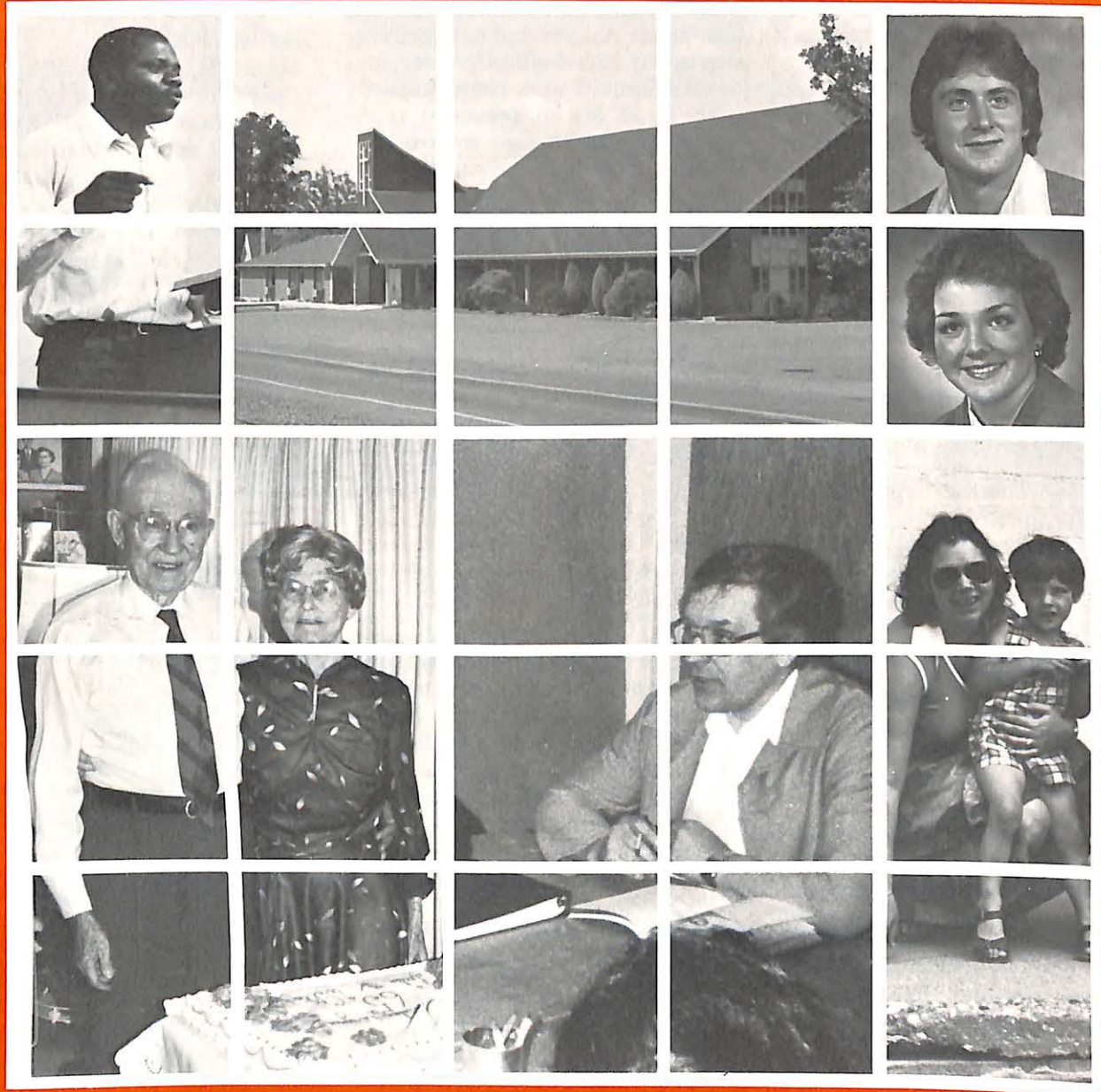


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Thanks be to God

Baptist World News

Baptists Plan Mission Cooperation

by Sven Ohm
LIMURU, KENYA—Africa will be a predominantly Christian continent in the year 2000, Dr. David Barrett, who recently published the *World Christian Encyclopedia*, predicted at the Conference of International Mission Secretaries at Brackenhurst, Kenya, preceding the annual meeting of the Baptist World Alliance General Council in Nairobi. The number of Christians in Africa has increased from 9 million in the year 1900 to 203 million in 1980, and is expected to be 393 million in 2000 A.D. This total represents 48 percent of Africa's expected population by that date.

African Baptists Launch Continent-wide Fellowship

by Robert O'Brien
LIMURU, KENYA—African Baptist leaders from across the continent concluded an intensive three-day exploration of ways to strengthen African evangelism and mission strategy with the historic formation of the All African Baptist Fellowship. "The AABF will weld Baptist churches of Africa together in a strong fellowship," said Samuel T. Ola Akande, general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. "It will enable us to carry out evangelism with greater force and increase partnership and exchange of ideas and missionaries among African nations." Following the formation meeting at Brackenhurst Baptist International Conference Center, the General Council of the Baptist World Alliance, meeting in Nairobi, approved the AABF as its fifth regional fellowship, voted \$15,000 to help launch it, and elected Akande as BWA regional secretary for Africa.

Gerhard Claas, BWA general secretary, told the delegates he rejoiced that a "new child has been born" to join the other BWA regional fellowships in Asia, the Caribbean, Europe and North America and take another step toward developing BWA regions to assist Baptist work worldwide.

Dr. E. K. Martin, president of the Cameroon Baptist Convention, and the Rev. John Nfor, principal of the Cameroon Baptist Theological College, Ndu, represented the Cameroon Baptist Convention at this session as well as at the various meetings preceding the BWA General Council sessions. They also attended the Council sessions.

Nineteen persons from the Cameroon Baptist Convention attended the men's and women's meetings preceding the sessions.

World Youth Congress Postponed; Plans Made for 1985 Baptist World Congress

NAIROBI, KENYA—The General Council of the Baptist World Alliance at its meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, in July, voted to keep the Tenth Baptist Youth World Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, but delay it from July 1983 to July 1984.

The move, seconded enthusiastically by leaders of the Argentina Baptist Convention and the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, was designed to give the situation time to cool off following the hostilities between Britain and Argentina over the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands. Following the vote and a prayer, these Baptist leaders from Argentina and Great Britain embraced, deeply moving the whole Council.

The General Council, however, voted to hold its own meeting, as originally planned, in July 1983 in Buenos Aires.

The 250 council delegates from 65 nations also passed resolutions on world hunger, fundamental freedoms, disarmament and peace and heard about the need for churches to take part in a Human Rights Day December 10.

The Council also approved a theme

for the Baptist World Congress in 1985 in Los Angeles, CA,—"Out of Darkness into the Light of Christ." Dr. John Binder, executive director of the North American Baptist Conference, was appointed as a member of the program committee.

Baptists Designate Relief Aid

NAIROBI, KENYA—The General Council of the Baptist World Alliance met in Nairobi, July 11-16, with more than 250 delegates and guests in attendance.

Sessions of the Relief and Development (Baptist World Aid) Committee on July 11 and 12 started out the meetings. The committee members took a close look at the present world situation and designated relief aid for Baptists in countries plagued by catastrophes of nature or hostile military action and also designated funds for various development projects. Special consideration was given to the critical situation of the people in Lebanon.



Dr. John Binder, (l) executive director, and Dr. Peter Fehr, moderator, represented the North American Baptist Conference on the General Council of the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, in July.

The Council voted a 1983 relief budget of \$2 million. That amount includes \$10,000 for relief in war-torn Lebanon. The Council also approved expenditure of \$20,000 for Lebanon relief in 1982.

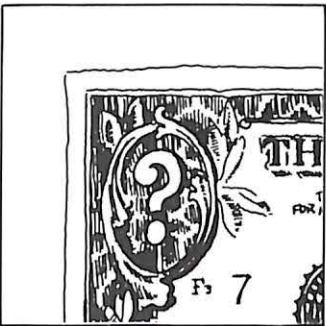
Dr. John Binder, executive director, represented the North American Baptist Conference, on the Relief and Development Committee.

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"He's Talking about Money Again!" — Or Is It Something Else?

by Charles M. Hiatt

"He's talking about money again!" "Is that all he can preach about?" Some may say this about their pastor. Fortunately, others will realize that they have been blessed because of their faithful stewardship of life's finances. Others will determine to become more faithful. Stewardship is a relationship between man and God that is not measured only in dollar amounts.

Basic Biblical Principles

Give as a recognition of God as Creator, Protector and Savior (Gen. 14:17-20; 28:20-22). We need to realize that we are indebted to God. The giving of a tithe keeps us mindful of our relationship to God. One's banker is concerned about a farmer's or businessman's entire



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operation. He does not monitor every action of the borrower's business, but he does want to see the payments on time as an indication of the good faith relationship. *A tithe tells God we realize who he is and what he has done for us.*

The tithe is the Lord's (Lev. 27:30-32). The scriptures view the tithe as holy to God. Man cannot touch it for his own personal use. To fail to give the tithe is stealing from God.

A tithe tells God we realize who he is and what he has done for us.

The tithe was to support the Levites (Num. 18:21). One-tenth of an Israelite's income, produce, and harvest was to be given in support of the priestly Levites. The tithe today is not given to support the church but to support the work of the Lord.

Giving is to be through the church not to the church. The church is a means to an end not an end in itself. Money is not to be given to the church in order that a large bank account is maintained in the church's name. Money is to be used to advance the work of God's kingdom in personal lives, in communities and in world-wide missions.

Some people respond to such an attitude saying, "But what if we run short of money as a church." I believe that God owns the cattle on a thousand hills and will always

have one to milk in order to support the right ministry in his kingdom. If we faithfully and prayerfully spend our money in advancing the kingdom, God will always supply our needs as churches and as individuals.

Christian service does not exempt one from the tithe (Num. 18:26). One is not to count up the hours he spends in serving the Lord and multiply by the minimum wage. Isn't God's work more important than the minimum wage? God not only gives finances but also time and talents. They are also to be returned to God by faithful and willing stewards.

Preachers and missionaries are not exempt either. Some may say, "My salary is from the tithe of other people; therefore, I do not need to pay another tithe." I disagree! Numbers 18:26 supports my view. All of God's people need to tithe to demonstrate their relationship to their Lord.

The tithe should be paid on all increase (Deut. 14:22, 28; II Chron. 31:5; Mal. 3:10). If we believe that all blessings come from God, then we should demonstrate our attitude to God by giving a tithe. One-tenth of all increase and blessing should be given to God's storehouse.

The New Testament encourages giving of a proportion cheerfully and deliberately (I Cor. 9:6-15). The tithe is not mentioned specifically in the New Testament, but the concept of stewardship is vividly clear. Careful and cheerful giving is to be the standard approach for Christians. I believe one will always have his tithe to give if he writes that

check before any other weekly or monthly obligations. My personal experience has been that God has opened the windows of blessing when this was done (Mal. 3:10).

Definition of Tithing

A dictionary would offer a definition such as "Christian tithing is the voluntary offering of at least one-tenth of one's income or resources for God's work through the church." A mere dictionary definition is not sufficient, however. A farmer who was selling a dairy cow was asked, "How much does she give?" He responded, "She doesn't give a thing, but if you can get her in a corner, you can take a whole lot." The cow was obviously not a tither who gave of herself willingly and cheerfully.

There must be a spiritual element in one's definition of tithing. Tithing as an act of worship adds that spiritual dimension. People need to realize that the time of the offering is just as worshipful as the singing of hymns, praying or preaching. The tithe given in the offering should be our gracious appreciation for all that God has done for us.

Neibauer Press has captured this thought nicely in a tract entitled, "Once Upon a Time there was a man who had nothing . . ." God gave the man with nothing three apples to eat, three to trade for shelter, three to trade for clothing and one apple so that we might show his appreciation for the other nine apples. The point of the tract is that the man ate the tenth apple and gave back to God only the core.

Many Christians today give God only the core—a token everytime the plate is passed. A more worshipful approach would be to realize all God has given and return to him a fair tithe. Tithing, more spiritually defined, is a willing expression of worship for God that recognizes his good gifts and leads to increased spiritual development and blessing.

Your Personal Response

Any response to this message is secret, unique and urgent.

A totally secret response. God is not interested in hearing us brag about how much we have given. One's worship of God through tithing should be a very personal thing between God and the giver. God knows every heart, every wallet and every increase he has given. Each person must decide how he will respond to what God has given.

"Get all you can by honest gain and ethical work, Save all you can without hoarding money needlessly and Give all you can to God's glory, to praise his name and to thank him for all he has given."

—John Wesley

The Christian Ministry (September 1978) suggested that "Most mainline churches in North America are receiving less than two percent of their members' expendable income." The same article said that "25% of the members give 75% of the church's income." Per capita incomes times membership divided by one-tenth would indicate that most churches and denominations have a far greater potential for income than is being tithed.

Your personal response is unique. As Jesus indicated in the widow's mite passage (Mk. 12:41-44), all people are blessed differently. The widow realized that all she had was from God, and she trusted him for the future.

A simple tithing formula could be suggested:

- 1) Take your annual income (net or gross or whatever dollar figure indicated your increased blessing from God);

- 2) Divide by 52;
- 3) Give one-tenth this week;
- 4) If you still are eating and paying bills, then
- 5) Give the same amount next week.

Your personal response is urgent. Answer each of the following statements with agree or disagree: God's kingdom would better advance if I

- 1) gave more to missions,
- 2) gave more to church extension,
- 3) gave more to World Relief,
- 4) gave more to my church and Association,
- 5) gave more to N.A.B. Seminary and N.A.B. College and Divinity School.

If you answered "agree" to any of the above then *do it!* If you agreed with all of the above, then you face the challenge of tithing, increasing your tithe or doubling your tithe.

I may never know what kind of response you make to this message, but God will! He will be pleased or disappointed; his work will advance or retreat according to your response.

John Wesley's financial advice is worth repeating—

- 1) Get all you can by honest gain and ethical work,
- 2) Save all you can without hoarding money needlessly and
- 3) Give all you can to God's glory, to praise his name and to thank him for all he has given. □

The Builder of the Church

by Henry C. Wilk

I went to bed happy that Saturday night. I had just reviewed my sermon, said my prayers, and was thinking over the coming events of the week.

Jack and I had worked many hours putting that first broadcast together. We called it "Biblical Perspectives"—"The Middle Island Baptist Church presents 'Biblical Perspectives.'" All our work on this new radio ministry of our church was the result of the vision and commitment of a godly couple who felt the need for this ministry to Long Island.

And so had we! Our church had been meeting for almost a year and a half. Although we had many blessings along the way, we weren't setting the world on fire either. In fact, in coming from an active, growing pastorate of ten years, I sometimes felt a little impatient with the Lord for not moving faster.

Not that we weren't making the effort! We had begun our ministry with Bible studies, and at present had 14 people attending. Four had been saved through this ministry. Then there was our telephone ministry, "The Bible Speaks," with a recorded gospel message. We began a monthly film night in the community room we were using for our Sunday services.

Our visitation was widespread and increasing as we began making use of a mailing list of newcomers to our area. Then we regularly advertised in the local newspapers concerning our church and what it had to offer. And now with our

radio ministry, we hoped to reach a large segment of Long Island with the gospel of Christ.

Yes, I was happy! Two weeks before, we had our charter membership with 27 becoming members. The next Sunday, November 22, would be our day of incorporation. Wilmer Quiring, our area minister was going to speak, and a dinner was planned afterward. With these good thoughts, I dozed off feeling a sense of peace.

God in his grace chooses men and requires them to be faithful to the builder of the church, Jesus Christ. The pastor's responsibility is to be in submission to his Lord and to evaluate any successes or failures in light of the fact that Jesus Christ is the builder of the church.

Suddenly, after about an hour's sleep, I awoke feeling feverish and at the same time, my teeth chattering. I asked my wife Rose to turn up the heating blanket. But soon I became violently ill, vomiting and my temperature rising to 103°. I grew so weak it was an effort to get out of bed. I knew there was no way that I could preach that morning.

Our radio program was to go on at 8:15 a.m. Rose turned on the radio for me. Through the stupor of my illness, I heard the announcer, "The Middle Island Baptist Church presents, 'Biblical Perspectives'."

The music started, my voice came on. Oh no! I sounded like Mickey Mouse! They were playing the tape at twice the normal speed.

The program stopped; the announcer apologized; and the same thing happened all over again. Soft music came on, and after an embarrassing interval, my voice returned. This certainly didn't help my illness nor my ego.

Rose and my daughter, Roseanne, went off to church. One of the men was going to preach and teach that morning. I was left in bed thinking I had the flu. By the time Rose returned from church, my temperature had gone even higher; so she called our doctor. He prescribed the usual nostrums, and I settled back waiting for them to work.

Things were not to be that simple. Late that afternoon, it dawned on us that "it" was back again. My right leg turned a fire-engine red—so hot it seemed you could fry an egg on it. All of this was too familiar to us. The cellulitis was back—an inflammation of the cells in my right leg, supposedly caused by impaired circulation. Later that evening, I was hospitalized. It would be two feverish days before I could again begin to think clearly. It was on that Tuesday evening, lying in my hospital bed, that I began to attempt to put all of these events in perspective.

As I lay there, I again reviewed our entire ministry since coming to Long Island. An overwhelming sense of depression came over me. Things weren't going the way I planned. I had laid out a very elaborate set of goals at the outset of my ministry. As I measured them that night, I felt I was failing. I began to ask the usual questions.

"Why Lord? You can see all the effort being put forth to build this church. Why haven't we seen greater growth, greater response, to our ministry?"

Oh, I was feeling pretty miserable by this time—real sorry for myself. There I was, crying out to the Lord

for answers. And do you know what?

There, late at night, in the midst of the sounds and smells of that hospital room, *he* came! Not in a dream, nor a vision, or even in a voice, but *he* was there, and *he* began to turn my thoughts to his Word.

First, *he* reminded me how every action of my life is directed by him. No matter how glorious or how painful the experience, his purposes would be accomplished. This I found in Paul's words in Romans 8:28 and Ephesians 2:10.

Then *he* burst my over-inflated ego in thinking that the success of the Middle Island Baptist Church depended on me, by reminding me of his words in Matthew 18:16, where *he* said, "I will build my church . . ." To minister to my wounded spirit in fretting over the success of our programs, *he* added, ". . . and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Then to stem my tendency to be so numbers-conscious, *he* directed me to 1 Corinthians 3:6, where his servant Paul reminded me that some plant, others water, but God gives the increase.

To tie it all together, *he* reminded me of my calling as a pastor and my place in this process of building a church. He called my attention to Paul's words to the church at Corinth in 1 Corinthians 4:2, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

Here was the key! God in his grace chooses men (the foolishness of preaching) and requires them to be faithful. To whom? To the Builder of the church, Jesus Christ. The pastor's responsibility is to be in submission to his Lord and to evaluate any successes or failures in light of the fact that Jesus Christ is the builder of the church.

With all this on my heart, I felt content, my heart rejoicing, full of confidence at what the future would hold, looking forward to working with Jesus in accomplishing his ministry here on Long Island (Mark 16:20). As I fell asleep, I thought of the words that Jesus shared with his disciples when they were distraught, fearful, thinking their ministry had failed—*he* said to them, and me, "Peace be unto you."



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Creative Love on the Jericho Road

by Connie Schroeder

English Classes daily,
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon
Central Baptist Church,
Darlington and Betts
Yorkton, Saskatchewan

The scene is not one of our North American Baptist Conference mission churches in Japan. The scene is Yorkton, a small agricultural city in Northeastern Saskatchewan. Among the five Afghan students are two brothers and a sister, a sister-in-law and a brother-in-law, recent refugees to Canada.

The story begins two years earlier as Evelyn and Delvin Bertsch, pastor and wife at Central Baptist Church, befriend refugees as they arrive in Yorkton. These Afghans are among many Vietnamese boat people, as well as Polish and Czechoslovakian refugees, arriving in Canada under government sponsorship. Without the individual concern of volunteers, these newcomers find the adjustment to Canadian living even more difficult. Imagine yourself destitute and alone in a foreign culture, unable to speak the language.

Evelyn and Del soon find themselves involved in the immediate personal needs of these families—providing rides for shopping and medical attention;

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locating used household goods to brighten otherwise bare apartments; providing recreational times at the swimming pool; entertaining in their own home and enjoying hospitality in return; teaching lessons in conversational English; quilting at the refugee centre; giving driving lessons—the opportunities are unlimited.

"The fact is that each of us must find his own Jericho Road for himself in the modern world. He must bind up the wounds that he sees and lift up the fallen around him. Only this love, relevant and implemented, can create the climate for the renewal we seek, the healing we yearn for, and the order that precedes peace." Samuel D. Proctor

Our five Afghan friends arrived in Canada in November 1981. Within weeks, a son, Reza, is born to Soraya and Naef. Wahid, the youngest of the five, audits classes at the Regional High School. Because of their Muslim betrothal customs, immigration officials consider Akram and Sohoila married. But in their tradition, they complete the marriage contract with a house wedding attended by 30 friends, volunteers and immigration workers. Soraya prepares the traditional Afghan food. Guests each dip a finger into henna, as the Afghan symbol of good luck.

For many refugees, life has probably never been better for some time. Nevertheless, obstacles such as unemployment and the language barrier can be very discouraging. They, too, are human with the same needs and feelings that we experience. Their personal pride and dignity need to be guarded and encouraged.

In spite of the fact that all five of these are university graduates, their command of the English language makes it impossible to obtain a job. The University of Regina offers an intensive eight-week course in English as a Second Language, but the cost is prohibitive. We become aware of a unique opportunity to minister to their specific needs in the name of Christ.

A long distance call to the publishers promptly results in a set of "Learning to Read from the Bible" readers. With the church's permission, a Sunday school classroom becomes an English classroom.

Delvin begins each lesson with oral reading and discussion from the Bible reader. Connie Schroeder teaches basic phonics, spelling, and composition as well as advanced grammar.

Daily assignments are prepared to correlate with the Bible lessons as well as to give practice in language skills. Evelyn marks the previous day's assignments while several of the ladies of the church take turns in the nursery with Reza.

Tea-time is 10:15 a.m., a time to relax and enjoy baked goodies sent by interested lay people. During this time, several of our people take the opportunity to become acquainted with our new friends. Then, it is back to the books until noon!

Is this hard work? Most certainly! But, it is also very rewarding when, after four weeks of concentrated instruction, our new Canadians are writing in reasonably acceptable paragraphs. It is also interesting to share with them how Islam and Christianity are alike, yet different.

During the second week, we studied the story of the Good Samaritan. The next lesson closed with the statement, "It is better to do God's work than to say you will do it." Those who have been involved in this language experiment have been trying to show their love for God and others by ministering creatively to specific needs.

Samuel D. Proctor, then Dean of

Special Projects at the University of Wisconsin, in his address to the Seventh Baptist Youth World Conference, Berne, Switzerland, July 22-28, 1968, said:

"The fact is that each of us must find his own Jericho Road for himself in the modern world. He must bind up the wounds that he sees and lift up the fallen around

him. Only his love, relevant and implemented, can create the climate for the renewal we seek, the healing we yearn for, and the order that precedes peace. Indeed, it is this love, this willingness to seek value in the life of another, this fulfilling of our own personhood by creating personhood in the lives of others that turns

out to be the only philosophy that we can live with in our search for order and peace . . . Therefore, as naive as it may sound, it is the business of the household of faith to insert creative love into the human equation. . . ."

What are the needs of those you meet on your Jericho Road?

Clock-wise from top:
A Sunday-school classroom becomes an English Classroom. Pastor Delvin Bertsch begins each lesson with oral reading and discussion from the Bible reader.

Several women of the church take turns caring for Reza, born a few weeks after her parents arrived in Canada. Ruth Froese was one of the women who cared for Reza.

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Called to the Ministry and to Cameroon Baptist Theological College

Five students relate how God led them to prepare for the ministry and to study at the Cameroon Baptist Theological College in Ndu.



Stephen Gwagsi

For more than 11 years, Stephen Gwagsi worked with the Mbingo Baptist Hospital as an auxiliary staff member. During this time, he became involved in the youth work in the local church, association and field.

Through the constant challenges Stephen met as Field Youth Chairman and as a student in Theological Education by Extension classes, he decided to attend Cameroon Baptist Theological College.

"I feel that as a Christian, I can serve the Lord better when I study His Word," states Stephen.

He entered C.B.T.C. in 1977. Through his studies, he has become very interested in counseling. He plans to use his theological and counseling training in his work with the Medical Authority and the field youth ministry.



Samuel Bapi Kufort

One Sunday morning in 1962 as Samuel Bapi Kufort was getting ready for the church service, a taxi almost knocked down a blind man in front of Samuel's home in Bamenda. Samuel had noticed that this man passed by his house every Sunday morning. Upon inquiry, he found the man was on his way to church. Samuel wondered why he walked so far to this specific church. He replied: "I am the pastor."

Samuel followed the man to church, amazed: "How can this man preach? He is blind."

The pastor conducted the service as any pastor would, "reading braille even faster than I could with two eyes," says Samuel.

"I asked myself this question, 'If a blind man struggles every Sunday to preach God's Word, doing it better, what will I say to my God when I see him?' I then made up my mind to come to C.B.T.C. to study and to preach as he did."

"I will continue behind

the pulpit, as long as I live, for Christ and his service. There is no job that gives me joy, peace and happiness like witnessing, preaching Christ's death, resurrection, ascension, and second coming to receive (me) us to himself."



George Lang

Before George Lang came to C.B.T.C., he was a church helper. Because of George's interest in doing the work of God, the field pastor, the Rev. S. N. Dom, advised George to go to C.B.T.C. to receive training. "Before this," George says, "I was trying to give up because I saw myself ineligible, for the Gospel was too complicated."

A friend had told George about the problems pastors undergo in the ministry. So George applied to work with the Government on the Dumbo Cattle Ranch. This application was accepted.

"I was confused," recalled George. "The field pastor advised that I con-

tinue in the ministry; my friend advised that I abandon it. But—I made a decision not to abandon the ministry."

"Now that God has helped me to achieve my education, after I shall accomplish my course, I shall be a pastor for I know that the earnest seeker after God will be rewarded."



John Nwacho

During his holiday break in June 1981, Pastor Philip Ndikwu preached at the church where John Nwacho was a member. "His messages really touched my heart," recalls John, a businessman also engaged in farming. "From that time my heart worried me day and night about coming to this College."

John had no money to attend C.B.T.C., but he did own a Land Rover.

"I decided to dismantle my motor and sell it," says John. "If I complete my five years at C.B.T.C., I will only serve my Lord throughout my life."



Jonathan M. Ndi

Jonathan Ndi was brought up in a pagan

family who taught him to worship an idol made with hands. One day, a church pastor came and preached the message of salvation.

"I had to leave the idol and worship the true God," states Jonathan, who was then baptized in 1974. "I liked to go to church every Sunday. I liked singing and leading the singing." He also enjoyed being the youth chairboy. In school, Jonathan received permis-

sion to lead some classes in devotions.

After completing primary school in 1978, Jonathan worked with the Scientific Building Company. By then, he had heard of C.B.T.C. and considered how he could manage to attend. But there was no one to say "go."

He prayed, asking God for help. He contacted Pat and Oryn Meinerts, missionaries at Bamenda, and

went to work there with the Baptist Mission.

While there, he worked with Darrell Schuh, a "layman-in-action" contractor from California. Darrell encouraged Jonathan, and he began his studies at C.B.T.C. this past year.

"My aim is to be trained and then go to witness the Gospel of Christ to the lost so that they may not perish," says Jonathan.

Cameroon Baptist Theological College Has Evangelism Week

"The Cameroon Baptist Theological College, Ndu, Cameroon, held an Evangelism Week, for the purpose of winning the unsaved and the backsliders, of strengthening the weak Christians and encouraging the faithful ones," states the Rev. M. B. Nji, C.B.T.C. chaplain. "The students found joy in sharing Christ in the following fields of the Cameroon Baptist Convention churches: Oku, Noni, Mbem, Mfumte, and Bansa." Reports from the various fields give a glimpse of the story.

Oku Field

The students met with 594 Christians, 42 backsliders, 400 young people and 13 Moslems. In another association, they also met with 379 Christians, 19 young people, won eight backsliders and witnessed to eight Catholics.

Noni Field

Fifty-eight people received the Gospel. Two backsliders were won, and 400 primary school children received the Gospel. In another

association, 520 school children and teachers of a public school received teaching enthusiastically. Witnessing was conducted among Moslems and Catholics. They expressed their appreciation and asked for prayers on their behalf.

Mbem Field

Despite the bad weather, God's purpose was greatly achieved. An open air service was held. Five hundred persons received the message with joy in one association. In another association, 809 people attended. Among these, 35 backsliders were restored to the fold, and 28 young people were witnessed to as well. Still in this field, 64 Moslems in one area received the Good News, and 246 young people came to know Christ.

Bansa Field

A lot of people were open to the Gospel. Four hundred and eight Christians were strengthened; 250 school children were witnessed to,

and nine backsliders were restored. In another association, they witnessed positive responses from both pagans and Moslems. They conducted teaching sessions in Presbyterian, Catholic and Baptist schools.

Mfumte Field

As God had also prepared the way for his servants, the Christians in this area were anxiously waiting for the Gospel Team. A total of 1,180 people together with Christians, backsliders, pagans and young people were contacted. This field is a young field, and the people there are receptive to the Gospel.

"Students came rejoicing that God was with them, that before they returned to the College, many people requested prayer; others indicated their desire to be enrolled as prospective students into the school, and the rest promised to live for Christ throughout their lives," says Chaplain Nji.

The Rev. M. B. Nji is the chaplain at Cameroon Baptist Theological College in Ndu, Cameroon.

A Day in the Life of Cameroon Baptist Theological College

by Ken Priebe
photos by Nancy Palmer

Ministering to the entire person—that's a goal of the Cameroon Baptist Theological College, Ndu. Training is

Material supplied by the Rev. Ken Priebe, missionary at Cameroon Baptist Theological College, Ndu, and photos by Nancy Palmer, missionary in Bango, Cameroon.

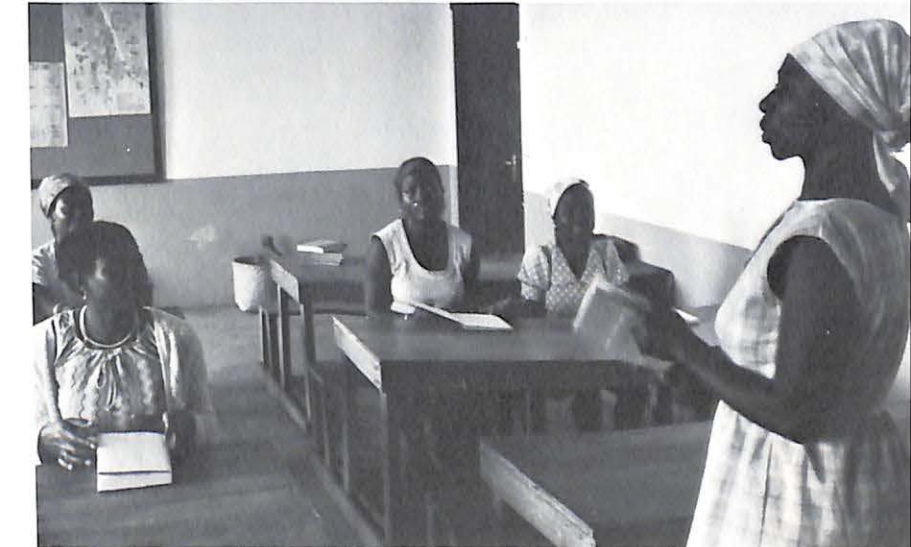
not only received in the classroom but also throughout the entire day's activities. The staff and students of the College refer to themselves as a family—sharing in each other's joys as well as sorrows. Even daily routine reflects the life of a family through the sharing of various responsibilities. As each student and staff member helps to carry part of the load, it becomes lighter.



College activities begin at 7 a.m. every morning with a chapel service. Various students and tutors take part, sharing God's Word to direct students and staff throughout the day.



(Right) His wife, Mrs. Williams, teaches English to the wives of the students.



The Women's Department is under the direction of Miss Tina Schmidt. Here she teaches a hygiene class.

Missionary wives are involved in teaching, also. Singing and conducting public singing is also an important subject. Mrs. June Burgess teaches this.



(Right) A new area of studies introduced in the school that will assist the pastors in their own private life and give them extra income is typing taught by Mrs. Eileen Priebe.



(Left) During the day, C.B.T.C. has a nursery school for the children of teachers and students. The children learn about Jesus and his love as well as the A B Cs, songs and games.



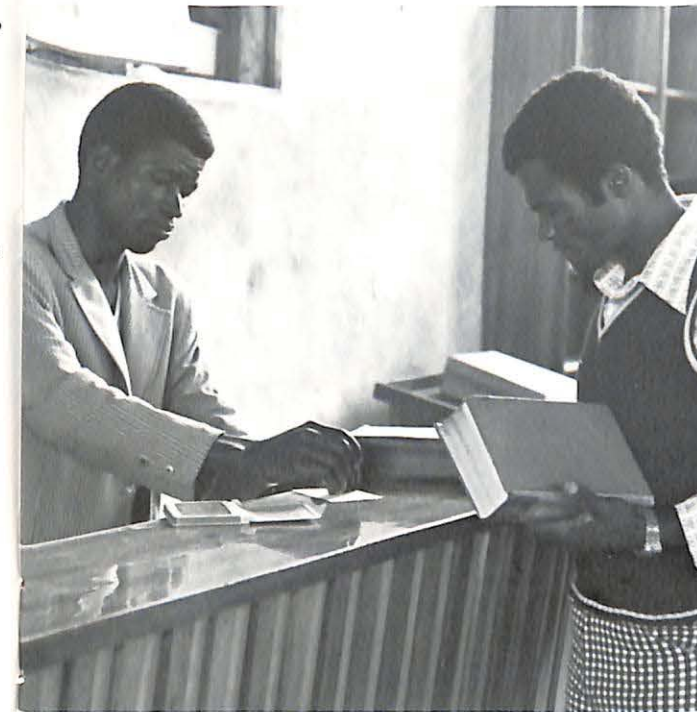
Classes end at 1:40 p.m. every afternoon. It's time for lunch! The faithful cook, Elijah Ngando (at right), has prepared the staple food, corn fufu. It is eaten at least once a day at the school; however, it is prepared in different ways. Food is cooked in large aluminum pots, over a wood fire.



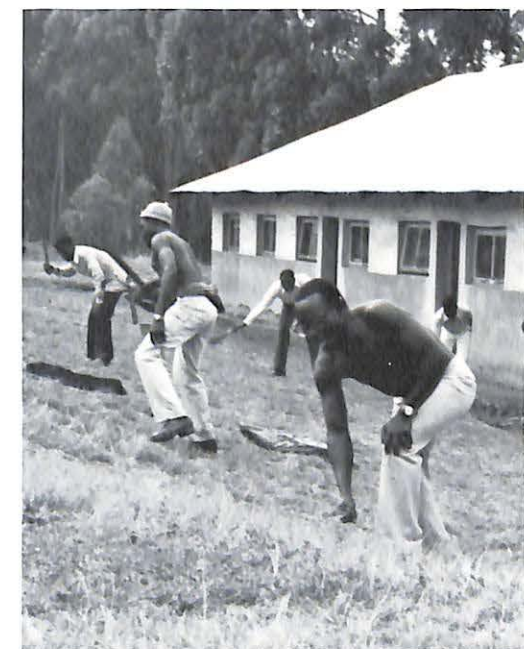
(Left) The afternoon hours are spent in a variety of ways. Purchasing supplies at the bookshop: it may be books, soap, shoe polish, sugar, a broom, or razor blades.



(Above) The library expansion gives more reading and working space. A student librarian repairs old and damaged books with locally purchased materials and binds periodicals.



(Above) Studying: Students use the excellently expanded library facilities, built under the supervision of Missionary David Burgess, vice principal of the school, this past year. Or they may study in a classroom.



(Left) Exercising: Through games; through muscle building activities like cutting grass with sharp cutlasses. It's not easy and requires skill and energy. Weeding the school farm, so the corn and other vegetables have a chance to grow.



(Left) A new project of the school is the raising of dairy cattle. Heifer Project International donated three Jersey cows, and a Jersey Bull, plus two dairy goats for milking. These are strange to this area. Two students were sent to Bamenda to learn how to care for this livestock. This project is not only helpful to the school, but also is a model project for the Ndu community.



(Right) Maintaining the school fishpond: It's two years old and is stocked with 1,000 Talapia (blue gill) and 500 carp. Each year the pond is harvested; the school is supplied with fresh fish, and some is sold.



(Left) Throughout the daily work and activities at the school, there is always need for College upkeep, maintenance, and repairs, for which Missionary Ken Priebe is responsible. Ken and student repair a wheel bearing on the trailer.



Along with teaching, typing, caring for her children and a myriad of other tasks, Eileen Priebe is the school treasurer, handling student fees, other income, and payment of bills. The student fees are kept to a minimum thanks to the contributions made through our North American Baptist Conference.



(Left) For those not feeling well, there is a small, but well-equipped, dispensary where staff, students and their families receive medical treatment through the dispensary attendant, Stephen Gwagsi.

(Right) But all is not work. There is always time for relaxation and interaction with the students and staff. A staff member acts as a sounding board and gives guidance when possible. Here Ken Priebe informally meets with Stephen Gwagsi and John Nwacho.





(Left) The school is under the leadership, not of a missionary, but rather a very capable and faithful Cameroonian principal, the Rev. John Nfor. He served for many years as a pastor and Convention leader as well as studied for one year at the North American Baptist Seminary in South Dakota. Rev. Nfor combines his administrative and counselling skills to make the Theological College an effective means of preparing pastors and church leaders for service in the Cameroon Baptist Convention. An indispensable person is the clerk, Moses Bako (left), who also fills in for the absent staff members.



(Right) Every evening, after supper, the lights prefect, a student, the Rev. Manasses Kebu, starts the school's Lister 21 K.V.A. generator, which supplies the school with electricity from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. During these four hours, the students prepare for the next day's classes.



(Left) And so, in the homes of these students, the typical day at the Cameroon Baptist Theological College comes to an end. Training of Cameroonian pastors is made possible through your prayers and faithful support. Thanks for what you have done. Pray that, as students pass through this school, they may be equipped with knowledge, wisdom and prayer to lead the church of Jesus Christ in Cameroon and beyond.

Church Extension Project

Love Describes Middle Island Church

by Henry C. Wilk

"I made known to them thy name, and I will make it known, that the love with which thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them" said Jesus (John 17:26).

Love is the word that best describes the fellowship of the Middle Island Baptist Church—individuals who have responded to the love of God in Christ, and as he prayed, "Are making it known" in our church and our world. Our world includes Long Island, New York. Within 60 miles, 12,000,000 people live and need to hear the message we are proclaiming.

It has been an exciting two years since we first began to meet for worship in the Community Room of the Anchor Savings Bank. We were 14 then and have since grown into a fellowship of 45. We think of ourselves as the foundation of the great work that God is building here in Long Island.

Our ministry is diversified with worship and prayer services along with Bible studies, visitation, film, telephone and radio ministries. However, we primarily conceive of our ministry as two-fold: first, building up the saints into a loving, caring fellowship and then teaching and motivating them to be witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Consider the results: David and Sue and their two children came to the Lord through one of our Bible studies.

The Rev. Henry C. Wilk is the first pastor of Middle Island Baptist Church, where he has served since 1980.

Since then, Sue's sister, father and mother have been won to the Lord and are attending. Sue's sister, Pattie, had been witnessing to a Jewish friend, and she recently placed her trust in Christ.

Our evangelistic emphasis has done much to mold our church into a soul-winning church. Last year, 20 placed their trust in Jesus Christ through the various ministries of our church. Recently, six men have committed themselves to our visitation ministry and are actively involved in reaching our community for Christ.

In our annual business meeting this past January, we felt the leading of God to launch into a building program. We were a small group, but trusting God to supply all our needs. He had done just that. To keep costs at a minimum, we have adopted a simple building design, planning to do as much work as we can ourselves, utilizing resources from our Association churches as well. We hope to break ground this fall, and begin constructing the first stage of our building on property already purchased in Middle Island.

We covet your prayers and your financial investment in a ministry that we consider to be the world's greatest mission field. We thank God for your involvement in what God is doing through us in Middle Island. Please send your gifts earmarking them for the Middle Island Baptist Church in Long Island, New York, to North American Baptist Conference Office, 1 So. 210 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 □



A Sunday school class



The pastor and his wife, Rose and Henry Wilk



Anticipating the worship service

Introducing "New Day"—1982-83 by Ray Harsch

Do we see the church the way God views it, the way Christ views it, the way the Holy Spirit views it? Unless we do, it is unlikely that we will want to devote major portions of our life-styles to the church. God planned the church; Christ died for the church, and the Holy Spirit is building the church. You and I should be excited about the church.

It seems to me that what is needed today are people who are not simply involved in the ministry of the church, but whose lives are captured by a clear vision of what God has intended for his church.

"New Day" ministers with the church. Members of the team believe in the church and have committed themselves to a life-style that helps reach people with the Gospel and experience growth.

September was the month when "New Day" was in

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

training at Central Baptist Camp, Lansing, Iowa, preparing themselves to minister with the church. It was a time of intense training in outreach, discipling and music. Your prayers on their behalf are greatly appreciated, as they minister in churches along the west coast of the United States and Canada in 1982-83. Crusades vary from five to fourteen days. Fifteen churches will have both the Discipling and the Music Sections of the team.

The six-member Discipling Section conducts training seminars in personal evangelism, small group Bible study, Sunday school growth, and prayer. They are involved in visitation of thousands of homes in this coming year.

The ten-member Music Section holds public evangelistic concerts at churches, shopping malls, schools and many other areas of outreach. Their various ministries with youth are very effective and make a lasting impact on scores of lives.

"New Day" is committed to evangelism and church growth. Take a moment to get acquainted with these talented and dedicated servants of God.

Music Section



Dan Heringer, director Bismarck, ND, is home for Dan, his wife, Geri, and three children: Danny (7), Donita (6), and Larisa (4). They are members of Century Baptist

Church in Bismarck. Dan, a graduate of North American Baptist College, begins his third year as Director of "New Day."



Beth Wright, assistant director Beth begins her third year of service with "New Day," assisting the director on the music team. She majored in music at the University

of North Dakota and at North American Baptist College. Her hobbies are playing piano, sewing and tennis. Grace Baptist, Grand Forks, ND, is her church.



Jean Foster is a member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, IL. She attended North American Baptist College and was a receptionist for faculty at Moody

Bible Institute in Chicago. Jean enjoys playing piano (and giving lessons), sports and children's work.



Brenda Lennon calls Calgary, Alberta, her home. There she is a member of Brentview Baptist Church. Most recently, Brenda was the secretary for her church.

Brenda's favorite activities are figure skating, horseback riding, and playing the piano. Last year she sang with "Plus One," a mixed octet from Brentview Baptist Church.



Becky Washburn was an active girl at Quail Lakes Baptist Church in Stockton, CA. Her ministry in music as well as in teaching and leading Bible

studies was greatly appreciated. Becky uses her pianist abilities to accompany soloists and choirs.



Kelly Zimmerman was a lifeguard at Crystal Springs Baptist Camp before coming to "New Day." A Religion/Music major at Sioux Falls College, Kelly's hobbies are

swimming, drawing, and figure skating.



Lyle Buyer is preparing for the ministry. Lyle has graduated from North American Baptist College with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion. Lyle's home church is Carbon Baptist in Alberta.



Jon Cooke's home church is First Baptist of Minot, ND. Prior to "New Day," he was a sales representative in his home town. Jon is involved in many sporting activities.



Clayton Heeren spent last year at Sioux Falls College. His home church is Trinity Baptist in Sioux Falls, SD. He plays the guitar and piano.



Robert Weiss graduated from Taylor University, with a B.A. in Christian Education. He has been youth pastor at West Lenexa Community Baptist Church, Kansas, and Prairie Creek Baptist Church, Plano, TX. Robert's hobbies are sports and music.



Bruce Duncan comes well equipped to be the sound technician for "New Day." He attended Alpena Community College, majoring in electronics. He served for two

years as lighting and sound director for a large auditorium. Bruce has been active in the work of Ripley Boulevard Baptist Church, Alpena, MI.

Discipling Section



Linda Bahr is serving her second year on the discipling section of "New Day." She is a graduate of North American Baptist College with a diploma in biblical studies.

Her home church is Zion Baptist, Terrace, BC.



Connie Kaiser, a North American Baptist College graduate, is also serving her second year on the discipling section. Last year she was the *Baptist Herald* reporter for the

team. Connie enjoys sharing the gospel through art and creative ministry.



Elizabeth Schiemann (Liz) is a graduate of North American Baptist College, with a Bachelor of Religious Education degree. Her home church is Ridgemont Baptist in East Detroit, MI. She has been active in the educational ministry of the church, teaching Sunday school, vacation Bible school, and children's church.



John Kiemele, a member of Ashley Baptist Church, Ashley, ND, is serving on the discipling section of "New Day." Last year John was on the music team of "New Day."

John has done undergraduate studies in journalism and English, and enjoys music and writing. John has training to "sign" for the deaf.



John Lippert has been a radio sales representative in Waco, TX. He is active in the ministry of Central Baptist Church in Waco, recently serving as Sunday school superinten-

dent, Sunday school teacher, and junior deacon. John enjoys hunting, fishing, photography and reading.



Gordon Stork completed a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Manitoba, majoring in psychology. He has worked with youth in his local church and

on the association level. He is planning to attend seminary following his service on "New Day." □

WOMAN'S WORLD

Beauty Shop Encounter

by Rosa B. Bieber,
Mowata, LA

It all started on a Saturday morning as I sat under the hair dryer in our country beauty shop. As usual, I was using this time to study Scripture

related to my Bible lesson for the next day. A lady tapped me on the shoulder. "Do you understand what you're reading?" she asked.

Such a question! Did I hear correctly? "What do you mean?" I asked.

"Do you understand that—that Prayer Book or Bible or whatever you call it? I've tried to read it, but I just don't understand it," she confided.

I tried to explain that I was reading the Bible and that it is a love letter

from God to his people. God, by his Spirit, explains just what one needs at that particular time.

"You act like you're on speaking terms with God—like you really know him." Then, slowly, "I wish . . . would you . . . oh, nothing."

"Wait," I quickly responded. "Would I what? Help you to know him, too?"

"Yes! Oh, yes! Would you?"

And that's how it all began. The beautician overheard our conversa-

tion. She, too, wanted to know more about the Savior. Would I help them? Really? But how . . . and when? Because of our busy schedules, we decided Monday nights to be the best time. And, if we would meet in the beauty shop, the beautician believed her husband would come, too. We did, and he did. And so did five other couples.

For six consecutive Monday nights we met. All brought Bibles and hungry hearts. By the end of the second week, each one had prayed to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior after

carefully considering the cost. They continue to come with eager minds—eager to share a truth they had learned or a Scripture that had become alive for them.

What a wonderful time it was! On the last night the lady who had started it all said, "Do you remember you said the Bible was God's love letter? That's why I couldn't understand it. I didn't know him. But now that love letter is so easy to understand . . . so sweet . . . because now I know the Author."

I Am A Teacher

by Sally Prast,
North Bergen,
New Jersey

I find it difficult to separate my faith in Christ from my work and the rest of my life. Therefore, that faith which gives me eternal life and joy in my daily walk permeates my performance as a Christian teacher of public school children.

Because Jesus is an example in word and deed to me, so must I remember that habits and attitudes, as well as facts and figures, are learned and imitated. Second grade activities may playback one's own intonations and actions as children assume the role of teacher in their playing.

Because Jesus is a haven and constancy to me, so must I help create a sphere of quiet security. The familiarity of daily routines, known limits of behavior and participation can quiet some overly active ones and demonstrate the quieting peace and patience the unchanging Christ offers me.

Because Jesus is a friend who loves me, so must I love and accept them as they are; then encourage and correct the messy attempts and praise the successes. Starring good work, rather

than marking only mistakes, prompts more positive self-esteem. Just as we like to hear words of "well done, my faithful ones," so do they enjoy approval and positive stroking.

Because Jesus is the Comforter to me, so must I dry some real tears of hurt when things get too physical, and the wisdom of Solomon is necessary for "who started it." But learning to help and work together is required.

I can total up grades and see their growth in factual learning, but I may never know of the depth of any student's personal growth or what influence may have taken root for use in their later lives. Yet, I feel it is an investment and witness to make.

I thank the Lord for this opportunity to touch young lives. May they assimilate some of my love for them and faith in them. As the mercies of the Lord are new for me every morning, so are there opportunities for me to live Christ in my classroom as the children and I begin each day with the familiar, "I pledge allegiance. . . ."

DID YOU KNOW . . .

That in one of our California churches, the women prepare kilo packages, then place them on a table at the entrance to the church. From there individual families take them and mail them to missionaries, sharing the expenses and the ministry!

Up the Stairway

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



My father was an example of what I *didn't* want in a mate. He was temperamental, intolerant, touchy . . . terrible. He was tacky and trembly. He was an alcoholic. He could not hold a job. He was erratic and irresponsible. I hated him.

Yet, I loved him . . . when he wasn't drinking. I knew he loved me. He was tender toward me. He sang clever songs to me and for me. He held me. He rocked me. He let me playfully comb and brush his hair while he'd read the newspaper.

When he had a little money, nothing was too good for his four daughters. He impulsively bought me an expensive watch one time when I was about fifteen; even though the family budget suffered.

Whenever I was sick, he brought me milkshakes from the corner soda fountain. They always had therapeutic effect! He loved humor and had a knack for telling jokes of all kinds. He was an uncanny judge of human nature. I admired him and enjoyed him.

My ambivalent feelings toward Dad heightened as I became older,

and as his problem became more severe, my insecurities grew.

I thought marrying a minister was God's way of placing me in the perfect environment, and I would live happily ever after. There would be no alcoholic in the home, and our storybook life-style would produce a sort of Camelot existence where beautiful parsonages, ideal congregations, perfect little preacher's kids and wearing halos would be the daily bill of fare.

True, my husband was a beautiful contrast from my father. He was strong, solid, stable, steady, and secure in his relationship with God. I saw him as my touch protector. His masculine hands would take care of the yard, the car, the finances. He would be the decision-maker and always please me greatly in all ways, because he loved me so much! Reality set in almost immediately. Ministerial couples do not live in utopia, nor are they divine, sinless, perfect specimens of humanity! We are like everybody else. God has included daily struggles in his plan for our marriage.

Now after nearly 30 years of maturing together in combat, companionship, and cooperation, we are both quite a bit closer to what God has intended us to be.

We have survived the years of shouting, slamming doors, and squabbling over whether one of the boys really did need a new pair of gym shoes, or whether we could af-

ford to buy school pictures in January.

Most of our marriage problems have centered around finances, raising the children, and the fact that they did tend to prevent us from having time alone together to keep the communication and romance in the relationship. Overcommitment to church work was a hazard with which we also constantly coped. A pastor's work is never done, and I was equally immersed in nursery organization, choir, teaching, and women's work. If the children had written my biography during the fifties and sixties, they might have called it "Gone with the Women!"

We're still working toward a perfect marriage, but we have learned so much! Words like acceptance, patience, understanding, unselfishness, and especially forgiveness, have a much deeper meaning for us now.

I've been married to several Clarence Walths through the years. I've loved them all. The one he is now is the best. He is tenderized and more loving than ever. God used him to bring me to himself and to chauffeur me "up the stairway."

Thankfully, God did not give me what I expected out of marriage. I got so much more!

"I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11, LB).

Program and Prayer

by La Verna
Mehlhoff,
women's work
director



Programs. We are proud to be able to again offer to you the German and English program packets. They contain excellent material to help you in your planning for regular women's meetings in your church.

The editors, Mrs. Donna McFall and Mrs. Maria Rogalski, have done an excellent job in connecting and preparing the material for each packet. God bless you and grant you much joy as you plan a program to meet the needs of today's women.

Prayer. Join with thousands and thousands of women around the world as we meet for the Baptist World Day of Prayer on Monday, November 1. The topic for this year is *Faith Growing More and More*. Materials for the program have been sent to each local W.M.F. president. If more programs are needed, please let us know, and we shall mail you the number requested.

our conference in action

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Elliott were honored by North Highlands Baptist Church, Dallas, TX, with a reception at their home on the occasion of the Elliott's 65th wedding anniversary, Jan. 10, 1982.



Mr. Elliott has been a North American Baptist for 49 years, and Mrs. Elliott for 72 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Art (Hulda) Hemmerling, Anaheim, CA, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 18, 1982. The Hemmerlings have been very active members at Bethel Baptist Church for many years, and have been loyal in their support of the church and the N.A.B. Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Christine and Christian Hufnagel celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary April 27, 1982, at a special ser-



vice at the Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, BC, with family members as well as representatives from the various departments of the church taking part.

FOREST PARK, IL. The Illinois Association held its spring meeting on April 17 at the Forest Park Baptist Church, with 112 delegates plus some N.A.B. Conference workers and other guests.

A recommendation was adopted to have the Illinois Association elect a 15-member board for the Central Baptist Home, Norridge, IL, rather than the local

churches appointing them.

The delegates decided to support the Conference Capital Funds Drive, with 60% of the funds to go to the Conference and 40% to the Association.

Objectives for 1982, relating to a goal presented by our N.A.B. Conference Long-Range Planning Committee, were unanimously accepted: 1) to encourage churches to set a growth rate objective of three times their average growth rate over the last ten years; 2) that church members share their faith with at least one person; and 3) that each church provide instruction in personal evangelism in 1982.

The Illinois Association had a membership growth of three percent. Baptisms increased by 48 percent with eight churches reporting growth.

The following recommendations were approved: Give \$5,000 to Tri-Community Baptist Church, Elk Grove Village, church extension project; give Tri-Community permission to appeal to individuals and Association churches for cash gifts, to also make a loan guaranteed by the Association from C.E.I.F., not in excess of \$30,000; to give \$2,500 to Central Baptist Camp, Lansing, IA, and designate "Church Extension Sunday" offerings for Tri-Community Baptist Church.

Mr. Paul Slopak, program chairman, introduced Dr. John Binder, executive director, North American Baptist Conference, who spoke on "The Marks of a Growing Church." This was followed by the women's and men's luncheons. Mrs. Jeanine Weick, Joyel and Jana, presented the program at the women's luncheon. The Rev. Art Pearce spoke to the men.

In the afternoon three workshops were conducted: "Growth in an Established Church"—the Rev. Willis Potratz; "What Makes a Church Grow?"—the Rev. Ray Harsch; and "Lifestyle Evangelism"—Dr. Don Ganstrom.

A worship service, led by the Rev. Fred Sweet and members of the Tri-Community Baptist Church, concluded the session. (Caroline A. Dudek, recording secretary.)

HEBRON, ND. The First Baptist Church has family night every Wednesday night with Bible study and prayer for preschoolers through adults. Different classes have their own activities. The Alpha Teens group, Mrs. Wellde Heinle, sponsor, entertained the Omega group plus the parents with a "Crazy-y" supper.

An annual banquet for all high school students and parents was held with the seniors as honored guests. Stan Schneider and Duane Grubb were the MC and speaker, respectively. The youth presented a plaque of appreciation to Mrs. Walter Kitzan, youth sponsor.

The Omegas entertained the Alpha teens plus guests at a fun night of

volleyball and basketball at the school gym. (Delores Kitzan, reporter.)

BENTON HARBOR, MI. Randall J. "Randy" Thompson is the new Minister of Youth and Christian Education at Napier Parkview Baptist Church. Pastor Thompson and family were welcomed to the Church by Senior Pastor Dr. Douglas H. Gallagher and various church leaders April 18.



A reception for Pastor and Mrs. Thompson and their two small daughters followed the service. (Doris Badgley, reporter.)

FESSENDEN, ND. The Men's Brotherhood sponsored a sweetheart banquet for their wives. The Omega Group showed a film, "The Cross and the Switchblade." The hand of fellowship was extended to Pastor Dan and Glenda Berger, along with another young couple. A week of services were held with Pastor Bob Lang, Carrington, ND, bringing messages on "Personal Encounter with God."

A Good Friday community service was held with other churches in town taking part. A play, "The Autobiography of a Church Pew," was presented at the Easter sunrise service.

A church workers recognition banquet was held with the Rev. Eric Coulon, Harvey, ND, as speaker. The Omega Group showed the film, "High Point."

We rejoice with Pastor and Mrs. Dan Berger on the birth of a daughter, Charity Ann. (Regina Pepple, reporter.)

MINOT, ND. The Rev. Lester Hirst began his ministry as senior pastor at First Baptist Church on May 2. In the evening an installation service was held, followed by a welcome program, pantry shower and reception.

The Rev. Keith Heyn continues to serve as associate pastor.

On May 3, the Women's Missionary Fellowship sponsored its annual mother

and daughter observance with an Ethnic Food Fest. Deliciously prepared dishes from about 14 countries were brought and served from tables decorated with flags from many nations with the theme being "Banners of Love."

Missionary Pat Lenz, on furlough from Cameroon, gave an interesting and inspirational presentation of slides and narration to 126 guests. (Inez Rhone, reporter.)

TROCHU, AB. Easter Sunday was joyously celebrated at Trochu Baptist Church with a baptismal service for 11 candidates who openly professed their faith in Christ. Another couple joined



these to make a total of 13 who were received into the membership of the church. Leonard Pye is pastor. (Eleanor Snook, reporter.)

VANCOUVER, BC. A joyous baptism of six persons took place at Bethany Baptist Church, April 25. Prior to the baptism, Pastor Ulrich Laser (pictured at right) read a portion of II Timothy 1 on which his message was based.



After baptism, the candidates were prayed for individually and welcomed into the fellowship as members. We praise God for calling these to himself and enabling each to "walk as a new person," in the power of Christ. (Elsie Baum, reporter.)

REGINA, SK. The Pioneer Girls of Faith Baptist Church had a supper with 105 attending. A devotional was given by Mrs. Esther Quiring. Grades 7 and 8 presented a fashion show. Badges and awards were given to the girls for the work achieved throughout the year.

The W.M.F. honored the Grade 12 and Bible college graduates at a banquet.

Another highlight was the commissioning service of Rosemary Ebenal, a member

of the church, to serve in Australia as a member of Wycliffe Bible translators.

The Rev. R. Quiring is the pastor of the church. (Mrs. Vera Rosom, reporter.)

BANFF, AB. The 26th Alberta Baptist Women's Retreat took place in May at Banff Springs Hotel. Many thanks go to President Caroline Zeitner and the executive who planned a full program around the theme, "Seek Ye First," (Col. 1:18).

Thirty-five Alberta churches were represented with 344 women registered. Special speaker was Mrs. Eileen Enarson, Trinity Western College, Langley, BC.

The Rev. Richard Rabenhorst was missionary speaker. Dick's love for Brazil was evident as he told of this mission field.

The women's project for this year is for Brazil: \$15,000 with an additional \$2,000 for church extension in Alberta. The offering amounted to \$7,716.50.

May Schroeder brought greetings from Nigeria and gave a short report.

Ruth Friesen led the singing. Special numbers were given by women from Brentview, Medicine Hat, and Edmonton. (Violet Fleck, reporter.)

EMERY, SD. Four persons answered the call of Christ to follow him in baptism at First Baptist Church. These and four others (pictured) were received as members by Pastor David Korb.



At a special business meeting, a call was extended to the Rev. Larry Salsburey of Kennewick, WA, to become assistant pastor. They began their ministry in May. (Helen L. Walter, reporter.)

AVON, SD. An appreciation and retirement service was held at First Baptist Church honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Lang on June 27, 1982.

The Rev. Charles Hiatt, president, N.A.B. Seminary, was guest speaker at the program. A fellowship hour followed the service.

Pastor and Mrs. Lang have served the First Baptist Church for the past ten years, and will continue to live in Avon.

On July 2, a reception for Pastor Gregg Donaldson and his family was held. Guest speaker for the program was the Rev. Alvin Auch, pastor, Danzig Baptist

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Church, rural Avon. Pastor Donaldson is a 1982 graduate of N.A.B. Seminary. (Estie Betz, reporter.)

LETHBRIDGE, AB. Another first for Park Meadows Baptist Church—the ordination of associate pastor, Jim Erb, (pictured), on March 30. God's Spirit was evidenced through song, testimony, and message. Jim's wife, Janet, gave a moving testimony.



Others who have been involved with Jim's ministry in Lethbridge spoke of how Jim has been used for the Lord since he began his ministry here last June.

The evening was climaxed by Dr. Don Ganstrom, interim church extension director and Jim's senior pastor in Salem, OR, giving the installation charge. A prayer of dedication was given by the Rev. Isador Faszer, Alberta Area minister. (Bette Bailie, clerk.)

ABILENE, KS. Mr. Daryl Dachtler, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Wil Dachtler, and his wife Cecil graduated from Tabor College recently. Daryl superbly supplied the pulpit for Ebenezer Baptist Church on June 13. He and his family will be sincerely missed for their faithful work in the church for four years. Ebenezer Baptist expresses appreciation and prays God's blessing as they go to N.A.B. Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, this fall. (Reva Lutz, reporter.)

DICKINSON, ND. The Central Dakota-Montana Association was held June 25-27, 1982, at Hillside Baptist Church, with the Rev. Jim DeBoer as host pastor. The theme was "God's People for Today."

Special speakers were Dr. Hulitt Gloer, N.A.B. Seminary, keynote speaker; the Rev. Wilfred Weick (missionary rally), and the Rev. Richard Rabenhorst (men's luncheon), missionaries; Mrs. Roselyn Wolff, ladies' luncheon; and Mrs. Marilyn Dick, ladies' prayer and praise breakfast.

There was a musical program featuring "Cornerstone Quartet," Aberdeen, SD.

Workshops included: "Discipline in the

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Church" by the Rev. Roger Frelander; "Using your Spiritual Gifts" by the Rev. David Ewing; "Growing Older" by the Rev. M. D. Wolff; and "Creative Youth Ideas" by the Rev. Monte Michaelson. (Carol Grenz, reporter.)

EAST DETROIT, MI. Ridgemont Baptist Church was privileged to take part in the ordination service of its assistant pastor, Douglas Timm, on June 13, 1982.

On June 5, an ordination council comprised of 18 delegates from seven area N.A.B. churches met to consider the qualifications of the candidate, and found him to be qualified and ready for ordination.

The Rev. Pete Unrau, Doug's former pastor, gave the ordination message; Pastor Jim Yerke, the charge to the candidate; and Senior Pastor Al Grams, the charge to the congregation.

"We are thankful for the ministry of Doug and Deidre Timm among us," says Bruno Schiemann, council clerk.

EMERY SD. First Baptist Church had a recognition service for its senior citizens. Warren Weeldreyer was master of ceremonies. Pastor David Korb gave an appropriate meditation. Several musical numbers and readings were given.



The oldest members were recognized: Albert Terveen (91), Bertha Roskins (90), and Johanna Kundert (90).

A delicious lunch was served with guests of honor (pictured) seated at decorated tables according to the month of their birthdays.

At another occasion, Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Fluth and family were guests. Dr. Fluth challenged the congregation with his many experiences as a medical missionary in Cameroon. In the evening service, Mrs. Fluth spoke. A film was shown on the medical advances on leprosy. (Helen L. Walter, reporter.)

AUBURN, MI. The Rev. and Mrs. Robert S. Hess were honored on May 2, 1982, at a dinner by members and friends of First Baptist Church. Rev. Hess retired from the ministry after serving for 41 years. Gifts and an offering were presented in love and sincere appreciation. A framed resolution passed at the Michigan Association meeting was also presented.

Rev. and Mrs. Hess will continue as active members of our church. The Rev. Fredric E. Spalding became pastor of the church, July 1, 1982. (Ilene L. Reinhardt, church clerk.)

CHEEKTOWAGA, NY. Three persons (pictured) who have attended Temple Baptist Church for 23 years, were bap-



tized by Pastor Bernard Thole and are now members of Temple's family. "We thank the Lord for answered prayer," says Mrs. G. Hartman, reporter.

WINNIPEG, MB. A banquet was held at McDermot Avenue Baptist Church to honor 14 high school and nine university/college graduates. Mr. Don Streuber, president of the Christian Board of Education, was emcee. The Rev. Richard Goetze, senior pastor, gave the challenge to the graduates.

We, as a church, thank pastor Tim Rieck, our Christian education minister, for his dedicated leadership of our young people during the past two years. Pastor Tim will be leaving to continue his education.

A capacity audience was blessed when the Choristers from N.A.B. College were at our church. (Alice Parr, reporter.)

ANAHEIM, CA. The 13th annual session of the Southern California Association was held Feb. 26-28, 1982, at Sunkist Baptist Church, with the Rev. Adolph Braun as host pastor. Sixty-five delegates represented eight area churches.

Guest speakers were the Rev. Harold Lang, associate director of promotion and personnel, Missions Department, N.A.B. Conference, and Dr. Hans Wilcke, Western Area minister.

Rev. Lang spoke at the opening Friday evening service, Saturday at the men's luncheon and at the closing service on Sunday evening.

Business of the Association was conducted by moderator, the Rev. Ray Niederer, pastor, Bethel Baptist Church, on Saturday morning. Many encouraging reports were given by various committees. The church extension churches, Mountain View Baptist with the Rev. Norris Helms, pastor, and Corona Heights Baptist Church with the Rev. Ron

Hartman, pastor, gave very encouraging reports.

After the business meeting and lunch, an interesting program, "Missionary Fashions from around the World," was presented by the ladies. The men were challenged by the Rev. Harold Lang.

"Fight the Fat Night" was a fun time of games and fellowship on Saturday evening for the youth.

Installation of officers was conducted by Dr. Hans Wilcke. Mr. Leonard Justus was elected moderator. Music was provided by local N.A.B. church choirs. For the grand finale, all the choirs combined (130 voices), and sang "My Eternal King" under the direction of Mr. Chuck Cunningham. (Carol Justus, reporter.)

MC LAUGHLIN, SD. In March 1982, First Baptist Church was saddened by the death of its pastor, the Rev. Reuben Stading. On May 16, 1982, a farewell service was held for Mrs. Leota Stading. Several members of the neighboring church of McIntosh, SD, also attended.

After a representative from each department of the church spoke words of appreciation and thanks and presented gifts to her, Mrs. Stading gave a beautiful response. The Rev. Paul Brannon, pastor, McIntosh Baptist Church, gave a short devotional. Pastor Brannon has been serving our church in the absence of a regular pastor. Our church was truly blessed by the ministry of Pastor and Mrs. Reuben Stading. (Mrs. Leo Friez, reporter.)

HUNTER, KS. Pastor Dennis Sigle recently baptized a teenager (pictured) upon her personal testimony. She and



three others joined Bethany Baptist Church. (Mrs. Suzanne Wehrman, reporter.)

MC CLUSKY, ND. In May, the "Melodi Chords," a group of four couples from Underwood, ND, presented a concert at McClusky Baptist Church.

On May 16, a potluck dinner was served to honor the high school, college and seminary graduates. The Rev. Oscar Fritzke is pastor. (Marion Kirschman, reporter.)

PRINCE GEORGE, BC. The 33rd annual British Columbia Association was held at College Heights Church, May 20-23, 1982. Even though quite some distance from many of our BC churches, there were more than 120 delegates along with a number of guests in attendance. Young people attended their own sessions with Paul "Tex" Yearout as special speaker.

The theme, "The Pre-eminence of Christ," was developed and presented by Prof. Wm. Muller of N.A.B. College based on an exegesis of the book of Colossians. He and his wife also shared the need for our involvement in missions.

The Hartland Baptist Church, Prince George, was accepted into the fellowship of our Association. A resolution to purchase a two-acre plot of land for the erection of a church in the South Sahali area of Kamloops by the Association was also passed. In spite of the economy, the Association will support this project of \$240,000 for that purchase.

The people who attended this Association meeting were truly challenged. (Rev. Leonard Strelau, reporter.)

LOS ANGELES, CA. Members and friends of the German Immanuel Church met May 2 for a unique celebration. Following the morning service, the German General Consul, Heinz Lewalter, presented Pastor Wilhelm G. Wieschollek (pictured right) with the order of merit of the Federal Republic of Germany and a letter from President Carstens of West Germany.



He thanked Pastor Wieschollek, who 25 years ago answered a call and came with his wife and children from Germany, for ministering to countless German families as he served in Regina, SK; Edmonton, AB; Milwaukee, WI; St. Catharines, ON; and in Los Angeles. (Ruth Issler, reporter.)

ANAHEIM, CA. The ladies of the Sunkist Baptist Church Women's Missionary Fellowship met March 19-20, 1982, for their annual retreat. The ladies

from our sister church, Bethel Baptist, were included. They met at the Marina Inn Hotel at Dana Point, CA, with 60 women attending.

Mrs. Stephanie Radcliffe, guest speaker, had challenging messages on "Lord of My Rocking Boat." She also gave book reviews.

Mrs. Muryal Braun, Association W.M.F. president, led the meetings. The ladies enjoyed the singing of Mrs. Charlotte Sale, sharing in groups, good meals, and beautiful scenery of the beach area.

We thank God for an uplifting time of learning and fellowship. (Carol Justus, reporter.)

ISABEL, SD. The Isabel Baptist Church is experiencing rich blessings. The film, "A Sports Odyssey" was shown for all youth in the community. Seven persons followed the Lord in baptism (pictured). The choir of First Baptist Church, McIntosh SD, presented a cantata the same evening.



Miss Angela Schulz, Lima, Peru, an exchange student living with one of our church families, accepted the Lord as Savior prior to leaving us. The Rev. Robert Cornwell is pastor. (Mary Lou Brenner, church clerk.)

CHICAGO, IL. On April 18, 1982, the Baptist Mission Church held an installation service for their pastor, the Rev. Michael Pennington and his family. Illinois Association churches as well as other churches brought greetings and words of welcome. Special music included solos and the Foster Avenue Baptist Church men's choir. The installation message was given by Dr. John Binder, executive director, N.A.B. Conference.

A reception and time of fellowship followed the service. (Edgar Merke, church clerk.)

OLDS, AB. On May 16, at a special evening service, East Olds Baptist Church opened a sealed box that had been placed in the cornerstone of the previous building in 1935. In it interesting memorabilia such as minutes of the Recognition Council for the First German Baptist Church of Olds, the church covenant and history, mem-

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bership and officers lists, *Heils-Lieder* songbook, 1935 issues of *The Cheerful Sower*, *Der Sendbote*, *Baptist Herald*, *The Olds Gazette*, and a Canadian nickel were found. Several of our senior citizens shared memories of those days.

On May 30, our 24-voice "Kids Country Choir" presented a musical called "Life Just Keeps on Happening." They also traveled to N.A.B. churches in Carbon, Red Deer, and Airdrie. The Rev. Ritchie White is pastor. (Jeanine White, reporter.)

PLEVNA, MT. A missionary night was enjoyed at First Baptist Church when the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Rabenhorst and their family and Mrs. G. W. Blackburn were present at the service. They told of their work in Brazil and of their love for Jesus Christ. The Rabenhorst children sang several songs. A refreshment and question and answer time followed.

The Rabenhorsts' visit brought new understanding about N.A.B. mission work in Brazil, as well as a challenge to be "missionaries" here at home.

The Rev. Greg Odell is pastor. (Mrs. Alberta Couch, reporter.)

DALLAS, OR. On June 19 and 20 Salt Creek Baptist Church dedicated the newly erected fellowship and educational building to the glory of God. The new two-story building contains a fellowship hall, eight classrooms, offices, library, kitchen and restrooms.

The festivities began on Saturday evening with a banquet in the new fellowship hall for the entire church family.

Musical selections by a sextet, skits by the "Hand of Praise" puppets, a slide presentation depicting the church's history, and a time of testimony and praise were part of the program. Linus Toland, assistant pastor, delivered the sermon and prayer.



On Sunday afternoon, the service of dedication was held. Moderator Bill Anderson read greetings from N.A.B. churches. The Rev. Anthony Salazar, association moderator, and the Rev. Dan Rowell, Dallas Ministerial Association representative, gave greetings.

Dr. H. J. Wilcke delivered the dedication sermon, "God's House for God's People." The Rev. George W. Breitreuz, pastor, led the people in the vows of

dedication, and the Rev. Bernard Fritzsche gave the prayer of dedication. (Mickey McCay, reporter.)

FREDONIA, ND. On May 24, 1982, the Rev. John Reimer, pastor of Berlin Baptist Church, ND, was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree by Dr. R. H.

Brown, president, Covington Theological Seminary, Rossville, GA. It was an impressive service at Cloud Springs Baptist Church.

Rev. Reimer received this degree for his many years of faithfully teaching and preaching the Word of God. He taught at Briarcrest College and Seminary in

Canada for five years. He has been an evangelist in both Canada and the U.S.A. As pastor, he served churches in North Dakota, Iowa, Chicago, New York, and Cleveland, in the N.A.B. Conference. He has served the Lord in this capacity for 48 years. (John Reich, reporter.)

In Memoriam

MRS. FRED SENTS of Aplington, IA, was born to Rudolf B. and Bauke Heerts Junker Aug. 17, 1894, in Grundy County, and died in May 1982. She married Fred Sents Feb. 9, 1916. She received Christ as Savior, was baptized, and joined Aplington Baptist Church Aug. 1, 1920. She was a faithful and loyal member, attending prayer meeting, Sunday school, and both Sunday services, and a faithful member of the Benevolent Society. Survivors include three sons: Aelt, Rudolf, and Lester of Aplington; two daughters: Mrs. Loretta Heikens, Wellsburg, IA, and Mrs. Lillian Haan, Parkersburg, IA; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bertha Sents, Wellsburg, IA; 19 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Clarence Meester; and one brother-in-law, Eilerd Sents. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred; a son, Edwin; her parents; seven sisters; and three brothers. The Rev. Donald Patet officiated at the funeral service.

MRS. KATHERINE KELLER, 101, was born Feb. 8, 1881, at Odessa, South Russia to Frederick and Fredericka Eisemann and died April 14, 1982. She came to the United States in 1901 and settled near Turtle Lake, ND. She married Frederick Berg in 1901 at Turtle Lake. They farmed near Turtle Lake and later in the Minot, ND, area. He died in 1911. In 1915 she married Christian Fisher at Turtle Lake. He died in 1921. She married Sam Keller at Benedict, ND, in 1928. They moved to Turtle Lake in 1942. He died in 1963. In 1970 she entered the Bismarck Baptist Home. She continued to be a member of the Turtle Lake Baptist Church until her death. Her faith in the Lord remained steadfast as her face glowed with a love for her Lord. Survivors include four sons: Carl Berg, Portland, OR, Albert Berg, Benedict, ND, August and Emil Berg, Lodi, CA; one daughter Mrs. Art (Ruth) Faul, Harvey, ND; 21 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by parents, two brothers, four sisters, one son, and one stepdaughter. Pastor Orville Meth and Pastor Dennis Goodin officiated at the funeral service.

ANDREW K. BERTSCH (74) McLaughlin, SD, was born to Karl J. and Christine Breiting Bertsch on Jan. 24, 1908, and died May 18, 1982. As a youth, he accepted Christ as Savior and was baptized in 1928. He married Anna Schweigert at Plevna, MT, on Oct. 26, 1932. They moved to McLaughlin, SD, in 1933. He was an active and faithful member of First Baptist Church, serving as Sunday school superintendent and teacher, deacon, treasurer,

and on committees. He was active in the Gideons for 15 years. Survivors include his wife, Anna, McLaughlin, SD; one son Curtis, Rowland Heights, CA; two daughters: Mrs. David F. (Betty J.) Lechtenberg, St. Peter, MN, and Mrs. Steve D. (Marlys D.) Miller, Changassin, MT; two grandsons; two stepchildren; seven brothers: Martin, Gideon, Aaron, David, Jonathan, Norman, and Leonard; six sisters: Mrs. Peter (Hulda) Hagel, Mrs. Edwin (Ida) Habel, Mrs. Vernon (Martha) Kramer, Mrs. Lydia Zimmerman, Mrs. Esther Arlt, and Mrs. Alfred (Emma) Wangen. He was predeceased by two brothers, one sister and his parents. The Rev. Paul Brannan and the Rev. Joel McLaughlin officiated at the funeral service.

MRS. ADELAIDE FOLKERTS (83) of Victor, IA, was born Sept. 6, 1898, to Henry and Adelaide Blanken Muller, and died March 14, 1982. On Feb. 15, 1928, she married Harm G. Folkerts. She was an active member of Victor Baptist Church and the W.M.F. She was church clerk for many years and opened her home to visiting ministers on numerous occasions. She is survived by two daughters: Eleanor (Mrs. John) Taylor, South Charleston, IA, and Phyllis (Mrs. Larry) Stern, Towaco, NJ; five grandchildren; and a sister, Martha Muller. She was predeceased by her parents and husband, four brothers, and two sisters. The Rev. Terry Tariela officiated at the funeral service.

GEORGE JAMES HARRIS was born Dec. 3, 1909, in Manitoba and died April 13, 1982. He farmed until 1954 in eastern Saskatchewan, and for six years carried mail in British Columbia. He accepted Jesus as his Savior in 1935. In 1943 he was baptized and joined the West Ebenezer Church. He is survived by his wife Esther; two sons: David, Powell River, BC, and James, Nanaimo, BC; a daughter Ione, Talamini, Australia; six grandchildren; one brother and two sisters. In spite of a handicap caused by Parkinson's disease, he maintained a keen sense of humor, a cheerful perseverance, and an ever-ready willingness to help others. Pastor C. I. Wiebe officiated at the funeral service.

LOUISE HEPERLE (78) of Plevna, MT, was born Dec. 3, 1903, in Russia to Ludwig and Elizabeth Bechtold and died May 27, 1982. At the age of two, she immigrated with her family to Selby, SD. In 1910 the family moved to Baker, MT. In 1926 she married Albert Hepperle. Louise was an active member of First Baptist Church in W.M.F., Sunday school, and the senior citizens. Survivors include two sons: Robert, Morgan Hill, CA, and Theodore, Plevna, MT; one daughter Mrs. Donald (Ella) Wood, Baker, MT; one brother John; five sisters: Mrs. Phil (Esther) Galipo, Mrs. Roland

(Lilly) Hover, Mrs. John W. (Christine) Losing, Mrs. Art (Alma) Hepperle and Mrs. Jake (Martha) Schweigert; two sisters-in-law; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1957, her parents, a brother and three sisters. The Rev. Greg Odell officiated at the funeral service.

ANNA KWIATKOWSKI, nee Gillwald, was born June 21, 1908, in Germany, and died April 19, 1982. At age 18 she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior. In 1930 she married Rudolf Kwiatkowski. Two months after their marriage, they immigrated to Canada to Prince George, BC. After attending the Bethel Baptist Church for several years, she was baptized and became an active member until her death. Truly she was an inspiration, not only to her pastor, but to all who sought to serve the Lord. Survivors include two daughters: Mrs. Hilda Rahn and Mrs. Doris Streckenbach; three sons: Heinz, Willie and Eric, all of Prince George; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and two sisters in Germany. The Rev. Ernest A. Hoffmann, assisted by the Rev. Edward Klingenberg and Pastor Loren Pullman, officiated at the funeral service.

ROBERT ANDREAS PASCHOLD was born Feb. 10, 1916, in Germany to Tabea and Otto Paschold, and died May 8, 1982. At the age of 10, he immigrated to Saskatchewan, Canada then moved to Kelowna in 1929. At the age of 13, Bob accepted the Lord as his Savior, was baptized, and became a member of Nokomis Baptist Church, Saskatchewan. Later, he became a charter member of Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, BC. Survivors include one brother John and his wife Adoline, Tsawwassen, BC; three sisters: Ruth Hiller, Burnaby, BC, Lena Spletzer and husband Bob, Kelowna, BC, and Anne Badke and husband Bert; nieces and nephews. The Rev. Richard Hohensee officiated at the funeral service.

MARLENE ANNETTE ROMANCHUK (22) was born Dec. 28, 1959, to Nettie and John Romanchuk and died May 30, 1982. She grew up in Onoway and received most of her education in the Onoway schools. After graduation from high school, she entered the University of Alberta from which she was graduated this spring. In 1980 she made a commitment to Jesus Christ and was baptized at the Onoway Baptist Church. She became actively involved with the youth as well as the choir at German Zion Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB. Survivors include her parents; grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Werenka, and Mr. Metro Romanchuk; several aunts, uncles and cousins. A memorial fund for the N.A.B. College was set up in her memory. The Rev. Wenzel Hanik and Pastors K. Hildebrandt and Bernd Rist officiated at the funeral service.

What's Happening

The Rev. Werner Dietrich began his ministry as pastor at Bethel Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB, Aug. 1, 1982.

Mr. Merle Hoots became pastor of Parkdale Baptist Church, Drumheller, AB, on Sept. 1, 1982. He is a 1982 graduate of N.A.B. Divinity School, Edmonton, AB.

Dr. Kenneth C. Fenner, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, MI, was appointed Great Lakes Area Minister for a three-year term effective Sept. 1, 1982. This appointment was made by the Executive Committee of the General Council upon recommendation of the Great Lakes Area Search Committee consisting of moderators and General Council Representatives of the Michigan and Penn-Ohio Associations.

Fenner has been pastor of Bethel Baptist Church since 1968. Prior to that, he served First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, MI, as associate pastor and director of music and youth activities, 1963-65; then pastor of that church 1965-68.

Fenner replaces the Rev. Willis Potratz who continues as Area Ministries Director for the N.A.B. Conference and supervises the states of Illinois and Wisconsin. The General Council, at its June meeting, realigned the Great Lakes Area, moving the Penn-Ohio Association from the Eastern Association and joining it with the Great Lakes Area. Illinois and Wisconsin were moved from the Great Lakes Area.

Fenner and his wife, Janet, will continue to live in the Detroit, MI, area. They have two children, ages 18 and 15.

The Rev. David Priestley accepted the call to the position of assistant Professor of Historical Theology extended to him by the Board of Trustees of the North American Baptist

College and Divinity School, Edmonton, AB, effective Aug. 1, 1982.

Rev. Priestley received the Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD, and the Bachelor of Divinity degree from the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD. He recently completed a Master of Theology degree at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, IL, and has nearly finished a Th.D. program there.

With his rich background in the study of historical theology, and the experience of 12 years in the pastoral ministry, he is well qualified to teach courses in both Systematic Theology and Church history.



Captain David A. Rapske arrived in the Republic of Korea July 1, 1982, where he is the assistant 2nd Brigade Chaplain, 2nd Infantry Division, at Camp Hovey, Korea. He is scheduled for duty there through June 1983. He recently received an Army Commendation Medal.

His wife Kathy and three children are living in Missoula, MT, until he returns to the U.S.A. Two of their children are enrolled in school.

Mr. Jim Schneider was appointed Dean of Men and Instructor in Psychology at North American Baptist College, Edmonton, AB. Mr. Schneider is an alumnus of the College, having attended in 1971. He received the BA degree from the University of Calgary and Master of Arts in Counseling from the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD. Mr. Schneider has been serving as a counselor with Alberta Social Services.

He and his wife, Kathy, are members of South Calgary Community Church where they are active in the church program, serving on various committees and boards. Kathy has served as a teacher of music with the Calgary Public School system.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Munro have been appointed as Adjunct Faculty in the area of Sociology at the North

American Baptist College, Edmonton, AB. The Munros are unique in the fact that both Gordon and Brenda are completing their Ph.D. degrees in Sociology at the University of Alberta. They each have a Master of Science degree from Utah State University in Family and Human Development.

In addition to their academic pursuits, they share a teaching position at King's College and will share a half position at N.A.B. College.

Prof. Mel Unger, who has served on the music faculty at North American Baptist College for the past year, has been granted a leave of absence until August 1983 in order to continue his doctoral studies at the University of Illinois. Prof. Unger has directed the band, taught a number of courses in music and served as instructor in voice at the College.

The Rev. Kurt Redschlag of Edmonton, AB, has accepted a call to the half-time faculty position of Director of Alumni Affairs and Student Recruitment. The Alumni Association will be funding one half of Redschlag's salary from the revenue produced by the E. P. Wahl Endowment Fund. Kurt attended the Christian Training Institute from 1961-62; he went on to the University of Alberta where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1965. He received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD in 1968.

Rev. Redschlag has served as pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Swan River, MB, and Greenfield Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB. In recent years he has been in business and serving the Lord at Steele Heights Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB.

Mr. Donald W. Burnette accepted the position of minister of Christian education at First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, CA, effective Aug. 1, 1982.

The inauguration of Prof. J. Walter Goltz as president of North American Baptist College and Divinity School, Edmonton, AB, is to take place November 13 and 14, 1982, beginning with a banquet on Saturday night and special recognition services on Sunday at the College.

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Open Dialogue

Dear Editor,

I must drop you a line to tell you how pleased we have been with your editorship job of the *Baptist Herald*.

I read the June issue from cover to cover. The articles on freedom and the one on Isaac Backus are so down the line! Unfortunately, in the past we have often heard one side of the story, but here you have given us even more nuggets to digest, like "Members of the church leadership are elected by delegates—but they need the approval by the state—budget is controlled by the state; so are the interchurch and international contracts of each church." This certainly says a lot!

I will miss the Tri-Conference in Niagara, but I have so much to thank the Lord for. Despite being handicapped from polio, I was able to attend seven of them. Now we must stay around home and pray. God will give much blessings, I'm sure.

The "Statement of Beliefs" is excellent, and we thank the committee for doing such a fine, clear job of it.

God bless you all.

Linda Zimmerman
Kelowna, BC

Dear Editor,

We would like to commend you for doing an outstanding job with the *Baptist Herald*. The increased emphasis on mission news has been very welcome in our household.

Further, we would like to thank the Baptist Beliefs Committee for the hard work they put into our Conference's proposed Statement of Faith. We know attaining the exact wording of truth is a very difficult task for mere men, but we see the result as a very well-written and concise document.

May our Conference uphold the truth and go on to be blessed.

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