. The minister here is a Methodist, and I haven't found any of my fellow inmates who are Baptists.

That's where I need assistance. I am hoping that you will print this letter in the BAPTIST HERALD. Perhaps some of your readers will see it and write to me while I am here. If I cannot attend a Baptist church here, I could at least correspond with others. That would be a great comfort to me.

Thank you for listening. I hope you will find it in your heart to help me. Gerry Nappa, 79-C-483, Box 51, Comstock, NY 12821.

Dear Editor:

I have especially enjoyed the October

the next Sunday our two oldest boys went forward, so the three of us were baptized together. This was very meaningful to me as I felt I had made a personal commitment to God as a child, and this was a rededication that I was publically making as an adult.

During our years with Village Green, I feel I have learned so much. I am grateful to the wonderful Sunday school teachers and the Women's Fellowship. I have learned about studying the Bible, prayer, and especially sharing problems and receiving help. Raising four boys has been very hard for me, and I learned at Village Green that we didn't have to do it all alone. So many times I have left one of my children in God's hands and felt a wonderful sense of peace.

I love the Village Green women, but I never felt too much a part of N.A.B.

RECONCILING . . .

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hometown is Emmetsburg, IA. He is a member of United Methodist Church, Emmetsburg, IA.



JOHN L.
ZIULKOWSKI

"The focus of my ministry will be 'people' because it is for people that

Jesus Christ died. He did this so that we could have a special relationship with him and with others. I believe God has called me, has equipped me with gifts, and is preparing me to work with Jesus in finding and discipling lost people; and in teaching and training other Christians to do the same."

John is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He is married. His wife's name is Linda. His hometown is Detroit, MI. He is a member of Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe, MI.

WILLIAM JOHN RAMSEY

William John Ramsey is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. (Not pictured)

and November issues of the BAPTIST HERALD. It gave me an opportunity to relive the days of the Conference in Bismarck. Ellen Lehr, Minneapolis, MN.

Dear Editor:

Enjoyed the October issue of the BAPTIST HERALD and the reminder of the Conference. Not that we needed to be reminded; for, like many others, I felt that this was the finest. Len and I have not attended all that many: Sacramento, Detroit, Wichita, Portland and now Bismarck. When it was announced in Portland that the next Conference would be in Bismarck, Len and I turned to each other and said, "We're not going there!" But we believe it was the finest.

God bless you as you continue to serve him so faithfully in the publication of the BAPTIST HERALD. Mrs. Thelma F. Fischer.

When I was asked to be national White Cross chairman, I was really surprised. Then I started thinking about the previous weeks. I had just lost my dear mother, and at two memorial services I attended for her, so much was said about her contribution to the Women's Missionary Society. I remembered how much the missionary work meant to mother and I wondered, "Why am I not doing some kind of missionary work?" Shortly after this, LaVerna Mehlhaff called, and I accepted the job as national White Cross chairman.

I know that God is responsible for the perfect timing of LaVerna's call, and I am so thankful for my husband's support in this job. I really do feel a part of the N.A.B. women now, and I'm hoping for lots of Christian growth in the next three years.

INVITATION

The North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, is hosting the Great Plains Pastors' Conference to be held on campus, April 22-24, 1980.

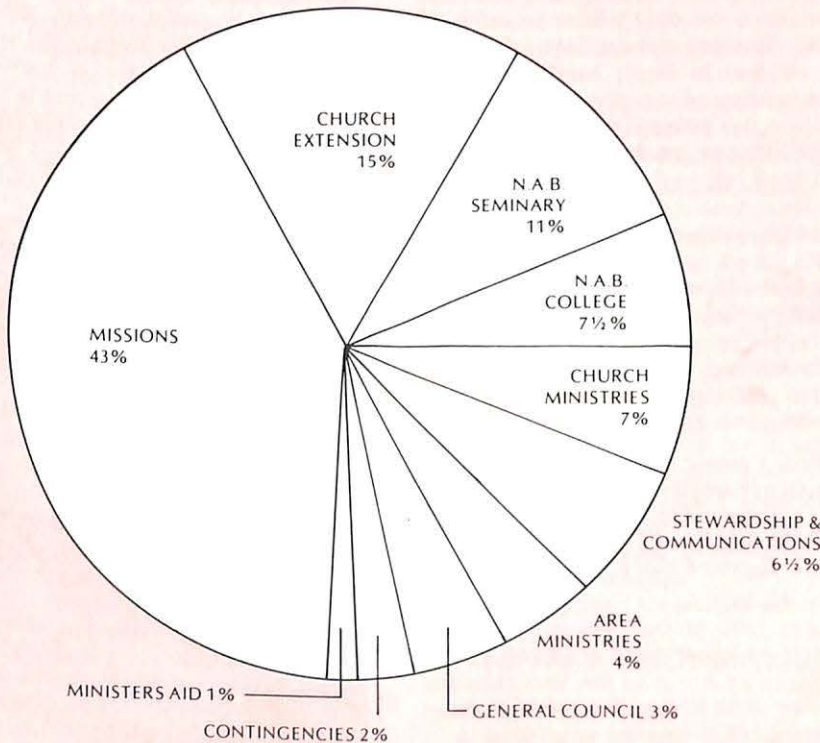
Featured guest speakers will be ■ Dr. Peter McLoad, pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco, TX.

Dr. John Vanderbeck, president of National Housing Ministries for American Baptist Churches of America. Former N.A.B. pastor and graduate of N.A.B.S.

■ Mrs. Harriet Salios, secretary at Scripture Press and pastor's wife. For further information write to N.A.B. Seminary, 1321 W. 22nd St., Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

1980 Mission & Ministry Budget

MISSIONS	\$1,390,490	43%
CHURCH EXTENSION	500,950	15%
NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY	346,000	11%
NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGE	244,000	7½%
CHURCH MINISTRIES	232,775	7%
STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS	223,540	6½%
AREA MINISTRIES	128,860	4%
GENERAL COUNCIL	90,840	3%
MINISTERS AID (Pension & aged assistance)	28,856	1%
CONTINGENCIES	63,689	2%
CHALLENGE FUND		\$100,000



Total
\$3,350,000

This is a 6 percent increase
over the revised 1979 budget.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES