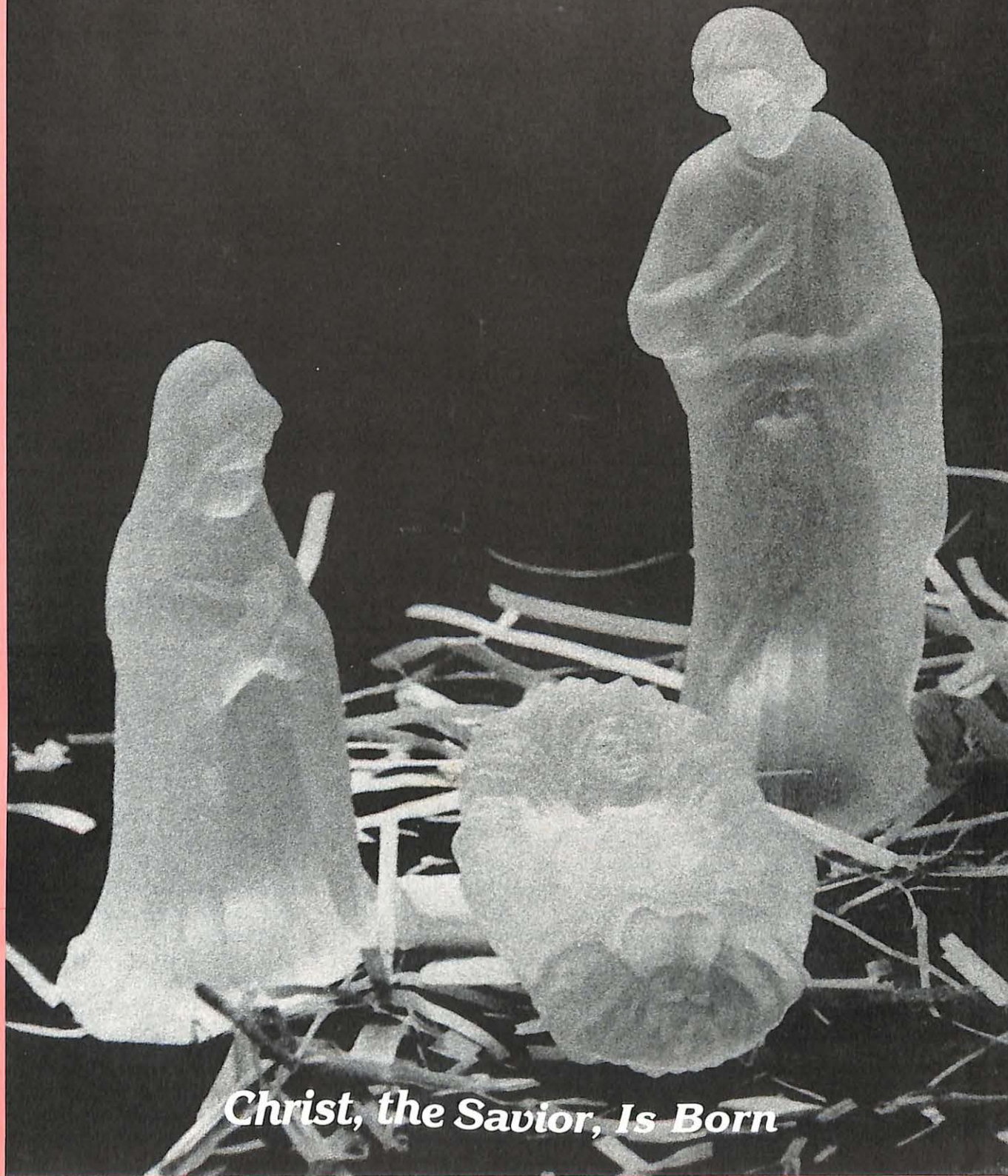


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Christ, the Savior, Is Born



Celebrating Christ's Birth

by Gene A. Kern

Today the significance of celebrating Christmas is unfortunately overshadowed with a Christless emphasis. Frankly, Christmas is a mess. The simplicity has been literally drowned by a sea of paganism. At this point, Christians are faced with two alternatives: 1) cease from celebrating this holiday because the significance of Christ's birth has been lost in a sea of paganism or 2) celebrate Christ's glorious birth and take the opportunity to speak to others about the real truth of his birth.

At the birth of Jesus, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared before some startled and visibly scared shepherds announcing, "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). After making this magnificent announcement, a multitude of the heavenly host burst upon the scene praising God by saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward men" (Luke 2:13-14). The shepherds were so affected by these angelic witnesses that they left their shepherding duties in haste to find the One whom the angels were so highly praising (Luke 2:15-16). Upon witnessing the glory of this small Child for themselves, the shep-

herds, compelled by excitement, shared the visit by the angelic hosts and the wonder of the stable scene with others who came across their path (Luke 2:17-20).

These shepherds witnessed a tremendous event. Not only were they treated to a glorious display of the angelic host, but they also enjoyed the angelic choir singing praises to God. Can you imagine multitudes of angels displayed in all their glory and all singing praises to God! But the pinnacle of the shepherd's excitement was obtained when they viewed the One about Whom the angels were singing. The response of the shepherds is exemplary, they shared these glorious sights and sounds among themselves and others. Luke 2:20 tells us, "... they were glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

Today we, as twentieth century Christians, are given the opportunity to praise God for not overlooking our need of a Savior. We, like the shepherds of old, can rejoice that he sent Jesus into our midst as a man, to eventually bear the penalty of our sin. Although our hope as Christians is focused on Christ's death and resurrection, the event would have been meaningless if he had not become a man to experience life as we experience it, thus becoming the

perfect sacrifice for our sin (Hebrews 2:14-17).

Christmas is a time of tremendous opportunity to share the Gospel. In a society that is increasingly decadent, we have a great occasion to share why the entrance of Christ into the world is the beginning of man's hope. We should take advantage of the opportunity before unsaved men to give the truth of Jesus and the reason he came into the world as a sacrificial offering to God. Many people are more open to Christ during the Christmas season than at other times, and "holiday despair" often makes them approachable to the Gospel. God often uses this time to touch the heart of unbelievers causing them to examine their relationship with him.

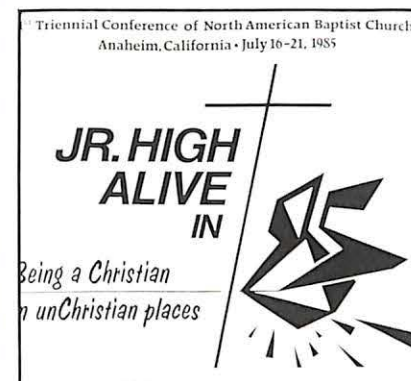
The shepherds, after hearing the angelic testimony and witnessing the message for themselves, could not contain their excitement but shared the joyful news among themselves and others. During this holiday season, we should be no different, spending the days reflecting on our blessed Lord, sharing with our family and friends the joys of our fellowship with Christ. "Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (I Corinthians 10:31b). □



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The Gift That Came After Christmas

Christmas 1983 was a joyous time of celebration with the entire Hinsz family present around the Christmas tree in Harvey, North Dakota. However, what was to be a most valued gift, the gift of life, was not found under our Christmas tree. It came as the result of much heart-searching prayer in a hospital for my husband, Arley.

Arley was very seriously injured in a car accident following Christmas on December 31, 1983. He was flown to Bismarck, North Dakota, to a hospital, where he was in surgery for eleven hours to repair multiple internal injuries and broken bones. The resulting trauma and the time spent in surgery became too much of a strain on his system, and he suffered cardiac arrest. During this time, he lacked sufficient oxygen to his brain for fifteen minutes. The doctors told us to expect severe brain damage. Following this, he was in a coma for two weeks and in a semi-conscious state for about two and one half months.

The request went out to many of our North American Baptist Conference churches for special prayer, and you responded in a wonderful way. The doctors gave him less than a ten percent chance of survival. If he did live, they said there would be a very high probability of severe brain damage.

This all was very agonizing to our

Mrs. Ruby Hinsz, Harvey, North Dakota, is a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

family because we were not ready to give up our husband and father. However, the Lord gave us the strength and courage to finally say, "Not my will but Thine be done;" whether it meant having him go to be with the Lord or even being in an unconscious state indefinitely.

We very definitely learned that God will give the strength to handle whatever he allows to come our way. I guess we knew that in our heads before, but now we know it in our hearts.

"I am grateful to all of you who prayed, not demanding I be healed, but allowing God to have His way."

While to us recovery seemed painfully slow, any recovery at all was nothing short of a miracle and a direct answer to prayer. Arley suffered a number of setbacks, but his strong faith in God and his iron will, along with the prayers of others brought him through.

Our friends and loved ones gave us tremendous support for which we are very grateful. Literally hundreds of people came to visit, and Arley received several hundred cards. One day the first week Arley was in the hospital, the nurse handed me a stack of about 30 cards and said, "What is this guy, some kind of a politician?" Individuals and churches also gave us material support for which we are very grateful.

Two and one half months after the accident, Arley was transferred to the Medical Center Rehabilitation Hospital in Grand Forks, North

by Ruby Hinsz

Dakota. Chaplain Alvin Harsch greeted Arley as he arrived.

"I thought I was prepared for whatever his condition was, but it turned out I was very unprepared," said Chaplain Harsch.

However, to us as a family, Arley was doing great. The neurologist had told us that it could take from nine months to a year before we would get any significant response from him. It was truly a miracle that in two and one half months he was talking and communicating.

During the two and one half months Arley was in the Rehab Hospital, he took every opportunity he could to share his faith. Although at first it was a very basic witness, it grew to the point that workers in the Rehab made special effort to come to his room to talk of spiritual things.

As Arley came to know each one of his therapists, he was very quick to ask if they knew the Lord. There was very real disappointment when some couldn't answer as he hoped they would and tremendous joy when his physical therapist and his doctor answered, "Yes, I've committed my life to Jesus Christ."

Physically, Arley recovered by leaps and bounds even though it was very painful and a lot of hard work. In spite of all this, many of the staff commented on his cheerful attitude.

By now you are probably wondering what my feelings were in all of this. While these months have without a doubt been the most difficult of my entire life, they have also been some of the most rewarding. The reason they have been the most difficult, I'm sure, is obvious. However, there are many reasons why these months were the most rewarding.

During this time, I had no place to go but to God for comfort and strength. When we get to the point where there is nothing we can do to help the situation, then God hears from us. Many times I came to God angry and hurt, because seemingly my whole life had been shattered.

During this time, I felt that I could relate to David, and the Psalms were a great source of strength to me. God was so patient and loving that finally I was able to come to him in praise and adoration for what he had done.

Sometimes it isn't until we are willing to give up what is most dear to us that the Lord can really work and accomplish what he wants to. God gave me many opportunities to share his love and goodness with those around me, as I stayed by Arley's

side. He also gave me the ability to live from day to day with the quiet assurance that whatever happened God was in control.

"There were many times I asked why God allowed this to happen to me, and there was bitterness in my heart toward the other person involved. I have had to ask God for forgiveness, and he has already shown me some of the reasons for the accident," Arley relates. "As a result of this accident, I have an entirely different outlook on life. While I felt I loved Jesus before, I now have a much greater love and a much stronger desire to share Jesus Christ and what he has done for me. I am very grateful to all of you who prayed, not demanding I be healed, but allowing God to have his way.

How wonderful it is to be a part of the Family of God. At this point, it is very uncertain if there will be full recovery. I trust there will be. However, I intend to live my life for Christ to the best of my ability, no matter what my physical condition, because he has given my life back to me again."

As I come to Christmas 1984, I feel I have received my gift from God. He has given my husband back to me nearly whole in every way. The real reason we celebrate Christmas is truly a miracle, the miracle of God coming to earth in the form of man to bring us the gift of salvation. What greater gift could we receive? Our family has experienced that God is still in the business of performing miracles. □



Making Choices at Christmas

by Dennis Kee

"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; For you will go on before the Lord to prepare His ways; To give to His people the knowledge of salvation By the forgiveness of their sins, Because of the tender mercy of our God, With which the Sunrise from on high shall visit us, To shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace."

Luke 1:76-79 (N.A.S.)

Is peace your goal and hope? Our passage from Holy Scripture is a portion of the poem which Zechariah sang at the birth of his son, John. Zechariah understood why your peace is not complete. It is because you, like everyone else, "sit in darkness and the shadow of death." Death, the consequence of the sin of mankind, casts a long, dark shadow across each day of your life. Peace is like a precious jar broken into pieces by your conflicts. It is shattered by adversity and the gloom of despair and disappointments.

Anyone who starts a journey in the daylight realizes that sooner or later there will be dusk followed by the darkness of night. Lurking out of sight are "wild animals" and "bandits," both real and imaginary. So, many fears and doubts stalk about in the darkness along the path of your life. You grope with uncertainty in the darkness, searching for peace. *If only the pathway of everyday life were lighted!*



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Because of the tender mercy of our God, he desires for you to live in peace. This peace is not just the absence of strife in your life. This peace is your total well-being, abundant prosperity, ample strength, and complete security in the context of a harmonious family, church, nation, and world.

This is the Season of Peace. And you can sing the refrain of the angels song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

Zechariah, the priest in ancient Judea, was asked concerning his son, "What is this child going to be?" Zechariah, speaking to his infant son, John, says, "You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High." Both John's mother Elizabeth and the virgin Mary shared in the exciting experience of being pregnant through the will of God. Elizabeth's son, later called the Baptist, preceded Mary's child, Jesus, in birth by only a few months. John was destined to prepare the way for the Messiah, Jesus. John understood his calling, and he told the people to repent of their sins for the Kingdom of God was near. John preached his message to people who also were groping along the dark pathway of life. John

challenged them to decide to follow God.

We learn from Zechariah's song and from John's preaching that if peace is ever going to dawn on your life there are three important decisions that you must make. These decisions are comprehensive. Neither you nor I are exempt from making these choices: not now or ever. Neither maturity in age nor in spirituality will lessen the burden of deciding. Both the grade school student and the seminary professor are challenged by them.

The Decision to Obey God

John the Baptist preached the need for repentance. Consequently, the first decision that you are called to make is the decision to obey God and follow the Ten Commandments. Peace will always vanish like a mist if you do not obey God's moral laws. Turmoil, disappointment, and disillusionment await you if you ignore them. Surely, there can be no peace without trying to obey God's commands. But, even as you try, peace will be just beyond your grasp! You will be discouraged and downhearted from your experience of failing to live the perfect moral life and being the kind of person you should be. No matter how hard you strive for moral perfection, you will not have the basic essential for peace, the knowledge of salvation, of which Zechariah speaks.

If repentance is not the complete formula for peace, what more is needed? You know, John's message did not stop at repentance. John went before the Lord to tell the people that they could be saved and that their sins could be forgiven. John cried out, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

The Decision to Accept John's Testimony

This brings you to a second decision that must be made in order to find peace. It is the full acceptance with your heart of the testimony of John regarding the purpose and identity of the Lord. Zechariah wrote that there would be a Dawn of Salvation, a Sunrise from heaven. Your pathway can be lit only by this Light. Malachi, the prophet, spoke of the Dawn of Peace when he said, "But for you who fear My name the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings" (Malachi 4:2). It is the promised Messiah, the babe born in the stable in Bethlehem who is our Sunrise!

"I am trying hard to be a good person, and I do believe in Jesus as the Lord, but there's still something missing."

John, the Apostle, exclaimed, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out." When you decide to obey God's commandments, you will meet with frustration until you trust in the One who is called Sunrise for the forgiveness of your sins.

Jesus, himself, reassured his disciples, saying, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful" (John 14:27). You can cling to this promise, "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

Perhaps you are thinking, "I am trying hard to be a good person, and I do believe in Jesus as the Lord, but there's still something missing!" You lie awake at night rehashing the argument you had with someone.



You are impatient with your children. You fear the appraisal of your work performance. You're not coping with stress and change as you should. Your self-esteem and confidence are at a low ebb. Your devotional life and enthusiasm for church is not what it should be. You find yourself eating more and exercising less. What's lacking?

The Decision to Become a Disciple

This brings us to the third decision that you need to make this Christmas season. That is to choose the option of finally becoming a disciple of Jesus. Only as his disciple will your steps continue on the pathway of peace. Remember how I urged you to make a decision to obey God's commands and to believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior? This third decision is now necessary to add the right perspective to what it means to walk in the Light. When you are a disciple, you follow the Lord out of love rather than wooden legalism, and your life is given over to Jesus as a daily experience rather than a one-time decision. As a disciple, you will

be eager to be taught while sitting at the feet of your Teacher. You will gladly tell others of the great and wonderful acts of your Master. You will diligently bring all of your priorities in line with the purpose of his will. You will gladly give to support your church as appreciation for God's goodness. You will stand out in the crowd . . . distinct from those who walk in darkness.

When you have experienced the Sunrise, there is a sure Dawn of Peace in your life. As John brought glory to God, your life will be a light for others so they can see the glory of the Lord. As your steps are guided into the path of peace, you will guide others along that same path.

Commit yourself to God, for he commits himself to you! Even when there are clouds of suffering and trials, which from your vantage point seem to block the full rays of the Sunrise, God will give to you the peace which he desires for you to have. "And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7). □

Christmas is a joyous time of year for us as God's children, for we give as a remembrance of Christ's love for us. In 1983, Temple Baptist Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, began a Special Children's Christmas Project.

As parents of a special-needs child, my husband Dennis, my family, and I were ministered to in much the same way in 1981. It had been a particularly trying year with Joshua, our special-needs son, having to spend ten months of his first year in the hospital. The generosity of God's people to us was especially Spirit-filling and encouraging. In families

determine what would be an appropriate gift for each child in the family, including the special-needs child. We wanted to show that we were interested in the whole family.

The handicaps of the children ranged from osteogenesis imperfecta (a bone disease) to sickle cell anemia. Families were not chosen on the basis of financial need; although it is a common factor among such families. Our primary goal was to step out and give moral support as well as to establish a contact for them with a neighborhood church.

A sign-up sheet with the names of the children was tacked on the

Milwaukee Church Remembers Special Children at Christmas

by Terri Morgan

like ours, many unique and unusual decisions have to be made on a daily basis. Therefore, the support and encouragement of God's family is very affirming and much appreciated.

The Christmas Project found ready approval by the Diaconate Board. The project began with a lot of prayer and relatively little formal planning. The Lord richly blessed our efforts to extend his love to the community. Our initial goal was to help three needy families in the community, but it quickly became apparent that we would be able to help several more as the response to our project was so great.

About thirty to forty days before Christmas, we called local children's hospitals asking for names and telephone numbers of families with special-needs children. The names were released to us only with the approval of the parents of the children.

We then contacted each family to

Terri Morgan is a member of Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

church bulletin board, and a box was placed in the foyer for food donations. Some of our people pledged money, and this was used for the purchase of some of the food and toys. The total package to each of the families included a complete Christmas turkey dinner and a new toy or article of clothing for each of the children. Deliveries were made



Aaron and Takistra Berry



Danny Graves

by our Minister of Outreach, Pastor Ford Shenk, and several of our members. Follow-up was then made to each home with an opportunity to present the Gospel. The impact of our project is seen in a letter of thanks to the church from one of the recipients:

"I want to thank you personally for your kindness and generosity to me and my family this Christmas.



Juan Acevado, Rev. L. Ford Shenk, Grace Knowles, Terry Morgan, and Joshua

You brightened the day for our handicapped child and your caring renewed my faith in God. To that end, I thank you for your intervention that came when I needed it most. Maybe I can give back some of the goodness we shared. Please let me know if I can be of any help to you in any way. Our sincere appreciation for making our rough times easier." □

Short-termer Serves as Radiography Technician

by Pat Meinerts

Miss Cheryl Job who began her short-term missionary service in March 1984 is currently serving at Banso Baptist Hospital in Cameroon as a radiography technician.

Born into a Christian home in Prince Rupert, British Columbia, Cheryl was exposed to Christian teaching early in her life. At age ten, she asked Jesus Christ to be her personal Savior. A year later, she was baptized at the Trinity Baptist Church in Kelowna, British Columbia, where she is a member.

Cheryl graduated from secondary school in 1976 and then entered the Health Science Center in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where she received her



Cheryl Job

certificate as a registered technician of radiography in 1978. In addition to her studies at the Health Center, she attended the Red River Community College, also in Winnipeg. In 1979, Cheryl became employed as an X-ray technician in British Columbia.

"To be involved in the work of God and to show others what he can do for them" is the desire of Cheryl's

heart. Through her contacts with missionaries, the Lord led Cheryl to apply for short-term service.

Her first few weeks in Cameroon were "a shock to the system," Cheryl says. "I cannot say I had no second thoughts about this whole experience, but deep down there was an assurance that this was indeed where the Lord wanted me. I just had to learn to hand everything over to him and let him lead the way."

As the months have passed, Cheryl has come to enjoy her teaching responsibilities as well as leading at least 130 children for two hours in a Sunday children's church. She writes, "I have really come to love this place and the work here . . . I encourage anyone who has a chance to come and get a real taste of missions." □

Schatz Reappointed to Mission Field

by Pat Meinerts

After three years of being away from the field, Miss Trudy Schatz was reappointed as a missionary nurse in Cameroon. As Miss Schatz expresses it, "I'm not really a 'new' missionary, just a recycled one."

Trudy was born into a Christian home in Medicine Hat, Alberta. "My parents' method of upbringing not only influenced and helped me spiritually but also helped me to develop socially." At age 11 Trudy gave her heart to the Lord during a tent meeting in Leduc, Alberta, and was baptized by her father, the Rev. Henry Schatz, that same year.

Following high school, Trudy went to nursing school and received her R.N. in 1950. Desiring to be more effective in her witness for Jesus



Trudy Schatz

Christ, she enrolled in a two-year course at the North American Baptist College in Edmonton.

It was during her college days that Trudy began to sense God's call to missions. In 1958 she received her missionary appointment. During the past 24 years, Trudy has faithfully served the Lord at Banso Baptist Hospital, Mbingo, and Belo Matern-

ity Center.

Upon her return to Cameroon, Trudy writes, "My first impressions on returning, after almost three years at home, was that not too much has changed." Regarding the work, however, Trudy is encouraged "with the leadership at the Cameroon Baptist Convention sessions held at Belo." She is also encouraged by the "witness of the Gospel Team of Banso Baptist Hospital," and the growing children's work in her local church.

Presently Trudy is focusing her attention on teaching the Brevete Nursing and Nursing Aide courses. Her prayer is for the incoming students. In the meantime, John 16:24 is a great source of comfort, ". . . Ask and you will receive that your joy may be full." □

I feel a deep loss through the death of Dr. Frank H. Woyke, who was a highly esteemed and respected minister, professor, and leader in our North American Baptist Conference. He was also highly regarded among Baptists around the world. His insight, counsel, and leadership had a very vital influence on the direction of our Conference for many years. His contributions were manifold.

I greatly appreciated his leadership and wise counsel when I had the privilege of serving at the Conference office for eight years (1960-1968) under his leadership as Executive Secretary. I still discover myself affirming some of the principles he articulated. He had an unusual gift of summarizing heavy discussion in committee sessions and recommending a solution with a clear rationale that received good support. His recollection of happenings and memory of details made a deep impression on me.

There were 12 persons on staff at the North American Baptist Conference Office when Dr. Woyke became executive secretary in 1946. Dr. William Kuhn, the previous general secretary, said that he did not see where there would be enough work to keep a full-time executive secretary occupied eight hours a day. The opposite happened. The work grew so much that 26 more people were employed during Dr. Woyke's term because he had a vision for growth and expansion of the cause of Christ through our Conference.

I am grateful to God for the privilege of knowing Dr. Woyke and for his lasting influence on me and God's kingdom around the world.

John Binder, executive director, North American Baptist Conference.

Reflections of my involvements with Dr. Frank H. Woyke are many, since I knew him for 46 years.

His role as professor at our North American Baptist Seminary can best be described from my student impressions. He was one who motivated, enlightened, encouraged, and challenged his students. I looked forward to his classes because not only was information conveyed, but also there was time for discussion and student inquiries.

constituency to move forward.

When I was confronted with the decision to be considered as general secretary of the Sunday school ministries of the Conference, it was Dr. Woyke who encouraged me. During the 13 years of which were my responsibility to lead the Conference Christian Education ministries, he gave wise counsel and encouragement.

When I was faced with the possibility of becoming his successor as executive secretary, I again sought out his counsel. When I was chosen, I was much encouraged by the confidence he expressed in me.

Dr. Woyke's ministry in the Baptist World Alliance as associate secretary with special responsibility in relief ministry extended his influence and leadership to fellow Bap-

Tributes to Dr. F. H. Woyke

The election of Dr. Woyke to the position of Executive Secretary in 1946 was within God's leading and design. The North American Baptist Conference was at a crossroad: Would it disintegrate or move ahead to achieve new goals? Dr. Woyke put into function the General Council, which had been in existence but not in proper working order. Missions were greatly expanded; educational institutions moved into new arenas, which included the accreditation of the N.A.B. Seminary and the expansion of the role of the N.A.B. College in Edmonton.

The home ministries of Church Extension added new hope to the Conference by building the home base. The need to follow the people to urban areas was an essential vision to be fulfilled. The insight and support of Dr. Woyke made it possible to enlist the support of the Conference

tists in many areas of the world.

It was most appropriate that Dr. Woyke become the author of the book, *Heritage and Ministry of the North American Baptist Conference*. He dealt with the historical events of the conference in such a manner that they are described as things really were. He related the glorious as well as the not so glorious years in our Conference development.

I thank God for the life of Dr. Woyke and his ministries, which will continue on even though he has moved on to his eternal home. He was a devoted Christian, a friend, and a most effective leader. His steadfast faith in God at a time of great personal tragedy and loss will long be remembered.

G.K. Zimmerman, executive secretary 1968-1979, North American Baptist Conference.

I first met Frank H. Woyke in 1936 when he came to the North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, NY, as a newly appointed professor. I was a student at the time. A bond of love and respect for this Christian gentleman grew quickly, and we, as students, recognized his outstanding abilities and talents. It never dawned on me then that I would be very closely associated with him in the work of our beloved denomination for more than 17 years.

When Dr. Woyke took a leave of

absence from the Seminary in 1943 to enlist in the United States Army as a chaplain, I felt that the Seminary had sustained a temporary loss.

In 1946 at the Triennial Conference, Dr. Woyke was elected executive secretary of the N.A.B. Conference to succeed Dr. William Kuhn. Dr. Woyke served the N.A.B. Conference mostly ably for 22 years.

In 1950 I received a telephone call from Dr. Woyke while I was pastor at the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, CA. On behalf of the

General Missionary Committee, he asked me if I would consider the office if appointment came. In 1951, I began my ministry at the N.A.B. Office and thus began a close association with Dr. Woyke for more than 17 years.

Dr. Woyke was always available to me when I needed advice and counsel, and frequently came to me for suggestions and counsel. We knew that we could confide in each other and share with each other our concerns for our Conference. We could discuss openly and frankly the various problems without the necessity of agreement on the subject but with the full value of each other's opinion and concern. We knew that we had each other's support and that we were only servants of God, given the responsibility of the office to carry it out for the good and welfare of our Conference. Thus our mutual respect for each other bound us together in the bond of love. I have always found Dr. Woyke most considerate and understanding and had in him a friend closer than a brother.

I was distressed and dismayed when I heard that he had resigned in 1968 to accept another position.

On August 1, 1984, news reached me via the N.A.B. Office that Dr. Woyke had died that day. I am grateful for the opportunity I had to be at his memorial service on August 3 at the First Baptist Church, Waterbury, CT, where I gave personal

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Dr. Frank H. Woyke

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Executive Secretary, North American Baptist Conference, 1946-68
Associate Secretary, Baptist World Alliance, 1968-71*

tribute to this man of God. I have lost a friend who was closer to me than a brother, but heaven has gained a saint, for "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15).

Richard Schilke, former general missionary secretary.

I pay my tribute and respect to the memory of Dr. Frank Woyke as a dear friend and co-worker. My first contacts with him were as a fellow student at the North American Baptist Seminary in New York. By the warmth of his spirit, he drew people to him and bound them together in strong bonds of fellowship. During our Seminary days, I travelled with him in a seminary quartet. During those months of travelling, our friendship grew, and I came to know him as a man of wit and good humor as well as a good speaker in the pulpit. Those were days of getting acquainted with our churches, pastors, and denominational life.

The history of his life following graduation from the Seminary was largely one of service to the North American Baptist Conference. I am sure when he joined the North American Baptist Seminary faculty that his theological views were clear

and rang out with sharp distinction.

As a chaplain in the United States Armed Forces, he served his country well as a representative of our constituency. In serving as moderator of our Conference when Dr. Woyke was Executive Secretary, his greatest contribution lay in his outstanding leadership, serving with distinction in his official duties, in General Council meetings and on committees, as well as in the churches and other conventions.

To me, he was a true friend and brother in Christ, sometime appearing strong and stern yet absolutely friendly and humble. His life as a Christian and servant of the North American Baptist Conference was an unmistakable witness in every way.

John Wobig, Portland, Oregon, former Conference moderator and retired pastor.

In the fall of 1936, a student-professor friendship was established at the North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, New York, that lasted for 48 years. Having come from a rural area in Alberta with minimal academic skills and experience, I found Professor Woyke a helpful and understanding teacher, who always provided a kind word of encouragement when I most needed it.

In the spring of 1937, I left the Seminary rather discouraged to take up a summer student pastorate. Professor Woyke's few words gave me the needed lift. "Rubin," he said, "I am pleased with your academic program and spiritual growth." Since I perhaps felt the opposite, his words certainly encouraged me.

While serving the Forest Park Baptist Church for nearly eight years, I found the Woyke family was actively supportive. Because of his many duties away from home as Executive Secretary, he was always at the Sun-

day and midweek services when he returned. Even though it was not his custom to verbalize with lavish expression of commendations, I always sensed his supportive goodwill. His faithfulness as a church member and his quiet, sincere manner was adequately helpful.

He was my "boss." Had it not been for the encouragement given by Dr. Woyke and his close friend the late Ed Marklein, I would have very likely not accepted the appointment as Eastern Area Secretary in the winter of 1963. He wrote to me saying, "Certainly you can do the job, I will give you all the help I can." He kept his words; his diplomatic direction and kind helpfulness never failed.

I kept in contact with Frank Woyke throughout the years. In his last letter in May, among other positive words of encouragement, he gave this kind tribute to his wife: "Beatrice has been a real angel of God for me, especially during these past months. She has been tireless in taking care of me at home and visiting me every day in the hospital. I can only say that she has been absolutely great!"

Even though he has gone from our midst, I will always cherish his friendship and respect his genuine Christian testimony.

Rubin Kern, retired pastor and former Eastern Area Secretary (Minister). Burlington, Ontario.

TEE in Cameroon by Willy Muller

A correspondence school with a potential of 20,000 students awaited my attention when I reached Cameroon. Here we call it Theological Education by Extension, or TEE. It is presently operated through Cameroon Baptist Theological Seminary for the Cameroon Baptist Convention. Part of my work is to promote and administer this program in Cameroon.

Presently, there are twenty-four courses available that are suitable for West Africa. These programmed texts offer courses in the plan of salvation, evangelism, church growth, pastoral theology, Bible survey, studies in individual books of the Bible, and family living. Since most of the actual work is performed in home study, the texts have been

The Rev. Willy Muller, professor at North American Baptist College, Edmonton, AB, and his wife are serving as short-term missionaries in Cameroon especially in theological education.

prepared with this in mind.

We have three distinct publics in mind when promoting Theological Education by Extension. The first group of people consists of our trained pastors. Most of them are either three or five-year graduates of our Bible College. TEE offers them the opportunity for continuing education. The second concentration is on men who are in the ministry but who have not had any theological training. Many of these men will never be able to attend Bible College, and these courses will constitute the only formal training they will ever receive. Our third area of concern is directed at a growing number of literate lay membership in the church. Many of them are interested in going beyond what they receive through their local church, and TEE meets their need.

It is impossible for one person to be responsible for the instruction of all courses, so Field Co-ordinators are appointed in each one of the

Associations. These, in turn, conduct the classes and counsel with the students. As director, my job is to train the Co-ordinators, order supplies (which includes the supplies and texts used by the Mambilla Baptist Convention in Nigeria), correct examinations, fill in certificates, and keep accurate records.

Many may ask, "Is that all you do?" My answer is simple, "No!" This is only a small part of my total job description. One reason why TEE has not grown faster in Cameroon is because previous administrators were loaded down with so much additional work that they were not able to give adequate time to the job. The prospects for improvement in the program look very good.

It is heartwarming, indeed, to see the personal development and growth of those involved in the program. One of these men is Pastor Lucas Nji of Nkongsamba. One of the prerequisites for a Field Co-ordinator is that he must have personally taken all courses he instructs. In the past ten years, since his graduation from the three-year course at Cameroon Baptist Theological Seminary, Lucas has studied almost every course available through TEE and then taught them to his people. Not only has the ministry of Lucas been increasingly fruitful, but his people have grown in the process. God has blessed his efforts in both personal and ministry growth.

Through a series of Pastoral Seminars held in each of the seventeen Fields in the Convention, we promote TEE so that teaching centres can be established in each of the seventy-four Associations. Pray for us that we may help our pastors see the need for personal growth in ministry and for the orderly instruction of their people in the Word of God. □



The Rev. Allan Effa, TEE director in Mambilla Baptist Convention, Nigeria, and Rev. Muller's assistant, Pastor Peter Ngum, load TEE supplies in Cameroon for Nigeria.

European Congress Resolutions Concern Human Rights, Torture, and Peace

by Geoffrey Locks

HAMBURG, WEST GERMANY. The European Baptist Federation Congress meeting in Hamburg in August called on all Baptists to denounce torture wherever they know of it occurring and to campaign for it to be abolished. It called upon the Baptist World Alliance to initiate world-wide Baptist action to combat torture.

The resolution noted with approval the article in the Declaration of Human Rights that "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment."

It condemned the use of torture whatever the reason, and specifically condemned "disappearances," where the authorities deny that a victim is in their custody or the custody of their agent.

Other resolutions passed by the Congress were on peace and disarmament, International Youth Year, and "Europe, One Continent"—plus an expression of thanks to the German Baptist Union, to the Congress organizers and to everyone who helped make the Congress so memorable and inspiring.

The resolution on peace denounced war in all its forms; it asked member unions to encourage their governments in their search for peace and disarmament, and urged the unions to encourage their governments to pursue the search for an agreed and verifiable nuclear arms freeze; it urged the Baptist churches in Europe to pursue peace by every means and particularly to use the International Year of Peace, 1986, for this purpose.

The resolution on "Europe, One Continent" welcomed all efforts to increase security, develop cooperation and improve mutual understanding in Europe as indicated in the final document endorsed by Foreign Ministers at the European Security Review Council in Madrid last September; it called for the implementation of those articles in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Helsinki Final Act which advocate a freer interchange of citizens and a wider dissemination of information, including the provision of Christian literature; it encouraged local Baptist churches to establish twinning links with Baptist churches in other lands

for mutual support and concern, and invited the EBF executive and council to facilitate such links.

On International Youth Year (1985), the Congress called on Baptist Unions throughout Europe to give every facility to Baptist young people, with other Christians, to share the gospel with non-Christian young people; and it called on the unions and local churches to encourage and enable Baptist young people to take a fuller part in their decision-making. □

Congress Celebration Provides High Drama

by Johnni Johnson Scofield

HAMBURG, WEST GERMANY. European Baptists set aside one night of their Hamburg Congress, held August 1-5, to celebrate their past. They also made history of their own—history apt to be retold long into the future.

They filled the hall of Hamburg's Congress Centre, and an overflow crowd in a nearby hall watched the programme by close circuit television. "We greet you in the goodness of God," said David Russell. Then he quickly focused attention on local churches—"vibrant centres of witness" he called them—and set the Oncken sesquicentennial in the context of contemporary realities.

The work to which Oncken called fellow Baptists was more than the salvation of the soul, Russell said, "for preaching must be accompanied by signs of the Kingdom." Russell cited contemporary violations of human rights "of epidemic proportions" and reminded Baptists of their historical concerns: 1) freedom of conscience and religion, 2) rich/poor tensions in a divided world, and 3) the dread of nuclear disaster.

With music, slides, Scripture texts and spoken word, three Hamburg Baptists—Edwin Brandt, Frank Fornacion and Wiard Popkes—led a "walk through history" with attention on characteristics dear to Baptists: 1) acceptance of people as they are, 2) recognition that no one has privileged access to God, 3) involvement of all members in local church decisions, and 4) commitment to the concept that the Bible belongs to everyone. The commentary moved from country to country across Europe, highlighting ministries, worship and challenges. One national Baptist union has set a goal to have as many missionaries

abroad as pastors at home.

Early in the programme, a proclamation was read that pointed out the significance of Johann Gerhard Oncken's life and work.

A second proclamation was read by Gunter Hitzemann, president of the Baptist Union (BEFG) in the Federal Republic of Germany (West).

Hitzemann read a brief declaration from the Council of the Baptist Union concerning the National Socialist Era. He said the Oncken celebration had led German Baptists to review their own history and had to include the national socialist era which ended "as terrible catastrophe."

Hitzemann went on to talk about his union's involvement in the guilt of nation and denomination. Though "we are of a generation that experienced only a part or nothing" of the era, Hitzemann said, "we must take our own part in carrying the guilt."

The audience responded with hushed attention and intense listening. In concluding his statement, Hitzemann poured the emotion of long personal and denominational involvement in events and with God into his reading from the Psalms.

"History goes with us," he said, "and God also. How can we continue?" he asked. "We turn to Jesus: he is important to us."

At the end of the programme, the entire Congress followed the German example and prayed together, each in his or her mother tongue, the model prayer Jesus taught his disciples. □

Declaration Of Guilt

With a "Declaration of Guilt" Baptists in the Federal Republic of Germany have for the first time taken an official stand on their behaviour during the time of National Socialism.

The following text was presented by the Executive Council and adopted by the Council of the Baptist Union (BEFG) on July 31.

A Declaration of the Council of the Baptist Union in the Federal Republic of Germany, concerning the National Socialist Era on the Occasion of the EBF Congress 1984

"While reviewing 150 years of our Baptist history in Germany, we must not omit the disconcerting period of time of oppression under the national socialist government. Not only through but also among our people much injustice came to pass. In this connection, shame and grief fill us,

especially when we consider the persecution and the mass extermination of the Jewish people. Being conscious of this our nation's guilt, we remain dependent on God's forgiveness. The second world war, kindled by Germany, brought immeasurable affliction upon many countries and ended eventually as a terrible catastrophe. We, therefore, and in a much stronger measure, people of other nations, have had to bear the consequences until today.

"Recognizing evil at the beginning was more difficult than it appears today in retrospect. At that time, notwithstanding, there were among us those who detected the real nature of that regime, who warned against it and opposed courageously the injustice. Nevertheless, we did not publicly join the strife nor the sufferings of the Confessing church, and failed to withstand more consciously the violations of divine commandments and injunctions. We, the German Baptist Union, are humbled by having been subordinated often to the ideological seduction of that time, in not

having shown greater courage in acknowledging truth and justice. Even after the collapse of the Hitler regime, only a few individuals (but never the Baptist Union) took a stand to the aforementioned events.

"As people of a generation who experienced only a part or nothing of that time, we nevertheless see ourselves involved in the guilt of our nation and of our denomination and take part in carrying it. We also confess this before you, our brothers and sisters of the European Baptist Unions. We pray to God that we may learn from this part of our history, so that we may be more alert in regard to ideological temptations of our day."

Statement to the EBF Congress concerning the address of Pastor G. Hitzemann

1) We, the non-German participants of the EBF Congress meeting in Hamburg on 4th August, 1984, listened with gratitude and respect to the state-

ment made by Pastor G. Hitzemann on behalf of the Baptist Union (Bund Evangelisch-Freikirchlicher Gemeinden) in the Federal Republic of Germany concerning the role of German Baptists in the time of the Nazi regime and appreciated greatly the courage and humility shown in these words.

2) As we listened we became all the more aware that the burden of history lies heavily upon us, but at the same time that there is mercy and forgiveness through the Cross of Christ.

As brothers and sisters in Christ we join our fellow German Baptists in their earnest prayers, knowing that we also stand in need of the mercy and grace of God.

3) We see all the more clearly our need to be vigilant and not to be seduced by the subtle influences that make for evil and war and to pursue with determination the things that make for peace.

BJCPA Panel Praises Staff For Role In Equal Access

by Stan Haste

WASHINGTON (BPA)—Members of the executive committee of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs have commended their Washington staff for its role in the recent passage of the equal access law and for helping write guidelines for its implementation.

The 14-member executive committee, at its annual October meeting, also praised the leading roles played by congressional sponsors of the measure guaranteeing secondary school students who wish to meet for religious purposes the same access to school facilities enjoyed by other non-academic, extra-curricular student groups. The following is the statement:

Statement of the Executive Committee of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Regarding the Equal Access Act

We congratulate our staff for playing a leading role in the passage of equal access legislation which represents a major step toward clarifying the proper role of religion in public education. members of our staff worked continuously for enactment of this needed new law from early 1982 until its passage this summer. This effort was in direct response to our call in 1981 for a positive initiative on behalf of the free exercise rights of secondary school students.

We applaud the successful efforts of the primary sponsors, U.S. Representative Don Bonker, D-Wash., and Senator Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., Republicans and Democrats—who worked for its passage.

We acknowledge gratefully the important part played by the late Rep. Carl D. Perkins, a Kentucky Baptist layman with a long and distinguished career, in which this legislation was the final accomplishment.

We commend the leaders of all the major bodies of Baptists—pastors, editors, denominational people—who assisted our

staff in helping to publicize, educate and promote this legislation with vigor.

It is important to note that this Baptist Joint Committee-led effort began well before our staff came under serious attack for its opposition to a prayer amendment which would have returned state-sponsored and state-mandated religious exercises to our public schools. Staff opposition to that measure was, indeed, the direct result of our unanimous position statement of March 1982 opposing any and all such amendments to the Constitution.

In the subsequent battle for an equal access law, the staff worked enthusiastically as the catalyst that brought together a remarkable coalition of widely diverse religious groups in support of the measure. We are proud of that role.

We also commend the staff for bringing together all interested religious and educational parties in an intense effort to hammer out practical guidelines for school boards, school administrators and classroom teachers, guidelines that will greatly assist proper implementation of the new equal access law.

We call on our cooperating Baptist conventions and conferences to assist in this major educational endeavor by informing Baptists of the practical consequences of the new law by publishing and distributing these guidelines.

And we encourage all Baptists to continue to oppose all government intervention in religion at the same time they affirm and engage in the free exercise of their faith.

Washington, October 1, 1984

In other actions, the BJC executive committee approved the subject of government intervention in religious life for the agency's 10th Religious Liberty Conference, October 7-8, 1985.

Also authorized was a major new religious liberty educational effort in local churches. The Baptist Joint Committee will provide religious liberty resources to local congregations and will in turn enlist local church members to become personally involved in the battle for religious liberty. □

The Young Teens Program, "Junior High Alive in '85," for the 41st Triennial Conference of North American Baptist Churches.

Anaheim, California—
July 16-21, 1985

Attention all 7th, 8th and 9th graders and their parents! Join us in Anaheim this summer for six

dynamic presentation. He'll be speaking to us morning and evening at the huge Anaheim Convention Center, site of the 1984 Olympic wrestling matches.

In between morning and evening sessions with Ron, the young teens will experience the best in Southern California's attractions.

First and foremost on the young teen agenda will be *Disneyland*, an

Famous Huntington Beach will also be visited by the young teens. Surf's up! Swim, sun and play in the blue Pacific. Hit the beach! Volleyball, body surfing, boogie-boarding, surfing or just getting a tan are all yours when you visit this Southland playground.

At this point, you're probably wondering, "How can I afford this?" Because of our large group size, all of the aforementioned activities, plus a customized "Junior High Alive in '85" T-shirt, are at specially reduced group rates. The cost will only be about \$40. Registration forms are available in your church or from the

"Being a Christian in Unchristian Places"

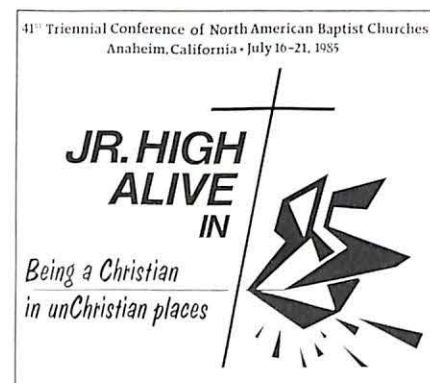
by Rainer Kunz

tremendous days of spiritual growth, fellowship, excitement and tons of fun!

We've planned an outstanding program for young teens centered around the theme, "Being a Christian in Unchristian Places." We're out to discover how a junior higher can be a witness in word and deed at home, in the neighborhood, and at school.

Leading us on our spiritual hunt is Ron Hafer, nationally known youth speaker and director of student ministries at Biola University, La Mirada, California. As a former pastor, Ron knows what young teens need spiritually and packages it in a

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afternoon and evening adventure through the "Magic Kingdom." There's no way you'll want to miss *The Pirates of the Caribbean*, *The Haunted House*, *Space Mountain*, *The Matterhorn*, and hundreds of other rides, shows, and attractions.

Next in line for the young teens will be a trip to *Raging Waters*—America's largest water theme park with forty acres of slides and attractions brimming with fun and water! Rides like "The Dropout,"—a seven-story descent in less than three seconds and "The Screamer,"—25 miles per hour on the seat of your swimsuit aboard two speed slides can be found at *Raging Waters*. They're the fastest water slides this side of the Rockies! Inner tube rapids, wave pools, and much, much more await you.



THE DROPOUT—It's a breathtaking thrill—a seven-story descent in less than three seconds!

North American Baptist International Office in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

We in Southern California can't wait to meet all of you junior higher! We're counting on God to do great things among us as we learn together. Being a Christian in unchristian places is a tough job, but after your visit to Anaheim this summer, we pray that God will give you new insight and power into this great privilege of witnessing for him!

Register Now for the 41st Triennial Conference of North American Baptist Churches July 16-21, 1985—Anaheim, California

Thousands of North American Baptists from Canada and the United States are planning to participate in the Triennial Conference scheduled for July in the Anaheim Convention Center.

In the Anaheim area, you will find miles of breathtaking Pacific coastline, outstanding beaches, charming shopping villages, excellent dining, a variety of lodging alternatives, and the most exciting attractions in the world.

Come to Anaheim to be refreshed not only physically and emotionally but also spiritually. The theme of the Conference is "A People of Hope for a World in Despair." "My prayer is that we will become so excited about coming together in Anaheim that even before getting there we will think of and seek ways in which we can be channels of hope to some person in despair," says Gene Kern, conference moderator. Why not plan your family vacation time around the Conference?

Excellent Speakers Will Challenge You

Speaking on the theme, "A People of Hope for a World in Despair," each morning during the Bible study hour will be **Dan Baumann**, pastor of College Avenue Baptist Church, San Diego, CA. His most recent book is *Clearing Life's Hurdles*, published by Regal Books.

Charles W. Colson, president, Prison Fellowship, is one of the nation's leading spokesmen for criminal justice, evangelical Christianity, and Christian social action. He will be the keynote speaker on Tuesday evening, July 16.

Giving the missions emphasis on Saturday evening will be **Herman Effa**, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB, and a former missionary to Brazil.

John Binder, executive director, North American Baptist Conference, will challenge the Conference in its ministry of planting new churches and church growth on Wednesday evening.

Carl F. George, director of the Charles E. Fuller Institute

Special Programs Planned for All Ages Nursery and Preschool

Care for children from six months through five will be provided all day Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, as well as Tuesday evening and Thursday morning. Limited activities are planned for three to five-year-olds.

Children

Bible studies, puppets, crafts, singing, and fun are included in the morning program for children entering grades one through six. Special trips are planned for the afternoons to the Camelot Family Center, and the Zoo as well as a cruise around the world's most beautiful yacht harbor—Newport Harbor. Advance registration is needed for these excursions.

Young Teens

Young teens entering grades 7, 8 and 9 will be involved in an outstanding program centered on "Being a Christian in Unchristian Places," with **Ron Hafer**, nationally known youth speaker from LaMirada, CA. Young teens will meet in the Anaheim Convention Center. Housing will be with parents.

Special attractions not included in the program fees are

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of Evangelism and Church Growth will speak on the topic, "The Role of New Churches in Evangelizing our Continent."

Gerhard Claas, executive secretary, Baptist-World Alliance, will also speak Wednesday afternoon.

"How My Church Is Caring" will be addressed by **E.V. Hill**, pastor of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, CA, on Friday evening.

Fred Jantz, pastor of Quail Lakes Baptist Church, Stockton, CA, will be the closing speaker at the Sunday morning worship service.

Workshops Planned to Inform and Help You

You will want to attend two of the many fine workshops planned for Saturday afternoon.

trips to Disneyland, the beach, Raging Waters, an aquatic recreation park with 40 acres of water slides and attractions, and miniature golf with a waterslide. Advance registration is needed for these attractions.

Youth

Youth entering grade 10 through college age will be challenged by **David Moore** to move "Beyond the Magic Kingdom" in separate sessions to be held in the Ballroom of The Anaheim Hilton and Towers. Moore is the youth minister at Sunrise Baptist Church, Fair Oaks, CA. The youth will be housed at the Inn at the Park Hotel for five nights with four youth to a room with a core leader for every two rooms. A visit to Disneyland and other California attractions are included in the program.

Singles

Luci Swindoll of Fullerton, CA, author and speaker, will be the featured speaker at two events planned especially for the singles during the Conference. In addition, workshops and mini-sessions planned to meet the interests and needs of singles are scheduled each day. A breakfast, luncheon, and evening get-togethers complete the program.

maccabee's musings

Unsuppressed glee beamed from my friend Jack's face. He was standing on my doorstep, eagerly waving a letter he had just received from the political party of which he was a contributing member. In a few moments, we were seated at my kitchen table, and I was reading (while Jack chuckled) the national party chairman's account of how, only a few days before, Jack's name had come up in a conversation the chairman had with the party's presidential candidate.

The candidate asked, "Has Jack helped us with his contribution yet?"

The chairman shuffled through his papers, and said, "No, Jack hasn't remembered us at this time."

The candidate replied, "Why don't you drop Jack a letter as a friendly reminder?"

The chairman went on to say that when this interview was over he checked the records and discovered that last year Jack had donated \$(amount of previous year's contribution). Until his contribution was received for this year, the party's battle against the evil forces trying to destroy our country could not possibly begin.

I laughed as I finished the letter. It was obviously computer-generated. What gave this away more than anything was the "amount of previous year's contribution:" one dollar. Imagine a national presidential campaign being held up by my friend's tardiness in sending his one lousy dollar! I asked him what he planned to do.

"Well," he mused, "I don't want to be the one responsible for the demise of my country. I'll send my dollar."

He added that since the candidate had included an autographed photo of himself and his family with the letter, he would send a similar picture of himself to the candidate, along with his dollar.

"If he's going to be bandying my name around," my friend said, "he ought to know what I look like."

Computer-generated hyperbole amuses me, most of the time. Sometimes it distresses me, such as when I receive a panic letter from a Christian organization, which gives the impression that they know me personally and that their lonely battle against the sinister powers of atheism and secular humanism will be lost forever unless I rush (\$25, \$50, \$100, \$_____) to them immediately. Always it is the hour of crisis, and it is now or never, and it is me or no one. The trouble is, whether I send them my money or not, there is a new crisis the next month, just as there is every month.

I must get letters from a dozen so-called "faith ministries" that operate with the fleshly techniques of phony friendship and panic manipulation. I only open their letters now when I think my blood pressure might be getting too low. These organizations make me thankful for my church, which hardly ever makes its

new day

Christmas . . . in September? . . . But . . . why? Well, sit back, relax, and I'll endeavour to explain:

"Lord, why have you brought me here? I am a stranger and feel so lost and alone. I long to see a familiar face from home—friends are so far away. I humbly admit my weakness; I'm a little frightened."

"My child, you are here to perform a task for the furtherance of my Kingdom. Do not fear for these are my loved ones and together you will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart. To gain friends, you must show yourself friendly and remember . . . keep your heart centered on me."

It seems so difficult to go back in our minds to the first week and to be reminded of those feelings—ones of doubt, apprehension, fear.

The "New Day" members are now a family. This came through the times at training camp that involved learning about each other—volleyball, aerobics (talk about work!), and the activities that included being taught more about the Word of God and what it means to us. Team devotions always consisted of a question that challenged us to delve into our memories and share a part of ourselves that otherwise would have remained unsaid—what a special way to come to know each other better!

"New Day," as a unit, shares laughter and tears. We learn from the various circumstances that each of us finds ourself in that God will carry us through. With that assurance, we stand together as a group that is made up of different backgrounds and unique personalities—all working to know our Lord and make him known.

So, why did we celebrate Christmas in September, complete with tree decorating, homemade gifts, stockings and caroling? Sharing the miracle of Jesus' birth reminded us that this was the beginning of Jesus' journey into the lives of men. Here we are, seventeen young people brought together in God's perfect timing, embarking on our journey from city to city and heart to heart to share the special joy of the Christmas miracle—Jesus. *Susan Zenky.* □

Susan Zenky is "New Day" reporter, 1984-85.

financial needs known to anyone but God; and for our N.A.B. Conference, which in its appeals avoids hyperbole and phoniness, and just gives us the facts.

With this issue begins a column, "Maccabee's Musings." In it the author speaks to issues of his or her own choosing. The author is not an employee of the North American Baptist International Office or of any of the three North American Baptist schools. The author is a member of a North American Baptist Church.

mission news

Child's Sense of Faith and Security Is a Lesson Says Protratz

JOS, NIGERIA. "In my second grade classroom, we have 'Magic Circle' sharing time once a week," says Eloise Protratz, missionary teacher at Hillcrest School.

Eloise says that sharing time serves several purposes: 1) to help create a positive classroom atmosphere; 2) to help build a sense of unity and rootedness as a class; 3) to practice listening, conversation, and discussion techniques; and 4) to help promote a positive self-image.

"The children and I join hands in a circle, then sit in that pattern on the floor," says Eloise. "I give the children a starting phrase, which they then take turns completing."

Recently they discussed, "I know _____ is my friend because _____."

Bryan, one of the boys who lives in a hostel because his parents are working for the mission down bush, said, "I know Jesus is my friend because he always loves me, and he never leaves me—even when everyone else does."

"Bryan's faith and sense of security were a real lesson to me," says Eloise.

Pray for Eloise as she has been ill with a virus and has had to miss several weeks of school. Pray for health and strength for staff members at the school. Others have been ill, also. Pray for necessary staff to be supplied at the school. "We are short two teachers, and some replacements will be needed for the second terms as well," says Eloise.

Pray for the people of Nigeria as food shortages continue, and fewer and fewer products are available.

Breakthrough Comes for Effa with Fulani

MBAMNGA, NIGERIA. "I have always been intrigued by the Fulani people—rural Muslims that make up a significant portion of

the population of Mambilla," says Allan Effa, missionary working with Theological Education by Extension there. "I enjoyed meeting these people in the market and exchanging greetings with them, but until recently I had been unable to develop significant friendship with them."

One day, a young Fulani man asked Effa for a ride as Effa was driving to the market. Effa stopped, and the young Fulani hopped in.

"In the course of our short journey, I mentioned that I would like to learn his language better," says Effa. "Much to my surprise, he invited me to his settlement. I was excited about this my first opportunity to visit the home of a Fulani."

Since then Effa and the young Fulani have been visiting back and forth. Effa has come to know several members of the extended family and has been very well received by all of them.

"I have been able to share my faith in small ways and am looking forward to more opportunities," says Effa.

Strasses Thank God for Terrible Road

MBU, NIGERIA. "We complain so bitterly about our terrible roads and all the mud holes that you will be surprised to hear that we once thanked the Lord for it," say Ruth and Elmer Strauss, missionaries at the Mambilla Baptist Theological School. "We were traveling to Gembu in the Land Cruiser, and I remarked to Elmer that 'Something smells hot,'" recalls Ruth.

The Strausses saw some people tending a brush fire, so thought that was where the smoke smell was coming from. However, they kept smelling the smoke after they had passed the area. They stopped the vehicle and saw something like a vapor above the hood. Elmer grabbed the fire extinguisher. On opening the hood, flames leaped up. After using all

the extinguisher, there was still smoke, so they were not sure that the fire was completely out.

Ruth knew there was no stream nearby, and said to the women along the road, "There is no water, is there?"

They said, "No water." Then one woman pointed to a big mud hole down the road. One of the women dug into her big farm basket and pulled out a little enamel dish. She made four trips back and forth with muddy water before the sizzling stopped.

"We gave her a tip! We received new understanding of 'In everything give thanks,'" reflects Ruth.

Sunday School Is Growing In Home Mission Church

RIO GRANDE CITY, TX. The Sunday School of Garcia's Ranch Baptist Church has increased from 90 to 124 members in eight groups.

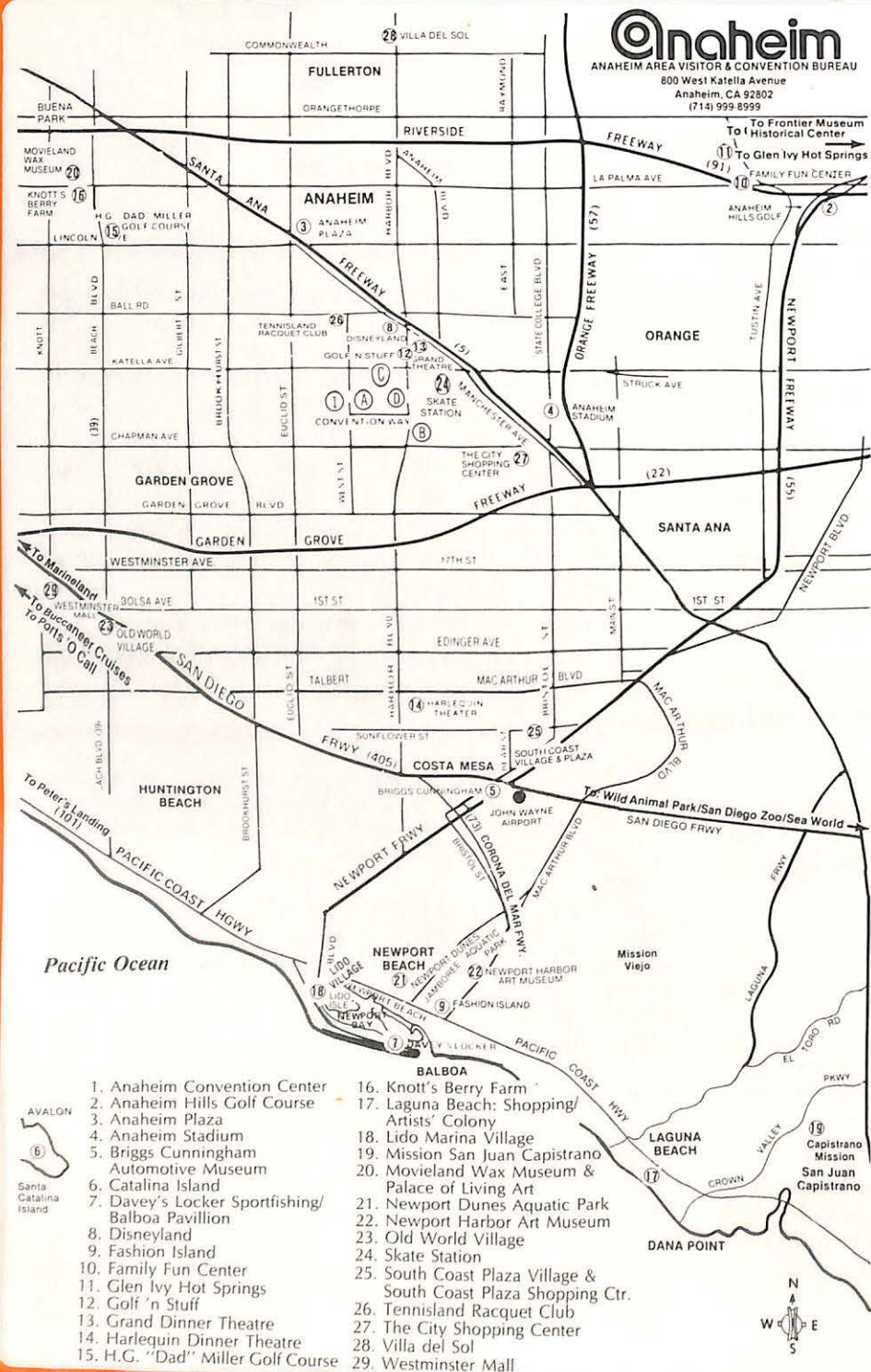
"Last year we had five groups," reports Juan Luna, pastor of the church. "We work once a week with Sunday School teachers and officers to help them gain more knowledge about their work. The Lord is giving us the fruits of our work in this area."

The ministry of Pastor Luna and his church in the local jail is proving to be necessary in many ways. There are other churches that do such ministry, but "what encourages us are the testimonies of several prisoners: they would rather attend our services due to the spirit of love and understanding we show to them and to their problems. Please pray for this ministry," requests Pastor Luna.

Mrs. Luna is grateful to God and to those who prayed for her recovery from major surgery in July. She is continuing to learn English and is improving very much in the use of English.

Location on map	Accommodations	Single (one Person)	Double (two Persons)	Triple (three Persons)	Quad (four Persons)	Parking	Distance Convention Center	
1 A	Anaheim Hilton & Towers (Headquarters Hotel)	\$62.00	\$66.00	\$70.00	\$74.00	daily fee	across street	children free
2 B	International Anaheim Travel Lodge	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	free	3 blocks	free continental breakfast, children under two free, cribs free
3 C	Jolly Roger Inn	\$52.00	\$54.00	\$56.00	\$56.00	free	1/2 block	children under two free, cribs free, roll away \$6.00
4 D	Inn at the Park Hotel—Reserved for Youth Only	See Youth and Youth Sponsor Registration Form Insert					1 block	

ALL HOTELS: Limit of 5 people per room, subject to 8 percent tax and all have swimming pools.



CAMPGROUNDS

Listed below are only a few of the many campgrounds available in the Anaheim area. ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CAMP SITES MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH CAMPGROUNDS.

DISNEYLAND HOTEL'S VACATIONLAND

1343 S. West St., Anaheim, CA 92802
(714) 533-7270
Southbound on I-5: Ball Rd. Exit (R. on Ball Rd., L. on S. West Street.) Northbound on I-5: Harbor Blvd. Exit (R. on Harbor Blvd., L. on Ball Rd., L. on S. West Street.) 406 sites with full utility hook-ups • 60 tent sites • Clean restrooms & hot showers • Laundry • Convenience Store • Children's Playground • Heated Swimming Pool • Game Room. Within walking distance to Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom and Disneyland Hotel. Nearby are Knott's Berry Farm, Movieland Wax Museum, California Angels baseball, Rams football and the Anaheim Convention Center.

ANAHEIM KOA

1221 S. West St., Anaheim, CA 92802
(714) 533-7720
Open all year. Across from Disneyland at Ball Rd. & West St. Follow map for easy access from I-5. All sites paved. 100 pct. hookups free. (Sorry, local zoning laws prohibit tents.) Large pool, wading pool & spa. Near ocean, Knott's Berry Farm, Marineland. Tours available from campground. Also car rentals. MasterCard, American Express & Visa, personal checks for advance deposit only.

ANAHEIM VACATION PARK

311 N. Beach Blvd., Hwy. 39, Anaheim, CA 92801
(714) 821-4311
Centrally located to Southern California vacationland. Easy walking distance to Knott's Berry Farm, major shopping, and good restaurants. Minutes to Disneyland and beaches. 222 full hookup sites with grassy plots and some trees. Well-groomed grounds and facilities. Swimming pool, club house, playground, pet walk, ice, laundry. Tours and car rentals available. Visa and MasterCard—Good Sam.

C C CAMPERLAND

12262 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92663
(714) 750-6747
US #5 South on Harbor Blvd. 1 1/2 miles. US #91 South on Harbor Blvd. 12 miles. US #22 North on Harbor Blvd. 1 mile. US #405 North on Harbor Blvd. 10 miles. US #57 W. on Katella, S. on Harbor Blvd 1 mile. Close to Knott's Berry Farm, Anaheim, Stadium, Marineland, major shopping, restaurants & fast food. Have club house, arcade, ice, laundry, dump station. TENTERS WELCOME. NO CHARGE FOR PETS.

HOUSING AND REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the housing application and registration form and mail it directly to the North American Baptist Conference Office before May 31. Confirmations will be sent by the housing bureau to the individuals named in the application. DO NOT SEND HOTEL PAYMENT WITH HOUSING APPLICATION. A DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED UPON CONFIRMATION FROM THE HOUSING BUREAU. PLEASE READ THE CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. Hotels will not accept reservations directly and reservations will not be accepted over the telephone. ALL RESERVATIONS AND CHANGES MUST BE MADE IN WRITING THROUGH THE NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OFFICE.

If accommodations of your first choice are not available at the time your request is received, you will be assigned the next available choice. Should more than one room be needed, duplicate the housing form and submit one form for each room.

HOTEL SPACE AND RATES CANNOT BE GUARANTEED AFTER MAY 31.

HOUSING APPLICATION FOR ADULTS

MAIL THIS REQUEST TO: Joyce Kells
North American Baptist Conference
1 So. 210 Summit Ave.
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
Phone: (312) 495-2000

Please check here if you do not need housing

HOTEL/MOTEL PREFERENCE

1st Choice _____
2nd Choice _____
3rd Choice _____

TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION REQUESTED

	No. of Persons	Rate Requested
Single	_____	_____
Double	_____	_____
Triple	_____	_____
Quad	_____	_____

SEND ONE APPLICATION PER ROOM (If you will be occupying two rooms, send two application forms.)

NAMES AND AGES OF OCCUPANTS: _____

Your application must be received by MAY 31.

MAIL CONFIRMATION TO:

Name _____ Phone: Area Code () _____
Address _____ City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip _____

Please complete information:
(Indicate number of passengers)

Arriving by: Plane _____ Train _____
Bus _____ Car _____

Flight Information:

Carrier _____ Flight No. _____ Arrival Time _____
Carrier _____ Flight No. _____ Arrival Time _____

(Please fill out both sides of form.)

1985 TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

No pre registrations will be processed after May 31.

YOUTH AND YOUTH SPONSORS, PLEASE USE YOUTH AND YOUTH SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM INSERT.
Please mail to Joyce Kells, 1 So. 210 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 — (312) 495-2000.

Name of Registrant(s). Please print clearly.

01 Title: (Circle) Mr. and Mrs. / Rev. and Mrs. / Mr. / Rev. / Miss / Other _____
Full Name _____
Last Name First Name Initial

02 Spouse's Name _____
First Name Initial

03 Names of children and grades they are entering. Please check.

FIRST NAME	GRADE CODE			FIRST NAME	GRADE CODE		
	6 mos -5 yrs	Grade 1-6	Grade 7-9		6 mos -5 yrs	Grade 1-6	Grade 7-9
_____	1	2	3	_____	1	2	3
_____	1	2	3	_____	1	2	3
_____	1	2	3	_____	1	2	3

04 Address _____
City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip _____

05 Home Phone: Area Code () _____

06 Church _____ City and State/Prov. _____

07 Mode of Transportation: Auto 1 Bus 2 Train 3 Plane 4

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fees payable in Canadian or U.S. Funds. Make all checks payable to North American Baptist, Inc. No refunds will be given after July 5. Registration fees must be mailed with this form.

ADULT

08 One Adult (\$14) \$ _____

09 A Couple (\$24) \$ _____

10 One day fee per person (\$7) \$ _____
Please circle day T W Th F Sa
1 2 3 4 5

SINGLES

11 One person (\$38) \$ _____

12 One day fee per person (\$19) \$ _____
Please circle day T W Th F Sa
1 2 3 4 5

YOUTH AND YOUTH SPONSORS—Please use Youth and Youth Sponsor Registration Form Insert

YOUNG TEENS (entering Grades 7-9)
No. attending _____

13 _____ Per Person (\$10 for entire week, T-shirt incl.) \$ _____

14 _____ One day fee per person (\$8) \$ _____
Please circle day T W Th F Sa
1 2 3 4 5

15 **Young Teen Special Trips** to be paid upon arrival in U.S. Funds. Limited tickets - reserve in advance. List number of tickets desired.

_____ Wed. - \$16.50 Raging Waters
_____ Fri. - \$ 6.50 Beach Trip
_____ Sat. - \$12.00 Miniature Golf & Waterslide

CHILDREN (entering Grades 1-6)
No. attending _____

16 _____ Per child for the week (\$12) \$ _____

17 _____ One day fee per child (\$6) \$ _____
Please circle day W Th F Sa
2 3 4 5

18 **Children's special trips** to be paid upon arrival in U.S. Funds. Limited tickets - reserve in advance. List number of tickets desired.

_____ Wed. - \$8.50 Camelot Family Center
_____ Fri. - \$8.50 Zoo Trip
_____ Sat. - \$6.50 Newport Harbor Cruise

NURSERY (6 months to age 5)
No. attending _____

19 _____ per child (\$23) entire week \$ _____

20 _____ Tue. (\$2.50-evening only) \$ _____

21 _____ Wed. (\$7.50-all day) \$ _____

22 _____ Thu. (\$2.50-morning only) \$ _____

23 _____ Fri. (\$7.50-all day) \$ _____

24 _____ Sat. (\$7.50-all day) \$ _____

TOTAL SUBMITTED \$ _____

MEAL EVENTS — RESERVATIONS

25 Reservations must be made 48 hours ahead of meal event. To guarantee your meal event reservation, please arrange to pick up your meal event tickets during registration hours on Tuesday, July 16. Meal prices include gratuity and taxes. Tickets for meal events must be paid for at the Conference and in U.S. Funds. Please list number of tickets desired.

01 Singles Dinner July 16 - Hilton _____ \$19.25	07 Men's Luncheon July 19 - Hilton _____ \$14.25
02 Singles Breakfast July 17 - Hilton _____ \$ 8.75	08 Minister's Luncheon July 19 - Hilton _____ \$14.25
03 Ministers Wives Brkfst July 17 - Hilton _____ \$ 6.25	09 Singles Box Lunch July 20 - Jolly Roger Inn _____ \$ 6.50
04 N.A.B. College/DS Brkfst July 18 - Hilton _____ \$ 8.75	10 Pension Breakfast July 21 - Hilton _____ Complimentary
05 N.A.B. Seminary Brkfst July 19 - Hilton _____ \$ 8.50	(Complimentary for retired N.A.B. Pension Fund Members and retired N.A.B. pastors and spouses.)
06 W.M.F. Luncheon July 19 - Hilton _____ \$13.00	

There will not be a Missionary Breakfast, Church Extension/Church Growth Breakfast or New Day Luncheon.

YOUTH AND YOUTH SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM

1985 TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Anaheim, California

July 16-21

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REGISTRATION FEE

YOUTH (entering Grade 10-College) and Youth Sponsors

One Person (\$35.00) Registration Fee includes concert, beach trip, speakers, Disneyland, buses and T-shirt.

01 Title: Miss/Mr./Mrs./Rev./Other _____ (Please circle) \$35.00

Name _____ male female
Last First

02 Address _____

03 City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip _____

04 Church _____ City _____ State/Prov _____

05 Please check Grade Code 10th 1 11th 2 12th 3 College 4 Sponsor 5

Mode of transportation Auto 1 Bus 2 Train 3 Plane 4

Please check T-shirt size S 1 M 2 L 3 X-L 4
(adult sizes)

HOUSING

Youth will be housed at Inn at the Park Hotel. Housing to be paid in U.S. FUNDS upon arrival, July 16, during registration hours.

06 Housing for entire week (\$92.00)

07 Choice of Roommate _____
Last name First name

Please check here if your housing is other than Inn at the Park Hotel (i.e. camping, etc.)

MEALS

Meals to be paid in U.S. FUNDS upon arrival, July 16, during registration hours

08 Meals for entire week \$60.00 No meals

09 Meals per day—please check day

_____ Wednesday (\$20.00—3 meals)

_____ Thursday (\$ 5.00—breakfast)

_____ Friday (\$10.00—breakfast/lunch)

_____ Saturday (\$20.00—3 meals)

_____ Sunday (\$ 5.00—breakfast)

PLEASE MAIL THIS APPLICATION WITH REGISTRATION FEE TO:

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Please feel free to duplicate if more forms are needed.

Wrong Side of the Street on Christmas Road

by Maria Rogalski,
Winnipeg MB

I had heard and read about this strange monument before. On a recent trip with my family to East Germany, I actually stood in front of this unusual statue in the town square of Halle an der Saale, the birthplace of my husband's mother. It depicts a donkey laden with sacks of flour led by a miller boy. That would not be so strange in itself, but these two are walking on roses! The meaning of this, as told by the townspeople, makes a strange story which is actually supposed to have happened.

Years ago, the King or ruler of that part of the country had announced that he would be coming through the city on a certain day. That was a big occasion, and the townspeople were very excited. They decorated the streets, hung flags, and scattered roses on the roadway. After waiting for a very long time, they finally saw somebody approaching in the distance. But their faces dropped when they realized that the one for whom they had prepared such a royal welcome was only the miller boy with his donkey! Where was the King? The King had long gone. He had taken a different route and had been surprised and saddened that there had been no one there to greet him. His people had mistakenly decorated the wrong street and waited at the wrong place.

In December multitudes of people and Christians in particular prepare a special welcome celebration in memory of the arrival of the King of Kings, the Son of Man, our Redeemer and Lord Jesus Christ. The frantic pace of activity and preparation began

with the end of November and is gaining momentum, growing to a ferocious velocity that at times threatens to choke us with anxiety and fatigue. Secretly, some of us sometimes wish Christmas would never come, or better still that it would be over.

Could it be that we, as children of the King in the Twentieth Century, with our self-indulgence and often empty celebration are on the wrong side of the Street on Christmas Road and are in danger of missing the arrival of the King altogether?

"Christmas has become too commercialized and too hectic," we echo, joining the protest of many. "We should celebrate it in quietness and simplicity," we add piously.

Some Christians I know have actually gone so far as to refuse to set up a Christmas tree for fear it would detract from the true meaning of Christmas which is the commemoration of the birth of Christ. Others retreat to a quiet place close to nature all by themselves just to get away from it all. I once read about a man who did just that and who was challenged by a friend to consider whether that really was the answer to this dilemma.

"I ask you," said the friend, "going into seclusion at Christmastime — is that a real Christmas? You say God is closer to you there than here among all the noise and revelry. But is it right to do this? Can you really celebrate Christmas without people, all alone with God?"

"If Christ had also thought that way, would there ever have been a Christmas? He LEFT the aloneness with God — and came to be among people — people who are noisy, mean, and unhappy. He came to them and to us. And that's why we have Christmas!" "The word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

That is the reason to celebrate! Or is it wrong to celebrate such a happy event with fervor? In Bible times, happy events were celebrated with festivities and feasts

that lasted for days. Feasts with delicious food such as the one the father of the prodigal son put on in honour of his return were an expression of the joy experienced. No, it is not wrong to celebrate Christmas with gusto, but for Christians of our day, it takes a conscious effort to celebrate it fittingly.

The gift-giving syndrome, for instance, has turned into a real monster in many homes with children demanding and getting outrageously expensive toys and measuring their happiness at

Helping Spread God's Word



by LaVerna Mehlhaff,
women's work
director

The WMF supports a number of financial projects throughout the year. December's project is gathering funds to help support some of our Japanese pastors.

There are churches in Japan which are not able to financially support their pastors; assistance is given to them. In some cases, a church will need a seminary student to assist them during the summer. They, too, receive assistance. A new work in Japan, which we would call church extension will need assistance. Their plan has been to have the congregation assume 20 percent plus housing for the first year, aiming toward self-support within a five-year period. Muko Shi was one of those churches. The people worked, prayed, and were faithful, and within four years the church was self-supporting.

We praise the Lord for having the privilege of being a part of this vital ministry in which the gospel is being spread in a world-wide ministry. □

Christmas only by the gifts received. (We, as adults, fall into that trap, also.) One mother lamented that it would cost her more than \$150 for toys for her three boys, the oldest being six years old. This is the price we pay for relegating the "what did you get for Christmas" part to its unhealthy place. It is sad to see how willing many of us are to pull out all stops, lavishly showering gifts on each other and our own families but quite readily letting the one whose birthday we celebrate go without any gift whatsoever. It takes special effort to teach our children early that *giving* rather than *getting* is the essence of Christmas.

We learned a valuable lesson in this regard from a visiting pastor and Christian psychologist during a seminar in our church years ago. He said in their marriage they had decided that at Christmastime the



largest gift was to be a gift for Jesus. They wanted their children to know that they did this because of their love and commitment to the Lord and his cause.

Since the children were still young and could not comprehend the value of money, they decided to show them in a practical way. That year their gift for Jesus was to be a much-needed refrigerator for a missionary couple on the field. They had the bank teller give them the money required for that

purchase in one dollar bills. The sight of all those bills caused the children to exclaim in amazement: "That's how much you love Jesus?"

This Christmas let us celebrate fittingly. Let us blow the trumpets and sing carols of joy — for Christ is born! Let us decorate our homes not with Santas but with symbols of the Saviour, not only with candles but also with concern and compassion! Let us feast and fellowship — not only amongst ourselves but also befriend and share with one unloved and lonely! Let us exchange gifts of love amongst ourselves but also give the greatest gift to Jesus!

Then we will not find ourselves on the wrong side of the street on Christmas Road in danger of missing the coming King, but we will meet him and give him the genuine homage and devotion of our heart that he deserves. □



... for the Potter's glory...

by Iona Quiring,
WMF president, Rogers, MN

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

Remember the story of Pinocchio? Gepetto, the woodcarver, made Pinocchio, a little wooden boy, because he wanted a companion. But Pinocchio ran away, did his own thing, and got into a lot of trouble in the process. He didn't become a real boy until he realized that he couldn't handle life all by himself.

Life is a gift from God. I was made very aware of that again on two occasions this year. The first time was when God gave life to two new grandchildren who were born in our family. That brings the count to six precious little people, all full of promise. The second time was when God took life from my dad. He died, leaving a wor-

thy example of faith, many good memories, and an empty place.

These experiences have multiplied my gratitude to God for his gift of life—the abundant, eternal kind, that starts here and now, and goes on forever because Jesus paid for it! No wonder angels filled the sky when he was born, saying, "Glory to God in the highest!"

Why did God send Jesus? Why did God give me life? The Westminster Catechism says, "The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever." Some day I'll do that in heaven. In the meantime, while I'm living on earth, the Holy Spirit lives inside me to enable me to glorify God here. But you wouldn't know it some days to look at me. I get more concerned about the pot than the Potter, more interested in

the vessel than in the service, more conscious of the lamp than the Light. Too much might and power, not enough Spirit. Too much busyness, too much self.

When I get caught in that trap, the following poem helps me back to a proper perspective. It has become a favorite of mine.

That the Glory May Be of God
(Romans 10:20-21, 2 Corinthians 4:7)

Each day he seems to shine
from the more primitive pots
the battered bowls

Service may polish silver and
gold up to honor
and I could cry to glitter
like porcelain
or lead crystal

But light is a clearer
contrast through my cracks
and flame is cleaner seen
if its container
does not compete.

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Church Growth

AIRDRIE, AB. Six youth and adults (pictured) of Faith Community Baptist Church were baptized at Grace Baptist of Calgary.



The Church thanks its many friends for their prayers for baby Jennifer MacKay (pictured with her parents) who was born at one and one half pounds and was in critical condition for months. She is doing fine and was publicly dedicated to the Lord, together with her younger brother, Matthew.



Since January of this year, Faith Community Baptist Church has relocated to a warehouse-type facility on the east side of Airdrie. This is a more convenient location for worship and weekly activities. The Rev. Harold Weiss is pastor. (Sharon Klassen, reporter.)

FESSENDEN, ND. Five young people were baptized by Pastor Dan Berger at First Baptist Church and given the hand of fellowship after observing the Lord's Supper. As each person came out of the water, each received a white flower, representing the purity of life.

First Baptist Church entered a float in the County Centennial Parade and received Best Overall Award.

The "Covenant" Singers from

N.A.B. College presented a program at the church. The film, "Helen Keller Light," was shown on a Sunday evening. (Regina Pepple, reporter.)

JAMESTOWN, ND. Pastor Jim Dick baptized three persons (pictured) at Temple Baptist Church during a Sunday morning worship service.



A farewell service and potluck was held for Dave Nelson, who has been youth worker at Temple Baptist while he attended Jamestown College. He graduated with honors in June and has accepted a position with IBM in Rochester, MN. (Leona Meisch, reporter.)

LYNWOOD, WA. "Recently, Cypress Baptist Church dedicated its remodeled baptistry, and Pastor Neil Nelson baptized a young man on the same day," says Jeannie Nelson, reporter.

Cypress Baptist Church was thrilled to receive a much needed new organ in September.

The church participated in a Missionary Round Robin Conference in September. The N.A.B. churches in the Pacific Northwest cooperated in this special missionary emphasis.

MERCER, ND. The Mercer Baptist Church witnessed a meaningful service of baptism at Brush Lake. One adult and two children (pictured) were baptized by Pastor Perry Schnabel (left).



Other events include Vacation Bible School with a program presented on a Sunday morning by Ruth Pudwill, director, and the children.

At a church potluck dinner, two high school graduates were honored. (Vernia Hausauer, reporter.)

OSOYOOS, BC. Four adults who were recently baptized and another lady were received into the membership of Osoyoos Baptist Church. It was a special joy to see an 88-year-old lady follow the Lord in obedience in baptism.



The Rev. and Mrs. John Wollenberg, pastor and wife, are pictured at left and right of the group.

"We look forward with anticipation to that which we sense God is doing in the lives of others," states Angela Rosin, reporter.

PRINCE GEORGE, BC. Hartland Baptist Church joyously witnessed the baptism of seven persons by the Rev. Willis Carrico, pastor, (pictured at left). "This was an extra special event as it was held for the first time in our newly built church," reports Ingrid Pankonin. "Many people had worked hard to get the church ready for this occasion."



Following the service, the church said farewell to Pastor Willis and Doris Carrico at a reception. "They have served this young church for almost four years and are well-loved and appreciated," says Ingrid. This was expressed in many words and songs.

Pastor and Mrs. Carrico and Mark left to serve Eagle Rock Baptist Church in Idaho Falls on an interim basis, and are looking forward to semi-retirement. (Ingrid Pankonin, reporter.)

ST. CATHARINES, ON. "Immanuel Baptist Church has greatly felt the movement of the Spirit during the past months," says Irma Dobrowolski, reporter.

Ten new members were received through baptism and three members through letter of transfer.

Dr. G. Billings from Florida was the guest speaker at special meetings in March.

"The church welcomed Pastor and Mrs. A. Stein who have been ministering to us over the last months in the English language," says Irma. He is serving on a part-time basis.

SPRINGSIDE, SK. A baptismal service was held in which Pastor Richard Grabke baptized two young people (pictured). Following baptism,



the Lord's Supper was observed and the newly baptized were received as members of the Springside Baptist Church. (Christel Derow, reporter.)

SWAN RIVER, MB. Three new members were added to the fellowship of Temple Baptist Church, two by baptism and confession of their faith and one by letter of transfer. "We thank God for the growth of our church," states Lynn Patzer, reporter.

VANCOUVER, BC. On June 10, four young people followed the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism at Immanuel Baptist Church and were welcomed into the fellowship by the church during a communion service. "We thank the Lord for his blessings and that he continues to add to our number," says Joerg Wagner, church clerk.

On July 18 Immanuel Baptist Church celebrated the 25th wedding anniversary of its pastor and wife, Waldemar and Lydia Kroguletz.

Ordinations

GRAND FORKS, ND. James F. Derman was ordained August 26 by

Grace Baptist Church. Jim is the son of Darlene Derman and the late Rev. Ron Derman.

Participants in the ordination service were Darrell Heringer, Anamoose, scripture; Roy Bibelheimer, Fessenden, prayer; Dr. John Reid, Grand Forks, Ordination Council report; Dr. David Korb, Glen Ellyn, IL, ordination sermon; Rev. David Wick, Forest Park, IL, charge to the candidate and charge to the church; Rev. Ralph Cooke, Grand Forks, ordination prayer; Rev. Bill Keple, Martin, presentation of ordination certificate and welcome into the ministry; Dr. Larry Ball, greetings from Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, KS; and James Derman, benediction.

Instrumental and vocal music was provided by Darlene, Wendy, James and Dan Derman, and Gail Zimmerman.

Mr. Derman is associate pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, KS. (Mrs. Charles Balogh, reporter.)

Church Dedication and Anniversary

GACKLE, ND. The Grace Baptist Church celebrated the burning of the mortgage of the church with an all-day service, which included a pot-luck dinner at noon. The Rev. and Mrs. Ed Oster, who were resident pastor and wife during the building of the church, spoke in the morning service.



During the afternoon celebration, Mr. Oster and many others reminisced concerning the things that took place during the construction of the church, which was dedicated July 10, 1977. "The Lord has blessed the work, and we praise him for it," states I. Falkenberg, reporter.

The church recently purchased a

new parsonage adjacent to the church.

The Rev. Milton Falkenberg is pictured at center with Dan Dahl, chairman, Board of Deacons, and Rev. Oster at right.

STAFFORD, KS. Members and friends of Calvary Baptist Church marked the Church's 75th Anniversary on August 4 and 5.

Saturday's activities included a Sunday School picnic, with music provided by the German Band of Tribune, KS; devotions by Bob Howe of Washington; games; and fellowship.

On Sunday, sons of the church, Ken Howe and Marc Giedinghagen, participated in the worship service, which was attended by more than 300 people. Following a catered dinner, members were interviewed about the early days of the Church. Lena Meschberger, the only living charter member, told of many interesting events.

Former pastors of the church were guests and speakers: The Rev. Edgar Wesner, Portland, OR; and the Rev. Alfred and Eunice Weisser, Sioux Falls, SD; as well as area minister, the Rev. Milton Zeeb.

"By the Grace of God, our anniversary theme, 'Reflecting the Light,' will be an ongoing challenge to be faithful to Christ's call," says the pastor, Elton O. Kirstein. (Suzanne Hildebrand, reporter.)

SWAN RIVER, MB. "It was a day filled with gratitude and joy as Temple Baptist Church celebrated its Mortgage Burning Service, August 26, with the Rev. S. Schuster, area minister, as guest speaker," reports Lynn Patzer.

Five years ago, the members dedicated the new church building. Much of the construction work was done by members on a volunteer basis. "We are thankful for the members and friends of Temple Baptist, for their faithful stewardship and for the support of our church," states Lynn.

An evening program consisting of special numbers and slides followed a supper served by the ladies.

Special Events

AVON, SD. A ground breaking ceremony was held by the congregation of the First Baptist Church on

August 19 with the first service held at the present Church. Words of greeting and comments by the Mayor of Avon, by representatives of sister Baptist churches and by several members of the church were given.

The second part of the ceremony was held at the building site with several members participating in the ground breaking. (Estie Betz, reporter.)

BALGONIE, SK. The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Saskatchewan Baptist Association was held in Balgonie. Business was conducted, and new officers were elected. Eleanor Miller of Southey, guest speaker, related her experiences as a missionary in Cameroon.

Dr. Walter Goltz, president, North American Baptist College, Edmonton, based his message on the theme, "Excelling Still More." (Mrs. Edna E. Kramer, secretary.)

BALGONIE, SK. The Saskatchewan Baptist Ladies' Retreat was held at Arlington Beach Camp. The theme was "Lord Mold Me . . . Use Me." Among those sharing in the opening session were Marj Thiessen, Regina, and Lillian Grabke, Spring-side.

Nancy Barwell of Canadian Athletes in Action, Georgetown, ON, was the speaker Friday evening. Evelyn Bertsch, Yorkton, led a fellowship time. The ladies from Faith Baptist Church, Regina, presented a fashion show.

Following personal devotions Saturday morning, Marj Thiessen led an exercise session.

Nancy Barwell spoke on I John. The final morning session was led by Jean Barsness, missions teacher, Briercreech Bible College. (Mrs. Edna E. Kramer, secretary.)

BETHLEHEM, PA. Bruce Heffner, vocalist and instrumentalist, of Mount Joy, PA, presented a concert of sacred music and inspirational testimony at Calvary Baptist Church on September 23. The concert was offered in conjunction with Sunday School Rally Day activities at the church. (Bill Robinson, reporter.)

BETHLEHEM, PA. A Bible Prophecy Conference, featuring Dr. Nathan M. Meyer, was held September 16-20 at Calvary Baptist Church.

There was a special feature for children during each service.

Color slides of Dr. Meyer's visits to Bible lands and Iron Curtain countries were shown prior to each service. (Bill Robinson, reporter.)

BILLINGS, MT. Pastor Mark Ibllings moved from Bismarck, ND, with his wife and three small children, to Billings to become pastor of Calvary Baptist Church on Sunday, September 23.

The "search" has been long, but the Lord had Pastor Mark in mind from the very beginning. We, at Calvary, want to thank you for your prayers. (Ellie Roder, reporter.)

EDMONTON, AB. Zion Baptist Community Church installed the Rev. Henry Goliath and his wife Adeline (pictured) into the pastorate of the church. Several local pastors, N.A.B. College and Divinity School President Walter Goltz, and Area Minister the Rev. Isadore Faszer spoke at the celebration.



Rev. Faszer, guest speaker, challenged the church to submit to the Lordship of Christ.

Rev. and Mrs. Goliath expressed their desire to minister in love and to be servants of God. (Lena Schroeder, reporter.)

EDMONTON, AB. Mr. Harold Rau of Benton Harbor, MI, presented a violin concert and the Ed Kern Family presented some musical numbers at a farewell picnic for the Kerns at Central Baptist Church, July 19.



The Kerns left for a year in Japan to serve on the N.A.B. mission field there during Dr. Kern's sabbatical leave from N.A.B. College/Divinity School.

The sale of the cassette tapes prepared by Mr. Rau was given to the Kerns as a farewell gift. Mr. Rau presented this to Dr. and Mrs. Kern (pictured). (Marilyn Roller, church secretary.)

MANITOWOC, WI. Mr. Cheu (Cher) Vang and his family, Chia, Sheng, Daniel and David, were welcomed to the pastoral staff of First Baptist Church in September. Mr. Vang works with the Hmongs in the community and teaches the adult class of Hmongs in the church. This was made possible through a special grant from the ACTS Fund of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention (ABC).

The Rev. Bruce Huffer is senior pastor of this church.

MEDICINE HAT, AB. Roy Roth, a member of Temple Baptist Church, told of his experiences with Good News Ambassadors as they travelled in the N.A.B. mission field in Cameroon. He pointed out that missionaries have real needs, are dependent on our support and prayers, and are utterly dependent on God who is adequate for all needs. Associate Pastor Wilfred Weick concluded the service with comments and prayer. (Madeline Kern, reporter.)

MEDICINE HAT, AB. Robert Moss was commissioned as a short-term missionary to Japan in August at Temple Baptist Church. Robert shared his testimony of the Lord's leading to this time. Pastor Loren Weber spoke on "Ambassadors for Christ."

A commissioning prayer by Pastor Wilfred Weick was accompanied by the laying on of hands of pastors and deacons. (Madeline Kern, reporter.)

STAFFORD, KS. Adults and youth of Calvary Baptist church are active in the third year of AWANA Club work. AWANA Commander Vance Wendelburg reports that more than 140 youth from Stafford attended club meetings last year. A staff of 28 adult leaders was involved.

Pastor Elton O. Kirstein points to the Vacation Bible School enrollment of 103 this summer, most of which had been involved in AWANA. (Suzanne Hildebrand, reporter.)

PEORIA, IL. The Rev. Rick W. Foster was installed as pastor of North Sheridan Baptist Church on August 26 in ceremonies led by Dr. Willis Potratz, Oakbrook Terrace, area ministries' director. Dr. Potratz delivered the charge to the minister and the charge to the congregation. A vocal duet by Miss Glenda Sakwi of Canada and Pastor Rick followed.

Church Moderator Merlin Barnes presided. Dr. Potratz spoke on "Pastoring an Established Church."

Orville Foster, Kankakee, father of Rick, also participated in the installation ceremonies.

Chairmen of church boards, persons active in church affairs, and Pastor Rick's family spoke words of welcome and congratulation.

Miss Glenda Sakwi and Mrs. Edna Kohrs were piano and organ accompanists respectively. (Walter E. Kohrs, reporter.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Pilgrim Baptist Church said farewell to Pastor Paul Meister and family (pictured) at a special service August 5, as they left to begin pastoring Community Baptist Church in Boca Raton, Florida.

Present for the service were the Rev. Dennis Kee of Neshaminy Valley Baptist and the Rev. and Mrs. Wilmer Quiring, Eastern Area minister. The special music was presented by the choirs and the Meister family. Rev. Quiring brought the farewell message. (Tom Oeste, reporter.)



HEBRON, ND. First Baptist Church had a farewell fellowship for April, the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Herb Schauer, who left in August for Japan. She is the first missionary to leave from First Baptist Church.

"The men and friends of First Baptist have been busy with volunteer work at the new church building site," says Delores Kitzan, reporter. "The Lord has taught us lessons in patience, but in his will, it will be accomplished."

Vacation Bible School consisted of all classes from three-year-olds through eighth grade.

ST. JOSEPH, MI. Four people (pictured) were presented with the "Timothy Trophy" at the annual Awana Awards Night at First Baptist Church. Receiving the Timothy



Trophy were Mrs. Charles Vander Zwaag (Nancy), club leader; John Bush; Elliot Stowe; and David Miles. Mr. Curt Miles is the Awana Commander at First Baptist, and the Rev. Robert McBroom the pastor. (Mrs. Fred Zwar, reporter.)

MEDICINE HAT, AB. Elaine Enslin, a member of Temple Baptist Church, reported her experiences while attending the American Institute of Holy Land Studies in Israel. She shared the sights, sounds, and the feel of Jerusalem that instilled a reality of the scriptures, a deepening of faith, and a commitment to further service. Elaine will serve a year with Venture Teams—the latter part in the South American country of Surinam. Associate Pastor Wilfred Weick spoke, followed by a prayer by Pastor Loren Weber. (Madeline Kern, reporter.)

WINNIPEG, MB. Former pastor, the Rev. Dr. Stanley Grenz, now of N.A.B. Seminary, inspired many of Rowandale Baptist Church's participants in a Family Camp.

The Family Camp began with a morning worship service at Camp Nutimik followed by a church picnic. It was truly a family involvement with toddlers, school-aged children, and adults participating on the sportsfield, in a fishing contest, in clean-up duty, and in Bible study.

"The lectures about 'the church' led to very good discussions, and many good ideas were exchanged," says H. Kahler, reporter. Questions such as

these preceded the lectures by Mr. Grenz: "What program would you drop in your church? What do you appreciate in your church? What would you change in your church?"

Association Meetings

BISMARCK, ND. Century Baptist Church hosted the Central Dakota-Montana Association, June 22-24. The timely theme, "Church Growth through Revival," Acts 16:5, was addressed by the Rev. Ron Norman in a two-session workshop.

Other speakers were Roselyn Wolff, Keith Heyn, and Missionary Juan Luna. "Rev. Luna's messages in word and song proved to be a real blessing as he shared the exciting growth that is taking place in his field," reports Betty Anderson.

Carol Potratz and the Association Youth presented a full evening program on Saturday.

One of the business transactions taken was to help the First Baptist Church, Sidney, Montana, financially.

CHEROKEE, OK. The annual session of the Southwestern Association drew people from a four-state area to a small Oklahoma city with no large tourist attractions in July. Ninety-eight delegates registered for the sessions, July 27-29, hosted by the Bethel Baptist Church.

From the welcome given by Association moderator, the Rev. Elton Kirstein, on Friday through the covered dish dinner following the Sunday morning service, the spirit of fellowship in the Lord and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace were very evident.

The theme, "The Obedient Christian," was developed by Pastor Ed Voigt of Corn, OK, and Pastor Lynn Heinle of Marion, KS, devotional speakers, and Professor Stanley Grenz, N.A.B. Seminary, speaker.

"Missionaries David and Priscilla Keiry touched our hearts and minds both as examples of obedience in serving the Lord and with challenges for us to be obedient in prayer and financial support," says Rev. Chester Strobel, newly elected Association moderator.

The delegates accepted a budget of \$70,000.00.

in memoriam

LOIS DAHL (26), of Calgary, AB, born Dec. 4, 1957, in Swan River, MB, to Mr. and Mrs. John Dahl, died July 9, 1984. She accepted Christ as Savior at the age of five and was baptized at the age of 12. Lois attended N.A.B. College and served on N.A.B.C.'s touring team, "Impact," in 1975. She received a Diploma in Nursing and became a registered nurse in 1977. Her cheerful and caring manner comforted many in hospitals where she worked in Manitoba and Alberta. She served for six months with Missions Outreach Incorporated. Her greatest joy was in serving the Lord as a leader in Young Life for the past four years while she lived in Calgary, AB. Funeral service was conducted in Swan River, MB, on July 16, 1984.

HERTA DOJAHN (72), Kelowna, BC, born July 23, 1911, to Wilhelm and Katherine Kochel in Roonsdorf, Poland, died July 20, 1984. In 1928 she immigrated to Canada. In 1929 she accepted the Lord as Savior, was baptized, and joined Nokomis Baptist Church, SK. On Jan. 16, 1932, she married Mr. Dojahn. They farmed in the Millet area until 1968 when they moved to Kelowna. Herta loved the Lord and used her gifts to serve the Lord. Survivors include her two sons and spouses: Gordon and Marie and Don and Lorraine; her daughter, Mrs. Marlene Balzer and husband Rolly; her six grandchildren; and her brother, Herbert Kochel. Her husband predeceased her. Pastors Richard Hohensee and Ray Semeniuk officiated at the funeral service.

PHILIP J. GOEHRING (86) of McClusky, ND, born Feb. 6, 1889, at Kiev, Russia, to Jacob and Rosina (Haux) Goehring, died July 11, 1984, at Turtle Lake. He immigrated to South Dakota, U.S.A., at six months; they moved to Lincoln Valley, ND, the next year. He married Martha Bonnet, Dec. 9, 1930, at McClusky. In 1961, he accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized, and joined Lincoln Valley Baptist Church. In 1975 he joined McClusky Baptist, where he was an active Christian. Survivors include his wife Martha; two sons: Norman, McClusky, and Leslie, Bismarck; two daughters: Marian Litwin, Kief, and Arlene Nysten, Minot; 12 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 4 sisters: Rosie Ruele, Lydia Hertel, Pauline Gehring, and Martha Springer. The Rev. Oscar Fritzsche officiated at the funeral service.

LORA HIEB (80) died July 5, 1984, in Everett, WA. Lora endeared herself to those in her church by her Christian witness, her unselfish willingness to help whenever needed, and her many years of service as Scripture Memory Coordinator. Through the many years as Coordinator, she took a personal interest in each student and longed for the day each one would complete the required number of verses. She is survived by a sister-in-law; two nephews, one niece, and their families and by many friends at Startup Baptist Church.

The Rev. William Neuman officiated at the funeral service.

REV. ROBERT JASTER (76), born April 3, 1908, near Beulah, ND, died on July 16, 1984. In 1912, he and his parents moved to a farm in the Golden Prairie (Saskatchewan) district. At 15, Robert was baptized. On Oct. 27, 1929, Robert married Elsie Lehman. Following ministerial preparation, Emmanuel Baptist Church of Valleyview, AB, became their first pastorate. On June 8, 1950, he was ordained to the Gospel Ministry. The Jasters faithfully served their Lord in the following churches: Nokomis, SK, (1950-54); Victoria Avenue Baptist, Regina, SK, (1954-57); Onoway, AB, (1958-64); Victoria Avenue Baptist, Chilliwack, BC, (1964-71); and as chaplain, Baptist Haven of Rest, Medicine Hat, AB, (1971-75). He moved to Chilliwack, BC, to retire; however the next 5 years were spent serving in Prince George, Vernon, and Chilliwack as interim pastor. In August 1980, he and his wife moved to Evergreen Manor, White Rock. They were members of the Sunshine Ridge Baptist Church, Surrey, where he served faithfully as a deacon. Survivors include his wife, Elsie; three sons: Ray and wife Gerda, Kelowna, BC; Harvey and wife Evelyn, Montreal, PQ; Eugene and wife, Renate, of Cranbrook, BC; three daughters: Laurie James, San Francisco, CA; Carol and husband John Blessin, Chilliwack, BC; Sharon Rose Ann, Abbotsford, BC; 12 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren; two brothers: August and Albert; two sisters: Lydia Pepple and Rose Feil. Two sons, Marvin and David, predeceased their father. The Rev. Cornie Wiebe officiated at the memorial service.

MR. FRED KNOBLICH (80), Ashley, ND, born April 22, 1904, near Lehr, ND, to Jacob and Christine Knoblich, died Aug. 3, 1984. He married Louise Hildenbrand, Dec. 15, 1929; she died in October 1981. He married Martha Roth, Oct. 16, 1982. After receiving Christ as Savior, he was baptized and joined Baptist Church in Lehr. Later he joined Ashley Baptist Church, where he taught Sunday School and sang in the men's chorus. Survivors include his wife, Martha; 3 children: Elda (Mrs. LeRoy) Fey, LaVerna (Mrs. Marvin) Wolf, and Ivan; stepson, Dale Roth; 9 grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; and 10 brothers and sisters. Pastor Allen Gerber officiated at the funeral service.

AMELIA KRUGER (89), Thorsby, AB, born Feb. 19, 1895, in Lutz, Poland, to Emil and Katharina Nehring, died July 18, 1984. On April 15, 1919, she married Wilhelm Kruger. She accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized, and joined a Baptist church in Poland. In July 1928 they immigrated to Canada to Leduc, AB. In 1930, they moved to a farm in Telfordville district where she lived until her death. In Canada she attended Rabbit Hill Baptist; Temple Baptist, Leduc, AB; First Baptist, Telfordville;

and then first Baptist, Warburg, where she remained an active member until her death. Survivors include her husband, Wilhelm; 3 daughters: Mary Hubscher, Salley Forster, and Esther Felske; 3 sons: Robert, Gustav, and Harold; 3 sons-in-law; 2 daughters-in-law; 16 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by one daughter in infancy and one grandson. The Rev. Larry Froese and Pastor M. Zushman officiated at the funeral services.

ALFRED NEUMAN (74), Lanigan, SK, born Jan. 2, 1910, in Russia, and died July 5, 1984. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior, was baptized, and joined Esk Baptist Church. At the Temple Baptist Church of Jansen, SK, he served as a Sunday school teacher, choir and orchestra director, trustee, and missions treasurer. He married Adelma Wildeman, Nov. 7, 1933. Survivors include his wife, Adelma; one daughter, Elaine; and two grandchildren: Randy and Curtis. Pastor Reinhold Wilde officiated at the funeral service.

ARTHUR ROBERT SANDOW (93) of Salina, KS, born July 9, 1891, near Dillon, KS, to William and Wilhamenia Sandow, died July 3, 1984. From 1910-1915, Arthur studied at the Rochester Theological Seminary, NY; Kansas University (1916) and graduated from Tabor College in 1930, and was ordained into the ministry in 1931. In 1917, he married Anna Marie Kohrs. From 1928-1936, he pastored Ebenezer Baptist Church, Abilene, KS, and Walnut Street Baptist Church, Muscatine, IA (1936 until 1939). In 1939, he returned to farming. Predeceasing him were his wife, Anna Marie (1963), his parents, four brothers, three sisters, and one great-grandchild. Survivors include his wife, Irene Hanes, whom he married June 18, 1965; 1 brother, 2 sons: Marcellus S. and Tracy A.; 1 step-daughter; 5 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren, and 6 step-great-grandchildren.

KAROLINA WEISSER (93), of Wishek, ND, born Sept. 7, 1891, near Venturia, ND, to Philip and Karolina Heupel, died Sept. 13, 1984. On Nov. 28, 1912, she married Jakob Weisser, who died in 1977. In 1920 she joined Johannesthal Baptist Church and later Ashley Baptist Church. Survivors include 13 children: Fred, Spokane, WA; E. Richard, Cameno Island, WA; Hertha (Mrs. Edward) Grosz, Ashley, ND; Oswald, Ashley, ND; Walter, Aberdeen, SD; Wilbur, Grand Forks, ND; Olga (Mrs. George) Olsen, Tacoma, WA; Mrs. Leota Stading, Shakopee, MN; Lorraine (Mrs. Reinhold) Dockter, Ashley, ND; Mrs. Eleanora Sackmann, Carson City, NV; Anna (Mrs. Elroy) Walker, Ashley, ND; Mrs. Mavis Gall, Fargo, ND; and Lillian (Mrs. Lawrence) Dobler, Williston, ND; 33 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; 3 sisters; and 2 brothers. Pastor Allan Gerber officiated at the funeral service.

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Chaplain Helmut A. Michelson has been promoted to Major in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Douglas Harsch accepted the pastorate of the new church extension project of the Southern Association in Flower Mound, Texas, effective Oct. 1, 1984.

Mr. Paul Stolz of Tacoma, WA, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Church Extension Investors Fund, Inc. (U.S.A.).

The Rev. James Leverette resigned as pastor of Hawkwood Baptist Fellowship, Calgary, AB, effective Sept. 30, 1984, where he has served since the founding of the church in 1983.

Mr. Dan Tidsbury resigned as pastor of Crownsnest Community Baptist Church, Blairmore, AB, effective Oct. 31, 1984.

The Rev. Harry Lehotsky became pastor of New Life Ministries, a new church extension project in Winnipeg, MB, effective Sept. 1, 1984.

The Rev. Kent Carlson became pastor of a new church extension project, Oak Hills Baptist Church in Folsom, CA, on Aug. 1, 1984.

The Rev. Elwyn Zimmerman resigned as pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, WI, effective Nov. 8, 1984. He served the church since 1975.

The Rev. Douglas Timm became pastor of Ridgmont Baptist Church, East Detroit, MI, in September 1984. He has been associate pastor of the church since 1981.

The Rev. Cecil W. French resigned as pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Carpentersville, IL, effective Nov. 1, 1984, where he has served since 1974.

Mr. Winston Smith became pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, TX, effective Sept. 16, 1984. He previously served as interim pastor of Mowata Baptist Church, Eunice, Louisiana.

Mr. Paul McNeff resigned as Minister of Music at Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, CA.

Randy Thompson resigned as Minister of Youth and Christian Education at Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, MI.

Faith Baptist Church, Mississauga, ON, is now located at 1171 Eglinton Ave. W., R.R. 6, Mississauga, ON, L5M 2B5. The Rev. Christopher Creech is pastor.

The Rev. Dan Edzards became pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Harvey, ND, on Oct. 1, 1984. He previously served as associate pastor of Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brookfield, WI.

The Rev. Bernard Fritzke, area supervisor for church extension in Florida, has relocated to Orlando, FL, from Boca Raton.

The Rev. Wally Kroguletz became pastor of Riviera Baptist Church, Salem, OR, on Nov. 15, 1984. He had been pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver, BC, since 1975.

Miss Linda Ebel has accepted the position of Director of Christian Education at Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, MI, effective January 1985. She has been serving as dean of women and instructor in educa-

tion at North American Baptist College since 1979.

The Rev. Dennis Goodin accepted the call to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Lorraine, KS, on Feb. 1, 1985. He has served as pastor of Turtle Lake Baptist Church, ND, since 1978.

The Rev. Edward Kopf resigned as pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, OK, effective Oct. 31, 1984.

The Rev. Helmut Strauss has accepted the call to become pastor of Fort Richmond Baptist Church, Winnipeg, MB, effective Feb. 1, 1985. He has served as pastor of First Baptist Church, George, IA, since 1978.

Mr. Craig Perry became pastor of First Baptist Church, Goodrich, ND, on July 15, 1984.

The Rev. Lyle Spicer resigned as pastor of Napoleon Baptist Church, Napoleon, ND, effective January 1985. He has served this church since 1980.

Mr. Walter Pankratz of Chicago, IL, died Sept. 26, 1984. After his retirement from secular work, he became the first administrator of Church Extension Investor's Fund on a part-time basis from 1974 to 1979. He was on the Board of Trustees of the N.A.B. Seminary for 15 years and the Board of the Central Baptist Home, Norridge, IL, for several terms.

Mrs. George (Louise) Dunger of Sioux Falls, SD, died October 29 at the age of 75. She and her husband served as missionaries to Cameroon, West Africa, and to a part of what is now Nigeria from 1938 to 1949. They served again in Cameroon from 1973 to 1975 following his retirement as a professor at North American Baptist Seminary. Her husband, George, and daughter, Amaryllis, reside in Sioux Falls, SD. Another daughter, Daphne, is a missionary in Cameroon.

The Rev. Bernard Edinger, pastor of Portland Avenue Baptist Church, Tacoma, WA, has presented his resignation to the Church effective June 1985 to retire. He has served this Church since 1979.

Mr. Larry Kelly became pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Junction City, KS, on November 1. He is a graduate of Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, IN.

Mr. Arlo Grenz has accepted the position of Director of Christian Education at Brentview Baptist Church, Calgary, AB, effective January 1985.

Mr. Ed Bartel became assistant pastor of Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, ND, on November 1. He is a 1984 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD. He and former short-term missionary to Cameroon, Laurie Clippert, plan to be married in December.

Mr. David L. Masterson became English pastor at Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brookfield, WI, in October. He is a graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL. The Rev. Erwin Babbel is the pastor to the German-speaking congregation of this Church.

The Rev. Dan Heringer is the pastor of the Baptist Church in Max, ND.

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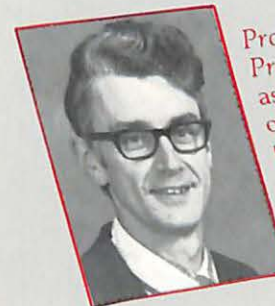
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