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# NEWS Flash

## Women Activists Expelled

VIENNA, Austria—Three Russian feminists, who founded the Soviet Union's first women's rights journal, "Women and Russia," arrived here after being expelled from their country with members of their families.

The three had been notified they were losing their citizenship after publication of their third issue which carried a statement urging Russian women to persuade their husbands and sons to go to prison rather than fight in Afghanistan.

Their magazine initially appeared last fall as an underground journal with a dozen typewritten copies. It contained a collection of articles, statements and poems on the problems of Russian women, and took a strong stand on rights issues. The editors were warned after the first publication that they would face prosecution if they produced further issues.

## Church Leaders Guilty

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa—Thirty-five prominent South African church leaders have been found guilty of contravening the country's Riotous Assemblies Act. Three elected to go to jail for 50 days rather than pay a fine, charged with attending an illegal gathering and disturbing traffic.

The 35 were among 53 church people arrested and held overnight after they had staged a peaceful march in downtown Johannesburg to protest detention of a Colored (mixed race) clergyman who was later freed.

All the accused, including black activist Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, pleaded innocent to the first charge, but guilty to the second. (RNS)

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## A THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

Delivered in the United States Senate  
Wednesday, November 26, 1947

Our Father in heaven, if ever we had cause to offer unto Thee our fervent thanks, surely it is now, on the eve of our Thanksgiving Day, when we, the people of this Nation, are comfortable, well-fed, well-clad, and blessed with good things beyond our deserving. May gratitude, the rarest of all virtues, be the spirit of our observance.

Let not feasting, football, and festivity end in forgetfulness of God.

May the desperate need of the rest of the world, and our own glorious heritage, remind us of the God who led our fathers every step of the way by which they advanced to the character of an independent nation.

For if we do not have the grace to thank Thee for all that we have and enjoy, how can we have the effrontery to seek Thy further blessings? God, give us grateful hearts. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

SENATE CHAPLAIN PETER MARSHALL



# A Grand Celebration

by Ronald Mayforth

Summertime is a great time for celebrations of all kinds. Balmy breezes, bright sunshine, beautiful flowers, green grass, trees and bushes, and warm lakes give a special freedom and aliveness to our rejoicings: weddings, wedding anniversaries, church anniversaries, personal birthdays, graduations, civic milestones and the like. We've been to several this summer, and they were great. However, God enabled us to be part of a truly Grand Celebration—the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Celebration of the Baptist World Alliance, held in Toronto, Ontario, July 8-13, 1980.

More than 20,000 Baptists from over one hundred countries gathered in the famed NHL Hockey arena, The Maple Leaf Gardens, to rejoice at our unity, God's faithful blessings, a beautiful fellowship of love, but mostly Christ's presence and power in our midst. What a birthday party! When Baptists met together like this the first time in 1905, there were five million Baptist Christians in the world. Today, those attending represented over thirty-three million. How good God has been!

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A celebration of this magnitude calls for careful and preparations. COLA (not a soft drink but the Comm Local Arrangements), a group of forty Canadians businessman, David Simmonds, had worked four and one half years to provide every necessary accommodation and facility. They did a splendid job. The Congress was directed by able leaders like President David Wong, an architect from Hong Kong, and Executive Secretary, Robert S. Denny. The program had been prepared by a committee chaired by Dr. Warren Magnuson, executive secretary of the Baptist General Conference. The celebration seemed to run like the Toronto Subway—fast, efficient and non-stop. In the mornings it all began with prayer-fellowship and breakfast in the various hotels. The morning sessions were started with challenging Bible studies on I John led by Noel Vose, Australia; Lien Hwa Chow, Taiwan; Samuel Cla Akande, Nigeria, and David Gomes, Brazil. With this backdrop, necessary business was conducted—nominations, elections, constitutional changes and resolutions. Most notable of these were the elections of the following leaders—President—Duke McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, KY; Executive Secretary—Gerhard Claas, former BWA Associate

The World Fellowship Celebration on Wednesday, July 7, at Toronto's C.N. Exhibition Grounds was reminiscent of a gigantic family reunion, when more than 20,000 delegates met to renew old friendships, get to know new friends, trade souvenirs, share food and take endless snapshots.



Education/Evangelism and Relief/Development—Denton Lotz; and Associate Secretary for Communications and Study Research—Dr. Reinhold Kerstan, our own Associate Secretary for Communications. The resolutions adopted covered such vital areas as evangelism, religious freedom, human rights, family life, world peace and disarmament, world hunger, refugees, ecology, and appreciation. The final portion of the morning was given to graphic and testimonial reports of all that God is doing in and through the Men's, Women's, and Youth Divisions of the BWA. We thank God for the amazing ways in which he brings needs and resources together all over the world through the agencies of the BWA.

The afternoon program provided for more fellowship and smaller group interaction. The Wednesday afternoon event was captioned, "World Fellowship Celebration." The event was held outside on the shores of Lake Ontario at the C.N. Exhibition Grounds. This time of informal meeting and sharing was colorfully embroidered with BWA banners, gorgeous flowers, national costumes and flags, choirs from several lands, sellers of fast food and souvenirs, and the stately Toronto Mounted Police. Conversations, laughter, music, picture taking, handshaking, hugs, learning, and loving made up the spontaneous afternoon program. Thursday and Friday afternoon were given over to nine seminar sessions, dealing with such crucial areas as Church Life, Christian Ethics, Evangelism and Education, Relief and Development, and Men's, Women's and Youth Ministries.

Saturday afternoon was left open so that delegates could enjoy some of the greatness and beauty of Toronto . . . its mystical lakeshore, its tall C.N. Tower, its varied and unique shopping possibilities like the Eaton Center (advertised as the world's largest shopping center with over 300 shops and services); its great hotels such as the castle-like Royal York or the more modern Sheraton; or its grand churches, flowerful parks, or renowned City Hall. Most delegates used the city's rapid and efficient subway system to get around the sprawling metro area. North American Baptists also celebrated their special fellowship in Christ. Many of us gathered at the chiropractor office of Dr. and Mrs. Lyle Grenz, which gave us an opportunity to chat with many N.A.B. delegates, while we were fed a delicious buffet lunch.

After suppers with new friends from near and far, the Celebration intensified. The evening sessions provided some never-to-be-forgotten impressions:

**Music**—led by 60 choirs from all over the world; a 500 voice all Canadian Choir presenting fourteen great hymn arrangements; the congregational singing of almost 20,000; and an exciting band from Wayland Baptist College of Texas.

**Drama**—"The Tie That Binds"—Vignettes of outstanding Baptists and their imprint on history portrayed by the Drama Department of William Jewel College in Liberty, Missouri, on stages all over the arena, made us thankful for our rich background.

**Multi-media reports** of what God is doing through BWA.

**Stirring messages** by David Wong, Hong Kong; William Jones, N.Y.; and Nilson Fannini, Brazil.

**The Parade of Choirs**—Choir music from around the world from 10 P.M. to 2 A.M.

**An elegant reception** at the Sheraton Hotel for the outgoing and incoming officers of BWA.

**Saturday night was the Grand Finale**—The band played stirring music like, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." A 2000-voice choir, led by Cliff Barrows, sang "If My People" and "Get All Excited, Go Tell Everybody." Mr. Barrows also led the 20,000 delegates in singing, "Crown Him, Lord of All." Dr. Billy Graham roused us to new commitment to *Come* to Christ with our needs and *Go* to the world with the Good News and every other good gift we receive from God. The choir responded with the "Hallelujah Chorus." President McCall gave the benediction, and the delegates joined hand and heart to sing, "Bless Be the Tie That Binds . . ."

And so the Grand Celebration was over—yet it was not over. Lasting impressions had been etched on our hearts . . .

—The oneness we have in Christ even though there was such diversity in skin color, language, culture, politics, dress, tastes, backgrounds, methods, levels of education, affluence and world awareness.

—The power of Christ that touches and transforms people all over the earth, despite meager resources, persecution, multiple barriers, or cultural differences.

—The practical, powerful and helpful ministries carried out by BWA because we have joined together in fellowship, study, compassion, service, worship and giving.

Our feelings are summed up by a dear brother who sat behind us one evening session. During the sermon by the Rev. Bill Jones, the man kept exclaiming with enthusiasm, "Preach it, brother, you've got a winner!" Truly, the BWA and its 75th Anniversary were and are winners. It was a grand Celebration. "People of the world rejoice, Jesus Christ is Lord." □

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# WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE SPONSOR REFUGEES?

People with fears of the unknown. People like the members of Harbor Baptist Church.

When they first considered refugee sponsorship, they had many questions: Where will the finances come from? Who will teach them English? How do we find them jobs? What will we do if they get sick? And how do

we help them get over the loneliness of a homeland they'll never see again?

They rationalized: "We know the refugees need help, but with only 67 members in our congregation, there must be other churches that could do a better job."

But, they couldn't escape the

stories in the newspapers and on television. People forced to run for their lives. Atrocities. Refugee camps. They knew they had to respond.

"Five days after we sent our application to World Relief, the phone rang and our family was assigned," Pastor Jack Smith relates. "One month later our family arrived at North Bend Airport. With their first smiling 'hello,' our great adventure began. Thank God we did not miss this opportunity."

In the months that followed, sacrifices had to be made, but there were never any regrets. While they were teaching the refugees how to adjust to a new culture, the

refugees were teaching them some things about appreciation and how to maintain dignity while relying on others. Harbor Baptist Church was learning about cross-cultural communication. And they were becoming missionaries without leaving home.

What kind of people sponsor refugees? Those who see more than statistics, who see real people in need, and who care. People who understand the ministry of unconditional love, who are willing to run the risk for Jesus' sake, who have the confidence that God will meet every need in His own wonderful way. People of love. And people of faith.

More than ever before, we need people who will provide a new start for a refugee family—churches, Sunday school classes, businesses. People like those in Harbor Baptist Church who cared enough to make it happen.

**Experience the joy of being a missionary without leaving home.**

Dear Jerry,

I want to help!

Please send me more information on how our church can experience for ourselves the joy of being a missionary at home by sponsoring a refugee family.

I'd like to know more about Harbor Baptist's experience with the Luu's. Would you arrange a personal phone conversation with members of the church for me?

I cannot sponsor a refugee family now but would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTIONS OF THE 14th BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS

*These resolutions were presented to the Congress by a Resolutions Committee composed of Siegfried Kerstan, West Germany, chairman; Samuel T. Ola Akande of Nigeria; Alexei Bichkov of the USSR; and Leroy Bowman, Warren Hultgren and Ruth Rohlf of the USA.*

Gratefully acknowledging the blessings of God during the past 75 years to the Baptist World Alliance, and looking forward with confident faith to the future, the Resolutions Committee, composed of Samuel T. Ola Akande, Alexei Bichkov, Leroy Bowman, Warren Hultgren, Ruth Rohlf and Siegfried Kerstan, chairman, presents the following resolutions.

## EVANGELISM

We believe that the declaration and application of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the nurturing of those who accept Him as Lord and Savior are fundamental to our existence. We recognize that major responsibility rests with the local church and we are dedicated to strengthening the church and our people in this task. Within our local, national and world communities, our fellowship carries a responsibility to extend the Kingdom of God on earth.

## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Believing in the inherent right of all people to freedom of religious faith, practice and propagation;

- 1) We call on all governments of the world to grant religious freedom to all peoples in their countries, and urge the cessation of all discrimination against those who practice or advocate other religions than those approved and accepted in their countries.
- 2) We further the creation of confidence among all nations which are signatories of the Helsinki Act and encourage the implementation of every article of the Helsinki document and subsequent agreements, including those which deal with the human rights and basic freedoms of all peoples within their territories.
- 3) We would also urge our Baptist people to act responsibly as Christian citizens with respect to the rights of their fellow human beings within their countries.
- 4) Special consideration, care and dignity should be given to those within our world family who are disabled in any way. We reject inhumane conditions in places of confinement, such as nursing homes, prisons, and institutions for the mentally disturbed.
- 5) Inasmuch as exploitation, injustice, hatred and discrimination are a plague in every land and divisive to our sense of world family, we reaffirm our oft-stated insistence upon respect for all persons regardless of racial or ethnic heritage.
- 6) We regret that during the Congress there was an unnecessary protest which does not reflect the love and reconciliation we expect of fellow Baptists even in disagreement, and we would like to affirm our desire to relate to all Christians everywhere in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord.

*The Resolution "Appreciation" was adopted by the congress when presented, and the other seven were referred to the General Council because of lack of time in the congress session. The Council approved the resolutions at its meeting Saturday, July 12, 1980.*

## FAMILY LIFE

We understand the family to be an institution ordained of God and therefore of very special importance to the people of God. We reaffirm our conviction that

- 1) Every child is a unique creation of God, and deserves to be treated with appropriate dignity.
- 2) Every child should be enabled, without hindrance, to receive moral and religious training in his or her home and through the church.
- 3) Every child should be respected as a person in his or her own right, and provided for economically and educationally by the society to which he or she belongs.
- 4) Every child should be protected from the ideologies of warfare and violence, and nurtured in an atmosphere of peace and justice.
- 5) We encourage the strengthening and developing of programs that educate our young people and help prepare them for marriage and the building of Christian homes.

## WORLD PEACE AND DISARMAMENT

Recognizing that the world is far from achieving peace and justice, and that vast sums are spent on armaments while much of the world goes hungry or suffers from lack of education and medical care,

- 1) We reaffirm that we stand for peace and reconciliation among all nations.
- 2) We welcome the decisions of the 10th special United Nations session on disarmament, and call on all governments of the world to implement these decisions in the field of disarmament, and to stop the production of and trading in the weapons of war—conventional and nuclear.
- 3) We express the conviction that an efficient relief service cannot be enacted unless peace is preserved on earth. Famine and starvation—among other causes—are natural consequence of wars. We commend the U.S.S.R. and the United States for the Salt II agreement, and pray earnestly for its ratification as a needed step. We urge the governments concerned to continue negotiations with a view to the reduction of armaments, and in particular the cessation of the development of nuclear arms.
- 4) We plead that the benefits of resources freed from expenditures on armaments help to defray the costs of meeting needs of developing countries.
- 5) We express sorrow and concern over the continuing conflicts and bloodshed around the world. We support all sincere and just action directed to the cessation of conflict, including all nations and parties involved, especially through the United Nations organization.

## WORLD HUNGER

Realizing that many of the world's peoples are threatened by starvation caused by famine, war and natural disaster, we recognize the gospel mandate for Christian people to be involved in meeting this urgent human need, and therefore,

- 1) We encourage mission agencies and related church bodies to assist people to increase food production and to engage in teaching good nutrition, particularly where people are undernourished.
- 2) We appeal to the nations of the world to expedite the export/import of food, seed and fertilizer among the developing nations; to increase their budgets with greater relief and development efforts; and to continue to permit duty-free entry of relief supplies to authorized relief agents.
- 3) We encourage the United Nations and other such international agencies to continue to utilize non-governmental organizations and church relief agencies in the distribution of food in areas of need without violation of individual conscience.
- 4) We call upon pastors and other leaders to continue to teach and to preach the special responsibility of those who have to reduce their personal consumption, to share, and to pray, so that more of the limited food supply of the world will be made available to those who are hungry.

## REFUGEES

Feeling the deepest disquiet over the plight of the homeless peoples of the world,

- 1) We plead with all governments to give care and human rights to the dispossessed peoples within their jurisdiction so they may live with hope and security within their own country.

## Youth Select Buenos Aires for 1983 Congress

To effectively carry the Christian gospel into other cultures, a Christian must learn to separate his own cultural practices from the essence of the gospel, a Canadian missionary told youth leaders from 17 nations at the Baptist World Congress in Toronto.

John Keith, travelling secretary for the Canadian Overseas Mission Board addressed 45 participants in a youth leadership seminar sponsored by the BWA Youth Department.

"We should not ask a person to abandon his culture to hear the gospel," said Keith. "He should be able to hear the gospel within the context of this culture."

He emphasized that these decisions must be made within a culture and not imposed from the outside. "Advice that comes from outside will bring bitterness sometime in the future."

Bob R. Taylor of Nashville, Tennessee, USA, was elected chairman of the BWA Youth Department, succeeding Daltro Keidann of Brazil who had served since 1975.

In other action, the Youth Committee selected Buenos Aires, Argentina, as the site for the 1983 Baptist Youth World Conference. This decision reversed a 1978 vote to hold the 1983 conference in Brazil.

The location was changed because no international BWA-sponsored meeting has previously been held in Argentina.

- 2) We urge the governments of all countries to act with humanitarian concern towards persons seeking shelter as a result of personal dispossession or exclusion from their own nations and we commend those governments which have already done so.

## ECOLOGY

Recognizing the grave world shortages of oil and many other sources of energy,

- 1) We urge on all governments and all members of our churches the need for careful and responsible husbanding of such resources, having in mind the effects of these shortages on the economies, especially of developing countries and the requirements of succeeding generations.
- 2) We urge upon our governments and industries the need to locate and clean up abandoned sites where hazardous waste had been dumped, and we support legislation which will discourage future disposal of waste in a manner dangerous to human beings and living things.
- 3) We encourage experimentation and use of alternative natural sources of energy such as wind, sun and water.

## APPRECIATION

Realizing that the 75th Anniversary is a peak experience for our growing and dynamic Baptist World Alliance, we offer our sincere appreciation.

- 1) To the Baptist Federation of Canada and its leaders for their outstanding preparation and the care given us.
- 2) To the city of Toronto, the Provincial Government, and

*(Continued on page 31)*



In their spare time, Baptists enjoyed relaxing on the beautiful premises of Toronto's City Hall.

# Cross-Border Ministry in Rio Grande City

Introducing the Rev. and Mrs. James E. Timmons as Home Missionaries

by Richard Schilke

Since the resignation of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Sandoval, effective July 1, 1978, the Home Mission Work at Garcia's Ranch Baptist Church in Rio Grande City, TX, continued on the basis of pulpit supply until July 1, 1980. During the fifteen years of the service of the Sandovals, the church in Rio Grande City had an outreach across the border into Mexico. First a mission was established in Camargo, and later another mission was begun in Villa Nueva. A small meeting place was built in Camargo in the early 70s, and a small chapel was erected in Villa Nueva in early 1978. These two missions had to carry on, mostly by themselves, with pulpit supply during these two years. The Rev. James E. Timmons supplied the pulpit from November 1979 to June 1980. He and his family lived in Rio Grande City at the time.

Garcia's Ranch Baptist Church made it known that it would greatly desire that Rev. Timmons become its pastor if the N.A.B. General Missionary Society would consider him and his wife as missionaries. On the basis of the Southern Association Mission Committee's recommendation, the Board of Missions appointed the Rev. and Mrs. James E. Timmons as its home missionaries with responsibilities at Rio Grande City, TX, and in Camargo and in Villa Nueva, Mexico. The Timmons officially began their full-time ministry on July 1, 1980.

**James E. Timmons** was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar W. Timmons on May 1, 1924, in Akron, OH. In his teens he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and Lord, and in May 1937, he was baptized on confession of his faith by the Rev. C. B. Rey. He became a member of First Baptist Church, Laredo, TX. At an early age he visited Baptist missions and felt God leading him to work among Spanish speaking people. He attended Fundamental Baptist Bible Institute, 1942-43, and began his ministry among Spanish speaking people which lasted for thirty-six years. From 1969 to 1975 he took additional training at Free Will Baptist Institute, and during the years 1975-77 he studied Southern Baptist Seminary Extension courses by correspondence. He was ordained in 1943. From 1963 to 1979 he served with the Free Will Baptist State Convention and supervised their Spanish ministry in southern Texas and across the border into Mexico.

James Timmons married **Lucy Ann Pedraza**, who was of Spanish descent, on Jan. 10, 1943. Lucy Ann was born on July

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6, 1926, in San Antonio, TX. Her mother was a Baptist. Early in life, Lucy Ann accepted Christ as her Savior, and at the age of twelve she was baptized at Laredo, TX. Her husband, James Timmons, baptized her again on June 9, 1943, six months after their marriage. She became a member of San Juan Baptist Church in Laredo. Lucy Ann went through grade eleven in high school and one year of Bible school. The Lord blessed their marriage with seven children: four daughters and three sons, ranging from 16-29 years of age. Of these, two are still at home: Sharon Lynn, born Sept. 1, 1962, and Bryan Daniel, born Dec. 8, 1964. Since July the Timmons live in the parsonage, across the road from Garcia's Ranch Baptist Church in Rio Grande City.



Missionaries Lucy and James Timmons

The need for a continued outreach in Rio Grande City, especially in the section known as Garcia's Ranch, is very great. Sin abounds, but the power of the gospel to change sinners is still the same. Let us undergird the Timmons with prayer both in their ministry in Rio Grande City as well as across the border into Mexico—at Camargo and Villa Nueva. □

# Bringing Christ to People

Introducing Miss Karin G. Klettke, short-term missionary to Japan

by Richard Schilke

Since 1971 a total of twenty-four young people from our Conference have gone to Japan as short-term missionaries. Two years ago, five young people were sent to Japan under this program. Only one person left each year in 1979 and 1980 for the mission field. Our Japan field had requested at least three missionaries to replace the three who have come home this past summer. Of the five short-termers of two years ago, two extended their service to a third year: Miss Audrey Coryell and Miss Janice Willeke.

The short-term program in Japan is geared especially to young people who have completed their college education. It is a two-year program of teaching conversational English in small group or class sessions. Such groups may be on a university campus, in a place of business, in a private home, or at a church. There are many such opportunities because the Japanese desire to improve their ability to speak English. Our short-termers use this opportunity to bring Christ to them, for in such group sessions friendships are formed and a Christian influence is exerted as Christ reveals himself through the missionaries. Through these friendships a number of persons become interested to know more about Christianity, its teachings and beliefs, and thus may come to a church service to hear more about God. Without this contact and friendship, they may never come within the hearing of the message of salvation. A number of our present Japanese workers were first attracted to an English class before they became interested in the Christian message.

Karin Gerda Klettke was born on Oct. 29, 1947, in West Germany as the second of five daughters to Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Klettke. At an early age Karin accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized on confession of her faith on Dec. 10, 1961, by Pastor Kurt Rodemann and became a member of the Friedens-Kirche Baptist Church in Remscheid. In 1965 she completed her training at the *Handels-Schule* in Remscheid and received her journeyman's certificate.

In 1968, together with her older sister, she immigrated to Canada, settled in Kitchener, ON, and joined Central Baptist Church. In 1971, her parents immigrated also. She continued her adult education in Waterloo, ON, and majored in English as a second language. From 1975 to 1977 she attended Mountain View Bible College in Didsbury, AB, then transferred to Emmanuel Bible College in Kitchener, where she received her B.R.E. degree on May 1980.

Concerning her experience with Christ, Karin says: "He is God's Son who was sent as a sinner's sacrifice to die for all mankind. He is not only my personal Savior but also my Lord. To do his will is to be obedient to his call of service. He is and gives life, life that can be abundant if I live according to his Word. He is always the same, never changing." Concerning her missionary purpose, Karin writes: "To bring Christ and his

message of salvation and abundant life to people who are seeking meaning and purpose in life. To share my limited knowledge in training believers and thus strengthening their spiritual growth, individually as well as collectively."

Karin first inquired about short-term missionary service in general. When Japan was suggested to her, she was ready to make her application to Japan. She was appointed by the Board of Missions for a two-year program in Japan. On August 24, her church in Kitchener had a farewell and commissioning service for her. She left Kitchener one day later for Oakbrook Terrace, where she participated in the annual

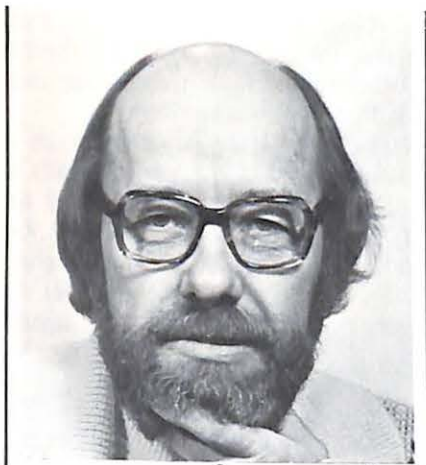


Karin G. Klettke

Missionary Orientation Workshop held at the N.A.B. International Office, August 25-28. Here she met several of our missionaries from Japan now on furlough (Miss Wipf and Douglas and Sharon Woyke) and from Cameroon along with three short-term missionaries to Cameroon recently appointed. This gave her a cross-cultural experience.

On August 29 Karin left for Honolulu where she joined William and Luci Lengefeld on August 30 for the rest of the journey to Japan.

Our prayers follow her that she may find in Japan the fulfillment of her desire to bring Christ to the Japanese through the teaching of conversational English, but more so through her personal contact with and witness to them. □



# putting it together

by Ernie Zimbelman

We have all heard it said of someone that "He/She is a loner." There are some people who pride themselves in being loners. They feel they have chosen to be loners. They actually think that being a loner is a good way to be.

God never intended for us as people to be loners. He made humans so there would be someone he could communicate and interact with in his creation. As Christians we speak of the need for fellowship with God and people. This concept is expressed in I John 1:7: "If we are living in the light of God's presence, just as Christ does, then we have wonderful fellowship and joy with each other."

Fellowship is the basis of joy according to John. I fully agree with him. Loners may be able to get along, and they don't have to deal with hard-to-get-along people; but I don't think a loner can ever have true joy or a keen sense of fulfillment. Ultimate happiness comes through deep personal relationships.

The price of deep intimacy, and thus joy, is a price that many of us are not ready to pay. Hence we settle for superficial and shallow relationships. Many times we even know we have made the decision not to invest deeply and fully in our relationships with God and people, but we are angry because we do not gain more satisfaction from these relationships.

Intimate relationships, whether with God or people, call for trust and commitment. Intimacy calls for a partnership concept. A

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good relationship calls for a sharing spirit. We must be able to receive from it and be able to give to it. It demands sacrifices, negotiation and compromises.

One-sided relationships do not bring ultimate joy. A person who always draws and never gives will not have happiness. A possessive spouse or parent will never enjoy love freely given. By the same token, a person who always wants to be the giver, but is never the receiver, can lose out. Parents can frequently be an example of this latter kind of relationship. For example, a mother may feel she has given everything for her family and yet her children seem ungrateful for her efforts. Such a parent finds this incomprehensible.

Intimacy, which leads to joy and fulfillment, demands a sharing relationship. This mutual giving and receiving relationship is

well described in the Apostle John's first letter:

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear. The man who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us. (I John 4:7-19, NIV)□

## My Thanks

*"For the Lord is great,  
And greatly to be praised,"  
Songs of joy and thanksgiving  
To Him be ever raised.*

*He who rules o'er all the earth,  
With awe my being fills;  
He who knew me 'for my birth,  
My heart and spirit thrills.*

*He feeds me with the Living Bread,  
My soul no thirst shall know,  
He leads me with His mighty hand  
Along life's paths below.*

*He who sees the sparrow fall,  
And every hair can number,  
Listens to me when I call  
And guards me when I slumber.*

*And so on this Thanksgiving Day  
I wish to let all know  
That I am thankful He is God  
And that He loves me so.*

—NANCY HAIL

# Book Reviews

by B.C. Schreiber

**PRAYERS FOR TROUBLED TIMES.** By Joy E. Adams. Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, MI. \$1.50

**AS TOUCHING THE HOLY.** Fifty Perspectives on Prayer, Albert M. Wells, Jr., compiler. Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, MI. \$2.45.

Joy Adam's little volume contains 50 meaningful prayers in the form of free verse on subjects from Age (I'm tired. As I grow older fatigue comes sooner), to Worry (My worry is sin, I cannot excuse it).

Albert Wells presents a variety of authors whose "calls to prayer" are never more than two pages in length. Their subjects include such truths as The Power of Prayer, The Cost of Prayer, The Mission of Prayer, The Risk of Prayer, and many more.

## Obstacles Produce Opportunities

by Bill Cummins

Unemployment, inflation, devaluation, rising costs and future uncertainties are all difficult problems that we must wrestle with today. When you add marital and family problems along with vocational ups and downs, it makes one feel like screaming!

It's easy to talk about how you'd handle them as long as they are miles away, lumbering across someone else's landscape. But it's something else when you find them standing at your doorstep.

We need the kind of faith young David showed when he plunged his hand into the cold stream, took a fistful of stones and walked up, face to face with old Goliath. It only took one stone to level that 9-foot giant. Our Stone today is the Lord Jesus Christ!

So let's slay these giants together. They're not nearly as tall as they seem when you look at them through the eyes of Jesus. We can defeat them one by one. With the sling of faith, the Stone of truth and the name of the Lord God as our battle cry, let's turn our obstacles into opportunities.

From *The Messenger*, a monthly church news letter.

*The Rev. William Cummins is pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, MI.*

**THE VINE LIFE.** By Colleen Townsend Evans. Chosen Books, Lincoln, VA, distributed by Word Books. \$6.95.

This is an unusual book, inspired by a beautiful person whose beauty comes from within. The inspiration for this book began when Mrs. Evans asked, "But how, Lord? How can you live your life in me?" Her search led her "back to the Vine" in order to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

The "Vine Life" led her to an intense study of John 15. Through prayer, study and experience she is now able to share what is referred to as "the exchanged life" described and experienced many years ago by Hudson Taylor.

Colleen is the wife of the Rev. Louis Evans, Jr., pastor of the National Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC.

**THE PEOPLE VERSUS JESUS.** By Louis H. Evans, Sr., Word Books, Waco, TX. \$5.95.

The subtitle indicates that this is a courtroom drama with *you* as the jury. It is a study of Jesus' claims to be God.

In order to perform this drama as presented, a little more than ordinary talent and authentic costumes should be available for realism and dramatic effect.

Dr. Evans wrote the play with the hope that it would add to the clarity of our witness and the veracity of what our faith affirms.

If the play cannot be staged, it can be used for inspirational reading and for group study.

**THE BEST OF VANCE HAVNER** in one handy volume. Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, MI. \$1.95.

There's not a dull page in the entire book. Mr. Havner has a subtle penetrating humor that makes you forget the humor and remember the point—it sticks.

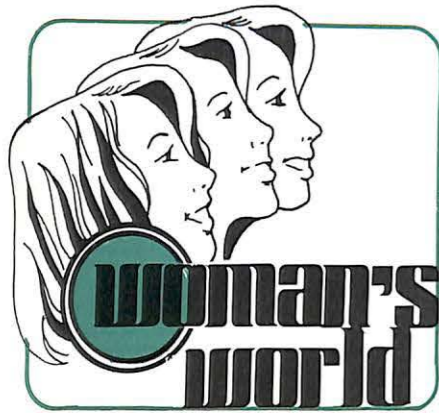
In the beginning of his conversion, he says, he didn't have much theology in his heart. He was a singing Christian and he never lost his joy. There are many more things in his head now, but they are ruled by his loving and compassionate heart.

Only 128 pages that make it difficult to stop until reading every one.

## REMEMBER THE HOSTAGES IN IRAN



As Christians we believe in supporting, with our fervent prayers, the U.S. captives in Iran and other political prisoners anywhere in the world.



## Remember by Alma Henderson, Athens, GA

*(Editor's Note: This month we begin a periodic series of articles written by women who once served on our mission fields. One of the distinctives of our women's work is our interest in and support of missions. We thought you would be interested in hearing once again from some of the people who have served so faithfully in the past and who continue to serve where they are now.)*

"Has anyone planted a vineyard, but not eaten any of its fruit? If so, go home! You might die in the battle and someone else would eat it." Such thoughts have rambled through our minds since we left the vineyard eleven years ago and today, again, we found these words in Deuteronomy. They seemed to jump out of the pages at us, as we have long thought of returning to visit and eat of the vineyard where we labored for 22 years. Then recently our Baptist congregation in Georgia heard the fruit of this vineyard speak audibly: "We are the fruit of the seeds planted by your missionaries in Cameroon. You planted well; God watered the seeds, and we stand before you as the fruit of missionary labors."



Author, Alma Henderson (far right) with former missionaries Geraldine Glasenapp, Laura Reddig, and present missionary Tina Schmidt.

Joseph Ngam and Rose Ndzenwuiy, two of our Cameroon nurses, have just completed a ten-week course at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. They were our guests before returning to Africa, and what a time of reunion we had! Our best laughs came when our now-matured African

children related their earlier resistance to the stringent rules laid down by the missionary planters. Now they are the planters and plowers in that vineyard. Eating of the fruit of the vineyard without even having to "go home" to get it, is a pleasure that is impossible to put into words. Now that taste was just enough to make us hungry for more of that fruit, and to get the second course, a proposed visit to Cameroon is very much on the agenda.

Since we left Cameroon 11 years ago, Athens in Georgia has been our home. After completing our graduate work at the University of Georgia, George was asked to join the faculty in the new African studies program at the University. I have been teaching in Athens' Christian School.

With 65 Baptist churches within a 25-mile area, we've had spiritual fellowship in abundance while serving in a continuous capacity

as interim pastor in various churches.

Much of our energy is directed to a ministry among the 25,000 University students on campus and to the international students in particular. George has founded an organization called "Friendship Inn," which ministers to foreign students. The mission field comes to our door from every conceivable country of the world. These are very gifted students who will one day be leaders in their own countries.

One of the greatest opportunities for foreign missionary service is open to every American and Canadian Christian by showing and sharing the love of Christ to the foreign students who come to our country. The majority of them receive our degrees and diplomas and leave our country as spiritually empty as they came. Only those who are fortunate enough to meet a concerned and active Christian in their new academic



by Dorene Walth,  
W.M.F. president,  
Citrus Heights, CA

It was a comfortable summer afternoon on the prairies. The plain frame farmhouse had been scrubbed and polished inside and out for company.

The men were sitting on benches or on the grass just outside the kitchen door, swapping opinions about the grain prices and evaluating the effectiveness of the new cooperative gas station and store in town.

The kitchen table held a heaping platter of home baked buns . . . some filled with cold chicken and others with home cured sausage. Two chocolate cakes, cut neatly into squares, sat undisturbed, because coffee in the big pot on the stove had not yet begun to boil.

In the living room, around the edges of the shiny waxed linoleum floor, were miscellaneous wooden chairs that held the women who were actively involved in the Sunday afternoon Ladies Aid meeting. A new pastor was soon to arrive, and plans were being outlined for cleaning the church property and preparing the best welcome reception ever!

The children formed a flitting swarm as they ran from one area of the farm

building to another. Now they were playing Tag, and their laughter and screams didn't bother either set of adults.

Suddenly the little four-year-old, with a watchful eye on the one who was "It," collided with another youngster who was running to escape being tagged. She was knocked to the ground and began to cry violently from the painful impact of skull hitting skull.

Friendly little hands consolingly led her into the house where her mother, who was seated on a small rocker, gently lifted the upset youngster upon her lap and held her closely, tightly, with a protective soothing grasp. The child's sobs turned to gasping sighs, then to peaceful breathing. She was content to remain snuggled against her mother's breast while the other children returned to their play.

I was that child. I shall never forget the comfort and the security of that moment. Just to have someone who loved me be there and care, in a time of embarrassed humiliation and pain, was the warmest feeling I can ever imagine. I felt secure and protected—shielded from anything that would harm or destroy me.

Very often in my adult life, on the stairway, I have times when my soul is hurting and I long for arms of consolation around me. I remember the comfort of my mother's arms, no longer available in the same way.

God met my need then, and, sure enough, he is able to comfort me now! "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you . . ." (Isa. 66:13).

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms . . ." (Deut. 33:27).

Thank you, God, for these promises. Such times when I am afraid, I mentally run to the comfort of your everlasting arms and you are always there to help me and soothe my aching heart. What a blessing!

surroundings have the privilege of being introduced to Jesus Christ.

The vineyard is at our doorstep wherever we may be, and the joy of plowing and planting is our only purpose in life. Any North American Baptist people who pass through the southland are welcome to come and visit us at Friendship Inn in Athens, Georgia. We thank the Lord for every remembrance of "you all."

## Investment in Missions



by Kay  
Kitchen,  
Creston, BC

*(Editor's Note: This message was presented by Mrs. Kitchen on the occasion of her retirement as White Cross chairman of the W.M.F. at Creston, BC.)*

A book called *Investments and Dividends* was written by a woman who invested 40 years of her life in the service of God as a missionary in India. The work of foreign missions offers an attractive field for in-

## Remember the Children

by LaVerna  
Mehlhoff,  
women's  
work director



Christmas is a time for the family to be together. But the Fluth family, missionaries in Cameroon, won't be able to celebrate Christmas together as a family since two of their daughters are in school in the United States. We can't do anything about the separation, but we can help by sending Christmas cards to the children of our missionaries and to their parents to assure them of our interest, concern and prayers. We can also help by giving a special offering towards their education during the month of December, the project adopted by the W.M.F. Request missionary addresses from the president of your W.M.F. or your pastor.

vestments. There is no danger of collapse, depression, or bank failures for this investment is backed by the promises of God.

What profits and dividends can be compared with those which come from investments for God? No business corporation in the world gives such a high rate of interest on any investment. God will guarantee you dividends for eternity, but you do not get dividends from stock unless you invest.

A young lady was leaving a thrilling missionary meeting with an older woman and as they left the building, the young lady exclaimed, "I just can't get interested in missions!" The older woman replied, "I am not surprised to hear you say that, dear. It isn't to be expected that you should be interested. You know, missions are like an investment, and it is just like getting interest in a

## Grounded in Him

by Donna McFall,  
W.M.F. English  
program packet editor,  
Stockton, CA

The Christian woman of the 1980s is faced with exciting possibilities and grave responsibilities:

*As an individual Christian . . .* her relationship with her Lord and greater depth in his Word must be top priority in the midst of voices offering so many counterfeits . . . a heart attitude of devotion.

*As a woman in a local church . . .* she can be trained and equipped to reach out with loving hands and heart to other women in her local fellowship . . . a heart

bank—you have to put in a little something first; the more you put in, the more interest you get."

At certain times in the year, businesses and investors carefully evaluate the stock market, and they take inventory of their stock and holdings. Christians likewise ought to periodically reassess their lives and investments in the light of spiritual standards.

These are the days when men are seeking the best bonds, best stocks, and the best property and business deals to bring the highest percentage of profit. Are you an investor in God's stock market? Are you investing in his business here in this world and thus accumulating dividends and interest in the world to come? For me, doing our White Cross quotas has been this type of an investment.

attitude of discipleship.

As a woman in the world . . . she can look for small community or school projects, neighborhoods or jobs where she can meet and serve others continuing to have missions as an important part of her life and ministry . . . a heart attitude of evangelism.

The 1981 Women's Missionary Fellowship Packet looks at these three aspects of a Christian life as we all are in the process of becoming "Grounded."

My thanks to all who joined me in writing and preparing the Packet which is available now from our Oakbrook Terrace office.

**DID YOU KNOW . . .** that a W.M.F. in Texas names their group after a missionary their church supports, then makes a special effort to keep in touch with that missionary?

## A HYMN OF THANKS

(Tune: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy . . .)

Thank You, Thank You,  
Thank You, Father,  
For Your faithfulness and love;  
Countless daily blessings flowing  
From your treasure store above.

Thank You, Thank You,  
Thank You, Father,

For the victory Jesus won;  
Sin and death forever conquered;  
Thank You for Your risen Son.

Thank You, Thank You,  
Thank You, Father,  
For Your Holy Spirit's power.  
For the gracious care and leading  
He imparts each passing hour.

Thank You, Thank You,  
Thank You, Father,  
For our loved ones by our side;  
Mothers, fathers, friends and  
children,  
May Thy grace on each abide.

E. D. Hughes



## A Man of Courage Has Left Us

by Edward D. Hughes

Dr. Bill Sturhahn was an encourager of the brethren! As a new North American Baptist pastor, I was fortunate to receive his help and encouragement in both personal and pastoral matters. Collaborating on a newspaper article about his role in the German Baptist Immigration and Colonization Society, we soon touched the main spring of each other's faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Dr. Sturhahn's candor, love for people and desire to introduce the Savior to others marked him as a dedicated servant of Jesus Christ. These qualities were set in a character which also contained warm humor, resolute loyalty to principle, sensitive awareness to others and a sense of oneness in Christ that endeared Dr. Sturhahn to people far beyond the bounds of his own church culture.

The single most impressive memory I have is Dr. Sturhahn's strong persuasion that God called his parents to Canada in 1927 in order that his life might be prepared for the later colonization work. Dr. Sturhahn and his colleagues helped resettle more than 7000 post-war European immigrants. Sixty-five of these are known to be full-time ministers, a fact in which Dr. Sturhahn, himself a pastor, humbly rejoiced. He was convinced the call to such work came from God, and he gave God all the glory for what was accomplished through the Society.

Because of changing world politics and altered world needs, a decision was made to close out the work of the Baptist Immigration and

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Colonization Society. Its work was done, its duty discharged. Perhaps the simultaneous fact of Dr. Sturhahn's homegoing carries the same message. Personal sadness and loss cannot overcome the accompanying joy that he is "With the Lord which is far better . . .".

Dr. Sturhahn's finest memorial is the abiding work he left behind. The remembrance of his smile, his gracious demeanor, his kindly word, are his eulogy. I remember him with gratitude to God. □

## My Tribute to A Faithful Coworker

by John Binder

When I received the message about the death of Dr. William Sturhahn, I immediately thought of the word of our Lord recorded in Matthew 25:21, where he said about another one of his servants, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." I believe Dr. Sturhahn has received a similar welcome from his Lord.

He was a faithful servant of God. For fourteen years he served as a pastor of N.A.B. churches. This pastor's heart continued as he then became involved in other ministries.

He had a pioneering spirit. He accepted new challenges and was willing to risk by faith. He started several new ventures, such as the immigration ministry, one of the first area secretaries, helped start many churches, and was deeply involved in the development of the new campus of N.A.B. College in Edmonton.

He was a man of strong convictions. He was willing to take a stand on Christian principle, even if it was not very popular. He was a helpful counselor. I still remember his telephone call to me when I was pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Morris, MB. He had just attended

*Dr. John Binder is executive secretary of the North American Baptist Conference.*

the General Council sessions in 1960 as an area secretary, and he was asked to call me as one of the pastors in his area regarding the decision of the General Council that I be called to the position of Director of Youth Ministries of our Conference. He helped me to carefully weigh the various factors involved in making that decision.

He was a man of warm compassion. Even though he was quite a bit older than I, I considered him a personal friend. He demonstrated his compassion for people in need primarily through relief and immigration ministries. He helped thousands of people in a direct and meaningful way to find a place to live, get a job and find a church home.

He had a love for music. He was involved in directing choirs and encouraging the development of music in the local church, at campus, associations and conferences.

He emphasized sacrificial living. He constantly challenged Christians to be generous with their time and material resources for the Lord's work. He always demonstrated it himself. Very recently he again sent in a significant direct gift for Conference missions and ministries out of limited retirement resources.

I praise God for the privilege of knowing such a special servant of his such as Dr. William Sturhahn. May his memory prompt us to

## in memoriam

**Rev. William Sturhahn, D.D.  
1908-1980**

**Born Jan. 28, 1908**

**Ordained Sept. 16, 1936**

**Pastor 1936-1950**

**BWA Immigration Secretary  
1950-1953**

**N.A.B Immigration Secretary  
1951-1958**

**Northern Area Secretary  
1959-1972**



Dr. William Sturhahn displaying his book, *They Came from East and West*, which he wrote in 1976. It contains the documented history of the work of the North American Baptist Immigration and Colonization Society.

greater faithfulness in our service to our Lord. □

## A Diligent Servant

by Isador Faszler

It was my happy privilege to have known William Sturhahn, over a period of 30 years. In his providence, God provided him with a dominant spirit, which stood him in good stead, to be the man he was, and do all the things

he did. I remember when as a young pastor, being responsible to arrange for a "Song-fest" among the churches of Southern Alberta, I turned to him to be our guest conductor. He loved music, and over the years inspired many to sing praises to the Lord.

The Northern Area might rightfully have been called, the Sturhahn domain. Having settled so many people in the area as Immigration Secretary, and later serving as Area Secretary, it was only natural that much respect and strong relationships

developed. It must have been difficult to sever those ties. However, he stepped aside and made it a delightful experience for me to succeed him. He

knew how to let go and turn over responsibility to his successor. I was treated as a brother, and received his

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wholehearted support.

Another area to which he gave considerable time was the North American Baptist College. Its welfare was his constant concern. Back when the All Purpose Building was constructed, he, together with Mr. Ed. Streuber, conducted a very successful fund raising campaign. And now, though retired, he volunteered his services again, to fund the new library. Plans were that he join Dr. J. Sonnenberg for a trip into BC on September 20. However, the Lord's bidding to come home came first.

I visited with him last at the NABC Bible Conference in early July. He seemed so full of life and enthusiasm, and I remember saying, "Brother Bill, I hope that when I get to be your age, I will be as healthy and vigorous as you are."

He will be missed, but we do not begrudge our brother's departure to meet his Lord. How we cherish the memories of his life lived among us! He served his Lord with much devotion, and that remains his challenge to us all.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them" Revelation 14:13. □

## An Immigrant Who Helped Immigrants

by Gideon Zimmerman

If you ever were in a meeting with Bill Sturhahn when there was a season of prayer, you will recall the sincerity expressed in his prayers. One could not help but feel that an unwavering faith was expressed in what he prayed. Although his many

*Dr. G. K. Zimmerman is the former executive secretary of the North American Baptist Conference. He is now a full-time estate planning counselor.*

years of faithful service as a minister of the Gospel added daily to his growing faith in God, there was also the impact from his parental home. I once was guest in the home of his parents, and I participated in their family altar services in the German language. I felt the deep commitment to God as we read from the Scriptures and prayed. The family members surely were influenced by the impact of the spiritual atmosphere out of which they came. Whenever I was in the home of Bill and Erna Sturhahn, I felt that the standard of Christian emphasis established in the parental home was faithfully carried out by Bill as well.

The unique ministry of Bill Sturhahn as Immigration Secretary for the Baptist World Alliance and North American Baptist Conference brought hope and new beginnings for many thousands of immigrants who came to Canada and the United States following World War II. In his book, "They Came from East and West" he depicted some of the events in the lives of individual families whom he assisted to resettle in the new land of promise. Much will never be recorded in the writings by man about the sacrificial labors and deeds which came from this man of God to help these refugees experience a new beginning. He was held in highest honor by many of those who came to the shores of Canada and were personally greeted and welcomed by him as they arrived by ship.

His abrupt departure from this life comes as a shock to family and friends. His welcome to heaven's home must have been with the phrase, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." We shall remember him for his devoted faith in Christ as Savior and Lord and for his faithfulness to the call from God to be a loyal and dedicated servant whose ministries served a great host of people.

"Thank you, God, for the ministries of Bill Sturhahn!" □

# 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,  
short-term  
missionary  
in Cameroon



Lord, this month I am twenty-one. Supposedly now I am grown-up.

When I was little, I thought high schoolers were old and wise, and one must die shortly after college. When I was sixteen, I fought changes and responsibilities and the heartaches of growth. I just wanted the car, a little later curfew, and everything else that was rightfully mine.

Lord, I never could've made it so far without you. I love you. Oh, and thank you.

But don't go far! Now is when I really need you. Before I could plead "Adolescence" or turn to Mom and Dad.

Now my decisions are my decisions unless I choose to share them with you. My mistakes are all mine unless I ask you to carry them. I'm on my own unless I'm walking with you.

Now, maybe, I'm brave enough to tell the world a thing or two. I'll start by admitting that I've had enough of trying to solve things on my own, and that I can't face tomorrow without you by my side.

I've been so fortunate; and yet I've let my appreciation slide by. So seldom have I said "Thank you" to those who have influenced me and helped me grow.

So, now, I thank those close friends who stuck by me when they thought I was in the wrong, who challenged me, and refused to let me be closed in by the seriousness of life. They taught me to listen and to give and to care.

And to a brother and a sister who reminded me constantly of the mistakes I made, letting me know how visible one's actions are. Thank you for your friendship in the more grown-up years.

To teachers—both school and

church—who treated me as though I had something worthwhile to say . . . who encouraged me to dream and set goals.

To church members and others who told me I was special and that they were praying for me. They'll never realize how much that strengthened me and gave me confidence to grow.

(It's funny, Lord how so much of it was the little touches; the things and times that showed that people cared.)

And so much I thank you for the kind of parents who could write me a declaration of independence and tell me that they'd always be there to help me if I needed or wanted it . . . who supported me, and who taught me about you.

I'm twenty-one this month, and next year I'll be twenty-two. Help me to take what others have given me and give it back to those I meet. Help me to show them a part of you. Remind me not to let a day go by without praising and thanking you.

Let me take what I'm becoming and give myself back as a gift to you. May it be pleasing to you.

to the truth (1 Kings 22:14).

A child's psychosexual identity begins forming about the age of two. In addition to hearing what you say, he begins modeling you more closely. This is *the relational level*. It's important that he see you admitting to your own failures—driving too fast in hazardous conditions, not arriving home when you said you would, not keeping a promise to him, etc.

Realistic modeling frees the child to struggle with his own honesty problems. One parent said that his kindergartener would never confess his sins to God in his bedside prayers until his Dad began to openly confess his sins. The inescapable truth is that values are caught more than taught.

**The third level** of our training to help the child personalize the principle of honesty for himself in an every-day context. Show a preschooler or primary child a dollar bill and ask what he would do with it if he found it on the floor. Emphasize that being honest makes one feel good, helps others and pleases God as well as Mom and Dad.

Keep in mind that, according to research,

children up through ages five or six do not have an internalized sense of right from wrong, only a fear of consequences. They accept what their parents say because they want to please. Praise versus a spanking or confinement to their room is their measure of an honest action.

With **older elementary children**, tell a true-to-life story. Ask what they would do if they saw one of their friends slip a small pencil sharpener into his lunch sack while in a stationery store? Follow with questions like: "Why?" and "What would result?" At this age your child should have moved beyond the motivation of merely pleasing you, and be doing right things because they also make him happy with himself.

**Junior high and high school children** should have a well-developed conscience and be thinking at more abstract levels about the values they hold. You can encourage this by discussing a newspaper article which reports various acts of dishonesty. Help them discern the motivations for such acts. Guide them to see that without honesty, we can't get along in the relationships of life—school,

home, marriage, community and government.

If your child has developed a sensitive conscience, rooted in a biblical view of honesty, he'll rise above the frequent trap of seeing right and wrong only in terms of what is pleasurable or approved by others.

Throughout the development process, be sure to focus on his actions and those of others. Affirm him and praise him, alone and in front of his peers. Putting an honest label on him will underscore that value and motivate him to live up to it when faced with the really tough choices.

Two good resources for further help are:

**Values and Moral Development in Children**, by Carl A. Elder (Broadman, 1976), and **Moral Learning: Findings, Issues and Questions**, by Edmund V. Sullivan (Paulist Press, 1975). (from *Dads Only*, Vol. 3, No. 1, Julian, CA. Dads and Publishers are Paul Lewis and Ray Bruce.)

## 12 Myths About Careers

by John William Zehring

Myth No. 3: I'll Fall Into Something. Why Worry?

There is a big difference between worrying and planning. Don't worry. But don't avoid planning. Failing to plan is planning to fail.

Yes, you will "fall into" something.

That's known as "happenstance." But what you fall into may be distant from that which gives you joy and meaning.

The key word here is "intentionality." Actively and purposefully seek out information and options. Interview people about their work. Read and research career information. Don't be limited by ignorance—you can't choose something if you don't know it exists! Learn how to make intelligent decisions. And begin, of course, by personally assessing your needs, values, interests, and talents.

By planning, you may never reach 100 percent of your ideal. But you may achieve 60 percent. Or 90 percent. By happenstance, your chances of reaching that ideal—where "who you are" fits "what you do"—are very low.

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## I Love to Tell the Story

by Joe Bayly

I spoke at a Sunday school convention in New Hampshire last week.

During a workshop, I asked the people if there was one Sunday school teacher from their own childhood they remembered above the rest. About half of them answered yes. So I asked why.

"I was special to her. I could tell she

was pleased that I was in the class."

"He came over to the schoolyard during the week to play ball with us."

"She told me my dress was pretty. We were poor, and my own mother and father were so busy they probably didn't have time to notice me or compliment me. But my Sunday school teacher did."

One woman said, "My mother died when I was eight years old. My Sunday school teacher literally carried me through the next two years by her love for me."

What always strikes me when I ask that question, "Why was the teacher special?" is

that it's the caring that people remember, the love, the affirmation those teachers gave to their students by their words and actions.

I'm pretty sure they must have known the Bible, must have prepared carefully. But that's not what these grown-up men and women remember years later . . . when they have picked up the responsibility for teaching and caring.

A Sunday school teacher doesn't just teach the lesson—he/she is the lesson. (Reprinted by permission from *I Love to Tell the Story* by Joseph T. Bayly, © 1978, David C. Cook Publishing Co., Elgin, IL 60120.)

## How Shall We Teach Honesty?

Honesty is one of the core values, the real stuff of integrity and personal maturity. And like other values, it cannot be laid on a child like a coat of paint. It grows like grain in wood—part of the total development. As dads, our task is to guide our children toward a strong conscience, a commitment to truth and the ability to think for themselves.

Teaching honesty involves three levels of instruction: 1. The factual. 2. The relational. 3. The personal. **The factual level** is the ongoing process of storing in our child's mind the scriptural principles ("Let us walk honestly . . ." Rom. 13:13). With elementary children, share the story of Jacob's lie to his father (Gen. 27). Tell youth about David's sin with Bethsheba (2 Sam. 11). Look at Josiah's faithfulness to God's plans (2 Kings 22, 23), and Micaiah's commitment

1. Buy things for their usefulness.
2. Reject anything that is producing any addiction in you.
3. Develop a habit of giving things away.
4. Refuse to be propagandized by modern gadgetry.
5. Learn to enjoy things without owning them.
6. Develop a deeper appreciation for the

- creation.
7. Look with skepticism at "buy now, pay later" schemes.
8. Obey Jesus' instruction about plain, honest speech (Matt. 5:37).
9. Reject anything that will breed the oppression of others.
10. Shun whatever would distract you from your main goal.

## Toward the Simple Lifestyle

Richard Foster lists ten "controlling principles" for moving toward a more personally satisfying life as a disciple:

## A Short Course in Human Relations

This is a bit of philosophy on the use of words.

The six most important words:  
*I admit I made a mistake.*  
The five most important words:  
*You did a good job.*  
The four most important words:  
*What is your opinion?*  
The three most important words:

*If you please—*  
The two most important words:  
*Thank you!*  
The one most important word:  
*We*  
The least important word:  
*I*

# The Baptist World Congress at a Glance

Despite demonstrations, pickets, protest rallies and news conferences that resembled debates over a dispute between Russian Baptists, more than 20,000 Baptists from around the world devoted their major attention to celebrating 75 years of fellowship during the 14th Baptist World Congress in Toronto.

There were several indications that the 75th anniversary session ushered in a new era of internationalization for the Baptist World Alliance.

inant news coming out of the Congress.

"A far bigger issue is the emerging leadership role of Baptists from Third World countries," said McCall, who praised the "first-class Biblical scholarship" of speakers from developing countries on the program.

Although some long-time Baptists observers noted that previous Congress programs have been dominated by North Americans and Europeans, this was not the case in the 14th Baptist World Congress in Toronto.

Bible study sessions were led each day by



At his first press conference as newly elected president of the BWA, Dr. Duke McCall (right) warmly shook hands with exiled Russian Baptist pastor, Georgi Vins, and said: "I reach out to my brother who calls on the name of Jesus."

The more than 20,000 registered delegates to the Congress meeting at Maple Leaf Gardens arena elected Gerhard Claas, BWA associate secretary for Europe and former German Baptist executive, as the organization's new general secretary.

Earlier, during the pre-congress session, the Alliance General Council elected eight executive staff members from five countries, who speak English and eight other languages, in a determined attempt to develop a "multi-lingual, multi-cultural" staff. One of these newly elected staffers was Dr. Reinhold J. Kerstan, editor of BAPTIST HERALD and associate secretary for communications with the North American Baptist Conference since 1968. Beginning October 1, he is the associate secretary of communications and also in charge of the division for BWA study and research.

Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, who was elected president of the Alliance for a five-year term, said in an interview after his election that he regretted that the Soviet Union Question had become the dom-

Baptist leaders from Taiwan, Nigeria, Brazil and Australia.

Official delegates came to the Congress from more than 85 countries. Invariably, when asked what had meant the most to them, most responded, "the fellowship with Baptists from other countries."

The entire Wednesday afternoon session was devoted to a "World Fellowship Celebration" at Toronto's Exhibition Place. The session was compared to a "gigantic family reunion" with Baptists from around the world exchanging souvenirs and getting acquainted.

For most, the highlight of the week-long series of meetings was the final Saturday night session when Evangelist Billy Graham issued a call to commitment to world-wide evangelism, and when Baptists, carrying the flags of 120 nations, paraded around the arena to the platform where they spoke in their native language the Congress theme, "Celebrating Christ's Presence in the Spirit."

When the flag of the Soviet Union was presented and the Russian delegate voiced

the Congress theme, thunderous applause broke out. Only applause for the United States was louder than that of the Soviet Union.

The congress came to a climactic close with the singing of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus by a 2,500 voice choir and orchestra directed by Cliff Barrows of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team. Then the more than 18,000 delegates overflowing the arena joined hands and sang, "Bless Be the Tie That Binds, Our Hearts in Christian Love."

But it was the dispute between Baptists from the Soviet Union that consistently drew the headlines.

From the beginning to end, there were pickets outside the Maple Leaf Gardens protesting the presence of Russian Baptists and



Press conference with Dr. Gerhard Claas (left), general secretary; Dr. Duke K. McCall, president. Dr. Reinhold J. Kerstan, associate secretary of communications, presided.

charging that several members of the official Russian Baptist delegation were agents of the Soviet KGB. The pickets were organized by Carl McIntyre, president of the International Council of Christian Churches, who staged a protest rally at Jarvis Collegiate Institute.

Although there was no connection between the two groups, Reform Baptist leader Georgi Vins, exiled to the United States after eight years in Russian prisons, staged another conference, called "The Voice of the Persecuted Church" at the Harbour Castle Hilton Convention Center.

Georgi Vins and Alexei Bichkov, general secretary of the official All Union Council of Evangelical Christians Baptists in Russia, were principal figures in the dispute that ranged behind the scenes and in the news media every day of the Congress.

Vins said he came to Toronto to "wake up Christians in the West" to the extent of persecution of Christians in the Soviet Union, but Bichkov charged in a news conference that Vins came to create division and

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## Glory to God for 75 Years

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LODI 1905-1980

by Ella Bender

Over the weekend of April 11-13, 1980, First Baptist Church of Lodi, California, celebrated its 75th Anniversary. On Friday evening the celebration began with Dr. John Binder, executive secretary for the North American Baptist Conference, bringing the message and the singing of the combined Men's Chorus from Temple Baptist Church and First Baptist Church.

Saturday morning a Reflection and Fellowship Time was held in the church social hall to visit and greet friends and former pastors. Historical mementos of the past were on display.

On Saturday evening a banquet was held with the Rev. Hans Wilcke, Western Area secretary, bringing the message. The Dave Krumpke Family, former music director, brought the special music for the evening.

The Sunday morning worship service was glorious, with Dr. Joseph Sonnenberg, president of N.A.B. College bringing a challenging message, with special participation from the Reverends Aaron Buhler and Willis Potratz, and Dr. John Wobig, all former pastors of the church.

Concluding the celebration on Sunday evening the Rev. Jake Leverette, former pastor, shared God's Word with a challenge to carry on the work begun. A mass volunteer choir brought praise and glory to God.

Preparations began a year in advance with the redecoration of the sanctuary. New carpeting, drapes and lights were installed, along with the rearrangement of the platform and choir loft. The sanctuary also received a new coat of paint.

A historical and pictorial directory was prepared to be distributed at the celebration as a memento of this special time.

All of this was made possible by the prayers of our members, sacrificial gifts and many hours of work, as well as the faith-

Mrs. Ella Bender is a member of First Baptist Church, Lodi, CA.



Former pastors of First Baptist Church: (left to right) Jake Leverette, 1973-79, Aaron Buhler, 1959-67, Willis Potratz, 1968-73, Albert Felberg, 1937-48, Gustave Rauser, 1938-59.

fulness and blessing of God.

The church began in 1905, when a group of Baptist families, new arrivals in Lodi, began meeting in various homes for fellowship and worship.

Through the efforts of the Rev. Gustav Schunke, the First German Baptist Church of Lodi was organized with 17 charter members on April 10, 1905.

The first meetings took place in the English Baptist Church of the Northern Baptist Conference, at the corner of East Elm and Stockton Streets. For the unstipulated sum of one mission offering per year, the group continued with this arrangement until 1949.

A first church facility was built and dedicated in 1912. Located at the corner of Oak and Grand (Central) Avenues, this facility served until 1920, when the growing congregation created the need for a larger facility.

A new building was constructed next to the old one (after it was moved aside) and was dedicated in September 1921.

Once again in 1947, church membership exceeded the limits of the building. Of the choices to either build a new building or to split the membership and start a second church, the latter plan was adopted.

One hundred and seventy three members organized Temple Baptist Church of Lodi in response to the decision. This was already the second daughter church of First Baptist. The first was Franklin Baptist Church in Elk Grove, which is now First Baptist Church of Elk Grove.

Yet, the congregation continued to grow, and in 1952 the present education building was constructed and dedicated.

In 1953 the congregation made plans for enlarging and remodeling the church. An off-street parking lot was purchased, the old pipe organ was rebuilt and enlarged, and new furniture and rugs were purchased for the Sanctuary.

Many pastors have guided the congregation during its 75 years.

The Rev. Gustav Schunke was the first permanent pastor. He served from 1905 to 1906 and again from 1916 to 1920.

The Rev. Theodore Frey served from 1907 to 1910.

He was followed by the Rev. G. F. Ehrhorn who served until 1912.

In 1912, the Rev. Max Leuschner, pastor of First Baptist Church in Spokane, WA, came to Lodi and served until 1916.

Following Pastor Schunke's second term until 1920, the Rev. G. Eichler served for four years. In 1924, Dr. G. E. Lohr began his ministry until 1937, when he died of a heart attack.

The Rev. Albert Felberg of Winnipeg, Canada, then served until 1948, when he went to a teaching position at North American Baptist Seminary.

The Rev. Gustave G. Rauser served the congregation from 1938 until 1959, when the Rev. Aaron Buhler came to Lodi until 1967.

During early 1968, Dr. John Wobig served as an interim pastor until the arrival of the Rev. Willis Potratz in June 1968. He served until 1973, when the Rev. Jake Leverette arrived to take over the pastoral duties until 1979. Then associate pastor Jim DeBoer served as pastor until the arrival of the Rev. Walter Dingfield in June. □



CHURCH  
EXTENSION  
PROJECT

# Relocation of Ohio Church Presents New Challenge

by James L. Reidling



Part of Grace Baptist's youth group

"And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation." Psalm 107:36

Facing great adversities, Grace Baptist Temple is still forging ahead. Due to a road improvement project, the church was forced to sell its present facilities and seek out other land on which to continue worship.

In August of this year, God touched the hearts of the congregation and the pastor to seek land east of Upper Sandusky on U.S. Rt. #30. Although it appeared that no land was available, God directed them to three acres 2½ miles from town, centrally located to the towns where many members of our church live.

Grace Baptist Temple became a Church Extension project in September of 1977. Since then, spiritual growth has manifested itself in various ways. The Sunday school is well established, and the teen group is active with 16 attenders. We have had our

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Sunday School Junior Boys Class with teacher



Vacation Bible School group having fun

Junior Church program since June. People are really excited about the Space Cadet program for the 4-year olds through the 6th grade. Their meetings are held on Wednesday evenings. At their first meeting, 19 young people and six advisors were present.

The people of Grace Baptist Temple realize that as some have to leave again, others come. Our service to the Lord is marked by faith, action and support. We praise the Lord that we had 15 people attend Grace Baptist as a result of the members actively participating in the Thursday evening outreach program.

We have had several people from the area inquire about our new location. They had stopped us in the stores and the gas station, asking: "When will you have the church built and ready for services at the new location? Let us know and we'll visit."

Will you share a part of the growing ministry by helping us build the future home of Grace Baptist Temple? Your financial contributions should be sent in care of: North American Baptist Conference, Oakbrook Terrace, IL, designated for Grace Baptist Temple. □

It kept peeking around at me from the corner. In turn I was drawn to stare back at it. Eventually its continual glare brought me annoying distraction from my study. It brought to my mind the countless "worthy concerns" almost sacrilegiously thrown down together within it . . . "It" was my "trashbucket," this hapless depository that habitually overflowed with unread newsletters, church related advertising and other "free" literature. The "stewardship of my trashbucket" was now pressing upon my conscience. I wondered if, while we would soon be observing Thanksgiving, this pileup of wasted literature suggested a certain carelessness with abundance.

It seemed to me that somehow my trashbucket symbolized poor stewardship on my part. It also seemed that somehow the overflow of advertising "in God's name" symbolized error somewhere and that there was no such thing as "free literature." It was being paid for by faithful stewards. Lots of man hours, paper, printing and postage, much paid for with the "Lord's money," was simply going to waste. Most of the mailings represented good informative reading, effective ministries, dedicated missions, visionary crusades, or activities of solid denominations. But that wasn't the issue! The fact remained that an alarmingly large bulk of materials was not getting read simply because there was too much of it! It repeatedly came to me to let the matter ride; after all, we weren't being charged for the materials. The flow of religious advertising had come unsolicited; it simply wasn't my fault, so why let it bother me? Why not just continue heaping the stuff into my faithful trashbucket?

I rediscovered the passage in Luke 16, where Jesus described the shrewdness of the rich man's steward. Even though the manager was dishonest, he was commended for his wise investments. As Jesus applied the parable, he said: "If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" (verse 11). I felt then that God did not merely "wink" at my pile of throwaway material, but somehow the handling of my mail was related to God's entrusting me with "true riches."

My wife offered sympathy and reinforcement toward addressing the pro-

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# Stewardship of a Trashbucket

by William Loge



blem. She certainly was acquainted with the armsful of mailings that we received each week. Then, after some further contemplation, I became convinced that there were four reasons that I could not allow this waste to go unchecked:

1. The costs of mailing had grown faster than the annual inflation rate. Hence, the matter of these costs was a greater factor than it was just a few years ago.
2. The religious literature that I wasn't able to read or become involved with in most cases represented funds given "somewhere" for the Lord's work. Hence, I felt that I had a responsibility to the Lord and to the stewards, whoever they were, to try to end this waste.
3. I owed it to the religious organizations represented to communicate my inability to read and use their literature. Certainly good organizations would not want to send out materials that were not being used, and they would appreciate being informed of unused mailings.
4. Even the sorting of mail and the

continual disposing of materials took time. This waste of time represented poor stewardship and should be eliminated.

Here was a problem that I could no longer evade. I had to get on with the "Stewardship of my Trashbucket." After securing further the sympathy and support of my wife, together we set out to do something about it. We tallied the total religious mailings from organizations that had accumulated. In our case the number of monthly mailings came to 163 for the church and 33 for our home! Our efforts were to reduce by 80% the unwanted mailings that fell into our trashbucket.

Let me share some suggestions from our experience that God may lead you to consider:

1. Take some time to evaluate how much time you have to read and the number of mailings (magazines, newsletters, mission updates) you feel that you can handle in a week or month. Use this estimate as a guide with the view toward narrowing your concentration to those mailings.
2. Begin choosing the mailings you feel represent vital ministries or those for which you have a special burden. I believe that our North American Baptist Conference would rank at the top because of their dependence upon our support. Complete this list of mailings according to your own guidelines as to how much literature you felt you could reasonably handle.
3. Begin writing to the organizations that send you materials and are not on your list of desired mailings. Briefly tell them "thank you" for their materials, but that you have not been able to read or use them. Tell them you have decided that your name should be taken off their mailing list.

Is not this kind of stewardship needed in our homes as well as in our church offices? Consider this: Only a concerted effort will accomplish anything to correct this waste.

Won't our Thanksgiving mean more to us if we become better stewards of those things in our control? Have a blessed "Celebration of Gratitude", and may your trashbucket be filled with many bare turkey bones! □

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

**Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gooden** of Anaheim, CA, observed their 50th wedding anniversary, hosted by their relatives. On July 26, 1930, Walter Gooden and Eva Hensel were married in Anaheim, and during all the years of their marriage they have been faithful and active members of Bethel Baptist Church.



They are greatly loved by the people of our church and by many others as well. They have deep interest in our N.A.B. Conference work, having toured our Cameroon mission field some years ago. Mrs. Gooden originally came from the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, MN.

**Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kremer** of Bismarck, ND, were honored with an open house at the Bismarck Baptist Church on Sunday July 6, 1980, in observance of their 60th wedding anniversary. The occasion was hosted by their children, Laverne Michelson, Myron Kremer and Dolores Wells.



The Rev. Larry Michelson was the master of ceremonies for a short program, consisting of musical numbers and readings. A devotional was given by the Rev. Arthur Bibelheimer, a friend of the family.

About 160 friends and relatives greeted the honored couple, including Mrs. Lena Weber who was an attendant at their wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Kremer were active members of the First Baptist Church of Linton, ND, for about 40 years. Since 1964 they have been active members of the Bismarck Baptist Church.

**Mr. and Mrs. Hector Scheel** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 11, 1980, in Arnprior, ON. Their family

gathered with many friends on June 28, 1980, to celebrate with an open house at First Baptist Church, Arnprior. Many others expressed their best wishes through cards and telegrams.



The Scheels have one daughter, Dorothy, and three sons: John, Allan and Gerald; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

We praise God for his strengthening power that has kept them throughout the years. (Gerald Scheel, reporter.)

**MINOT, ND.** An Ordination Council for Keith Heyn was held at First Baptist Church on a recent Saturday afternoon. The following day the Ordination Service was held at 7 p.m. The message was given by the Rev. Ron Mayforth of Bismarck. The charge to the candidate was by the Rev. Byron Brodehl, Anamoose, the charge to the local church by the Rev. Eric Coulon, Harvey, and the ordination prayer by our local pastor, the Rev. Ralph Cooke. Pastors Coulon and Brodehl are both former members of First Baptist Church in Minot. The ordination reception was held in the fellowship room attended by a large number of church family and friends.

The Rev. Heyn is presently serving as associate pastor at First Baptist, Minot. (Inez Rhone, reporter.)

**WETASKIWIN, AB.** Larry Parker, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, was set aside for the gospel ministry at the ordination service held on June 22, 1980.

On June 14, 37 members of the Alberta Association were present to hear and examine him. The Rev. Gerald Scheel presided as moderator and Mr. Leonard Maier was clerk. Pastor Parker presented his Christian experience, his call to the ministry and his statement of faith. After a time of cross examination, the council unanimously recommended that Calvary Baptist Church proceed with the ordination.

At the ordination service the church moderator, Leroy Dickau, presided with the Rev. Robert Parker, the candidate's father, giving the charge. The Rev. Ron Berg brought the ordination sermon. Dr. Edwin Kern led in the ordination prayer during the laying on of hands, and extended the right hand of fellowship. Special music was presented by the church choir and by Mrs. Terry Parker, the candidate's wife.

An offering, designated for Rev.

Parker's library, was taken.

Rev. Larry Parker gave the benediction. Following the benediction everyone was invited for coffee and a time of good fellowship.

We are thankful to God for his goodness and blessings to our church and for our fine pastor and family. (Faye Ruggles, reporter.)

**PLEVNA, MT.** On Exchange Sunday at Plevna Baptist Church, our pastor, the Rev. Richard Lawrenz, went to Billings, MT, to speak and the Rev. Brian Hayes from Billings, MT, spoke at our church. We had a potluck dinner at noon followed by the afternoon service.

We enjoyed an outing at Medicine Rocks picnic area and divided our usual Sunday school classes in the natural classrooms provided by the Maker himself. Then we gathered for a short worship service followed by a bountiful dinner. The afternoon was set aside for recreation. (Alberta Couch, reporter.)

**CARBON, AB.** The past six months has been a fantastic time of seeing God at work here at Carbon. We have had three baptismal services, the last being 12 candidates. People from the community, who have never attended church before, have accepted Christ and now are members of the church. There is a real spirit of renewal in the church and a real burden of prayer for the community, for which we thank God. What an exciting time to be a part of Carbon Baptist Church when God is so obviously at work.



At a recent baptismal service we also had the joy of commissioning Terry and Tammy Fossen into the ministry. Terry is a recent graduate of our North American Baptist Seminary and has assumed a pastoral position at Central Baptist Church in Edmonton, AB. Participating in the laying on of hands and the Commissioning Prayer were the deaconate, the Rev. Willy Muller and the pastor. Pictured were many of the baptismal candidates, as well as pastor R. Grabke, Prof. Muller and the Rev. Terry Fossen. (Submitted by Pastor Richard Grabke.)

**CARRINGTON, ND.** On Aug. 3, Calvary Baptist Church was happy to welcome its new pastor, the Rev. Robert Lang, his wife, Phylis and two small daughters. Special guests were the pastor's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Lang, from Avon, SD.

The program consisted of vocal musical numbers, readings and two selections by the handbell choir.

Appropriate welcoming speeches were given by various leaders of the church. A food shower was given to the pastor and family. Refreshments and a time of fellowship followed. (Vi Pepple, reporter.)

**SPRINGSIDE SK.** We are thankful for the faithful leading of God and the blessings received in Springside Baptist Church and community. For the summer months the church has engaged Neil Effa, a Caronport Bible student graduate, to assist in a program to reach out into the village which has grown double in size and the community as a whole. Our prayers are that God's ever-guiding hand will be with this undertaking. Recently, at the Sunday morning communion service, the hand of fellowship was extended to 15 people by baptism, letter and testimony. We have a full program of summer activities ahead—camps for all ages at Good Spirit Camp. Young people's project for summer months is a program of slide presentations and fellowship for Good Spirit Lake resort campers to be held at Government Recreation Center Friday nights. All departments of the church are very active. We pray for continued guidance and blessings. The Rev. William Keith has been serving our church for five years. (Julia Yande, reporter.)

**CARBON, AB.** The Carbon Baptist Church Choir (pictured) presented a cantata entitled, "The Return." The featured narrator was the well-known anchor man for CFCN TV news, Darrel Janz. This presentation was particularly appropriate at this time when all are realizing that the whole world



is coming to an end. Five hundred people were in attendance. A number of persons accepted Christ after the presentation of their program. The director of the cantata was Marilyn Ohlhauser, pianist, Karen Biebrick, and organist Shirley Buyer. Free copies of "The Late Great Planet Earth" were given to those who attended. (Submitted by Pastor Richard Grabke.)

**AVON, SD.** Pastor Henry Lang, of First Baptist Church, conducted baptismal services at the morning worship service, baptizing Mrs. Pearl DeGroot and Mrs. John Voigt, Jr. The hand of fellowship was ex-

tended to them at the next communion service. (Miss Estie Betz, reporter.)

**KYLE, TX.** The 97th annual meeting of the Southern Association met at Immanuel Baptist Church, July 10-13, 1980. Our guest speakers were the Rev. Charles Hiatt, vice president for development, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, and Keith and Glenda Eitel, missionaries to Cameroon. Rev. Hiatt brought four inspiring messages on "Total Life Stewardship." Stewardship involves the whole person and the whole life. Everything belongs to God and is simply loaned to us to be used for him. Keith and Glenda Eitel reported on the work in Cameroon and encouraged us to become ambassadors for Christ.

A new missionary, the Rev. James Timmons, will take over the work at Rio Grande City and also the work in Old Mexico. In Edinburg, under the leadership of the Rev. Lindberg Ake, the church is relocating in southwest Edinburg.

We now have two church extension projects in the Southern Association: Treschwig Baptist Church, Spring, TX, and North Carrollton Baptist Church, Carrollton, TX. The Association passed a motion to raise \$165,000 (plus) of commitments to contribute to the Church Extension Investors Fund for the Spring and Carrollton projects. We are excited and encouraged with the work at these projects, and want to give the praise and honor to Christ.

With a youth director in the Association, we had three retreats last year plus camp. The young people have grown spiritually during this year.

The Church Ministries Committee involved the churches in Sunday school growth campaigns and also sponsored a couples retreat in spring.

The W.M.F. and Baptist Men have both been active and reached their goals financially. New goals have been set to serve God in a greater way. (Mrs. Helen Lengefled, reporter.)

**DURHAM, KS.** Sunday, June 29, 1980 was designated as "Dedication Sunday" at First Baptist where Harvey Friez (pictured) is pastor. Milton Zeeb, South Central Area secretary, spoke at the morning service and also at the Service of Dedication in the afternoon. An open house was held following the afternoon service.

In a day when building costs are soaring and people are postponing building projects, the Durham Baptists are completing a \$110,000 addition to their building. The main part of the addition entails a fellowship hall in the basement, classrooms and the pastor's study on the main floor. The basement adjoining the new fellowship hall and the sanctuary have been remodeled and redecorated. A baptistry, new carpet, stained glass windows and pew cushions have been added to the sanctuary.

The Lord's really been faithful. It is "unreal" how the money has come in. The church has only borrowed about one-third of the needed finances. When people really want to do the Lord's work, they can get it done!



Most rural churches are having a difficult time just maintaining their level of attendance; this church has shown a lot of growth in the last two years. On this Dedication Sunday, 26 new members were received into the fellowship. (Marcella Mohn, reporter.)

**PARMA, OH.** Our area was one of those privileged to have a visit from Laura Reddig and Beatrice Nokuri, following their attendance at the Baptist World Alliance at Toronto. Dr. Reddig's service in Cameroon has been known by North American Baptists for 40 years! It was the joy of seeing an old friend. It was Mrs. Nokuri's first visit here, representing the Baptist women of Africa, and the Women's Union of the Cameroon Baptist Convention. It was the joy of meeting a new friend.

On the evening of July 24, the ladies spoke to many class groups during the Vacation Bible School at Parma Heights Baptist Church. The next day they were at a tea hosted by the Calvary Baptist Church of Fremont, OH, where women from Xenia and Upper Sandusky were also present. In the evening, they were back in Parma for a joint meeting for members of the Redeemer and Hillcrest churches. Their informative and inspirational ministry was much appreciated. Their tour in this area was arranged by Mrs. Jim Reidling, Upper Sandusky, the president of our Penn-Ohio women. (Ruth Strauss, reporter.)

**MADISON, SD.** West Center Street Baptist Church held an inspiring baptismal service on Sunday morning, July 13, at beautiful Lake Herman. Morning service was held in the chapel at Camp Lakodia, a 4-H camp. After hearing the testimonies of the five candidates (pictured), all church



members proceeded to the lakeshore. Here Pastor Bittle led each candidate into the water. Following the service a fellowship meal was served by the staff at Camp Lakodia. (Catherine Jung, reporter.)

## our conference in action

**BETHLEHEM, PA.** The James Dodson "Focus on the Family" film series, and a Steve and Maria Gardner concert, were well received at the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem recently. Pastors Henry Wilk, of Middle Island, NY, and Dennis Kee, of Neshaminy, PA, presented our N.A.B. Church Extension outreach in promotion of Church Extension Sunday.



Susan Krier, our missionary extraordinary (from Bethlehem), was the spellbinding storyteller in our recent Safari Adventure (pictured) which attracted a record enrollment. A group of 30 young people spent a week at Ocean Grove, NJ, in the Gothard Basic Youth Conflicts Institute, with a group of 15 who were baptized on the preceding Sunday. Dennis and Pat Hoffman, of Butterfly ministries, were also with us in this "shower of blessing" in these recent weeks. (Clara Dorozowski, reporter.)

**PHILADELPHIA, PA.** The ninth annual sessions of the Atlantic Association were held at Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church. The Rev. and Mrs. Wilmer Quiring, Missionary Kathryn Anne Kroll and Chaplain Herbert Freeman were Conference guests.

Our Church Extension Committee presented exciting missionary news. Neshaminy Valley Baptist has reached an attendance of 96 in two and a half years, and has purchased an ideal piece of property. They are also able to assume the additional cost of the recent 20 percent hospitalization increase. We are thankful that this growing group has consistently contributed to Association missions as well as receive. The Rev. Dennis Kee is the pastor.

Our second Church Extension pastor, the Rev. Henry Wilk, is now at Middle Island, NY. After five months on the field, three supporting families, other than the pastor's, are attending prayer meeting and worship services. We pray this work, too, will prosper.

Walnut Street Baptist Church has an interim pastor, the Rev. Rubens Domingos, and the group is looking for an English-Portuguese speaking pastor.

We were made mindful of financial needs of our local Association, the Seminary, our denomination and the Niagara Falls Triennial Conference in 1982.

The Rev. James Correnti was elected to

the Baptist Belief Committee.

We praise and thank the Lord for this constant guidance and loving care. (Sally Prast, reporter.)

**AURORA, CO.** The eighth annual meeting of the Southwestern Association convened at the Meadow Hills Baptist Church, Aug. 1-3, 1980. Delegates from Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado were in attendance.

The theme, "Balanced Christian Citizenship," was based on 1 Tim. 2:1-4. Some of the guest speakers also emphasized this theme in their messages. The Rev. Clinton Grenz, former army chaplain, challenged the delegates to think about new ways to become involved in community and local church affairs. The Rev. Earl Ahrens, missionary in the San Luis Valley, related the effect of salt on its environment to how Christians are expected to have a purifying, healing, preserving, and sometimes abrasive effect as they become part of their communities rather than setting themselves apart from it.

Other guests were area secretary, Milton Zeeb, LaVerna Mehlhaff, women's work director, Mrs. Lois Ahrens, and the Rev. and Mrs. David Keiry. Eight new pastors and their wives were welcomed.

A moving experience for the delegates was the visit of Edwin and Verna Michelson, who are residing in Denver during Edwin's recovery.

New officers for the coming year are moderator, the Rev. Harvey Friez; vice moderator, Robert Wendelberg; secretary, Mrs. Clara Grenz; treasurer, Arlen Janssen; statistical secretary, Pastor Jim Zier.

Moderator for this year's business sessions was the Rev. Wil Dachler. Music was provided by the Dachtler family and the host church. Eelon Green and David Hasselblad of the host church were in charge of local arrangements and, with their committees, did a commendable job of hosting the Association.

The next meeting is to be held at Beatrice, NE. (Roselyn Wolff, reporter.)

**DURHAM, KS.** On Sunday evening, June 22, 1980, Pastor Harvey Friez of First Baptist Church began by commenting, "The service tonight will be one that will be long remembered because few occasions, if any, will have the spiritual significance in the life of this church as that which we will witness this evening."



The evening was special for two reasons. The newly installed baptistry was used for the first time, and twelve adults

and four children were baptized by pastor Friez. We praise God because this is an answer to prayers that have been prayed for many years.

On Sunday morning, July 29, 26 individuals were added to the church membership. Also received into the membership were those who were baptized the previous Sunday. All are pictured. (Marcella Mohn, reporter.)

**WINBURNE, PA.** At a recent baptismal service five people were baptized upon their confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

These as well as four others were received as members of Forest Baptist Church.

The Rev. Maurice Korb is pastor of the church.

**WARBURG, AB.** The Lord has been blessing us in the new work here in Warburg, AB. On April 5, we had a joint baptismal service with Wiesenthal Baptist Church, when five adults from our church were baptized and two from Wiesenthal. On May 11, our new pastor, Russell Hoffer and family began their ministry with us. He is a graduate of N.A.B. College. On May 25, we welcomed ten new members into our church. On June 29, several neighboring churches joined us for an installation service for our new pastor and family. Greetings were brought from deacons, Sunday school department and the Women's Missionary Fellowship. Prof. Edwin Kern, from N.A.B. College brought a very challenging message, followed by refreshments. We are all deeply encouraged with the work here. (Mrs. Mary Hubscher, clerk.)

**ASHLEY, ND.** Recent happenings at Ashley Baptist Church include a baptismal service with two teenagers and two adults (pictured) and a communion service in which the four baptismal candidates and four more adults were welcomed into the fellowship of the church.



In June our men's chorus presented a concert at First Baptist Church in Wishek, ND, and also ministered to the elderly at the Ashley Nursing Home with a program of songs and readings. Rev. Allen Gerber directs the chorus. (Mrs. Henry Kranzler, reporter.)

**LEDUC, AB.** On June 29, 1980, Temple Baptist Church had the joy and privilege of having four young people give their testimonies of how they found their Lord and Savior. They then followed the Lord in baptism, and in July, as the Lord's Supper

was celebrated, the hand of fellowship was extended to them. It is our prayer that they will continue to grow in the Lord. Pastor of our church is the Rev. John Martens. (Violet Fleck, reporter.)

**GUELPH, ON.** One hundred and eighty women of the Eastern Association met at Guelph, ON, June 13-15, to share together in "God's Promises." We were spiritually enriched as Ardice Powell shared God's unfolding plan and promises in her life. She enlightened and encouraged us in these four areas: "God's Promises in Discipleship;" "God's Promises in Crisis and Grief;" "God's Promises in Parenting;" "God's Promises in Marriage." Amidst laughter and tears Ardice also told of her storybook romance and marriage to Dr. Ralph Powell.



The sessions were led by President Judith Thole, Buffalo, NY, pictured with Mrs. Ardice Powell. Skits, special numbers, etc., were given by women of Ontario, Western New York and Erie, PA.

As the retreat came to a close, we truly felt "one in the Bond of Love." (Karen Grenz, reporter.)

**PLEVNA, MT.** We were privileged to have Pastor Henry Lang from Avon, SD, as our morning speaker on Aug. 10. He and his family were home visiting relatives and old friends.

On Aug. 17, Pastor Ted Keck and his family of Fargo, ND, were our visitors. Pastor Keck presented the challenge of the Fargo Church Extension project to us.

Most of our church family helped in some way to make a float for the County Fair parade. In keeping with the parade theme of "Community Pride," our theme was: "Churches . . . Backbone of our Community." We also used Bible verses John 3:16 and John 14:6. We were given first prize in the organizations division. What an honor for our Lord Jesus Christ. (Mrs. Alberta Couch, reporter.)

**EMERY, SD.** On July 2, Plum Creek Baptist Church had a farewell outing for Pennie Jucht and Bea Westerman (pictured with Allen Effa). Following the meal a program was led by Allen Effa with Lucille Wipf as special guest. Music was provided by Mrs. Valma Steffen (Pennie's grandmother) and Mrs. Marlys Schmidt.

The rest of the evening was spent visiting and playing softball. (Janet Jucht, reporter.)

**SOUTHEY, SK.** Our church was privileged to have a Round Robin Missionary Conference with the Neumans and the Goodmans in March of this year.



On June 8, we witnessed the baptism of two young adults. The hand of fellowship was extended to these and one other young lady, pictured with Pastor Herbert Bachler.

**XENIA, OH.** The Penn-Ohio Association meetings were held on May 2-4, and hosted by Community Baptist Church. This conference was planned with the family in mind—not only the family at home, but the family in the church. The keynote speaker was Dr. Ernie Zimbelman, professor of counseling at North American Baptist Seminary, who is also a practicing psychologist and marriage counselor. The Rev. Larry Scheffler and the Rev. and Mrs. Wilmer Quiring also participated as speakers during the conference. A good spirit prevailed during business sessions and committee meetings. Nursery services were provided. Special activities were planned for free time. We praise God for the blessings he bestowed upon us during this conference. (Esther L. Lucius, reporter.)

**ALPENA, MI.** On May 8-10, 1980, the 10th Michigan Association met at Ripley Boulevard Baptist Church. Pastor Jacob Ehman and the members were most considerate hosts, providing not only excellent food but, more importantly, an atmosphere conducive to work, worship and fellowship.

Related to the theme of "Lord Teach Me," the various speakers dealt with topics of help to the audience. Dr. John Binder, N.A.B. executive secretary, gave the keynote address on Thursday evening on Jesus, "The Master Teacher." The following evening, missionary to Cameroon, the Rev. Hoffman, spoke on "Teach Me to be Sensitive to the Regions Beyond." Throughout the Association several of our pastors also brought messages related to the theme: The Rev. Ron Seck, "Teach Me to Pray;" The Rev. Charles Littman, "Teach Me to Care . . . for my World;" Dr. Art Boymook, "Teach Me to Care . . . for my Family;" Dr. Herbert Hiller, "Teach Me to Live . . . Eternally."

One of the highlights of the Association was the presentation of a musical program by the host church's young people. We were inspired and moved beyond words to observe the dedication of these young people to the Lord Jesus Christ and with their musical talent.

## our conference in action

Under the able leadership of Moderator Winston Decker, we were able to conduct many items of business quickly and efficiently. After a trend for several years of dwindling membership in the Association, we heard the good news that we made positive gains of several percent. We have reason to believe that this trend will continue and even increase. Our five Church Extension projects are all doing well. In fact, a new work is being started by Dr. John Hise in West Boca Raton, FL. To aid some of these churches in financial matters, a Revolving Loan Fund was established with very favorable repayment and interest stipulations.

Attendance was smaller than in previous years, but the decrease was well compensated by the increase in enthusiasm and sweetness of the spirit. The theme for this weekend must have made its impact upon us all. When Jesus is the Master Teacher, the disciples not only learn spiritual truths but also godly behavior and proper attitudes. (Rev. Al Grams, secretary.)

**CHEEKTOWAGA, NY.** After much prayer, and by unanimous agreement, work has been started to improve and enlarge our existing structure. The wooden section of the building will be completely renovated.



Also, a large room will be added along with an enclosed entryway providing better access during inclement weather. On Sunday, Aug. 17, ground was broken by Pastor Bernie Thole and George Hartman (pictured), chairman of the Building Committee. Knowing that God loves a cheerful giver, over 25 percent of the cost was pledged during the first week. We have also secured a van for transporting our oldsters and youngsters. This was always an item that was tabled for the future. But Jesus said, "Why are ye afraid, O ye of little faith?" So, when God is with us, who can be against us! (Mrs. George Hartman, reporter.)

**HARVEY, ND.** Summer usually means vacations, but to the congregation at Bethel Baptist Church, summer means growth. Eleven new members were accepted into the church following an inspirational communion and baptismal service at the city park next to the Cheyenne

## our conference in action

River. Four were baptized at this service. On June 22, we broke ground for a new church structure which will be located on the north side of the city. The building will be 10,000 square feet in size, with a seating capacity of about 250. Other features are ample Christian education facilities, with nursery and cry room, a large foyer, and fellowship hall complete with kitchen. A "T" shape is the form of the building, with the sanctuary, foyer and fellowship hall in the center. The wings will contain classrooms, offices, restrooms and kitchen facilities. Dedication is forecast for late November or early December. Our present church structure has been sold to the Harvey Assembly of God congregation. As a congregation we are excited in what the Lord is doing through us. Our pastor is the Rev. Eric Coulon. (Mrs. Judy Martin, reporter.)

**ANAHEIM, CA.** For seven weeks, April 30-June 11, Sunkist Baptist Church devoted its Wednesday night prayer meeting to special films on the family by Dr. James Dobson. Quoting Dr. Dobson: "If America is going to survive, it will be because

husbands and fathers begin to put their families at the highest level of priorities and reserve something of their time, effort and energy for leadership within their own homes."

The program included the following films: "The Strong Willed Child;" "Shaping the Will Without Breaking the Spirit;" "Christian Fathering;" "Preparing for Adolescence—Origins of Self-Doubt;" "Preparing for Adolescence—Peer Pressure and Sexuality;" "What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Women—The Lonely Housewife;" "What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Women—Money, Sex and Children."

Many calls were received by the church office during this period, and the Wednesday night attendance rose from an average 180 to an average 300. Invitation schedules of the films were furnished to members for giving to friends and neighbors.

Pastor Adolph Braun followed up these films with MESSAGES ON THE FAMILY: "The Divine Pattern for the Family," "Divorce and Mystery of Marriage," "Jesus was 'Single,'" "Sex, Sacred or Sinful?," "What About Abortion?." "Bless-

ings Promised to Obedient Children," "God's Command to Fathers." (Joe Kwast, reporter.)

**NOKOMIS, SK.** On April 6, Raymore and Nokomis churches combined to present an Easter cantata at both churches. The oldest singer was 83 and the youngest was 13.

On June 20, a potluck supper was held in the church basement as we bade farewell to Pastor Lemke and family. After having been in our fellowship for five years, everyone was sorry to see them go. They have moved to Saskatoon, SK, to serve at Hudson Bay Park Baptist Church.

Nokomis celebrated Saskatchewan's 75th birthday with a homecoming celebration Aug. 1-3. Our church was blessed with a congregation of 194 people on Sunday morning. After the service, a dinner was held in the church basement.

Steve Elliot of the Canadian Bible College in Regina served our church as interim pastor after the Lemkes left.

On Aug. 10, we welcomed Don and Shirley Harder as they began their ministry in our church. (Roland Richter, reporter.)

Mrs. Dienert and the Rev. Paul Meister participated in the memorial service.

HENRY H. SIEMENS, 75, of Calgary, AB, passed away Aug. 14, 1980, after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife, Wilhelmine (Minna); children: Waldo and Claire Siemens of Leduc, AB, and Linda and Milt Ohlhauser, Calgary; ten grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was born June 8, 1905, in southern Russia and came to Saskatchewan in 1923. For the duration of the second World War he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force after which the family settled in Winnipeg, MB, until 1949, when they moved to Leduc. In 1976 they retired to Calgary. He accepted the Lord as a young man and faithfully served in various capacities, such as singing in choirs and quartettes, on church boards and teaching Sunday school all his adult life. Church memberships were held in Central Baptist, Edmonton, AB; McDermot Avenue Baptist, Winnipeg, MB, Temple Baptist, Leduc, AB, and, at the time of his death, Brentview Baptist, Calgary, AB. Pastor Ron Kernohan was the officiating minister of the funeral service.

ESTHER F. STRAUSS, 85, was born Oct. 17, 1894, in Dayton, OH. She was converted at the age of twelve and had been a member of our churches in Dayton and Detroit all her life. She was the wife of the late Edwin F., mother of Pastor Elmer C., grandmother of Amy and Holly, all of Parma, OH, and sister to the late Walter C. Martin, Dayton, OH. She went to be with her Lord Aug. 26, while a patient in a nursing home near her son. Her mind was clear and she suffered no pain in her declining days. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Wm. Taft and Dr. H. Hiller of Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit.

Ida Otto, Ashern, MB, Evelyn Shields, Nokomis, SK, Eileen Otto, Calgary, AB. The Rev. Robert Jaster officiated at the funeral service.

EDWARD F. GEIS, 87, was born on Oct. 10, 1892, near Durham, KS. On May 19, 1915, he was married to Leah Geis, and the couple settled on a farm west of Durham where Edward engaged in farming. He moved to Hillsboro in 1948 where he lived until his death. Edward acknowledged Jesus Christ as his Savior a number of years ago and had regularly attended First Baptist Church in Durham. Preceding him in death was his wife, Leah, three brothers and six sisters. Survivors are three daughters and one son: Eunice Klein, Marion, KS, Betty Meier, Hillsboro, KS, Lois Whitney, Newton, KS, and Quentin of Belle Plaine, KS. He is also survived by five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Edward F. Geis went home to be with his Lord on July 9, 1980.

OSCAR HIEBNER, 80, of Philadelphia, PA, was born March 7, 1900, in Lodz, Poland, and died July 31, 1980. At the age of twelve years he accepted Christ as his Savior, joined Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA, and served in nearly every capacity in the church during the following 68 years of membership. Oscar was elected to duties in the Atlantic Association, and also served as a member of the General Council of the N.A.B. Conference. Throughout his life he exemplified Col. 3:23: "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord . . . for you serve the Lord Christ." He was known affectionately to so many as Pilgrim as "Uncle Oscar." He is survived by his wife, Jennie; brother, Albert, and two sisters: Lydia Eisbrenner and Martha Zachay. Dr. Herbert Hiller from Warren, MI, a cousin,

# What's Happening

■ Mrs. Ardele Stroh, wife of the Rev. Eugene Stroh, pastor, Fountain Valley Baptist Church, CA, died on Sept. 1, 1980, after a prolonged illness. Memorial services were held on September 7.

■ On Aug. 24, 1980, Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, ND, dedicated its new church building.

■ The Rev. John Ziulkowski became the pastor of Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, KS, on Sept. 14, 1980. He is a 1980 graduate of North American Baptist Seminary.

■ The Rev. Franz Schmidt terminated his ministry at Temple Baptist Church, Calgary, AB, in the fall of 1980, where he was pastor since 1970. He is taking time out of his ministry for further studies. Following his studies, he is awaiting the Lord's leading for a future ministry.

■ The Rev. Robert Lang became pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, ND, on Aug. 1, 1980. He was associate pastor of youth at Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, CA, since 1978.

■ The Rev. Walter Foth became pastor at Bethel Baptist Church, Windsor, ON, on Oct. 15, 1980. His original plan to become pastor of Center Baptist Church, Milwaukee, WI, had to be dropped because of immigration difficulties.

■ Mr. Sheldon Carlson is the new director of Christian education and youth at Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, MN.

■ South Hills Baptist Church, Erie, PA, changed its name to *Dorchester Drive Baptist Church* effective Sept. 1, 1980.

■ The Rev. Steve Turner will be the pastor of Austin Street Baptist Church, Buffalo, NY, for a period of one year.

■ Mr. David Detmer is the new pastor at Meridian Woods Community Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN. He is serving part-time.

■ The Rev. James Calkins, since 1978 assistant pastor and youth director at Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, MI, resigned and will be moving

to Cedar Springs, MI. He will be involved in a non-N.A.B. ministry.

■ Mr. Dennis Thum is the new associate pastor at Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN. He is a 1980 graduate of the N.A.B. Seminary.

■ Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, BC, has two new staff members: Miss Dixie Potratz is associate pastor of Christian education and youth, and the Rev. Reinhard Neuman is minister of visitation.

■ The Rev. Dan Payne resigned as pastor of Central Baptist Church, George, IA, where he was pastor since 1979. He became pastor of First Baptist Church, Sumner, IA, on September 1, 1980.

■ Mr. Herb Lattin is serving as part-time minister of visitation at Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, CA, beginning Sept. 1. He is also serving as part-time estate planning counselor for the N.A.B. Conference.

■ Mr. Dave Collins began his ministry as pastor at Melville Baptist Church, SK, during the summer of 1980. □

## in memoriam

PETER ADAM, 77, was born in Russia, April 13, 1903. He came to the U.S.A. in 1920. He passed away in his home on June 23. He was a faithful member of Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, MN, for over 50 years. Since his retirement twelve years ago, he was very active in activities of the senior citizens. He is survived by his wife, Anna; two brothers, William and Fred Adam; nieces, nephews and a host of friends. Pastor H. Mehlhaff and the Rev. Wilmer Quiring officiated at the funeral service.

EMMANUEL FELSKE, 78, was born Oct. 11, 1901, at Overstone, MB. He came to Nokomis, SK, with his parents in 1906. He passed away on July 31, 1980. He was married to Wanda Litwin Dec. 19, 1924. His wife preceded him in death on Dec. 26, 1977, as well as three brothers and two sisters. He received the Lord as his Savior at the age of twelve, was baptized and added to Nokomis Baptist Church. He is survived by six children: Arnold, Nokomis, SK, Maeolla Cosco, Vancouver, BC, Phyllis Meilke, Winnipeg, MB, Lloyd, Regina, SK, Ronald, Edson, AB, Muriel Jasko, Vancouver, BC; 12 grandchildren, four brothers: E. R. (Dick) Watrous, SK, Robert, Nokomis, SK, Bill, Calgary, AB, Gordon, Aldersyde, AB; five sisters: Olga Sweeney, Vancouver, BC, Lillian Felske, Ottawa, ON,

## News & Views

### ALLEN, WHITE HOUSE DENY FALWELL CLAIM

WASHINGTON (BP)—Former Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy Allen has sided with the White House in its claim that evangelist Jerry Falwell "fabricated" a conversation with Jimmy Carter.

Falwell, according to a taped account, told an "I Love America" rally in Anchorage, Alaska, in March of a conversation he had with Carter: "We had breakfast with the president about a month ago and we were discussing national defense and all these things and I asked the president, 'Sir, why do you have practicing homosexuals on your senior staff at the White House?'"

Falwell did not attribute it to Carter, but his next words inferred that the president responded, "Well, I am the president of all the American people and I believe I should represent everyone."

That conversation never took place, according to Allen, now the president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television

Commission, who was at the January meeting. "I was present all the time the president was in the room and he (Falwell) did not ask that question," Allen said. "That simply was not said."

The taped account of the Anchorage meeting was secured only recently by Bob Maddox, Carter's special assistant for religious liaison, who released it to the press with the statement that Falwell's question and Carter's answer "never took place."

Falwell, spokesman of a political organization of evangelicals devoted to electing Ronald Reagan president, said the White House is trying to discredit him by making an issue of the incident, which he claimed was intended only as an anecdote.

In a prepared statement, Falwell said: "My Alaska statement was not intended to be a verbatim report of our conversations with President Carter. Instead, my statement was intended to be, and was, an honest portrayal of President Carter's position on gay rights."

Maddox' office denies that Carter approves of the homosexual lifestyle as insinuated by Falwell's statements.

"Anecdotes that do not tell the truth certainly ought to be avoided in any pulpit that I know of," Allen said. "I don't know that the person sitting in the crowd

can tell the difference between that kind of anecdote and the facts. He ought to stick to the facts."

### TEXAS THANKFUL ALLEN SLOWED BEFORE HITTING

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (BP)—Christians in South Texas were wind-blown and rain-soaked, but prayerfully glad Hurricane Allen lost some strength before slugging ashore August 10.

Even though the first hurricane of 1980 was not as destructive as predicted, it did cause widespread flood, wind and tornado damage. At least two deaths in Texas have been credited to the storm, at one time called the second strongest hurricane of the century.

The storm drew disaster relief units from four Southern Baptist state conventions.

The storm, however, was not as bad as predicted. It stalled offshore for more than 12 hours, losing part of its potent punch. When it moved ashore, it took a less heavily populated path. Even at that, it set off heavy flooding in some sectors, touched off tornadoes across South Central Texas and its wind—even though diminished—caused some damage.

Corpus Christi was in the direct path of

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# Three Ideas for Thanksgiving

Guest editorial by  
Connie Salios

The Canadian Thanksgiving season was observed last month, and now during the month of November, Thanksgiving will be celebrated in the U.S.A. When I was a pastor, in the quiet of my study, I would prepare what I called my "Creed of Thanksgiving" for that year. In that "Creed," I would express the reasons for which I was thankful. I gave this creed serious thought, put it in writing and then read it to my congregation on Thanksgiving Day. I found this to be a stimulating and helpful exercise, because it encouraged me to give serious consideration as to why I was thankful.

I made the service a time for reflecting on the past as to spiritual growth and commitment. I encouraged myself to take inventory of what growth had or had not occurred in my life. In the process of doing this personal-

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ly, I communicated this idea to the congregation. I would use a passage of Scripture similar to Psalm 85. This Psalm includes a prayer for revival. In the process of encouraging myself and our people to give thanks, I also wanted to encourage all of us to reflect on our spiritual development. I found this to be a challenging time for me. Furthermore, I tried to involve as many different people as possible in leading the Thanksgiving Service. We Baptists pride ourselves on believing in the Doctrine of the Priesthood of the Believer, but our practice of this doctrine leaves something to be desired. I had several lay people in my congregations who could do an outstanding job of preaching, and on occasion I was able to involve them especially during a Thanksgiving Service.

Let me encourage you to follow through with three ideas, that have worked for me:

First, why not sit down sometime this month and write out all of the reasons you have to be thankful and call it your "Creed of Thanksgiving." It may be good to share it with your family or with fellow believers in your church.

Secondly, use this Thanksgiving Season as a time of reflection over this past year of your spiritual growth or lack of spiritual growth. Make the prayer of your heart that God will renew and revive you as one of his children, so that you will be prepared to enter the Christmas Season and the New

Year as a re-committed follower of Jesus Christ.

Thirdly, renew your commitment to the Doctrine of the Priesthood of all Believers and make yourself available to your Lord and to your Church to serve according to the gifts and abilities God has given you. I believe that a continuing sense of renewal would occur in the average local church, if all of God's people would recognize their importance as priests in the Body of Christ and fulfill the function of their individual priesthood. □

## Open Dialogue

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed Lorena Keck's article in the July issue, also the one concerning pastors' wives. I like to see personal experience articles, rather than so much "promotional" material, included.

I also appreciate Dorene Walth's feature "Up the Stairway." It has a freshness and reality that I find stimulating.

Mrs. Elaine Strobel, Kansas City, KS.

ment, world hunger, refugees, and ecology.

The resolution on religious freedom and human rights called on governments of the world "to grant religious freedom for all peoples" and urged the "cessation of all discrimination" against those who practice religions other than those approved in their countries.

Other resolutions encouraged ratification and signing of the SALT II treaty and other negotiations toward world peace and disarmament, urged response to the world hunger crisis and called on churches and governments to conserve oil and other energy resources.

In a separate resolution submitted by the BWA Women's Department, the General Council urged the Liberian government to release Mrs. W. R. Tolbert, widow of the former president of the Republic of Liberia, and to allow her to emigrate to the United States. In a memorial service earlier, tribute was paid to Tolbert as a former president of the Baptist World Alliance.

The 1980 Baptist World Congress ended without making a decision on where the 1985 meeting would be held. The General Council referred the question to a smaller committee

for a later decision after declining to approve a proposal to meet in Honolulu. The congress would be held somewhere in Asia if a traditional "rotation" system of meeting sites is followed.

In separate sessions, both the Women's Department and Men's Department elected new leaders.

Mrs. Kerstin Ruden, 65, of Vallstra, Sweden, president of the European Baptist Women's Union, was elected president of the BWA Women's Department, succeeding Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, TX, who has held the position for the past 10 years.

The BWA Men's Department elected Lee

Satterfield, an optometrist from Alta Vista, VA, as its new chairman, succeeding Stephen Steeves of Moncton, New Brunswick.

Reports from the Women's, Men's and Youth Departments, and from the Evangelism and Education, Relief and Development and Communications Divisions consumed a great deal of time during the congress. One session ran so long that time ran out before Edwin Lopez, general secretary of the Convention of Philippine Baptist Churches, was able to speak.

Stirring appeals for Baptists to be involved in evangelism, balanced with ministries to the total needs of mankind, were brought by

Nilson do Amaral Fanini of Niteroi, Brazil; and by William A. Jones, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Brooklyn, NY.

In his final address as president of the Baptist World Alliance, Hong Kong architect David Y. K. Wong urged Baptists to work for justice, peace and reconciliation through Jesus Christ for all peoples of the earth.

The international flavor of the speakers was only one additional indicator of a new era of internationalization within the Baptist World Alliance. □

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the diminished storm. Only two churches—Primera Iglesia Bautista in Flower Bluff and Gardendale Baptist Church—were extensively damaged. The Baptist Student Center at Del Mar College also was damaged. Other churches received slight water damage from heavy rainfall.

Further down the coast, the Rio Grande Valley, the same was reported: little damage to Baptist properties. The only reported destruction was to the Santa Rosa Mission where the room was blown away.

In Harlingen, two Baptist institutions, Valley Baptist Medical Center and Valley Baptist Academy escaped with minor damage.

The medical center was without power or water for a short time, and a temporary building was unroofed at the academy.

Further upstate, tornadoes spawned by

Allen touched down in Bishop, San Marcos and Austin.

Mrs. James Timmons, N.A.B. missionary in Rio Grande City, TX, told in a telephone interview that the Christians of Garcia's Ranch Baptist Church in Rio Grande City praise the Lord for relative little damage. A broken tree fell on the church roof without causing any real damage. Only the front doors collapsed. However, they were in deplorable state because of old age, and were replaced a few days after the disastrous storm.

Because of flooded highways, the Timmons were not able to make contact with the two N.A.B. mission stations across the Mexican border, Camargo and Villa Nueva.

Christians in Texas attributed Allen's sudden loss of strength to their answered prayers. "God definitely performed a miracle," one elderly Christian said when asked to explain Allen's changed course, "humanly speaking this Allen would have been one of the worst killer hurricanes."

### MARTIN VISITS CONFERENCE OFFICE

In June 1980, Dr. E. K. Martin, president of the Cameroon Baptist Convention, visited the North American Baptist International Office. The Rev. Fred Folkerts, general secretary of missions, is seen here with Dr. Martin, standing in front of the display case containing artifacts from the N.A.B. mission fields.



Dr. E.K. Martin and the Rev. Fred Folkerts

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divisiveness. Bichkov claimed that charges that KGB agents are members of the official delegation are "insulting" and "stupid."

In news conferences following their elections, both McCall and Claas refused to take sides in the disputes between the two Russian Baptist Factions, calling instead for reconciliation between the Russian Baptists.

Vins, who registered as a delegate and attended the news conference for McCall on Friday with press accreditation, said in an interview afterwards that he would like to talk and pray with the Soviet delegation, but he said that would put them in an untenable position because they had permission from the government to attend the Congress and had to answer to Soviet officials for their actions and pronouncements during the week.

The next day during a meeting of the BWA General Council, Bichkov, and two other members of the official Soviet delegation presented a statement protesting the registration of Vins as an official delegate. They said his registration was a violation of

the BWA Constitution, which limits attendance to representatives of Baptist bodies which have been approved for membership by the General Council. The General Council, however, took no action on the Russian's protest.

When asked by reporters why the BWA had taken no action condemning Soviet aggression in Afghanistan or persecution of Christians in Communist countries, both McCall and Claas insisted that the BWA had taken actions condemning violation of human rights, religious liberty and aggression in every country in the world (see resolution on Religious Freedom and Human Rights, p. 8).

There was a minimum of business conducted by the 18,000 Baptists attending the Congress plenary session. When time ran out during a business session, the delegates voted to approve one resolution praising the hospitality of Toronto and Canadian Baptists and referred seven other resolutions to the General Council for action.

The resolutions, subsequently approved on Saturday afternoon, dealt with evangelism, religious freedom and human rights, family life, world peace and disarmament,

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- the Government of Canada for their warm welcome.
- 3) To Warren Magnuson and the Program Committee and David Simmonds and the Committee on Local Arrangements for their excellent planning.
  - 4) To the staff and officers of the Alliance for their labors and sincere commitment which combined to make this Congress an outstanding success.
  - 5) To our General Secretary, Robert S. Denny, and our President, David Y. K. Wong, for their endless service to us and to Christian unity, with our love and best wishes as they graduate into another dimension of Christian living.

## Excerpts From the Diary of a Church Extension Pastor

June 16—Offer made on land. Small congregation will have difficulty to make interest payments on unpaid balance.

June 18—Oh, for a mature deacon with whom I could share some of my deepest concerns!

June 22—Attendance is better again. The summer slump is affecting us only slightly.

These are the factual diary notes of an N.A.B. Church Extension pastor, whose name has been withheld by request.

June 24—My little congregation is beginning to feel like a body. There is an interest in fellowship times.

June 30—Offer made on land was turned down. Seller wants much more than offered. Small group could never handle payments. Much prayer needed for wisdom as to what to do.

July 2—Fellow pastor came from a distance to visit and encourage us. Visit greatly appreciated.

July 6—Planning extensive advertising campaign as far as finances allow. Hoping to interest the unchurched in the community. Canvassing results are often very weak. □



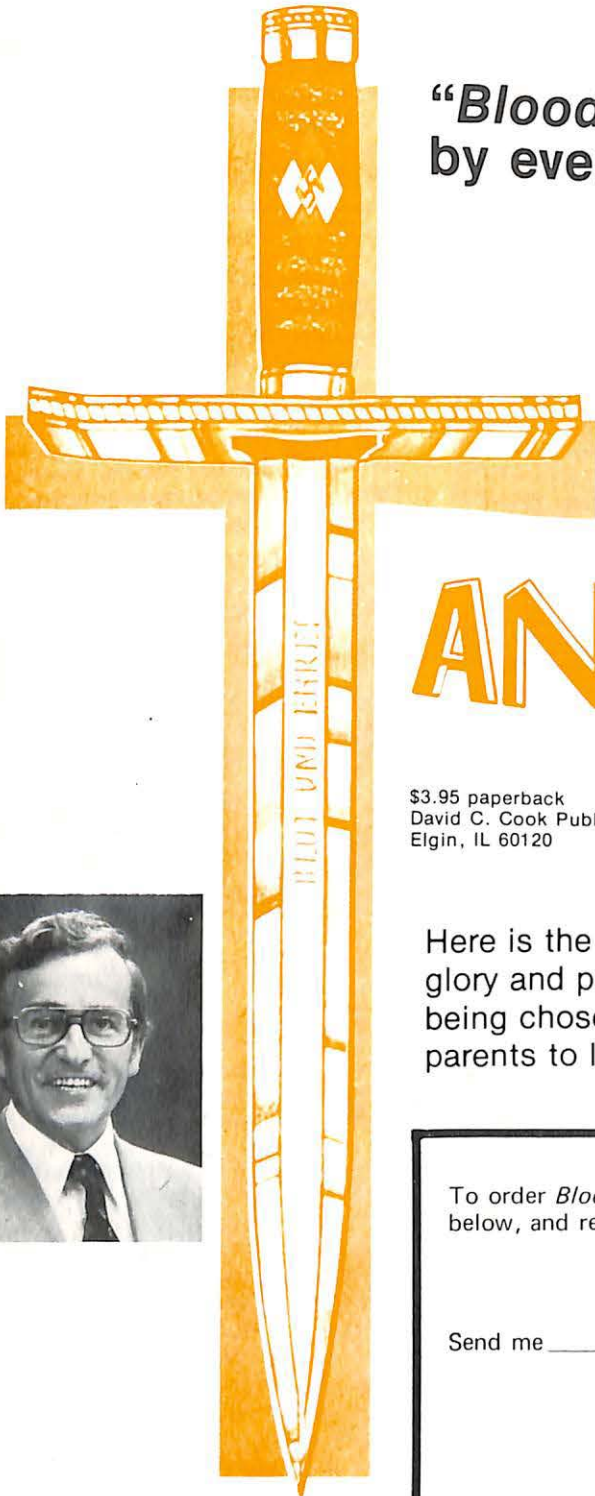
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