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● In the Philippines, Archbishop Jose M. Cuenco of Iloilo City, has threatened excommunication for Catholics who study in Protestant schools; and announced that all those who study in the Central Philippine University (an American Baptist institution), or in the Iloilo Mission Hospital School of Nursing, will be punished by excommunication. This also applies to anyone supporting the Y.M.C.A. Evangelicals in that country state that such a move will precipitate a grave internal conflict in the Roman Catholic Church since there are hundreds of their adherents in these Protestant institutions.—*Sunday School Times.*

● There is concern among Westerners in India over the enormous volume of subsidized Communist literature now pouring into India. The main source, although not the only one, is the Foreign Language Publishing House in Moscow. It is estimated that this organization alone is sending books into India at the rate of nearly 4,000,000 a year. Standard Marxist works in translation form the smallest section. In between comes an expanding and insidious category of books with an indirect propaganda appeal. Typical, is a beautifully produced English version of a Soviet space-story for young people. All have this in common: their ridiculously low price—about one-sixth of their normal, commercial value. A fortnightly called "The Soviet Land" runs to more than 200,000 copies per issue.—*The Evangelical Christian.*

● The Christian ministry in the National Parks will be extended in 1959 to four new areas, Rev. Warren W. Ost reported. Through the Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches and local committees of the U. S. National Parks Service, outdoor religious services will be available to millions of visitors in 30 of the nation's parks in 1959. The new ministers will be conducted in Shadow Mountain Recreation Area, Colorado; Shenandoah National Park, Virginia; the Doughton Park area of the Blue Ridge Parkway, North Carolina; and the Badlands National Monument in South Dakota, Mr. Ost said. "The 1959 program will be conducted by 142 seminary and college students," he explained, "and we are also adding an additional year-round chaplaincy in Zion National Park in Utah." Resident ministers are already working in Grand Canyon, Arizona; Yellowstone, Wyoming; and Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks in California. Student interns also serve in Yosemite and Death Valley and authorization exists for work in the Everglades National Park and the Virgin Islands park.

● Veteran workers of the Pocket Testament League campaigns of Scrip-

ture distribution and evangelization in Africa and the Orient are using their skill and experience in planning a two-year campaign in Nigeria. In 1960, just 99 years from its annexation as a British Crown Colony, Nigeria will become independent. Located on the west coast of Africa, Lagos, the capital, had been a notorious slave depot for centuries. By the turn of the twentieth century, the slave-raiding chiefs of the



## Baptist Briefs

● **Protestant Pavilion Preserved.** Preservation of the Protestant Pavilion at the Brussels World's Fair as a permanent Protestant center in Belgium is the goal of a special drive for funds being made since the Fair closed its international exposition. Pastor Pieter Fagel, a Baptist, under whose inspiring leadership the Protestant Pavilion became a reality, visited the United States in November seeking funds for preservation of the center.

● **Hong Kong Baptist Church.** The English-language Hong Kong Baptist Church was organized September 7 with 30 charter members representing five nationalities, Chinese, American, British, Dutch, and Indian. And there are usually one or two Australians, an Indonesian, and a Pakistani in each service, according to Missionary Charles P. Cowherd, pastor. It is thought to be the first English-language Baptist church in Hong Kong since Rev. J. Lewis Shuck, pioneer Southern Baptist missionary to China, left the colony for Canton in 1845.

● **Argentine Baptist Youth Meet.** Twenty-five hundred young people attended the tenth anniversary session of the Argentine Baptist Youth Congress October 30-November 2 in Buenos Aires. The congress theme was "Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Word." Aldo

north came under British administration. In 1914 Northern and Southern Nigeria were united into its present boundaries. With its coming independence, Nigeria will have the largest free Negro population of any country in the world, now over 35,000,000. The Governor-General of Nigeria, Sir James W. Robertson, has given his enthusiastic endorsement to the four Pocket Testament League Teams.

Broda and Samuel O. Libert, Argentine delegates to the Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto, told of their attendance there. Arnaldo Canclini conducted a moving remembrance of the ten years since youth work was started in Argentina, citing humble beginnings with only 100 people attending the first congress.

● **Baptist University Center in Japan.** Waseda Hoshien, the American Baptist-founded Christian center serving Waseda University observed its Golden Anniversary in October. Waseda University is one of Japan's largest schools, with an enrollment of about 30,000. Waseda Hoshien grew from an English Bible class started by Dr. Harry B. Benninghoff in 1908 during the second of his more than 30 years of mission service in Japan. Today's successors to a long line of American Baptist missionaries at the center are Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur M. Fridell and Rev. C. Alton Robertson. Hoshien means "garden of service."

● **Calcutta Church Renovated.** The Lower Circular Road Baptist church, Calcutta, India, a small church of just over 50 members carrying on a witness for Jesus Christ in a city of 6-million people, has a large renovation scheme in hand. Work costing 12,000 rupees has been approved, against which the church has 5,000 rupees contributed by its members. Renovations were to be completed by December 6 when the church celebrated its 40th anniversary. The anniversary was followed by a mission at which Dr. Akbar Abdul Haqq, an associate evangelist of Dr. Billy Graham was guest speaker.

● **Baptists of Spain.** The Baptist church of Seville, Spain, was closed by order of the Spanish police on November 10, the third Baptist church in Spain to be closed in less than two months. Five other Baptist churches have been closed previously, some of them by actions dating back as far as 1954. Churches of other evangelical de-

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## Youth Week Number

Youth Week Observance—

Jan. 25-Feb. 1, 1959

Theme: "Ours Is the World"  
Philippians 4:13

Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship

Secretary, Rev. L. Bienert

# Editorial

## Ours Is the World

By Mr. Arthur Patzia, President of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship

The week of January 25 to February 1 signifies that Youth Week is here. It is a week especially set aside for our denominational Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship in which the theme, "Ours Is the World," is to become more meaningful to us. The challenge of the theme is to have a forceful and eternal effect on each of us. It is the prayer of the C.B.Y.F. Committee that this challenge will not only be accepted, but that it will become an integral part of our entire life as we work for the Lord Jesus Christ.

At first glance, the theme appears relatively simple and straightforward. However, upon some analysis and meditation this thought is immediately dispersed. The words grow in meaning and significance, leaving a rather uncomfortable feeling within. "Ours Is the World!"

The words of Christ anticipated such a theme when he commanded us: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The world is ours because Christ left it with his followers. Thus it is our responsibility to heed this command and to accept the challenge. It means we are responsible to over two billion people. It means that the Gospel must be carried to the one and a half billion who have never heard.

More specifically it means that all of us must dedicate ourselves for the fulfillment of this task. The word, "ours," includes all born again believers. "Ours Is the World" to claim for Jesus Christ.

Our lives must be well qualified to accept this great missionary challenge. God can only use a certain type of individual. God desires a "man after his own heart," a person who is 100 per cent for him. Oswald J. Smith mentions that to be "a man after God's own heart means to put God first; to walk with him every moment; to do nothing that would grieve him; to live a life of practical righteousness and holiness before him; to give him our undivided attention and to love him supremely."

Are we out and out for Jesus Christ, or are we included in the 95 per cent who have never led a soul to Christ? Christ will make us the type of servant he needs if we give our lives completely over to him.

"Now thanks be to God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place" (II Cor. 2:14). How Christ must rejoice when we faithfully carry out his command! We are told there is joy in heaven "over one sinner that repenteth." It is our responsibility to bring glory and honor to his Name. The soul winner himself will undergo an experience that cannot be explained in human words. It is a "glorious experience," but it is also much more.

"Ours Is the World" is a personal theme. It means that we as a denomination have a part in this great missionary endeavor. It means that each believer is a soul winner. May God bless us as we claim the world for Jesus Christ!

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# The Answer to the World's Problems

The World's Challenge to North American Baptist Young People by **Robert S. Denny** of Washington, D.C., Youth Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

TO SAY that half of the world goes to bed hungry each night and to be hungry one's self are two entirely different things. In one case, it is 50 per cent of the world and in another it is a 100 per cent you. To say that half of the world's population is sick and many will never see a physician is quite a different thing from being sick or having a loved one ill, even when we have adequate medical attention. To say that at least two-thirds of the world's population, two billion people, need Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord is quite a different thing from being lost yourself.

## CHRIST'S COMMAND

This is the world, sick, hungry, frustrated, exploited, lost, and all the time the words of Jesus come echoing down the corridors of time. "Be of good cheer. I have overcome the world. I have come that you might have life and that more abundantly." Not that you might sit in secure inactivity but that you might go therefore into all the world, preaching, teaching, baptizing, making disciples. Then comes the wonderful promise, and "Lo, I will go with you always even unto the end of the world."

This divine command for Christians to carry the Gospel to the ends of the world was given because this

is the answer to the world's problems. For example, a Nigerian said at the Baptist Youth Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1953: "When Jesus came to my village in the form of two white lady missionaries, I was a little heathen boy already marked in my face with the marks of heathenism, but because I followed those missionaries and heard the stories of Jesus and became a believer, Christ not only saved my soul but redeemed my whole life and personality and gave new motivation to life." It is a long way from the dust of the street in Nigeria to the vice-presidency of the Baptist World Alliance, but this is the testimony of Dr. James Tanimola Ayorinde of Nigeria, vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance.

I think also of the Brazilian who much against his will was persuaded to go to the little chapel to kill the "foreign devil," as the missionary was termed. On listening to the message of the "foreign devil," the light of the Gospel broke in on the darkness of his heart and this would-be killer became a believer.

A generation later his son testified, "Because my father became a believer, my home became a Christian home and I had the benefit of Christian influence. My father was not satisfied for his children to be just as good as he

and have only the advantages he had. He was intent on showing us a little higher than he was able to go." Thus all of his children have college degrees and some even graduate degrees.

## CHRISTIAN STRATEGY

The Gospel not only saved his soul but redeemed his family and helped to redeem part of Brazil. Doubtless you will meet the son when you go to the Tenth Baptist World Congress in Rio in 1960, for he is a deacon in the First Baptist Church in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

How then do we get into this strategy of taking the world for Jesus Christ or applying the remedy to the world's ills? First, we begin by accepting the Lord Jesus as our Savior. Second, by joining a local church and putting, not only our time and our talents, but our tithes to work also. The church is the beginning of a channel through which we can minister to the world beginning at our doorstep. Your Christianity will not mean much to you until you mesh your gears with the gears of a local church which in turn is geared to a denominational program working out through mission enterprises.

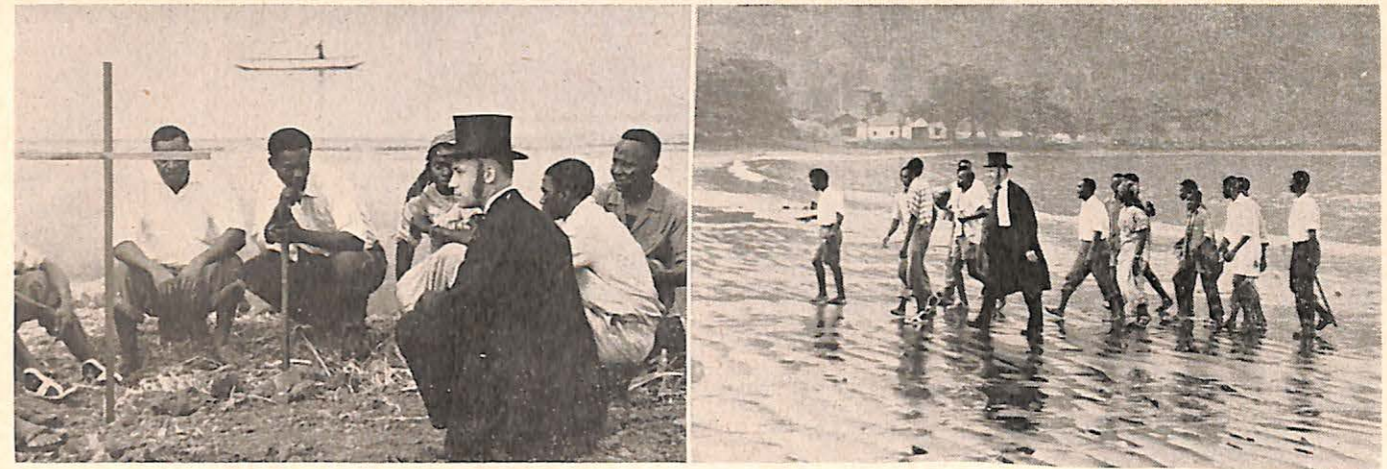
Almost anyone would give his last drop of blood for the cause of Christ if he were caught in the clutch of an emergency and had to stand fast, but the real test is the willingness to give the first drop of blood in the relatively insignificant place of service back in one's own community and church and home and school.

## DEDICATED YOUTH

Therefore, the day calls for dedicated youth who are willing to dedicate not only the goal but the preparation to become the very best that one can be in the service of Christ regardless of where he calls. Let it be quickly understood that Christ not only needs missionaries and ministers and religious workers, but he needs lawyers and doctors and engineers and farmers and shop keepers and homemakers and stenographers and research technicians and scores of other dedicated lay people if his cause is to go forth. With the world's population growing at the net rate of 50,000,000 people per year, our rate of evangelism will not take the world.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

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CENTENNIAL FOR VICTORIA, AFRICA

At the Centenary Jubilee of Victoria, Southern Cameroons, the arrival of Alfred Saker, Baptist missionary, with other Christians of a century ago was reenacted on the beach of Ambas Bay (right). In the Sunday morning pageant, Alfred Saker and his men planted a cross and founded a city in the Name of Christ, calling it "Victoria" after their queen.

# A Pastor Visits the Cameroons

Mission Observations by **Rev. E. Arthur McAsh**, Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

THE NIGERIAN AIRLINES plane touched down at the hot, humid, Tiko airport in the Southern Cameroons on Monday afternoon, Nov. 17th. From that moment until I said farewell on Dec. 8th, the days were filled with travel and observation of our North American Baptist work in the Cameroons. I could tell of hundreds of interesting observations. These are only a few.

But first I saw our Cameroons Baptist Mission work in Lagos, Nigeria, the day prior to my landing in Tiko and Victoria. It happened in this manner. In transit in the teeming, cosmopolitan city of Lagos over Sunday, I attended an evening open-air Gospel service. It was held adjacent to a busy street.

## ACHU IN VICTORIA

Many natives stopped by. A fine looking African attracted my attention and I spoke with him following the service. He had given a Christian testimony during the early part of the service. His home was at Bamenda in the Cameroons. During his schooling there at the Baptist mission, Paul Gebauer and Eleanor Schultert, members of my own church in Detroit, had been among his teachers.

Jacob Achu, unmarried and in his twenties, had left home to find work. He now works as a clerk in the Lagos Port Authority. Away from family ties, in a city of many attractions and temptations, he regularly finds his way to Sunday evening services. He has a good Christian testimony in a metropolis where his faith is severely tried. Thus I found one example in Africa of the grace of God and the value of our Baptist Missions in the Cameroons.

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This country, as the rest of colonial Africa, is caught in the rising tide of restless nationalism. Political upheaval and change can be felt in the air. I was in Bamenda when over a thousand native women from Belo, like an unending stream of ants, wound up the steep mountain to the government seat. They had walked several days in political protest, stirred up by politicians. And over on the French side of the Cameroons, rioting and killings closed the border to all traffic. The political clouds are ominous.

## POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE

Our mission and others are hastening the Christian training of African teachers and pastors to give responsible, spiritual leadership to their people against the day when the Government will severely limit the activities of the white missionary.

Against this rumbling political background, as I travelled through this tremendously beautiful tropical land from Victoria to Ndu, the scope and importance of our missionary endeavor took on a greater significance than I had visualized at home.

Independence is set for Oct. 1, 1960 in the Cameroons and Nigeria. I witnessed with the missionaries the urgency of today as the day of opportunity when these Africans may know the living God as revealed in Christ Jesus, that they in the future may lead their country in truth and righteousness. A whole people depends for the light of the Gospel, in great measure, upon what we do or do not do as a Mission today.

Ten mission stations and scores of churches stand as light houses. While I enjoyed the African church in the city, I can't forget the rude little church in the steaming Ndop plain. A

bush church surrounded by beautiful palms and tropical growth, it is led by an elderly African pastor who has been faithful down through many years. Poor, backward people, they radiate Christian friendliness, and sing praises to God in their native language with real joy. This is typical of many.

## EDUCATION IN AFRICA

Our Christian day schools and teacher training centers are turning out future leaders of the land. Christian education in this country, looking for independence in two years, is of special importance at this time. We have over 6,000 boys and girls and youth in our Baptist Day Schools.

The youth trained today are tomorrow's leaders in this new nation. Education is almost as "a god" to the Africans. The Christian schools, aided financially by Government to about 90 per cent of the cost, are in a position to win and mould the youth in the things of Christ. If we do not, the non-Christian will.

The Government is not yet able to take over education. The door is open to missions. And while a well-proportioned mission work is necessary, let no one imagine that Christian education in this land is of little consequence. It is perhaps the key to taking the country for Christ. An aggressive, spiritual, strongly doctrinal approach through this open door will pay handsome dividends.

I enjoyed meeting and talking with African pastors of our Baptist churches. There are 18 ordained pastors besides church teachers and evangelists. More are to be ordained soon. The pastors whom I interviewed had come out of paganism with all its superstition and fear. They love the Lord,

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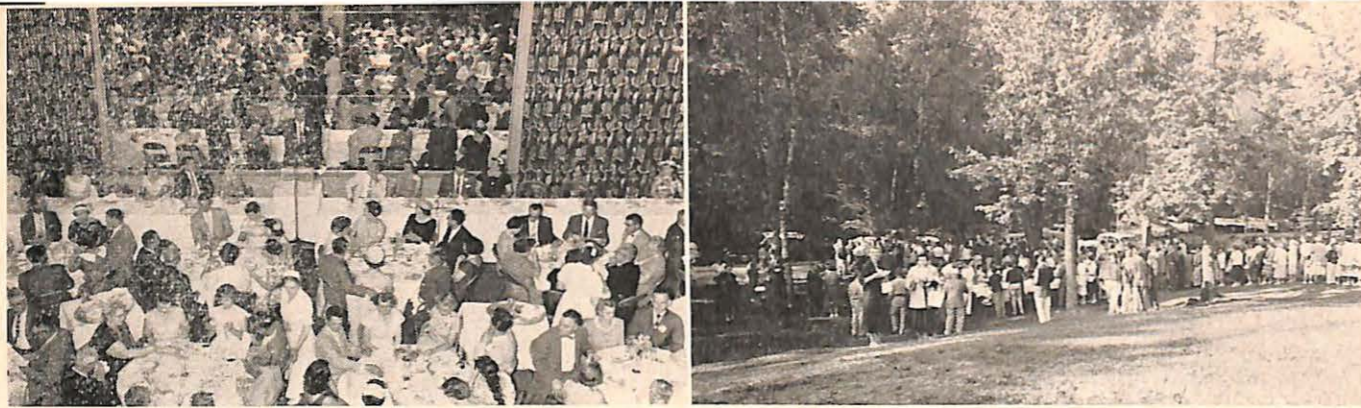


—Religious News Service Photo

## CHRISTIAN YOUTH LEADER GETS CHINESE GIFT

Richard (Bob) Denny of Washington D.C., youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, receives a Taiwan (Formosa) lantern from Lillian Lu, a Chinese delegate to the great Fifth Baptist World Youth Conference in Toronto, Ontario. Miss Lu was among some 8,000 Christian young people from 60 countries who registered for the Conference, held for the first time in North America.





YOUTH MEETINGS AT EDMONTON

Festive crowds of young people gathered for the Conference Banquet (left) at the Macdonald Hotel during the 1958 General Conference sessions in Edmonton, Alberta, and under the trees of Victoria Park for the sunrise service (right) in a most inspirational setting.

## "Ours Is the World"

Youth Week Theme Based on Philippians 4:13 for the Days of Jan. 25, 1959 to Feb 1, 1959.

### The Great Need of Suffering Mankind

By **Mr. Jack Wobig** of Portland, Oregon, the Vice-president of the Commissioned Baptist Fellowship

IT HAS been my good fortune to have been reared in a Christian home. Not only have I benefited from the spiritual influence of my parents, but also through the various contacts which it was my privilege to make with outstanding Christian men and women who were guests at the manse. Among these are numbered ministers, missionaries, doctors, denominational leaders, and such who rank high in the world's affairs. These relationships and the things they have contributed to my life have caused me to aspire to make my life count for some cause that would make a worthy contribution to all mankind.

Early in my youth I felt the urge of the Holy Spirit to commit my life for salvation and service to the Lord Jesus Christ. The consciousness of his love and sacrifice for me has been a constant reminder that I am indebted to serve him by serving my fellowmen.

Several things have been directing me into the field of medicine. An early and continued interest in my studies at school in subjects related to medicine, the human body and life itself served as a directive preparatory to my life's work. The great need in the world to help suffering mankind also acted as a stimulus to venture forth into the field of medicine. An inclination to be able some day to contribute something valuable in the area of medical research offers a real challenge to me. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit may give me guidance, now in my college career, and definitely lead me into that field where I can best fulfill these aspirations and be led to carry out his will for my life.

I am confident that my election to the executive committee of the C. B. Y. Fellowship is also a matter in which the Lord has been guiding. As I work

together with the other Christian young people of our fellowship, I am sure that the Lord will give further enlightenment while at the same time provide an opportunity for service in the great Kingdom enterprise.

### The Impact of a Christian Teacher

By **Miss Alma Zimmerman** of Minneapolis, Minnesota

AS I LOOK at the life of Jesus, I see what tremendous impact he had on the life of the people of that day through his teaching ministry. Today, as then, there is a great need of teachers who will have a Christian influence upon their students.

Through God's grace I strive to pattern my teaching after Christ's great and perfect example. This I realize is most difficult in my own strength. I praise the Lord for the strength he gives me to carry on with the task entrusted to me. His word is filled with many promises which I can claim. II Corinthians 3:5 is a continued source of inspiration and joy to me.

The world is looking to the educational institutions as a means of salvation from many of today's problems. The demands are for better qualified and more thoroughly trained individuals. As I realize these facts, I have a greater sense of responsibility toward my students. I need constantly to draw on a greater power that will enable me to fulfill my obligations toward my students. Teachers need to guide, instruct and train their students in such a way that will enable them to cope more efficiently with the complex problems of life.

Students today are restless, anxious, uncertain and fearful. I find I need to be a constant example of strong, poised Christian character. By the grace of God I radiate God's love, peace and joy to others. For as the students watch me, I want them to see Christ through me.

Through all my contacts with others

and as a member of the great and noble profession of teaching I make this my aim: "The Service of Christ is the business of my life. The will of Christ is the law of my life. The presence of Christ is the joy of my life. The glory of Christ is the crown of my life."

### Ours Is a World Encircling Gospel

By **Miss Gertrude B. Schatz** of Hyden, Kentucky, Missionary Appointee for the Cameroons, Africa

AS I pondered over the Youth Week theme, "Ours Is the World," the following words came to me: "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun." A feeling of joy swept over my soul to realize anew that his Kingdom will be "spread from shore to shore."

The Gospel of Christ is a world Gospel—meant for all men everywhere. We cannot be true to Christ apart from a missionary spirit and commitment. God's Word tells us, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). My part in spreading his Kingdom is being obedient to his will as a missionary nurse.

God's will has not always been my will, but since committing my life fully to him, I know he is leading me. Looking back to various training periods, I realize God's guidance. Each phase of training has helped me develop spiritually, mentally and physically for the work which God would have me do. Though doubts have arisen, God's Word came through and Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and of a good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest," helped me overcome the doubts. This continues to encourage me.

Certainly, as Christians, "ours is the world" and regardless of profession, calling or talent each one of us can render some service for the cause of Christ and have his joy.

## The Gospel For the Whole World

By **Rev. Willy R. Muller** of Carbon, Alberta

NO WORDS are more true of the Gospel ministry than these. Jesus commanded his followers to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." While it is true that we have followed God's command to Adam "to subdue the earth," we have not fulfilled the command to reach all of mankind with the Gospel, even after almost 2,000 years of trying.

In realizing the enormous task and the boundless limits of the ministry, we ought to pray that God will make use of the very best of our sons and daughters. They will need to have a very definite conviction that the Lord has called them, otherwise they will be in danger of losing the sense of his sustaining power in the midst of their work.

Next in importance to God's call, I would like to emphasize the importance of preparation. The work of the ministry today almost demands specialization. The minister is not only a preacher, but also a counsellor, a statesman, an organizer and a financier.

Our task in the ministry is to introduce men to Jesus Christ. Someone else has well said that the minister's task is to interpret the changeless Christ to a changing world. This demands that the minister know his changeless Christ above any other knowledge. But it also demands of him to keep abreast with the changing world. The world is his field, and he must know it in order to plant the seed aright, and to meet the needs wisely through the Gospel.

The Christian ministry has proven to be a most exciting and adventure-



The Oregon Senior Youth Camp held last summer at Camp Tapawingo, Oregon, with Rev. Lawrence Bienert, general CBY Fellowship secretary, in front row (3rd from left).

some responsibility. It has given me the opportunity to see God change lives completely, to see men respond miraculously to God's love, to see God's great promises fulfilled daily in the lives of the faithful. After having completed seven full years in the Gospel ministry, my prayer is still, "I thank thee, Lord, that thou hast seen fit to call me into thy glorious ministry to be a co-laborer with thy Son, Jesus Christ."

### The Home Is Our World

By **Mrs. William Faust** (the former Frances Link) of Detroit, Michigan

THE HOME was established by God. It is in his plan for mankind. The family unit is that upon which the whole structure of humanity and the fabric of civilization rests. If the home goes, the nation disappears.

In our world today there is a great need for devout Christian home makers. An unusual opportunity awaits all Christian home makers to witness. Our first responsibility lies in our own homes. Our Christian faith plays a great part in the success of our home life. Home makers dedicated to serving the Lord are effective witnesses for him, not only in the home but their influence reaches into the school, church, government and community.

True Christian home makers count tremendously. They are a positive force for salvation and righteousness. They create a home that is not just a place where we eat and sleep, but which is the endearing dwelling place where domestic love, happy and cherished family life, peace and shelter from the evil world are known and enjoyed.

God entrusted this purposeful life to me eleven years ago. He blessed our home with three children. Daily God gives me the joy to perform the task of a home maker. I contribute my happiness to a few principles which I try to practice daily.

- 1) Make every day count in the development of my own spiritual life.
- 2) Take this task seriously.
- 3) Read your Bible thoughtfully until you get a message for yourself.
- 4) Spend time in prayer, expecting results therefrom.
- 5) Cultivate a habit of giving thanks and praising God at all times. (Not much time is left for grouches, self-pity and fear).
- 6) Try to maintain a Christian atmosphere in the home.
- 7) Do not become discouraged if all your aims and desires are not carried out.

These daily practices have strengthened me to witness to home makers who have found this task too heavy to bear. For the happiness of a home-maker, I thank Jesus for the sweet nectar of his great love, that keeps me looking beyond the broom and the dishpan to the glory of my Christian witness.



BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE JOINT COMMITTEE

Members of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Joint Committee and visitors at their fall meeting held at the American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our executive secretary, is second from the left in front row.





—Luoma Photo

"Raise your sights high! Your effort in life is determined by your choice of vocation and a continual clear vision."

# How Can I Know God's Will?

Blessed promises are given to those who do the will of God from the heart!

By Rev. Ervin B. Strauss  
of Hilda, Alberta

GOD HAS a perfect plan for every life. His plan will be revealed to and understood by those who sincerely desire to do it. "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17). "That ye may stand perfect and complete in the will of God" (Col. 4:12).

There are three general means by which I have come to know God's will. These three are: his Word (the Bible), providential circumstances, and the personal ministry of the Holy Spirit.

## THE BIBLE'S GUIDANCE

I have been in contact with the Word of God as long as I can remember. The Psalmist says, "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Ps. 119:130). As a young lad of twelve, God, through his Word, showed me that I was a lost sinner. He graciously revealed that he had made provision in Jesus Christ for my salvation. "Whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). By faith I responded to God's invitation and received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I truly experienced that "faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom. 10:17).

As I read the Word of God, as I heard it preached, as it was taught to me by my parents, Sunday School teachers, Bible School teachers, and Seminary teachers, and as I read books dealing with God's Word, it proved to be a "lamp unto my feet, a light unto my path" (Ps. 119:105). Through God's Word, I have come to know God, his works, his purpose for man, and his complete provision for man in the person of Jesus Christ.

The sovereign God, who preserves and controls his creation, brings about circumstances by which we can know

his will. I have experienced that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28). There are many circumstances which have come into my life which, at the time they came, seemed meaningless or unnecessary. However, they were meaningful and very necessary to make known the will of God.

## PROVIDENTIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

I can recall the years of poverty in my home, which caused my parents to depend upon the Lord, and that trust, which I observed in my youth, made its impression upon my life. I remember how, through circumstances, God arrested my desire to become a businessman and directed me to the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. While at the Christian Training Institute, God led me into the Gospel ministry. Recently, God has permitted me to be tested through trying circumstances, that I might learn completely to submit to and trust in Jesus Christ.

Through providential circumstances God taught the apostle Paul submission and trust. Thus Paul said: "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:11-13). "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place" (II Cor. 2:14). I thank God for the providential circumstances by which he has taught me his will.

God has also made his will known through the Holy Spirit. The third

Person of the Godhead came to dwell in my heart when I received the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. Jesus told his disciples what the Holy Spirit would do for them, when the Spirit would come to abide in them. Jesus said of the Spirit: "He will teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26). "He shall testify of me" (John 15:26). "He will guide you into all truth, . . . he will show you things to come" (John 16:13). "He shall glorify Me." (John 16:14a).

## THE SPIRIT'S TEACHING

It has been the personal ministry of the Holy Spirit that has transformed my heart and mind. He has given me an understanding of God's Word. He has taught me to pray and to wait upon the Lord. He has shown me that I must walk by faith. He has revealed the Lord Jesus Christ as the perfect will of God for man. He forms Christ in me. Thus, I praise God for the indwelling Holy Spirit through whom he has given me the knowledge of his will.

God has made known his "good," "acceptable" and "perfect" will when there was absolute submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living" (Rom. 14:8, 9).

His will is revealed to us when there is absolute obedience to his Word. "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou

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# Christian Motives in Choosing a Vocation

Each vocation is a potential gateway to serve the Lord. Find the place of God's choice for you and give it all you have!

By Mr. Albert C. Ahlquist  
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"Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Ephesians 5:17).

YOU MUST have a clear picture of the world in which you find yourself. The Bible is definite as to how to achieve a living. Toil and sweat are your lot, whether rich or poor, good or bad, male or female, bright or dull. Learning is a mystery and, when it has occurred, effort has gone out of the individual. Modern living has placed a numbness to hard work and both young and old have become lovers of pleasure. Solomon exclaims those who love pleasure love poverty. In its time and right perspective, pleasure is wholesome. What we plan to do, we must do with our might, and God has promised to bless such.

## YOUR GOD-GIVEN TALENTS

Special training gives special opportunity and reward. The question is, What sort of preparation should I take? Dr. Beck, Professor of Education at the University of Minnesota, has recently visited Russian schools. There, the belief is that environment molds the individual and not hereditary factors. A student's failure is explained as due to intellectual passiveness!

We believe our Creator endowed us with various kinds and numbers of gifts or talents. It is our task to discover these latent jewels. Seek help from competent, trained, guidance personnel at high schools and colleges. These offer I. Q. Tests, Aptitude Tests, and Interest Tests which are reliable indicators when taken honestly. Comparative information on accredited schools is available and helpfully suggestive. When I.Q.'s are not readily accessible, your high school marks are quite informing.

You will discover these latent possibilities if you have honestly applied yourself. One study has shown that the teachers of economics and science are more proficient than the guidance men in determining the potentialities of the student's probable success in college. The teacher is in a better position than the guidance department to study the student.

Once you have a definite understanding of your capabilities, heed this knowledge seriously. Let it be your guide where useful. I speak as a teacher.

## GOD'S PLACE FOR YOU

Don't let your parents or guardians pressure you into a prestige vocation if you are designed for and interested in a skilled trade. God does not want you in a field which you do not like and for which you have very little aptitude. If the Lord has given you but a few talents, live on their plane and serve the Lord there. Your happiness is where you manage well what you do and taste occasional success doing it. You must be happy to be a successful witness.

Raise your sights high! Your effort is determined by your choice of vocation and a continual clear vision. In navigating a ship, the navigator plots the course and the helmsman steers this course through the darkness of the night until the twilight of the new day. The navigator then shoots the stars with a sextant and obtains a fix, determining how far off course the ship has drifted.

There is a moral to this. When you have made up your mind as to which course you wish to travel, steer a straight course by faith and let God take the fix at the twilight of your journey. I believe you will find your position about where God intended you to be. Our Master controls the weather, the currents, and other determinants. The Lord took care of me through the Okinawa typhoon of December of 1945. I speak as a navigator.

In a humble village in the remotest place, there are children who are capable of learning anything! Authentic information is necessary for these children in a day of the scientific method. Truth, apart from salvation, is still truth. Heathens are blessed by the very presence of Christians and a government is bettered by the Biblical laws it inculcates into its system. So, in seeking a vocation, learn as

much about everything you can. Remember there is nothing so mutual as common knowledge and developed interests to bait a line to save a soul. Most of what a missionary knows comes mighty useful. I speak as the son of a medical missionary leaving the field at the age of eighteen.

Ignorance is the costliest thing in life, for one remains eternally lost and on earth tastes poverty, sickness, superstition and fears of all kinds. My dad claimed that if he acquired a million dollars, he would not increase the medical staff but put every cent of the sum into educating the ignorant masses. Think what a well developed, disciplined, spirit-led mind of an individual could do to express the compassion of the Lord to the lost!

What if you fail to reach your vocational choice? Are your training, time and money lost? Has the Lord let you down? Was it your fault? By raising your sights you may have overshoot your abilities and reached the door of your vocation, but it remained closed. For efficiency sake, relocate your mind into a related field and give it all you have.

I raised my sights during the war and went through pre-medics and in a little over two years receiving my first degree, yet I never entered medical school. Today, I am a public high school teacher of biology and would not exchange it for anything! It is a choice place to serve my Lord.

## CHRISTIAN INFLUENCES

Each vocation is a potential gateway to serve the Lord. There is an island in the Brahmaputra River in India that opened to the Gospel through the unselfish, patient efforts of a medical missionary who brought sight to a Brahmin priest. Here in America, the choir director at our public high school concentrates on spiritual music and opens the day with the Lord's Prayer. Some of our administration is composed of Christian men who hire Christian teachers and

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CBY FELLOWSHIP LITERATURE

The various publications of the CBY Fellowship were dramatically portrayed at one of the 1958 General Conference sessions in Edmonton, Alberta.

## Operation "Thousand for Christ"

An Evaluation of This Soul Winning Program by Rev. Lawrence Bienert, CBYF Secretary

FOR MORE than a year you have heard our young people talk about OPERATION TFC. By this time you are well aware of the goal which they have set—to win a "Thousand For Christ." You have observed them as they took up the challenge to do their part in this soul winning program.

### THE PREPARATION

One of their first tasks was to take a study course to learn about the qualifications of a soul winner, the various methods of evangelism, the special techniques in speaking to people about their relationship to the Lord, and the importance of knowing the Scriptures.

The next step in their personal preparation was the memorization of Scripture passages, especially those dealing with sin and salvation. The small packet of Scripture verses included in our Operation TFC packet was especially helpful in this respect. The plan of salvation was simply outlined, the answers to men's excuses clearly stated.

It was not uncommon to see our North American Baptist young people memorizing these verses during their lunch hour, or while riding on the bus to work. This in itself gave these consecrated soul winners an opportunity to witness for their Lord.

### THE WITNESS

The actual task of witnessing was carried out in a number of ways. One of the greatest opportunities presented itself during the regular evangelistic meetings in the local church or community. While the entire community is made conscious of its spiritual needs,

it is much easier to become bold in giving our testimony and encouraging others to give their hearts and lives to the Lord.

Other opportunities presented themselves through the visitation program set up by the local CBY. Here two young people would call on one of their friends or some other prospect and present the claims of Christ. This program is similar to that carried on by our "God's Volunteers." Such visitation brings with it not only the disappointments of slammed doors and unresponsive hearts, but also the joy of seeing an individual become concerned about his spiritual condition, or winning another member to Sunday School and church attendance, or the greater joy of pointing someone to Jesus Christ our Savior.

Many have been interested in the results of our Operation TFC program. It is always difficult to measure such results which pertain to spiritual matters. In many cases the seed has been sown but not yet harvested; in other cases the visible results are not yet

Materials Available from Youth Department	
Operation TFC Packet (Follow-up Manual included)	25c
Follow-up Manual	Free
Beginning With Christ (B Rations)	10c
Going On With Christ (I. R. Pack)	10c
Introductory Bible Study	20c
Now That I Believe	35c

evident. According to reports received, and one does not always receive all the reports, there were 717 who made definite decisions for Christ. This figure includes the number of conversions as well as those who surrendered their lives completely to him during the period of August 1, 1957 to July 15, 1958.

There are other results not quite as tangible. We have seen a definite moving of the Holy Spirit at our camps and local churches these days. Some of this, I am sure, is due to the consecrated young people through whom the Spirit could work. This is only the beginning of the manifestation of the power of God.

### FURTHER OBLIGATIONS

Our task is not yet complete. There are many thousands who must still be won to Christ. Therefore we are continuing our interest in soul winning. We urge our young people to join the Soul Winners' Fellowships which are being established in our churches during this first year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Our obligation is not only to those who are yet outside the fold, but also to those who have just recently come into the family of God. To these we give our attention in the form of a Follow-up program.

We read a great deal about "conserving the results." Whether converts have been won through evangelistic meetings or personal witnessing, it is necessary that we give more attention to this all-important phase of our ministry. It is a ministry in which all of us can share.

A Follow-up Manual has been prepared to give specific directions for

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## What Juniors Expect of Your Church

What are our churches doing for the Juniors of our denomination?

By Miss Ruth Bathauer, Children's Worker

DURING Youth Week the spot light falls on our young people—those young people in high school and college who will be our future leaders. We are thrilled and inspired when we see the potential wrapped up in our youth.

Let us go a step further and think of the younger children, who in a few years will become our youth. What are our churches doing for the Juniors of our denomination? We realize that in order to be good material for youth work in our churches, these Juniors need to receive the best training possible.

There are many avenues of training for them. The purpose of this article is to review in our minds what Juniors may expect from our churches.

### JUNIOR CAMP

One special avenue through which Juniors may expect the church to provide training for them is through the Junior Camps. Many of our churches are doing that on a conference and state wide basis. During the past summer there were more than 17 Junior High Camps conducted with more than 1100 boys and girls in attendance. Camping in God's beautiful outdoors is so conducive for boys and girls to learn to live together, to worship with others of like interests and needs, to study God's Word.

Often it is a camp where Juniors meet the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. However it is our desire to follow the teaching of the New Testament . . . "And the Lord added to the church *daily* such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47). This means that we must have a continuous evangelistic approach in our churches instead of a "once a year" event.

### BIBLE STUDY

The Junior has a right to expect guided Bible study through his church. He does receive this through his Sunday School, Junior CBY, extended sessions and many different ways. One very important avenue of Bible study provided by our denomination is our Scripture Memory Program. Last summer 1,743 Juniors successfully completed all of the verses assigned in the Scripture Memory program. The Scripture Memory program is an effort to help children develop a habit of daily Bible study.

The Junior has a right to expect more training than the two hours on Sunday morning. Some of our churches are providing opportunity for further growth for Juniors through the Junior CBY. May we encourage more of our churches to take advantage of this opportunity.



The handbook for Junior Leaders which is available free from the North American CBYF office in Forest Park, Illinois.

### JUNIOR CBY

The Junior CBY is one of the best avenues of preparation for the older CBY Fellowship. As the child has opportunity to develop leadership ability at a young age he will be much better fitted for active participation when

he reaches high school and college.

The work of the Junior CBY should be based upon the same goals and objectives as that of the CBY Fellowship. However, the needs and abilities of the Juniors should ever be kept in mind. A very effective program can be planned for Juniors if the leaders meet frequently with the Junior Sunday School superintendent and teachers to study objectives, survey the materials suggested for the groups, and plan special emphasis and projects for them. In this way overlapping is avoided, the work of each group is strengthened, and the Juniors are guided consistently to greater loyalty to God through Jesus Christ and to their church and its program.

The time of meeting does not necessarily need to be on Sunday evening, although in many areas this is the best time. Adjust the time of meeting to meet your local situation. In some cases the meeting might be held on Sunday afternoon, after school during the week or some week night. The First Baptist Church of Shattuck, Oklahoma, finds that Friday night right after school is the best time for the children to meet at the church.

To assist you in organizing a Junior CBY in your church, you may write to headquarters office, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois for your free copy of the *JUNIOR CBY ORGANIZATION HANDBOOK*.

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Every Junior has a right to expect guided Bible study through his Sunday School and church.



# Your Offering on BWA Sunday

An Announcement About a Four-fold Opportunity on Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 1st, by  
Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

**B**APTISTS ARE keenly sensitive to the Macedonian calls for help in the world of today. They know what the Master felt when he had compassion on the multitudes. They have eyes to see the millions of refugees still roaming aimlessly in the world and they have a heart of compassion towards their fellow-believers who desperately need a helping hand.

This ministry of Baptist sharing will be dramatized on Sunday, February 1st, when in almost every Baptist church at the communion services a special offering for the Baptist World Alliance will be received. This is Baptist World Alliance Sunday when the 21 million Baptists remember the ties of faith that bind them together and are also made aware of the responsibilities they have toward one another. Your offering on this Sunday will render a four-fold ministry. In the light of this great need, make your contributions as large as your heart of love toward those who need you and your assistance.

## BAPTIST REFUGEES

Baptist leaders have learned of the pitiful plight of more than 200 Baptist refugees who fled from Russia to Shanghai in China. After traveling the many miles under the worst possible conditions, they established their homes temporarily in the midst of the seething masses of Shanghai. There is no future for them in this crowded city. Spiritually they are strangers in a foreign land. They are poverty stricken and beset with overwhelming obstacles.

The doors of possible immigration into Brazil, South America, have tragically closed for them. Other doors have never opened to them as Russian Baptists into Canada or the United States. Now the Baptist World Alliance has learned that we can help them to emigrate to Australia. The cost of this will be about \$250 per adult, including transportation and getting settled in the new country.

Baptists of all conference groups through the Baptist World Alliance must stretch out a helping hand to these refugee Baptists in Shanghai. As the North American Baptist General Conference we are also sharing in this ministry. Your offering on Baptist Alliance Sunday will go towards helping these 200 Russian Baptists in China to find a new home and a better future in Australia.

## BAPTIST CENTER IN POLAND

Another golden opportunity for service in Christ's Name has come to us in Poland. The open door there is a chance to help our Polish Baptist brethren build a Baptist Center in the heart of Warsaw on a choice lot made



available by the city. The Center will include a Baptist church, convention offices and a seminary.

Before the second World War there were 17,000 Baptists in Poland. Many were killed during the war. Others, of German descent, formed the nucleus of "refugee churches" in postwar Germany. Now there are about 3,000 Baptist church members in Poland. They have pledged sacrificial amounts toward this project. Rev. Aleksander Kircun, president of the Polish Baptists, has said, "Our church members hope to give a full month's salary each year for two or three years." The seminary building for the training of future pastors is one of the imperative needs of Polish Baptists who last summer celebrated their Centenary Jubilee.

Southern Baptists and the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Societies were asked to give \$30,000, respectively over a three year period to the project. The North American Baptist General Conference has likewise made a three year commitment totaling \$3,000. This is a joint project by all Baptists through the Baptist World Alliance in which you too can have a part with your special offering. Dr. Edward B. Willingham, after having been in Warsaw last summer,

The Communion Offering  
on Sunday, Feb. 1,  
Will Be For These Baptist  
Alliance Projects

has said: "Never have we as Baptists had a greater opportunity and challenge in Poland than in these beginning years of a second century of Baptist witness."

## BOYS' SCHOOL FOR BLIND

Another desperate need in the world has been brought to the attention of our North American Baptist leaders recently in a letter to Dr. Frank H. Woyke from Mrs. Thusnelda Diemke in Iran. There is a mission for blind boys in Isfahan, the second largest city in Iran. It is called the Baptist Blind Boys' School in Isfahan. These are "nobody's children," unwanted and forgotten. The members of the Baptist Church in Iran have done all they could, and some help has come from Europe. But the school is still destitute, even though a sewing circle has been organized and shirts, vests, etc., were made by interested friends and sent to them. The Macedonian calls still ring persistently.

Naturally, we shall do what we can to help. If our offerings on Baptist World Alliance Sunday are large enough, we shall send additional financial help to meet this need as soon as possible. Mrs. Diemke wrote that she has become concerned about the Arab refugees "at their doorstep."

The United Nations has declared a World Refugee Year in 1959. The number of Arab refugees now exceeds one million. Every year there are 25,000 children born "into these cesspools of hate" which these Arab camps have become. Nobody knows today how many refugees there are in the entire world. But we know that no less than forty million people have lost their homes in the past ten years. We cannot help all of them but in Isfahan, Persia, (or Iran), there is a Macedonian call from this school for blind boys where we can definitely help in Christ's Name!

## BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

Another blessing of your offering in this four-fold ministry of yours to be given on Baptist World Alliance Sunday will be to assist in the administrative work of the Alliance through its offices in Washington, D.C., its world wide relief program, and its spiritual objectives to bind the Baptists of more than one hundred countries together in fellowship.

What a challenging four-fold opportunity to lay your offering on God's altar for Christ's service! In view of the plaintive Macedonian calls of this hour, make your offering and that of your church especially large and generous this year. Make it a sacrificial offering in behalf of fellow-Baptists for the Lord Jesus Christ!

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nominations have also been closed. In September police visited the pastor of Third Baptist church, Barcelona, telling him that the church would be closed if it did not stop meeting in the little hall it was renting. Therefore, the congregation divided into several groups and arranged for services in private homes. Spanish Baptist leaders have asked that Baptists of the world be informed of the situation, making a special request for prayers.

• **Course at Baylor.** Baylor University at Waco, Texas, is now offering three semester hours of university credit for a correspondence course in Basic Literacy, which is the study of successful literacy materials, particularly international literacy specialist. Up to twelve months time is allowed for completing the course, which includes studies in how to teach the Laubach literacy materials in English and Spanish, how to prepare new literacy materials, how to conduct local literacy programs with civic groups, churches, or by TV, how to use literacy materials for remedial reading classes, for retarded children, or for the foreign born. Complete information may be obtained from: The Director, The Literacy Center, Baylor University, Waco, Texas or Dr. Monroe S. Carroll, The Correspondence Division, Baylor University, Waco, Texas. —*United Evangelical Action.*

• **Asian Women Form Continental Union.** "Heaven must be something like this," said a tiny lady with smiling black eyes, wearing flowers in her hair. Such was the reaction of 35 delegates from eight countries gathered in Calcutta, India, November 8-13, for the first assembly of Asian Baptist women. There were folk from Hawaii, the Philippines, Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Burma, Ceylon and India. They said themselves that previously all these names had been merely names. Now they are countries where friends dwell, and where "we actually know our own Baptist people." Mrs. George Martin of the U.S.A., chairman of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, was able through love to gather these women from such varied backgrounds of habit, accomplishments, tragedy and hope, into one family. The very first session, during which each group, by tiny dramas, showed how friends are received in their country, revealed their common humanity. "We are one in Christ," was the phrase most often on their lips. Some had been Hindus, and some Buddhists, but all had experienced a great change in their lives. Christ had become central, and therefore they were kindred to all of like faith. Thus was formed the "Asian Baptist Women's Union." The officers elected were Mrs. Ayako Hino, Tokyo, chairman; Miss Mercy Jayarajao, Viskahapatnam, India, co-chairman; Mrs. Louise Paw, Rangoon, secretary.

# From the Professor's Desk

By Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Professor, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

*In The Authorized and Revised Standard Versions of the Bible many of the Psalms have titles. How old are these titles, and are they a good guide in ascribing authorship to the Psalms?*

Although we cannot consider the titles (superscriptions) of the Psalms inspired, they are very ancient, antedating the Christian era. In the Septuagint Version (the Greek translation of the Old Testament produced in the second or third centuries B.C.), all the Psalms have titles except two, whereas in the Hebrew Bible (Masoretic Text) there are 34 "orphan psalms." The superscriptions indicate either the author of the Psalm, or the circumstances under which it was written, or describe its nature or supply liturgical or music instructions. Many of the terms found in the title are obscure, e.g., *Shiggaiion* (Psalm 7); *Muth-labben* (Psalm 9); and *Alamoth* (Psalm 46), the latter being the Hebrew word for "young women," but its meaning in the context of the Psalm is not known.

Of more importance are the names

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included in the superscriptions. In the Hebrew Bible, 73 Psalms are ascribed (the Hebrew preposition used may indicate something other than authorship in the strict sense of the word) to David, twelve to Asaph, ten to the Sons (Descendants) of Korah, two to Solomon, and one each to Heman the Ezrahite, Ethan the Ezrahite, and Moses.

Of particular interest are the Psalms ascribed to Israel's greatest king, David. Although it is popular nowadays to dismiss these titles as having little or no historic significance, they cannot be so lightly regarded. There is a solid Old Testament tradition that David was both a musician and a poet (I Sam. 16:17-23; 18:10; II Sam. 1:17-27; 3:33-34; 23:1-7). David also is credited with organizing the liturgical side of Hebrew worship (Ezra 3:10; Neh. 12:24, 36, 45-46; II Chron. 29:30). His writing of psalms is consistent with both of these traditions.

Another important consideration is the testimony of the New Testament to the Davidic authorship of certain Psalms (Mark 12:36-37; Rom. 4:6-8; 11:9, 10 etc.). All of this indicates that there is a good historical tradition preserved in the titles of at least some of the Psalms. However, they are not to be regarded as part of the sacred text or as infallible guides to authorship.

# Baptist World Alliance Sunday

Message for Sunday, February 1, 1959

**T**O FELLOW-BELIEVERS in all countries: Grace be with you, and peace, from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

In this fifty-fourth year since the organization of our universal fellowship, we again invite you to join in a chorus of thanksgiving and intercession on Baptist World Alliance Sunday.

On this day let us joyously give honor and praise to God for the continued growth of our movement. Our numbers have been multiplied by four in a little more than half a century. Our witness is being heard in more than a hundred countries, from Liberia to Siberia, from the Bay of Bengal to the Cape of Good Hope. The truths which we are pledged to proclaim are finding increasing acceptance among our brethren in other branches of God's world-wide family. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Three special subjects are here suggested for our intercession on this day: Evangelism, Freedom, Peace.

Let us pray for that new venture in

evangelism to which many thousands of our churches committed themselves in a New Year's watch-night service of prayer and rededication. As Christ died to save sinners, each one of his followers is called to live his life and give his testimony in such a manner that the Savior may—in the words of the prophet—"see the fruit of his travail and be satisfied."

Not everywhere do our people have full freedom to do their work for Christ. In both East and West there are countries where Christians are hampered by legal restrictions, or harassed by hostile authorities, or even silenced behind prison walls. We have special cause to remember in prayer those brothers and sisters whose plight has so lately been brought home to us by the recent closing of several Evangelical churches in Spain. The cause of religious liberty is the cause of God, for not even the Almighty uses compulsion in matters of faith.

Let us pray for world peace. Sus-

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# We the Women

By MRS. ALBERT REDDIG  
President of the Woman's Missionary  
Union

## INTRODUCTION

Mrs. H. J. Waltereit had the unique privilege of accompanying her husband, the pastor of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, to Europe on the "SS SEVEN SEAS." Mr. Waltereit served as Chaplain on this voyage. Having visited Germany, Switzerland and Austria on this trip, we felt that Mrs. Waltereit would have many interesting experiences to share with the readers of this column. Her message will challenge all to pray for the less fortunate of which Europe has many, and to give for their support when the opportunity presents itself.

## IMPRESSIONS FROM ABROAD

By Mrs. H. J. Waltereit  
of Winnipeg, Manitoba

Every year, I am told, about 400,000 Americans visit Europe. They return to tell what they saw. But no one can form a complete picture of Europe in his mind from just one visit, even as it is impossible to form a complete picture of Canada or the United States under similar circumstances.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Plan now to observe the World Day of Prayer, Friday, Feb. 13th. You will receive program material for the observance of this day edited to promote our own Woman's Union Goals. Mrs. Edgar Klatt has prepared the English material, and Mrs. Albert Felberg the material for our German societies. We want to make this Prayer Day a time of special prayer for the women of Japan, and the offering of this day will be designated for our Japanese missions.

—Mrs. Albert Reddig, President

The parts of Germany, Switzerland and Austria which we visited present many contrasts. There are families in poverty; some in the middle brackets; and others in the higher class. There are many varieties of home structures: stone houses, musty flats, and the beautiful new modern apartments. Impressive to me were the small villages with brilliant red brick homes, usually quite alike in form and size. From miles away one can see the church steeple pointing heavenward.

In many places Germany is overcrowded. Thousands of families have to live in dwellings unfit for their needs. In Berlin, for instance, a family often has to get along with two rooms, and still people from the East Zone are daily coming in great numbers. Some

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come in work clothes, slipping across the border to the West, leaving all belongings behind. It is hard to imagine their plight under the Communist regime.

We drove into the East Sector of Berlin by car for a short distance and were amazed at the sights. Next to nothing has been built up; ruins are on every hand. The people are poorly clad, and their faces show sorrow and sadness. Food is tremendously high in price in comparison to their income, and hard to get, as is mostly everything else. Our uncle from the Eastern Zone told us the price of coffee was 32 marks, or about \$8 a pound. How they need our prayers!

Yet the most tragic fact of thousands of families is not the lack of housing but the lack of spiritual hope. Faith in God, of any kind, has seeped away from many lives. Many do not have freedom of worship in the Eastern Zone, and many are so unconcerned.

One thing I must not fail to mention, and that is how again and again I was told by women, "If it hadn't been for the Christian church people of America, many of us would not be alive. Your food and your clothes kept us. Thank them for us."

Women, let this be a challenge to us and help wherever a need arises. Let us also constantly remember those who are less fortunate than we in our prayers.

## OPERATION TFC

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this program. The Sponsorship Plan is described giving step by step procedures in getting started and what to do for a period of 13 weeks in helping a new convert become established in the faith. The stress in this plan is on the Person of Christ and the Scriptures.

This program calls for an older Christian (not necessarily in years) to serve as a sponsor for a new convert. The two will meet once a week during which time the sponsor will encourage the new convert to read his Bible and to pray. He will also try to answer questions about this new life in Christ. The material helps mentioned in the manual are available through our youth department.

We rejoice in the promise which God has given us in the theme verse which was ours last year. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Ps. 126:6). Our young people have gone forth with a deep concern; they have planted the seed of God's Word. They have come again with rejoicing. They will continue to go forth to witness, to win and to teach. We will continue to pray for them.

## BAPTIST ALLIANCE SUNDAY

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picion, fear and hate have laid their blight upon the nations. Great wealth, that could feed hungry peoples and build up backward countries, is being used to create means of destruction. We know that human sinfulness is at the root of the trouble; that only God can cope with it; that he has given us prayer as one great means of bringing closer that day when his will shall be done on earth.

Pray, therefore, that his power may hold back the forces straining towards war and guide the nations and their leaders into paths of peace.

"If ye abide in me," says Jesus, "and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

Greetings to you all from your brothers in Christ.

Theodore F. Adams,  
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General Secretary  
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Henry Cook,  
Associate Secretary in Europe

## WHAT JUNIORS EXPECT OF YOUR CHURCH

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The leaders in the Junior CBY play an important role. If possible, encourage a young couple to accept this responsibility. These leaders should know and love Junior boys and girls. They should know their needs and abilities in order to help them achieve their individual rates of growth. Energy and activity are two of the outstanding characteristics of Juniors. Provide opportunity for participation by Juniors in the CBY organization. The leader who knows Juniors will give guidance to the child to encourage him but not so much that the challenge has been taken away.

The Junior has a right to expect to be challenged and interested in missions through the church. The Junior CBY organization can be another important channel through which boys and girls might become better acquainted with North American Baptist missions.

Your church receives copies of JUNIOR MISSION MATERIAL each quarter. Through this material we want to help our juniors become better acquainted with the missionaries and their needs so that boys and girls might more intelligently pray for them and to realize that through their prayers and gifts they might have a vital part in spreading the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have mentioned only some of the things which our Juniors might expect from our churches. We must also add that the home and the church must work together in training these young lives, our future youth.

BAPTIST HERALD

# What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. John Wollenberg of Ebenezer, Saskatchewan, have announced the birth of a son on December 10th, to whom the name Timothy Dean has been given. This is their second child.

● The Ridgewood Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y. has called Rev. Rubin Kern of Oak Park, Ill., as its pastor, to which a favorable reply has been given. Mr. Kern has served as minister of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., since 1951. In the Ridgewood Church, beginning March 1st, Mr. Kern will succeed Rev. Paul Wengel who has retired from the active ministry.

● The Minnetrista Baptist Church of St. Bonifacius, Minn., has called Mr. Thomas Harfst as its full time minister, who has served the church very acceptably for some time as its interim pastor. Mr. Harfst is a student at the Bethel Baptist Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. He is a spiritual son of the Bethel Church of Detroit, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Harfst reside at Coon Rapids, Minn.

● The Bible Baptist Church, LaCrosse, Wis., has extended a call to Rev. Leland Connor of Jackson, Mich., to which a favorable response has been given. He hoped to begin his ministry in LaCrosse on January 4, succeeding Rev. Carl B. Zimmerman. Mr. Connor has been serving as pastor of a Conservative Baptist Church in Michigan. On Sunday, Dec. 14, Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., supplied the pulpit of the LaCrosse Church.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Okla., observed the Universal Week of Prayer from January 5 to 9. The church also voted to cooperate aggressively in the Baptist Jubilee Advance program of the denomination. During the Christmas season the church enjoyed the use of an organ loaned by the Thurlow Music Company of Clinton, Okla. Copies of "The Calvary Clarion" with announcements, church news and brief spiritual messages are mimeographed and sent to all members and friends of the church by the pastor, Rev. Jack Block.

● The Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, S. Dak., has called Mr. Alvin Auch as student pastor. He is a second year student at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Mr. and Mrs. Auch are living in the church's parsonage at Canistota, S. Dak. Mrs. Auch teaches in the second grade in a large school on the outskirts of Sioux Falls. The church has made a number of important improvements in the parsonage, as reported by Mrs. John G. Buseman, clerk.

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 4, the Riverview Baptist Church choir and the Minnehaha Park Baptist senior choir of St. Paul, Minn., presented the Christmas cantata, "Love Transcending" by John W. Peterson, in the sanctuary of the Riverview Church. This united 50 voice choir also sang many of the favorite Christmas carols. The Christmas Sunday School program was rendered on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 21, with Miss Doris Glewwe, general superintendent, in charge. Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday, Nov. 23, the children of the Cradle Roll, Beginners and Primary departments of the church school of the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas, brought their Thanksgiving Fruit Plates for the shut-ins and older friends of the community. The children delivered the plates themselves in this annual ministry. The project climaxed their study in the church school of "God's Great Gifts." Rev. H. R. Schroeder is serving as the interim pastor of the church.

● The bulletin for Dec. 10 of the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, featured a front cover picture of the architect's sketch of the planned superstructure of the church. It will be built of brick with the exposed laminated arches in the interior. The seating capacity will be approximately 400. The cost of completion is estimated to be between \$60,000 and \$70,000. The final decision must still be made by the church. Mr. Karl Brucker is chairman of the Building Committee and Mr. Winston Knoll of the Planning Committee. Rev. Richard Grabke is pastor of the church.

● Four Sioux Falls College seniors at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., have been selected for "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Among these four are Rose Marie Lippert of Tripp, N. Dak., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Lippert. Miss Lippert is very active in the program of the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls. These honored students were selected by a joint stu-

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dent-faculty committee on the basis of scholarship and contribution to campus life.

● The sanctuary of the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was filled on Saturday evening, Dec. 6, for a special Youth Rally to hear the members of "God's Volunteers" team. These young people brought their testimonies, played many instruments, and rendered spiritual selections to delight the audience. This program was given in the midst of a busy campaign at Wessington Springs, S. Dak., where "God's Volunteers" served from Dec. 2 to 14. Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor of the Sioux Falls Church, wrote that "the Spirit of God moved among us. Many people indicated their willingness to win souls for Christ."

● The Sunday School Christmas program of the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, was presented on Sunday evening, Dec. 21. It featured the pageant, "The Soldier and the Prince of Peace," in four scenes and with a cast of 12 children. Mr. Don Kohrs directed the pageant. Impressive exercises and Christmas recitations and songs were also rendered by the various departments. Mrs. David Gerdes is the Sunday School superintendent. Rev. Emanuel Wolff is pastor of the church and Rev. Donald Rich the minister of education.

● A new Church Extension field has been adopted by the denomination through its Church Extension Committee. This is the Wichita area of Portland, Oregon, where Mr. Dallas W. Keck of the Trinity Baptist Church has been engaged for some time in the work of a small mission. Beginning with January 1st, Mr. Keck and his work in the Wichita area are receiving Church Extension support. An illustrated article about the prospects of this field will appear shortly in the "Baptist Herald."

● Evangelistic services were held by the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware, from Nov. 9 to 16 with Rev. Herbert J. Freeman of Hamden, Conn., in charge of the services. The church experienced a revival and eight Sunday School scholars and two adults confessed Christ as Savior. A baptismal service was held on Sunday, Dec. 28, with Rev. Christian Peters, pastor, officiating. The church is planning to build a Sunday School addition to the present building. The one story addition with basement, 32 by 52 feet, will add 14 rooms and church office.

● The Bethany Baptist Church of Vesper, Kansas, held a series of evangelistic meetings, Nov. 3 to 14, with Rev. Harry Haas of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Elmo, Kansas, as the evangelist. He brought messages each evening from God's Word, in addition to children's stories and Gospel magic. Three persons were converted during the meetings. Vernice Voigt as reporter stated: "Our hearts were drawn closer to God during these meetings and our

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Tom soon learned that Mary Sue's beauty came deeply from her very soul which was completely at peace with her Savior.

# The Voice of My Beloved

A Christian Novel by

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## SYNOPSIS

Tom Larkin drove his big semi truck into the darkness of a stormy night and hit an obstruction in the road. No farmhouse light was in sight. Then to his amazement at the top of a hill he seemed to see a building with lights flickering at the windows. He walked to it through the hurling rain and found it to be a weather-beaten church. And in it, he discovered a girl, deep in prayer, sitting near a candle-lara. Mary Sue took him to her home nearby and introduced him to her father, Spencer Nichols, a man with no sign of friendly warmth who called his daughter, "a scatterbrain." But Mary Sue was a faithful reader of the Bible, and as Tom watched her reading the Pook, he was reminded of his own home life. His drunken father was killed, but his mother, Sarah Larkin, never wavered in her faith in God. She tried to teach her son to be good and to promise her to put Christ first in his life.

## CHAPTER THREE

SARAH LARKIN insisted that Tom remain in school even above his protests. Now was his time for learning, and she would have him learn. Besides what odd jobs she could get to do at home, mending and the like, she now hired out steadily as a janitress at the two banks several blocks away and at the insurance building. Tom did not go out at night now; instead, his mother—went off to work until the early hours. During the day, while he was at school, she worked at home. At night when he came home from delivering papers—the one job she allowed since it would not interfere with his nightly study—they ate supper together. Then she left. Tom stayed behind to wash the dishes, tidy the rooms—and study.

He was a good student. For one thing, he felt he owed his mother this. For another, it was an emotional outlet. Studying made him forget, made him live up to his mother's expectations.

The factory where Len Larkin had held his last job by a frayed thread had, like most factories, an employee insurance plan. On death, one thou-

sand dollars. Accidental death, two thousand. This had been enough to bury Len Larkin properly, to provide also for the proper burial of Corrinne, and to pay the family's past debts. A few months after his death, Len Larkin's wife and son knew no security other than the few dollars they could scrape together each week. It was barely enough, and at the end of four years, when Tom was sixteen, it ceased.

Sarah Larkin passed away, quietly and without protest, perhaps with even a gentle look of peace of submission as she went to meet her Saviour.

For Tom, there was nothing other than cold reality. Doctors said her death was caused by overwork and a resultant heart attack. If she had been alive, Tom knew that she would have said it was the Lord's bidding; her time on earth was up, and overwork, the heart attack—these were merely the implements for carrying out of His will.

Implements they might well be, but to Tom there was but one reason for her death—grief. Grief, in those days was a synonym for "father." Not that he hated his father. In actuality, he did not hate him. He merely knew what his father had been and what he had done, and he accepted him thus. He had no feeling for him one way or another. What he did feel was the hurt his father brought upon others—the lines and shadows in his mother's face which made her look sixty, instead of thirty-nine.

For her there could be no proper burial. The money was gone. Tom was alone. The State made arrangements. Also, from the neighbor's whisperings, he heard that the State would see to him, too.

He did not want that. It was an ugly thing, his life, but he wanted the

remainder of it to himself, without the captivity of an orphanage.

He gathered together what few possessions he considered important—his patched shirts and extra pair of trousers, his toothbrush, comb and the picture. It was a poor picture—the product of one of those spur-of-the-moment decisions. The salesman had come to the door, Corrinne was newly born, and his father temporarily flush.

"Oh, let's Len!" his mother had pleaded excitedly. "I know we haven't the money, but she's such a pretty baby, and we may never have another chance—"

And so they posed—Sarah seated, Corrinne in her arms, Len seated beside her. Tom at her right. A very bad picture—dingy, no background, all of them ridiculously clothed in their frayed best. Yet Tom took the picture with him. It represented something more important than his family. It represented *unity*: his idea of the way a family *should* be.

He came to the Bible on the sideboard and hesitated beside it. Inside was written Len and Sarah Larkins' brief history. Their births, their marriage, their offspring—their deaths. Something else was written there, too. Something visible only to Tom. *His mother's dreams and prayers. "You've got to be strong and wise and educated! Most of all, Tommy—my darling—you've got to be a Christian—"*

How could he keep promises he did not begin to understand? And how could he understand a God who twisted and warped his every chance for earthly happiness, robbed him of every love, of every kinsman?

He shook his head slowly and closed the Book. "I'm sorry, Mother," he said in a sadly mature voice. "I'll do good just to keep alive. There won't ever be any wisdom and education for the likes of me. I'm glad you believed, if

it made you happy. I'm sorry to've lied—"

He left then, and the Bible remained behind—its destiny unknown—to be treasured, or to be destroyed, by the next tenants.

He went down the same street, saw the same faces—but for the last time. As far as this neighborhood was concerned, Tom Larkin disappeared.

Work was the first thing he had to seek, but it was an elusive goal for a boy of sixteen. He tramped day after day and found nothing. He learned to sleep beneath a newspaper and be glad that someone far wealthier than he had thrown it away. He learned to run from the policeman who spotted him loafing in a park at night. He learned where each free mission was located and at what time meals were served. Eventually, he learned to lie *intentionally*.

"I'm eighteen," he told the proprietor of a streetcar diner, and he got the job.

"You look old for eighteen," the squat little man had remarked. And he was right—more right than he knew.

So, while he was still sixteen, Tom began his career as a dishwasher. Eleven dollars a week and two meals. He got a cheap room, bought some warm clothes, worked twelve and fourteen hours a day. It was better than starvation.

Two years later, when he was eighteen, and currently earning sixteen dollars a week as a short-order cook, he quit to take a job as a truck driver.

"You experienced?" the personnel manager asked, eying Tom.

"Would I be here if I wasn't?" Tom snapped, and his assurance, added to his size, clinched the deal.

That had been four years ago. Since then, Tom had worked for two other firms, each paying him more than the last, until his present job, which usually consisted of three or four two-hundred-and-fifty-mile hauls a week. Being young and unattached, he took some of the older men's hauls, too, occasionally—such as during the holiday season when family get-togethers were held.

"Ask Tom to take the run for you!" was a familiar piece of advice at the headquarters of the trucking firm. "He's got nobody—"

And it was true. *He had nobody.* The memory of the family life he had known had been worn away by the winds of hardship until it seemed to have existed merely in some inner chamber of his subconscious like a bad dream, perchance a nightmare. The remembrance of his family life was like an old wound that had healed and left only a small scar to show it had existed.

Tom looked again at Mary-Sue Nichols and felt something akin to the supernatural in the fact that she—with her look of piety and her Bible—could exhume from him all these memories he had so carefully buried,

assuring himself that no visible proof of their existence would ever be seen in him again.

The next morning in the room above the kitchen, Tom awoke to the sound of a door slamming below and went to the window to look down at the semi-dark yard below, not yet brightened by the gray haze at the horizon. The girl walked athletically—almost angrily—toward the chicken coops. She was simply dressed—flat shoes, cotton skirt cascading from beneath a short jacket, basket over her arm, long hair uncovered—blowing in the cold wind. Tom smiled again. She was a little like those banty roosters!

Tom hesitated, struck by the thought that the girl was strangely like the old man—stubborn. Oddly, they were both stubborn and at swords' points about the very same thing! It was ironic that the girl should use the very stubbornness instilled in her by her father with which to fight him! The idea brought a smile to Tom's lips.

By the time she came back, he had gathered up his belongings, washed and combed his hair. He had not really intended to *spy* on her. He told himself that they simply happened to be at the same place at the same time. The thing that disquieted him altogether was that she stopped abruptly and looked up at the very moment when he looked down. Their eyes were not more than six paces apart as they gazed directly at each other.

It happened so swiftly that both were caught unaware and completely stripped of the camouflage of newly acquainted reservations. The curiosity and awareness lay mutual and unveiled between them. Tom felt—in that fragment of an instant—the most debilitating *closeness* to the girl, as if they shared a secluded, common bond, its image not yet discernible even to *them!* The sensation was so startling as to render him immovable. He simply *stared!*

For a minute she did the same, but she was first to recover and move quickly toward the door and into the house below.

Tom heard the door slam again, and he was conscious that emotions were once more filed neatly away in their proper place. Still, that naked moment had not left him unshaken. He had the desire to hasten down those stairs two at a time, and in the same second he had the urge to climb out the window and never face her again! He wanted to quiz her about all the things that troubled him suddenly, and yet, when he finally gathered the courage to venture into the kitchen, he barely found syllables enough to ask her if he might use the telephone.

Her back was toward him. She was breaking eggs into a frying pan. She neither looked up nor turned, but he saw her stiffen—much as she had at the church.

"It's in the parlor—just inside the door—"

He held out a clumsy hand, search-

ing for some phrase to offer by way of apology for daring to look at her like that, but the words halted in his throat and the moment remained a silent, intangible intimacy—a thing he could feel to the point of nearly choking, but could never put into word.

The telephone had been restored to order. He reported to the headquarters of the firm, inquired of the charge operator, and gave Mary-Sue the proper amount of money. She hesitated about taking it, but Spencer Nichols came in from the barn, doffed his cap and mackinaw, rubbed his big leathery hands together, and made no bones about accepting the change.

"Everythin' costs money these days!" he said briskly, and sat down at the table.

Tom saw the flush rise to Mary-Sue's face.

He sat down when they invited him, waited—by this time he recalled the fact that his mother had always said grace—but no grace was said, Spencer Nichols helped himself almost rudely, but Mary-Sue bowed her head silently. Tom swallowed. Out of deference to her or his mother—he was never quite sure which—he shared her moment of hesitation, even though he could not share the prayer.

She noticed. Her eyes went to his face fleetingly, then away. It was a meal composed of long silences, quick flushes, and staccatoed by harsh monosyllables from the old man.

Afterward Tom went down to the truck to see if everything was in order. There was still no way to turn around. He could do little else but wait for the arrival of the road crew that had been summoned to remove the impediment. He went back to the house and asked if there was something he could do to help while waiting. Spencer Nichols was in the barn. Tom inquired of Mary-Sue, stacking dishes neatly away in the cupboard.

She hesitated a second before turning. Then she did not meet his eyes. "My—father never refuses an offer of help. He's outside—"

Tom swallowed and took a step nearer. "I meant—*could I help you!*" Somehow, at the times when he most preferred to be eloquent, his voice fairly boomed. This time was no exception. What he really meant was that *she* looked more in need of help than her burly, muscle-bound father. He was afraid, now that he saw her flush embarrassedly, that she mistook the offer to be one which was more forward! And with this same thought came a most disheartening idea: "*The kid, there,*" Spencer had said the night before, "*she'll get married someday, have her own family, a life o' her own—*" And not fifteen minutes later Mary-Sue had remarked, "*I might be tempted to go away—*"

Tom felt an unwarranted tremor of inexplicable panic! Maybe her means of escape had already been selected! Perhaps—hereabouts—was a young man she had in mind—or who had *her*

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# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 1, 1959

### Theme: JESUS QUESTIONED ABOUT TRIBUTE

Scripture: Luke 20:19-26

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Our spiritual heritage cannot be divorced from our material possessions.

**INTRODUCTION:** Jesus had just finished the parable of the vineyard and ended with a warning of the terrible consequences in store for those who rejected the stone which had become the corner stone (Luke 20:9-18). Yet in spite of all the fire and brimstone preaching of Jesus, the hearts of the priests and scribes were hardened rather than softened. They lost the battle on every religious issue. They were embarrassed before the people because they continually fell into their own traps. Slowly and surely they felt their authority and power slipping away, while Jesus was gaining stature and influence among the Jewish people. None of these individuals and groups came to Christ with their questions because they wished to be helped and enlightened. The scribes and priests had only one thought in mind and that was to discredit Jesus in the eyes of the public, and to gain favor for themselves.

#### I. THE PROBLEMS OF FORCE AND FEAR. Luke 20:19.

When a man is honest, he need not be afraid of friend or foe. It is when a man is striving for selfish ends that he becomes afraid. To live with only a cloak of honesty, a person is in constant fear of exposure. A man who is spiritually weak needs physical force for protection, and in the end he finds himself in conflict with the only power that can save him, the power found in Jesus Christ. Only perfect love and honesty can cast out fear. (I John 4:18).

#### II. THE PROBLEMS OF INTELLECTUAL AND SPIRITUAL HYPOCRISY. Luke 20:20-21.

When once the seed of hypocrisy takes root, you are in danger on every side. It is easier to have respect for a man who admits to dishonesty than for one who feigns himself to be a just man. A make-believe life is the most difficult kind of life to live because you must always be careful to keep one life covered while uncovering the other. Robert Louis Stevenson's story of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde was true in Jesus' time and it is true in our time.

#### III. THE PROBLEMS OF TITHING AND TAXES. Luke 20:22-26.

A person who complains most about taxes is usually one who expects the greatest benefits from the government.

## CORRECTION

The author of the article, "Christ Calls Us to Partnership in Prayer," in the Dec. 11, 1958 issue (page 7) of the "Baptist Herald" was Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif. By some unfortunate mistake, the article was attributed to Rev. Harold W. Greseke. Rev. Robert Schreiber is a brother of the Sunday School Lesson page editor.

And a person who complains most about tithing is usually one who does least in the church. When a man has a giving and a forgiving spirit, money is not his major problem. He simply seeks to use it wisely and well. In spite of all their faults and weaknesses, the Roman government and the government under which we live, are nevertheless symbols of law and order. They are our temporal protectors. We enjoy many material benefits because of a collective and cooperative form of government which would be impossible through our individual efforts.

If we stopped occasionally to count the blessings of our government rather than counting the taxes, we would remember the privileges rather than the burdens. But who can count the blessings we receive from God? The true joy of salvation should not only make the heart glow; it should also open the purse!

For further discussion, see also the book by Rev. Frank Veninga, "My Account With God" (Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio).

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 8, 1959

### Theme: JESUS QUESTIONED ABOUT THE RESURRECTION

Scripture: Luke 20:27-38

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** A person who wishes to have eternal life must believe in a God who gives eternal life.

**INTRODUCTION:** Debates and discussion about life after death have been in progress for hundreds of years by thinkers and philosophers in all parts of the world. Job cried out in his pain and suffering, "If a man die shall

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he live again?" (Job 14:14)? There is a universal hunger for life, abundant life, eternal life! Even the American Indian, though pagan in his culture and religion, looked forward to a "Happy Hunting Ground," witnessing to the fact that life here was often unhappy, unfulfilled and imperfect. Missionaries and historians tell us that people of every culture have some belief or faith, or even a superstition about rebirth or life after death.

If God is a God who "shall supply all our need through his riches in glory by Christ Jesus," then certainly he cannot ignore such a great hunger in the hearts and minds of his children. If the men of the 17th century could look in on our present electronic, atomic and nuclear world, it would seem miraculous beyond description. Should we have less faith in the resurrection miracle and in God's eternal heaven?

#### I. THE DENIAL OF THE RESURRECTION. Luke 20:27.

In contrast to the Pharisees, who were more representative of the common people, the Sadducees were the aristocrats and intellectuals, who traced their ancestry back to Zadok, a well-known priest in the time of David and Solomon. They had a vague conception of immortality, but did not believe in the resurrection of the body, nor did they believe in angels. Such beliefs were for the ignorant and the superstitious.

#### II. HUMAN LOGIC AND THE RESURRECTION. Luke 20:28-33.

In a sense this could be called a parable. Jesus used parables to make clear a spiritual truth. The Sadducees, however, used this parable to try to discredit spiritual truth. They made the mistake of putting the resurrection purely on a human level—a continuation of the same kind of material life in a spiritual world. Their aim, of course, was to make the comparison so fantastic so as to make Jesus look ridiculous. Perhaps they even had a self-satisfied and amused grin on their faces as they waited for Jesus' answer.

#### III. CHRIST AND THE RESURRECTION. Luke 20:34-38.

Although the question may have been asked partly in jest, Jesus gave a serious and solemn answer. He quickly brought the subject up from the low human and material level and set it on a heavenly plane. Procreation, marriage and death are not a part of those who are "accounted worthy to obtain that world and the resurrection from the dead." In this new relationship the family is centered around God as the Father. Moreover, God is not a God of some undefined and impersonal or dead spirits. Our personalities will remain the same; we may be recognized and we will be very much alive. God IS the "God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Notice the present tense "is." He does not say he "was" their God. He is and always will be!

# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Pacific Conference

### 60th Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Fredrik, Vernon, B. C.

On Oct. 6, Mr. and Mrs. F. Fredrik of Vernon, B. C., reached the 60th milestone in their married life. On Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, the Faith Baptist Church of Vernon arranged a program in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary. Floral decorations called attention to the "60 YEARS" of their married life together. Our pastor, Rev. F. Ohlmann, brought a brief message on Psalm 115:15.

The church choir rendered two numbers that emphasized God's guidance. Mr. Emil Merke, church clerk, extended greetings from Psalm 103:1-5, and Mr. Theo. Fandrich congratulated the couple with the words of Luke 24:29 and presented them with a gift from the Faith Baptist Church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fredrik, who are highly esteemed members of our church, responded with heartfelt gratitude for these expressions of love.

Emil Merke, Reporter

## Northwestern Conference

### Inspiring Programs, Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, Iowa

The First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa was privileged to have Rev. Sylvan Lange of the Woodcrest Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., as speaker for "Six Bible Nights," Oct. 19 to 24. During the month of October, we read through the Gospel of John and for the months of November and December we studied the Book of Acts. Rev. W. G. Gerthe, our pastor, has given us heart-searching messages during this time.

The Sunday School presented a very fine Harvest Festival program on Sunday evening, Oct. 26. The contest for increased attendance in Sunday School during November surpassed our expectations and we trust our people will continue to study the Word together. The Young People's Society is studying Church History under the leadership of the pastor. We praise the Lord for all his blessings upon us, but we have great need to apply II Chronicles 7:14. . . "If my people . . ."

Mrs. Joe Jurgens, Reporter

### 60th Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. A. Fratzke

Open house was held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 23rd, in the Bethany Baptist Church parlors, Hutchinson, Minn. honoring Mr. and Mrs. Anton Fratzke on their 60th wedding anniversary. A short program was given. A German trio was sung by Anna Brawn, Mrs. Will Bernhagen and Mrs. Irwin Jordan. They also sang together with Myron Ziemer and Rev. E. Tahrn. "Sweeter as the Years Go By" and "Our Life Is Like a Summer Day."

## LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

at American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin

AUGUST 22-29, 1959

"A Vacation for the Entire Family"

Two poems were given. Rev. E. Tahrn prayerfully joined them together for many years of married life. Of their three children, Harold was present. Two daughters, Mrs. Clyde Fauley (Marie) of Troy, Mont., and Mrs. Ray Rundell of Crater Lake, Ore., had visited them earlier this fall.

Mr. Fratzke came with his parents from Zehrten, Pommern, Germany, at the age of eleven. They have lived in Hutchinson all their married life. They retired from the laundry business a few years ago. Always active in the church, Mr. Fratzke led the choir for many years, also served as Sunday School superintendent, young people's president and Sunday School teacher.

Mrs. Irwin Jordan, Reporter

## Southwestern Conference

### Thanksgiving Banquet and Scripture Awards, Corn, Okla.

We at the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Oklahoma certainly thank the Lord for his goodness to us in that the debt on our church parsonage has been paid. A mortgage burning ceremony was held at a Thanksgiving Fellowship Banquet on Nov. 24, with Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker. He gave a very timely and challenging message. We praise God for this victory.

On Sunday night, Dec. 7, the Grand Achievement Award for Scripture



The. Hon. E. C. Manning, premier of Alberta, Canada, with Stephen Knalson, son of Rev. and Mrs. Fred J. Knalson of Leduc, Alta., during a recent visit to the First Baptist Church of Leduc.

memory work was presented to Johnny Megert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Megert, by Rev. Jack Block, our pastor. Johnny is the first one to receive this award here, and we're proud of her.

In our Sunday evening services we are having a series of colored films on the book of Acts. They are both inspiring and enlightening and a blessing to young and old. The Sunday School Department again drew names from the Spanish Mission field in Colorado. The gifts are brought to the altar by the classes and dedicated to the Lord by Rev. Jack Block before they are sent to the field for Christmas.

Mrs. Alvin Schmidt, Reporter

## Northern Conference

### Great Revival at First Church, Leduc, Alta.

"This is the greatest thing that has happened at First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., in 25 years." That is the way some of the older members of the Church described the evangelistic meetings which were conducted during the last week of October and the first week of November. Rev. John C. Kastelein of Harvey, N. Dak., was the evangelist and from the very first night one could sense that God was working in our midst. Under the leadership of the local pastor, Rev. Fred J. Knalson, God's people were prepared to seek him for the fullness of the Spirit to be upon the church and the evangelist. It was a real thrill to see the prayers of God's people answered night after night. The attendance continued to increase to the extent that the seating capacity of the church was taxed to the utmost.

To put the results of this campaign into words is impossible. Human words will never tell the full story. Over twenty precious souls came to know the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior. One young lady was saved a week after the meeting were over, having been brought under conviction of the Spirit during Mr. Kastelein's preaching. About 80 members of the church re-dedicated their lives to the Lord. Christians, who had not been on speaking terms for many years, were reconciled. One Sunday morning, after the worship service, Christians were still in prayer at 1:30 in the afternoon. This was what God's people had been praying for. There was no denying the fact that, "It was the Lord."

Besides the revival at First Baptist Church in Leduc, Mr. Kastelein was also used to bring revival to the students at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton. About 40 students re-dedicated their lives to the Lord. Mr. Kastelein spoke for about an hour and a half at one of the chapel services. Time was then given for prayer and testimony. The Spirit of God had come upon the entire student body as they continued until about 1:30 in the afternoon with no thought of food for the body.

Mrs. Ruth Hammer, Reporter



## Dakota Conference

### Harvest Festival and Revival Meetings, Underwood, N. Dak.

The annual Harvest and Mission Festival of the First Baptist Church, Underwood, N. Dak., was held on Sunday, Oct. 16. Rev. H. Palfenier, our denominational evangelist, served as the guest speaker. The church was beautifully decorated by Mrs. Richard Grenz with fruits, vegetables, flowers and small bunches of grain which added greatly to the harvest atmosphere. Our offering amounted to almost \$1000 which went to missions, the building fund and general funds as designated. We are thankful to the Lord for the offering brought that day and for God's bountiful harvest.

Revival meetings were held from Oct. 26 to Nov. 2 with Mr. Palfenier as evangelist. These services were well attended. The children were out in good numbers every evening for the children's story which they enjoyed. Each one attending was strengthened in the Christian faith.

Mrs. E. Blatchford, Church Reporter

### Special Programs and Revival Services, Washburn, N. Dak.

We of the Baptist Church, Washburn, N. Dak., were happy to have had Dr. George Lang of the Seminary with us in October for our Harvest Festival. His messages were a challenge to all of us to make a greater effort to aid in spreading the Gospel to all the world.

In November Rev. Frank Tiel of Colorado was in our midst for evangelistic meetings. He brought stirring messages to Christians as well as unbelievers and souls were won for Christ. The parents of a young lad who went to his Heavenly Home completed a project that the CBYF young people had started toward the purchase of an electric organ. This new Baldwin organ in his memory will be a cherished gift and has added greatly to our worship services.

On Dec. 7 a fine program was given by the Junior Church children in observance of their 5th anniversary, with Mrs. Elmer Bender and Miss Hilda Reiser in charge. At this program they presented a beautiful blonde tract rack to the church and dedicated it unto the Lord to be used to his honor and glory.

Mrs. Orrin B. Enockson, Reporter

### Missionaries and "God's Volunteers" at McClusky, N. Dak.

From Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 we of the McClusky Baptist Church, McClusky, N. Dak., were richly blessed with our Missionary Conference. Miss Eleanor Weisenberger, Miss Berneice Westerman, and Rev. Reinhold Neuman were our guests. We were led into a deeper realization of the work of missions and we rejoice that we have such dedicated workers representing us in these fields in Africa and among the Indians.

Then on Nov. 4 "God's Volunteers" descended upon us. It was not only a privilege to know them but also to meet such consecrated young people. After many days of visitation and contacting, we began our meetings with the director, Rev. Walter Hoffman.



The Woman's Missionary Society of the Calvary Church, Billings, Montana, presents its annual program, "Count Your Blessings."

The Volunteers thrilled us with their inspired singing and musicals, and the Lord was with us in the worship services.

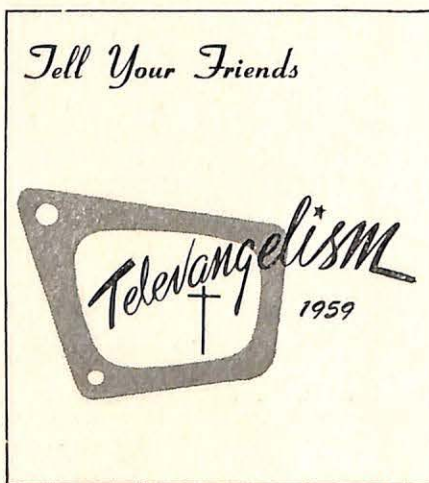
Two persons found the Lord Jesus Christ, and the revival fires were kindled for which we rejoice. We pray that the Lord shall richly bless the labors of the "Volunteers." We trust that the year 1959 will be a gracious and prosperous one in the service of our Lord.

E. R. Oster, Pastor

### Women's Missionary Tea at Baptist Church, Lehr, N. Dak.

Baptist Women's Prayer Day and a Missionary Tea were observed in the Ebenezer Baptist Church at Lehr, N. Dak., on Friday afternoon, Dec. 5th. The Woman's Missionary Society of Lehr was host to the following societies: Berlin, Wishek, Ashley, Napoleon, Streeter and Venturia. Mrs. E. S. Fenske, the president of our society, was in charge of the program. Miss Eleanor Weisenberger, missionary nurse of the Banzo hospital in Africa, who is now on furlough, was our speaker. A carnation corsage was pinned on Miss Weisenburger by Mrs. John Kranzler. A gift was also presented to the missionary from the Lehr Society.

Two special numbers in song were rendered by the Napoleon and Streeter Aids. Many special prayers were of-



ferred by the ministers' wives and all attending. After the program tea and refreshments were served on a beautiful bedecked table in the church parlors to about 75 guests. The offering received amounted to \$67.12. This has been designated for our Woman's Missionary Union Fund.

Mrs. Jacob Schopp, Reporter

### Women's Annual Program, Calvary Church, Billings, Mont.

On Thanksgiving Sunday evening, Nov. 23rd, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana, presented its annual program entitled "Count Your Blessings." The program was opened with the hymn, "Count your Blessings" followed by a welcome and an introduction by our president, Mrs. W. Gerber. Several musical numbers were rendered. "In Everything Give Thanks" and a play, "I Am Thankful," were presented. Annual reports by Mrs. Phil Fuchs and Mrs. Dan Fuchs, secretary and treasurer, respectively, were given, after which an offering was taken. With the "Praying Hands" in the background, an original skit, "Count our Blessings," was given. Our pastor, Rev. W. Gerber, offered the prayer.

The society meets monthly and each member is given an opportunity to take part. New members were welcomed into the group this year. Over 600 quarts of fruit were canned this fall for the "Yellowstone Boys Ranch" here at Billings. Officers for the coming year are Mrs. Phil Fuchs as president; Mrs. W. L. Christensen, vice-president; Mrs. Emil Opp, secretary; Mrs. A. Hochhalter, treasurer; and Mrs. Herman Fuchs as visitation chairman.

Mrs. Emil Opp, Reporter

### Christian Workers' Conferences In the Dakota Conference

The Dakota Conference Sunday School Committee is endeavoring to bring to its people the best methods in Christian Education. Again this past fall, Training Conferences were conducted in 7 different churches so that the entire Dakota Conference constituency could have its Sunday School workers present.

Although the attendance was not as large as in previous years, yet because of the nature of the courses, it may have a greater effect upon our Sunday Schools than ever before. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, our General Sunday School Union Secretary, taught "The Winning and Keeping our Pupils." He also presented in a graphic way the Evaluation Report of the Sunday School Lesson Committee. All showed a keen interest and concern about making our schools All-Baptist Sunday Schools. "The Winning of Adults" was taught by Rev. Otto Fiesel, Washburn, N. D., and the "Superintendent and his Task" by Rev. I. H. Schmuland.

Everywhere it was evident that our people are eager to employ the best ways and means of winning souls for Christ, and that they want to serve the Lord in a greater measure. Conferences were held at Napoleon, Martin, Turtle Lake, New Leipzig, North Dakota; Sidney, Montana; Tyndall, and Trinity Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

I. H. Schmuland,  
Dak. Conf. S. S. Secretary

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NEW BAPTIST CHURCH IN BISON, KANSAS

The new edifice of the First Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas, was recently dedicated with the following pastors (right) taking part in Sunday afternoon program: David Zimmerman (left to right), Adrian, Bill Berger, Richard Hardesty, M. L. Leuschner, Oliver K. Ringering, H. W. Gieseke, Merle Brenner and Jack Block

## Dedication of New Church, Bison, Kansas

Report by Miss Clara Niedenthal

"BEHOLD, I build a house to the name of the Lord my God to dedicate it to him" (II Chronicles 2:4).

Sunday, Nov. 23, 1958, will be recorded in the annals of the First Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas, as our very own special "Thanksgiving Day" and it will always be a day of thankful prayers and rejoicing. It was through much prayer and sacrifice that the Lord enabled us to erect a larger and more beautiful "house of worship" for the furtherance of his Kingdom.

On April 16, 1957 our church building was destroyed by fire. Our people then had to sift through the ashes of their dreams and to start anew. Our new structure, which cost about \$40,000, is made of cinder block and brick veneer. Laminated wooden arches, with embossed fir plywood paneling giving the ceiling a finished look. Pews and all furniture are of blonde oak. Our

church members donated over 10,000 hours of labor.

The first worship service on Dedication Sunday, Nov. 23, was a service of dedication which included the Pastor's Dedication by Rev. Oliver K. Ringering, Dedication of Deacons by Mr. Fred Beahm, Ladies' Missionary Union by Mrs. Fred Hanhardt, Loyal Daughters by Mrs. Elmer Thielenhaus and C.B.Y. by John Fredrick Thielenhaus. Our guest speaker was Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill. A noon meal was served to about 200 people.

The official dedication of the new edifice took place Sunday afternoon. Many guest pastors conveyed their congratulations and numerous friends from our sister churches attended this event. Our Men's Chorus directed by Fred Beahm and accompanied by Mrs. Elmer Thielenhaus provided the special music for the day.

The evening service was observed in the interest of missions. Rev. M. L. Leuschner provided the message and also mission pictures of Africa. The evening offering was for our missionaries in Africa.

The evening closed with the Men's Chorus singing "Now the Day Is Over." This dedication service will long be remembered. It is only through our Savior's grace and love that we have this beautiful church. To our beloved pastor, Rev. O. K. Ringering, who worked so faithfully with us, we wish to express our gratitude.

We pray that the Lord Jesus will continue to make us a blessing to all who enter our "house of worship" and that we as a church may grow numerically and spiritually, so that each individual may be an ardent winner of souls.

### HOW CAN I KNOW GOD'S WILL

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shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8).

We know his perfect will when there is absolute confidence in his care and control of all things. "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:9). "For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things; to whom be glory for ever. Amen."

### BLESSED CONSEQUENCES

Christ warns us of the terrible consequences which shall befall the man who refuses to obey the revealed will of God. "And that servant which knew his Lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will,

shall be beaten with many stripes" (Luke 12:47).

A blessed promise is given to those who do the will of God from the heart. "The world passeth away, and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever" (I John 2:17).

It is my prayer "that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will" (Col. 1:9).

### CHRISTIAN MOTIVES

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office help. It has its effects. At noon lunch, everyone holds a moment of si-

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lence to thank God in their own way for food given. The geometry teacher carries a New Testament in his pocket. I bear my influence when discussing the theories of evolution, etc.

Specifically, if you decide to pursue a teaching career, and God knows we need many more Christian teachers, you will follow one of two views. You will look at the students before you as being born neutral and becoming good or bad by environmental influences, or you will see your students as spiritually lost and in need of a new birth from above and in need of corrective education through disciplining, to bring them to the good life and the abundant life offered to them by our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is apparent to me that teaching knowledge alone can be dangerous. Its use is based on one's philosophy which may be on the level of the neighbor's dog. God has called me to a higher ministry of teaching lives!



## A PASTOR VISITS THE CAMEROONS

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appreciate the liberty of the Gospel, and they lead their people. It is good to hear the African Christians pray and preach.

I also enjoyed their congregational singing in the native language or "pidgin" English. I liked especially the accompaniment of the drum, so commonly used in the grasslands.

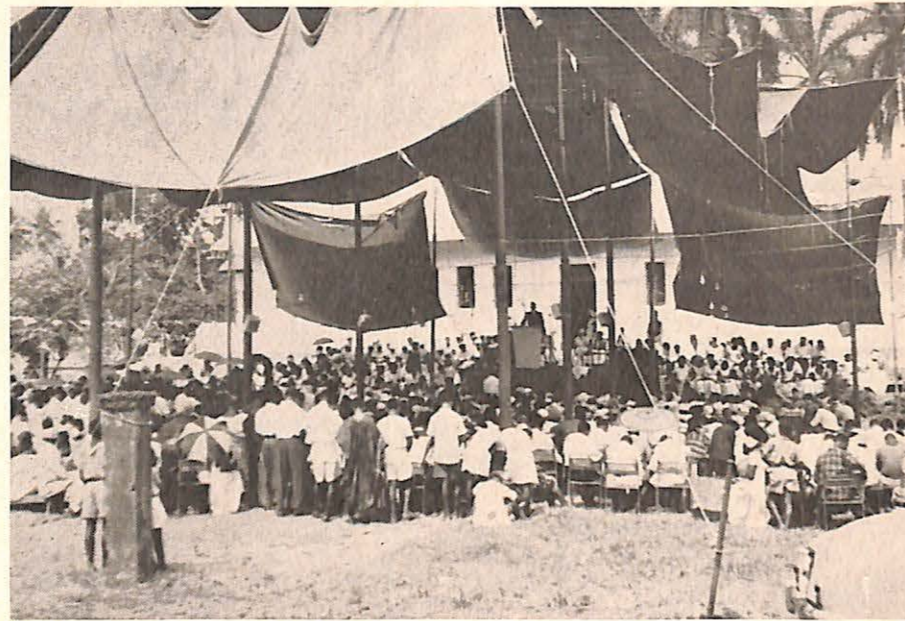
A baptism here in Africa was a heart-warming experience for me to watch. I was at Bamenda at the time. The Christians marched a half mile to the stream with drums beating and the marchers singing. A Christian flag was borne at the front of the march. The crowd became larger as they progressed.

Then at the stream, the pastor gave a short sermon as pagans, Moslems and Christians listened to the message of cleansing from sin and newness of life in Christ. Several obeyed the Lord in this ordinance, and we rejoiced with them.

### VICTORIA CENTENNIAL

Before I left the Cameroons, the city of Victoria on the coast opened its Centenary celebrations. Our Baptist churches were in the midst of these activities, giving a good Christian witness.

This city was founded a hundred years ago when Rev. Alfred Saker, English Baptist missionary, led several Christians in canoes to this bay, seeking liberty to preach and to teach God's Word. They had been driven from the nearby island of Fernando Po by the Spanish government which owned the island. This Roman Catholic government decreed that only Roman Catholicism would be permitted on its



An open air meeting (under the tent) next to the Ebenezer Church, when hundreds of people of the Southern Cameroons, Africa, celebrated the Centenary Jubilee of Victoria at religious services.

possessions. All Protestants had to desist from any religious activity.

On the morning of the first Sunday, Dec. 7th of the Victoria Centenary, a large crowd gathered at the ocean front and witnessed a reenactment of the landing of Alfred Saker a hundred years previously. It was realistic and impressive as the canoes landed upon the shore with our missionaries and African Christians acting out the story.

Protestants of Victoria are well aware of their heritage which was born in that land out of persecution and intolerance. The Roman Church is very aggressive in the Cameroons and our field leaders have experienced their tactics in justifying the end by whatever means necessary.

As I saw and heard of the practices

of paganism with its multiplicity of gods in this land of Africa, I was impressed with the similarity between paganism and Romanism with its veneration of the saints, its charms, and many other non-scriptural teachings.

### LIGHT IN CHRIST

In speaking with one of our African Christian pastors who related to me his pagan background, I asked him his opinion of Roman Catholicism. His quick reply was that it is "civilized paganism." Our African Christians, appreciating the liberty and freedom from fear in the Gospel, are very discerning.

My visit to this mission field convinced me that our Baptist missions are the great hope of a people who sit in darkness in the Cameroons.

Editor's Note: Rev. E. Arthur McAsh has promised to send a second article about his visit to the world's mission fields in a forthcoming article.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Jan. 11—March 1, 1959

FEBRUARY is the month to:

- Order supplies for next quarter.
- Mail letter to entire church and prospect list sharing results of Expansion Campaign thus far.
- Check to see that new people reached through the Expansion Campaign have been made welcome.

—Check on persons appointed to share denominational points of interest for the Sunday School Expansion Campaign in various departments.

—Suggested theme for monthly workers' conference, "Reaching the Parents through the Sunday School."

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## VOICE OF MY BELOVED

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in mind. And, in that case . . . Tom shook his big head, hating his own clumsiness with a flare of passion. What was wrong with him *anyway*? What if she *were* engaged or spoken for or whatever they did about marriage out here in the sticks? Did it make any difference to *him*? All he did was offer a little friendship, a little assistance for a couple of hours . . .

"That's very nice of you, Mr. Larkin," she was saying softly, still not looking at him. "I'd—appreciate the help, too."

"Tom!" he corrected bluntly. "Call me Tom—"

She looked up and smiled directly then, and he had that weakening sense of *nearness* again! She must have noticed it, too. Her smile faded and she began to speak quickly.

"The chickens are first. They're my domain. They have to be fed and watered, the rest of the eggs gathered—"

Tom followed obediently. Scooping grain, filling feeders, scraping ice out of clogged water dispensers, gathering eggs. They worked almost silently until Tom unsuccessfully attempted to unseat a hen with an inclination toward hovering over her eggs, and then Mary-Sue laughed delightedly.

He turned to her quickly, smiling with a deep-down surge of happiness. "Guess she don't care much for city fellers—"

"Not only that," Mary-Sue laughed, "but you have big cold hands and you weren't very gentlemanly about ousting her! Here, I'll show you—"

She stepped past him and he watched while she smoothed the hen's ruffled feathers, cooed softly to her, and manipulated the eggs from beneath her with little more than a few protesting squawks. Then, suddenly, he wasn't watching the hen any more, or Mary-Sue's small strong hands deftly at work. He looked at the hair again, the soft curve of her cheek. The eyes were blue—a very clear, expressive blue, changing almost instantly with her moods—gray, then green, pansy-soft with gentleness . . .

"Tell me about your church!" he blurted, never quite sure himself just what prompted such a request.

She tilted her head sideways and looked at him. "You *really* want to hear? From the way you looked last night, I sort of had the impression—"

"That I agreed with your father?" He finished for her, a trifle shocked that their thoughts were parallel. "Maybe I do. But—tell me anyway?"

Mostly, he wanted to hear her talk. Partly, he was curious about a dozen other things, and the church, he hoped shamelessly, would lead into them.

"All right, Tom—" she conceded quietly, turning away again.

She started by telling him how the church was when she was a little girl—pretty and clean, well kept and freshly painted. They went to every meeting, she and her mother. Some-

times, when her mother would coax him, Spencer went, too. He was a member of the church, Spencer Nichols. Theoretically, he *was* a member. In truth, he never really *belonged*. He could not bring himself to join them in the unity of Christianity.

"My mother lived for that day, Tom," she said softly, her eyes warm and tender. "The day when my father would accept Christ—"

They had long since finished with the chickens and stood now in the milk room, watching the big separator do its work. Mary-Sue picked up the can of "house milk" to be bottled for their own use, and Tom immediately took it from her and accompanied her slowly back to the big kitchen.

"*She never lived to see it—*" Tom mumbled, more statement than question—a dark echo from his own parents.

Mary-Sue shook her head slowly. "No, Tom. She never lived to see it. The war took its toll in ministers as well as members. People around here figured they could make more in factories than on farms. They moved away. The church began to decline. There just wasn't enough money to keep it going. Finally—Dr. Sanders—he was head of this group of churches at that time—said they just couldn't keep on operating that way, with no support, and that the few people who still attended could go to the church in the next county. That was the only way."

So for the past ten years, the church had gone steadily downhill until it became the neglected, shabby place it now was.

"I suppose someday they'll sell the land—tear the church down altogether—" She said it with a ring of sadness, and Tom forgot all about the bottles he was supposed to be capping. He turned to her, could not suppress the urge to touch her compassionately, and laid a gentle, clumsy hand on her arm.

"It means an awful lot to you, don't it?" he asked gruffly, trying to get his big voice to behave.

She nodded, eyes misty, chin trembling. "My—mother had services there, you know. It was her dying wish—"

He was shocked. "In *that* place?"

She nodded again. "While she was alive, we used to manage the time to do a little cleaning and repairing once in a while. But she died a year ago—when I was sixteen. It was on a night like last night, I guess that's why—" She turned back to the milk, picked up the caps he had laid aside, and began to press them into position on top of the bottles. He knew the rest of what she was going to say and couldn't. *That was why she prayed on a night like last night.* It brought her closer to God, and therefore closer to her mother. Most of all, closer to her mother's dream—the dream that Spencer Nichols would become a Christian.

He knew the answer now to something else, too. *She was seventeen—* part child, part woman . . .

"Since that time," she went on,

## Obituary

(Obituaries are to be limited to about 150 words. A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries.)

### MRS. LENA K. MEYER of La Salle, Colorado

Mrs. Lena Meyer, nee Ginther, of La Salle, Colorado was born on Oct. 12, 1898 in Hudson, Colo. At the age of 18 she accepted the Lord as her personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. E. Meyer. Throughout all of her Christian life, she was a member of the First Baptist Church of La Salle. Her faithfulness and her helpfulness were an example to all who knew her. She was a member of both women's organizations of the church and her presence in these, as well as in all the services of the church, will be greatly missed.

On June 28, 1923, she was united in marriage to Fred Meyer and to this union 3 children were born, of whom a son died in infancy. The Lord called our beloved sister, Mrs. Meyer, to her heavenly home on Dec. 4th, at the age of 60 years. Those who mourn her sudden and unexpected passing are her husband, Fred; two daughters: Mrs. Evelyn Prang and Miss Frances Meyer; her mother, Mrs. Barbara Ginther; one brother and five sisters.

La Salle, Colorado F. H. FUCHS, Pastor

### JEANETTE JOHANNA WIARDA of Aplington, Iowa

Jeanette Johanna Wiarda of Aplington, Iowa was born the daughter of William and Elkea Wiarda February 26, 1882 in Germany. She came to this country in early life and the family settled in Grundy County, Iowa. In 1917 she moved to Butler County and to the town of Aplington in 1919. Upon confession of faith she was baptized into the fellowship of the Aplington Baptist Church on January 13, 1924 by Rev. H. W. Wedel. She remained a faithful and loyal member of her church until the time of her passing.

She passed away after a brief illness on Wednesday, December 10, having attained the age of 76 years, 9 months and 14 days. She is survived by two sisters: Mrs. Ellen Janssen of Ackley, and Anna of Aplington; one brother, Robert of Ackley; and several nieces and nephews. The memorial service was held on Dec. 12, in the Aplington Baptist Church, with the pastor, Rev. Donald Patet, officiating. Interment was at St. Peter's Evangelical and Reformed Cemetery.

Aplington, Iowa DONALD PATET, Pastor

"I haven't had the free hours to keep things up the way I'd like to. There's always something—"

Of course. The old man saw to it that she did the work of three women, more likely three *men*!

"I'm *sorry*—" And he meant it more genuinely than anything he'd said in many years. He realized then that his fingers had tightened on her arm, and he removed them, flushing darkly.

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The Baptist Church of Victoria, Southern Cameroons, photographed by Rev. E. Arthur McAsh on the opening Sunday of the Victoria Centenary festivities commemorating the founding of the city by Alfred Saker, Baptist missionary.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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lives greatly enriched." Rev. Edwin Voigt is the pastor of the church.

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 7th, the Erin Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, held a farewell service for Rev. Ervin Strauss, his children and mother who has been taking care of the family since the death of Mr. Strauss' wife. Miss Johanna Riech, reported: "Although the church regretted to see Brother Strauss go, we felt it was the leading of the Lord that he accepted the call from the church at Hilda, Alta., Canada, where he begins his ministry in January." Until a bilingual pastor can be secured, the Christian Educational Director, Rev. Gordon Huisinga, has accepted the call as temporary pastor of the church with Rev. W. J. Luebeck, editor of "Der Sendbote," serving in the German language.

● The Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, has adopted the Every Family Subscription Plan for the denominational publications. Rev. Fred Mashner, pastor, sent a letter to all church members announcing the plan and the features of the "Baptist Herald." Each church member received a publication envelope and was asked to insert his or her remittance for the subscription price into it, if possible, and to place it in the collection plate at any of the church services. In this way, the church's general fund will not

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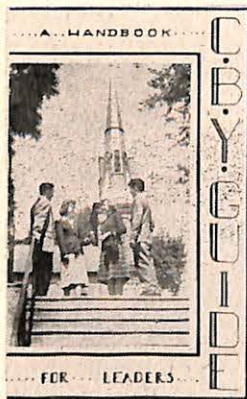
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unduly have to bear the financial burden for the subscriptions of the entire church membership. This plan is to be commended to other North American Baptist churches!

● On New Year's Eve at the Watch-night Service, Rev. Fred J. Knalson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, baptized 20 converts as the spiritual results of evangelistic meetings conducted earlier by Rev. John C. Kastelein of Harvey N. Dak. A report of these meetings appears elsewhere in this issue. Two students of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., are serving the Clover Lawn mission in preaching and teaching. They are Cornie Wiebe and Gene Hochhalter. Mr. Knalson reported that "new interest has been shown in the Clover Lawn mission as a result of this forward step."

● With January 1, 1959, the four District Secretaries began their ministry for their respective areas. Rev. Frank Veninga and his family are moving to Parma, Ohio, about January 19. Mr. Veninga is the District Secretary of the Eastern District. Rev. J. C. Gunst and his family will reside in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after January 25, where he will establish his office for the Central District. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg and his family moved to Portland, Oregon, after the farewell tendered them by the Foster Avenue Church of Chicago, Illinois, on Sunday evening, January 4. In Portland Mr. Sonnenberg will have his office for the Western District. Rev. William Sturhahn as the District Secretary for the Northern District will continue to reside and use his office in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



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