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# Keeping In Touch

## INFORMATION NEED

While visiting in one of our churches recently I took about three minutes before the morning message to talk about some Conference ministries and happenings. After the service several lay persons said, "We heard more about the N.A.B. Conference today than we have heard from the pulpit in several months."

At different times as I have attended as a visitor in a few of our churches, I observed very little, if anything, being said from the pulpit about any N.A.B. Conference happenings or concerns.

Wherever this occurs consistently, churches will lack information about ministries which they support. They are part of a family that has a worldwide ministry of planting churches, providing education for church leaders, and ministering to human needs. They need to know about these ministries. They need to pray and be encouraged to participate wherever possible.

Individuals are being bombarded by very professional advertising and promotion through religious television programs and direct mail appeals. Some of them may be very worthy ministries, but if our people do not get similar exposure to their own "Conference family" needs, their support will shift to other causes.

People respond to what they see and hear. The ministries and needs of

the N.A.B. Conference need to be presented in a consistent and positive way. If people know about the N.A.B. ministries and needs, they will want to participate in them.

Here are a few suggestions as to how to keep the opportunities and needs of our N.A.B. Conference ministries before a congregation:

- Encourage people to subscribe to the *Baptist Herald*—better yet, encourage the church to adopt the church family subscription plan.
- Occasionally have someone read and highlight something from the *Baptist Herald* to whet the appetite of readers.

- Distribute the "N.A.B. News" to the congregation on Sunday morning or by mail. Have someone draw attention to significant happenings reported in the "N.A.B. News."

- Regularly pray for missionaries and other ministries. Highlight something specific about the field or missionary being featured.

- Ask someone who has personally participated in an N.A.B. ministry such as "New Day," as a short-term missionary, or attended one of our schools or camps to give a report.

- Ask someone from your church or neighboring church who has been at a Conference Committee or board meeting to report some



important decisions that were made.

- Appoint someone to go through the various Conference materials and information and have them select events or news items that would be meaningful to be used in Sunday school classes, public worship services, prayer meetings, church publications, or children's or youth groups. A creative person could achieve a great deal in this process.

Hopefully these ideas may stimulate more ideas. Please share them with me or others.

Let us all seek to be faithful communicators about the ministries God has entrusted to us.

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# Are You a Type "A" Christian? by Tom Johnson

Out of the current research that is being done on stress has emerged the distinction between two kinds of behavior and attitudes known as Type "A" and, you guessed it, Type "B." People of different races, classes, and faiths fall into both types. Christians are found in both categories. Type "As" are much more stressful individuals prone to heart attack, stroke, and that most pervasive recent plague, burnout.

Why, if it were not for stress and burnout, think of all the unemployed psychologists there would be! How providential that we have discovered stress and burnout just at the time our graduate schools are turning out record numbers of counselors! Anyway, back to these Type "A" folk. We should not make light of their lot. Indeed, we may well be among them!

Let me describe Type "A" behavior. What Type "Bs" do and think should usually be obvious by contrast. Type "A" individuals move, walk, talk, and eat rapidly. They feel impatient with the rate at which most events take place. They often think about or do two or more things at the same time. They feel guilty when doing nothing or relaxing for more than a few minutes.

Type "As" seldom see the beautiful and interesting things around them along the way. They schedule more and more activities into less and less time. They believe that their success depends on doing things faster than others.

Type "As" need to display or discuss their achievements. They play to win, never just for fun or relaxation. Most of us probably recognize Type "A" behavior in



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others. Hopefully, we will also have the grace to see it in ourselves as well.

## We Have to Get It All Done Now!

Why do Type "A" Christians act like this? Hypothesis One: Maybe we secretly do not believe in eternal life, so we have to get it all done now, cramming as many events, steps, words, and mouthfuls into as short a time as possible. We expect death to end it all—all our activity,

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all our coming and going, all our communication, all our enjoyment. But, is that right?

Surely, he who expects to be at the eternal Messianic banquet need not to have always cleaned his plate and be into dessert while everyone else is still unfolding his napkin! With an eternity of time and an infinity of space to work in, surely it is not the quantity or rapidity of our movements that matters!

Type "A" Christians need a little of Dr. C. H. Dodd's handy home remedy, a little realized eschatology. Already you have entered into life, slow down. The kingdom is now and forever; be anxious for nothing; consider those lazy lilies of the field; seek first the kingdom, and the committees will take care of themselves . . . or something like that. Type "A" Christians need to believe more strongly that they will live forever, and that they have got at least that long to get it all done.

## We Work As Though Saving Ourselves!

Type "A" Christians may be closet Pelagians. That is my second hypothesis. They give lip service to being saved by grace, by faith, by the all-sufficient merits of Christ's death and resurrection; but in their heart of hearts, they are convinced that what is really going to count in the judgment is

how many widgets they've turned out . . .  
how much they've read . . .  
how clean the house is . . .  
the number of committees they're on . . .  
how many people they've helped . . .  
the size of the churches they've served . . .  
how much they've published . . .  
what their Grade Point Average or Gross National Product was . . .  
the frequency or length of their private devotions . . .  
or some other quantitative measure.

So, they have got to "redeem the time" or at least fill it up; play to win, never just play; figure out the moral, never just enjoy the story; speed read; word process; rise early and stay up late; write longer "to do" lists; take shorter vacations; bring work home every night; simultaneously watch "60 Minutes," read *Newsweek*, and listen to a motivational tape with the headphones on; and . . . and . . . die young. So, let it be written on their tombstones: "evangelical Pelagian, believed it all depended on God; worked as though he were saving himself."

## Indistinguishable from Type "A" Unbelievers

We, Type "A" Christians, are indistinguishable from other Type "A" unbelievers, except that we do a lot of religious things. We are just as stressful, just as impatient, just as hurried, just as guilt-ridden when idle, just as anxious about results, just as myopic towards creation, just as dependent on praise for self-esteem, just as uptight, burnt out,

and prone to heart attack and stroke. We are both in the world and of the world.

## Saved by Grace; But Made Holy by Our Own Works—A Faulty Belief

We have a faulty theology of sanctification: Hypothesis Number Three. Perhaps we really do hope for eternal life with God after death and believe in justification by grace through faith alone. But, on the other hand, we are convinced that we are sanctified; that is, made holy, by our own works, especially by the quantity of them. Justification by faith, sanctification by works: It has a nice ring to it, don't

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you think? A certain symmetry, balance. It is also thoroughly wrong.

Sanctification or being a Christian is just as much God's work in us as is justification or becoming a Christian. God is the author of our salvation in all its aspects. We have been saved (justification), are being saved (sanctification), and will be saved (glorification), by God's gracious actions on our behalf through Christ our Lord.

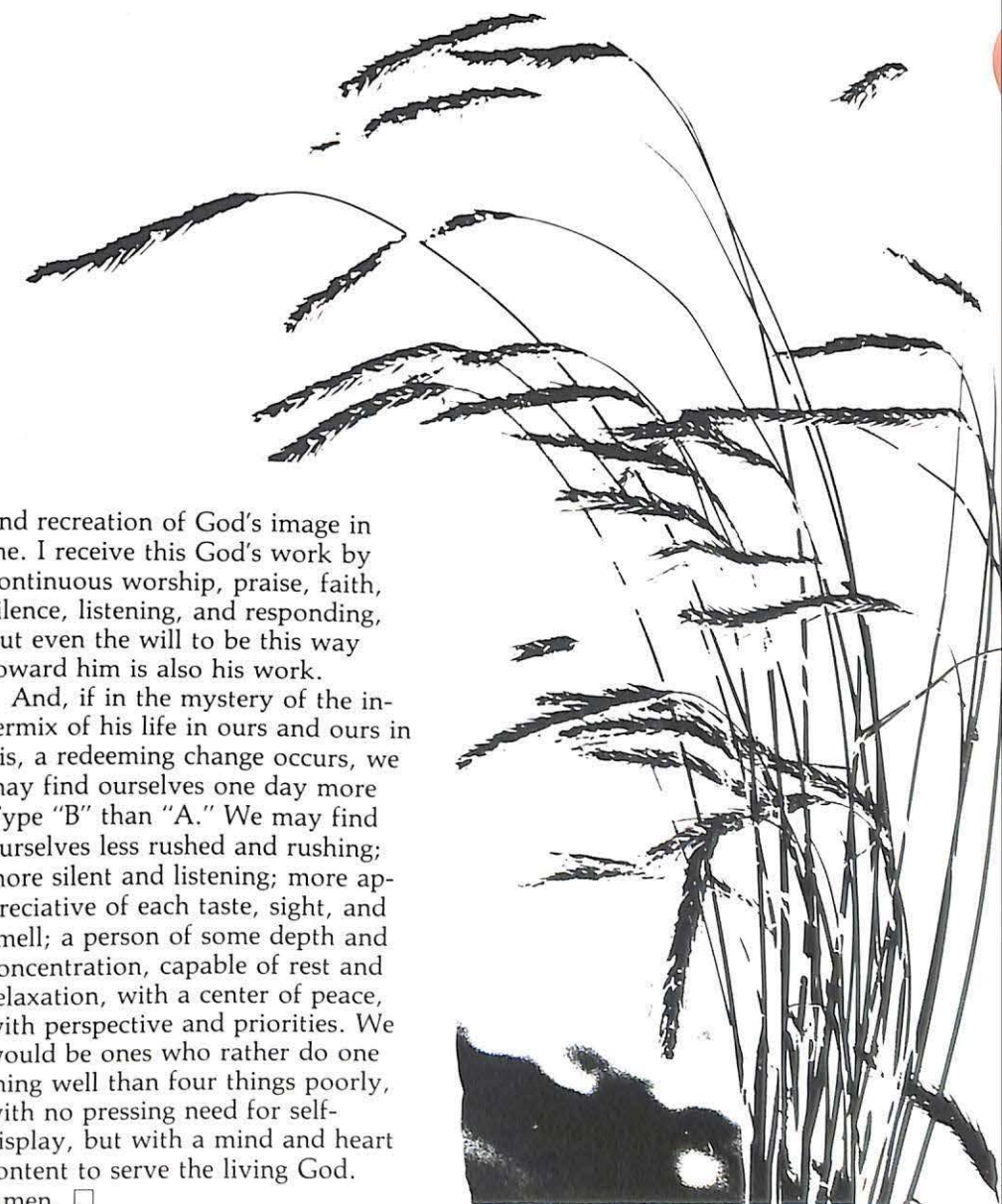
The good work that God has begun in us he will perform until the Day of Christ. When we are told to work out our salvation, we are not left to our own devices, but are told that "God is at work in you both to will and to work for his good pleasure." If we have come to life in Christ by the Holy Spirit's work, then let us walk by the Spirit in our everyday existence.

## Need to Realize We Are in God's Hands

Type "A" Christians, like myself, need to realize and practice the truth that the whole of our being and doing is in God's hands. Just as he has brought us to himself by his prevenient grace, so that "I sought the Lord, but afterward, I knew he moved my soul to seek him seeking me," so his love continues to provide for my ongoing redemption, the progressive renovation, renewal,

and recreation of God's image in me. I receive this God's work by continuous worship, praise, faith, silence, listening, and responding, but even the will to be this way toward him is also his work.

And, if in the mystery of the intermix of his life in ours and ours in his, a redeeming change occurs, we may find ourselves one day more Type "B" than "A." We may find ourselves less rushed and rushing; more silent and listening; more appreciative of each taste, sight, and smell; a person of some depth and concentration, capable of rest and relaxation, with a center of peace, with perspective and priorities. We would be ones who rather do one thing well than four things poorly, with no pressing need for self-display, but with a mind and heart content to serve the living God. Amen. □



# WHAT'S YOUR CHURCH LIKE?

by Norris L. Helms

Are small churches God's choice pearls? When the Lord said, "I will build my church," did he have in mind a small local assembly or is he indeed thrilled with the prosperity of the large churches across our country?

For the past three months, before starting evening services at Mountain View Baptist Church, a church extension project of the Southern California Association, I decided to visit as many churches as I could to discover areas of similarity as well as contrasts existing within these assemblies. The largest church had approximately 3,500 in attendance; while the smallest had about 65 members present. I chose to attend services in these churches when the pastor was speaking, and no special program was scheduled, such as a cantata or guest speaker.

## The People

I telephoned ahead to determine the time of worship services and the time I should arrive to be assured of my choice of seats. In three of the largest churches (all over 1,000), I was advised to arrive at least one half hour early to assure myself of a seat. When I arrived, I discovered:

1) Scores of people had arrived early and were fellowshiping together prior to the service. The scene in the sanctuary was somewhat informal, but I witnessed the distinct joy of God's people fellowshiping together. (In the four largest churches, nearly every seat was occupied.)

2) Not wearing a badge of identification nor receiving an official greeting from an usher, I was recognized as a visitor by worshipers and encouraged to return.

3) Worshipers enthusiastically participated in all aspects of the service (singing, taking notes of the sermon, praying, and reaching out to others).

4) There was no noticeable mad dash for the exit at the conclusion of the services. To the contrary, scores of people were desirous of fellowshiping together before leaving for home. (One pastor exhorted the people to linger after the service and fellowship with those near them.)

5) None of the people, as you passed by, seemed to be talking about the program of another church. They were indeed excited about their church and desirous of telling others.

## The Pastor

Each pastor certainly gave evidence as being "anointed of the Lord" for that congregation. As the

worship service progressed, several things were evident:

1) Commitment of the pastor to God's Word and God's message for his people for that service. They knew God's Word, and they spoke his Word with authority from their hearts. No Saturday night specials were detected.

2) The love of the undershepherd for his flock was very much in evidence in each of these churches. Remember the love of the shepherd for his sheep will cause him to love, correct, reprove, and administer any other discipline deemed necessary for the welfare of the flock. This was done in the message.



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3) The press of time was not in evidence by the pastor nor the people. A one-hour service was preached in the three largest churches with no feeling of loss of attention by any of the worshipers.

4) Peter and Andrew were brothers as were James and John whom the Lord called to follow him. They were very much different in temperament. As brothers in Christ, and I might include fellow pastors, each was noticeably different from the other in his delivery of God's Word. As I worshiped at one church, it seemed like I might be hearing a modern-day Amos, the thundering herdsman of Tekoa; while at another church I thought I was hearing Jeremiah, the weeping prophet. None were desirous of imitating the style of the other. They spoke as God spoke to them.

## The Program

I must confess I was curious as to whether some pastors would descend from a cloud to the pulpit, while others might walk across the baptismal waters as they entered the services. After all, what was it that would cause thousands to gather together for the preaching of the Word at an evening service. The program at all churches we visited was very simple.

At one service, the pastor mounted the pulpit and heralded the start of the service after which there were four or five congregational hymns or choruses, a special number or two, and then the message. God's message was preeminent. If you went to church to enjoy some other part of the service, it was short-lived. To belabor a point, no choir was in evidence at any of the six churches. The song leader and the pastor, for the most part, were the only persons on the platform.

While the evening service was indeed a simplified program, the program of the church was extensive. The pastors seemed to know and provide an appropriate diversified program for the needs of the people.

## The Physical Plant

Adequate facilities to meet the needs of all ages were clearly in evidence. As we toured the facilities of the various churches, there were no multi-purpose rooms where dif-

ferent age groups met for different purposes at different times. Nor were the people packed into a room without adequate seating, ventilation, or equipment for the building up of the body of Christ.

## The Practical Illustration

Pastor, program, and physical plant are strategic in a solid Biblical church, but when the people are not functioning as the body of Christ, the church will suffer.

Not all of the visits that I made to the various churches left me with the same feeling. I arrived about 15 minutes early at one of the last

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churches that I visited. I located the main entrance to the church and prepared to introduce my wife, a friend, and myself to the people of the church as they greeted us.

To my surprise, not one person approached us while we were looking for a bulletin and the sanctuary. After several uncomfortable moments, my eye caught the library. Upon inquiry of the librarian, we were made aware of the location of the sanctuary and the time of the services.

As my guest later commented, "I put on my best smile after the service in hopes of greeting others." To my dismay, the only greeting of the evening was from the pastor.

My point in this account is, that in spite of a beautiful physical plant and a good message, we left the church with a hollow feeling of being around the people of God but not a part of the body. Remember, you do make a difference to those around you as we worship together as a body.

## Problems Not in Evidence

There is no question in my mind that each of the churches I visited has its in-house discouragements,

difficulties, and disappointments. But they were not in evidence to the visitors. The church members gave every evidence of a united body gathered together to worship God.

## Principles

Neither within the Baptist churches I visited, nor the other than Baptist churches, do I agree with all of their principles and procedures. I do agree that the commitment of the pastor, the centrality of the Word of God, and the enthusiastic participation and response of the people is necessary to a vital worship service.

## The Plea

Every article written, whether in praise to God, or in proclamation of the current news has a purpose. My purpose is simple: Think about these churches and think about your church (your pastor, people, program, and physical plant) the next time you go to church. Compare these churches and your church point by point and ask yourself these questions:

1) Do you make it a custom to arrive early and set a good example for your family, other members and friends of the church?

2) Do you greet others as you come to worship, especially visitors?

3) Do you listen with attention to God's Word as it is delivered by God's servant?

4) Do you invite others to your church, or do you readily accept the invitation of others to their church?

5) Do you encourage your pastor with faithful attendance, words of encouragement, and a willingness to be a part of the program, or do you compare your pastor to others?

6) Do you have adequate facilities for the edification and evangelism of those who come to your church? If not, do you have a vision for growth?

## Personal Challenge

After observing the pastor and people of God at worship in these churches and reviewing the local church in the Bible, it is my earnest prayer that the church you attend will conform to the principles of the church the Lord said he will build here on earth. If it does, certainly the gates of hell will not prevail against it. □

# Sodom or Nineveh?

by David H. Wick

Once an immigrant group populated the wretched slums of our great cities. They came from places of political oppression and economic hopelessness to the land of freedom and opportunity. They were hard-working people, but they had to start at the very bottom of the social and economic scale.

Certain Christians became concerned about the spiritual needs of these immigrants, and crossed social cultural barriers to begin a mission work among them that was to have lasting consequences. The time was the 1840s; the immigrants were Germans; the Christians were Northern Baptists; and the results of

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their vision are seen in our North American Baptist Conference.

One compelling reason for our Conference to be concerned about urban ministry is that our very roots are there. That is by no means the only reason for its importance.

For some time, many of our urban churches have experienced decline or stagnation. While our Conference engaged in church extension and expanded on one front, our older churches declined at a rate which virtually cancelled out the growth.

For the sake of the health of our Conference, for the sake of the urban churches that find themselves declining or stagnating, for the sake of the material and spiritual support of Conference missions, we need to address the problem of the erosion of our base. Perhaps the best way to



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approach this problem is in our urban churches, where the problem has historically been most severe.

### Why Have We Fled from the Cities?

The first and best reason why our Conference needs to concern itself with urban ministry is not, however, seen in our history nor in what might be best for growth. It is seen when we ask why we have fled from the city.

The sociologist would answer this question with explanations of migration patterns and "white flight," sociological phenomenon to which we are not immune. Let us think spiritually, not merely sociologically.

Certainly, as our cities have changed, the old constituency served by our churches moved to the suburbs. Naturally, we built new buildings in the suburbs to serve our old constituency.

The real question is "Why were we so seldom able to keep our old church buildings and make the transition to serve new congregations in them?" The answer to this question is, in part, the fear which



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many people have of the city, and the social, cultural and racial diversity it represents.

As Christians, we can add to the common fears of man a biblical image: we think of the city as Sodom. We hear the angel say to Lot, ". . . whomever you have in the city, bring them out of the place; for we are about to destroy this place; for their outcry has become so great before the Lord that the Lord has sent us to destroy it" (Genesis 19:12-13).

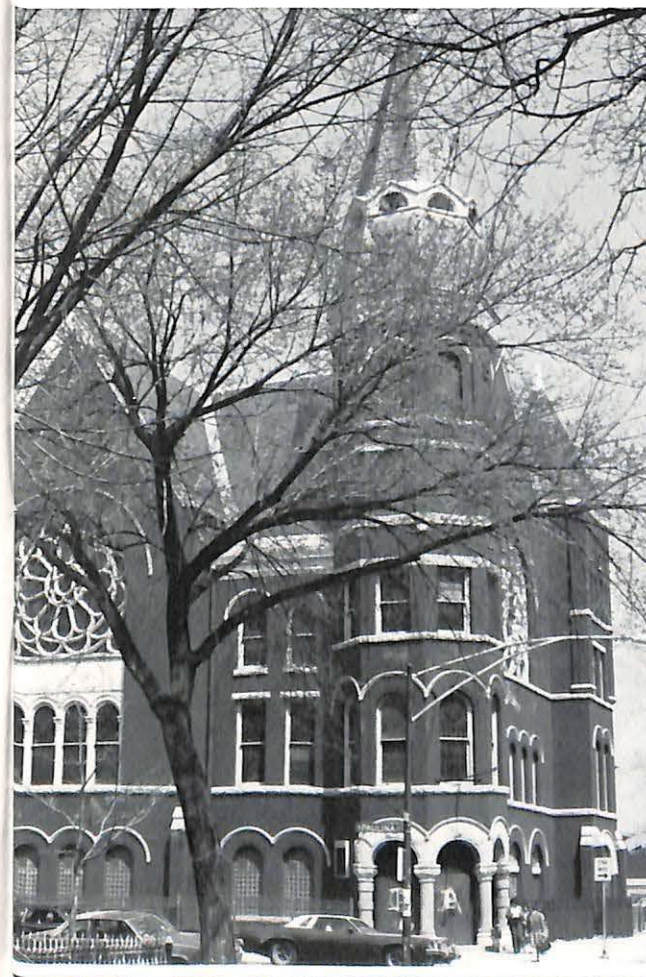
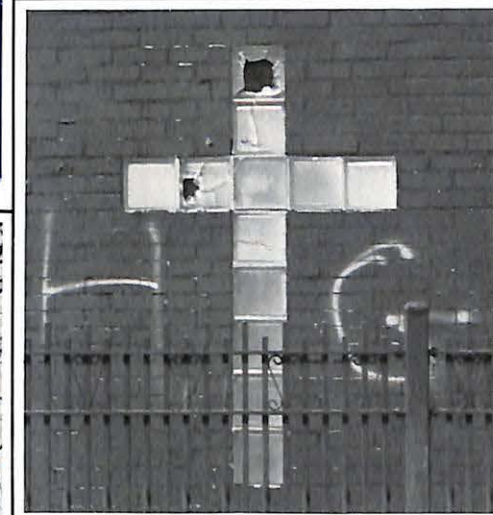
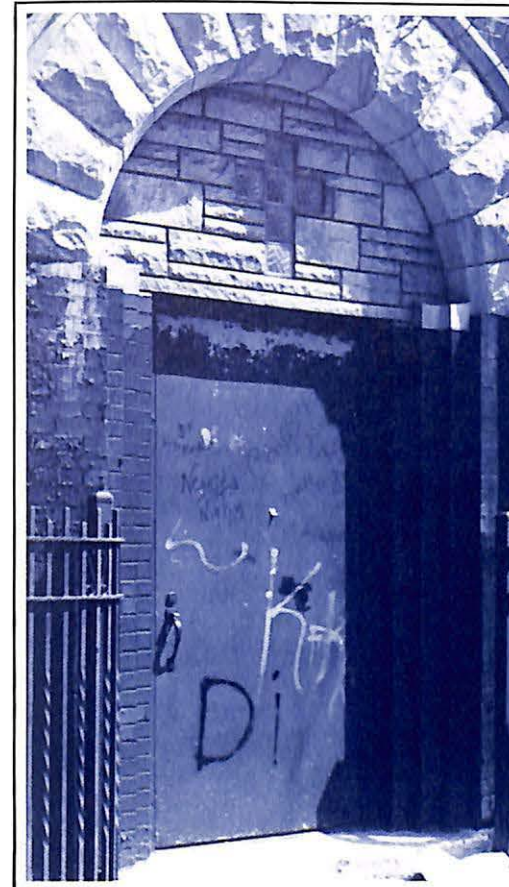
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It is almost with a sense of biblical mandate that we have fled the crowded, crime-ridden, cultural hodge-podge of the city for the relative safety and homogeneity of the suburbs. We forget that Sodom had a suburb, too; if our cities are Sodom, then our suburbs are Gomorrah!

### Why Stay in the Cities?

We need a better biblical image of the city, an image that will serve as our first and best reason for urban ministry. That image is found in what the Lord said to Jonah: "Arise, go to Nineveh, the great city, and cry against it, for their wickedness has come up before me" (Jonah 1:2).

There is no denying that our cities are wicked, corrupt places; it is just that our mandate is not "Flee!"; it is  
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The once strong and active Christian witness of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, located in the city's teeming near west side, is gone. Recently, the church building was used for "Sister Ann's Miracle Revival"; now the building is decaying and empty.

## Sodom or Nineveh

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"Go!"; we are not Lot; we are Jonah. In the city are the great masses of people lost in their wickedness without Christ. The city represents a tremendous opportunity for ministry. What are we doing with that opportunity?

Does it not fill you with a sense of outrage that the once great, gospel-preaching Second German Baptist Church in the heart of Manhattan is now a theater? On Sundays, worship services are held, led by a pastor who disregards the Bible, preferring to preach what he calls "the gospel according to Al."

Does not it disturb you that the once strong First German Baptist Church of Chicago, located in the city's teeming near west side, was most recently a "miracle revival center," and now stands decaying

and unused? We need a new vision of the city—not Sodom, a place from which to flee; but Nineveh, a place to minister.

This is not to suggest that as a Conference we should exalt urban ministry at the expense of suburban church extension, rural ministry, or missions. It would be as wrong to exalt urban ministry as it has been to neglect it.

There are at least three reasons for urban ministry: To be true to our history, to maintain and build our membership base, and most importantly, for the sake of the biblical mandate to go to the city. We do need to concern ourselves with new vision and new vigor about what God has for us to do in the great cities where we still serve. □

## Baptist World Aid Project

The final service at the Baptist Church in Riga, Latvia, had concluded. The three Sunday services had been so packed that special permission had been granted by the government for this final service. Following the service, Dr. Gerhard Claas, executive secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, prepared to leave, ready to return to the West.

"Brother, this is my wife; these are my seven children. We don't have a Bible, can we now have your Bible?" The man who had approached Dr. Claas the night before was back—with his entire family. Having been told all the Bibles had been given away, he asked about Dr. Claas' own Bible.

Dr. Claas repeated what he had said the night before, "I told you; I can't give you this Bible. My mother-in-law wrote a personal note in it for me."

"Wait a minute," he responded, "is your mother-in-law still alive?" "Yes."

"Then, please," he persisted, "why can't she write in another Bible?"

"So," Dr. Claas concludes, "for sure, I left my Bible there. I tell you the people in Eastern Europe not only desire to have a Bible, but also they live with the Bible."

Two thirds of all European Baptists live in Eastern Europe. They are rapidly growing. They long for their own copies of God's Word. Won't you give so these Christians may have Bibles and other Christian literature? Contributions may be sent to Baptist World Aid, North American Baptist Conference, 1 So. 210 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181, designated for Bibles for Eastern Europe. □

## Urban Ministry Resolution Adopted

A resolution regarding urban ministry was unanimously approved at the North American Baptist Triennial Conference in 1982. That resolution proposed, among other things, "... that our N.A.B. Conference take affirmative action with regard to urban ministries by establishing and appointing a task force with the specific task of 1) studying the situation of our urban churches, 2) consulting with pastors of these churches, 3) reviewing the efforts of various other denominations in urban ministry, and 4) proposing a course of action for our Conference in regard to urban ministries to the General Council, which will then present its recommendation to the 1985 Triennial Conference. . . ."

The appointment of this task force, known as the Urban Study Group, became the responsibility of the Church Extension/Church Growth Department. Since there had been no opportunity to budget any funds for the operation of the Urban Study Group for 1983, the Rev. Ron Norman, department director, devised a plan that would start the process required by the resolution at a minimal cost.

At this point, urban churches in

the metropolitan regions of New York, Philadelphia, PA; Chicago, IL; Winnipeg, MB; Edmonton, AB; and Vancouver, BC, have been targeted for study.

"Local urban study groups are being formed in each of these areas, and an initial survey has been designed to provide them with an agenda," says the Rev. David H. Wick, committee chairman. "The local groups will correspond with the central Urban Study Group. This group will process the information it receives from the local groups, together with other research and consultation, and make its recommendations to the General Council."

The central Urban Study Group is currently comprised of three Chicago area ministers chosen for their involvement in urban or cross-cultural ministry. They are the Rev. Fred Sweet, pastor of the Tri-Community Baptist Church, Elk Grove Village, IL; Mr. Ed Bartel, North American Baptist Seminary intern in the Seminary's urban pastoral education program; the Rev. David H. Wick, pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church, IL; and the Rev. Ron Norman, church extension/church growth director. □

## Love Leaves No Choice by Ray Harsch

It was Sheldon Vanauken who said in his book, *A Severe Mercy*, that "the best argument for Christianity is Christians; their joy, their certainty, their completeness. But the strongest argument against Christianity is also Christians—when they are sombre and joyless, when they are self-righteous and smug in complacent consecration, when they are narrow and repressive, then Christianity dies a thousand deaths."<sup>1</sup>

It is when the joy, the certainty, and completeness, and the beauty of a Christian community is cultivated and communicated that evangelism is the glorious result. Evangelism is not complete until the persons being evangelized have not only made a commitment to Christ by receiving him as their Savior but also made a commitment to the church by accepting Christ's people as family.

In 1982 North American Baptist Churches received 4,323 new members. Of these, 46 percent were by baptism, 33 percent by transfer of membership, and 21 percent by testimony.

These same churches reported 4,432 losses in their membership, causing a net loss in 1982 of 109 in total membership. Of the losses, 31 percent were by transfer, 20 percent by death, and 49 percent by erasure of membership. These reports from the churches indicate that it is imperative that we seriously examine our commitment to Christ's Commission. *Love leaves no choice.*

As the fruit of the Spirit is evident in our lives, genuine church growth takes place, spiritually and numerically. It is in the exercise of faith that the fruit really appears.

### Reasons for Positive Outlook on Growth in 1983

There are several reasons to believe that 1983 will be a year of growth both spiritually and numerically for N.A.B. churches.

- 1) Of the 366 churches in our Conference, 49.7 percent (182) reported net growth in membership in 1982. This is encouraging in that it took place at a time when many churches experienced great losses. Our goal is to see growth in every church. *Love leaves no choice.*
- 2) Churches are establishing definite ministry goals with the clear intent of meeting spiritual, physical, and sociological needs of people in their community. Again—*love leaves no choice.*
- 3) Forty-two percent of our Conference churches



The Rev. Ray Harsch is Associate Director for Evangelism and Church Growth, N.A.B. Conference.

have informed us that they have set growth objectives for 1983.

These growth objectives are really "faith projections" for the church in 1983. Objectives range from one percent to 100 percent with several churches projecting 10-15 percent growth.

Positive efforts will be put forth to reach people for Christ and to minister to their needs. Goal setting is a modern equivalent to the Biblical concept of faith. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for" (Heb. 11:6).

- 4) "New Day," our N.A.B. evangelism and discipling traveling team, has experienced a warm response to its workshops on outreach and spiritual growth.
- 5) Churches are requesting assistance in the area of evaluation and planning for growth. "A Self-Study Process for North American Baptist Churches" is available and helpful. Staff members of the Department of Church Extension/Church Growth and the Area Ministers are available to assist your church.
- 6) In several cities, N.A.B. churches are ministering to various ethnic groups, offering Sunday school classes in their language and seeking to reach them for Christ. *Love leaves no choice.*
- 7) A number of churches are surveying their community to determine the needs of people and to discover the unchurched. There is no impact without contact. *Love leaves no choice.*

### Seven Principles for Evangelism Today

Gene Getz outlines seven principles of New Testament evangelism that are relevant today. These serve as valuable aids to the growth of the church.

- 1) Every body of believers must be responsible for its own community first.
- 2) Corporate evangelism is basic to personal evangelism. The functioning body sets the stage for individual witness.
- 3) Presenting the Gospel to the unsaved is to take place primarily "in the world," not "in the church."
- 4) The primary target for evangelism should be adults, consequently whole households.
- 5) The church is responsible to identify those who are especially gifted in evangelism and send them out.
- 6) New believers, as soon as possible, should be integrated into the life of the local church.
- 7) The 20th century church must develop its own contemporary strategies and approaches to evangelism, utilizing the above principles as biblical guidelines.<sup>2</sup>

*Love leaves no choice.* □

<sup>1</sup>Sheldon Vanauken, *A Severe Mercy* (New York: Harper and Row, 1977) p. 85  
<sup>2</sup>Gene Getz, *Sharpening The Focus*, (Chicago: Moody Press, 1974) pp. 40-48

## The General Council Meets

Sixty-six voting representatives and moderators from Associations across the U.S.A. and Canada conducted the business of the N.A.B. Conference, June 9 and 10, 1983, at the Marriott O'Hare Hotel, Chicago.

Business was conducted under the leadership of the Rev. Eugene Kern, Fair Oaks, CA, Conference moderator; Mr. Ernie Radke, Calgary, AB, vice moderator, and Dr. John Binder, executive director.

### The General Council

- Approved in principle the introduction of the two-year Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.) degree program by the N.A.B. Divinity School in the fall of 1984.

*Since more people in the N.A.B. Conference have baccalaureate degrees and some of these would be interested in further training as lay leaders in churches or would be interested in upgrading skills without going three years for a Master of Divinity degree, this would be an appropriate degree. The M.T.S. degree is not a preparation/degree for ordination.*

- Approved not establishing a Missions Department limited reserve, but that the N.A.B. Conference reserve be used when necessary. *The Missions Department as well as other Departments continue to be instructed to stay within their budgets. The use of this reserve would occur only if the dollar weakens.*

- Endorsed the Board of Missions' objective to open a new mission field in 1985 with the intent to place at least one couple in the Philippines to work with the Baptist Convention of the Philippines. *This will be reviewed in 1984 and 1985 by the Board of Missions. The final action will be taken by the Triennial Conference in 1985.*

- Granted permission to the N.A.B. College/Divinity School and the N.A.B. Seminary to begin exploring the possibility of developing feeder relationships with evangelical colleges.

- Approved the Board of Missions investigating whether or not it is financially and administratively feasible to send a couple to India if their file is appropriate for appointment in 1985. This would then establish another new mission field.

- Approved that the Church Extension/Church Growth Board not adopt a Constitution, but instead have a document on "Policies and Procedures of the Department," since it is not legally required that they have a constitution.

- Approved that associations encourage and assist, when possible, their church extension projects to become self-supporting within three to five years rather than the present seven years. *This motion passed by three votes following much discussion. In the discussion, examples of churches who needed more than this amount of time for Conference help were given as well as examples of churches who went off support in two or three years. It was*

*pointed out that the purpose of the motion is so that projects can be evaluated on a year-to-year basis. This encourages churches to look more realistically at their own potential. This refers to salary support provided by the Conference. The evaluation would be done in conjunction with the association and the mother church.*

*"This will not be done at the church's expense," says Ron Norman, Church Extension/Church Growth director, "or at the expense of the church's growth, or its getting into a building. It will encourage us to do a better job of evaluation."*

- Approved the basic budget of \$4,300,000 and an additional \$100,000 for Missions Advance to total \$4,400,000 for 1984. *This includes a \$400,000 subsidy for the N.A.B. Seminary; a \$304,500 subsidy for N.A.B. College and Divinity School; \$1,700,148 for Overseas Missions; and \$986,345 for Church Extension/Church Growth.*

- Approved the N.A.B. Conference contributing \$150 per year to the N.A.B. Pension account of individuals who have served three or more years on the ministering staff of an N.A.B. church or cooperating organization retroactive to the time membership commenced in the N.A.B. Pension plan but not to exceed three years, if a contribution of \$300 or more was made each year. This is in effect Jan. 1, 1983, and does not apply to contributions prior to that date. *This pertains to non-ordained full-time staff. This three-year restriction would give evidence of the staff person's commitment to the ministry.*

- Approved that objectives be established and carried out in order to accomplish the goal of holding a Conference-wide Singles' Retreat in the summer of 1984. *Tentative plans have the "Singles" meeting Aug. 1-4, 1984, in Winnipeg, MB, possibly at the University of Manitoba. It is to be a self-sustaining retreat with the cost of registration covering the expenses.*

- Approved three basic models for planting new churches in the Conference. *This recognizes that there is more than one way to start a church. It may be 1) by Association support, 2) by a single local church (Jerusalem Project Model) or 3) by the Conference in an area that has no Association (Judean Project Model).*

- Approved a goal to establish a 90-day Conference operating reserve. *It was pointed out that this is needed so that the Conference will not have to pay interest on borrowed funds when church contributions are not sufficient to meet the monthly expenditures.*

- Approved a disbursement from the Pension Endowment Fund to all N.A.B. Pension Fund pensioners and widows in 1983. *The disbursements will be made in December, after the earnings of the Endowment Fund have been determined.*

- Approved the appointment of Mr. Murray McClarty, Winnipeg, MB, to the Pension Committee to complete the unexpired term of Frank Gering, Wausau, WI.

- Approved a Special Project Budget of \$592,745 for 1984. *This is over and above the 1984 budget goal of \$4,400,000. It includes \$258,745 for overseas missions,*

*\$50,000 for Church Extension/Church Growth, \$186,000 for Association Funding for Area Ministers, \$60,000 for World Relief, \$2,500 for Bible distribution, and \$10,500 for Baptist World Alliance, and \$25,000 for pension and retirement assistance.*

- Approved the distribution of the Conference portion of the Capital Funds Drive as follows: Missions, \$525,000; Church Extension/Church Growth, \$500,000; Conference Operating Reserve \$400,000; N.A.B. Seminary, \$400,000; N.A.B. College, \$350,000; Financial Services, \$115,000; Development, \$10,000, Costs, \$200,000; Total, \$2,500,000.

*Requests came in totalling \$3,600,000, but since the Triennial Conference had set the goal of \$2,500,000, the Finance Committee cut requests to that amount.*

- Approved the Estate Planning ministry to be continued on a reduced level.

*This is being done to reduce the cost of the program. Presently, there is one full-time director and three full-time men serving in various areas of the U.S.A. and Canada. After September 1, the present director will become a field man, and the ministry will be managed by the Development Director. Another full-time field man will continue serving in the Midwest.*

- Approved ceasing the publication of "Der Sendbote" effective Jan. 1, 1984.

*There was much discussion on the motion—pro and con. It was pointed out that "Der Sendbote" has been a free insert in the Baptist Herald since 1972. It was also pointed out that the survey revealed that only 100 people really need "Der Sendbote," the German insert in the Baptist Herald.*

*It was also pointed out that the German-speaking people would feel abandoned if "Der Sendbote" were discontinued. Since the vote was so close: 28 in favor of discontinuing "Der Sendbote" and 23 against, the Development Department will discuss alternative ways of meeting this need of the German constituency.*

- Approved appointment of Delmar Wesseler, Lorraine, KS, to complete the term of Harold Stolt, Glen Ellyn, IL, on the Finance Committee to 1988. Mr. Stolt died in the spring of 1983.

*In other action, a resolution from the Alberta Baptist Association requesting the General Council to raise the N.A.B. Conference subsidy to an equitable subsidy for N.A.B. College/Divinity School was brought to the floor. After considerable discussion, it was referred to the Executive Committee for further study. Its findings are to be brought back to the General Council in 1984.*

*In a report of the "Subcommittee to Consider Development of a Formula for Distribution of Subsidy to the N.A.B. Seminary and N.A.B. College and Divinity School," it was pointed out that the Conference subsidy to both schools has increased historically from about 13 percent of the budget 20 years ago to 17 percent. Several years in the last half of the 70s it approached 20 percent. Furthermore, the subsidy "Gap" between the two schools has been and continues to slowly narrow. It was pointed out that there has been a 20 percent reduction in the overseas and home missions share of the budget over the past two decades.*

*The real question is "Where can funds be found?" The Committee was unable to define a fixed formula for subsidy to the schools, and it felt it was to continue the trend toward equalization of the subsidy to both schools, with a target date the end of the decade.*

*"No formula, however fitly formed and finely tuned, can ever replace the good judgment of responsible persons ever attempting to remain sensitive to the 1) guidance of the Holy Spirit and 2) the expression of priorities by our constituency."*

A resolution from the Michigan Association asking the General Council to make missions an absolute priority in budget planning was submitted. The chairman of the Finance Committee sought direction as to what the priority should be when determining the Conference budget: Should it be missions or the schools? Conference support of the schools has been increasing. In a motion moved by Gordon Unger, St. Albert, AB, and approved by the Council, the answer came: "Whereas the General Council of the North American Baptist Conference has made missions the priority in budget planning, and Whereas the Great Commission as established in Matthew 25 and Acts 1 commissions us to teach and preach the Gospel in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the world, be it resolved that the General Council commend the actions of the Finance Committee, Board of Missions and other Boards for their efforts during the past 12 months."

- Adopted the "Guidelines for Ministerial Compensation for N.A.B. Churches." *These are available from the Area Ministries Department, N.A.B. Office, and will be mailed to the churches in July.*

- Received the report that the Penn-Ohio Association is dissolving effective September 1, 1983, or as soon as the Pennsylvania churches are received into the Eastern Association and the Ohio churches into the Michigan Association.

- Selected the dates of June 7-8, 1984, for the 1984 General Council sessions.

The Council appointed the following committees:

- 1985 Triennial Conference Program Committee—Ernest Radke, chairman; Connie Salios, secretary; Paul Jungkeit; Leonard Justus; Bill Kresal; Carl Giebert; Charles Cunningham; Fred Jantz; Fred Martin; Ray Harsch; Ralph Cooke; Iona Quiring; LeRoy Schauer; John Binder; Eugene Kern; N.A.B. College representative; and N.A.B. Seminary representative.

- 1985 Triennial Conference Resolutions Committee—Bill Taft, chairman; Art Petrie; Allen Gerber; Dennis Dewey; Melvin Bergstresser; Anne Carlson; John Binder; and Eugene Kern.

- 1985 Triennial Conference Nominating Committee—Wayne Bibelheimer, chairman; Gerald Scheel, Canada; Beatrice Pankratz, Eastern Area; Leon Bill, Western Area; representatives of four boards; Eugene Kern; and John Binder.

- Appointed the Rev. Herb Berndt, Rochester, NY, to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. Ron Susek (who did not qualify) on the N.A.B. Seminary Board. □

# TO CATCH A VISION . . .

*How does one catch a vision? It seems so hard. Sometimes one must take a risk to look for that vision. How willingly God wants to share his visions of the world with us if only we are willing to step out and open our eyes.*

*A very unlikely group of college and career aged young people from Trinity Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, SD, came together in January hoping to catch that vision . . .*

*As a foreign student from West Germany, Christa Roedder, a senior at Augustana College, had come to the United States one and one half years ago to continue her education, to improve her English, and to learn as much as possible about the North American culture. She had no idea that six months later she would make a decision for Jesus Christ and that he would use her as one of his servants.*

I have grown tremendously in my faith, and visiting the Texas mission has been a highlight in my life as a Christian. It seemed miraculous how the trip was realized and how our plans developed. Young people from Trinity Baptist Church in Sioux Falls began talking about driving to Rio Grande City and Edinburg, Texas, to repair, scrape, and paint the two home mission churches there.

Gradually 11 young Christians formed the group, each of them having a special gift from God. The group consisted of seven girls attending Augustana College and Sioux Falls College; four guys, some of them farmers; and a student from the North American Baptist Seminary. Amazingly, the group formed a wonderful unity. The generous financial support of fellow

Christians encouraged us to realize our plan.

On numerous occasions, we saw and felt God's presence. It already began on the way to Rio Grande City. We had spent about thirty hours in the van and were only three hours away from our destination. We stopped in a very small town, which was located in a cactus-covered desert-like area.

**The commitment of the pastor, the centrality of the Word of God, and the enthusiastic participation and response of the people is necessary to a vital worship service.**

When we left the place, it was dark. After a few miles, the lights on our van went out. We decided to turn around and drive back into the town. A few yards before the closest gas station, our van broke down completely. We just rolled into the driveway. The alternator needed to be replaced. We managed to find the only alternator in town, and it fit! Imagine what would have happened if our van would have broken down in the middle of the desert and at night!

In Rio Grande City, as we worked on the church annex, the majority of us caught some virus causing colds, coughs, and stomach problems. Yet, we were not depressed. Our joy and happiness were so contagious that the Mexican people soon laughed with us. Even the language barrier was no reason to feel uncomfortable because we all

had one thing in common: Our love for the Lord Jesus Christ. We were brothers and sisters in Christ, and I still hear our Mexican friends calling us "hermanos"—brothers and sisters.

It was especially rewarding for me to use my knowledge of the Spanish language, which, to my surprise, was sufficient to be able to understand and speak without problems. The Lord revealed to me that he has given me the gift of communicating in Spanish; although never before did I have a satisfying opportunity to apply it.

After spending several days in Rio Grande City and in Edinburg, we became aware of how much we meant to the people. Their smiling faces showed us that they enjoyed our testimonies, sermons, and singing. They were so good to us. By inviting us into their homes where they served us delicious Mexican meals, they gave us a vivid impression of the Mexican culture.

The friendliness and lovingkindness of our fellow Christians in Southern Texas and the loving care of the Rev. and Mrs. Juan Luna in Rio Grande City and the Rev. and Mrs. Lindbberg Ake in Edinburg made us feel so grateful.

Looking back, I feel that the mission experience has been very rewarding. It was a time of growth for us all; although most of us are very young in Christ, we were not too young to be witnesses for our Lord. I think that our Christian brothers and sisters in Texas have given us more than we could give them. Life as a Christian is so exciting. I wish and hope that the Texas mission visit has not been the only and last one for me. I am ready to go again!

Wayne Jorstad, N.A.B. Seminary student, decided to go to Texas for basically one reason: to follow up on a growing conviction. He had been thinking more and more about missions as he attended the N.A.B. Seminary.

*The needs and concerns of those who do not know the Lord Jesus Christ have bombarded my thoughts as I think of long-range goals for my life. For the first time in my life, I feel open to going overseas to a mission field. I feel the trip to Texas has aided me in this direction. I truly believe the Lord has called me to minister in North America for the next few years, but in 10 or 15 years, I am wondering what is ahead.*

*Thinking about the possibilities of such a change in ministry, I felt going to Texas would give me a taste of what missions is like. Working in Rio Grande City and Edinburg gave me the opportunity to experience cross-cultural ministry within my own country. The language, culture, and tradition were quite a bit different from my own.*

*I returned to Sioux Falls with a more positive attitude toward missions. The trip has acted as a sweet aroma that keeps beckoning me on. Such an opportunity like this only happens once in a great while. I am thankful that I could be a part of it.*

"Our experiences were varied, with many blessings," says Jane Bleeker. "We returned with a renewed interest in missions and a greater understanding of our participation in it, both prayerfully and financially.

"We are planning to visit southern Texas again next year with a different group . . . hoping that they also will catch that vision of missions!" □



Ready for Texas! Bruce Itterman (left to right), Tim Miller, Gary Hanssen, Lynnette Decker, Jane Bleeker, Brenda Glanzer, Denise Hintz, Christa Roedder, and Linda Carson. Not pictured are Wayne Jorstad and Tina Rishel.



A two-story building in Edinburg serves as the home for Iglesia Bautista Central pastored by Lindbberg Ake.



Denise Hintz and Linda Carson clean the church yard in Rio Grande City.



Juan Luna pastors Garcia's Ranch Baptist Church in Rio Grande City, TX. It recently added a new educational unit.



# Mission Not Impossible

by Shelee Heathershaw

Some people would probably say 17 people would be crazy to take their Easter vacation and spend it living in dirt and tents, sleeping on cots, and going without a shower for a week. On top of that they joined 1,600 others to attend Mexicali '83, originated by Mother Mexicali, Carolyn Coons.

Well, if anyone would like to say I'm crazy, I will be more than happy to let them. It was one of the best experiences of my life.

Our team, from First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, California, set off on March 25 and headed for Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, California. There we spent our first night and joined with the other sponsors and youth to begin our mission.

Bright and early Saturday

*Shelee Heathershaw was one of the 17 youth from First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, CA, who ministered in Mexico during Spring break.*



"In the beginning stages of our training, there was doubt, frustration and fear. We felt a struggle going on within us. We knew the Lord wanted us to go, but there was much to be done, and not enough time to prepare," says Steve May, youth director at First Baptist. "While we were there, the days flew by. Before we knew it, it was time to go home. As we reflect on this experience, we are thankful for many things: for the 33 people who accepted Christ, for the many Bibles distributed to the homes, for the openness of the people, for God's protection, for the pastor and his concern for the people of Mexico, and for building unity within our team."

morning, we were still very eager to accomplish the rest of our mission. We packed our vehicles and were on our way to Cuernavaca, Mexico.

After a 16-hour-drive from our hometown, we arrived in Mexico. We set up our tents, our home for the next week, which was in a dirt-plowed field.

Sunday morning was the first day in the village of Yucatan. The days began with a talk from the village pastor. He told us about the village customs. The non-Christians thought that if the girls did not wear dresses, they were not saved. After hearing this, we all went to the town of Mexicali and shopped for dresses.

The rest of the week followed our planned schedule. The guys from our team ministered to the Mexican men in our village during the morning, while the girls held a Bible school for the children. We returned to our village during the evening and held a night service and children's church.

The communication difference between our two cultures was difficult at first, but with the help of our interpreters and the Lord's spirit, our goal to teach about our Lord, Jesus Christ, was fulfilled.

Many of our new friends in Mexico accepted the Lord during our visit. It was such a great joy to see the children with whom we had been working accept Jesus Christ as Savior. I ask you to pray for all your new brothers and sisters in Mexico who are new in their faith, that they will always keep growing and be able to share their experience with others.

I feel so fortunate that the Lord made me part of the Mexicali team from Elk Grove. It was the best Easter vacation anyone could ever dream of. I know some people are thinking it would be so much more fun to be on some glamorous vacation. It is something you have to experience. I pray that all of you may someday experience such a blessing.



Seventeen youth from First Baptist Church spent Easter vacation living in dirt and tents, sleeping on cots, and going without a shower for a week.

## Mexicali

by Cindy Krieg

Going to Mexicali with members of my church was one of the biggest adventures I have ever taken. I learned so much about myself and my Christian life.

I saw the power of prayer change lives. I realized that I can live without my worldly possessions. I saw people living with the bare minimum of food and shelter.

I love the Lord, and I want to live like Jesus if he were on earth right now.



For four days the Elk Grove youth ministered. The girls on the team lead the children's activities, while the boys went door-to-door sharing the gospel. In the afternoon was a time for crafts for the children and basketball and baseball at a local school ground.



Entering the village of Yucatan all one saw were dry, dusty roads, dirty faces and down trodden homes. A group of 12 young people and 5 adults from First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, CA, were one of 71 teams that ministered in Mexico during Spring Break.

## The Lonely Child

by Rane Chandler

Mexicali was one of the most loving learning experiences I've had. I went to Mexicali primarily to help teach and spread God's Word and love. However, on the trip, I was one of those who learned about God's love.

It came to me during craft time, which we had with the children each day. One little child, who was very ragged looking and dirty, sat alone with a ball of string and two sticks. When I saw him, he looked at me with a sad look on his face. He had no teacher to help him as the other children did.

Earlier in the week, we were asked to chose one child as a challenge in prayer that he may know Christ. This was my child.

I picked him up and sat him on my knee, then realized he had wet pants. I held my breath and wrapped my arms around him, took hold of his hands, and together we made the craft.

One of the other girls, who was helping, commented to me, "Rane, that poor little boy only has your knee to sit on. Why not let him sit in your lap. (Mind you, I had only two dresses for the week.) But she was right. I pulled him close in my lap and continued.

That child's face lit up when he had completed his craft. He showed his brothers and sisters his prize.

No matter how dirty we are, bad we smell, or what accident we have had, I learned that God, too, always, takes us in his lap and wraps his arms around us. He gives us the love we need; he teaches us, and will help us with any problems or worries that come along.

You don't have to be two years old or 17 to find this love, just seek and ye shall find.

## God Took My Fear Away

by Juan Ramirez

I didn't want to go. I was scared. I was faced with the decision of whether or not to travel with a group from my church to Mexicali to witness to the people there.

However, after much prayer, I realized that the Lord really wanted me to go. He had work to do and needed me to help him with it.

Although my Spanish is not real good, the Lord enabled me to communicate well enough to share Christ with the people in Mexico.

After the first night's meeting, we (the witnessing group) felt unsure of our effectiveness. We were unsure that we would be understood. Then, as a group, we prayed and offered support to one another.

I learned to appreciate what I have at home. The people of Mexicali live very poorly. They have houses made of mud and cardboard. They do not have running water nor inside plumbing. But they do not complain. It made me realize how thankful I should be for the things I have.

The people really opened up to me. They were very honest and sincere.

The Holy Spirit worked through me. It was a real thrill to see so many join God's family. As far as sharing the news of Christ, I was not the one who did it—God was.

Seeing people being saved every day and entering God's family really blessed me in a special way.

A group of 12 young people and five adults from first Baptist Church, Elk Grove, CA, made up one of 71 teams that ministered in Mexico during Spring Break.

"The reason for our successful experience in Mexico was faithful prayer. Each day, we knew many of our congregation at home were uplifting us in prayer because of the power we saw in each situation we faced," states Steve May, minister of youth. The team also had a prayer time each night after the service, and we feel prayer was the 'glue'."

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## Church Extension Project

### Building Strong Families Through the Word of God

by Ron Hartman

The Lord blessed Corona Heights Baptist Church with the perfect Mothers' Day in 1981. It was 80 degrees outside, and the skies were blue. I, as pastor of this church extension work in Corona, CA, was particularly excited this Mothers' Day. Five couples in our body were going to dedicate their children to the Lord. They also understood that they were dedicating themselves unto God.

#### Worshipping in a Hot, Small, Crowded House

I drove to the church in anticipation of what lay ahead. When the worship service started, we had 86 people squeezed into our small, remodeled house, which was intended to hold 70, at the most.

Shortly after the service began, the air conditioning went out. The room got stuffy and hot. With the heat came impatient children. From the nursery in the room next to the sanctuary came the cries of babies. Some adults left the service.

As I started to speak, I was hot, uncomfortable, and distracted. I knew that if I was having difficulty keeping my mind on my message the attention of the people was lost for sure. I knew then we desperately needed more space! The question was *how?*

#### More Space Needed—How?

I met with the leaders of our church to discuss ways to obtain more room. The cost to do anything was totally out of reach for our small group. The only thing we could do

*The Rev. Ron Hartman is pastor of Corona Heights Baptist Church, Corona, CA.*

was pray. And, pray we did. The rest of the church joined us in prayer when we shared our concerns with them.

#### Mobils and a Modular Unit Provided

Our Lord is good, and he began to answer our prayers. The Southern California Association responded to our need by purchasing three mobils and one modular unit for Sunday school and worship use. We could have free use of these facilities for three years and then the buildings would be used by another church extension project. These buildings will accommodate 250 people.

Eventually the City of Corona issued the necessary permits, and the units arrived in August of 1982. Our first service was on Thanksgiving Day.

The parking lot and on site improvements were financed through the Church Extension Investors Fund (C.E.I.F.). Individuals from our sister churches invested their money in C.E.I.F. and helped us build. Since Thanksgiving Day, we have continued to grow. God has been good to us.

#### A Large Debt; A Small Church

We still have one problem. We are a young church with a large debt. It has been difficult for us to meet our new financial obligation. As we grow, we will be able to handle this commitment, but right now we need help. Your contribution is very much needed and will make a lot of difference.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support. Please send your gifts to the North American Baptist Conference, 1 South 210 Summit Avenue, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181 and designate them for the Corona Heights Baptist Church.



The Southern California Association purchased three mobile units and one modular unit for Sunday school and worship services.



Pastor Ron Hartman with his wife Sherry and his children: Matthew, Mark and Heidi.



"We have a place to meet; but we have one problem—a large debt," says Pastor Hartman.

# WOMAN'S WORLD

## Blessings Galore

*It is exciting to be able to share with you the following special highlights. There are so many more items of blessing and praise, but we had space for only selected items. We praise God for the privilege we have to serve the Lord, see his way of leading, and experience his many blessings.*

### Gift from Cameroon

In honor of the 75th anniversary of the Women's Missionary Fellowship, the Cameroon Baptist Convention Women's Union sent a gift . . . a carved wooden wall plaque illustrating various activities in which Cameroonian women are involved daily. The plaque, approximately four feet long and one and one half feet high, will hang in the N.A.B. Conference Office in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. Be sure to ask to see it when you stop by.



Sara Pasiciel, Woman's World editor, assists LeVerna Mehlhaff, woman's work director, as she shows the carving of women working in Cameroon to the Board of Missions.

### WMF Gift to Missions

At the Triennial Conference at Niagara Falls a year ago, the WMF presented a check for \$50,000 to the North American Baptist Board of Missions. The Board has decided that one-half of that amount will be used as a scholarship endowment fund to help national Christians with their education; the other half will be invested in CEIF and earmarked for future use in sending North American Baptist missionaries into new mission fields. Although the new fields have not yet been finalized, it is encouraging to realize that we, as women, will be helping to reach out to people who have not heard the gospel.



### Blessing Boxes . . . 1983 Project

This year the money that is collected from your Blessing Boxes will be sent to Cameroon to assist in building the new Home Economics Centre at Mutengene (which is at the coast, near Soppo). The ladies of the Women's Union of the Cameroon Baptist Convention have had land given to them and plan to build five buildings, which will include a nursery and dormitory to house women attending courses at the Centre. The Home Economics Centre provides opportunities for Cameroonian women, taught primarily by other Cameroonian women, to learn basic homemaking skills such as elements of cooking, sewing, nutrition, and child care as well as the principles of Christian living.

Remember to pray for these women each time you drop a coin into your Blessing Boxes. Remember, too, that they continually pray for us.



The construction workers make bricks for the Home Economics Centre, Mutengene, Cameroon. Money is provided through Baptist World Aid as well as the Women's Missionary Fellowship for this construction.

### Prayer Chain

Emergency prayer requests from North American Baptist mission fields and from the N.A.B. Conference Office will be channeled through a newly designed prayer chain sponsored by the WMF.

Miss LaVerna Mehlhaff, women's work director, will call the area ministers' wives who, in turn, will call the presidents of Association Women's Missionary Fellowships, who will notify their executive committee members, who will call local presidents. Women's groups are asked to organize the prayer chain in their local churches.

## Our Triennial Goal

by LaVerna Mehlhaff, women's work director



The more than 1,300 women who attended the women's luncheon in Niagara Falls during the Triennial Conference in August 1982, adopted the financial goal of \$700,000 for the years 1982 through 1984. We have concluded 1982 with a total giving of \$258,796.24. As of May 1, we have received \$66,899.09 for 1983. God bless you as you continue to give faithfully. We thank you for your support and giving as well as your prayer support. Pray that we will be able to meet our goal and go over the top by the end of 1984. □

## . . . In The Potter's Fire . . .



by Iona Quiring, WMF president, Rogers, MN



*" . . . When you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you" (Isaiah 43:2, RSV).*

Corrie ten Boom. John the Baptist. Joni Eareckson. Job. These people have something in common: They have suffered. They have been through the Potter's fire. I have never experienced suffering to the same degree. Maybe you have.

Why? What's the purpose?

The Bible says that even Jesus learned obedience through what he suffered. Patience is also a product of trouble, and an enduring faith is the result of "fiery trials." Obedience, patience, faith—these are qualities that God wants to develop in me through the heat-treating process.

Sometimes I rebel when God turns up the heat. I get bitter instead

of better, hard rather than strong. I do not want to suffer. I do not even like to be uncomfortable. But God does not do his greatest work in us while we are comfortable. Think, for example, of Daniel in the lions' den, of Joseph in prison, of Mary in a stable, and of Jesus on the cross.

Several years ago, Eunice Kronholm, a local banker's wife and a Christian, was kidnapped and subsequently released. When telling of her experiences, she said something I'll never forget: "If you have not yet faced a major crisis in your life, you will. Sooner or later, you or someone dear to you will depend on your prayers for survival. Be ready!"

Father, when the heat is on, you are still controlling the thermostat; therefore, I have nothing to fear. Forgive me for resisting you and not trusting you completely with my life and my loved ones. Prepare me for whatever you have planned. □

### Did You Know . . .

. . . that Kendall Priebe, second son of Ken and Eileen Priebe, has been granted medical clearance to return to Cameroon. The entire Priebe family will complete their furlough in August and will be stationed in Bamenda where Kendall will be able to walk, for the first time in his young life, without casts on both legs. Thank you all for your prayers! □

# Begun in 1880s, Church Is Still Growing

When the country was being settled with homesteaders in the 1880s, a group of German-speaking immigrants arrived in Alberta from Winnipeg, Manitoba, where they had stopped for renewed courage in their venture West. These hardy souls travelled with Rev. F. A. Mueller as their guide and spiritual leader to homesteads in South Edmonton, Leduc, and the Wetaskiwin areas.



The Rev. F. A. Mueller family, first pastor of the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church.

As there was no Baptist church for many miles, the Christians gathered together in a home for worship services. On September 26, 1892, the Heimtal German Baptist Church was organized with 17 members. In one year, the membership increased to 89. Soon it was impossible to meet in a small log home so they decided to build a church building in the area.

### A Church in South Edmonton

A donation of ten acres of land by two members in the South

*Gladys Stelter is church secretary at Rabbit Hill Baptist Church, South Edmonton, AB.*

Edmonton area became the location of the church building. Lumber to build was cut by hand, and labor and material donated, even to building the benches and pulpit. The total cost of \$600 was raised with sacrificial giving by the members to complete the building, which was dedicated to the Glory of God in June 1896.

As the area changed, the name of the church changed to become the Otokewin Baptist Church.

### Daughter Churches Organized in Leduc and Wetaskiwin

In a few years, members living south of Leduc decided to organize and build a church in their area so they would not have to travel long distances for Sunday worship services. The members living in the Wetaskiwin area decided to organize and build a church in their area. As a mother church, funds and prayer support were given to encourage these Christians in both communities.

In 1921, at the 25th anniversary, the name was changed to Rabbit Hill Baptist Church as the community had again been renamed. In 1939, after an unsuccessful attempt to put a basement under the church, which was to provide Sunday School rooms and furnace heating, a whole new building was erected and completed in 1940.

During the war years, the English language was introduced into the previously all-German services. By 1946 all services were in the English language.

In 1948 the Ladies' Mission Circle was organized, which continues as an active, supportive branch of the church.

In 1980, in order for the pastor to have closer contact with the people in the community, a parsonage was built on the church property. Under the leadership of our present pastor and family, the Dale Dregers, the church has been steadily growing.

With the new growth, the congregation decided to extend the church building to provide additional Sunday school classrooms and a prayer and fellowship room.

With God's leading and guidance, the members of the church are endeavoring to continue to be active witnesses in the community even as the new addition has made the community aware that the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church continues to be a Living Church. □



Dismantling the old church building to make room for the new one. For 45 years this building was used and became a place where many found their Lord. Christians were edified, Christian fellowship was practised, and the Church unitedly made earnest prayer.



Rabbit Hill Baptist Church, South Edmonton, Alberta.

## Church Growth

**LA CROSSE, WI.** Pastor William H. Heisler, Jr., conducted a membership class, during the Sunday School hour, at Bible Baptist Church. This resulted in an increase in membership of seven adults. Two were added by letter; five were baptized upon confession of their faith in Christ. These persons were officially welcomed into the membership of the church. (La Verne Samb, reporter.)

**CHILLIWACK, BC.** The members of Evergreen Baptist Church praise God for the six people who followed the Lord in the waters of baptism on Easter Sunday. These and eight others were extended the hand of fellowship following the Communion Service.



"We thank God for the spiritual growth that is evident in the lives of our young people. We trust and pray that we, as a church, will continue to grow and to win others to Christ," writes Monika Schulz, reporter. The Rev. Len Strelau is the pastor.

**RIDGEWOOD, NY.** Palm Sunday was an especially happy day for the congregation of Ridgewood Baptist Church. Following the instruction class sessions conducted by the Rev. Edward Bacon, pastor, three young women were baptized. On Easter Sunday, they were welcomed into membership as well as the mother of two of them who joined by letter of transfer.

**LETHBRIDGE, AB.** Eight people were baptized at Park Meadows Baptist Church recently. They and two others were accepted into the Church membership. "We are grateful to God for his working in



their lives and bringing them to this decision in their walk with him," says Bette Bailie, church clerk. The Rev. Bruce Merifield is pastor.

**CAMROSE, AB.** Century Meadows Baptist Church is being blessed by the commitment of its people. There have been 12 baptisms recently with new members joining the church. The Lord is also working in the unbelievers, and we have rejoiced with seven new Christians in the past few months.

The leadership of the Church was blessed and revived at a weekend retreat at Camp Caroline. The group planned for church growth and shared dreams for the future. Pastor Larry Froese shared why Jesus never had a problem with burn-out.

As well as joy and dreams, the Church has a problem, one that every church would love to have, that of too little space for too many people. The Sunday School classes are too large for their rooms; the 11:00 a.m. worship service is filled to capacity; the weekly club programs need more space. "So we are looking for God's guidance in meeting these needs," says Nancy Yound, reporter.

**PRINCE RUPERT, BC.** It was a beautiful day on Kaien Island in the Pacific when 209 people witnessed the service on Sunday morning as ten believers followed their Lord through the waters of baptism at Bethel First Baptist Church. Pictured are the new members including one who also joined upon his profession of faith.



Regular weekly prayer meetings have been held since October 1982 as residents of Dodge Cove have requested that the pastor, the Rev. Terry Jarosch, present a Bible study each Thursday evening. This village on Digby Island is accessible only by boat.

"What a delight to see these people then join us on Sundays for regular services! The Lord is so good," writes Dorothy Potter, church clerk.

**MARTIN, ND.** Three people were baptized by Pastor W. B. Keple at Martin Baptist Church recently. "We praise the Lord for his many blessings so far in 1983," writes Arlene Bender, reporter.

Other highlights included an evening of musical selections sung by the choir on scripture passages, followed by a fellowship lunch.

A tea was enjoyed by mothers and daughters on May 29. The Men's Brotherhood earlier had sponsored a Sweetheart Banquet.

"We rejoice as we continue with Pastor Keple, his wife and family to serve our Lord," says Arlene.

**HEBRON, ND.** First Baptist Church was the scene of a beautiful and inspirational service when a young couple, a young mother, and two girls followed the Lord into the baptismal waters as a witness of their faith in the Lord Jesus. Another young couple also joined by testimony. Pastor Herbert Schauer had a very appropriate sermon for the occasion. A fellowship hour followed to welcome new members (pictured).



On a Sunday evening, the Missionary Guild had its guest night with all local churches invited. The Sons Quartet from the New Leipzig Baptist Church presented a sacred concert. It was an enjoyable evening, followed by a fellowship hour. (Delores Kitzen, reporter.)

**WINNIPEG, MB.** "The Lord showered his blessings on McDermot Avenue Baptist Church at a beautiful baptismal service in which four young people gave witness to their desire to surrender their all to the Savior they have promised to follow," reports Alice Parr.

Pastor Richard Goetze spoke to the candidates on the 3 R's: "Relationships, Respect, and Responsibility." The observance of the Lord's Supper followed, and each new member was upheld in prayer by a deacon or deaconess, as they were welcomed into the fellowship.

**LEDUC, AB.** Thirteen young people were baptized upon confession of their faith at First Baptist Church recently. The W.M.F. presented a White Cross program consisting of a skit, a display of items made, and two selections sung by the ladies' choir. Dorothy Kuhnert, the W.C. chairman of A.W.A., was a guest. Miss Trudy Schatz, former missionary to Cameroon, was guest speaker.

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The choir presented the cantata, "Love and Kindness," recently.

Dr. Joe Sonnenberg is pastor of the church. (L. Fillenberg, reporter.)

**GOODRICH, ND.** Twelve individuals shared their conversion experience during a joyous service at First Baptist Church recently, according to the Rev. Daniel Heringer, pastor. Two young boys were led to the Lord by their mother; five found the Lord at camp; three accepted Christ at special meetings; one was led to the Lord through pre-marital counseling; and one accepted the Lord in his home during a pastoral visit.



These twelve persons were baptized and received as members of the Church. Pastor Daniel Heringer is pictured, at right, with those who were baptized.

**SIDNEY, MT.** At the second baptismal service this year in the new First Baptist Church, six persons were baptized. Pastor Don Cox (pictured, second row, left) performed the service.



"We praise God for these candidates who openly professed their faith in Christ," writes Gladys Tibbits, reporter.

**LEDUC, AB.** Nine new members received the hand of fellowship at Temple Baptist Church recently. Four came by transfer and testimony; five were baptized by Pastor Franz Schmidt. It was a privilege for the church to host the 84th session of the Alberta Baptist Association.

Our missionaries, Ken and Eileen Priebe, from Cameroon spoke at a Sunday service. New hymnals were dedicated; these were donated in memory of loved ones.

The choir presented the cantata, "He Lives," directed by Dave Hall, youth worker.



The Boys' Brigade and Pioneer Girls' Clubs had charge of a Sunday service; they reported on their work, Bible study and play. These clubs involve more than 100 children. "We praise the Lord for what he is doing in our midst," writes Vi Fleck, reporter.

**VANCOUVER, BC.** Ebenezer Baptist Church not only had the privilege of having the "New Day" team with the Church, but also 16 new members were received into the Church: twelve by baptism and four by letter.



"It was very encouraging to witness this springtime harvest," says Margaret Gowe, reporter. "The ministry in music and drama by 'New Day' was much appreciated by all."

**CALGARY, AB.** Pastor Sieg Koslowski baptized nine persons (pictured) recently.



All were received into the membership of Thornhill Baptist Church.

At another service, seven persons were



baptized by Pastor Koslowski (pictured, back left) and were received into the membership.

"We are so happy to see the body of Christ continue to grow," says Sandra Ruff, secretary.

**GETZVILLE, NY.** In the past few months, Bethel Baptist Church has added 37 new members to its fellowship.

"Our church is growing by leaps and bounds under the ministry of Pastor Larry C. Burd (pictured, second row center).



We now have two Sunday morning services to accommodate the people. "We praise God," says Bill Getz, reporter. "We have also added Marc Maffucci as associate pastor. We have an evangelistic outreach both on radio and in Crusades held by our Pastor in the U.S.A. and Canada."

**TYNDALL, SD.** Tyndall Baptist Church has been under the ministry of Pastor George Jankovsky for seven months.



He has his undergraduate degree from Southwestern Baptist Bible College in Phoenix, AZ, and has one year completed at N.A.B. Seminary. He will continue his studies toward a degree in the fall of 1983.

Under Pastor Jankovsky's ministry, eleven people have joined the Church. He has baptized six persons (pictured). (Mr. Harven Rueb, church clerk.)

## Special Events

**JAMESTOWN, ND.** The Temple Baptist Church Choir presented the cantata, "Alive," by Joe Parks under the direction of Scott Fossell, with Lorraine Wolff at the piano. The cantata was also presented at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Fargo.

Easter Sunday began with a sunrise service followed by breakfast prepared by the men of the church. Lynn Moser and Steve Dick presented a skit portraying Mary and Thomas. The choir sang at all Sunday services and at Central Dakota Nursing Home in the afternoon.

On another Sunday evening, the Gospel Lighthouse Quartet of Valley City presented music and testimonies.

"The Lord is still working in our midst," says Leona Meisch, reporter. Two babies were dedicated to the Lord recently. One man followed the Lord in baptism; he and his wife joined the church. The Rev. Jim Dick is pastor of the church.

**WINNIPEG, MB.** The Manitoba Baptist Association held a Children's Praise Festival, with junior choir support from eight of the Association's 16 churches. The fellowship event attracted an audience of more than 700 people.

In addition to bringing Manitoba North American Baptists together in worship, the Festival provided opportunity for a free-will offering, which was sufficient to purchase an electric piano for Lake Nutimik Baptist Camp.

The choir selections were interspersed by the skillful puppet ministry of Pastor Hans Serger of Whiteshell Baptist Church. The Praise Festival concluded with the climatic rendering of "Happiness is the Lord," sung by the combined choirs, which numbered 120 children. (Irma Kelm, secretary.)

**LETHBRIDGE, AB.** Park Meadows Baptist Church held a teacher appreciation night honoring public school teachers. The children of the Church took invitations to their teachers.

Park Meadows Elementary School was the featured school; eighty percent of the teachers attended the service. It was an evening of special music by various youth in the church, and Pastor Bruce Merrifield preached on "Jesus—the Teacher." Two teachers were honored and presented with a gift for the greatest number of years teaching: Gladys Bossem, Park Meadows School (28 years), and Al Psikla, Galbraith School (27 years).

At another occasion, the ladies involved in morning Bible studies put on a lovely breakfast for all the ladies of the Church. A time was spent sharing things God had taught the ladies in the past three months of study. (Bette Bailie, church clerk.)

**WINNIPEG, MB.** Rowandale Baptist Church recently dedicated its new computerized Allen Organ. It is the aim of the senior organists that this beautiful organ be used to the glory of God.

Several individuals had recognized the need for a new organ. Through their efforts, an organ fund was organized a few

years ago. By the end of January 1983, more than half of the cost of the new instrument was raised. The remainder came from the church funds.

The first organ was purchased in 1957, with the youth of the church being the motivating force. Some of those people had a vital part in the purchase of the new simulated pipe organ.

The present pastor is the Rev. Kenneth Schmuland. (H. Kahler, reporter.)

**EDMONTON, AB.** Capilano Baptist Church has relocated and changed its name to Hillview Baptist Church. With the facilities completed, services began the end of May. When the pews arrive and are installed, the dedication service will take place.



"The outreach and response in this community is encouraging. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to reap this harvest field of souls for his honor and glory," says Harvey E. Wolter, church clerk. The Rev. Bruno Voss is pastor.

**VENTURIA, ND.** The W.M.F. of Venturia Baptist Church presented a White Cross program dedicating the items made by the women. A skit, "Jesus, Our Lord, Uses Our Offering," a dedication prayer by Joan Tschetter, and a group song, "I will Serve Thee," were included in the program. A filmstrip, "Joy in Service," was shown. The offering was designated for Cameroon. President Jean Schnabel led in closing prayer. The Rev. Randall C. Tschetter is pastor. (Pauline Tesky, reporter.)

**LOS ANGELES, CA.** The Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Oak Park, IL, conducted a series of meetings at Immanuel Baptist Church, where he also spoke at the farewell services for Pastor Wilhelm Wiescholke on February 27. Pastor Wiescholke retired after 34 years in the Gospel ministry. He has served the Immanuel Baptist Church for seven years.

Mr. E. Lauf, moderator of the Church presided over the morning and afternoon services. Orchestral and vocal musical selections, speeches, and greetings were given during the service. After an extended tour of Europe, the Wiescholkes plan to move to Sarasota, FL. (Millie Fuchs, reporter.)

**RIDGEWOOD, NY.** Former pastor, the Rev. Alphonz Lamphrect, and his wife Irene presented a special program at Ridgewood Baptist Church about their two and one half years in the Soviet Union. They were appointed by the American Baptist Convention to serve the English speaking people at the foreign embassies in Moscow as Protestant Chaplain. The Lamphrects reported on the encouraging growth of churches in the Soviet Union and the firm faith of the Christians.

"The poignant hymn singing recorded in various churches and played during the presentation increased our involvement," says Marion von Ahnen, reporter.

The Rev. Edward Bacon is pastor of Ridgewood Baptist.

**LETHBRIDGE, AB.** Bethany Baptist Church held an installation service for its new pastor, the Rev. and Mrs. Peter Schroeder, former missionaries to Cameroon. Greetings and congratulations were given by a number of people including Prof. Willy Muller, North American Baptist College, Edmonton, and pastors from Park Meadows Baptist, Westview Baptist, Temple Baptist (Medicine Hat), and the Evangelical Free Church, Lethbridge.

"We pray that with the help of Brother Schroeder and our Lord Jesus that our Church will continue to grow." (Susan Beyer, church clerk.)

**LACROSSE, WI.** Bible Baptist Church had the most pleasant opportunity to honor Mrs. Ruth Tichenor, organist. Since the age of 11, Mrs. Tichenor has been playing the organ most of her years at the church. Pastor William H. Heisler, Jr., friends, and members of the church provided honorariums. A highlight of the morning service was the presentation of an honorarium by Mayor Patrick Zielke. Testimonial letters were read by Pastor Heisler. (LaVerne Samb, reporter.)



**FREDERICKSBURG, PA.** Mrs. Elizabeth Schilling observed her 100th birthday on April 15. She is the widow of the late Rev. Peter F. Schilling, who died in 1946. They served congregations in New Castle, PA; Gladwin, MI; Scottsbluff, NE; and Beulah, ND.

**MISSOULA, MT.** Numerous seminars and concerts were presented by "New Day" at Bethel Baptist Church as well as many visits made. This group of dedi-

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## our conference in action

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cated young people brought real blessings to every age group.

They presented the play, "Home Again—Portrait of a Family." It touched the hearts of every one.

There were many decisions for the Lord during the time that the team ministered at Bethel. The Youth Night program brought many young people to the realization of their need of Christ as Lord and Savior. "I am sure that the Lord will continue to bless us here because of the fine work done by this wonderful group of young people," says Ann Marie Carter, reporter.

**MISSOULA, MT.** Missionary family Ken Priebe brought news of their work in Cameroon to Bethel Baptist Church, a supporting church. "We were brought up-to-date on the work being done through a slide presentation. They also expressed a need for more missionary workers, as there have been several men returning home from the field because of health reasons," states Ann Marie Carter, reporter.

**BURTON, TX.** The Rev. Alan Knuckles, pastor of Greenvine Baptist Church, resigned to accept a call to Powderly Baptist Church, TX, effective May 31. Rev. Knuckles served the Greenvine Church for six years.

Rev. Knuckles most recently served as moderator of the Southern Association and has previously held other positions on the Association level. Greenvine Baptist has seen a great deal of progress under his leadership, including the successful completion of a building and remodeling program, addition of church recreation facilities, and organization of a full-time choir; all of which has directly influenced attendance and visibility, resulting in many souls saved for Christ. (Mary Zorn, reporter.)

**MADISON, SD.** On Sunday afternoon, May 15, the North American Baptist Home celebrated its 25th anniversary. The program included special music by Kevin Hanson, comments by past and present administrators and the first director's president, and a brief challenge by the Rev. Jeanie Sherman. Refreshments were served. (Richard Mayforth, reporter.)

**RICHMOND, BC.** A 20th anniversary commemoration was held at the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church on March 26. Tables were beautifully decorated, and flower bouquets were placed in various parts of the auditorium. At the head table Pastor Irvin Strauss, Assistant Pastors Bob Carroll and Lorne Potter, and their wives and special guest, Dr. Joe Sonnenberg, Edmonton, AB, were seated.

A delicious meal prepared by some ladies of the church was served, after which the congregation was led in singing.

A few individuals shared openly. A humorous skit, presented by the youth from Rose of Sharon, portrayed the history of the church.

Dr. Sonnenberg shared a portion from God's Word. It was a wonderful Christian gathering and the presence of the Holy Spirit was evident throughout the entire evening.

## Church Dedications and Anniversaries

**SIDNEY, MT.** The First Baptist Church celebrated its 40th anniversary and dedicated its new church on April 24, 1983.

The Rev. Arnold Friez, former pastor, Leola, SD, spoke during the Sunday school hour. The Rev. Don Cox, present pastor, delivered the message, "The Day Has Fully Come," to a congregation of 200 during the worship service. The Plevna Baptist Church and the Hoch Family, Wolf Point, presented special music.



At the afternoon dedication service, 253 persons heard the Rev. Charles Littman, N.A.B. area minister, bring the message. Three former pastors were present including the Rev. and Mrs. Otto Fiesel, founding pastor. Special music was provided by the Plevna Baptist Choir, the Gale Pust Family, Darlene Pust, and Don Josephson.

Exhibits and slides were shown in various areas of the church. (Gladys Tibbits, reporter.)

## Wedding Anniversaries

*Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Schmidt (Alma)* celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 26, 1983, at an open house Sunday the 22nd. The couple have been pillars in the Terrace Heights Baptist Church in Spokane, WA, since before their marriage in 1933. Participating in the celebration



with other relatives and friends were their sons, Robert and George, and their families and their daughter, Helen Marie, missionary doctor in Cameroon.

*Mr. and Mrs. Albert Renke* celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 21, 1983, with a reception and program hosted by their children and grandchildren. It was held at First Baptist Church in Lodi, CA, where the Renkes are active members. (Della Lutz, reporter.)



## Missions Conferences

**KELOWNA, BC.** Trinity Baptist Church was one of six N.A.B. churches of the Okanagan area that participated in the 1983 (annual) Mission Conference. The theme was "Giving God Our Best."

Speakers were Dr. Laura Reddig, the Rev. and Mrs. Bert Milner, the Rev. and Mrs. Ken Priebe, and Miss Trudy Spletzer representing Cameroon; Mr. Curt Radke, Nigeria; Miss Karen Klettke, Japan; and Miss Annemarie Hattenhauer, appointee to Cameroon.

Trinity Church featured a slide presentation by the Bert Milners as well as a banquet with Karen Klettke and Curt Radke. The Ken Priebe spoke on Sunday morning. Combined meetings included the women's brunch, the youth workshop, the fellowship meeting, and the closing rally.

"All meetings were well attended, and a greater awareness of missions to pray, give, and go was the result," says Magdalene Spletzer, reporter. The Rev. Gerhard Poschwatta is pastor.

**BENTON HARBOR, MI.** A telephone call was placed to Missionary Florence (Continued on page 28)

## In Memoriam

MRS. ETHEL HEER (80) of Bismarck, ND, born Apr. 7, 1903, in Labett County, KS, died May 4, 1983. She married Louis E. Reinhart in 1927. He died in 1949. She married Florale Johnson in 1950 and moved to North Dakota. He died in 1956. She married Jacob Heer in 1957. They came to Bismarck in 1968 and joined the Bismarck Baptist Church. Mr. Heer died in 1977. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. James (Marjorie) Chase, Mandan, ND; one sister, Mrs. Chester White; three stepsons: Billy Johnson, Sterling, ND, Eddie Heer, Linton, ND, and Herbert Heer, Kent, WA; two stepdaughters: Mrs. Leonard Fox, Bronson, IA, and Elsie Maiers, Monroe, WA; two grandchildren; and many stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren. The Rev. George Neubert officiated at the funeral service.

VIRGINIA WRAY (58) born May 30, 1924, at Arthesis, NM, to Julius and Pearl Schulz, died May 8, 1983. On Aug. 1, 1942, she married Billy Wray at St. Louis, MO. Since 1971 Virginia suffered from cancer, but maintained a cheerful disposition and was active in her work and in support of her church, Emmanuel Baptist, Marion, KS. She was predeceased by her parents and two sisters. Survivors include her husband Billy; three brothers: Julius Schulz, Robert Schulz, and Frank Schulz; three children: Betty (Mrs. Ted) Major, Hutchinson, KS, Mike Wray, Shawnee, KS, and Linda (Mrs. Mike) Beltz, Romona, KS; and two grandchildren. The Rev. O. Ringering officiated at the funeral service.

MR. GEORGE C. GALLIART, son of Gottfried and Katherine Heilgenberg Galliart, born Feb. 28, 1908, near Wilson, KS, died Apr. 24, 1983. He moved to Marion County to begin farming in the 1930s. He married Bessie Grentzel, Aug. 10, 1943. He gave faithful service as a teacher, deacon, treasurer, and custodian at his church. Survivors include his wife Bessie; three sisters: Mrs. Lydia Rhode, Mrs. Marie Daniels, Miss Emma Galliart; and one brother, Mr. Henry Galliart. He was predeceased by his parents, three brothers, and one sister. The Rev. Oliver Ringering officiated at the funeral service.

MRS. EMMA GRAPENTINE, nee Falkenberg, born in Leduc, AB, on June 29, 1894, died Apr. 3, 1983. In 1906 she accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized, and joined First Baptist Church, Leduc, AB. She was a charter member of East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, AB. In 1913 she married Frederick Grapentine; in 1952 they moved to Chilliwack, BC. She was predeceased by her husband in 1968. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Norma and William Warm; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. The Rev. E. Martin officiated at the funeral service in the absence of Pastor Leonard Strelau.

MARIE K. GROTHE, born Sept. 30, 1902, in Germany to Franz and Marie Schneider, died Apr. 9, 1983. She committed her life to the Lord in her youth and joined the Baptist Church in Schmoelln, Germany, where she became an active worker. In 1930, she immigrated to the U.S. and settled in Milwaukee, WI. In 1931, they were married. She served her Lord faithfully in the women's work of the church, holding offices in the "Anna Dingel" Missionary Society, for the past ten years as president. Survivors include her husband, John (Hans); one son Egon; two granddaughters; and one sister Martha Jabs. The Rev. Jack E. Jones officiated at the funeral service.

HENRY JUST, Bismarck, ND, born Aug. 1, 1913, near Zeeland, ND, died Sept. 21, 1982. In December 1945, he married Martha Schlittenhardt. They lived in Bismarck and Wishek, ND, and in Yakima, WA. Survivors include his wife, Martha; two sons: Leon, New Orleans, and Michael, in the Philippines; three daughters: Rose Kavonius, Bismarck, ND, and Ruth and Renae Just, San Diego, CA; seven grandchildren; one brother, Edwin; and five sisters: Lydia Ketterling, Rose Bolin, Mrs. Reuben Brander, Mrs. Albert Thorn, and Mrs. Alvin Boschee. The Rev. M. D. Wolff officiated at the funeral service.

EMANUEL ENGEL (91), Bismarck, ND, born Oct. 10, 1890, at Alexandria, SD, died Oct. 8, 1982. He moved to Denhoff, ND, where he farmed until his retirement in 1952. He married Dorothy Edinger in 1916. Survivors include three sons: Walter, Bismarck, ND, Ervin, Minot, ND, and Rueben, Nora Springs, IA; one daughter, Alice Johnson, Yankton, SD; 19 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; a brother, William, and three sisters: Marta Berndt, Bertha Walker, and Rosie Huber. The Rev. M. D. Wolff officiated at the funeral service.

ANNA LICHTHE (91), of Stafford, KS, born to Frantz and Maria Hildebrand on Mar. 5, 1892, in Ellinwood, KS, died Apr. 18, 1983. On Dec. 20, 1911, she married Samuel Lichte in Stafford. Anna was a charter member of Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford. She was a Sunday school teacher and active in the Women's Missionary Union. Survivors include one son, Edwin and wife, Elizabeth, Stafford; two daughters: Lois Kruse and husband Carl, Sylvia, KS, and Alatheia Watts and husband, Lyle, Yates Center, KS; one brother, Ernest Hildebrand; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband and two sons. The Rev. Elton Kirstein officiated at the funeral service.

BLANCHE ENNOR, JR., nee Rhodes, (95) of George, IA, born Feb. 29, 1888, at Spirit Lake, IA, died Mar. 14, 1983. She married Marty Ennor, Jr. Oct. 9, 1909. They lived in George. To this union, five children were born. At the age

of 80, Blanche and her husband were baptized together on Sept. 1, 1968, and became faithful members of Central Baptist Church. Survivors include two sons: Jack, Cedar Falls, IA, and Marty, II, George, IA; three daughters: Alma June, (Mrs. Wayne Jackson), Sioux Falls, SD, Cary, (Mrs. Elmer Veenker), Kent, WA, Genevieve, (Billy, Mrs. Robert Berger), Orion, IL; 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. The Rev. Harold Drenth officiated at the funeral service.

MARIE SPIEKER (81) of George, IA, born to John and Jennie Spieker, Apr. 8, 1901, died Mar. 24, 1983. At the age of 18, she accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized, and became an active member of Central Baptist Church. Marie was a Sunday school teacher, church pianist, and was very active in the Women's Missionary Society. She loved the Lord and her church. Survivors include one brother, Rev. Carl J. Spieker, Cincinnati, OH; nephews and nieces. Pastor Harold Drenth officiated at the funeral service.

FRIEDA BRENDEL, nee Mueller, born to Leopold and Natalie Mueller in Miroslawska, Poland, on Jan. 30, 1911, died Apr. 13, 1983. She accepted Jesus Christ as Savior at 14, was baptized and served her Lord faithfully. On Nov. 1, 1940, she married George Brendle. In 1949 her family moved to Minitonas, and later to Winnipeg, MB, Canada. In 1953 they moved to Vancouver, BC, where they joined Bethany Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband George; a daughter Anita Seidel and her husband Rudy; a son Hermann and his wife Jenny; three grandchildren; four brothers: Emil, Arnold, Paul, and Helmut; and one sister, Wanda Kuss. The Reverends Ulrich Laser and Helmut Walterit officiated at the funeral service.

MELVILLE IRWIN (Mac) KUEHL, born in Haggerty Township, ON, on Dec. 29, 1919, died Apr. 1, 1983. He married Katie Kargus on June 15, 1943. This union was blessed with three daughters. Mac had been moderator of Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe, for the past several years. He also held various positions of leadership in the N.A.B. Conference and in the Eastern Association. Survivors include three daughters: Mrs. Aubrey (Karen) Allen, Killaloe, ON; Mrs. Joe (Linda) Bell, Ottawa, ON, and Marlene of Lunda, MB; one brother Orville, three grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

EUGENE R. WIEGAND (66) of San Marcos, TX, born Jan. 10, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Wiegand died Mar. 11, 1983. He was baptized and joined Immanuel Baptist Church at an early age. Survivors include his wife; two sons: Gene and David, Laramie, WY; his mother; one sister Ruby Wiegand; and one brother Joe Wiegand. The Rev. Curtis Ellison officiated at the funeral service assisted by the Rev. James Lavender.

## Eleven Overseas Missionaries Appointed Include Daughters Of Board Members

For the Rev. Ralph Cooke, chairman of the Board of Missions, and the Rev. Herman Effa, vice chairman, it was a moving moment as the motions were made to appoint their daughters and their husbands, the Rev. and Mrs. Dale (Lois Cooke) Fuchs of Burlington, ON, to Cameroon, and the Rev. and Mrs. Ken (Jerilyn Effa) Bayer, Edmonton, AB, to missionary service in Cameroon and Brazil respectively.

Among the eleven missionaries enthusiastically appointed by the Board, also, were Miss Nancy Grover, Portland, OR, as a teacher in the new school for missionary children, Bamenda, Cameroon; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schroeder, Vancouver, BC, for general administration and church ministries in Cameroon. These, along with Prof. and Mrs. Willy Muller, Edmonton, AB, appointed for a two-year term to minister to pastors and missionaries, will leave the end of August for their overseas appointments.

Also appointed were Mr. and Mrs. Alan Steier, Minneapolis, MN, to Japan. They plan to leave in early 1984 for Japan, where they will enter language school.

## Task Force On Ordination Meets

At its first meeting on May 3, the Ordination Task Force reviewed its task, determined objectives and steps of procedure, and reviewed current N.A.B. Conference and Association guidelines for ordination.

Assignments were made to study various issues and obtain resources concerning ordination.

At its June 1982 meeting, the General Council had recommended that a task force be appointed to

prepare scripturally based position papers on the subject of ordination.

Members of the task force are the Reverends Ron Berg, Edmonton, AB; Jim DeBoer, Dickinson, ND; Heinrich Goliath, Hamilton, ON; Harvey Mehlhaff, Minneapolis, MN; and Eugene Kern, Fair Oaks, CA; Mr. Jim Biggerstaff, Aberdeen, SD; Dr. Donald Miller, Portland, OR; Miss Carol Potratz, Bismarck, ND; Mrs. Delmar Wesseler, Lorraine, KS; and Dr. John Binder.

"It is exciting," says Mr. Berg, chairman, "to see a good spirit of openness on the part of the committee members and their determination to search the scriptures for the answer to the question, 'Who should be ordained?'"

## "New Day" Team Appointed for 1983-84

The Church Extension/Church Growth Board appointed 16 persons as members of the 1983-84 "New Day" team. The Rev. Ray Harsch, evangelism director, announces the following appointments:

**Music section:** Leslie Ann Gerber, North Carrollton Baptist, Carrollton, TX; Julie Ann Klingenberg, Anderson Road Baptist, Houston, TX; Julie Voight, First Baptist, Avon, SD; Becky Washburn, Quail Lakes Baptist, Stockton, CA; Lyle Buyer, Carbon Baptist, AB; Clayton Heeren, Trinity Baptist, Sioux Falls, SD; Terry Patzer, Ebenezer Baptist, SK; David Stoutland, Brook Park Baptist, Brooklyn Center, MN; and Bruce Duncan (sound technician), Ripley Boulevard Baptist, Alpena, MI; and

**Discipling section:** Kristine Berndt, Latta Road Baptist, Rochester, NY; Sandra Chatsick, Calvary Baptist, Killaloe, ON; Heidy Gerbert, German Baptist, Hamilton, ON; Earl Berkan, Raymore Baptist, Semans, SK; Norman Grube, Trinity Baptist, Kelowna, BC; and Roger Tiede, McDermot Ave. Baptist, Winnipeg, MB.

Beth Wright begins her third year as assistant director.

## Brazilian Baptists Believe in Missions

RIO DE JANEIRO—Whereas for many decades Brazil was considered a mission field, the Baptists there have over the last years sent out more missionaries than any other country in South America. The more than one-half million Baptists in about 3,000 churches have 44 missionaries working in South American countries, 21 in Europe (Spain, France, Portugal), four in Africa (South Africa, Mozambique) and six in North America (Canada, USA). Of the 75 full-time missionaries, the largest group, a group of 18, is stationed in Paraguay.

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Miller in Japan during the afternoon service on Missionary Sunday at Napier Parkview Baptist Church. All present heard the conversation. It was 5 a.m. in Japan at the time.

The full-day Sunday missions observance was planned by the Missionary Committee of which Dr. Don Morrill is chairman. During the Bible School hour, a missionary film, "Mountain of Light," was shown. The Rev. Richard Winchell, general director, TEAM, was speaker at the morning and afternoon worship hours.

Special missionary music was presented, and a panel discussion on the topic, "Exploring Our Missionary Opportunities," was included in the afternoon services. Dr. Douglas Gallagher, pastor, concluded the day speaking on "A Pastor's Heart for Missions." (Doris Badgley, reporter.)

## Camps and Retreats

LANSING, IA. The sixth annual Iowa Association Women's Retreat, April 15 and 16, at Central Baptist Camp was enjoyed by 80 women. Special music, sing-spiration, a get acquainted time and sharing made the Friday evening and Saturday sessions complete.

The testimonies from Bonnie Buss, Ja-neane Dillavou, and Janola Murra were a special part of the weekend's program. "The music, chalk drawing, testimonies, and devotionals were truly examples of how the Lord can use each of us as we allow him to mold us," says Vera Bronleewe, retreat chairperson.

A special offering of \$1,521 was given to Central Baptist Camp.

All reports received at our office for "Our Conference in Action" by May 20 appear in this issue.

# What's Happening

Chaplain Alvin Harsch, serving at the Medical Center Rehabilitation Hospital in Grand Forks, ND, is developing four relaxation tapes for use with pain control using meditation techniques, imaging, scripture and music.

Chaplain David Rapske will begin the Chaplain Career course at Ft. Monmouth, NJ, on July 11, 1983. For the past year, he has been stationed in Korea.

The Rev. Alan Knuckles resigned as pastor of Greenvine Baptist Church, Burton, TX, where he served since 1977. He has accepted the pastorate of a non-N.A.B. church in Powderly, TX.

Mr. Bob Carroll, assistant pastor of Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, Richmond, BC, since 1980, resigned to accept the position of youth pastor of McKernan Baptist, Edmonton, AB.

Community Baptist Church, West Boca Raton, FL, was accepted into the Michigan Association at its annual meeting, April 29, 1983. Dr. John Hisel is pastor.

Mr. Jason Haas, a 1983 graduate of North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, was ordained into the ministry at Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, OK, on May 31, 1983. He became the pastor of Danzig Baptist Church, Avon, SD, effective July 1, 1983.

The Rev. Clyde Zimbelman will become the pastor of Shell Creek Baptist Church, Columbus, NE, effective July 1, 1983. He was pastor of First Baptist Church, Linton, ND, since 1977.

The Rev. Harry Friess, Rosthern, SK, has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Golden Prairie, SK, effective August 1983.

The Rev. Ron Berg becomes pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, BC, effective Aug. 1, 1983. He has been pastor of Steele Heights

Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB, since 1971.

The Rev. William Jeschke has accepted the pastorate of Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, OR, effective June 15, 1983. He was pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, PA, since 1979.

Mr. Craig Holmes, a 1983 graduate of Moody Bible Institute, became youth pastor at Woodland Shores Baptist Church, Bridgman, MI, on July 1, 1983. (He is not to be confused with the Craig Holmes serving at Faith Baptist, Minneapolis.)

Mr. Tim Rieck became pastor of Oakbank Baptist Church, Manitoba, on July 1, 1983.

The Rev. Larry Bienert, N.A.B. estate planning counselor in the Central Pacific, Pacific Northwest, British Columbia and Alberta Associations resigned from this position effective June 30, 1983. He has served in this capacity since 1975. He becomes Administrator of the Baptist Home, Portland, OR, effective July 1, 1983.



Dr. Tom Johnson, academic vice president, Sioux Falls College, SD, has accepted the po-

sition of associate professor of Biblical Theology at N.A.B. Seminary, effective July 1, 1983.

The following received the Doctor of Ministry degree at the commencement exercises at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, May 22, 1983: Rev. David Korb, pastor, First Baptist Church, Emery, SD; Rev. Ronald Mayforth, associate professor of Pastoral Theology, North American Baptist College and Divinity School, Edmonton, AB; Rev. Robert Penner, pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, IL; Rev. Paul Siewert, pastor, Rochester, MN.

The North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity on the Rev. Connie Salios, at its commencement exercises on May 22, 1983. Rev. Salios is development director for the N.A.B. Conference.

Hoffman Appointed "New Day" Director  
The Rev. Warren Hoffman was appointed



by the Church Extension/Church Growth Board as director of youth and "New Day," an evangelism, discipleship, and music team of the N.A.B. Conference effective July 1, 1983. Hoffman has been serving as pastor of Christian education and youth at Grace Baptist Church, Calgary, AB, since his graduation from N.A.B. Seminary in 1981.

His parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Hoffman, of Medicine Hat, AB, served as directors of God's Volunteers from 1958-65, now known as "New Day."

Ganstrom Appointed Associate Church Extension Director

Dr. Donald Ganstrom has been appointed

associate director of church extension for the N.A.B. Conference by the Church Extension/Growth Board effective July 1 for a one year term. He has been serving as interim church extension director since 1981. His personal experience in planting churches has been of much help to church extension pastors during the past two years.



Lang Resigns Mission Position to Accept Church Pastorate

The Rev. Harold F. Lang, associate missions director for promotion and personnel has accepted the call to become pastor of Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, MN, effective Sept. 1, 1983. Lang, who has served effectively in promoting missions and recruiting new missionaries for our N.A.B. mission fields since 1980, is looking forward to returning to the pastorate.





### Choirs Invited to Sing At Youth World Conference

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Youth choirs attending the Tenth Baptist Youth World Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, may register to present a brief concert during the July 11-15, 1984, meeting, according to conference music coordinator Leroy Yarbrough, music professor at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary. Many opportunities will be available for choirs plus instrumental groups to sing during the week, Yarbrough said, including parks, shopping malls, surrounding communities and prior to all sessions of the conference.

For brochures and registration forms to attend the Tenth Baptist Youth World Conference, Youth Conference, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009. Approximately 6,000 youth and their sponsors are expected to attend.

To make application for a youth choir to sing in Buenos Aires, write to Leroy Yarbrough, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, La. 70126.

### Youth Conference to Demonstrate Truth in Christ

More than 6,000 persons are expected to attend the 10th Baptist Youth World Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 11-15, 1984. Representatives from as many as 60 nations will meet in Argentina to explore the theme, "Jesus Christ—The Truth: Our Faith, Our Commitment, Our Peace."

Sponsored by the Youth Department of the Baptist World Alliance, the youth conference has been meeting approximately every five years since 1931.

Plans for the 1984 conference include morning sessions in which participants will meet in community groups. A large part of the learning and sharing will take place in 10 member core groups.

Some of the events planned for the week are (1) daily discussions of the subthemes, "Faith, Commitment, and Peace," (2) youth leadership training, (3) discussion groups for youth and adults, (4) concerts and drama, (5) plenary sessions with outstanding speakers, (6) international musical groups, (7) flag ceremony in the city, (8) citywide witnessing, and (9) workshops on topics of concern to youth.

For more information about the 10th Baptist Youth World Conference write to Ray Harsch, 1 So. 210 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Just received the May issue of the *Baptist Herald*. That is one of the best with all those articles on reports of the growth of those churches. Prayer is still the same power with the Lord that it has always been. We are the ones that fail to use that power from the Lord.—Mrs. J. J. Lippert, Waco, TX.

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*Community Baptist, Beaver Creek, (Xenia), OH*; Rev. Richard Hardy, pastor.

*First Baptist, Steamboat Rock, IA*; Rev. Dennis Dewey, pastor.

*Faith Community Baptist, Lenexa, KS*; Rev. Anthony Salazar, pastor.

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