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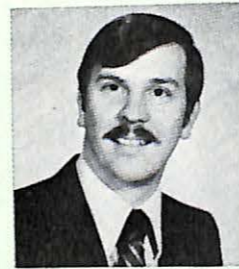
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NEWS Flash

Laboratory Life Forms Covered by Patent Laws

WASHINGTON (BP)—The U.S. Supreme Court ruled here that federal patent laws extend to human-made living organisms.

By a 5-4 vote, the high court held that General Electric Co. scientist Ananda M. Chakrabarty's laboratory creation of a form of bacteria designed to break up oil spills is protected by patent laws dating to 1793.

Many ethicists have expressed the fear that patenting such life forms could make genetic engineering profitable for both companies and individuals by giving them exclusive selling rights on products they invent.

Referring to applicable patent law, Burger said the court set out simply to determine whether Chakrabarty's microorganism constituted a "manufacture" or "composition of matter." The law declares that "whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter . . . may obtain a patent."

The court majority concluded that "Congress plainly contemplated that the patent laws would be given wide scope."

Because Chakrabarty's discovery was "not nature's handiwork, but his own," the court declared it may be patented.

The court rejected the position of the federal government, which had sought to deny the scientist's patent application, despite the government's presentation of what Burger termed a "a gruesome parade of horrors."

These "potential hazards" did not figure in the court's decision, Burger said, because the granting or denial of patents to microorganisms "is not likely to put an end to genetic research or to its attendant risks." □

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A Word to Pastors Only ... Please

by Ron Susek



Evangelist Ron Susek preaching the Word of God.

"Of all the sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: 'it might have been'."

I asked the pastor of 19 years, who found too many negative thoughts dominating his own mind, this question: "If you were suddenly looked to by the entire N.A.B. Conference as to how we should move into the future, would you be ready to set the pace and show the way?" In brave honesty he replied, "No. I might have some ideas. But, no, I would not be ready to lead our future."

It was not my purpose to set him up for the kill, but my next statement emerged out of the obvious. I said, "But you are determining the future of the Conference right now by what you are or are not doing in your local church. A few moments of weighty silence followed, then he said, 'I see your point, you're right.'"

Lest the point is not immediately clear then, look at it this way. There are three kinds of ministers. There are those who stand on the ocean's edge and hope for a day when the distant shore will come to them. Needless to say these standers are losers. Secondly, some jump into the water but only work hard enough to tread the current. They are maintainers. Finally, there are others who see the distant shore (a dream, a vision) and start swimming. It is within the choice of each man which he will be.

So, when the question is asked, "Where is the N.A.B. Conference heading?" the answer comes in the question, "Where am I taking my local church?" You, the local pastor, will determine the N.A.B. future infinitely more than the people at the Conference International Office. Let me explain the value of this.

It is our proud Baptist heritage that gives each church its autonomy. What does that mean? Partially it means that the Conference heads cannot do bad things, like telling you what you can or cannot preach. It also means that the Conference heads cannot do good things, like forcing a failing pastor or church to shape up and get moving in the right direction.

The Baptist concept does away with a dictatorial leadership from headquarters and fosters a servant-leadership concept. In other words, your leaders are your servants.

Recently I toured the northwest and met with about 50 N.A.B. pastors. One discussion was focused on the great difficulty Christian leaders face when trying to lift God's people out of the habit of hesitant, negative, destructive thinking. A pastor confessed that after 19 years of pastoring such people, some of their negative thinking had rubbed off on him.

I saw in him a man who once had dreams. But 19 years of standing in the quagmire of people's doubts, fears, complaints and criticisms had almost robbed him of the ability to dream with fresh hope.

Being an evangelist, I too must work with the same people that you do; yet it is also true that I do not have to work with them on the prolonged basis, which you must. Once I had good exposure, however, in an encounter with one layman that crystallized the kind of defeatist mentality which has shattered the hopes and dreams of too many ministers. Let me tell you about that experience.

I was being driven to a location by this particular man. I asked him about his church as well as the city in general. He was unhappy with the church extension program. He didn't like anyone asking for money on the radio or television. He was unhappy with one pastor who didn't listen to his advice within the first months of coming to the church. The church in general was crumbling in carnality (all over the city). On and on he went without one positive ray of hope.

I rode in silence, with my own spirit sinking lower and lower. Finally, when I could barely stand to hear one more negative, I asked in desperation; "What *one* thing do you see as a positive, hopeful sign?" That was a dumb question because he immediately drove another nail into his casket of doom by saying, "Not much."

My thoughts drifted to his pastor. I knew that either the pastor would lift this man to the buoyancy of true faith, or he would bury his pastor's vision under a pile of depressive reasons.

We who are called to lead the body of Christ must carefully evaluate whether we have adjusted to those who can see only the impossibility of every dream, or if we are still in stride with the calling God has placed before us. We must keep an eye on this problem, lest we allow the years to slip away and find ourselves languishing in the tragic words of Whittier:

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That is good, but it also places the weight of responsibility directly upon your shoulders as to whether you will be a stander, treader or swimmer.

One thing has become obvious as I worked with the Conference heads in recent days. They cannot kick a beach stander into the water, or cause a treader to stretch out. However, if you are a swimmer, these men are ready to do all they can to service your needs.

What causes men to lose sight of the distant shore of a dream, and to engage in years of non-accomplishment? One leading cause is when we allow the failure-oriented

thinking of negative people to set the standard of accomplishment for the church. Defeatist people always ask:

What is the temperature of the water?

How deep is it in the middle?

Will I get adequate recognition if I take such risk?

Men, if we are going to be worth our salt (no pun intended), then we must stop letting people of no vision or faith convince us that the shoreline we are standing on is sufficient accomplishment. We are the ones who had better see, by faith, a distant shore and then say to the church, "Come on, let's swim." □

DO MISSIONS COST TOO MUCH?

by B. C. Schreiber

If Jesus had been aware of our financial problems today, would he have said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you . . . *unless it costs too much?*"

The Apostle Paul would have understood our predicament also, and would have expressed this promise with a condition: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus . . . *except during inflation.*"

When Jesus gave us the Great Commission, he did not promise the necessary funds to carry it out; rather, he gave a more meaningful promise: "Lo, I am with you alway." He took for granted that the promise of his presence would challenge us to support his commission. Christ's commitment of his abiding presence will have little effect unless we are totally committed to him. Then his presence makes all the difference in every area of our lives—including our financial commitment. When Jesus came into the life of Zacchaeus, he needed no one to remind him of his financial obligations. Jesus did not have to preach a sermon on tithing or giving. When his heart opened, his purse opened simultaneously. "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold" (Luke 19:8). It was a spiritual as well as a material commitment.

When Paul commended the Philippian church to the Corinthians for their giving, he said, "First they gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God" (2 Cor. 8:5). When the first commitment is taken care of, the second, third, fourth and all the following commitments will *generously* fall into line.

This does not mean that Jesus never spoke about money and giving. He spoke of it often. It is frequently mentioned in the New Testament. But nowhere is there worry or concern expressed because there was not enough to carry out Christ's commission. During Paul's missionary journeys, he made no special appeal for missionary offerings. Somehow the budget was always sufficient to carry on the Great Commission of Christ.

In a time when we are worshiping in million dollar churches and living in fifty to more than a hundred thou-

sand dollar homes, we find it difficult, not only to open new mission fields, but even to maintain the staffs we now support.

Inflation has instilled in us a greater desire for self-preservation. We are concerned about an uncertain future. But is the goal for a secure financial and material future our number one priority? If we are so concerned about "What shall we eat? What shall we drink? Wherewithall shall we be clothed?" then where is our faith? How far down on our list of priorities is our "seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness? Have we removed it from number one to number two?"

Let's face it, missions are expensive! But so is everything else. Is missions therefore the first to be removed or adjusted in our budgets?

Think of the adjustment the missionary must make. Florence Miller reported prices on some commodities in which she lists gasoline—\$2.80 per gallon; bread—\$1.30 for eight slices; coffee—\$17.50 per lb.; roast beef—\$12.00 per lb.; one stalk celery (not bunch)—\$.40; cantaloupes—\$20-\$30 each (dollars, not cents!). The same adjustments, more or less, must be made by missionaries in other fields.

The average *monthly support scale* for a married unit, as reported by the Rev. Fred Folkerts, is about \$2,310. This includes base salary, housing, cost of living, pension, medical and life insurance, children's education and work funds. *Twenty-five years ago this would have been a support scale for almost an entire year.*

William O'Brien, director of the Board of Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, said, "Once the decreased percentage of dollars given to overseas missions actually arrives on the mission field, it gets clobbered two more times—once by overseas inflation of that country's currency, and again by the devaluation of the American dollar overseas."

The study showed that over the past ten years, buying power of overseas mission funds has been reduced by a total of 128 percent by three factors: U.S. inflation, dollar devaluation overseas and overseas inflation.

Instead of focusing our thoughts on the cost of missions in terms of money, let us think for a moment on the cost of lives.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer, the son of our late Professor

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F. W. C. Meyer, were beheaded by the Japanese in the Philippine Islands, along with nine other missionaries. The Rev. Bruno Luebeck, brother of the former N.A.B. editor of German literature, died suddenly in China. August Steffens, our first missionary to Cameroon, died of a tropical disease after serving only two years. Mrs. Emil Suevern died of a fever after only a few years. Anna Steffens became the second wife of Emil Suevern and died a few months after returning to Cameroon. And H. C. Enns died two months after his arrival. His wife died the following year. Peter Wedel, described as a man of rare gifts and complete dedication to the Lord, died in less than two months. Carl Bender served for a total of 28 years and lies buried in his beloved Soppo Station, the result of black water fever.

More recently, Gary Schroeder died as a result of an automobile accident while on a mission assignment. Our first, and beloved medical doctor, Leslie Chaffee, died on the field and lies buried there. (See *Heritage and Ministry of the North American Baptist Conference* by Frank H. Woyke, p. 214 ff.)

Added to these are hundreds and thousands from other Christian bodies who have given their lives for the cause of missions.

In looking back upon our missionary history, we glory in the fact that we had so many saints and martyrs. We do not hear complaints that missions cost too many lives, but we do hear complaints that missions cost too many dollars. *Something is wrong when we place the value of a dollar above the value of a life!*

For some reason we have created an imbalance in our responsibility toward missions. Noble as it may be, the terms, *Great Commission* and *overseas missions*, have become synonymous. Matthew 28:19 is quoted more frequently than Luke 24:41 and Acts 1:8; in which Jesus reminds his disciples that they must begin at Jerusalem and Judaea.

We can grow overseas only to the degree that we grow at home. As more people are won to Christ in our churches, more financial contributors will become available for outreach. And who knows how many more recruits will rise

up for the ministry of the kingdom.

Every church extension is a "beginning at Jerusalem and Judaea." It is also an expensive mission field when we realize that land sells for hundreds of thousands of dollars for a few acres.

We need education centers, such as our seminary and college, for the training of disciples, who will then go out into all the world.

The fact that millions in North America have heard the gospel twice and millions in other parts of the world have not heard it once, is not a biblical reason for neglecting the ministry of our Conference at home.

Last February, General Missionary Secretary Fred Folkerts responded to a letter written by Missionary Oryn Meinerts in which he analyzed and underscored the low number of missionary personnel serving in Church Ministries in Cameroon: "The conclusion the Missions Department must make in 1980," said Folkerts, "is that with the level of contributions through the unified budget which our people are *willing and able* to make, we cannot afford the number of missionaries we had under appointment in 1977."

The key words are "willing and able." Our mission, and Christ's Great Commission, will stand or fall on our willingness and ability. Our conscience will be judged accordingly, for upon those three words we must decide whether missions cost too much—at home and overseas.

If the question, "Do missions cost too much?" has been asked by you verbally or in your mind, you may be justified in asking it. But if you add the more meaningful question, "Is it worth it?" then the answer must be an unequivocal "yes," especially when you think of the value of one soul.

Think of the thousands won for Christ through missions overseas; think of the many souls won in the neighborhood of every church extension project; think of the churches, hospitals, clinics and schools established overseas that minister to both body, soul and mind; think of the seminary and college where young men and women are trained for Christian service and full-time ministry.

Missions cost a great deal, *but it's worth it!* □

A Lonely Climb

*Here I stand on my great mountain,
reaching up for a rainbow.
I touch many vibrant colors,
but can't feel its warming glow.*

*Rain soaks my heart and worn out shoes,
fog covers sparkling rivers.
A cold mist turns my new world grey,
down below, valleys shiver.*

*Thunder roars like God's mighty voice,
I begin to shrink; feel small.
Lightning flashes with mighty arms,
raindrops form a drowning wall.*

*I fall to the wet earth and cry,
"Oh God, listen! Tell me why!"
Somewhere along the rugged rocks,
the climb took me much too high.*

*Then I stood startling still, as the
loudest thunder showed the way.
"You lost your footing, turned aside,
the moment you forgot to pray."*

*Here I stand on God's great mountain,
reaching up for a rainbow.
I touch upon its radiance,
and feel the warmth in its glow.*

*I taste the freedom in the air,
start to climb another rock.
Wait! "Lord help me along this path,
Thank you for a smoother walk."*

—Karen Caserta

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1980 General Council Sessions— another milestone in NAB history

by the Editor

The General Council sessions are an annual affair. Still, each year there is an air of anticipation and a hectic rush to get everything together at the N.A.B. International Office: printed reports, financial statements, hotel reservations, meal selections, transportation schedule, last minute correspondence or phone calls, P.A. system and overhead projector checkout.

Finally everything was ready to welcome the one hundred plus General Council members and guests at the Sheraton Motor Hotel in Oak Brook, IL, on June 19-20. From the very beginning the spirit of harmony and Christian love seemed to rule among all participants. Everyone wanted to contribute constructively.

Dr. Peter Fehr, Conference moderator, opened the annual sessions with devotional thoughts based on Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13. His concern was to demonstrate through God's Word, how to measure genuine growth. "As individual Christians we start out as children in Christ," Dr. Fehr stated, "and through study of God's Word we hopefully grow in full spiritual maturity." He then summed up Paul's admonition with these words:

"Living a worthy life of patience, humility and love for the brethren, exercising our spiritual gifts by tapping God's power in order to provide spiritual growth among the believers, until we reach a common knowledge of Christ, that is growth to real maturity, which God may give us."

The following roll call revealed that all 21 Associations were represented as were the two educational institutions. The reports of the executive secretary, the secretary of stewardship and communications, and the Conference treasurer were

encouraging. The reports from the schools, missions, church extension, church ministries and from the area secretaries also had a positive note and gave us more reason for rejoicing.

At the end of the first day, it was apparent that the 1980 General Council sessions would have a strengthening and edifying effect on all participants.

Friday, June 20, was reserved for business transactions. Here also Christ's spirit of humility and patience ruled all hearts, so that the discussion and deliberations were marked by a calm and productive mood of unity.

DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ETC.

An entire day was spent dealing with various matters concerning the numerous ministries of the N.A.B. Conference. Some of the most important business items acted upon are listed here.

● TERMINATION OF INTER-CAMPUS MASTER OF DIVINITY PROGRAM.

The present Inter-Campus Master of Divinity Program between N.A.B. College and N.A.B. Seminary will be terminated with the 1979-80 academic year. However, the Inter-Campus Planning Committee will be continued under its present name with the following purposes:

- To coordinate a program of faculty exchange.
- To exchange information on curricula.
- To provide an open channel of communication for further institutional cooperation.
- To interpret to North American Baptist churches the mission of their schools of higher education.
- To seek new areas of cooperation.

● NEW STUDENT DORMITORY AT N.A.B.C.

In order to accommodate the approximately 235 students on campus, the College was authorized to build another dormitory for 120 students, with construction to begin in September 1981.

● NEW DIVINITY SCHOOL OKAYED

The General Council approved the request of the N.A.B. College Board, to give the Master of Divinity Program at the College the name "North American Baptist Divinity School."

● PENSION FOR MISSIONARIES INCREASES

The pension provision for missionaries will be increased in 1981 from \$300 per year to 10 percent of salary per year for home missionaries, and 10 percent of salary plus increment per year for overseas missionaries.

This increase will bring the missionaries in line with other Conference employees.

● MISSIONARY HOUSING ALLOWANCE UP

The following increase in overseas missionary housing allowance was approved for 1981:

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Monthly allowance for single missionary	\$180	\$200
Monthly allowance for missionary couple	250	300
Monthly allowance for missionary couple with children	300	350

● LARGER GIFT ALLOWANCE FOR MISSIONARIES

The limit of gifts to missionaries was raised from \$200 to \$300 per year per adult missionary, and from \$600 to \$800 per year per missionary family. Gifts from family members are not included in this policy.

● MISSIONARIES RECEIVE SALARY INCREASES

There will be an increase in the basic salary for overseas missionaries in 1981 in the amount of \$800 for a couple and \$440 for a single missionary, and an increase in the amount of 8 percent of basic salary and housing allowance for home missionaries.

Our inability to send out additional missionaries is in part a result of the attempt to bring in line salaries and benefits for the present N.A.B. missionaries in these inflationary times.

● TEAM TO MINISTER IN CAMEROON

A Good News Ambassadors team of about ten young people will serve in Cameroon during June 1981. This will involve personal project support in the amount of \$2,000 for each team member.

This is a service opportunity for young people and not just a tour of the African mission field. The group will spend about a week in three urban centers, working with local pastors in giving testimonies and inviting people to the evening programs to be presented by them.

The request was enthusiastically endorsed by all Council members who indicated that North American Baptists need such an opportunity for their young people. It was felt that such service opportunities should be expanded in the future.

● EIGHT SHORT-TERM MISSIONARIES APPROVED

Eight short-term missionary special support projects were approved for 1981 in the amount of \$3,000 for each year of a two-year term in Cameroon. This in-

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volves an increase from \$300 to \$360 per month salary allowance, and an increase in the special support project from \$2,500 to \$3,000.

The Board of Missions had asked for approval of more short-term missionaries this year to offset the limited appointment of regular missionary staff. It was emphasized that short-term missionaries are appointed only when their full support has been pledged.

● CAMEROON CHOIR TO VISIT NORTH AMERICA

Another Cameroon Choir Tour in the U.S. and Canada was approved during September through November 1981. It was recommended that the expenses be covered by offerings at the concerts and by record sales. Any credit balance left after expenses is to be designated for the Gary Schroeder Memorial Scholarship program.

● LAYMEN IN ACTION

Four "Laymen in Action" projects in 1981 will challenge North American Baptists, men and women, to use their special interests, funds, skills and time to meet special needs on N.A.B. mission fields.

● REAPPOINTMENTS OF PERSONNEL

The General Council members reappointed the following persons:

Rev. Connie Salios—Secretary of Stewardship and Communications, until 1983.

Rev. Larry Bienert—Regional Estate Planning Counselor, until 1983.

Dr. G. K. Zimmerman—Regional Estate Planning Counselor, until 1983.

● 1981 CONFERENCE BUDGET APPROVED

The General Council adopted the 1981 Conference budget of \$3,750,000, the highest budget in N.A.B. history.

● NEW MINISTERIAL COMPENSATION GUIDELINES ADOPTED

In order to provide adequate compensation to all N.A.B. pastors, the General Council adopted guidelines which are being recommended to all local churches for their consideration. These guidelines suggest an annual review of the minister's salary, furthermore that a minister's salary at least equal that of the community's wage scale for public school administrators and secondary teachers; that a minister's compensation be arranged in a way that he receive all income tax benefits allowable by law; and that churches which are financially not able to meet these recommendations consider pooling resources with other nearby N.A.B. churches in congregational mergers or becoming one of two or more churches served by the same minister.

● NEW ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS FORMED

The Alberta Association will become

an Area with its own area secretary, effective January 1981. Also the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Associations and the B.C. Association will form areas to be served by their own area secretaries.

The present area secretaries, Isador Faszler, H. J. Wilcke, Milton Zeeb, Wilmer Quiring and Willis Potratz were reappointed for the next three years. The Rev. Ronald Mayforth, North Central Area secretary, had resigned at the time of the Council sessions and will begin his teaching ministry at North American Baptist College in September 1980.

● MERGER TO BE STUDIED

The Executive Committee in conjunction with the Church Extension Board will study the feasibility of merging the Church Ministries Department with the Church Extension Department. The General Council will receive a recommendation based on the study results in 1981.

The swift though thorough handling of all agenda items enabled the Council to finish the business sessions already on Friday afternoon rather than on Saturday noon, as had been scheduled. This was greatly appreciated by all members, who had enough time to get ready for the dinner event that featured Evangelist Ron Susek as guest speaker, and his wife, Diane, as vocal soloist. Rev. Susek's message, "Faith Dares to Dream," touched the hearts of all the listeners and challenged them to dream greater dreams and attempt greater things for God. Diane Susek, the popular Christian recording artist known from radio and TV appearances, was at her best. Her songs enriched Ron's powerful message.

The dinner event was used also to

welcome new Conference Office employees, Mr. James D. Frey, associate secretary for Estate Planning, and Mr. Ron Salzman, associate secretary for business services of the Missions Department. Farewells were given to the Rev. Bruce A. Rich, general director of Church Ministries, to the Rev. Ronald Mayforth, North Central Area secretary, and "almost" to Dr. R. J. Kerstan, associate secretary for communications, who was up for election at the Baptist World Congress to the office of Associate Secretary of Communications of Study Research.

The evening came to a close with a prayer of thanksgiving by the Rev. Connie Salios.

General Council 1980—we had very good sessions! God has continued to bless what became evident about one year ago when, at the Triennial Conference in Bismarck, we sensed a spirit of renewal. At that time all participants came away convinced that God has an important task for North American Baptists. And even now, at the end of the General Council sessions, all members and guests were convinced, that the Lord wants to use us as individuals and Conference, to bring to a dying world the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ. Let's be worthy of this high calling.

P.S. The Communications Department has put together a 2x30 minute tape, containing excerpts of the General Council sessions and Ron Susek's challenging message. This audio report, entitled "Sounds of N.A.B. '80", has been mailed to all General Council members and N.A.B. pastors. They will be happy to share the cassette tape with you. □

On Faith

by Christopher P. Creech

Every Christian has the realization of the fact that there is one quality which God wishes each of us to clearly characterize. This quality, of course, is faith. Faith, however, is the most illusive of all Christian traits. Secretly, most of us have the disappointing knowledge that we really do not understand what faith is.

In order to help us, God has given to us the body of writings in the New Testament known as the catholic or universal epistles. These are those eight books which are not addressed to any single group of Christians, but rather are addressed to all believers. These books give us a unique view of the Christian pil-

grimage and faith, which is an integral part of that pilgrimage. Hebrews gives us a classic explanation of faith in the eleventh chapter. In this chapter, the sixth verse demonstrates a curious explanation of faith.

Though no one verse could adequately explain pilgrimage, Hebrews 11:6 gives a great insight into this enigmatic subject. For it is this verse that gives the principles by which Enoch lived. So great was his faith that this man did not see death, but was translated. He truly pleased God (Hebrews 11:5).

What then is the principle of faith that this verse gives to us? When one gives more than basal study to the verse, one discovers that it clearly indicates a three part process in the spiritual pilgrimage of the Christian. "And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek him (Hebrews 11:6 NASB).

"And without faith it is impossible to

please Him" is the first part of this verse. This principle appears to be simple and easily understood. After all, Christians have always known that faith pleases God; but we must ask ourselves what exactly is faith. Is it some mystical quality of inner belief? Or is it merely the pronouncement of trust? What does this word really mean? The Greek word faith is transliterated *pistis*. This word, however, has been subject to historical misinterpretation due to changes in the English meaning of the translation. The noun *pistis* has been translated into the English word faith. However, the verbal cognate of *pistis* or *pisteuo* was originally translated into the English word faith. Later, the word was re-translated in the Authorized Text into the word believe. The translation of *pistis* has remained the same. Unfortunately, the meaning of the word believe has changed over the last four hundred years. Today, believe reflects a man's intellectual assent to a proposition. It has become a quality of emotion or feeling. The changed meaning of the word has affected the view of the word faith also. The result is that our understanding of faith is clouded in ambiguity. Gerhard Kittel helps us with the problem by telling us that *pistis* was the evidence or proof of a covenantal or contractual agreement in classic Greek. The faithful person was one who was in obedience to an agreement. The unfaithful was the disobedient. This person's behavior shed doubt on the validity of the agreement. As Christians, we have a covenantal agreement with God. Our faith is the evidence of this agreement which is best demonstrated by our behavior. Simply, faith is not something one feels; it is something one does. Hebrews 11:1 comes alive when we realize what faith really is: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

This distinction has been misunderstood before. When Jesus was in the midst of his Galilean ministry, his signs and miracles were frequent. During this time of miracles, Pharisees came to Jesus to ask him for a sign so that they might believe. Jesus refused. He said, "an evil and adulterous generation craves a sign, but no sign would be given to it" (Matthew 12:39-40). We ask God for a sign to believe, but God says, "you believe and then I'll show you a sign." We have reversed the role. God wants to see our faith first. What he wants is to see the evidence of our relationship, our action based on his Word, not a feeling or sign.

I'll never forget an incident I witnessed while attending Arizona State University that demonstrates the importance of this understanding. While viewing the motion picture, "The Ten Commandments," a student remarked that he'd believe if God

would show him signs like he saw in the movie. I quoted Matthew 12:39-40 at that time. The student's facial expression changed to one of understanding. Later that evening this student was led to Jesus by a third student. The unquestionable truth is that God honors our faith. When we first receive him by faith, he then responds by revealing himself.

The Pharisees failed to understand this simple truth. But the Bible is full of those who lived by faith. Think of Joseph who found himself faced with the prospect of slavery. God certainly had shown him a negative sign, if any sign at all. He had the choice either to rebel and seek release or to trust God and perform as well as possible. He chose the latter. Joseph was a man of faith.

The implication is that we, who are Christians, must live by the same faith that characterized the men mentioned in Hebrews 11. This is the one thing that pleases God. Our lives, apart from faith, are lives of sin. "And whatever is not of faith is sin (Romans 14:23)". Romans 1:17 tells us that righteous men live by faith. We who have received God's righteousness must live lives which *prove* we have a relationship with Christ, if we are to please him. Like the Israelites in Egypt, we must act by faith. They followed Moses, not knowing where they were headed. This was an act of faith. We, too, must live lives of faith. We must be willing to follow God, not knowing where we are going. If our jobs do not please God, we must, by faith, quit our jobs. This is an action. This is faith. If our friendships do not please God, we must end our friendships. This is faith. If we are lacking in our witnessing or giving, we must take action to correct these situations. This is faith.

Naturally, we expect to receive a great reward for our faith, but instead we often receive no reward, but rather trial and tribulation. Deep within each of us there is a romantic dream of success and fame. We Christians always expect to see our dreams fulfilled when we take our first step of faith. This is usually not the case. The second part of Hebrews 11:6 tells us "for he who comes to God must believe that He is." In this particular case, the Greek word *pistis* is an aorist infinitive. This construction stresses action viewed in its entirety. It indicates that our first steps of faith are not a completed action. Rather, our steps must be continual. Is this not the case in Scripture? Are we not told we must walk by faith and not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7)? Walking is a process of taking repeated steps. It is not taking a step and stopping. But rather it is the repeated action of placing one foot in front of the other without hesitation. Our faith is continual. It does not stop. It must continually be exercised by concrete

action, if it is to be proof of our covenantal relationship with God. It must be tried if it truly is faith. In tribulation true faith is revealed. For any man can trust God in prosperity. But only the true believer trusts him in adversity. We who exercise faith expect God to give us immediate reward. The businessman expects to see a business empire bloom. The pastor expects to become the next Billy Graham. And the housewife expects her family and husband to become ideal in their response to her. The problem is that usually exactly the opposite happens. Instead of stepping into the promised land, we usually step into the wilderness. We find ourselves just like the Israelites, who followed Moses by faith and discovered themselves in a wilderness. Remember, they received the Law while in that wilderness. And we, too, must receive God's law into our hearts by the experience in tribulation. Remember Joseph, who trusted God and became Potiphar's chief slave. But where did his faith lead him? From the frying pan into the fire. Joseph, the slave, became Joseph, the convict. Those of us who leave our carnal friends or dating relationships for God may find that he replaces them with no friends. Those of us who leave jobs which do not please the Lord may encounter financial ruin. The life we dream about may elude us because of our commitment to the Lord.

But the Bible promises that though we may experience tribulation we will eventually receive abundance. If we continue to prove our relationship to God by not turning back, we will enter abundance (Hebrews 10:38-39). The Israelites turned back in the wilderness. As a result the entire generation died in the wilderness. They literally died in a worse state than they had in Egypt. They longed for the leeks and onions of Egypt. Do you long for the leeks and onions of a past life? Be careful. You may die in the wilderness. Joseph didn't die in his wilderness. He persevered while he was a prisoner. He lived to become prime minister of Egypt. He lived to see his entire family come to pay him homage. But he would have never seen the promise fulfilled unless he had experienced the wilderness.

It is quite possible that millions of Christians are living lives of quiet desperation; unable to climb out of the wilderness and walk into the promised land. Simple perseverance is the key. God will reward those who seek Him. The third part of Hebrews 11:6 indicates that we will receive our rewards if we persevere. This Scripture tells us, "and He is the rewarder of those who seek Him." The promise of Scripture is abundance. This construction contains a present ac-

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Hitchhiker Leads Baptist Missionary to Evangelize Tribe

More than 50 Manobos, in Southern Mindanao, including the tribal chieftain, were baptized during an evangelistic meeting which followed months of initial work by C. Thurman Braughton.

It all started when Braughton, an Oklahoma native, stopped to pick up a Filipino soldier who was hitchhiking on the road to Cotabato City in Mindanao, Philippines.

The soldier asked the Southern Baptist missionary why he was in that section of

the Philippines, which had been the site of fighting between guerrillas and government forces.

"I've come to share Christ's love with others," Braughton answered.

"I know just the people who need this love," the soldier responded. He offered to take Braughton to a village of Manobos who had never heard the gospel and to introduce him to the chieftain.

The 1,500 Manobos living in the Gawan Valley have traditionally worshipped

spirits they believe are intermediaries to the god Koranan. They believe spirits over water, forest animals and the harvest can help them gain favor with Koranan. To get blessings they place rice, tobacco and herbs in a white handkerchief and sacrifice it.

But after Braughton told them about Jesus, some of them said, "We went through our intercessors and spirits because we did not know there was a direct way to know God. Now we no longer need our spirits, only Jesus."

After six initial visits over a period of months, Braughton returned to the village with three other Southern Baptist missionaries and seven Filipino Christians.

In three days they held four services and numerous seminars. The missionaries showed them basic farming techniques, taught new believers' classes and surveyed the literature and Bible needs. The Filipinos preached, led Bible studies and gave testimonies.

Between 200 and 300 people attended the worship services and 56 people were baptized. □

—from Baptist Press

Seminary Adds Faculty Member

North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, recently appointed **Dr. Daniel N. Leininger** as Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling and Di-

rector of Supervised Counseling.

Dr. Leininger has the B.S. degree from University of Missouri, the Master of Divinity, Master of Theology and Ph.D.

from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY. On the graduate level he concentrated studies in the area of Pastoral Care, Psychology of Religion and Philosophy of Religion. His practical experiences have been as a pastor, associate minister and hospital chaplain.

Dr. Leininger is married to Donna nee Obernuefemann. They have two children, Matthew and Rachel. The Leiningers moved to Sioux Falls from Louisville in June. The seminary community is happy for their coming. □

Helwig Joins Seminary

The Rev. Arthur G. Helwig, 38, was recently appointed Director of Ministry Recruitment and Public Relations at North American Baptist Seminary. He replaces Dr. John Hisel, who relocated to Boca Raton, Florida, to begin a Church Extension project. Helwig is an alumnus of NABS '72. He comes to the Seminary with a wide range of ministerial ex-

perience. He has served on the Cameroon mission field, as director of Christian Education, and most recently as associate pastor on the staff of First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, CA.

His seminary responsibilities will be to provide leadership for student recruitment, communications and public relations. Art is married to Dorothy Helen Ehman. They have three children, Jered Paul, Leighton Arthur and Eva Christine. □



Rev. Arthur G. Helwig

Naphtali-Set Free to Serve

by Edward D. Hughes

Naphtali! A wrestling (Genesis 30:8). A young deer set free (Genesis 49:21).

Naphtali! Team name for six North American Baptist College gospel-liberated students proclaiming God's grace by song and spoken word in a wide-ranging ministry to Canadian churches.

Team leader Harry Kelm, a third-year student, is from Milwaukee, WI. Three other Americans, Bill and Sandy Kosachuk (brother and sister), St. Joseph, MI, and Lynn Axt, McClusky, ND, along with Dale Renz from Edmonton, AB, and Ingrid Kaplum, Winnipeg, MB, combine with Kelm to herald forth a powerful presentation of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Half-way through a summer long schedule covering four provinces and a dozen N.A.B. churches, the team has already ministered in penitentiary, chronic hospitals, homes for the elderly and individual hospital wards, as well as regular church services, youth rallies, personal "door-step" evangelism and community surveys. One hospital visit challenged the faith of every team member, as they sang for a former missionary to India, bedridden with sub-neck total paralysis for the past twenty eight years. Winnipegger Ingrid Kaplum was especially moved.

"The lady prays daily for missionaries and writes them with volunteer help." Ingrid, 21, couldn't hold back her tears. "She has wonderful confidence in God."

One recorded profession of faith in Jesus Christ has encouraged the team. Preliminary witnessing by Southdale Community Baptist Church came to fruition when *Naphtali* member Dale Renz met a neighbor of his billeting hosts. The neighbor, 18, attended Southdale Sunday

The Rev. Edward D. Hughes is pastor of Grant Park Baptist Church, Winnipeg, MB.

Chuckle With Bruno

He was the kind of thoughtful person who never forgot himself.

Ignorance combined with silence is sometimes mistaken for wisdom.

Why does a woman apologize when friends drop in unexpectedly and find the house looking like it usually does?

A girl loves a boy's voice when it has a ring in it.

Why is it that what you hear is always less interesting than what you overhear?

One reason foreigners find English so difficult is that they try to speak it correctly.

Nothing is busier than an idle rumor.

It's strange how an earthquake 4,000 miles away seems less of a catastrophe than the first scratch on your new car.

If you are ready to give someone a piece of your mind, be sure you can get along on what you have left.

You can knock the chip off the other person's shoulder simply by patting him on the back. □



Naphtali-North American Baptist College's talented team.

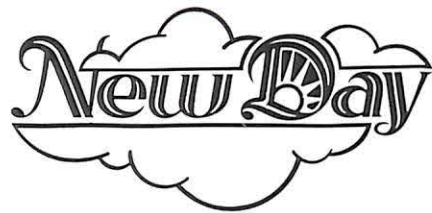
school picnic with Dale, where he met other *Naphtali* members. Two days later, Harry Kelm prayed with the young man who acknowledged personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"*Naphtali* had a tremendous influence on Southdale fellowship," reported extension Pastor Jerry Edinger. "The students' clear testimony and love for the Lord sparked a response. During prospect calling they were accompanied by new Christians in our church who had never visited before. Well grounded in the Word, well trained in team ministry, these young people were a fine role model to our folk."

Appreciation is mutual. Denying themselves opportunity to earn during summer months. *Naphtali* members, who first teamed up last September, praise God for the privilege of serving him and learning more about ministry. Harry Kelm, who plans a pastoral vocation, puts it this way:

"We meet all kinds of pastors, all kinds of congregations. Each has unique ways of fulfilling the Gospel mandate. The tour forms a priceless addition to our academic program of learning."

North American Baptist College, which will provide an honorarium of one free semester to *Naphtali* members, is to be commended for the quality and competence of *Naphtali's* message and ministry. Behind-the-scenes faculty advisor Art Petrie and music professor John Taylor have the satisfaction that their year's contribution to *Naphtali's* development has brought blessing and practical assistance to a number of N.A.B. churches, which form the college's constituency and ultimately make possible the college program. □



Farewell

by Shari Hildebrand

"Have you got a pen, I still need to write your address down . . ." "Oh, did you give me back that plaid shirt I loaned you last week; don't want to forget it . . ." "Better check the room one more time, and under the seats in the van too." "Here let me take a picture of you . . . come on . . . I'm serious . . . smile!" "I can't believe nine months have gone by . . . oh, remember when . . . ?" "Oh no! Where's my plane ticket?" "You'd better come to the Triennial Conference in 1982—Yep, we'll have a reunion there."

So the conversation goes on as NEW DAY begins to pack up their bags at the close of their tour. Certainly the air is filled with excitement and anticipation of seeing family and friends at home . . . but a bit of sadness also lingers as the team realizes the end has come.

What's it like to be a part of NEW DAY's music and discipling ministries for a year? Let's ask them and find out.

Bonnie Edel says the biggest blessing of this year has been, "being able to meet people and see different needs that I, as a person, have been able to meet." **Doris Mueller** adds that she has learned a lot about people this year. "I've really seen how lonely people are. We, especially as young people, need to be sensitive to older people. And there are lots of Christian people who are really very lonely and just covering it up." **Paul Singer** and **Tim Walker** both agree that it was a year of

really trusting God with every need. Tim says, "Being among so many people was great; and yet I realized that still my closest friend was God." Paul learned "to become dependent on God in all situations, even though there were times I lacked in faith. I know that if I only depend on God, he'll take care of every situation." After three years of traveling with NEW DAY, **Connie Dykstra** ended up the year by giving this advice to anyone joining the team or thinking about applying: "Approach the year with a positive spirit. Concentrate on being a minister totally committed to meeting needs of others. Give of yourself and you'll gain much more."

In discussing the memories of the year,



we learned that various team members had different things come to mind. "I'll never forget the days in Toronto when Shari and I rode the subway to church each morning, especially the morning we had three bags of laundry with us!" says **Cindy Adolf**. **Leeann Cordill** had a unique way of keeping memories, "I kept a scrapbook with all my host's and hostesses' pictures in them, and beside each one they wrote comments and signed their name and addresses." **Linda Patzia** said that her most unique memory of the tour was "learning the differences of accents and phrases . . . and all the other 'never-before-known-differences' between Canadians and Americans." "I'll always be fond of the people who so lovingly gave us a 'home' during our travels. Each one deserves a special thanks!" says **Shari Hildebrand**.

In one sense their ministry is over, that is as far as NEW DAY is concerned. But each individual is actually at the onset of another 'NEW DAY', a new ministry of

their own, wherever their future takes them.

Perhaps you'd be interested in the future plans of the '79-80 team:

Cindy Adolf—The summer brought work with Bob Walther (former NEW DAY director) at the church extension work in Carrollton, TX. In fall she plans to continue her education at North American Baptist College.

Leeann Cordill—Waitressing was her summer job. She'll return to school working on her AA in preschool training.

Jim Derman—He was a summer youth worker at Calvary Baptist Church in Stafford, KS, and will begin seminary studies at Sioux Falls this fall.

Paul and Connie Dykstra—Connie will be working, while Paul finishes his last two years at University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

Bonnie Edel—She plans to work in Winnipeg.

Doug Harsch—Doug married in July and his future includes studies at NAB Seminary in Sioux Falls.

Shari Hildebrand—This summer she began job hunting for something in the field of her college Home Economics Extension degree. She will be working this fall.

Bryan Hochhalter—Bryan worked in a sporting goods store during the summer and is attending NABC this fall.

Tim Meier—After a summer of working in a clothing store, he'll be finishing up his studying of piano at Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS.

Doris Mueller—She returned to Winnipeg to work in the family moving business.

Linda Patzia—Her summer was spent working in Washington with church extension. She is making plans for a fall wedding.

Holly Roehl—Crystal Springs was her summer home as she lifeguarded. In fall she'll attend school.

Paul Singer—A summer job at the lumberyard will be followed by school at NABC in fall.

Tim Walker—He painted during the summer and will begin seminary studies in fall. □

earnestly. They died in the wilderness. Maybe they were better off in Egypt. Joseph received abundance. Do you sometimes think that your present state is worse than the state of the non-Christian? If so, then you have not learned the secret of faith. You are yearning for the leeks and onions of Egypt, while the milk and honey of the promised land await you.

There is a three-part process leading to

abundance. But you must endure all three parts if you are to achieve the abundant life Jesus promised. There is no alternative. You must step out in faith, endure the wilderness, and finally walk into the promised land. It is my prayer that each of you will do just this. You'll discover, the promised land is not what you expect. It is what God has designed; and his design is far better than our dreams. □



Joni

It takes a rare courage to find joy in adversity, but a young woman named Joni Eareckson believes she has found it in reliving her life as the star of World Wide Pictures' latest film, "JONI." For the motion picture not only tells Joni's life story from the moment she became a quadriplegic in a tragic diving accident, but it follows her through the painful years of rehabilitation against which she often rebelled.

"This is my personal statement," Joni said of the film after it had been completed. "I believe it is real, it's honest and it's genuine."

"At times, it was painfully real. After certain scenes, I would have to leave the set because I was crying and couldn't stop. I thought the past was years and years behind me, but there I was, caught up in it again. That attitude of reality comes across in the film," she said.

When World Wide Pictures began planning to turn Joni's autobiography into a motion picture, the most important item on the agenda was finding an actress to portray Joni. The most logical choice was Joni Eareckson herself, and so she flew to Hollywood for a screen test. It was a test she passed with excellent grades.

"Although I knew it would probably be hard work, which I didn't mind, I had no idea it would have such an emo-

tional impact on me," said Joni, who was voted "Most Athletic" by her Woodlawn, Maryland, high school graduating class. She was not only active but outstanding in a variety of sports, including ice hockey, baseball, basketball and diving. Joni was also an excellent horsewoman, a winner at both trick and show riding. A month after graduation, diving from a raft in the shallow waters of the Chesapeake Bay, she found her world had changed. Her head struck something solid and, in a fraction of a second, she had suffered a broken neck. The film follows Joni's progress from that moment when she became a quadriplegic. She survived the broken neck; she was alive. But she would never walk again and against that she rebelled with all the quiet rage of her Scandinavian heritage. Every step along the road to recovery was an obstacle she refused to face . . . until, drawing on her faith in God, she saw a purpose to her existence and began the long, hard fight toward rehabilitation. Not always winning, but never giving up.

The film, harsh in its pathos yet poignantly warm and tender, reveals Joni's struggle against the terrible depression, which set in after the accident, and the source of strength which turned a totally handicapped person into a vivacious young lady.

"Look, I knew I had no acting experience, let alone any talent at the craft, but I knew what it was like, because I was the person who had been there," Joni said reflectively. "I guess I did all right, because people told me I did."

That last statement also reveals modesty among Joni's other virtues. Her performance in the film drew raves from everyone associated with the project. She definitely has a natural acting talent.

Joni Eareckson's story proves that a severely handicapped person can be a champion. This strong-willed, athletic young woman who fought the facts of her fate with a quiet rage, never gave in. Instead, she turned adversity around and became a winner.

"JONI" is a powerful motion picture that ends on a very positive note, because that's the way Joni's life has turned out. □

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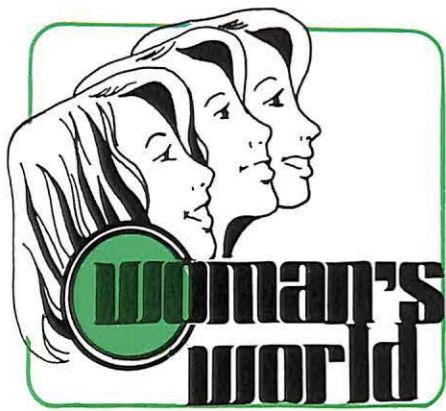
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tive partíciple for the word seek. The word seek really means earnestly seek. This verse might be translated, "and He is the rewarder of those seeking Him earnestly." The Israelites didn't seek God



This month we're taking a look at education. We're not debating or defending, just presenting some points of view.

Alternative: Public Schools

by Judith P. Thole,
Amherst, NY

Many Christian families are weighing the advantages and disadvantages of having their children attend public schools as opposed to placing them in Christian schools. As a public school educator for the past 12 years, I have seen several advantages to placing Christian children in the public school system.

First of all, the purpose of education is to develop the intellectual abilities of the child, assisting him to reach his greatest potential. With the resources available to the public school, most systems now offer programs to meet the wide variety of needs of all children, including the gifted and handicapped.

Secondly, the school environment provides opportunities for social interaction. This mixture in the school population usually coincides with the community in which the child lives. He must learn to deal realistically with all kinds of individuals throughout life, and this setting allows the parents to participate in the child's decision-making skills in the social arena.

Christian educators can be found teaching in public schools across the country. Their stand for Christ is often noticed by the students and they serve as an example for growing Christian children.

The Christian child himself can develop skills in witnessing his Christian faith to his friends so that, as he matures, he may influence more lives toward the Christian life as well.

Spiritual training is the responsibility of the home and the church. Spiritual questions which arise from the child's school contacts may be the basis for dis-

cussions which further his depth of understanding of the Christian faith.

The public schools provide a wide variety of academic subjects, elective classes,

sports and extra-curricular activities which can be incorporated into the goal of developing a well-rounded Christian adult of the future. □



by Dorene Walth,
WMF president,
Citrus Heights, CA

What on earth did Moses do in the wilderness for 40 years?

Lord, I could use some time there alone with you! Maybe you will provide it for me yet. I have survived some injustices by the Christian community and want you to help me avoid wronging others in this same way.

Although the seed of faith was planted in my life as a child, that seed didn't sprout until I was born again at age 19. While that tiny sprout was a mere struggling seedling, barely peeking through the sod of what your kingdom had to offer, demands fit for a grownup Christian were put upon me.

By virtue of being the wife of a seminary student who was serving part-time as pastor of a church, I was automatically thrust into performing as a mature Christian. For example, I was called on to lead in extemporaneous public prayer at church gatherings, when I was but a novice in the school of prayer.

Through forced feeding on your Word and reading all the books I could find on Christian womanhood, I grew and was able to function. To those around, I tried to be a seasoned believer who had it all together, and perhaps many were convinced. Only you knew how feeble and stumbling I was, but at least I was stumbling *forward* and *upward* on my stairway.

I was so eager to please you. I said "yes" to everything that was suggested to me regarding service or ministry.

After 15 years of such activity, that struggling seedling had become very top-heavy with foliage and branches in all directions. The outer growth was

definitely predominant but nourishment, for developing roots of stability, had been minimal.

The result was discouragement, disappointment in myself, and loss of joy and enthusiasm in serving you. There were times of jealousy and bitterness because I had not learned to draw properly from your resources. Your Spirit seemed to leave me.

Because I had no deep roots to sustain me through rough times, I became twisted and bent in my thinking. I felt persecuted and, martyr-like, succumbed to self-pity.

Your love did not let go of me. You were faithful to me when I was unfaithful to you. You kept me and were patient with me while I learned to rest in you and let you fill me up again with your Spirit's power. I learned that your strength is supernatural and always leaves me full and energetic, while mine, artificial and manufactured at will, always leaves me empty and exhausted. Spiritual growth is inward and cannot be commanded or demanded by people and outward circumstances.

Miles J. Stanford is correct when he writes in his book, *Principles of Spiritual Growth*: "So many of us, after having entered into some of the deeper realities of our Lord, seek to immediately pull or push others into this wonderful advancement; and then we wonder why they are so slow to learn, and seemingly apathetic in their understanding and concern. We so easily forget the many years it took and by what wandering wilderness ways our Lord had to traverse with us in order to bring us over Jordan and into Canaan. To the extent that we learn how our Father has had to handle us through the years will we understand how he would have us share with others. We must be cultivated to be cultivators. It is injurious for one believer to be forcing another into 'blessing' which that soul may not be ready for. Forced advance really gives the enemy his opportunity to mislead, for those who try to rush on at the push of others cannot stand alone, nor bear the tests of their assumed positions."

Lord, you have given good advice in Colossians 2:6-7: "As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith as you have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." □

Alternative: Education by Correspondence



by Mary
June Burgess,
Ndu,
Cameroon

September is Back-to-School Month. For many mothers this means shopping for new clothes, getting together books and supplies, and looking forward to some peace and quiet again.

For missionary mothers in Cameroon and Nigeria, September means getting a spare bedroom or living room corner ready to be converted to a classroom. It means juggling our schedules, perhaps to plan for three to five hours of school each day. And it means praying that school books ordered in January will arrive by September, for we have the responsibility of teaching our own children by correspondence from Kindergarten through

grade three.

Our North American Baptist Mission Board has made provision for missionary children's education. We use accredited correspondence course material from either Canada or the United States. Since our mission stations are not close together, each mother is responsible for her own children's education. This is not an easy task for any of us, and for some it presents great difficulties.

One of these difficulties is that many mothers have not had previous training or experience as a teacher. Even though we are given the teacher's editions of our textbooks (including a full curriculum of science, social studies, etc. in addition to the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic), it is sometimes frustrating not knowing how to teach a certain subject or how to handle special problems. Limited resources and supplies may make it difficult to "enrich" some lessons. And the child who is usually the only pupil in his class does not have the competition of others to encourage him to keep going and to do his best. He alone must answer all the questions and have all the bright ideas. In addition, even though the mother/teacher probably knows her child best, she still sees him from one perspective. Often it is difficult to separate the two roles.

WMF Executive Committee to Meet

by LaVerna
Mehlhoff,
Women's
work director



The W.M.F. Executive Committee will hold its annual meeting September 18-20 at the Oakbrook Terrace office. We are committed to the support of the local church and her mission, and to provide a program which will meet needs of women in our churches. Because of these commitments, the major part of the meeting will be spent evaluating the W.M.F. organization and planning ways to strengthen the program to meet the needs of today's women in our communities as well as our churches. Our purpose is to share Jesus Christ in our local areas and overseas. Remember us in prayer as we meet. Members of the committee are:

Mrs. Dorene Walth, president; Mrs. Iona Quiring, vice president; Mrs. Sylvia Auch, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Lois Conrad, White Cross chairman; Mrs. Donna McFall, English program packet editor; Mrs. Maria Rogalski, German program packet editor; Mrs. Eva Helwing, German editor, *Woman's World, Baptist Herald*; Mrs. Sara Pasiciel, English editor, *Woman's World, Baptist Herald*; Miss LaVerna Mehlhoff, women's work director.

The 1981 German and English program packets will be available on October 1, at \$3.50 per packet. Order forms have been sent to the president of each local society and to the pastor's wife. Order early to be sure to get your packet.

W.M.F. brochures are available for distribution. Write and ask for the number you can use.

Thank you for your faithful support of the projects adopted by our women. Several shipments of White Cross supplies left the office earlier this year and another shipment is being prepared for shipping. At this writing, May 31 receipts totaled \$273,848.76 toward the \$675,000 triennium goal. God grant each of you an abundance of joy as you continue serving Christ because of your love for him. □

On the other hand, teaching our own children does have some positive points. Any mother is delighted to see her child take his first step and discover his first tooth. And we mother/teachers also have the joy of watching our children learn to read and write. Also, with the open and pollution-free environment in which most of us live, we have great opportunities to get next-to-nature in various ways. We in Cameroon and Nigeria are "deprived" of television; but we find that many times missionary children can develop more creativity and better reading skills because of this. The "entertainment of the week" may be going through a *National Geographic* magazine or watching a local basket-maker at her craft. The advantages of individualized attention and flexibility of schedule that we enjoy are obvious.

Being a missionary/mother/teacher has its blessings and problems. Personally, I find it a challenge and a joy, although things do not always run smoothly. Before I was married, I taught school and had committed myself to the Lord to teach missionary children on the mission field, never thinking that one day I would be teaching my own! This year I will have three pupils; my son, Mark, and daughter, Joyneel in grades three and one respectively, and Kent Priebe in grade one. Our classroom is most adequate—we are fortunate to have an empty small building in back of our house that has no other current purpose.

As you send your own children to school this fall, we would ask that you especially remember the missionary children who are "going to school" by correspondence. And also pray for us as mother/teachers, who seek God's wisdom in carrying out this important responsibility of teaching our own children. □

Alternative: Christian Schools

by Karen Grenz,
Oakville, ON

Five years ago, when Jonathan entered grade two, we suddenly realized that he was having reading problems which frustrated him in all areas of school work. As

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DID YOU KNOW . . . THAT A W.M.F. in California sends shelled walnuts to all the missionaries, timed to arrive for Christmas baking?

The Christian Fellowship Club of Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, IL, passed its 50th milestone in May 1980. On May 12, 1930, a Sunday school class of 24 young men met at the home of the Rev. John A. Pankratz and founded the Christian Fellowship Club (C.F.C. for short), with a three-fold aim of development of body, mind and soul. It has stood the test of time, and though many members have moved to other parts of the country over the years, the bond of Christian fellowship has kept us united with our slogan of "once a member, always a member." Celebration members came from far and near, and others, unable to come, wrote letters of greeting.

PAST HISTORY

The C.F.C. was organized soon after the start of the Great Depression, when jobs were scarce and time plentiful. This favored the Club's development, as efforts and abundant free time were channeled into Christian endeavor, with monthly meetings as the high point. These meetings were marked by enthusiastic singing, led by Arthur J. Pankratz, then church organist and choir director. He was subsequently succeeded by his younger brother, Herbert, who has directed the C.F.C. Male Chorus from 1938 to the present time, except for wartime service.

Beginning in 1932, the Male Chorus has given many concerts locally and out of town. In 1940 they sang at the General Conference in Burlington, Iowa, and in 1963 gave a series of concerts to raise funds for the Library Book Fund of our Seminary in Sioux Falls. On this tour, they sang at Milwaukee, WI, Benton Harbor, MI, Kankakee and Forest Park, IL, at Foster Ave., Chicago, at Redeemer Baptist, Warren, MI, and at Ridgemont Baptist, East Detroit, MI. A total of about \$2,800 was raised for that purpose.

In 1933, the Club purchased a small hand printing press and inaugurated the church's first Sunday bulletin, a neatly printed job produced by an amateur printing crew of a dozen men. This service was maintained for three years, when printing gave way to mimeographing due to increasing demands on the time of the men. The press was used long afterward for various print jobs, but was finally retired from service and retained as a relic for display at anniversaries.

Since 1933, the Club has held annual overnight camps, mostly in forest preserves, setting up a tent kitchen and doing its own cooking. These camps have brought men and boys together in comradeship through a variety of activities, including various sports and pastimes, animated campfire discussions, singing and devotions. No camp was ever cancelled despite rain or cold, and the tantalizing aroma of frying bacon and eggs never failed to whet early morning appetites, sometimes with frost on the tables!

Walter C. Pankratz lives in Chicago. He is a member of Foster Avenue Baptist Church.

Men's Fellowship Celebrates 50th Anniversary

by Walter C. Pankratz

In 50 years we missed no monthly meetings except twice: when a picnic and a chorus rehearsal were considered as substitutes for such meetings. This loyalty to goals and commitments served in large measure to keep our Club alive and functioning. Our close fellowship, despite varying occupational and educational backgrounds, is due to a leveling factor: oneness in Christ. Except for occasional guest speakers, our members have been encouraged to prepare and present topics at monthly meetings. The resulting subjects, based on science, history, religion, adventure, and many other fields, would, if compiled into volumes, provide a liberal education.

Over the years, most members have become "pillars" of the church—deacons, trustees, Sunday school teachers and leaders, and members of various committees. Since 1951, we have sponsored the Christian Service Brigade, fur-

nishing many leaders for this work, and for some years, conducted meetings at gospel rescue missions. We have also furnished work crews periodically to perform necessary maintenance and repair work in church, parsonage and on church grounds. In our 50-year history, 28 members have passed on to their eternal reward. They have been replaced by younger men, membership being open to those aged 16 or over who have attended two meetings, and have read and accepted the aims of our constitution.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our 50th Anniversary celebration began with a banquet Saturday evening in the church's gymnasium, with an attendance of about 300. There were greetings by old and new members, and further greetings by the Rev. Connie

Salios and a brief message by Dr. John Binder as well as a vocal solo by Shirley Ward. Immediately following the banquet the large crowd gathered in the church auditorium for a Male Chorus concert beginning at 8:00 p.m. The chorus consisted of present active members plus old-time members from out of town, and a number of friends from sister churches of Chicago and vicinity—a total of 52 voices under the direction of Dr. Herbert R. Pankratz. Previous rehearsals, begun three months earlier, were supplemented by a final rehearsal the night before the concert to include late out-of-town arrivals. The program was quickly whipped into shape through the skillful and persevering efforts of our director. The concert, including an unaccompanied cello solo by Daniel Pankratz, and a self-accompanied vocal solo by his sister, Anita Bickel, who also served as accompanist for the Chorus, truly captivated the capacity audience. The program was tape-recorded by LeRoy Budnik, Jr. and copies are being made available at a nominal cost.

Immediately following the concert, the chorus members remained in their places and were joined by other Club members not in the chorus, for photographs of the combined group. A period of refreshments followed in the church Fellowship Hall, where members and visitors with their wives enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship. The celebration ended on Sunday, with the C.F.C. Chorus participating in the morning and evening services. The Rev. C. Salios brought the morning message, with Mrs. Salios providing a solo, and the Rev. Fred Sonnenberg, former pastor at Foster and chorus member, brought the evening message.

These were glorious days of celebration. The success was due in large measure to the efforts spent in promotion and arrangements by our hard-working president, Edward Meister, and the inspiring leadership, both in rehearsals and in the concert of Chorus Director Dr. Herbert R. Pankratz. A further important contributing factor was the splendid cooperation of our church members in hosting guests and in overall support of this event.

THE PAST AND FUTURE

The following have served as president of the C.F.C. during the past 50 years: Walter Pankratz, 1930-1948; Arthur Leuschner, 1948-1949; Elmer Benson, 1949-1951; Fred Hoffman, 1951-1956; Franklin Murphy, 1956-1957; Arthur Leuschner, 1957-1958; Fred Hoffman, 1958-1959; Ernst Bergatt, 1959-1962; Max Meister, 1962-1964; Roland Misar, 1964-1965; Richard Ronning, 1966-1973; Arthur Leuschner, 1973-1974; Herbert Berthold, 1974-1977; Einer Andresen, 1977-1979; Edward Meister, 1979-1980.

As we look ahead, we encourage younger men, from age 16 and upward, to "stand in the gap" (Ezekiel 22:30) left by those who have been called to their heavenly reward. There need be no generation gap in a men's fellowship, and we challenge men of all ages throughout our Conferences to be used in a similar vibrant fellowship in various avenue of ongoing service for our Lord. □



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



Others notice when someone is happy. (Not that they go around grinning or can't be serious; they just have a sense of triumph, joy and peace in their lives.) It often cheers others to be around someone happy.

I really believe that Christ wants us to be happy. Otherwise, why would he have given us the capacity and also all the beauty and wonderful things around us?

How can one have "happy" days? I think there are three basic keys.

First, take it one day at a time. We tend to look at things in big chunks. (How can I be happy for the rest of my life?) It's easier to look at things day by day. Don't negatively anticipate what will happen in the next time block, instead, deal with the present moment.

Secondly, react positively. I really be-

lieve the words of a wise man who said that we cannot order life and circumstances—they just come to us—but we can decide how we react to them and the way in which they affect our lives. It's easy to react negatively when something we regard as negative happens, but we can seek out the good in that situation. We can learn from it, and we can refuse Satan an entry in our lives through frustration and despair.

Finally, we can be filled with faith, love, hope, joy, etc. (1 Corinthians 13) when we come to the Lord on a regular basis through prayer and devotions. The Bible tells us that when we seek God with all our hearts, we will find him.

Starting today, I refuse to let negative situations rule my life. From today on, I will be happy. I will follow Christ. □

I've decided that from here on out, I only want to have good days.

My friends shake their heads and say I'm unrealistic. Maybe. But I don't see what's wrong with wanting to be happy.

I really enjoy being happy and getting along with people. It's a "soaring" feeling. It feels good. And it opens a lot of doors.

12 Myths About Careers

by William Zehring

The Gospel makes it clear that we should be good stewards. A steward is one who takes care of that which belongs to another. Perhaps a more contemporary word for steward is "manager." We are managers. We manage something (namely ourselves) which belongs to another (our creator, God). And in managing that activity—work, which encompasses the bulk of our waking hours—too many people make poor management decisions.

Understanding some of the mistakes made by others will hopefully help you to avoid some frustration and disillusionment.

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Myth No. 1: I should know exactly what I want to do with my life.

It's natural to assume you should know your career plans. Adults have been asking since your childhood, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Later they ask, "What are you studying to be?" Generations of adults have confused careers with identity, as if "what you do" is the same as "who you are." At social gatherings, they ask each other, "Who are you?" and what is the answer? A career. "I am a lawyer . . . teacher . . . carpenter. . . ." For many, their identity is their work. Teachers and guidance counselors reinforce the notion: "You must choose now what you will do for the rest of your life."

But look at the results—millions of people bored and unhappy with their work, facing Monday morning with dread and wishing they were doing something else. People not using their God-given talents to their fullest extent. Mismatched.

In reality, you don't have the life experience to make such a long-range decision at a young age, unless, of course, you have some very unusual experiences or

potent interests. But few do.

Yet feeling pressured to make a choice, young people often make the wrong decisions, for the wrong reasons, at the wrong time of their lives. There are more than 21,000 different kinds of occupations. Many other jobs which someday will be available to you have not even been created yet.

If you do know what you want to do, great! But if you don't, don't feel guilty or left out. Even if you don't settle down until age 30, you would still have 40 years left to work, with the new mandatory retirement age at 70!

Your best bet, unless you know exactly what you want, is to prepare yourself for breadth rather than depth. Sample many kinds of courses and experiences rather than focusing on a narrow few. Prepare for adaptability and flexibility. It's great to have a goal at an early age, but not at the expense of fulfillment and meaning. (Editor's Note: Each of the following issues of the *Baptist Herald* will contain another of the 12 myths. October's issue will contain Myth No. 2: **Should I do what my parents (or friends or counselor or pastor) tell me to do?** □

I Love to Tell the Story

by Joe Bayly

It's fun to teach.

I know it's a heavy responsibility, it takes time for preparation, it ties me down, it's draining, it's hard to get through the lessons when I have a headache—but it's fun.

To see comprehension replace puzzlement on a student's face, to hear words of

certainty from one who not long ago was filled with doubt, to follow another into the joy of discovery, to share a smile or laugh, to be aware of quiet trust and expectant waiting, to feel warmth and respect and love—it's fun to teach.

It's awesome to teach.

To speak for God, to explain his Word, to point out the way, to share with others the lessons his Spirit is teaching me—it's awesome to teach.

I teach with fear and trembling, fear lest I obscure the way rather than reveal its radiant track; trembling lest I be a hypocrite, a castaway.

Yet, I teach. With faith in God, by

Models—Not Just Teachers

Being a volunteer worker in the church is like being involved in a contract. You are expected to contribute certain qualities and actions to fulfill your part of the contract. "Models—Not Just Teachers" describes what is probably the most important quality a teacher can contribute to his students.

Jesus is the model teacher primarily because he modeled what he taught. That is, he spoke the truth verbally to his disciples privately and in crowds, individually and

collectively. He described the principles of spiritual living and God's truth with words. But he did more, much more. He also demonstrated those truths and principles in his life by the way he lived. You as the teacher must also be an active model.

A model is someone who knows Christ intimately and relates to him submissively on a daily basis; he is someone who loves those he teaches, those whom he would lead by example. He is someone who will take the time to know each pupil as a person—his desires, his wants, his needs, his problems, his strengths, his weaknesses. He is someone who will share time with his pupils, time in which the teacher mod-

els the behavior, attitude and faith which the learner needs to absorb into his own life.

A model is not a perfect, flawless, impossible example. A model is one who also makes mistakes, commits sins and fails as he attempts to serve God. As a model, he then becomes an example of one who loves God, humbles himself before God, finds forgiveness, and trusts God rather than worrying about the mistakes.

What would your church be like if every teacher tried to make his life a model for his students after the example set by Jesus? (Adapted from the *Christian Bible Teacher*.) □

From A Volunteer's Viewpoint

In a contractual agreement, both sides have something to contribute to the fulfillment of the contract. The volunteer teacher/worker expects certain things from the board or committee which recruited him. Some of these expectations are as follows:

If you want my loyalty, interests and best efforts, remember that . . .

1. I need a sense of belonging, a feeling that I am honestly needed for my total self, not just for my hands, nor because I

take orders well.

2. I need to have a sense of sharing in planning our objectives. My need will be satisfied only when I feel that my ideas have had a fair hearing.

3. I need to feel that the goals and objectives arrived at are within reach and that they make sense to me.

4. I need to feel that what I'm doing has real purpose or contributes to human welfare—that its value extends even beyond my personal gain or hours.

5. I need to share in making the rules by which, together, we shall live and work toward our goals.

6. I need to know in some clear detail just what is expected of me—not only my detailed task but where I have opportunity to make personal and final decisions.

7. I need to have some responsibilities

that challenge, that are within range of my abilities and interest, and that contribute toward reaching my assigned goal, and that cover all goals.

8. I need to see that progress is being made toward the goals we have set.

9. I need to be kept informed. What I'm not up on, I may be down on. (Keeping me informed is one way to give me status as an individual.)

10. I need to have confidence in my superiors—confidence based upon assurance of fair treatment, or recognition when it is due, and trust that loyalty will bring increased security.

In brief, it really doesn't matter how much sense my part in this organization makes to you—I must feel that the whole deal makes sense to me. (From *Christian Ed. Potpourri*, September 1979.) □

Compute Your T.E.Q.

(Teaching Effective Quotient)

There are many factors that contribute to a teacher's effectiveness. Some may surprise you. Give yourself a quick check-up on these statements. Allow ten points for every correct answer—except the two clinkers which may cost you ten! Perfect score is 100. All are yes or no statements. In the past month I've . . .

1. used at least three different teaching methods.

2. talked to every student at least once outside of class.

3. devised one or more new teaching aid (chart, map, game, learning center, bulletin board, etc.).

4. read from the teacher's manual in class.

5. had specific aims for each lesson

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Reinforced in Ministry

—I found God's Word pointedly shared and taught, bringing me the same ministry which my flock needs. It resulted in my experiencing convictions and confession together with God's forgiveness for my failings. I felt many helping hands were strengthening me at the conference to continue in the ministry.

Reinforced in Faith

—I found the messages touched my heart with courage. Dr. Peter McLeod and Dr. H. John Vanderbeck, guest speakers, reinforced each other's messages, sharing an optimism for Christian Ministry in the '80s. Both admitted the reality that we at times feel like we are "in the



Dr. Peter McLeod

pits" or "viewing things from the bottom." But, again, they harmonized their messages, emphasizing that we have a choice of seeing ourselves as "grasshoppers in our own sight" (Numbers 13:33), or as those whom God has destined for greatness. The challenge was to "astonish our God" and be faithful by "keep on—keeping on." The facts, at times, may seem to say that certain goals are impossible to reach, but that a correct and believing attitude will know that "with God all things are possible."

Reinforced in Fellowship

—I found a fellowship that touched my heart with both gladness and sad-

The Rev. Fred Penner, Church Extension pastor at Anchor Baptist Church in South Sioux City, NE, was one of 90 pastors and wives attending the Great Plains Pastors' Conference.

A Pastoral Ministry to Pastors: The Great Plains Pastors' Conference

by Fred Penner

ness. I felt an openness and honesty with my fellow pastors wherein we could share both blessings and heartaches with each other. Mealtimes



Dr. H. John Vanderbeck

and freetimes gave opportunities for fun too.

Reinforced in Methods for Ministry

—I found ideas and helps to spark my ministry. Professor Dickerson challenged me to try to use the avenue of "storytelling" more effectively in preaching, and Dr. Vanderbeck applied principles of business and retailing to our church program. When souls are won to Jesus Christ, we can be sure God marks it on the "profit" side of his ledger. News from our mission fields, Seminary and Conference helped me to sense afresh the responsibility I have to communicate my concern and support of our Conference work with my flock.

Reinforced in Meeting Students

—I found that my contacts with students and seniors at our Seminary

were stimulating and reassuring. I was thrilled to sense the love of Christ and his Word in our students. How important, I felt, to support



Mrs. Harriet Sallios

them in the beginning of their ministry.

Reinforced in Respect for NABS

—I found that as I listened to our Seminary leaders, my respect for each one grew. I was happy to read a recently adopted statement of the Seminary regarding the authority and veracity of God's Word titled "A Reaffirmation Of Biblical Inspiration." It is in process of being publicized further. Dr. Stephen Brachlow brought a scholarly yet devotional view of our N.A.B. heritage which ought to help our whole Conference in understanding differing viewpoints and emotions which will surface in coming months, as our Conference tackles the important task of formulating a statement of beliefs.

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Book Reviews

by B.C. Schreiber

A MINISTER'S OPPORTUNITIES by Ralph G. Turnbull. Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, MI. \$8.95.

Those who have read Dr. Turnbull's *A Minister's Obstacles* will not want to miss *A Minister's Opportunities*. In this volume he emphasizes the fact that the servant of God carries an awful sense of responsibility. He cannot escape sharing the burden of others, and is more deeply aware of the opportunity to "bear . . . one another's burden" (Gal. 6:25).

This, in turn, makes him realize the necessity of his spiritual growth and development. As a minister he becomes aware that something more is needed if he is to take advantage of his opportunity of a leadership ministry.

Dr. Turnbull presents twenty opportunities, such as the minister's stewardship of time, study, holiness, library and others. He reminds the minister that he will often be "tempted in his public life to act many parts. But the real person is disclosed when he stands alone and unmasked before God. Character is what we are in ourselves before God. To pretend in public that we are otherwise is to play the part of an actor." This is the opportunity for total commitment and dedication to the highest.

OUT OF THE WHIRLWIND, a Study of Job, by Andrew W. Blackwood, Jr. Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, MI. \$4.95.

MY SERVANT JOB, a Discussion Guide, by Morris A. Inch. Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, MI. \$2.95.

Andrew Blackwood's *Foreword* (Out of the Whirlwind) is actually a historical introduction to the Book of Job in which he discusses authorship, date, text, translation, purpose and literary classification—all this within about 20 pages.

Although this is not a verse by verse commentary, the author nevertheless has incorporated the text into his informal commentary which makes reading enjoyable and understandable. He does not claim to answer all the questions the reader may have about Job, but it is his hope that it may help some Christians to appreciate a portion of the Bible that God included for their benefit.

An interesting appendix is added in which Blackwood describes four diseases, one of which may have been the source of Job's suffering.

In *My Servant Job*, Morris Inch concentrates more on the wisdom of Job

rather than on his suffering. Each chapter is introduced with a verse or more from Job and translated into a goal that is relevant to present circumstances and to the personal life.

Both volumes are excellent studies and valuable to the student of the Bible, pastor and teacher.

REVERENCE FOR LIFE by Albert Schweitzer. The Pilgrim Press, New York, NY. \$9.95.

The title of the book was taken from one of the sermons Dr. Schweitzer preached in the Church of St. Nicolai in Strasbourg. It was only later that the sermon appeared in essay form which, to many, is more familiar. All the sermons in this volume were preached in St. Nicolai between 1900-1919.

One is impressed, almost amazed, at the simplicity of the sermons, but most of all at the deep and genuine spirituality of this famous missionary doctor. Speaking on Jesus' words, "Lo, I am with you always," he says, "Whoever enjoys spiritual communion with him . . . knows that nothing on earth—no misfortune, no trouble, no suffering—could ever be greater than the comfort he brings . . . Infinite comfort floods over everyone who lives in communion with him. Blessed is he who has found it."

On finding the life of service: "Don't look ahead or behind . . . Fix your eye on him and go straight toward him. Don't wonder whether the path is safe or feasible . . . Only make sure that it leads straight to Jesus . . . Only he who knows that Jesus means more to him than anything else that life can offer is able to step forward with confidence."

Probably the most moving sermons are his message to his people before departing for Africa, and his first sermon after being released from the French internment camp at the end of World War I.

No one doubts Dr. Schweitzer's personal piety and his sacrificial service. Dr. Elton Trueblood in his foreword reminds us that "we shall long debate his orthodoxy, but we cannot deny his closeness to Christ."

THE MIRACLES OF OUR LORD by George MacDonald. Harold Shaw Publishers, Wheaton, IL. \$4.95

George MacDonald is "in." He was always there, but we have the impression that he was just "discovered." Thanks to Roland Hein and C. S. Lewis.

Writing in sincere devotional and meditative spirit, MacDonald gives free reign to his imagination (which he feels justified in defending), and gives us word pictures of events and circumstances surrounding the miracles of our Lord. His style is reminiscent of Matthew Henry's devotional commentary and Spurgeon's

Treasury of David.

If the student of the Bible has the impression that the author is "over-devotional" in his approach, he is nevertheless rewarded by coming across some gems: "No amount of wealth sets one free from the obligation to work—in a world the God of which is ever working . . . For he that believes shares in the vision of Him in whom He believes . . . He became outwardly glorious from inward communion with His Father . . . Happy are they who demand a good reason and yet can believe a wonder."

MacDonald tries to explain that Jesus revealed the Father through these miracles, and that his miraculous power is seen all around us in his creation in which "he makes the corn to grow, the grapes to drink and reveals the tender, delicate mystery of birth."

This volume, and many more, was written through great sorrow (the loss of four daughters), disappointment (forced out of his church), life-long poverty, and intense pain and ill health. □

BLOOD AND HONOR by Reinhold J. Kerstan, David C. Cook Publishing Co., Elgin, IL. \$3.95.

About nine years ago a man suffered severe damage to his head in a traffic accident, causing him to be blind and deaf. Recently he was caught in a thunderstorm and, while standing under a tree, was struck by lightning. Miraculously, his hearing and sight returned. His surprise and joy were difficult to express.

Reinhold Kerstan's experience was also the result of a tragic loss. At the tender age of twelve he suffered the loss of his parents, his brother, his home, his dignity, his self-respect and his freedom. At times he even felt the loss of his Christianity. To have all his treasures, and more, returned is difficult to put into words. Nevertheless, he has recorded his painful experiences in a Hitler Youth school in Czechoslovakia in an easy flowing style that makes it difficult for the reader to lay down the book when once he has begun to read.

Adults are often cruel, but children can also be cruel. Reinhold, as a Christian, discovered this in many traumatic experiences, climaxed in his "crucifixion" to a bunk bed.

It is true that those who suffer great loss know the value of great gain. But no one can read this book without a hope that our youth will be spared from such inhuman treatment.

TEN FACES OF MINISTRY by Milo L. Brekke, Merton P. Strommen, Dorothy L. Williams. Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, MN. \$7.50.

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CHURCH
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Banking Spiritual Interests

by Henry C. Wilk



Part of the Sunday morning worship service congregation.



Parsonage in Selden, NY.



Meeting of the Home Bible Study Group.

What have a nuclear engineer, railroad employee, office-worker and retiree in common? All are involved in the ministry of Middle Island Baptist Church, a church extension project located in Middle Island, Long Island, 60 miles east of New York City.

Middle Island is located in the very center of Long Island. Its population is made up primarily of people who have fled the congestion and rising crime rate of New York City. At present, our area of ministry has a population of 40,000 people—the future projection is one half million. This community is served by only six churches. This fact has been the motivation for establishing our new ministry there.

Last March, my family and I moved to Long Island to begin our ministry. We began by visiting families who had been contacted in a previous survey. Brochures were distributed, and before long, the telephone began to ring with those expressing interest. Four weeks after our arrival, we held our first worship service in our home with nine present. A young couple, Ross and Franny Gould, committed themselves to help establish a Sunday school and youth ministry.

One of our most immediate problems was locating a place to meet for worship services. However, God opened

a door, and the Anchor Savings Bank of Middle Island offered use of their community room with a seating capacity of 250 people. We not only have use of the room free of charge, but the bank is also paying for the necessary guard service while the room is in use.

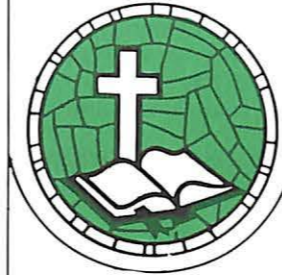
In May, our average attendance was fourteen for worship and eight for Sunday school. Prayer meeting, in the home of one of our families, had an average attendance of eight. A Tuesday evening Bible study has begun to give opportunity to invite friends to hear God's Word. A morning study in a low-income development is planned. I have been working with two men in the area of evangelism and visitation. We are now visiting at least 125 homes a week and have experienced great hunger and willingness to listen as we share the Gospel.

Eight years ago, the Atlantic Association purchased four acres of land as a possible church site. Now we are faithfully ministering in the area of service God provided, looking to that day when we will worship in our own building. As part of our outreach, we are planning a phone ministry and are considering the possibility of a radio ministry. We are convinced that our opportunity to serve is only limited by our willingness to trust God's resources.

We invite each of you to have a share in our exciting ministry as we seek to win the lost of Long Island to Jesus Christ. Your financial contributions should be sent to the North American Baptist Conference, Oakbrook Terrace, IL, designated for the Middle Island Baptist Church. □

The Rev. Henry C. Wilk is pastor of Middle Island Baptist Church, the new Church Extension project on Long Island, NY.

PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING



"This is
my story. . ."

by James D. Frey

Please do not brush past this page on personal estate planning. I have something I would like to share with you, and I pray you will thoughtfully read on. The title of this article is taken from a favorite hymn of mine, and I praise God for his blessed assurance. This is my story and my hope for the estate planning ministry.

On June 16, 1980, I began my ministry with the North American Baptist Conference as the Associate Secretary for Estate Planning. But I can say that God really started to prepare me for this ministry in 1970, when I entered the insurance business. I have had many experiences in the past ten years that I know the Lord will use in my new responsibility.

I have studied the area of estate planning. It is a subject that is complex and ever changing. In most cases no two indi-

James Frey is the Associate Secretary for Estate Planning with the North American Baptist Conference International Office.

viduals have the same need for financial and estate planning. Yet we all have a need for a basic knowledge of how the laws of the land relate to the laws of God as they apply to stewardship. Stewardship! We hear that term so many times and read it often in the Bible. (II Cor. 9:6-11; I Tim. 5:8; I Tim. 6:10; Luke 16:10-11.) Obviously, it is an important area of our Christian lives. Sure, you say, I tithe, and I give generously on occasion to support special projects. But did you know that some people give to the Federal Government in one lump sum substantially more through estate taxes than they have given to God's work over their entire lives?

Many brothers and sisters in Christ labor over this area of estate planning. Confusion exists as to the degree of church concern over State, Federal or Provincial matters such as taxation. And there is justification in this line of reasoning. Some think, "God will take care of my financial and estate planning." This is true. But who of us knows the divine will of God regarding our finances? One thing I am absolutely sure of is this, "All that we are and all that we have is through God." Because we have unique talents, we should praise the Lord and use these talents. If we have been blessed with a

job, house, business or financial success, again, praise the Lord and use these to honor the Lord. And indeed we should pay Caesar that which is Caesar's. But we are poor stewards if we give to Caesar more than that which is his.

I thank God for the talent he has given me—an understanding of how the laws of Canada and the United States apply to income and estate taxes. I thank God for the estate planning ministry and for the dedicated men he has led to this ministry; men like the Rev. Lawrence Bienert, the Rev. Wil Dachtler, Dr. J. C. Gunst, Mr. Herb Stabbert, the Rev. Alfred Weisser and, most recently, Dr. G. K. Zimmerman. I'm sure you know one or more of these men. Perhaps you have attended a seminar on wills, estate planning or financial planning. But maybe you haven't sat down with one of them because you did not know what they were talking about, or you thought it didn't apply to you. Well, my friend, stewardship *does* apply to you, and personal estate planning is a part of total stewardship.

Ask yourself prayerfully before God for his guidance in your stewardship responsibility. If I may be of assistance to you, please feel free to write or call me.

Yours in Christ,
James D. Frey



I Timothy 5:8

"But if anyone does not take care of his relatives, especially the members of his own family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. . ."

Dear Jim:

I would like to know more about how stewardship relates to my own estate planning needs.

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Send to: Mr. Jim Frey, North American Baptist Conference, 1 So. 210 Summit Avenue, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181.

Welcome, Jim!

"... Before they call, I will answer" (Isa. 65:24). This was the experience of the N.A.B. Conference International Office and Mr. James D. Frey. Even before former estate planning director Everett A. Barker resigned, God was already at work answering a prayer that was sure to be made for a competent replacement.

James Frey felt the strange stirrings of dissatisfaction in his work and frequently prayed that a door for Christian service would open. He had been in the field of insurance for about ten years, but had no idea how or where God could use his expertise.

In the meantime, his father-in-law, Mr. Charles Conzelman, was transferred from Philadelphia to Chicago. It was during this time that his former pastor, the Rev. Milton Zeeb, visited him. In the course of the conversation, Mr. Conzelman mentioned his son-in-law's desire to serve the Lord in some more meaningful way. Rev. Zeeb shared this information with the Rev. Connie Salios, secretary of



Stewardship and Communications, who in turn contacted Jim Frey. All the circumstances seemed to point in the direction of God's will. He had already prepared the way; he was answering before we called. Jim was born on Nov. 28, 1945, in Philadelphia, PA, where he lived until he

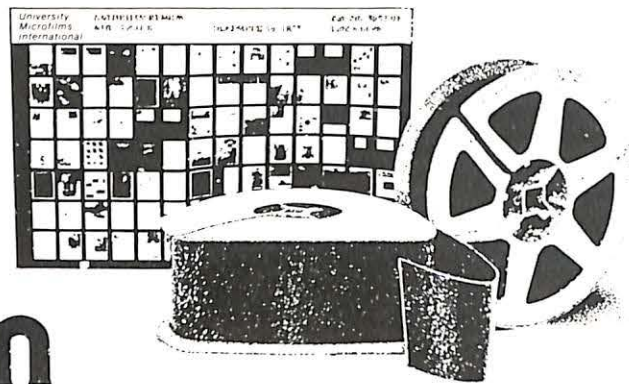
was called to minister in his new position as associate secretary for Estate Planning. He was converted in 1975 during evangelistic services at Pilgrim Baptist Church during the ministry of the Rev. David Wick, who is now pastor of Forest Park Baptist Church, IL.

His parents died while he was still a boy. Jim and his older brother were raised by an aunt. After high school he was accepted at the American College, Bryn Mawr, PA, where he received his Chartered Life Underwriter Designation. He has studied estate planning and, as an insurance broker, he understands the laws of the United States and Canada as they relate to income taxes and estate planning.

Jim is married to the former Barbara Conzelman, a member of Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA. They have a two-year-old girl, Kristin, and are expecting another child.

We welcome him to the wider fellowship of the North American Baptist Conference and pray that his ministry in estate planning will prove to be a blessing to many North American Baptists and their friends. □

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WINNIPEG, MB. In retrospect the month of April 1980 could have been labelled Youth Month for various reasons. Some of the young people of Rowandale Baptist Church and the children's choir had worked very hard for the upcoming presentations of the "Story Tellin' Man" musical. The musical was presented at two churches, two senior citizen homes, and some songs were shared at the closing rally of the Association meetings.

A Saturday night western style banquet with a program by the young people was very much appreciated by all participants. As one of the group said, "We did not raise too much money for missions, but the teamwork during preparations was worth it all." The Rev. Stanley Grenz is pastor of the church. (H. Kahler, reporter.)

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, OH. Jan. 27, 1980, was a day of rejoicing for Hillcrest Baptist Church, as three young men were baptized during the morning worship service. They are pictured with the Rev. William R. L.



McLatchie (center) along with five others who gave their testimonies and received the hand of fellowship on Feb. 3, 1980. (Bertha Mihovk, reporter.)

JAMESBURG, NJ. The Rev. Charles Hiatt, vice president for development, N.A.B. Seminary, visited First Baptist Church on Sunday, May 4. He gave us an interesting and informative overview of happenings at the seminary and urged its continued support.

The Ladies' Christian Fellowship held a Mother-Daughter salad smorgasbord on Friday, May 9. There were many grandmothers and granddaughters in attendance as well as mothers and daughters. The program included vocal numbers, table games and a cut-flower demonstration. There were prizes for the oldest mother, the youngest mother and the mother with the most children. Group singing was enjoyed also. The Rev. Karl Bieber is pastor of the church. (Marguerite Lee, reporter.)

BURTON, TX. The mid-year meeting of the Southern Association was held at Greenville Baptist Church, Burton, TX, Feb. 29 to March 2, 1980. The program centered on reaching people for Christ through the Sunday school. The Rev. Bob Harrington, a Gospel Light representative from Dallas, TX, was the principal speaker. He presented methods for developing quality in leadership through organization and training and the use of coordinated curriculum. The sessions were well represented by the twelve churches of the Association who have accepted the goal to increase mem-

MARION, KS. "Hallelujah! What a Savior!", an Easter cantata by John W. Peterson, was performed by the 40-member joint choirs of the Strassburg and Emmanuel Baptist Churches. The sanctuary of Emmanuel Church was full as the choir sang under the direction of Levi Suderman. Narration was by Pastor James Brygger.

The Strassburg Baptist Church kitchen, also used as the Homebuilders Sunday school classroom, was recently remodeled by class members and others. Moisture-proofing the outside concrete walls was the hardest task. Building a new paneled wall, painting, adding inlaid wallpaper on the cabinet fronts, adding new cabinet handles and countertops, and painting the floor, all proved to be hard work but also a time of good fellowship. The men of the church also reshingled the northeast roof.

"Maypoles and Gingham" were the decorations used for the mother-daughter salad supper in the Strassburg Baptist Church parlors on May 5. Speaker, Diana Christensen, chairman of the Marion Christian Women's Club, gave her personal testimony. The club was just organized in Marion in February and averages about 175 at its monthly luncheons. (Janet Meisinger, reporter.)

VANCOUVER, BC. April 20 was a day of rejoicing for Pilgrim Baptist Church because eight people were baptized and added to the body of Christ. Pastor Schroedter's text was from Acts 16:25-34, the account of the conversion of the Philippian jailor. Lines of his discourse were: "An Evening of Unexpected Happenings" and "Revival at Midnight."

The happiness of the hour was underscored by presentations of our mixed choir. We are grateful to our Lord for the moving of his Holy Spirit. (G. Kohlhasse, reporter.)

TACOMA, WA. Portland Avenue Baptist Church held its first baptism with its new pastor, the Rev. Bernard Edinger, presiding. Five entered the waters of baptism and took up membership. Three others were received by letter and testimony.



The hand of fellowship was extended to the eight new members at the communion service following the baptism. The baptismal service was held Sunday evening, April 6, 1980.

bership during this triennium to one thousand plus. The follow-up of these sessions was in a six-week emphasis for growth in the Sunday school with each developing its own method and program.

MC LAUGHLIN, SD. On March 30, we were privileged to witness a beautiful baptismal service in which nine people were baptized. (They are pictured with the pastor, the Rev. Reuben Stading.) The service also included a message by the pastor, observing the Lord's Supper, and welcoming the nine just baptized into the membership of the church.



Special meetings with the Rev. Roger Freeland, New Leipzig, ND, and a missionary conference were other highlights our church has experienced. (Mrs. Leo Friez, reporter.)

KANKAKEE, IL. About 70 persons attended the spring banquet of the W.M.F. of Immanuel Baptist Church, held May 16. Mrs. Walter Dingfield gave the invocation. Debbie Hacker sang two solos, accompanied by Jeannie Foster. Mrs. James Barnett, president, introduced Mrs. Kipton Mills, who gave a silk flower demonstration. Silk flowers were presented to Mrs. George W. Salzman, oldest mother present; Mrs. Carl Dombrofski; and Mrs. Bernard Vrolyk, oldest grandchild and oldest daughter present, respectively.

Miss Esther Salzman introduced Dr. Evelyn Witthoff, retired missionary from India and the Nazarene Church, as our speaker. She gave us a vivid picture of the customs, taboos, religion, values, food, clothing and language differences in today's India.

About 65 persons attended the Farewell and Welcome Tea held May 18 in the church fellowship hall. Mrs. James Barnett, president, presented corsages to Mrs. Walter Dingfield who is moving to Lodi, CA, and Mrs. Elmo Herman, who is the new youth pastor's wife. Many other gifts were presented to both ladies. Miss Esther Salzman was in charge of games. A girls sextette sang two numbers.

Tea table arrangements were in charge of the Monte Vista Circle assisted by the other circles. (Mrs. Alice Luhrs, reporter.)

EDMONTON, AB. May 2-4 was a very special weekend for McKernan Baptist

Church, along with our daughter church, Sturgeon Valley Baptist, St. Albert. A Mini-Missionary Conference was held, commencing with a potluck supper on Friday evening, May 2. Special guests for that evening were beloved members, May and Peter Schroeder, home on vacation from Nigeria, and our much beloved "Big Ma," Dr. Laura Reddig.

An informal Youth night was held on Saturday, when the young people from Sturgeon Valley and McKernan had a time of sharing, fun time, and becoming better acquainted with Dr. Reddig and Shadrack Kwalar and his lovely wife, Angela, residents of Bamenda, Cameroon. Mr. Kwalar is presently engaged in a 3-year Ph.D. program in mathematics at University of Alberta, Calgary.

Sunday, May 4, Sturgeon Valley Baptist Church was blessed with the ministry of the Kwalar. Mr. Kwalar shared in the morning worship service while Dr. Laura Reddig ministered at McKernan. A closing rally was held that evening at McKernan with our special guests and the McKernan Senior Choir, featuring a mission cantata entitled, "So Send I You," followed by an afterglow fellowship time. During our Mini-Missionary Conference enough funds were raised to help purchase a 16 mm movie projector for the Bamenda Field and possibly two wheelchairs for the Mbingo area. It was a very eventful and blessed weekend for all. The Rev. Harvey Wilkie is pastor of the church. (Lillian Sass, reporter.)

CHICAGO, IL. Easter Sunday, April 6, was a very special time for the Baptist Mission Church. An entire family and others followed our Lord and Savior in baptism. This was the third baptismal service since



Pastor Peter Duncan came to us from Canada last summer. We are thrilled by what the Lord has done and is doing in our outreach to the community. Pastor Duncan is pictured on the right. (Eva Helwing, reporter.)

ABILENE, KS. The Ebenezer Baptist Church dedicated an addition to their church building on Sunday, May 4. The entrance to the church is now on ground level, and steps on the inside lead to the sanctuary. A large nursery and two rest rooms were added. The foyer has been enlarged, and there is a beautiful, lighted glass case holding valuable antiques associated with the history of the church. The entire new area has been carpeted and drapes are placed at the windows. Also the dining area on the lower floor has

been renovated.

In the sanctuary the walls and ceiling were painted and Roman shades put on the windows.

There is a control room with a P.A. system with speakers throughout the building. The entire building is now air-conditioned.

Outside improvements include new siding, paint and landscaping.

The speaker for the day was the Rev. Milton Zeeb, area secretary. In the morning service he spoke on "What Do You Have?" from Acts 3. He reminded us that we have ourselves and Jesus to give to a needy world.

In the afternoon dedication service, Rev. Zeeb spoke on "Built Into a Spiritual House," 1 Peter 2:1-10. God is building a spiritual house and he needs each individual to make a complete temple. Special music for the day was provided by the church choir, a ladies sextette and the pastor.

A basket dinner was served at noon and a tea fellowship followed the afternoon service.

It was a great day. The Lord granted beautiful weather, as hearts were blessed and challenged to reach out to do more for the Lord. (Mrs. Carl Pschigoda, reporter.)

MINOT, ND. The Women's Missionary Fellowship of First Baptist Church sponsored a Mother-Daughter Brunch for 132 guests on Saturday, May 10.

The theme of "Rooted and Grounded in Love" was followed, emphasizing outer and inner beauty. After a delicious brunch, prepared and served by local women with Marlys Orluck as chairman, a style show, to depict outward beauty, was presented. This was very cleverly arranged and narrated by Dawn Brenno, member of the Program Committee. Excellent trios were given by two groups of sisters. Inner beauty was the theme of a most inspirational talk by Jan Schimke, which was a challenge to all.

Table decor included a rock at each place, representing lasting beauty. A flower had been decoupaged on the top, and underneath was a beauty secret, such as 1 Peter 3:4. Piano arrangements were done by Kim Breeding, and prayers were offered by our pastors' wives, Margaret Heyn and Celesta Cooke. Sandra Wetzel is program chairman and Inez Rhone is president. (Inez Rhone, reporter.)

SHATTUCK, OK. On May 4, 1980, the Ebenezer Baptist Church held a retirement banquet for our pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Ollenburger. Churches observing this occasion with us were Zoare Mennonite Brethren Church of Inman, KS, and Mennonite Brethren Church of Okeene, OK, and other visitors from various churches. Among our honored guests were, Ted and Rosalee Nickel and daughter Sandra, and exchange student Dorit Gronau, Mr. C. C. Ollenburger, father of Rev. Ollenburger, Edna Wiens, Mrs. Ollenburger's sister-in-law and Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Ollenburger, Rev. Ollenburger's brother and his wife.

The program included presentations



from representatives of various churches. Rosalee Nickel presented a small part of her parent's history. The children of Ebenezer church sang a number of songs, and the adult young peoples class sang Rev. and Mrs. Ollenburger's two favorite songs, "Living by Faith," and "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place." Their two favorite Scripture portions are Ephesians 2:1-10 and Jeremiah 33:3.

Rev. Ollenburger has been in the ministry for 32 years and has pastored the last eight years at Ebenezer Baptist Church. We have enjoyed them both, and they will be greatly missed. We know their prayers will always be with us and ours with them. (Marlene Longhofer, reporter.)

LETHBRIDGE, AB. On May 4, 1980, seven people were baptized and joined the membership of Park Meadows Baptist Church. We thank the Lord for working in our midst in a marvelous way, bringing new people into our fellowship. The Rev. Bruce Merrifield is pastor of the church. (Eric Dyck, church clerk.)

ESTERHAZY, SK. On Sunday evening, Jan. 20, 1980, five persons (pictured with pastor) were received into the membership of Esterhazy Baptist Church. Three of them were baptized by Pastor Jim Church,



one came by transfer of membership and one by testimony. Pictured are the candidates with our pastor. We praise and thank God for the growth in our church. (Clara Wagortall, clerk.)

SWAN RIVER, MB. "Kids of the Kingdom" is a very familiar title around Swan River. This is an interdenominational choir of 75 boys and girls ranging in ages from 4-14.

They sing with such enthusiasm and spirit that their concerts are packed to capacity.

Mrs. Myrna Gabona of Temple Baptist Church, Swan River, and Mrs. Betsy Faro of the Lutheran Church head up this fine group of singers. Besides regular practices with this group, Mrs. Gabona also directed a 35 adult voice choir, presenting an Easter cantata entitled, "The Witness." This choir was composed from various churches in the valley.

An ordination council met Monday, Feb.

in memoriam

ALVIN CARL HUBER, 55, was born near Fessenden, ND on Sept. 21, 1924, and died Oct. 6, 1979. He married Marcella Jucht Sept. 29, 1966. He accepted Christ and was a member of First Baptist Church of Fessenden. He was active as president of Men's Brotherhood, a past deacon and Sunday school teacher. He is survived by his wife, Marcella; a daughter, Carol; one brother Albert, Huntsville, AL; two sisters, Mrs. Olive McCormick, Lathrope, CA; Mrs. Ruth Autrey, Stockton, CA; one half-brother, Harold Miller, Colorado Springs, CO, and his stepmother Mrs. Rose Huber, Colorado Springs, CO. The Reverends Fred Fuchs, Otto-Fiesel and Walter Hoffman officiated at the funeral service.

THERESA KESSLER, 94, Yakima, WA, was born Nov. 28, 1884, at Tripp, SD, and died Oct. 3, 1979. She moved to North Dakota with her parents in 1893. She married Fred Brochat in 1903. In 1910 she married August Kessler. In the year 1968 they moved to Washington. She was a member of Fessenden Baptist Church. She is survived by her five daughters: Mrs. Lorraine Coker, Marion, IN; Mrs. Dorothy Bedon, New Albany, IN; Mrs. Helen Zuber, Yakima, WA; Mrs. Hilda Glick, White Bear Lake, MN; Mrs. Robinette Joos, Renton, WA; one son, Harold, Fessenden, ND, 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; her sisters, Mrs. Hilda Clark, Patterson, CA; Mrs. Marie Portner, Las Vegas, NV; Mrs. Laura Doric, Spokane, WA; her brothers, William Rudel, Sun City, AZ and Herbert Rudel, Fessenden, ND. Rev. Fred Fuchs officiated at the funeral service. Mrs. Adolph Pepple (reporter.)

DAVID JOHN AVERY, 65, of Buck Grove, IA, died on April 22, 1980. David was born the son of George and Louisa Stevens Avery on March 6, 1915, in Marengo, IL. At the age of four he moved with his parents to rural Shell Rock. On Feb. 11, 1937, he was united in marriage to Ethel Hoffman in Waterloo, IA. They farmed until they moved to their present home in 1960. Working together, Dave and Ethel owned

11, 1980, at the Temple Baptist Church for our pastor, Leland Bertsch. Delegates were present from 11 churches of the Manitoba Association.

Mr. Irvin Henkleman, church moderator, presented the candidate to the council. Pastor Lee gave his doctrinal statement and told of his conversion. The council then examined him, voted on a recommendation, and ordered the church to proceed with an ordination service on April 13, 1980. Several neighboring churches joined

and operated a grocery store at Buck Grove from 1960 to 1972, when they retired. David received Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, was baptized, and became a member of the Shell Rock Baptist Church. On May 3, 1953, he transferred his membership to Aplington Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel; three daughters: Mrs. Ralph (Charlotte) Cooper, Mrs. Dean (Ivadeen) Proffitt, both of Marshalltown; Mrs. Paul (Norleen) Willis of Aplington; ten grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Delwin (Ruth) Hundley of Finchford; and two brothers: Bruce Avery of Waverly and Vernon Avery of Little Rock, AR. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and a grandson, Neil Robert Cooper. The Rev. Donald Patet was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

HARVEY BETTENG, 87, of George, IA, died on March 21, 1980. He lived his entire life in the George area. He was a member of Central Baptist Church and served the Lord faithfully until his death. On Dec. 16, 1917, he was united in marriage to Pauline Broesder at George, IA. Harvey was involved in sales work and farming. The past two years he had been a resident of the Lyon Manor in Rock Rapids, IA.

Preceding him in passing were his wife, one daughter, brothers and sisters. Survivors are three sons: Lester of Waverly, IA, Loren of Minneapolis, MN, and George of Estherville, IA; a daughter, Rosalyn (Mrs. Jonathan Maxwell) a missionary of Ivory Coast, Africa; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Pastor Dan Payne officiated at the funeral service.

LOIS IRENE BOLEYN, nee Perry, was born Oct. 11, 1931, at Castalia, IA. On Dec. 28, 1948, she was married to Raymond Boleyn, of Elgin, and their married life was spent in the Elgin community. Five children were born to them: the Rev. Lee Boleyn, Janet (Mrs. Richard Davis), Dean, Joyce, (Mrs. John Chandler), and Kevin, with the Air Force in Germany. Lois accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized, and became a member of First Baptist Church in Elgin, on Dec. 9, 1956. She was active in church work, especially the Tabitha Society. She died April 20, 1980, following a lengthy illness. She was 48 years old.

She is survived by her husband, family, and seven grandchildren. Memorial services were held in the First Baptist Church of Elgin, with the Rev. Ben Hulsing officiating. Her son, the Rev. Lee Boleyn,

with us for this happy occasion. The choir rendered two numbers, and the ordination message was given by Professor Willy Muller of N.A.B. College. The charge to the church was given by Pastor Allan Martens of the Czechoslovakian Church, Minnetonka, and the welcome to the ministry by pastor Stan Grenz of Rowandale Baptist Church, Winnipeg.

Pastor Bertsch's family of Carbon, AB, were also present. A fellowship lunch followed. (Kay Betcher, reporter.)

gave tribute to his mother and her Savior in song.

KENNETH DREYER, 69, of Aplington, IA, died on April 27, 1980. Kenneth was born the son of Arend and Anna Wiesley Dreyer on Nov. 16, 1910, in Aplington. On Aug. 4, 1934, he was united in marriage to Irene Peters in Rock Island, IL. They farmed until 1952, when Kenneth operated the Dreyer Drug Store in Aplington. He received Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, and was baptized by the Rev. Henry W. Wedel on March 29, 1925, and became a member of the Aplington Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Rebecca) Hoesch of Aplington; two granddaughters, Heather and Monica Hoesch; a sister, Mrs. Etta Snittjer of Allison; two brothers, Robert of St. Ansgar, and William of Hollywood, CA. He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son, and two brothers, Louis and Milton Dreyer. The Rev. Donald Patet was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

JOHN A. HOFF, 80, was born June 5, 1899, at Long Lake, SD, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hoff. On Nov. 2, 1920, he was married to Esther Haas. He died at Ashley, ND, on April 29, 1980. He was active in Ventura Baptist Church and later Ashley Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Esther; children: Harvey, Dickinson, ND, LaVern, Minneapolis, MN, Marcella (Mrs. Henry Hoffman), Aberdeen, SD, Arlene, Minneapolis, MN, JoAnn (Mrs. Wallace Carlson), Minneapolis, MN, and Mildred (Mrs. Jack Baumgartner), Dufur, OR; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Henry, Ventura, ND, and Fred, Wishek, ND. The Rev. Allan Gerber and the Rev. Randy Tschetter officiated at the funeral service.

ADOLF W. KUHN, 84, was born in Wolyhnia, Russia, Oct. 19, 1895, and died March 30, 1980, in Lansing, MI. He came to Michigan from Canada in 1930, together with his wife and three children. He was a faithful member of Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, where he served for many years as a deacon. Mr. Kuhn accepted Christ as his Savior as a young man in Russia, and he often served as a lay minister. In 1920 he married Olga Houseman, who preceded him in death in 1978.

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News & Views

CONGRESS ON URBAN MINISTRY IS SUCCESS

CHICAGO, IL—Delegates from thirty-five states and Canada came to Chicago April 24-26, to attend the second Congress on Urban Ministry sponsored by the Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education (SCUPE). SCUPE is a cooperative training venture made up of nine seminaries, a number of Chicago area churches, and the Consortium staff. In effect, the SCUPE program functions as an Urban Studies Extension Department for any participating seminary. SCUPE students come to Chicago for a total of 11

months during which they do an internship in an urban church or agency concurrent with their course work.

The 750 participants to the Congress represented at least forty denominations from across the United States and Canada. Urban ministers and/or church workers made up the largest group of delegates, and students formed the second largest group. Laypersons in urban areas, denominational officials, seminary/college/university faculty, and non-church urban agency workers made up the other major interest groups.

When delegates were asked to share the most valuable experience of the Congress, responses included the following:

- Becoming *aware* of the diversity of approaches to the task and being forced to examine the adequacy of my own theology for the work.
- Seminars on models of ministry—

practical things!

- Exposure to leaders in urban work who have confidence in Christ that His kingdom can be established in the inner city.
- The general reminder that Christ's body is rich in skills, gifts, and diversity.

One urban pastor summarized, "I thank the Lord for the vision and planning that gave birth to SCUPE and this Congress."

A third Congress on Urban Ministry is being planned for April 22-24, 1982. If you would like to receive additional information concerning it or a complete listing of tapes available from the 1980 Congress, please write: Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education (SCUPE), 30 W. Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60610, (312/944-2153). □

BOOK REVIEWS

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This is a perspective on pastoral and congregational effectiveness based on a survey of 5,000 Lutherans. The responses would be generally the same if the survey were taken in other denominations.

The extensiveness of the study is evident in the fact that it took several hours for each person to complete the long questionnaire. In addition, each church had a project representative who was responsible for the administration tasks.

The *Ten Faces of Ministry* was begun when a number of seminary presidents, and others involved in the education of pastors, wanted a more accurate way of discovering the needs and potential of incoming seminary students as related to pastoral work. This comprehensive portrait should provide a good starting point for discussion of ministry on many levels.

Chapters 1-5 present five areas of ministerial perspectives—how pastors view their faith, people, church, purpose and themselves. Chapters 6-10 treat five areas of skill and performance—how pastors preach and teach, administer, counsel, reach out and lead worship.

The authors are quick to point out, however, that although their survey ranked one aspect of the ministry higher than another, this does not mean it should be that way in other congregations. It is hoped that the framework here presented will make the task of evaluation easier in other churches.

Highest importance, as may have been suspected, was placed on a pastor having a firm personal faith and living it in visi-

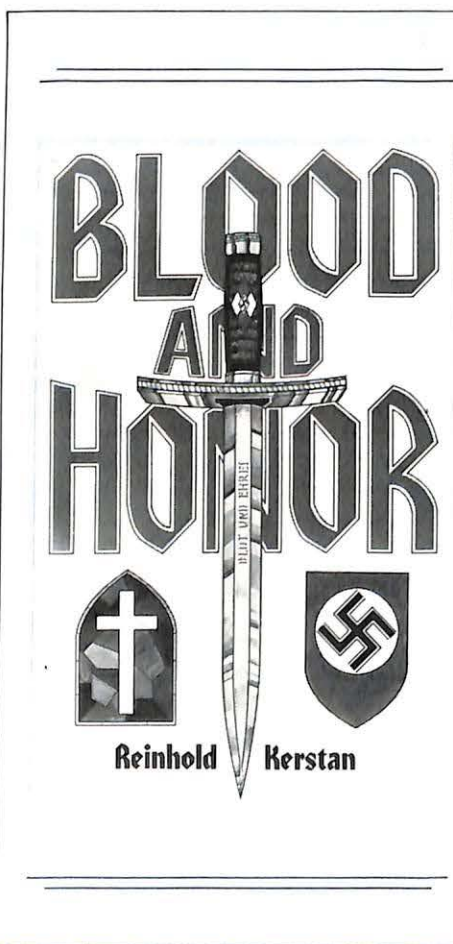
ble ways. Care and concern for people ranked second, with heritage and doctrine third.

Lay people are not as impressed with the fine nuances or the significance of doctrinal positions articulated centuries ago as they are with a realistic living-out

of personal faith.

The 60 pages of appendixes present the results of the survey and are listed in order of their general desirability among Lutherans.

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What's Happening

■ *Mr. Dale Goncalves*, a 1980 graduate of North American Baptist Seminary, was ordained on June 8, at Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, CA. He became assistant pastor of youth at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, MI, in June.

■ *Mr. Gordon Bauslaugh*, since 1977, director of Christian education and youth pastor at Bismarck Baptist Church, ND, will become associate pastor at Village Green Baptist Church, Glen Ellyn, IL, on Sept. 1, 1980.

■ *The Rev. Frank Berg* received the D.Min. degree at Fuller Theological Seminary on June 7, 1980.

■ *Mr. Mike McNeff* is the new youth pastor at Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, CA. He is a 1980 graduate of Biola College, LaMirada, CA.

■ *The Rev. Dale E. Cundall* is pastor of Gold Country Baptist Church, Shingle

Springs, CA, a new Church Extension project of the Northern California Association.

■ *Mr. Russel Hofferd* became the pastor of First Baptist Church, Warburg, AB, on May 1, 1980. He is a 1980 graduate of North American Baptist College, Edmonton, AB.

■ *Chaplain (CPT) Tommy L. Oswald* completed Advanced Training at Fort Monmouth, NJ, in May 1980, and received the Army Commendation Medal. He is stationed in Germany.

■ *Mr. Terrence Branham* was ordained at Riviera Baptist Church, Salem, OR, on July 13, 1980. He is assistant pastor at this church.

■ *Mr. Ronald Kelway* was ordained on June 8, 1980, at Immanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver, BC. He is pastor at First Baptist Church, Minitonas, MB.

■ *The Rev. Hilton Jarvis* resigned as senior pastor of Harbor Trinity Baptist Church effective July 20, 1980. He will become senior pastor at a non-N.A.B. church in Washington.

■ *The Rev. Walter Hoffman* will become assistant pastor at South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, SD, on Sept. 1, 1980. He was pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, SD, since 1979.

■ *The Rev. James Shriver* began his pastorate at Folsomdale Baptist Church, Cowlesville, NY, in June 1980.

■ *Mr. Laurie Taylor* resigned from Emmanuel Baptist Church, Valleyview, AB, effective July 31, 1980. He served as pastor there since 1979.

■ *The Rev. Donald N. Miller*, senior pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, OR, received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Bethel Theological Seminary on June 7, 1980. His thesis was entitled, "Developing Local Church Effectiveness Through the Systems Approach to Planning." □

Excerpts From the Diary of a Church Extension Pastor

January 7—Led a young man to Christ who suffers from deep depression and the

use of drugs and alcohol.

January 10—Young man, whom I led to the Lord last month, is no longer attending our services. His wife, not a Christian, is uncomfortable with us and seeking another church.

January 13—A lady, who is a stable

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

Seminary library and bookstore were so limited, I felt like being able to enjoy barely one spoonful from a great big dish of ice cream! Because of my need to be ministered unto, and because I found at this conference a renewal of courage to minister, I share the resolve of another great American and say, "I shall return!" □

GROWING EDGE
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and accomplished them most of the time.

6. found ways to relate the Bible lesson to the everyday lives of my students.

7. come into Sunday school just as opening worship was starting.

8. read a teaching related article or

Christian, has started attending our services. She says our church is needed in her life and this community.

January 23—More children are coming to our Bible studies, making it necessary to start two age groups.

January 27—New record in attendance for worship service—25.

January 30—Bible study groups are growing much faster. Some of these group participants are attending Sunday services. □

book (in addition to lesson materials).

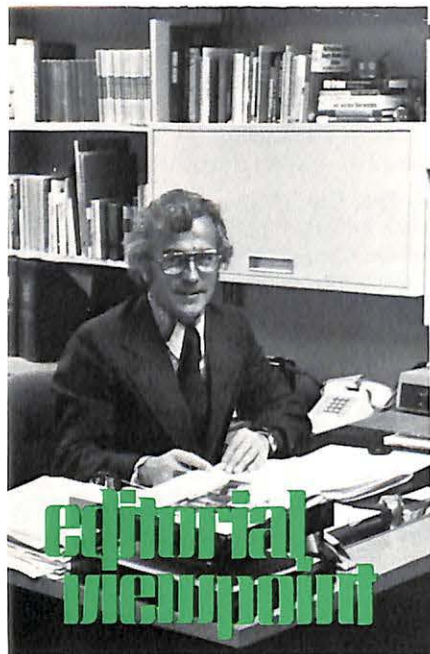
9. given assignments to be done during the week and used or checked them in class.

10. been aware of personal needs of my students and prayed about them.

11. contacted at least one prospect or absentee by phone or visit.

12. given students opportunity to respond to the Bible lesson either in discussion, dramatization, or creative activity.

All of the answers are *yes* except 4 and 7. If you answered *yes* to these, subtract ten points for each. Scoring: 90—100: Your students must be very happy! 70—80: You're on the right track! 60 or below: Having recognized your weaknesses, you're halfway toward improving them. (From CREDO) □



One in the Lord

There has hardly ever been a more hectic time in my life than the last few months. There were visitors to be hosted and visits to be made, there was self-examination and planning for the future, there was no end to phone calls and correspondence. As I am writing this editorial, some of the issues have cleared up. I know, for example, that my days at the N.A.B. Conference International Office are counted, because I accepted the call to serve the Baptist World Alliance as Associate Secretary of Communications and Study and Research, beginning Oct. 1.

Open Dialogue

Dear Editor:

On May 18-21, the Rev. Larry E. Burd was guest speaker at an evangelistic crusade in our church. Larry is pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Getzville, N.Y. During the week of our crusade, eighteen persons received Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, while another fifty persons rededicated their lives to Christ. The people of our congregation have experienced the mighty moving of God in our midst as never before.

The purpose of this letter is to endorse the ministry of Larry Burd in the area of evangelism in our Conference. Through Larry, and others like him, our churches

However, that has not slowed down the hectic pace of my life. Right after the Baptist World Congress (*by the way, look for BWA World Congress reports in the October issue!*), my wife and I went house-hunting in the Washington, D.C. area. Now financing has to be rounded up, especially since we did not yet succeed in selling our present house. Besides the continuing duties in my N.A.B. employment, there are more and more calls for action coming from the BWA Office. Save me to mention the chores in connection with a move. You can easily see that leisure has become a rather distant word in my vocabulary.

Yet, more than anything else on my mind these days is the discovery I want to share with you. As mentioned before, we had a number of international visitors in our home during the last few months. During our vacation in Florida we came in contact with many heretofore unknown people. Furthermore, the numerous radio and TV interviews and talk-shows in connection with my book, *BLOOD AND HONOR*, have added to the large group of new people with whom I have crossed paths. Each of these persons, young or old, had a different background. I never stop being amazed at the incomprehensibly large number of ways God is leading his people.

There was for instance the guest from the Soviet Union. His concept of the American involvement in Afghanistan and the American non-involvement in the Moscow Olympics was opposite to my understanding. There were other guests, whom my family warmly welcomed, but whose ideas about various life concepts were very different from ours. And in Toronto at the BWA Congress, I was en-

can indeed experience spiritual revival, so desperately needed in our world today. William C. Stout, pastor, Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, PA.

Dear Editor:

Ernie Zimbelman's column "Putting It Together," (especially April 1980) doesn't put anything together. He doesn't answer any of the questions being asked about helping teens; indeed he doesn't even raise any good questions. His "help" consists of negative concepts ("teens" not found in Bible, not cultural resemblance, put-down of "authority," etc.), and he concludes that few good books or articles have been written on the subject. (I don't agree, as I have read several I found helpful.) He hasn't contributed *anything* that would give "direction to Christian parents." His comments left me with a feeling of frustration and discouragement. I hope that our students at N.A.B. Seminary are being taught a

gulfed in a breathtaking blend of different cultures, languages and concepts.

What did all these contacts teach me, and what exactly was the discovery aforementioned? I am grateful to God for my homeland, my parents, my education, my conversion, my family, my present citizenship, my job and the challenge waiting for me from day to day. But above all I praise the Lord for born again relatives and friends who have been and are constantly enriching my life. The love of God unites our hearts, so that there is nothing that can separate us—not only from the love of Christ, but also from each other. We can discuss the Iranian crisis, the Afghanistan dilemma, the Olympiad boycott, local football scores or anything else in whatever realm of life—we will feel the bond of unity in Christ. The ONE Lord who has called us to his discipleship, he is the ONE Lord who keeps us going and loving one another.

As was to be expected, there were a few right-wing Christians at the BWA Congress who over the years have made it their sad calling to doubt the integrity of fellow Christians and to attack them publicly. They did not change my idea of oneness in the Lord. They were not excluded from the activities of the official Baptist press room. Yet, they did and will fight their Christian colleagues. There will always be a few Christians who feel that they have a special "in" with the Lord. As for my part, I want to leave this decision to the Lord. He has called me to love all people, but especially his children. So what if our opinions differ on certain issues!

"We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. . . ." Praise God that he is the foundation of this oneness! RJK

more positive and practical approach to counseling. Ruth A. Orr, Prince George, BC.

Dear Editor:

Received the BAPTIST HERALD which I read from cover to cover, and enjoy all of it.

I would like to say something in regard to the last article in the June issue, written by a visiting Canadian (Dr. William Sturhahn, pp. 30-31). Nobody could write it better. I agree, and we as Baptists or other Christians should agree. We don't pray enough for our dear President, Mr. Carter. He has a very heavy load to carry, and I hear too much talking against him. I believe he is a born-again Christian and has, with God's help, done all he can about the situations he is in. I would appreciate if we could read more such articles. Maybe our people would wake up and realize what is really going on. I do a great deal of praying for Mr. Carter, and I

know God is with him. So, come on, all you Baptists and other Christians, wake up and support our President!

Have received the HERALD for many years and am always waiting for the next edition.

Thank you for letting me sound off. Milda Kneubuehler, Bakersfield, CA.

P.S. Excuse poor writing. I am 92 years old, and don't see well.

Dear Editor:

It has been brought to my attention that some of our N.A.B. members are under the assumption that the N.A.B. Conference has been paying the expenses

WOMANS WORLD

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a mother, my heart ached as he began to dislike school, and, as a former teacher, I was very disappointed with his academic beginning, especially when consultants found no disabilities. While looking at alternatives, a Christian school with smaller pupil-teacher ratio and concerned teachers became a consideration.



Karen Grenz and son, Jonathan

As we entered Trinity Christian School, we immediately sensed a difference, a difference that I could see in comparison with the public schools in which I had done much substitute teaching. The cheerfully painted hallways, the quiet

Invitation

A cordial invitation is extended to all former members and friends of Immanuel Baptist Church, Brookfield, WI, to the 125th anniversary of the church. Special meetings are planned on November 9, 15 and 16.

We are prayerfully anticipating a glorious week of remembrances and rejoicing with our brothers and sisters and friends of Immanuel.

for my trips to the mission fields.

This assumption makes me assume that those members have not read the BAPTIST HERALD or DER SENDBOTE correctly, or they are not subscribing to these publications.

So far I have NOT RECEIVED any financial contributions from the Conference, neither for the trips to the mission fields, nor for the postage, nor the articles or the development of prints which have appeared in DER SENDBOTE and those that might appear in the BAPTIST HERALD in the future.

To date I have given at least 50 presentations in churches or church groups sharing about the fields of Cameroon, Japan

and Brazil. NONE of the city churches have ever given me an honorarium, however, all, except one, country churches have re-imbursed me for travelling expenses. Of that very little, if any, has been used to fill the gasoline tank of the car. In one way or another it has reached the missionaries.

By the way, as I did my Saturday housecleaning, this thought struck me: If some families would omit one visit at the snack shop, they could afford to subscribe to the BAPTIST HERALD for one year and be a little bit better informed about some denominational issues. Helga Kahler, Winnipeg, MB.

hum of children learning, and the enthusiasm of the teachers and principal was impressive. After enrolling Jon we found that a Christian school offered so much more than we had anticipated. Within a week, Jonathan was again enthused about school and had already formed many friendships. He began to feel like a part of the school family as teachers from all grades made it a point to get to know him, and to greet us when we visited the school.

Jonathan is an average student, but he has been highly motivated and has shown good progress in all areas. A positive atmosphere filled with love and enthusiasm from competent Christian teachers motivates children and eliminates nearly all discipline problems. We are grateful for teachers who really care about a child's spiritual as well as academic growth. Soon we were impressed with Jonathan's knowledge of Bible facts, even though Bible as a subject is taught only a few periods a week. Now we realize that Christian education is more than teaching the subject of Bible, singing Christian music and beginning the day with devotions. In Christian education, *all* subjects are taught from a scriptural point of view because there really is a Christian perspective in the interpretation of the facts of science, math, literature, etc. The Christian school can help a child to see not only the secular viewpoint, but to

learn how to live as Christians in our humanistic, godless society.

We no longer have our previous reservations about the two hours each day spent on the bus, the lack of attending school with neighborhood friends, and isolation from the secular world. The long bus ride in the morning provides time for Jon to prepare for the day's activities, and the ride home lets him unwind at the end of the day. He still has time for his neighborhood friends. The "world" continues to influence him through television, the roller rink, etc. So Jonathan can never be given too much of the right kind of Christ-centered Bible teaching and training from our home, our church and a Christian school.

We are thankful to the Lord for the evidence of spiritual growth that we have seen in Jon's life. This very definite growth is obviously being further nurtured by his Christian education. Our God-given responsibility of raising Jon in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4) is not only exciting but an awesome task. Lyle and I want to make available as many sources of Christian influence as possible in Jon's life, even though it may mean a possible move closer to our church, so that Jon can more easily participate in the programs the church provides for him or, as we have for the past four years, paying the tuition for a Christian education. □

IN MEMORIAM

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On Leadership

Surviving him are his three sons: Walter of Lansing, MI; the Rev. Eric D. of Salem, OR; Erwin of Hartland, WI; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Frank Armbruster of Mt. Sterling, MO. His pastor, Dr. Arthur W. Boymook, officiated at the funeral service, with son Eric participating.

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