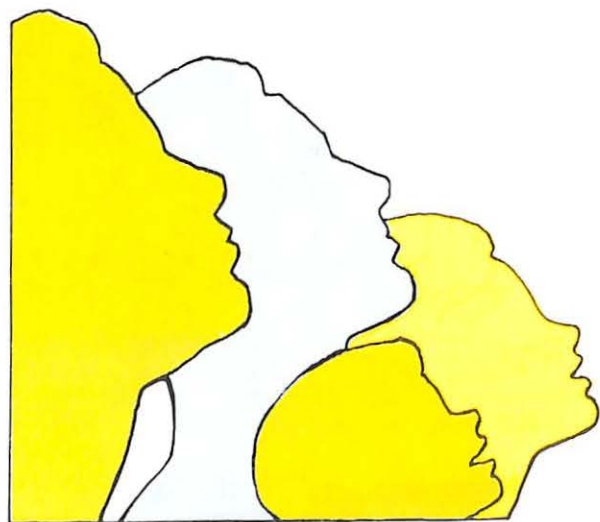


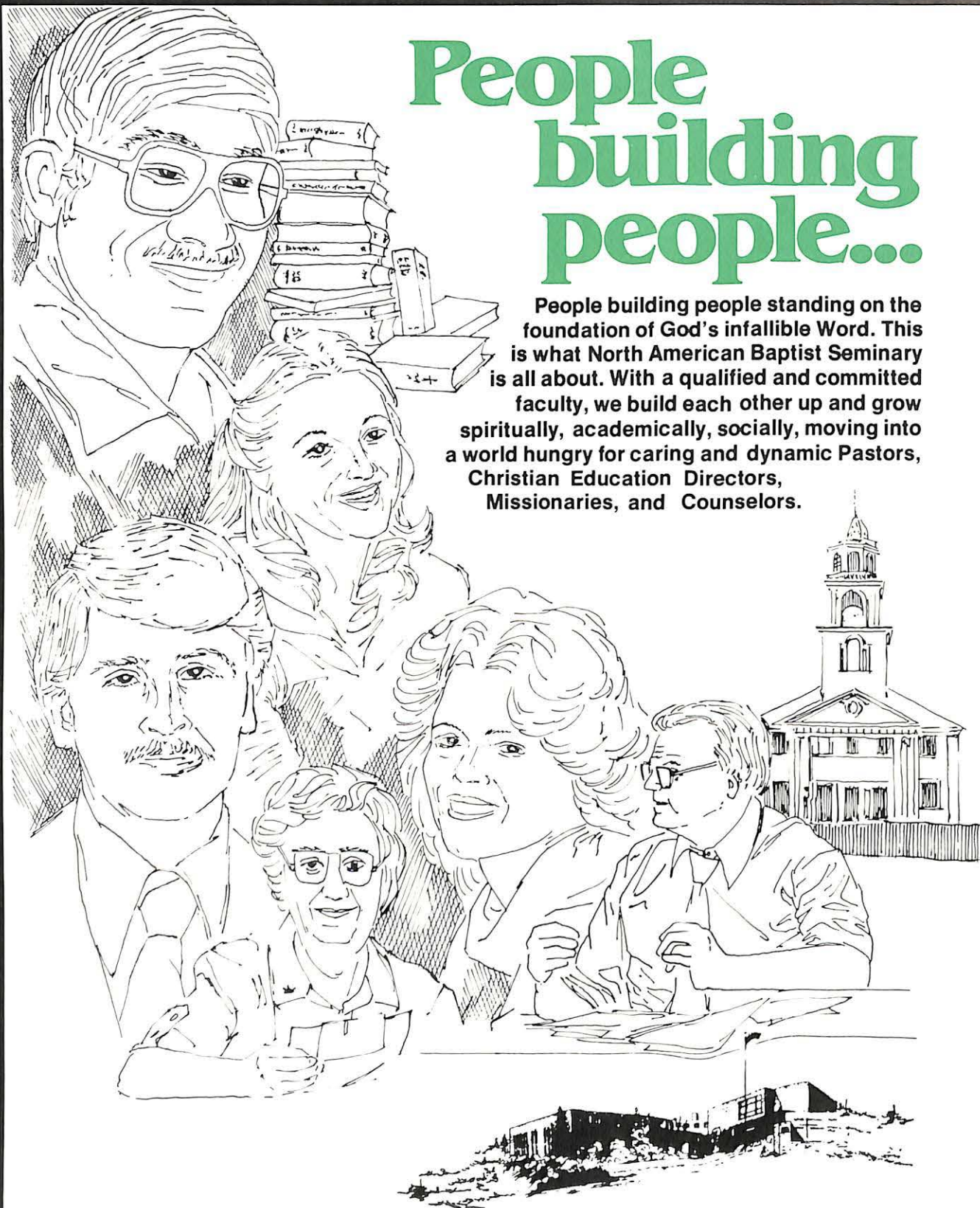
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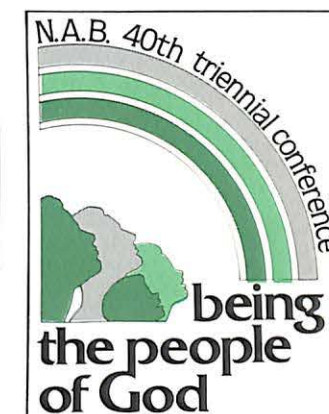
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I wish I could tell you what God's will may be for your life. I understand why you want to know what God has in store for your future. Still, each person is different, and God will deal with each in a way that is best for that individual. Instead, I introduce you to a very exciting quest through which you may experience a plan of God which is too marvelous to put in print.

In order to begin that discovery, I encourage you to ask the following question, "Am I ready to discover what God wants me to do?" I do not pretend to be able to forecast what God will do in your life. Rather, I want you to prepare yourself for finding out what God plans for you in the future. I pray that you may join with God to prepare that mature person whom God may challenge to leadership in His kingdom.

Asking the above question does not limit God's will to a church-related occupation or to what is sometimes called "full-time Christian service." Instead, that question challenges you to commit yourself to whatever God leads you to do. If you are ready to discover what God wants you to do, then I welcome you to many exciting opportunities for changing lives and history. It is the door to being moved into your unique slot for eternal peace and happiness.

Your journey to that special opportunity of service should be guided by the Bible. There is no other sufficient guide. Only in God's Word of truth are God's goals and

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Discovering New Horizons in God's Will for You

Are you ready to discover God's new horizons for you? The quest lasts a lifetime. God's help is assured. by J. Gordon Harris

purposes spelled out. Allow the words and lives of his servants to help you find your place in God's kingdom.

The Bible welcomes all willing pilgrims to new horizons for service. It challenges them to view the world as an opportunity for ministry. It rolls back limited horizons to show to all the cross of Jesus. It assures pilgrims that the Holy Spirit empowers and equips all who see beyond material cares of life. Are you ready to discover these new horizons for yourself?

God's new horizons can be yours if you are prepared to discover what God wants you to become and do. Your discovery of God's will may be charted by asking three questions and then by following through on these challenges. Approach these new possibilities with an open mind and heart. Pray that you may be ready to find your special place in God's plan.

Question 1: Am I Open to Change?

Change never comes easily. People of all ages resist it. Children enjoy a set routine. They like the same cereal and food—simple, separated and sweetened. Adults likewise suffer when life changes on them. They struggle to keep what is familiar and comfortable. Satan uses this natural

resistance to keep many from experiencing the fullness of God's will.

Christian experiences call for change. A believer deserts a sinful life-style and becomes a new creation (Eph. 3:10) when accepting Jesus as Savior and Lord. Maturing in the faith means that selfish attitudes mellow into the servant mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5).

"God is more anxious to reveal His plan than we are to know it."

J. R. McQuilkin

Discovering God's horizons for service demands a similar openness to change. Believers are asked to surrender control over their futures. Normal fears and anxieties make that difficult. Each person needs Divine resources to accept that flexible life of openness to the Holy Spirit.

Some modern Christians, like the prophet Jonah, continue to resist the flexibility required by that level of commitment. As Jonah fled from the call of God to Nineveh, so they remain in a style of life or an occupation which they find comfortable. Nineveh is always a hard place to work. It is filled with enemies. Only an extremely flexible person can change so radically. It may take a storm and a big fish to open persons to more demanding horizons.

Other believers resist God's changes, because they feel inadequate to attempt the work of Christ. Jeremiah said he was an "inexperienced youth" when God asked Him to become a prophet (Jer. 1:6). Moses excused himself from God's service by reminding God that he had a speech problem (Ex. 4:10). God's horizons and tasks intimidate many with their demands. God assures his frightened followers that he will be with them. Still his claims demand a pliable spirit that few naturally possess.

God's will works with those who are open to change as wind moves a boat. Those who are more pliable to his Spirit may experience God's leading as a gentle breeze. Some more dramatic changes may require a tornado to bring about God's will. In any case, the believer may raise the sails of his or her future and trust that God will place that life in the place where that person may serve best.

Jesus describes Christian commitment as each believer taking up a cross and following Him (Matt. 16:24). Such a decision recognizes that comfort and safety are not life's only values. The cross remains the full sacrifice of self-centeredness and the assuming of Christ's burden for

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a lost world. With Esther, believers can count the cost yet still be open to the dangers of an open-ended commitment. To save others, all may say: "If I perish, I perish" (Esther 4:16). So open your heart to the changes in your future brought by God's expanding horizons.

Question 2: Am I Ready to Move Ahead?

When believers are open to change, then God's spirit moves them toward His new horizons. Accepting the call of God rarely means business as usual. A soul that is sensitive to the leadership of God will want to do something immediately to show a new commitment to Christ.

After God gave Abraham a vision of a future people of God, he left Haran to go to a place which God would show him (Gen. 12). When Moses accepted God's challenge at the burning bush, he went to his father-in-law, Jethro, and asked permission to return to Egypt (Ex. 4:18). Amos heard the call of God and left his businesses to warn the people of the North (Israel) about a coming destruction (Amos 7:14-15).

Hosea began a new phase of his ministry when his marriage turned sour and his wife left him with three children (Hosea 1-3). Isaiah saw a vision of God at the death of Uzziah and began to speak an important message to people who would not listen (Is. 6). Paul saw Jesus on the road to Damascus and, after his sight was restored, went to the desert to prepare for a new ministry (Gal. 1:17).

The people of God experience many different types of calls, but they need to recognize that it is important for them to do something immediately after receiving a new

vision of God's horizons. Those who attend a Decision Conference at North American Baptist Seminary are counseled to go home and do something openly to solidify the new direction of their decision. Some may return to school for more preparation. Others may show their new understanding of their walk with Christ by changing their personal behavior and/or business ethics. All are encouraged to become active in fresh new ways within their churches.

Becoming active as a church leader is very important for enabling you to discover God's horizons. Friends and fellow church members may help you understand God's purpose for your future. Discuss

"Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you"—Matt. 7:7.

your strengths and weaknesses with them. Let them help you realize God's plan for you. Be a good listener, then put your new commitment into action following their suggestions for your home, business or school, and church.

Without affirmation from the people of God, believers often hold themselves back from leadership because they underestimate their abilities and potential. Most need the encouragement of mature Christians as Timothy needed the teachings of his mother, Eunice (Acts 16:1). Samuel developed as a leader partly because of the wisdom and support of his parents and Eli, the priest (1 Sam. 1-3). Moving into church leadership provides a marvelous fellowship of support to strengthen those seeking to serve the Lord.

As believers serve the people of God, they need to realistically assess their talents and future service. This may not be done easily. The will of God does not parallel the programming of a computer. They cannot punch information into a Divine computer and expect to receive a data card punched with marriage and career plans. Though self-

examination is not easy, it is an important part of determining their part in God's plan.

In light of leadership experiences and a talent survey, believers should explore a wide range of vocational opportunities. Remember that Bezalel was called by God to be a skilled builder (Ex. 31:2-3). Every occupation is important, and God needs dedicated lay persons as well as church-related professionals. God's Spirit illumines believers through a careful survey of talents, interests, and experiences.

On the other hand, God often confounds any survey of talents and potential. He sometimes calls the seemingly unfit and frightened to do mammoth tasks. God not only calls leaders, he equips them through his Spirit. Many who feel themselves low on potential have finished college and seminary and now serve in many countries as Christian leaders.

If you are willing to move ahead, God will complete the journey of his leader. Moses exemplifies what God can do with a committed servant. God transformed his speaking ability. Moses relied less and less on his brother, Aaron, when he spoke to Pharaoh and the people. God called forth skills that Moses had not recognized because God's Spirit will develop you as you go. As you go, the horizons of God's will will expand in new ways.

Question 3: Am I Open to Serving?

The horizons of God's will consist of expanding opportunities of service. Serving is possible when a person becomes flexible enough to consider what may be uncomfortable.

An initial taste of God's work will give an indication of what it means to do the work of God. Finally, it will be time to ask: "Am I willing to become one who *serves* rather than to remain one who *is served*."

No servant receives a road map from God to chart a career of service. Rather, He sensitizes his followers to the needs of the world and the guidance of his Spirit. Servant leaders hear clearly Jesus' great commission: "As you are going, make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19-20). That route begins at Jerusalem, travels through Judea to Samaria and does not stop until it reaches the uttermost parts of the earth (Acts 1:8). Deciding to become one who serves signifies that a believer recognizes that Jesus' disciples are pushed out into an ocean of need to provide "light" and "salt" for a dark and tasteless world. Becoming a servant of God means that one focuses on the tasks of eternity in whatever vocation one is called.

Servanthood remains the ultimate form of Christian leadership. An attitude of serving should not be identified with a passive servility which feels inferior to all others. Rather, it is a boldness that asserts God's wisdom and mission as a realistic alternative to the emptiness of the world. A servant leads as one dedicated to a Divine master whose task is to free people from the bondage of sin. Christian servant leaders seek not a reward for themselves but enjoy the fruits that all receive as a result of being a faithful witness.

Many of God's servants may join an expanding number of persons who have accepted God's call to a church-related full-time vocation. Increasingly, more well-trained servant leaders are needed by local congregations and missions. Seminaries and colleges should be



filled with people whose eyes focus on an ever-expanding vision of God's horizons of service.

Are you open to experience the joy of serving others in the name of Christ? The sense of satisfaction you find in your initial attempts to be a church leader may tell you that God's ever-expanding horizons will lead to God's will for the future. In that will, Jesus' promise of abundant life (John 10:10) may be fulfilled. Serving as a faithful leader of Christ confirms this truth. Stresses of change and serving cannot rob a believer of this fulfillment. Are you open to serving?"

Conclusion: Am I Ready to Discover What God Wants Me to Do?

Once you have answered personally the three important questions/challenges: "Am I open to change? Am I ready to move ahead? Am I open to serving?", you may be on the way to finding God's will for your life. It is more than a career or job. It is expanding horizons which

allow you to see a world in need and to recognize that heavenly resources are present for dealing with such problems.

When you begin to participate in God's mission, you may experience a growing satisfaction of being a part of God's solution. As you change, God's stability will reorient you. As you move ahead into the unknown, the wisdom of God the Spirit will supplant your fears. As you lose yourself in serving, you will find yourself in a new sense of satisfaction.

Are you ready to discover God's new horizons for you? The quest lasts a lifetime. Its ending is a mystery encouraged by God's promises of eternal rewards. God's help is assured. "Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." (Matt. 7:7). □

How God Called Me Into the Ministry Allen Kjesbo

God is still at work in the hearts of persons calling them to ministry in his church. I know, because his call is clear in my life—and it has been confirmed in many ways. Through affirmation of my wife, friends, and concerned North American Baptist Seminary professors, I am realizing that God is preparing me for a special church-related ministry. In reflecting on my call into Christian ministry, I recall many factors and influences that guided me toward full commitment. I want to mention a few of them.

More than factors or influences, it really was a *person* that had the most significant impact on me in making this decision. God called me and then used my pastor in guiding me toward full-time Christian service.

The excellent pastoral model he provided made the ministry a desirable profession in my mind. For thirteen years, he served our church with loving compassion and deep commitment, which, in my mind, was a worthy and desirable model to emulate. Because of his ministry, the church provided a steady and consistent program of teaching that was reflected in my understanding of and openness to God's call.

My pastor was a real person, someone I could relate to even in my earlier years. His

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approachability spoke to my heart on many occasions, as he would warmly welcome me to his office, chat about topics of interest to me, or tease me about the insignificant things that were happening in my life. One of the most important factors in this relationship was his deep interest in my future.

I remember the Wednesday night junior high classes he conducted on vocational choices. After relating all the secular and church-related vocational options open to young people, the most important question was asked, "What does God want you to do with your life?" He encouraged me to grow and strive toward improving my skills for whatever profession God would lead me into. In all of these experiences, the option to consider Christian ministry was never far from my mind or his.

My pastor provided opportunity for involvement in the church. Seminary, in some ways, is a continuation of education I received from him. I had opportunity to be an active part in the worship service through activities such as singing, playing trombone, leading songs and Scripture reading. I believe my pastor saw leadership potential and realized it would take training in the early formative years to help me realize God's leading in my life.

I know God has called me to full-time service. I look forward to being used for him to bring persons into a close meaningful spiritual relationship with their Creator. God called,



Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kjesbo

clarified, affirmed, and provided basic positive experiences through the life and ministry of my pastor. I hope my testimony will stimulate further thoughts about the importance of pastoral leadership in challenging young people to seek God's will for their lives.

If you are concerned about persons with leadership skills who are vocationally undecided, North American Baptist Seminary provides opportunity for them to come and learn more about discerning God's will for their life. Why not recommend several persons to the next Decision Conference on Church-Related Careers? Your part in guiding persons into Christian ministry will be a blessing to them and the Lord's work. □

How Will You Ever Know? by Ron Norman

Have you ever said, "Well, it won't hurt to try!" or "How will I ever know if I don't ask"? I guess those are statements we suggest to others more often than applying them to our own situations. Those were some nagging questions I had as I read through the materials I received from the North American Baptist Seminary regarding their upcoming edition of the 1981 Decision Conference to be held on the Seminary campus.

Although I had not been at one personally, I had, from time to time, heard accounts of those who were directed by the Lord to enter full-time Christian service as a result of their experience at a Decision Conference. But would anyone from the Chicagoland area (surrounded by higher educational opportunities—including seminaries) be interested in attending a three-day experience that would take place in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, more than 600 miles away? Thoughts like that, plus a captivating sensation of the Lord's urging, led me to those two bottom-line questions.

Since I don't like rejection anymore than the average person, I wasn't about to set myself up for refusal. So I systematically began to list all the young men and women in the congregation who were either currently in college locally or who had recently graduated and were living nearby. I came up with 11 or 12 who were faithful in their commitment to the local church and

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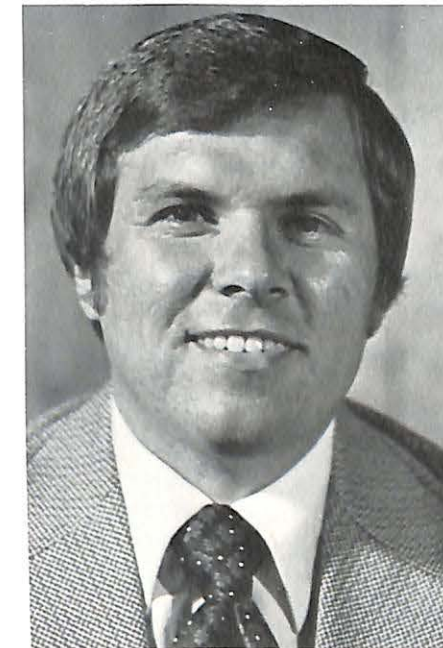
who might be available for a weekend experience, such as a Decision Conference. It was at that time that I received a note in the mail from another thoughtful person in the congregation who had seen materials regarding the conference and was encouraging me to ask around to see if any of our young men and women would be interested. That was a special confirmation of God's leading!

The next Decision Conference on Church Related Careers sponsored by North American Baptist Seminary will be held March 26-28, 1982, on its campus in Sioux Falls, SD.

One by one, over the following two weeks, I asked those who appeared to qualify . . . and one by one they answered, *in the affirmative!* Was I shocked? Yes! As human beings, we continually inhale, "Lord, I believe!" and then exhale, ". . . Help Thou my unbelief!"

What a privilege and opportunity it was to have those seven young men attend that Conference with me and see God work in their lives then and on a continual basis since.

Certainly God is ready to act and motivate his "harvesters" into the fields,—but he's asking us (pastors, church leaders, and parents) to initiate the process by obediently



Rev. Ron Norman

inquiring of them to attend.

Are there one, two, or more in your church, in your relationship, or in your circle of friends whom you might ask to attend a Decision Conference soon? I'm confident there is! May God encourage and guide you in this regard. □

My Priorities for Proclaiming the Redemptive Message

The class of 1981 of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, is presented through personal statements. by Frank Veninga

Frances E. Gardner in her stimulating book *God Is Fabulous* says, "I would like to challenge each of you who reads these pages to ask God what fabulous thing he's going to do with you today." It is my pleasure to introduce to our denominational fellowship the 1982 seminary seniors. As a seminary we are grateful for the opportunity

Dr. Frank Veninga is interim president of North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD.



The primary goal that I have for proclaiming the redemptive message is to serve God to the best of my abilities with the resources he has given to me. I want to be an instrument

to help others gain a real and vibrant faith in the Living God. "I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" (1 Cor. 9:22).

—Samuel Bandela

Samuel Bandela is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He and his wife Latha have two children.



Having heard the good news about the Kingdom of God in Christ, one is confronted. If in response, one chooses to see and be touched by human suffering, one is called. Living this

calling is best effected in relationship to the community of faith.

—Jay Beaman

Jay is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He and his wife Rockie Joy have three children.



I saw an old man limping down a lonely road. Upon his back, he carried a wide and heavy load. To him I ask the question, "What do you carry there?" In reply he answered, "A burden

of despair." I ask, "How do I minister to such a weary man?" My Lord said, "Lend a shoulder, and give a helping hand."

—Geraldine DeMein

Geraldine DeMein is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. She is married to Stephen.



I desire to make the preaching of the gospel a priority in my life, because it is the only message that is able to literally give new life.

—Stephen DeMien

Stephen DeMien is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He is married to Geraldine.



The spirit provides us with innumerable opportunities to share Christ's redemptive message. These opportunities must be quickly grasped, because like the wisp of smoke, they quietly vanish

and are forever gone. Therefore, let us make it a priority to proclaim the redemptive message whenever and wherever the opportunity arises.

—Gregg Donaldson

Gregg Donaldson is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He and his wife Rita have three children.



Jesus provides the best model for a redemptive ministry in Luke 4:18, 19: 1) He preached good news to the poor. They were his target audience.

2) He came to restore sight to the blind. He cared about physical problems.

3) He was sent to release the prisoners and the oppressed. He cared about social injustice.

4) He proclaimed the year of the Lord's favor. He created a vision of the new reality of the Kingdom of God.

—Allan L. Effa

Allan L. Effa is a senior in the Master of Divinity program.



Effective proclamation rests on genuine listening and Christian caring. As a counselor with emotionally disturbed boys, my first task is to show them God's love in Christ—by understanding their needs. As our relationships deepen, so do the opportunities for meaningful proclamation, one to one, in unexpected moments.

—Paul Frerichs

Paul Frerichs is a senior in the Master of Counseling program. He is married to Jacquie. They have three children.



I hope to proclaim Jesus' message by the way of a healing ministry in the area of eating disorders; food abuse leading to anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive over-eating. As with any addiction, the emotional cause and physical symptoms are healed in a spiritual way: By the love and peace of the Holy Spirit through our Lord.

—Barbara Gilchrist

Barbara Gilchrist is a senior in the Master of Counseling program.



One of my priorities is to make the redemptive message relevant to today's secular world. This calls for me to be attuned to the people in this world, to know who they are, and where they are

at. Then in love, I can communicate the redemptive message of Christ to them in ways that they can understand and respond to.

—Lyle Haerle

Lyle Haerle is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He and his wife Jennifer have one son.



A personal devotional life committed to God and His Word will of necessity be the first and foremost priority. Only after you have a living, vibrant relationship with Him can you proclaim by word and deed the true redemptive message of Jesus Christ.

—Richard Hardy

Richard Hardy is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He and his wife Carole have three children.



I can most effectively proclaim the redemptive message of Jesus Christ by, first of all, dealing with myself. Is my spiritual journey, which covers every aspect of life, at a growing edge? I

want the same Lord who cares for people where they are to use me in proclaiming his redemptive message.

—Harold P. Hoekman

Harold Hoekman is a senior in the Master of Divinity program.



My foremost priority is proclaiming God's word from the pulpit. His word must be heard! Preaching has always been God's primary tool in proclamation. Preaching is more than public address.

As a pastor, I must live what I preach. My life earns me the right to proclaim God's love for mankind.

—Craig Holmes

Craig Holmes is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. His wife's name is Kathy.



"The heavens are telling the glory of God. . . . His eternal power and deity are manifest in Creation." But our world is increasingly artificial, cut off from nature's witness to God. City lights

obscure the stars. Through Christian camping experiences, we can restore our

appreciation of God's handiwork and regain a godly perspective on life. —Keith Kinder

Keith Kinder is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. His wife's name is Karen.



My greatest joy in the ministry will be to enable, encourage, teach and lead others to share the good news of Christ's redemptive love in their sphere of living by means of a holy life-style

and the spoken word shared at the appropriate moment.

—Arnold Kirschner

Arnold Kirschner is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He is married to Loleta; they have three children.



I basically have one priority which I see as being my chief purpose in proclaiming the redemptive message. As Paul tells Timothy in II Tim. 4:1-2, we must preach the word, in season. We must be ready to share what we know with skill and a commitment to Jesus Christ. To share or preach the word or message of Christ in any situation is my key priority.

—Larry Lang

Larry Lang is a senior in the Master of Religious Studies program.



The kingdom or reign of God begins in the heart. But it must not remain there: It affects both the reconciliation of man to God and of man to creation. Ministry, therefore, is both pastoral, comforting the afflicted, and prophetic, afflicting the comfortable—all toward this goal of reconciliation.

—Harry Lehotsky

Harry Lehotsky is a senior in the Master of Divinity program.



In Matthew 28:19, 20, Christ calls for all saints to go and proclaim the redemptive message. Thus my priorities for proclaiming the redemptive message includes not only my own preaching and

witness, but the continual training and equipping of the saints. That we all might go forward as one unified body, for one unified purpose, the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.

—Dale Lint

Dale Lint is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He and his wife Roberta have two children.



Proclaiming the message should be our highest priority not only in our verbal witness to others, but also in active, holy living. Therefore, through preaching, Christians are taught to live for

Christ in their actions as well as their verbal witness.

—Lamont Loudenslager

Lamont Loudenslager is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. His wife's name is Kym.



In a word, my priority is in the area of the Arts. While I am hoping to be a short-term in Japan, my ears and eyes will be open to find ways to bring the fullness of the gospel message into

a dialogue with internationals involved in the Arts. The artist has been viewed as the New Samaritan and so the story of Jesus is as equally valid for them as for "regular folks."

—Paul Miller

Paul Miller is a senior in the Master of Divinity program.



The most important priority, among the many I have chosen in proclaiming the redemptive message, is the maintenance of a strong personal conviction that Christ is the only answer to man's di-

lemma. In believing, living, and preaching the redeeming love of God through Christ, I pray God will use me to lead persons in my part of the world to personally accept him as their Savior and Lord.

—Isaiah Muita

Isaiah Muita is a senior in the Master of Religious Studies program. He is married to Rose.



Daily I am grateful for God's great love which forms the basis for my redemption. Through leading persons in meaningful worship and active discipleship experiences, growth in Christ will occur.

—Tim Nelson

Tim Nelson is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He and his wife Rita have one child.



I have experienced the redemptive message of God through the ministry of the membership of the First Baptist Church of Auburn, MI. Under the leadership of the Rev. Rubin Herr-

mann and Mr. Dennis Kee, who were used of God to call, encourage, and support this very human vessel, as I responded to God's call to ministry. I have also experienced the redemptive work of God at the Trent Baptist Church, as I have served as their pastor throughout my Seminary career. Finally, my wife Marilyn has shared joys, sorrows, disappointments, and her love as she gave of herself in God's redeeming work in my life. To all of these, I stand in awe, humility, and deepest gratitude. Thank you, Lord, for each of them.

—Rohn Peterson

Rohn Peterson is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He and his wife Marilyn have one child.



I am very grateful to God for placing me in His service in this country. I am especially thankful for all His blessings and giving me the opportunity to continue my education in this seminary.

Warm open affection, generosity, and a truly humble spirit are exemplified by the staff and the students in this seminary. It is not easy to express in either word or deed all that is deepest in my heart. It is a life, a life of joyous commitment to God.

—Jothaya Samuel

Jothaya Samuel is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He and his wife Esther have two children.



Dietrich Bonhoeffer made an interesting observation concerning the Christian and the Church. The Church, argues Bonhoeffer, must be in the world, working for the salvation of the world and re-

minding men that God loves them. The task of the Christian is not to lead a pious life but to be a witness to Christ in the world through life and action.

The priority which Christ gave to his Church was to go into the world with the gospel, not to retreat from it. This priority must be kept before us while living in a world that desperately needs to be confronted by him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

—Harold Schroeder

Harold Schroeder is a senior in the Master of Religious Studies program. His wife's name is Marlene.



My priorities for proclaiming the redemptive message center on obedience. First of all, I must be a living example of my own personal obedience to the call of Christ. Secondly, my preaching and

teaching must be obedient to the word of God. Isaiah 55:11 proclaims that God's word will not return empty but will accomplish its purpose. In light of this promise, my ministry must center

on the word of God so that through its power the redemptive message will be heard.

—Barry Seifert

Barry Seifert is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He and his wife have one child.



My first responsibility is to actively incorporate the redemptive message into my life; then through relationships with family, friends, and acquaintances, the message of life may thrive.

—Robert Semrad

Robert Semrad is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He and his wife Jeanne have two children.



I feel that only God's redemptive message revealed in the person and work of Jesus Christ can bring wholeness to the total person, having an effect on his or her intellect, spirit, and body, when ac-

cepted by faith. Only in Christ is total redemption possible for sin-ruined humanity.

—Eriberto Soto

Eriberto Soto is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He and his wife Damaris have two children.



The gospel (redemptive message) must be directed to all the social, racial, and economic classes of contemporary society. Jesus came to minister to those who recognized their sin.

Today the poor drop all pretenses and cling to Jesus—so do the poor in spirit.

—Louis N. Stavrakis

Louis Stavrakis is a senior in the Master of Counseling program, and graduated in December 1981. His wife's name is Sharon.



According to scripture, we are all ministers in Christ Jesus, we not only have the privilege of proclaiming the "good news," but we are commanded to do so. There are three things that I

feel we should remember if we are to fulfill our commission. First, (Ephesians 4:15, I Corinthians 13:1) Speak the truth in love or else we will sound like a noisy gong. Second, (Rom. 3:23) We have all fallen short of the glory of God. We are no better than the worst sinner. Remember, "There but by the grace of God, go I." Third, (John 3:17) Live and speak as the Son would; not judgmentally but redemptively.

—Scott Thomas

Scott Thomas is a senior in the Master of Counseling program.



"So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ" (Rom. 10:17). Professionally, I believe preaching is the nucleus which the other ministries re-

volve around. It has the uniquely majestic blend of inspiration, motivation and persuasion that is so important in feeding the congregation as well as sharing the gospel message.

—Richard Uhler

Richard Uhler is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He and his wife Deborah have two children.



As pastor, I will seek to present the Word of God in an atmosphere in which the love of Christ invites people who are led by the Holy Spirit to make a commitment of themselves to God

and enables them to effectively express their love for him through unselfish service to others.

—Danny Van Gerpen

Danny Van Gerpen is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He and his wife Arlis have one child.



I believe the Bible is God's Word in written form. It is the chief authority and criteria for my life and ministry. This Word was incarnated in Jesus, who came to seek and save the lost. Shar-

ing His good news with others is my greatest burden.

—Primrose R. Vasa

Primrose R. Vasa is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. She and her husband John have three children.



My desire in ministry is to be a person who is in touch with both God and people. Since only two things are eternal in this world—the world of God and the souls of men—I aim to be a

good student of both divine truth and human nature.

—Dave Vetter

Dave Vetter is a senior in the Master of Counseling degree program. His wife's name is Renee.



My main priority in ministry is to "Preach the Word" (2 Tim. 4:2). By studying and personally applying God's Word as my main goal, the attitudes and skills for the rest of ministry

will come. A pastor must be fed by his Shepherd before he can feed and love the sheep.

—Dennis Webber

Dennis Webber is in the Master of Divinity program. His wife's name is Loretha.

They Also Serve by Harold F. Lang

Various people serve the cause of missions in diverse ways. Some have committed their lives in full-time missionary service. Others have dedicated their money, and a substantial portion of it goes for the Lord's work around the world. Many are faithful in prayer, others in encouraging individuals to go as they feel God's call.

Persons, very valuable to the ongoing of our overseas missionary work, are those who answer God's call to go to the field as short-term missionaries. Theirs are not easy roles. They are on the field for only a short time, so they sense the importance of becoming immediately involved, making an immediate contribution.

Short-term missionaries have contributed much, especially on our fields in Japan and Cameroon. For some, the time on the field has been the prelude to career missionary service. For all, it has had an unforgettable impact on their lives.

In 1981, three short-term missionaries from our North American Baptist churches left for Cameroon and two for Japan. We introduce them to you.

Cheryl Lake and Valeree Mikul flew to Japan in September to begin two years of service in teaching conversational English. They replaced Arlynn Friesen and Jan Willeke, who returned to the United States this summer following two and three years of ministry in Japan respectively.

For both Cheryl and Valeree, an important part of their interest in missions was the example of others who served Christ abroad. Valeree mentions a missionary cousin who exerted a strong influence on her. For Cheryl, it was the example of

The Rev. Harold F. Lang is associate director for promotion and personnel, Missions Department.

Miss Florence Miller, a founding missionary of our North American Baptist work in Japan thirty years ago.



Miss Cheryl Lake
Short-term Missionary in Japan

Valeree accepted Christ when she was eight years old, was baptized by the Rev. George Robinson, and became a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Wausau, Wisconsin. In her early teens, she dedicated her life to a closer walk with the Lord. With this in view, she attended and graduated from Moody Bible Institute following her graduation from high school. After graduation from Moody, she attended the



Miss Valeree Mikul
Short-term Missionary in Japan

University of Wisconsin—Oshkosh, from where she received a B.S. degree in Social Studies in 1979. Through her student years, she was active in church work, vacation Bible school, Bible studies, camp, and door-to-door evangelism. She is presently a member of the Mountain View Baptist Church, Spearfish, South Dakota.

Cheryl also became a Christian at an early age. When she made her commitment at seven, she entrusted the Lord with her entire future. At that time, she promised that she would go wherever the Lord might lead her. And as she adds: "I have never regretted that commitment." At the age of ten she was baptized and became a member of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan. Following high school she attended Lake Michigan College and Olivet College, where she received her B.A. degree in Music. For almost three years after graduation she was part of Life Action Ministries, being a singer in this Christian travelling ministry. For the past two years, she has served as a receptionist, while she has been very active at the Lakeshore Baptist Church at Stevensville, Michigan, serving as Sunday school teacher, in Women's Missionary Fellowship, as well as serving on the Pulpit Committee.

In the coming months, Valeree and Cheryl will have contact with Japanese in small class groups and on a one-to-one basis. Pray for them that through these contacts individuals may come to know Christ.

Two recent college graduates have also left their home province of Alberta, Canada, to serve as short-term missionaries in schools of Cameroon.

Monica Ruff will be making use of her degree in Home Economics from the University of Alberta as she teaches at Saker Baptist College, Victoria. Born Lethbridge, Alberta, Monica accepted Christ as a young person, was baptized and became a part of the Bethany Baptist Church

of Lethbridge. Along with involvement in her local Sunday school and church, she has been active in Navigators on the college campus.



Miss Monica Ruff
Short-term Missionary in Cameroon

Presently a member of Park Meadows Baptist Church, Lethbridge, Monica first began to consider possible short-term service when she saw the poster, "Missionaries Wanted. . . ." Through this, she started seriously thinking of this possibility. Supported and encouraged by relatives, pastor, and friends, this interest has become a reality. She joins two other short-term missionaries, Teresa Wolff and Dennie Miller, at Saker Baptist College.

Another graduate of the University of Alberta, Stanford Blade, also began short-term service in Cameroon in September. Stanford



Mr. Stanford Blade
Short-term Missionary in Cameroon

received his degree this past spring in Biology. He is teaching in this area at the Baptist Boys Secondary School at Soppo, about 20 miles from Victoria.

Stanford was born in Wetaskiwin, and at the age of 13, after his receiving of Christ, was baptized in the Wiesenthal Baptist Church, Millet, Alberta, where he continues to be a member. Throughout his years at the University of Alberta, Stan continued to be active in his home church, teaching in Sunday school, serving as usher, auditing the church books, and helping in conducting opening portions of church services.

The missionary vision of a former youth pastor, now on the mission field in Thailand, stirred Stan's missionary vision. Mission Conferences built on this foundation, culminated in his own application for short-term missionary service.

As Stan teaches at the Baptist Boys Secondary School, he is the only mission personnel, career or short-term, at the school.

Remember Monica and Stan as they teach and encourage secondary school students at two of the Cameroon Baptist Convention schools in Cameroon.

A short-term missionary who arrived in Cameroon in June 1981, Deborah Auch, is using her training and abilities at the Bansa Baptist Hospital. Debbie is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch, who served as missionaries in Japan, in the pastorate in North America, and presently as the administrator of the Baptist Home, Bismarck, North Dakota.

When she was eight years old, Debbie, on her profession of faith in Christ, was baptized by her father in Bison, Kansas. She presently is member of the Century Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Following her graduation from high school, Debbie went into nurses' training at the University of North Dakota. Upon her graduation, she served for four years in the United States Navy Nurses Corps, spending several years in Japan. Overseas, she became very aware of the needs of the mission field. This caused her to be open to the Lord's continued leading in her life. After

leaving the Nurses Corps, she attended the North American Baptist Seminary for several terms. At the Seminary, while talking with Mrs. Ardice (Ziolkowski) Powell who served as missionary nurse in Cameroon for more than 20 years, she says, "A chord was struck within me that is difficult to explain." It was the beginning of her seriously seeking the Lord's will concerning the possibility of missionary service.

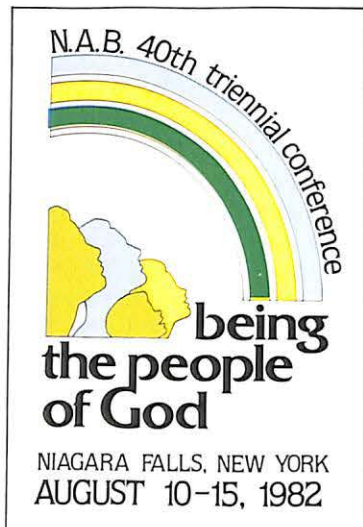


Miss Deborah Auch
Missionary in Cameroon

She went to Cameroon to begin her missionary service early in June. Recently she has been asked to fill the position of Director of the Nursing School at Bansa Baptist Hospital, replacing Miss Eleanor Weisenberger, who is now serving full-time in the hospital. Pray for Debbie as she handles these important responsibilities.

We are thankful for the Lord's hand on these five young people who in recent months have gone to serve in Cameroon and Japan. Each year there is need for committed young people to fill these and other positions on our various mission fields.

Pray—Encourage—Be a part of this vital phase of our mission work. □



Preliminary Program of the 1982 N.A.B. Triennial Conference

Location: Niagara Falls, New York
Date: August 10-15, 1982
Theme: "Being the People of God"
Scripture: I Peter 2:9 and 10

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	7:30 a.m. Ministers' Wives breakfast	7:30 a.m. North American Baptist College and Divinity School Alumni breakfast	7:30 a.m. North American Baptist Seminary Breakfast	7:30 a.m. Missions Breakfast Church Extension Breakfast	7:30 a.m. Pension Fund Breakfast
9:00 a.m.—8:30 p.m. Registration	9:30—10:15 a.m. Singing, prayer Bible study: <i>Dr. Warren Wiersbe</i>	9:30—10:15 a.m. Singing, prayer Bible study: <i>Dr. Warren Wiersbe</i>	9:30—10:15 a.m. Singing, prayer Bible study: <i>Dr. Warren Wiersbe</i>	9:30—10:15 a.m. Singing, prayer Bible study: <i>Dr. Warren Wiersbe</i>	10:00—11:30 a.m. Closing service <i>Dr. Peter Fehr</i> , speaker Commissioning of new missionaries Installation of Conference officers Communion Communion offering for world hunger/ relief
	10:15—11:00 a.m. General Council Report <i>Dr. John Binder</i> , executive director; <i>Dr. Peter Fehr</i> , moderator; <i>Mr. Milton Hildebrandt</i> , treasurer	10:15—10:45 a.m. North American Baptist Seminary report	10:15—10:45 a.m. North American Baptist College and Divinity School report	10:15—12:00 noon Business session	
	11:00 a.m.—12 noon Business session	10:45 a.m.—12 noon Business session	10:45—12:00 noon Business session		
			12:30 p.m. Women's luncheon Men's luncheon Ministers' luncheon	12:30 p.m. "New Day" and Church Ministries luncheon	
1:00 p.m. General Council session	1:30—2:00 p.m. Missions	1:30—2:00 p.m. Missions			
	2:00—3:00 p.m. N.A.B. multi-media presentation All departments	2:00—3:00 p.m. <i>Rev. Georgi Vins</i> , speaker			
	3:00—3:30 p.m. Baptist World Alliance <i>Dr. Gerhard Claas</i>	3:00—5:00 p.m. Workshops in hotel locations			
	3:30—4:30 p.m. Business session		Free time		
	4:30—5:00 p.m. Interaction time				
7:30 p.m. Keynote message <i>Dr. Harold A. Carter</i>	7:00—7:20 p.m. Musical interlude	7:00—7:20 p.m. Musical interlude	7:00—7:20 p.m. Musical interlude		
	7:20—7:30 p.m. Organ prelude	7:20—7:30 p.m. Organ prelude	7:20—7:30 p.m. Organ prelude		
	7:30 p.m. <i>Dr. Herb Dickerson</i> , speaker	7:30 p.m. Missions Celebration <i>Rev. Ralph Cooke</i> , speaker Reception	7:30—9:00 p.m. <i>Dr. Howard Andersen</i> , speaker	7:30—9:00 p.m. Youth Presentation through music and drama <i>Dawson McAllister</i> , speaker Reception	



Dr. Harold A. Carter, pastor,
New Shiloh Baptist Church, Baltimore, MD.



Dr. Warren Wiersbe, Bible
conference speaker and author



Dr. John Binder, executive
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Dr. Peter Fehr, moderator
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Mr. Milton Hildebrandt, St. Paul, MN,
N.A.B. Conference treasurer



Dr. Herb Dickerson, professor of
Homiletics, North American Baptist Seminary



Rev. Georgi Vins,
Russian pastor



Rev. Ralph Cooke, pastor,
Grand Forks, ND, Board of Missions chairman



Dr. Howard C. Andersen, pastor,
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, BC



Dawson McAllister,
widely known youth speaker

Special Program for Children at 1982 Triennial Conference

by Peggy Leverette

"Suffer the little children and forbid them not" expresses the way we on the Children's Activities Committee feel about the children attending the 1982 N.A.B. Triennial Conference in Niagara Falls, New York, August 10-15. Much careful planning and prayer have gone into preparations for these days for the children. It is our concern that they will have a rich spiritual experience, as well as a "fun time" while they are with us. The children going into grades one through six are in this group.

We have a beautiful setting for our Conference. For some, this will likely be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Let me assure you that we will *not* be taking your children to the Falls. This will be best experienced as a family together. We also will *not* be taking your children back and forth across the border. We will, however, be taking your children to some very interesting places.

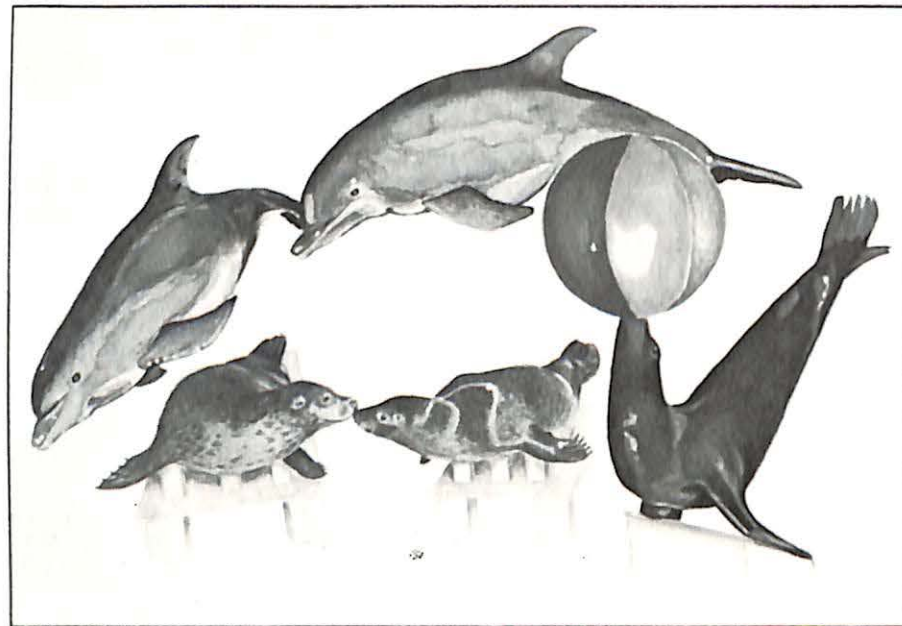
First of all, our mornings will be more of a spiritual nature. We will have Bible stories, missionary stories, and song times. We will also be blessed by having missionaries with us as well as "New Day." Puppeteers will also minister to the children, and surely this will be exciting for them. Our morning physical activity time will be directed by a well qualified physical education teacher. Even if the

Mrs. Peggy Leverette of Burlington, ON, is chairwoman of the children's activities for the 1982 N.A.B. Triennial Conference.

weather is not ideal, we have adequate facilities for some good exercise.

The children's activities are planned for Wednesday, Thursday,

have your child or children attend all sessions, the cost is \$8.00 for each child for the entire week. However, if you are only planning to leave your child or children the



Friday, and Saturday mornings, as well as Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons at which time we will be taking field trips. On Wednesday, we will tour the Niagara Falls Aquarium, where we will see several sea animal shows. Thursday afternoon, we will be going to Old Fort Niagara, a French restored fortification, rich in history with military pageantry in the summer. Our last day of touring, Friday, we will be going to the Buffalo Zoo where there are nearly 40 major animal exhibits and more than 850 animals of more than 325 species.

The children will tour by bus to each of these places. The costs of bus transportation, as well as entrance fees are covered in the registration fees. If you choose to

occasional session, the charge is \$2.00 per session except for Friday, which is \$4.00 at which time a meal will be provided. All other days you will have your children with you for the meals. We do not provide care for this group of children during the evening services.

We encourage you to consider this Conference a family experience and bring all of your children. They will profit as well as the adults. We look forward to August 10-15, 1982, in Niagara Falls as being a special time for all who attend. □

A Squirrel's Eye View of "New Day" In a Nut Shell

by John Kiemele and Connie Kaiser

Art Squirrel peers out his doorway to see what is causing all the commotion and excitement. Down below, two "New Day" vans have pulled up to the curb and have parked.

The team, plus a core group from the local church, were getting their instructions from the director. The director reminds them that the purpose is to discover the religious thinking of the community so the church can be more effective and to make the church visible. A group of two goes to its assigned streets.

As curious as Art Squirrel is, he couldn't go back inside, so he scampered down the tree and followed one of the "New Day" duos. One member of each team was carrying a religious opinion survey, "Four Spiritual Laws," and church packets mounted on a clipboard.

"I wonder what they are going to do with these," Art Squirrel thought. "They are going up to the door." "Do they know the people who live here?"

They ring the doorbell. Art Squirrel observes their procedure as they begin. The team members always explain to the person at the door who they are, what church they represent, and the purpose for their visit. The purpose of their visit is to determine the religious thinking of the community so the church can adequately meet the needs of the community. The quickest way to discover the needs of the community is through a survey.

As Art Squirrel hears each question being asked, he wonders

what the answer will be to each one. What will they say when the team asks, "What is a person's greatest spiritual need?" What will the answer be when they ask, "According to your understanding, who is Jesus Christ?" What will the person think when they ask, "What does a person have to do to become a Christian?" How will the person respond when they ask, "Have you come to that place in your spiritual life where you know that you would have eternal life?" As Art Squirrel continues to follow the team members to the houses, they receive a wide variety of answers to these questions.

For a stretch of houses, there is no one at home. Finally, they reach a house where a lady comes to the door. The team member begins, only to be interrupted with a response of not interested. As they leave the house, a gust of wind catches the survey sheets and whirls them into the neighbor's yard and into the branches of a tree. For the next few moments, the team is collecting survey sheets.

At one of the homes, the team members have the opportunity to visit with a black lady who has a unique ministry. She works with mentally retarded and autistic children within her own home.

As the team continues, they arrive at the door of an expectant mother. She offers her opinions to the survey and then invites the team into her home to share further. The team is led by the Holy Spirit to

share the Gospel with the woman. She responds to Christ and accepts him as Savior. An interesting thing is that her baby is due on this very same day. A spiritual birth occurred



for this woman while she was awaiting the physical birth of her baby.

The team completes the assigned block and continues back to the van to record the statistics of the day.

Art Squirrel is overwhelmed by the things he has learned today. He turns to go home when he accidentally knocks Betty Bird over on the lawn. Art Squirrel shares with Betty Bird how "New Day" members have helped churches reach into the community to discover needs. □

John Kiemele and Connie Kaiser are members of "New Day" and are the team's reporters.

What the BWA Means to Me Some BWA Staffers Speak Out

The Baptist World Alliance has been my life-long favorite. It started as far back as the years in postwar Germany. I was 17 and always hungry. One day an announcement made me jump with joy: We were to pick up a CARE package sent to us through the ministry of Baptist World Alliance.

My second memorable contact with the BWA happened when I was 18. Some of us as older teenagers had organized a scout-styled youth work for boys. We studied the Bible, learned new songs and had a good time—but always surrounded by ruins. All of us longed for a

summer retreat in a more beautiful setting. But where to get food, and where should we sleep? Again the BWA came to our aid. We received cheese, powdered milk, and even army tents! Many a young boy came along for the food and found the Bread of Life instead, giving his life a new direction.

At the age of 20, along with many other young Baptists, I helped in the reconstruction of churches damaged by bombs. Most of the church members were involved in removing the rubble and making room for a new church structure. The Baptist World Alliance did not

only help financially in the reconstruction of the destroyed places of worship, but also its leaders counseled us to start churches in areas where heretofore there had been no Baptist work. This effective mission strategy helped many refugees from eastern Europe to find both a new place to live and a spiritual home.

When I was 21, my way led me to the Baptist Theological Seminary in Hamburg, Germany. This was possible only because the BWA and its member bodies had rebuilt the school campus and were supplying the Seminary with regular food deliveries.

Nobody needs to lecture me about the importance of the Baptist World Alliance. Even though I know now that the ministries of the Alliance are so much more far reaching than I ever imagined as a young man, I still like to think back of my first experiences, when—as a German—every gesture of love and care was like a balm for our war-torn souls. Receiving love from fellow Baptists worldwide, when it was fashionable to shun everything and everybody that was German, was the most powerful proof that the love of Christ cannot be held back by any barriers, be they political, racial or any other kind.

This is true even today. And as general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, this will be my highest calling: to love and care for every fellow Baptist—for Christ's sake.

Dr. Gerhard Claas, BWA General Secretary

"Jesus Christ . . . for the Healing of All Peoples." The BWA General Council adopted this as the theme for the period until the next BWA World Congress. Each year will have a specific theme. For 1982 the sub theme is: "Jesus Christ . . . for the Healing of the Person." I believe that conversion to Christ means a life dedicated to witnessing

to the whole person, spiritually and physically. Johann Gerhard Oncken, pioneer of German Baptists, said, "Every Baptist a missionary." It is my prayer that the Evangelism and Education Division will become a catalyst, uniting Baptists around the world so that every nation will be evangelized.

Examples of the healing power of Christ are significant indications of what the Gospel is and does! Political, social, and cultural barriers fall when Christ enters. The Baptists of Hungary suffered much in the 19th century from the former state churches, Catholic, Lutheran, and Reformed. Baptist pastors were imprisoned; prayer houses burned; families dispersed. When the Hungarian Baptists celebrated their 125th anniversary several years ago, they invited the Reformed Bishop of Hungary, Bishop Bartha, to speak. He spoke of this past tragedy and how his church had asked forgiveness. Then he said, "Only as we come closer to Christ, healing takes place. As all of us come closer to Christ, we can speak of his healing power in our own lives, our families, churches and countries. That's what the Baptist World Alliance means to me . . . all of us coming closer to Christ so that we might go out and in the power of the Spirit witness to the healing power of Christ."

I met a refugee from Chile in Moscow who was a Baptist believer. He witnessed to an old Russian man who was in great sorrow over the death of his son. What a beautiful picture it was for me to see a young man tell an old man of the healing power of Christ on a busy city street.

Baptist youth around the world must be and are engaged in this healing ministry of Christ. The Baptist World Alliance is an open door for all ages, races, cultures, and ideologies . . . an open door for all of us to greet one another as friends and thus come closer to Christ! The old Negro spiritual says it well: "There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul!"

Dr. Denton Lotz is BWA Associate Secretary of Evangelism and Education.

"We express our thanks for your efforts in helping us through these disasters . . . Certainly your financial support enabled us to do things that we would not have been able to otherwise accomplish." BAPTIST WORLD AID serves as an international channel for expressing Christian social concern and alleviating human need, and as a coordinating agency through which Baptist bodies can voluntarily cooperate in meeting human need. It has been our joy to receive such letters of appreciation demonstrating our *raison d'être*.

The Relief and Development Division of the Baptist World Alliance serves as the glue which bonds together our member bodies in a common opportunity to reach out an arm of compassion to suffering and needy people around the world. Those member bodies who cannot give much, but can give a little, can join their gift with others and make an important impact.

For 1981 a goal of \$1.6 million was projected to grant financial assistance for some 60 projects in 35 countries. Emphasizing the International Year of Disabled Persons focused an "awareness of disabled persons" through several major projects.

In 1982 a goal of \$2 million is being projected, and emphasis is on the International Year of the Aged. To love is to care; to care is to share. The New Testament lays it upon every Christian to give cheerfully as an expression of our love, and to be ready always to assist those who are in need. "Bear ye one another's burdens . . ." (Galatians 6:2a). "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40b).

Erna Redlich is BWA Assistant Secretary for Relief and Development.

I love the Baptist World Alliance and so do thousands of Asians. The people of Asia need the BWA not only as a resource in development and a source of help, but rather much more as an avenue of expressing their concern and love for the people of the world, a point where East meets West, where people can share with each other.

The Baptist World Alliance has been the converging point of national Baptist conventions/unions all over the world. It is a testimony of the oneness and dynamic fellowship of Baptists in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Baptist World Alliance has responded to needs in Asia and on other continents. It is a joy to see member conventions respond and express oneness of concern for the lost. They share resources with the less fortunate and come together for the proclamation of the Word. They also demonstrate a great sensitivity to the preservation of freedom and justice for all.

The Asian Baptists, few as they are, coming from mostly developing countries and struggling financially, can yet be the light in many dark corners of the world.

Rev. Edwin I. Lopez is BWA Regional Secretary for Asia.

The Baptist World Alliance is serving many purposes—one of the most important of these is to be a tool in the hand of God by which "dividing walls of hostility" (Ephesians 2:14) may be broken down: Walls between nations and walls between Christians.

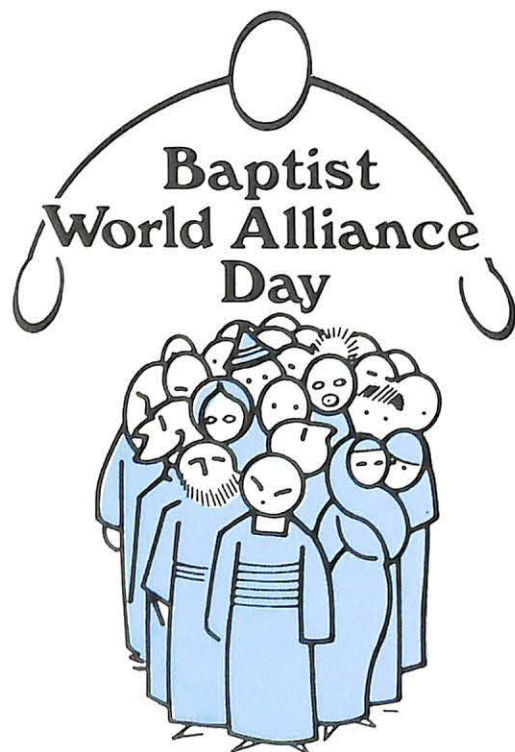
Within our European Baptist Fellowship we have experienced how Christian love and cooperation are dynamic powers which can break down even the highest and most solid walls of hostility.

It is my hope and prayer that in this world of mistrust and fear and hate, we, as the Baptist World Alliance, also in the future may be useful tools to break down dividing walls of hostility by the faith, hope and love we have received through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. Knud Wumpelmann is BWA Regional Secretary for Europe.

for the Healing of All Peoples

February 7, 1982



WOMAN'S WORLD

Grounded, Then Growing

by Eva Helwing, Skokie, IL



As we enter a new year, it is only proper that we reflect on the one just past. It was a year of great debates

with still unsettled issues.

The air-controller strike in the United States raised the question of stress on the job. Who endures more stress? Who deserves more pay? Is it the pilot navigating the airplane or the controller directing air traffic from his tower?

The Grey Panther organization advocated allowing senior citizens to remain on the job, raising the question, "Which serves society's interest better: Keeping the senior or making

room for the young family man?" What is worth more to the company: The experience of the senior or the new technological training of the aspiring young person?

Feminists continue to raise the question of worth as they compare the stay-at-home wife devoted to husband, childrearing, and volunteer service with the harried working woman who (while contributing to the family budget) must balance job, household, and rearing children, and with the career woman climbing the corporate ladder, earning a name for herself and paving the way for future women. The debate over equal rights for women by the ERA forces continued to highlight the apparent inequalities in opportunity and pay for women

Up the Stairway

by Dorene Walth, WMF president, Citrus Heights, CA



Good morning, Lord! It's a beautiful morning. I would like to sit down and spend some time with you . . . just You and me . . . loving each other and sharing our thoughts. Really, I want to bask in the warmth of You and spend some time meditating on Your Word.

But, sorry, Lord. I must lead the opening for the women's Bible study. I have the group potluck at noon, so I must quickly get a hot dish ready. I also want to call on that discouraged friend. I've put it off long enough! Others have been to visit her. I look so unspiritual among the gals when they tell about all they have been doing for her, and I can't enter into the conversation.

It's too bad that when I get home in the late afternoon, I feel so washed out and spent and not in the mood for a devotional time. I'm sure you don't mind, though, because, after all, I am giving you my service.

I do admit I feel pretty empty much of the time, and my thirst for You really doesn't seem to get quenched. It really does take lots of energy to be giving out all those "spiritual gems" and "godly wisdom" when my own well of resources seems parched.

What was that you said, Lord? "Be still and know that I am God." I know that You are God, but, Lord, it's so important to have my finger in all these ministries. When I look good, don't You look good?

Did I hear right? you're concerned about WHO I am rather than WHAT I DO? You'd rather have ME than MY SERVICE?

You think I'm neglecting my home and family responsibilities? But, Lord, others don't see that. If I wasn't present being an example in all these other ministries, what would the congregation think? I know, I don't answer to them, but wouldn't they judge me as an "uncommitted Christian" if I couldn't make it to every service, board, and committee meeting?

My family? Really? Well, maybe I am concerned more about how my children look and behave rather than how they feel. I guess I did squelch Johnny's effort to share some personal feelings with me Sunday night.

We were in a hurry, and it just wouldn't have looked good to walk into church late. No, I never did find out what it was he wanted to

discuss. I'm sure his needs were met, though, as he sat in church.

What? You want me to make another list? Sure, I know priority listing is important, but I'm a flexible person, and I can never stick to those lists anyway. Oh, I get it! Things that have eternal value . . . that's the measuring stick!

O, God, You are so wise. I want more of Your insight and wisdom. I see now, You can't get glory in what I do, unless my priorities and motives are right. It seems so simple; yet I have such a hard time remembering. I make my stairway so complicated!

I guess I need more balance between doing and being. I want to be more consistently filled with Your Spirit so that whatever I do will be sincere and purely glorifying to You.

"You are right! . . . We grow only as we get our nourishment and strength from God. Since you died, as it were, with Christ and this has set you free from following the world's ideas of how to be saved—by doing good and obeying various rules, why do you keep right on following them anyway? These rules may seem good, for rules of this kind require strong devotion and are humiliating and hard on the body, but they have no effect when it comes to conquering a person's evil thoughts and desires. They only make him proud." (Colossians 2:19ff, LB). □

who must compete with men in the marketplace.

There are similarities in all these arguments. We usually feel very strongly on one side or the other as did the workers in the vineyard described in the parable by Jesus (Matthew 20:16). The question there, too, was about worth, stress, and payoff. Who worked the hardest? Who endured the most stress? Who should have the most pay? Was it the worker who started in the morning and worked through the midday until evening, or was it the worker who came late and only worked in the mid or late afternoon?

Jesus answered all these questions in the parable. He settles the debate of

New Program Packet Available



by LaVerna Mehlhaff, women's work director

"It's a good packet."

"I found a lot of good ideas in the packet."

These are just a couple of comments that have come in from women who have received their 1982 program packet. It has a wide variety of resources. There are programs, such as "Growing, Blooming Christians," devotions, such as "Growing through Maintaining a Proper Balance," and Bible studies, such as "Growing through a Deep Relationship." There is a special section on women's ministries telling of ways to have a more effective ministry among your women and a seven-section leadership training program for women who will be the leaders of your W.M.F.

Have you ordered your packet? If not, send in your order today. The price of the packet, German or English, is \$3.50 each. Each society will want at least one packet. □

our worth, about our contributions, at least as far as the kingdom of God is concerned. Our worth in the kingdom of God is measured by other than human standards. According to God's standards, the payoff is fair, because what matters is not how long and how hard we have worked, but that we answered the call. It makes no difference what our talents are, whether we were called at the age of 17, 47, or 70. What matters is that the call to work in the vineyard of the Lord was answered. Our talents vary greatly and so does our calling, but we are to give freely in whatever capacity we are able to serve, be that in the morning, the midday, or in the late afternoon of our lives. Our reward remains the same: Fellowship with the living God.

As women of our Conference, celebrating 75 years of service in the W.M.F., we proudly reflect on our history. We recall how, since the founding of our group in 1907, women have moved into this country, learned a new language, learned new customs, helped plow the land, set up churches, bore children, taught, cooked, sewed, and reached out to others in the service of the Lord. By setting up missionary societies they showed their concern and willingness to work in the saving of souls here and in far-away places.

Children Are Welcome at the Conference

Need a vacation? Want a refreshing, spiritual time as well as a time with your children, or a time growing in the Lord without distraction? You can have that time by attending your North American Baptist Triennial Conference from August 10-15, 1982, in Niagara Falls, NY.

While you attend the Conference, nursery care for children six months through age five will be available right in the convention center during the sessions.

The youngest group will be well staffed with a ratio of three children

We remember their contributions in joining to help the refugees of World War II through the Care Package Program. We remember them for sponsoring the new immigrants and helping with food, clothing, housing, and jobs. We have a great heritage of service of which to be proud.

But the future beckons. New opportunities are before us. Areas of service in parts of the world are becoming more difficult. More and more money is needed to continue our White Cross work and our various missionary projects. But we see a new spirit working, ready to move in and face new challenges. We are not discarding any of the old or accepting the new without question, but we are open in spirit and in heart to serve in new ways. We, as women of all ages, are working in a variety of ways, using a variety of talents, helping our husbands, caring for our families, teaching our children, reaching out to those in need, pursuing our own interests in careers, side by side with men, obedient to the teachings of our Savior. Ever "rooted, grounded, and growing," as our motto states, and as daughters of the King of Kings, we pursue this task, not concerned about worth, rank, and reward, but taking our rightful place as servants in the kingdom of God.

to two adults. There will be cribs, playpens, and other facilities available for their care.

The twos and threes and the fours and fives will each have an area for themselves. They will have similar programs, each geared to their age groups, with Bible stories, mission stories from missionaries attending the Conference, songtime, playtimes, refreshments, and a rest time.

A cry room will be available for families with children up to six months old. This will not be staffed.

If you could help staff the nursery for one or more sessions during the week, your help would be greatly appreciated. You can offer your services by phoning or writing, stating your preference of time or day: Lavina Schuessler, nursery chairman, 1982 N.A.B. Conference, Box 55, Cowlesville, NY 14037, (716) 652-8406.

Church Extension Project

Vision For Kamloops, BC

by Werner Lemke

Aberdeen Hills is pleasantly designed as a complete community set into the soft highland countryside. When Aberdeen Hills is completed, it will be home to a population of 25,000, with multiple family housing at the lower levels and single family homes snuggled into central hills and slopes while surrounded by native evergreens.

In this area the Aberdeen Hills Baptist Church of Kamloops, BC is becoming a reality. The project began with a vision of the Church Extension Committee of the British Columbia Association. As the committee was searching for God's will to establish a church, they came to the growing city of Kamloops. Driving through the growing developments of Aberdeen Hills and Sahali Heights, they were convinced that this was God's choice for a church to be established.

Pastor and Mrs. Werner Lemke and their three children were called by God from the First Baptist Church of Colfax, WA, to Kamloops. There they are to establish a church in which the truth of God's Word would be proclaimed. The Lemkes moved to the area June 6, 1981.

The summer was a challenging one: finishing a new

house, picking rocks, landscaping, as well as personal door-to-door canvassing. More than 4,000 homes were contacted explaining the new ministry and extending personal invitations to attend the first service on September 13 in a hotel banquet room. Three college age groups from the churches in Kelowna helped in the canvassing. This was most appreciated.

Fourteen Kamloops people were present for the first service; six weeks later about twenty-two people are involved. The program consists of a Bible study in the Lemke home, Sunday school and morning worship service. A children's Bible Club and ladies' Bible study has been organized.

Churches are small in Kamloops with less than five percent of the population of 67,000 attending. The work has been difficult, yet rewarding.

Property is very expensive, and much of the choice land is zoned commercial. We believe that God has a place for us where we can build facilities to more effectively minister to the tremendous spiritual needs of the people.

The one question people ask over and over again is "Where will your church be built?" *Pray* with us that the Lord will lead us to the location of his choice.

Thank you for your financial and prayer support. Special thank you to the British Columbia Association for their help and encouragement.

The Rev. Werner Lemke is pastor of the Aberdeen Hills Baptist Church.



Sunday school opening on the second Sunday the group met.



Doris Rettich teaches a Sunday school class.



Pastor Werner Lemke (center, back) and Mrs. Lemke (second from right, second row) meet with a Bible study group on Wednesday evenings.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert (Maria) Gerber of Killaloe, ON, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open



house hosted by their family. The Gerbers are members of Calvary Baptist Church.

More than 250 people gathered at Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, SD, on Oct. 11, 1981, to celebrate the 50th



wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heupel.

BOCA RATON, FL. Members and friends of Evangel Baptist Church hosted a farewell service for Pastor and Mrs. Norman Vernon. Members of Community Baptist Church led by the Rev. John Hisel and Cypress Springs Baptist Church led by the Rev. Paul Davis took part in the impressive service.

The service ended with the baptism of three new members of the host church, a fitting tribute to the end of Pastor Vernon's ministry. A love offering was presented to the couple. Pastor Vernon started the church five years ago and now leaves to enter Bible Conference work. (Joyce Batek, reporter.)

YORKTON, SK. May became a "Month of Sundays" at Central Baptist Church. The senior choir, under the direction of Al Redekopp, presented the contemporary musical, "And There Was

Light," with live accompaniment including piano, bass guitar, and percussion.

On Mother's Day our youth combined with the youth from Ebenezer and Spring-side Baptist Churches presented the musical, "Come Bless the Lord," directed by Mrs. Janice (Marshall) Schultz.

The following Sunday, we rejoiced as three adults were baptized and joined our fellowship.



On May 31 we honored our Senior Saints in the morning worship service. We then celebrated with them at a hot noon meal and a program which featured a number of our seniors. The same evening our Discovery Club, a boys and girls' midweek program, held its Annual Awards Night.

The Rev. Del Bertsch is the pastor. (Connie Schroeder, church reporter.)

STEVENSVILLE, MI. Members and friends of Lakeshore Baptist Church happily shared in a commissioning service for Cherie Lake. Cherie is a short-term missionary to Japan.

Francis Mayforth and Florence Miller presented a dialogue on "Japanese Women." A group of 24 young people sang a Japanese hymn in English.

Interim pastor Richard Mayforth, former missionary to Japan, gave the message and challenge to both Cherie and the congregation.

At the close of the service, the deacons joined Cherie in a meaningful prayer of dedication.

ARNPRIOR, ON. Two missionaries, Dr. Laura Reddig and Mr. Donald Goltz, shared in a round-robin Missionary Conference Oct. 2-4, 1981. The following churches participated: First and Calvary Baptist, Killaloe; Nepean Baptist, Ottawa, and First Baptist, Arnprior.

The highlight of the Conference was a potluck supper held at First Baptist, Arnprior, with all churches participating. Following the fellowship, Mr. Goltz shared with the young people, and Dr. Reddig with the adults. This was a real spiritual blessing.

On October 8, the Women's Missionary Society celebrated their 99th anniversary.

our conference in action

Dr. Reddig was an inspiring guest speaker. Visitors from neighboring churches were present. (Rosalie Russett, reporter.)

PLEVNA, MT. Dr. Russell J. Killman of the "Heaven and Home Hour" radio broadcast was guest speaker, from October 1-4, at First Baptist Church. Many people were blessed by his theme of marriage and family life, as he spoke to various groups in the community.

The Mission Circle of First Baptist Church hosted the annual salad supper on October 14 for the ladies of the church and their guests. Mrs. Greg Odell, our pastor's wife, spoke to us on "Joy." A humorous skit was presented stressing the importance of reading the Bible every day. (Alberta Couch, reporter.)

LEDUC, AB. Homecoming 1981: this was the town of Leduc's 75th birthday. There were many reunions for school, bands, and churches.

Temple Baptist Church had three special services. On Friday evening, Eunice Kern, missionary to Cameroon, showed slides of N.A.B. mission work in Africa. On Saturday at the Sunday school picnic, we enjoyed visiting with many former members and friends.

On Sunday morning, Mr. Art Petrie spoke on "Criterion for Cleansing."

Mr. Marvin Rust, pastor, Northgate Baptist, Edmonton, brought the message of the afternoon. Special music was provided by a choir composed of present and former choir members, and the Archer Quartet.



We, as a church, organized 54 years ago and have two charter members, Herrman and Edith Bohlman, pictured. They were married 55 years this year. Mr. Bohlman started this work in 1918 as a Sunday school. They have always been active in the church program. (Vi Fleck, reporter.)

MARION, KS. The Strassburg Baptist Church observed its annual Harvest-Mission Festival, October 4, with the Rev. Constantino Salios, N.A.B. development director, as guest speaker.

The Marion Emmanuel Baptist Church

our conference in action

joined the Strassburg Church for all services, and the combined choirs presented special music for the evening service.

The King's Daughters of the Strassburg Baptist Church presented "Watermark," a trio of young musicians from Wichita, for their annual missionary program. Jean-nine Bateman, program chairman, was mistress of ceremonies. Ruth Heiser gave devotions on our missionary responsibilities. Agnes Bernhardt, president of King's Daughters, reviewed the year's activities. Pastor James Brygger gave the benediction. (Janet Meisinger, reporter.)

SWAN RIVER, MB. Following a Sunday evening service, the congregation of Temple Baptist Church gathered to bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Katherine Binder, who is making her new home in Edmonton, AB. She was a long-time resident and a charter member of Temple Baptist Church. She will be greatly missed. May God's blessings go with her.

"Kids of the Kingdom" a multi-denominational choir of 85 enthusiastic boys and girls, presented their first concert of the year at Temple Baptist Church. The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Myrna Gabona. (Kay Betcher, reporter.)

PARKERSBURG, IA. Pastor Lanny Johnson led the Junior Pastor's Class for 13 weeks for one hour each Saturday morning. They studied about the "New Life" for boys and girls as Christians. This includes knowing the books of the Bible, memorizing verses and going through a workbook with much discussion and homework. They received special recognition during the Sunday morning worship service on October 25.



Pastor Johnson treated the class to their favorite eating place on October 24. (Bonnie Buss, reporter.)

BENTON HARBOR, MI. To the very great regret of the entire congregation of Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Pastor and Mrs. Herman Effa served their last Sunday with the church October 18. Pastor Effa accepted the position of minister of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB.

A farewell reception was held Sunday evening. A slide presentation was given of activities of the church in which Pastor and Mrs. Effa had a major part during their five and one half years of service to the church. This was followed by a program of appreciation and the presentation of a love offering. (Doris Badgley, reporter.)

HUNTER, KS. The Bethany Baptist Church declared October as "Missions Month" with appropriate decorations and additional items of harvest for the Harvest-Mission Sunday, October 4. The Rev. David Keiry from our Spanish-American mission in the San Luis Valley of Colorado was the guest speaker for our Celebration of Gratitude on that day.

On October 7, the church chartered a bus and enjoyed a ride to Lorraine, Kansas, to hear the Cameroon Choristers.

The Rev. Dennis Sigle is pastor at Bethany. (Mrs. Robert Wirth, reporter.)

SIoux FALLS, SD. The 135th annual South Dakota Association was held September 24-26 at Trinity Baptist Church. The theme of the Association was "Living Above the Circumstances" (1 Peter 1:3). Dr. Stanley Grenz, associate professor, N.A.B. Seminary, challenged the group to Christian discipleship. The Rev. Art Helwig, N.A.B. Seminary and former missionary to Cameroon, encouraged the Association to reach out through missions. The Rev. Charles Littman was officially welcomed as the new area minister.

The Association business was conducted very ably under the leadership of Mr. Bert Terveen, acting moderator, of Emery. A budget of \$31,740 was adopted; 60 percent of which goes to support three Church Extension projects in Spearfish and Brandon, SD, and Gillette, WY. Mr. Ray DeNeui, Chancellor, was re-elected moderator. (Darwin Stahl, acting recording secretary.)

LA CROSSE, WI. Bible Baptist praises God and rejoices in the opportunities for service during the week of September 20.

The church hosted the "New Day" team (pictured) who canvassed the area, led one person to Christ, and reported several prospects.

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Littman, Bismarck, ND, area minister, gave their testimonies.

Dr. and Mrs. G. K. Zimmerman provided a morning inspirational message, an evening program on their visit to Russia, and an estate planning presentation.

Pastor William H. Heisler and eight persons attended the Minnesota-LaCrosse Association in Minneapolis.

In addition to these N.A.B. Conference activities, the church participated in the



outreach program of Child Evangelism at area county fairs.

From the intra-city Lundstrom Evangelistic Campaign, the church realized 24 prospects for church membership, and four commitments for baptism and church membership. The Rev. William H. Heisler, Jr., is pastor. (La Verne Samb, reporter.)

VANCOUVER, BC. In the Sunday school of Ebenezer Baptist Church, the adult membership combined into one group, from September to November, studying the Old Testament under the leadership of Rev. Waltke from Regent College.

On Thanksgiving weekend, 85 senior adults attended a lovely banquet and enjoyed a pleasant evening. Dr. Howard Andersen is pastor. (Margaret Gowe, reporter.)

GRAND FORKS, ND. On October 4, 16 new members were received into the fellowship of the Grace Baptist Church: 10 by baptism and six by testimony.

At noon that Sunday, the college and career students were honored at an all-church potluck dinner. The Rev. Ralph Cooke is pastor of Grace Baptist. (Mrs. Fred Kranzler, reporter.)

PLEVNA, MT.

The Rev. Greg Odell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, was installed as an N.A.B. pastor on September 20, 1981, in Plevna. There were 15 delegates present to listen to Odell's doctrinal statement. Mr. Art Bender, Association moderator, was present along with three local pastors: the Rev. Jim DeBoer, Dickinson, ND; the Rev. Herb Schauer, Hebron, ND, and Recognition Council Moderator, the Rev. Paul Brannon of McIntosh, SD. (Richard Opp, church clerk.)



MADISON, SD. On September 20 a buffet dinner and a program were held at West Center Street Baptist Church honoring Pastor Doug, Patty and Daniel Bittle. A committee planned this event as a

farewell to the Bittles who subsequently left for Red Deer, AB, to start a church extension work.

At the close of the program, the Rev. Oliver Bender, speaking for the church, commissioned the Bittles ambassadors from West Center Church for God's work in Canada. A scrapbook of memories and a love gift of money was presented from the congregation. (Catherine Jung, reporter.)

COLUMBUS, NE. Late summer and early fall happenings at Shell Creek Baptist Church included the hosting of the Nebraska Fellowship of N.A.B. churches in September. Dr. John Binder, N.A.B. executive director, was the key speaker for these sessions, with the Rev. Milton Zeeb, area minister, also sharing. The theme was "The Challenge of the 80s," centered on Luke 19:13, "Occupy Till I Come."

October 4 was the date the Cameroon Choristers were in the area. The 9:30 a.m. concert thrilled and blessed a full church, followed by a fellowship dinner. Hosting this very talented and well trained singing group will be an experience of a lifetime for the Shell Creek family. The Rev. William Effa is pastor of the Shell Creek Church. (Ruth Effa, reporter.)

KENOSHA, WI. The twelfth annual Wisconsin Association meeting was held at the Immanuel Baptist Church on October 17 and 18, 1981. Special speakers included the Rev. Fred Folkerts, missions director; the Rev. Harold Lang, associate mission director; the Rev. Willis Potratz, area minister, and Mr. James Frey who spoke to us on estate planning. The Rev. Ben Hulsing, Elgin, IA, represented the Central Baptist Camp Board. Dr. Gideon Zimmerman was a guest at the Friday evening session.

There were 111 delegates plus many other guests. Five pastors spoke on the theme, "The Lord is Faithful," II Thess. 3:3-5. There were special musical numbers and hymn singing by the delegates and guests.

Many encouraging reports were given by the various committees. Our church extension project, Sun Prairie Community Baptist Church, was voted into membership of the Association. The Rev. Dave Rushton is their pastor. The total budget for the coming year is \$24,000.

At the Saturday night banquet, the "Mason Family" of Racine presented musical numbers. Missionary speaker was the Rev. Fred Folkerts, N.A.B. Missions director. The Rev. Willis Potratz brought the closing meditation.

The Rev. Allan Kranz was elected moderator for the coming year. (Mrs. Maurice Joslyn, secretary)

KILLALOE, ON. Members of Calvary and First Baptist Churches gathered on the shore of Round Lake to witness the baptism of five young people on confession of their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. All had been led to the Lord while attending Bonnechre Baptist Bible Camp



at Round Lake. Praise the Lord for dedicated camp workers. The Rev. Les Albus was guest speaker. The Rev. James Zurbruggen is pastor of the two churches. (Katie Kuehl, reporter.)

KILLALOE, ON. The 10th annual session of the Eastern Association was held Sept. 18-20, 1981, at Calvary Baptist Church, with the Rev. James Zurbruggen as host pastor.

The theme of the program was "Great Commission: Discipling." Guest speakers were Dr. Roy Seibel, professor of Evangelism and Church Development, N.A.B. Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, and the Rev. Wilmer Quiring, Eastern Area minister. It was one of the best attended Associations with delegates from 20 churches in attendance.

Delegates and visitors filled the sanctuary the opening night as Dr. Seibel spoke on "What in the World Is a Disciple?" Special music was provided by the senior and junior choirs of Calvary Church.

Business of the Association was conducted on Saturday. A budget of \$42,580 was adopted for 1981-82. Encouraging reports were heard from our four Association extension churches. Dr. Seibel gave a devotional on "Just What Is Our Commitment?" The ladies met for fellowship tea in the afternoon with Mrs. Judy Thole, president, presiding.

The Saturday evening banquet was a highlight, with a large number of young people in attendance. Dr. Seibel spoke on "How to Keep the Romance Alive." The installation of officers was conducted by the Rev. Wilmer Quiring.

A coffee house was enjoyed by the young people following the banquet.

Dr. Seibel challenged the group with "How Do We Disciple Others?" at the closing service Sunday morning. Music was provided by the choir of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior and Mrs. L. Heedeman.

The Eastern Association is hosting the

N.A.B. Triennial Conference in Niagara Falls, NY, Aug. 10-15, 1982. See you there! (Katie Kuehl, reporter.)

ABERDEEN, SD. A very joyous and long-awaited event took place at Calvary Baptist Church on Oct. 4, 1981, when a dedication service was held for the new Fellowship Hall. Several numbers were sung by the Cornerstone Quartet. The Rev. Monte Michaelson, pastor, spoke on "Upward, Onward, and Forward."

The afternoon service was attended by more than 400 people. Several visiting pastors gave greetings and letters of greeting from former pastors, pastors' wives, and friends were read. The guest speaker was the Rev. Eugene Kern, pastor, Sunrise Baptist Church, Fair Oaks, CA, and former pastor of Calvary Baptist. The key to the new addition was presented to Loren Harms and Elmo Feick, co-chairmen of the building committee, by Paul Steen of Ochs Construction.

The new addition to the church includes a large fellowship hall, Sunday school rooms, youth room, cribsrooms, and a new pastor's office. Several remodeling jobs were done in other areas of the church, also. (JoAnn Klein, reporter.)

ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL. About 200 members and friends of Tri-Community Baptist Church gathered on Aug. 23, 1981, to participate in our church groundbreaking service. Instead of the traditional shovel to break the ground, a 1850s plow was used. Mr. Darwin Johnson, a member, restored the plow that his grandfather used on his farm in Minnesota. Pastor Fred and Doris Sweet (pictured) guided the plow while church members and friends pulled the rope that was attached.



On Oct. 4, 1981, our church witnessed the baptism of four people. The baptismal service was held with our sister church, Bloomingdale Baptist. (Gwen Dickau, reporter.)

In Memoriam

ANNA MARGARET BRAUN, 92, was born Jan. 14, 1889, in Germany and died Aug. 18, 1981. She found her Lord at an early age and was baptized in Berlin, Germany. Her family moved to Hutchinson, MN, in 1901. They joined German North Side Baptist Church (Bethany Baptist Church). She took an active part in her church's Sunday school, started a beginners class and sang in the church choir for more than 30 years. She is survived by one niece, Mrs. James Schoonover of Arcadia, CA. Pastor Robert Lounsbury officiated at the funeral service.

MRS. MYRTLE LANG (nee Dentman) of Calgary, AB, was born Sept. 20, 1913, at Leduc, AB and died Aug. 25, 1981, in Calgary. She had a major cancer operation 24 years ago and cancer reoccured four years ago. She accepted Christ as Savior at age 12, was baptized, and joined the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church. Later she joined Temple Baptist, Leduc; Central and McKernan Baptist in Edmonton, and Brentview Baptist in Calgary. She married Carl Lang on Nov. 29, 1941. She is survived by her husband, Carl, and son, Darryl, both of Calgary, and a daughter, Sharon of Edmonton; two granddaughters, Kim and Kathy Lang; a twin sister, Grace Shankel, and one brother, Earl Dentman. The Rev. Ron Kernohan officiated at the funeral service.

ESTHER HOFF, 81, was born Nov. 29, 1899, near Venturia, ND, the daughter of George and Katherine Haas. On Nov. 2, 1920, she married John A. Hoff, who died in 1980. She died at Ashley, ND, on Aug. 27, 1981. She was active in Venturia Baptist Church and later Ashley Baptist Church. Survivors include her 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), Defur, OR; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three brothers, and one sister. The Rev. Allan Gerber officiated at the funeral service.

ADINA BERGSTRESSER, nee Kohler, 90, was born July 19, 1891, in Russia, and died Sept. 3, 1981. At the age of 12, she accepted Christ as her Savior. She married Robert Bergstresser in June 1912. In 1927 the family immigrated to Frobisher, SK, where they farmed until 1934, when they moved to Morris, MB, and joined Emmanuel Baptist Church. In 1959 she moved to Winnipeg and joined Grant Park Baptist Church. For the past eight years, she was a member of German Baptist Mission Church, Winnipeg. Survivors include two sons: Paul and Harry and their wives; two daughters: Irma Kelm and Beatrice Molderink and their husbands; one sister, Sarah Osterman; 12 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. The Rev. Siegfried Hoppe and the Rev. Edward Hughes officiated at the funeral service.

ALFRED BAUER of Bismarck, ND, was born Jan. 2, 1909, in McClusky, ND, to Fred and Louisa Bauer, and died Aug. 6, 1981. On Dec. 2, 1932, he married Mary Hieb. From 1941-43 he worked in the Seattle Shipyards. From 1943-46 he served in the South Pacific. He returned to McClusky-Denhoff area. In the sixties they moved to Bismarck. Survivors include his wife Mary; two sons: Warren, Sioux Falls, SD, and Myron, Wellington, KS; one daughter: Mrs. Frank (Patricia) Alexander, La Mirada, CA; four brothers: Sam, Merle, Frank and Edwin; four sisters: Mrs. Roy Kensmoe, Mrs. Lee Reiser, Mrs. Helen Botnen, and Mrs. Lillian Elkins. The Rev. Oscar Fritzke officiated at the funeral service.

GUSTAV MARTIN FRITZKE of Chilliwack, BC, was born Nov. 11, 1890, to Karl and Emilie Fritzke in Wolhynia, Russia, and died Aug. 20, 1981. In 1903 he came to Yorkton, SK. As a youth he accepted Christ as his personal Savior, was baptized May 31, 1908, and became a member of Fenwood Baptist Church. In 1920 he moved to Orcadia, SK, and joined West Ebenezer Baptist Church. In 1922 he married Tofila Shimming. In 1955 they retired in Vancouver, BC, and joined Ebenezer Baptist. In 1960 his wife died. In 1962 he married Martha Pranke and moved to Chilliwack, BC. He served the Lord wherever he could, especially through faithful attendance of the services. Survivors include his wife Martha; two sons: Oscar, McClusky, ND, and Herbert, Yorkton, SK; one daughter: Mrs. Charles (Tracy) Eisner, Swan River, MB; nine grandchildren, and two sisters: Mrs. Karl Hait and Mrs. Karl Schmuland. The Rev. Arthur Schlak officiated at the funeral service.

FERDINAND KOENIG, 78, was born Sept. 21, 1903, at rural Underwood, ND, and died Oct. 19, 1981. He married Susan Reiser on June 12, 1933. Ferdinand was a dairy and grain farmer until 1961 when he retired and moved to Underwood. In 1938 he received Christ as his personal Savior. He remained a faithful church member until his death. He served as a deacon, Sunday school superintendent and teacher, and as the church treasurer. Survivors include his wife Susan; one daughter, Mrs. Donald (Eilene) Doble; two sons: Robert and Donald; 12 grandchildren; one brother, and two sisters. The Rev. Wesley Gerber officiated at the funeral service.

ALVIN ROY LINDAMAN, son of John J. and Tena Huisinga Lindaman, was born Sept. 19, 1915, north of Alplington, IA, and died Sept. 5, 1981. He was baptized in 1931 and joined Aplington Baptist Church. In February 1950, he joined Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg. On Sept. 20, 1941, Alvin married Angeline Bode. They farmed for 27 years. He was an active member of the church, a deacon and a Sunday school teacher. Survivors include his wife Angeline; one son, John, Marion, IA; two daughters: Fran, Hiawatha, IA, and Jan, Austinville; five grandchildren; two sisters: Mrs. Florence McCown, and Mrs. Clara Wilson; two brothers: William G., and J. Clifford. The Rev. Lanny Johnson officiated at the funeral service.

LUDWICK HART, 85, was born Jan. 21, 1896, in Michaluvka, Wolyien Russia, and died Sept. 18, 1981, in Swan River, MB. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior at the age of nine and was baptized on May 5, 1905. He married Amalja Konrad on April 3, 1924; they lived in Poland. On May 25, 1929, they immigrated to a farm near Minitonas, MB. In 1958 they moved into Minitonas. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Minitonas, since 1929. He served as Church treasurer, secretary-treasurer, and trustee, and secretary of the Men's Fellowship. Survivors include his wife Amalja; three sons: William, Leo, and Otto; three daughters: Mrs. Fred Hiller (Anne), Mrs. Art Kublich (Lydia), and Mrs. Walter Buress (Erna); 16 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one brother Carl, and two sisters: Mrs. Anna Pohl and Mrs. Theophilia Weik. He was predeceased by two infant children; two brothers: Joseph and Alexander, and two sisters: Mrs. Mary Hufert and Mrs. Karoline Grunwald. The Rev. Ronald Kelway officiated at the funeral service.

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CORRECTION: In the November 1981 issue of the *Baptist Herald*, the news article on Vancouver, BC, Bethany Baptist Church, p. 27, should have read: "The 30-voice choir was directed by Ralf Zimmerman, and accompanied by six instrumentalists. Of particular note is the fact that Karl Zimmerman, a young man from the church, composed two of the most inspiring pieces of music." We are sorry that we inadvertently attributed the musical compositions to Ralf instead of Karl.

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What's Happening

Mr. Larry Pozza became Christian education director at Redeemer Baptist Church, Parma, OH, in June 1981.

The Rev. Paul Stanley became pastor of Valley Stream Baptist Church, New York, in September 1981.

Mr. Perry Kallis is the new youth pastor at First Baptist Church, George, IA.

The Rev. Everett Jennings became pastor of Grace Baptist Temple, Upper Sandusky, OH, in September 1981.

The Rev. Eberhard Hees resigned as pastor at Central Baptist Church, Winnipeg, MB, effective December 1981. He has been pastor there since 1979.

The Rev. Maurice Korb will be retiring from the ministry after 37 years of service on Dec. 31, 1981. He has been pastor of Forest Baptist Church, Winburne, PA, since 1978.

Mr. Jack Whitehead accepted the pastorate of Oakridge Baptist Church, St. Joseph, MI, effective Nov. 25, 1981. He has been associate pastor/minister of youth at Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, MI, since 1980.

Dr. Douglas Gallagher resigned as pastor of Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, and became the pastor of Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, MI, on Dec. 20, 1981.

The Rev. Phil Yntema will become pastor of Cascade Park Baptist Church, Vancouver, WA, effective Feb. 1, 1982. He has been pastor at Bloomingdale Baptist Church, Illinois, since 1974.

Mr. Stephen Patrick is the pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, SK.

Crow Canyon Baptist Church, San Ramon, CA, changed its name to Canyon Baptist Church, effective Nov. 1, 1981. The Rev. Donald Richter is pastor.

The North Carrollton Baptist Church, Carrollton, TX, was officially accepted into the Southern Association at its annual meeting July 16-19, 1981. The Rev. Robert Walther is pastor.

Dr. Richard Houts, professor of Church Administration and director of Field Education, was appointed by the North American Baptist Seminary Board of Trustees to serve as Acting Dean commencing Jan. 1, 1982.

The Rev. Doriano Schulz resigned as pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB, effective, Sept. 27, 1981. He has returned to mission work in Brazil.

The Rev. Stan Sommerschild became interim pastor of Evangel Baptist Church, Boca Raton, FL, on Dec. 6, 1981.

The Rev. Waldemar Laser of Calgary, AB, died Nov. 11, 1981. He had served as pastor of the German Baptist Mission Church, Winnipeg, MB, 1954-65; German Baptist Church, Calgary, AB, 1965-73; and Bethel Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB, 1973-79. Prior to serving North American Baptist Conference churches, he served churches in Poland and Germany.

The Rev. Loren Weber accepted the pastorate of Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, AB, effective Dec. 31, 1981. He had served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Bellwood, IL, since 1975.

The Rev. Harald Gruber became pastor of Brooks Baptist Church, Alberta, in January 1982. He has been associate pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, BC, since 1977.



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McAllister
to be Speaker
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Dawson McAllister, widely known youth leader, is returning by popular request after serving at the 1979 Triennial Conference in Bismarck, ND. He will speak daily to the youth and be the main speaker at the general assembly on Saturday evening.

Dawson McAllister speaks to over 40,000 students each year, has authored a number of outstanding youth resource manuals, and is in the process of developing a nation-wide television show to be aired shortly. He is best known for his humor-packed communication, rooted in Scripture. He is a graduate of Bethel College and Talbot Theological Seminary.

Plan now to join the family of God at Niagara.

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Dr. Donald N. Miller
Vice Moderator

BWA Relief Program Takes Big Step of Faith

The North American Baptist Conference supports the relief projects of the Baptist World Alliance. Contributions designated for relief, development and fellowship aid are forwarded to the Baptist World Alliance which then distributes the funds.

At the end of June, when the Baptist World Alliance Relief and Development Committee met in San Juan, Puerto Rico, it undertook a big step of faith. The Committee set a goal for 1982 in the total amount of two million dollars. The funds will need to come through donations from member bodies, churches and individuals.

Although several disaster and development requests in recent months had badly depleted the BWA funds, the Committee approved the following projects for consideration in 1982, "subject to funds being available."

Development Ministry

Bangladesh: For the construction of hostels for Telegu children in Pabna.

Haiti: For the construction of a vocational school building in Camp Coq.

Continuation of the reforestation project by the Convention Baptiste d'Haiti.

For the ongoing health care program of International Child Care.

Cameroon: Toward the construction of the Home Economic Center in Mutengene. (This is a project of the Cameroon Baptist Convention.)

Nicaragua: For community health development in Nicaragua through PROVADENIC, a program sponsored by the Convencion Bautista de Nicaragua.

Fellowship Assistance

Cameroon: English/French Bibles for Cameroon Baptist Convention to distribute.

India: For the printing of Kuki hymn-books by the Baptists in India.

Nagaland: Towards the completion of the Christian Youth Center on the Science College campus of Kohima, Nagaland.

Eastern Europe: For food and clothing in Poland in 1982.

For purchase of medicine in Eastern Europe.

For the printing of Bibles, hymnals and other religious materials (including paper).

For the construction of church buildings in Hungary and Poland.

Relief Ministry

Angola: For relief and resettlement of refugees in Angola.

El Salvador: For relief assistance.

Ethiopia: For relief to drought-stricken people.

Kampuchea: For refugee relief and resettlement in 1982.

Lebanon: For relief aid in this country suffering from civil strife.

Haiti: For the continuation of poultry distribution by the Convention Baptiste D'Haite.

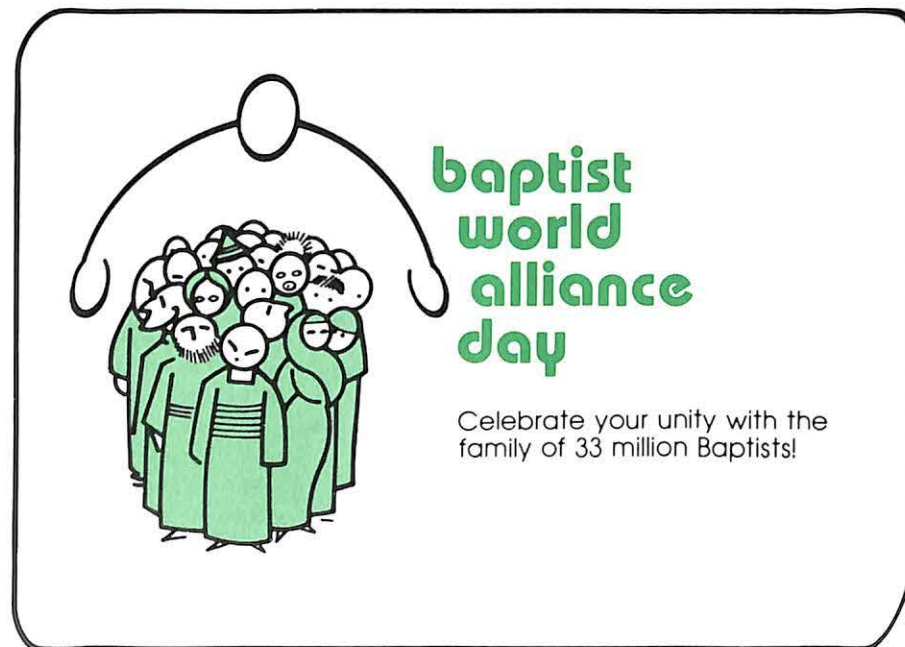
Rwanda: For hunger relief.

Somalia: For relief of Ethiopian refugees.

Zimbabwe: For refugee relief and resettlement.

This brief listing of projects demonstrates the overwhelming need for development, relief and fellowship assistance. The Baptist World Alliance has no resources other than its member bodies worldwide. Their financial contributions determine whether the goals for 1981 and 1982 can be achieved.

Contributions for relief funds are to be sent to the North American Baptist Conference Office, 1 So. 210 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181, and the Conference Office will forward the funds to the Baptist World Alliance for relief projects.



Meal Events—An Exciting Feature

An Important Part of the 1982 N.A.B. Triennial Conference by Hilda Hartmann and Judith Thole

Aren't you excited about attending the N.A.B. Triennial Conference in Niagara Falls, New York? The dates, August 10-15, 1982, are not that far away. There are some exciting events planned for that week. Some of the greatest highlights of the Christian fellowship at the Conference happen during the meal events. Sitting down with literally hundreds of your Christian friends and sharing a lovely meal together while enjoying the program and Christian atmosphere is a memory we cherish long after the Conference is over.

The Meal Events Committee has been at work for more than a year, planning the events so that every detail will be arranged. The leaders of every group in the N.A.B. Conference have been contacted to indicate their desires for their own special meal event. Every caterer in Niagara Falls has been visited with requests for menus and information about their services so that groups may be matched with the most suitable meal and location.

Child Care Available During Special Meal Events

The committee has been coordinating its plans with other Conference committees so that child care is available when appropriate; properties and equipment are secured for the groups, and facilities are scheduled for appropriate times. All of this effort is being made for the ultimate enjoyment of Conference participants.

Hilda Hartman of Alden, NY, is Meal Events Chairwoman, and Judith Thole of Amherst, NY, is Local Arrangements Committee secretary.

Obtain Tickets Early

Meal events will appear on the registration form so that tickets may be reserved ahead. Tickets not picked up in registration packets will be removed so that others who want to attend may buy their tickets at least 48 hours prior to the event. Where seating is limited, tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Decorations Committee is preparing remembrances for each meal event which are being hand-made by ladies in the Eastern, Penn-Ohio, and Atlantic Associations.

Meal Events within Walking Distance

Conference participants will be pleased to know that all meal events are within walking distance of the Convention Center. Cars may be parked at the Convention Center parking lot and left for the day. The greatest distance to walk for a meal event is three blocks.

Most meal events are open to all participants unless indicated on the registration form, "By invitation only." On Friday noon of the Conference, there will be the W.M.F. luncheon, the Ministers' Fellowship luncheon, and the Men's Fellowship luncheon. In addition, all children, nursery through college age, will be provided a meal in their own program for a nominal fee.

In addition to the planned meal events, food vendors are being contacted to be ready for North American Baptists attending the Conference and purchasing their

meals in nearby hotel, motels, and restaurants. Besides the existing restaurants, a mall is under construction a short walk from the Convention Center. This mall plans



for restaurants to be completed in July 1982.

Won't you join us for the Triennial Conference and enjoy the Christian fellowship during the meal events? We're looking forward to hosting the Conference and invite you to be a part of this great experience!

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