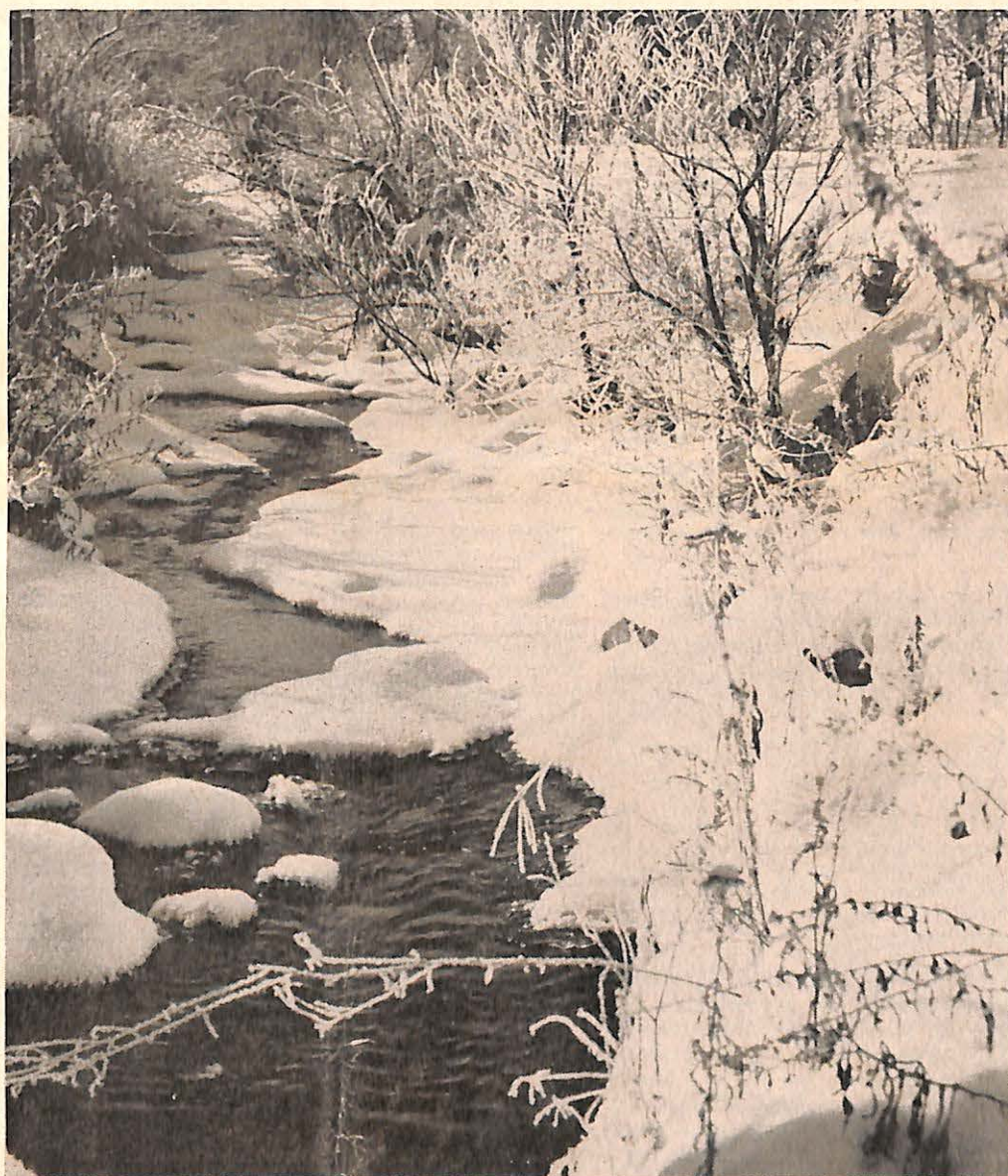


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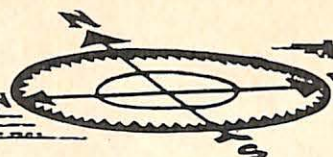
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■ Project: Brother's
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• In Chicago, Ill., nearly 1,000 persons joined in singing several hymns at the 81st birthday of the Pacific Garden Mission in the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Nov. 9. Hearing that the American Petroleum Institute was meeting in a room across the hall, the mission workers threw open the ballroom doors so that the oil men could hear a hymn. The selection was "Give me oil in my lamp!"

• The Abradale Press, New York, publishers of fine art books, will bring out in the spring of 1959 two profusely illustrated and brilliantly designed Bibles: the *Masterpiece Bible* and the *Rembrandt Bible*. Each is to retail for \$50.00. The *Masterpiece Bible* contains 95 Biblical paintings, comprising the world's greatest paintings from churches, museums and private collections. The *Rembrandt Bible* contains 124 works of the seventeenth-century Dutch genius. The text of both Bibles is the King James Version.

• The forthcoming 1959 Billy Graham Crusade in Australia will receive a gift of \$15,000 from surplus funds provided by the San Francisco Bay Cities crusade executive committee, it was announced. A statement released by the committee said \$7,500 was designated for Melbourne and \$7,500 to Sydney. Mr. Graham will hold major crusades in those cities. Shorter campaigns are scheduled to be held in other cities throughout Australia and New Zealand.

• At an historic session of the Board of Administration of the Free Methodist Church, held at denominational headquarters in Winona Lake, Ind., the Board voted unanimously to approve the union of the Holiness Movement Church in Canada with the Free Methodist Church. Similar action had already been taken by the Holiness Movement Church, and the joint negotiating committee had completed major arrangements at a conference in Kingston, Ontario. The union is now complete except for the working out of certain legal technicalities and integration procedures.

• During November 1958 the Bible was brought to the attention of the people of Mexico in a most unique manner. This was the national Bible-quiz contest sponsored by the Israeli legation, the Mexican-Israeli institute of cultural relations and Telesistema, the radio and television network. The competition was conducted on five radio and television broadcasts. The judges were two Protestants (a minister and a layman), a Catholic priest and a Jew. The winner was Mrs. Sara Rebinovitch, a Polish-born Jewess now a member of a Presbyterian church. Her prize was a trip to Israel, where

she participated in the final international contest. One result is that it has become a little less rare for one to hear the "man on the street" discussing the Bible. —*Christian Century*.

• A 400-year-old book of Anabaptist writings believed heretofore unavailable to scholars was delivered to the Mennonite Historical Library at Goshen, Ind., for microfilming. It was brought there by four ministers of the



Baptist Briefs

• **Book by Baptist Author.** Dr. Martin Luther King, Baptist minister of Montgomery, Alabama, is author of a new book, "Stride Toward Freedom," telling his philosophy of peaceful integration of the races in the United States. Peaceful resistance to segregation is possible, he said, citing his own experience as leader of a successful bus boycott for more than one year, until integration of the buses was achieved in his city of Montgomery, Alabama. His book is published by Harper and Brothers, New York, N. Y.

• **Baptist Celebrations in England.** On Nov. 17 over 400 members of Baptist choirs in London, England, joined the united choir for the Hymn Festival held at the Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church of London. The Festival was in celebration of the Centenary Jubilee of "Psalms and Hymns," the hymnal used in Baptist churches of England. A special brochure of old and new Baptist hymns was printed for the occasion. On Nov. 9 a radio broadcast in England presented "His Own Pilgrimage," the story in dramatized form of the conversion of John Bunyan, born in Elstow in November 1628, just 330 years ago.

• **Billy Graham in Brazil.** Evangelist Billy Graham will address the tenth Baptist World Congress meeting at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 26-July 3, 1960. Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, told the B.W.A. administrative committee that Mr. Graham, a Baptist, plans to attend the eight-day international meeting as one of the estimated 8,000 delegates from 100 countries around the world. "I asked him if he would preach at one of the congress sessions, and he agreed," Dr. Adams said. It is thought probable the program committee will ask Graham to lead a giant evangelistic service at the conclusion of the congress.

• **C. Oscar Johnson's Portrait.** A portrait of Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, 7th president of the Baptist World Alli-

ance, was unveiled at special ceremonies in connection with a meeting of the B.W.A. administrative committee. It will hang in a gallery of portraits of other B.W.A. presidents in the Alliance's offices in the Baptist building in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Theodore F. Adams, wife of the Alliance president, pulled the drape from over the portrait painted by Fred Conway of St. Louis and donated to the Alliance by the Third Baptist Church of St. Louis where Dr. Johnson was pastor 27 years. Dr. F. Townley Lord of London, England, 8th president of the Alliance, accepted the portrait. Dr. Adams was presiding at the ceremony.

• **Baptist Commission on Peace.** A Commission on World Peace was authorized by the Baptist World Alliance administrative committee on November 25. The Commission, consisting of some 15 members from all areas of the world, will be named by B.W.A. President Theodore F. Adams. It will meet annually for discussion of Christian principles helpful in a positive solution to the world's ills and will carry on a perennial international exchange of ideas on the subject. Both the American Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention (U.S.A.) have special Committees on World Peace, set up by Convention Presidents Clarence W. Cranford and Brooks Hays after their trip to Moscow last April for a visit with Russian Baptists. The World Peace group increases to seven the number of B.W.A. study commissions. Others deal with Religious Liberty, Evangelism, World Missions, Bible Study and Membership Training, the Doctrine of the Church, and the Doctrine of Baptism.

• **The Segregation Issue.** Spiritual rebirth of individual Americans is the solution to the country's racial segregation problems, a Southern Baptist leader told the annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan here. Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte,

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Editorial



My Account With God

The key to success in the year ahead is the recognition that ALL of 1959 will be a divine loan to us to be used wisely and administered as a sacred trust. That is a far more meaningful and important truth than most of us realize. As a faithful Christian steward, you can "achieve your grandest destiny" in 1959.

The title of Rev. Frank Veninga's new book, "My Account with God," can serve as a stirring New Year's challenge. Faithfulness in our partnership with Christ is a requirement of the Christian life. Never forget that—especially in the year ahead! Dependability in a Christian's service and witness is a priceless trait, as evaluated by God. "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."

Every day will bring with it new opportunities and challenging tasks. We shall be called on to participate in many ventures and to tackle all kinds of projects. Mr. Veninga in considering our partnership with Christ brings an illustration from the life of Henry Ford. He was once asked how a person could make a success of his life. After a few minutes of meditation, Mr. Ford gave this answer: "If you start a thing, finish it!"

This year with its many experiences will test our faithfulness to Christ, the genuineness of our love to him, the fruitfulness of our lives, and the staunchness of our faith. It is easy to start well and get off to a good beginning in 1959. The far more important question in our Christian stewardship is how we shall finish the year and how faithful we shall have been in the little or large tasks to be entrusted to us!

This book by Rev. Frank Veninga, the District Secretary for the Eastern Area, is an inspiring and provocative book to have by your side throughout the year ahead of you. It clearly shows the Scriptural basis for stewardship. Its pages are illuminated with many telling and effective illustrations. It stresses the importance of recognizing the will of God in all matters. It presents a very practical account of the stewardship of money and of tithing. You could not make a better investment in 1959 than the purchase of this book for \$1.00 (or less) and the careful study of its pages for your inspiration.

Your account with God will also bring you to this realization: "It's later than you think in the world of today!" Dr. Adolph Keller says that it is "five minutes to twelve" in our modern civilization. We are constantly on the brink of crisis and disaster. The year 1959 can produce some world-shaking events, such as we have never witnessed before in human history.

Mr. Veninga gives us a challenging word for this hour: "Christians need to look upon this present appalling world situation as an opportunity. Possibly at no time in our history has the need been greater for man to feel the Presence of God." We need to take on ourselves the burdens of the world's needs as God entrusts them to us. Our responsibility is to feed the world with the "Bread of Life" of the Gospel.

Go into this new year then by recognizing your account with God. Read the book by Rev. Frank Veninga, "My Account with God," as a good beginning. Let Christ be your Partner in the business of 1959!

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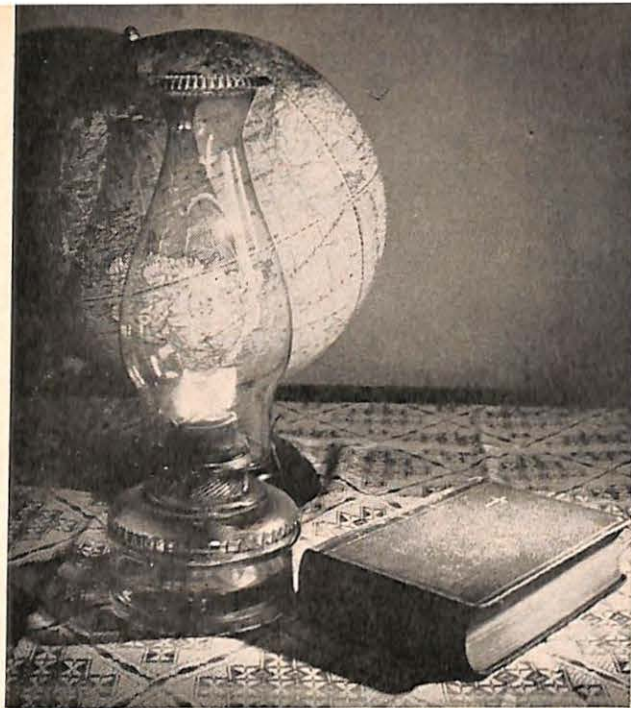
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Lost Harmony

Some saints do more sighing than singing, but God has put a new song in our mouths and we ought to make melody in our hearts to the Lord.

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By Vance Havner

THE PSALMIST declared: "Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage" (Ps. 119:54). Christians are strangers and pilgrims, exiles and aliens, passing the time of their sojourning in an unfriendly world. Matthew Henry said, "This world is our passage and not our portion." This world is not our rest. We have here no continuing city. This is the house of our pilgrimage.

While we make our way through these lowlands we have a song. Some saints do more sighing than singing, but God has put a new song in our mouths and we ought to speak in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in our hearts to the Lord.

SONGS IN THE HEART

What is our song? The Psalmist said, "Thy statutes have been my songs." God's Word was his song. He did not just memorize it or quote it, he sang it. We do not ordinarily associate statutes with songs but God's lawbook is a songbook. His mandates are melodies, both words and music, both theology and doxology, duty and delight.

The tragedy in the church today is that so often we try to have the music without the words or the words without the music, the songs without the statutes or the statutes without the songs. When the Prodigal Son returned home there was music and dancing, which speaks of joy over one sinner that repents.

There is music and dancing in the church today but not much of that kind. We are trying to produce an equivalent of Christian joy, the effect without the cause, spiritual delight not based on Scriptural doctrine. Some of the music and dancing emanates from church recreational buildings where millions are spent trying to make Christians happy.

More than one church-related educational institution has been described as a football stadium with a university built on the side. By the same rule, many a church has become a playhouse with a prayer-house built on the side.

One thing is certain: such a combination will never be a powerhouse! If we had less of the music and dancing we have now we might have more of the kind the Elder Brother heard when the Prodigal came home.

THE JOY OF THE LORD

The joy of the Lord is not mere natural enthusiasm such as any cheerleader can whip up before a ball game, a stirring of animal spirits under religious auspices. Have you listened to a frantic song leader doing a St. Vitus in evangelistic epilepsy, leading the congregation while they sing "There is Power in the Blood" with four "powers," then eight, then sixteen, until it sounds like four Wild West TV shows going at the same time? Surely that was not the kind the Psalmist was doing in the house of his pilgrimage!

Nor was it one of the religious jingles you hear on radio when at the end of a program of tom-tom beating they throw in an imitation of a hymn that would slap God on the back and make the Almighty just the Big Buddy Upstairs. Away with such cheap familiarity with the Eternal as though unwashed pagans could be chummy with the great I AM!

"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully," (Psalm 24:3, 4). When the men of the Bible came into his Presence, they came in deepest awe and profound humility.

Isaiah cried, "Woe is me!" Habak-

kuk said that his body trembled and rottenness entered his bones. Job abhorred himself and repented in dust and ashes. Daniel found that his comeliness was turned to corruption. John fell at his feet as one dead.

We come to him by the blood of his Son and there is no place for frivolous approach by which unrepentant sinners can jauntily saunter and swagger into the courts of God. God has no favorites but he does have intimates. Reverent intimacy, however, is a far cry from the coarse familiarity of a generation that is pure in its own eyes but not washed from its filthiness. You cannot have the song of communion without the statute of conversion.

LIFE'S DISCORDS

In Psalm 137 God's people are pictured as captives in Babylon, exiles in a foreign land. Their conquerors tauntingly asked, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion." The Psalmist replies: "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?"

Some Christians cannot sing in the house of their pilgrimage because they have disobeyed the statutes of the Lord. Captured by the devil, enslaved by the flesh, they are exiles from the promised land of a victorious life, living in the Babylon of this age.

A girl who insisted that she could give a Christian testimony at a dance said to her partner as they swayed across the floor, "I am a Christian." He stopped abruptly and with an oath demanded, "Then what are you doing here?" She could not sing the Lord's song in a strange land. If we are to sing his song we must keep his statutes. We cannot have the music without the words.

There are also those who say, "It does not matter *what* you believe, all that is important is *whom* you trust." They would have the delight without

the doctrine. It sounds nice but you cannot have a miraculous experience based on a mythical gospel. If 2 Timothy 3:16 is not true and the statutes, the Scriptures, are not God-breathed, then John 3:16 is not dependable. "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."

Some have said that they could be Christians even if it were proven that Jesus never lived. But the Gospel is based on historic facts, that Christ died and rose again. It is the good news of something that took place, an event in history. We are witnesses unto him but he also said, "Ye are witnesses of these things." We testify to the facts about him.

You cannot have the songs without the statutes, the doxology without the theology. Trying to have the music without the words, we end up with a synthetic faith, a simulated love, a substitute joy. It is God's lawbook that becomes our songbook, his mandates that become our melody.

A RADIANT THEOLOGY

But not only would some have the music without the words, there are others who have the words without the music. The tragedy of a lot of fundamentalism lies in theology without doxology, being right without being radiant.

I can remember earlier years when I attended my first Bible Conference. What blessed fellowship we had around the Word of God! We were like travelers meeting in a foreign land and discovering that we spoke the same language.

Recently a friend of mine whom I had known in those early years asked, "What is the matter with us these days? Now we discuss prominent personalities and split hairs over technicalities." I know what she meant. I am not sighing for the good old times. "Distance lends enchantment to the view." But sometimes I do think of the Dutchman who asked, "Vot iss all dis argument? I sure would like to get into a good old Jesus meeting."

For all our religious revival and gigantic church activity these days something is missing. "Something new has been added" but something old and precious has been subtracted. We have the words without the music, the statutes without the songs, the form without the force. We wave the scabbard but the sword is gone.

JOY FROM SACRED TRUST

I used to think that David's prayer, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation" applied only to people who, like David, have committed some terrible sin. But there are church workers hard at it, choir singers, denominational officials, ministers in pulpits, who have lost their song. They would be embarrassed to admit it and some would resent being told about it.

Someone has put it, "It is not that our doctrine is false but that our experience is flat." What we believe is

Christ and the Crisis

By Dr. Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Virginia, President of the Baptist World Alliance

THE 23,000,000 Baptists in the world face the future with confidence in "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and forever." Christians are used to crises and are stimulated and challenged, rather than frightened by the changes that confront us in the atomic era and the space age.

The present crisis calls for the best that we can give and all the resources we can muster. Baptists around the world are heartened by the Jubilee Advance Program of the Baptists of North America.

THE WORLD WE FACE

We face a world that desperately needs the message of Christ—a world of fear and tension in the face of social, economic and political revolutions. Some 700,000,000 people have won their freedom in the past fifteen years, though others have lost their freedom to communist powers. The colored peoples of the world have risen against the western imperialism and white domination and, in the midst of the turmoil, atheistic communism seeks to defeat both democracy and Christianity.

tremendously important but it is high time that conservative, evangelical Christianity face up some other questions: Whom do I trust, love and obey?

Our Lord conditioned true Christian happiness on obedience: "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13:17). It is a 3-D formula, Doctrine, Duty and Delight. It is possible to argue over some tweedledum and tweedledee in theology and live all the while in outright disobedience to God.

Our theme says, "Thy statutes have been my songs." The Psalmist said of the righteous man, "His delight is in the law of the Lord" and again, "I delight to do thy will, O my God," a declaration perfectly realized in the Savior himself. Some think of God's law in terms of duty only but the Psalmist found it a delight. With him the words were set to music.

Is your duty your delight? Jeremiah said of his generation: "Behold, the word of the Lord is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it." Call upon average church-members today to obey God and hear them complain! Ask them to give up the world, to make Christ Lord, to give God a bit of their time and money, and some will act as though it would kill them. The Word of the Lord is not their delight. Some say they are Christians and believe the Bible but, if so, they have only the words and not the tune.

Yes, orthodox Christianity needs to set its words to music. At the close

Buddhism, Mohammedanism and communism in many parts of the world are making more converts than we are. The greatness of our task in world missions is graphically pictured by Bishop Rajah Manikam of India who recently said, "A circle from Karachi to Seoul, to Tokyo and Colombo and back to Karachi would include five per cent of the world's area and fifty per cent of the world's population. Here also eighty per cent of Christian mission work has been conducted and fifty per cent of mission converts have been won. Yet within this circle only three persons in 100 are Christians."

The influence of Christians in this area far outweighs their numbers, but these figures give some idea of the enormity of the task that challenges us as we seek to win the world to a saving faith in Christ as Lord.

CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

We face this task with supreme confidence in the basic Christian convictions we hold in common with other denominations. Baptists, however, have certain distinctive beliefs and convictions to give the world. Among these

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of a Bible conference some years ago, Lena, the Negro cook, was asked to sing for us after Sunday morning breakfast devotions. In her own inimitable way she stood with arms folded and began:

"Just a closer walk with thee;
Grant it, Jesus, if you please."

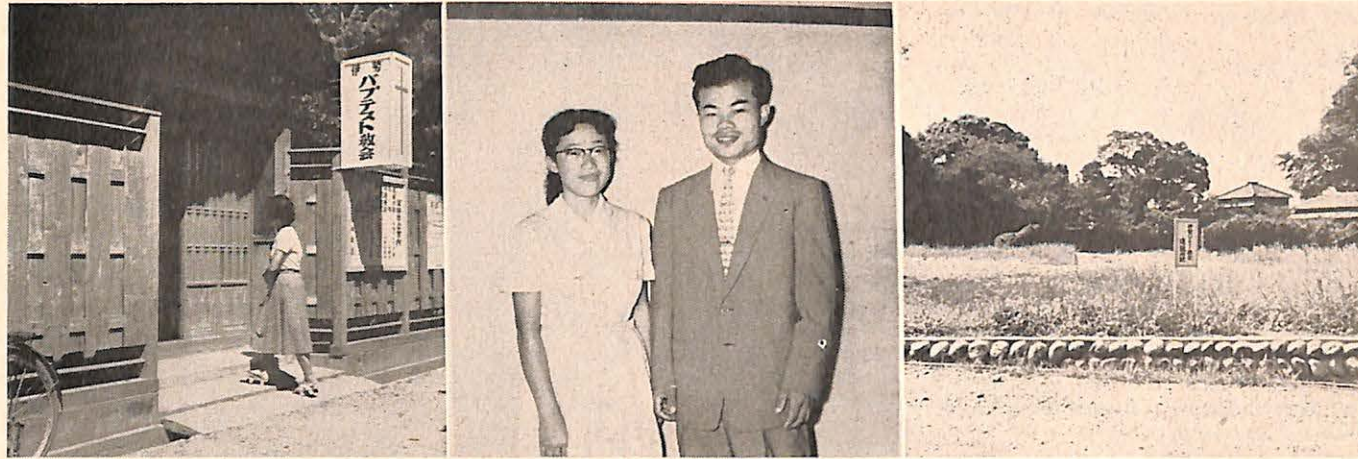
Immediately we felt the Spirit's presence. I sneaked out my handkerchief and looked sheepishly around to discover that everybody else was doing the same thing. Denominational lines made no difference. Lena's song had lifted us above our fences and made us one. We might have argued about unification but here was unity. The song did not create it but reveal it, for it is always there though we obscure it. If we had spent that Sunday hour arguing prophecy or sanctification we might have gone out upset and belligerent.

I do not mean that these things are not important. They are, but more important still is a closer walk with Jesus. I decided that maybe Lena ought to go around to a lot of our churches, conferences and conventions. She might do more with a song than we do all week in a symposium.

Hot and bothered as we are, it would put us to shame, but if it called us back to a closer walk with him; that is what it is all about anyway. Then his statutes would become our songs, words and music, and duty would become a delight in the house of our pilgrimage.

News Flashes from Mission Fields

Brief Reports from Africa, Japan and Austria



OUR BAPTIST MISSION WORK IN ISE, JAPAN

Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Akasaka (center) are the new co-workers of our missionaries at Ise, Japan. In the left picture, a Japanese woman enters the present rented quarters of the Ise Baptist Church. (Notice the attractive illuminated sign). Recently property was purchased for the new Baptist Church in Ise, as shown at right, in a good location. Now the church people are working hard to raise the necessary building funds.

Called to Serve Christ in Japan

By Mr. Yoshio Akasaka, The New Pastor and Missionaries' Co-worker at the Baptist Church, Ise, Japan

YOSHIO AND KAZUE AKASAKA OF ISE, JAPAN

An Introduction by Miss Florence Miller, Missionary

"Baptist Herald" readers will be interested in the testimony of Mr. Akasaka, our new co-worker in Ise, Japan. Yoshio and Kazue Akasaka came to Ise to serve with us last April. Yoshio is a graduate of the Emmanuel Bible School in Tokyo, and Kazue attended Bible School in Kobe for one year after completing Junior College (Oberlin College in Tokyo). Both are devoted Christians with a sincere desire to give of themselves unreservedly for the spread of the Gospel.

Mr. Akasaka is doing all of the preaching at the church in addition to the usual pastoral duties of visitation and counselling. His wife is president of the women's group and teaches the Junior High class in Sunday School. In addition to this, they are responsible for other small meetings such as the hospital and juvenile home.

In all of these, I work along with them plus filling in other gaps such as Sunday School Teacher Training Class, English Bible Class, etc.

MR. AKASAKA'S MESSAGE

MY WIFE and I are now engaged in evangelism in a rather countrified city called Ise. The population of Ise is about 100,000 people. There are four churches, counting the Catholic church, in this city. Our Baptist church is still very small, having only about forty members. In comparison with the population of the city, the Christians are so few as to be hardly noticed.

The Ise Grand Shrine, which is the main shrine of Shintoism from the beginning of Japanese history, is lo-

cated in Ise. About ten per cent of the 90,000,000 Japanese people come from all parts of the country every year to worship here. In view of this, it is readily seen that it is a difficult city in which to do evangelistic work. We are, nevertheless, grateful that the Lord has brought us here to preach the Gospel.

GOD'S SAVING POWER

Like many other Christians in Japan, I did not hear the Gospel until I was an adult. I had this opportunity from the time when I was in my first year of high school but I was not especially interested then. Being tossed about by the winds of the times, I drifted into a life of sin. It was then that I was given the opportunity to hear the Gospel at a young people's Bible Camp.

As I think about it now, I know it to be God's wonderful guidance. Until then, for one reason or another, I had refused the Gospel. But at camp, my hardened heart was pierced by the double-edged sword of the Word of God. On August 16, 1950 my new life began. I was filled with great joy and thankfulness.

Eventually my joy and gratitude developed into a desire to serve the Lord in some way. God heard my prayer and on May 21, 1953, he clearly called me into his service. That day my entire life became established. I realized that, since I had been purchased by the blood of Christ from a life of bondage to sin, I ought to surrender my entire life to him.

There have been many difficulties in the way thus far. The fact that my mother and younger brother and sister are not yet saved is a constant concern to me. Leaving a fairly promising job to enter the ministry, when my

family looked to me for support, was a severe test. The financial problems involved in going to Bible School for three years were also trying. But God who has promised to be all in all to me has been faithful. He has been all-sufficient for me. I think of the words of Paul in writing to the church at Corinth, "When I am weak, then I am strong."

PRAY FOR ISE!

Paul gloried in his weakness. I realize that in every way I am indeed weak. However, with respect to the problems of my family, during my two years of service with the Navigators, and throughout my three years of Bible School training, in every way, God has been all in all to me. I am therefore confident that he will be sufficient for me now and for eternity. I am indeed grateful as I remember this, for I believe that I am in the perfect will of God in serving where I now am.

We have begun our first work in Ise. It is as yet a very small beginning. However, one of the present undertakings of the Ise Baptist Church is to build a permanent meeting place. We are praying that by the end of August of 1959 the Lord will provide a building for our little group, so that we may worship God fervently and undisturbed. We believe that eventually it will be the foundation for a nation-wide Gospel witness.

The 100,000 people living in Ise are only a few in comparison with the 90,000,000 people living in all Japan. Ise is only a small part of Japan. The Lord has commanded us, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." It is my one desire that I may follow the command and guidance of the Lord.

Please pray for Ise and for Japan!

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CAMEROONS, AFRICA

● Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr and their daughter, Diane Jean, have arrived in Africa and have taken over the management of the Bansa Baptist Hospital beginning with November 15. Dr. Fehr is the missionary doctor at the hospital while Dr. Chaffee and his family are on furlough in the United States. The Chaffees sailed from Tiko, Africa, on December 16th on the "SS Reventazon" and will arrive in the United States early in 1959. Their home is on Whidby Island near Everett, Washington.

● Rev. and Mrs. Elmer C. Strauss with their two daughters, Amy and Holly, are stationed at Kumba, Southern Cameroons, where Mr. and Mrs. Strauss have taken on the duties of Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson during the Hendersons' furlough year. Miss Ida Forsch sailed with Mr. and Mrs. Strauss from New York City to England and then to the Cameroons. She is one of our very efficient missionary teachers on the Cameroons Mission Field.

● Since moving from Mbingo to Mbem in the grassland country of the Cameroons, Africa, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer have been exceedingly busy. Their work has been mainly teaching and helping the Christians with their many problems pertaining to the Christian life. Questions abound on matters of marriage, divorce, polygamy, immorality, native dances and customs. To meet the need of answering these problems, the Holzimmers are conducting "Short Term Bible Schools" of two weeks with studies of various books of the Bible, the Christian walk, church organization and responsibility, and the devotional life. Afternoons are taken up with classes in English, singing and witnessing in the villages.

● Rev. and Mrs. Ben Lawrence of Victoria, Cameroons, have announced the birth of a daughter on August 27, weighing 8 pounds and 10 ounces, to whom the name Kathy Jean has been given. On the following Saturday, Mr. Lawrence shot and killed a large elephant on the West Coast Road at Mile 16. He called it "an enlightening experience." He has also received word from the University of London in England that he has successfully passed the Academic Diploma in Education examination taken last May. They will be returning on their furlough to the United States in July, 1959 with their four children.

GOD'S BLESSINGS

● One of our Cameroons Baptist young men, Johnson Ndariku Gabuin,

PRAY

FOR the new Cameroons missionaries facing unusual difficulties in their work.

FOR an outpouring of God's saving grace upon those hearing the Gospel.

FOR the visitation trip of Rev. R. Schilke to Japan mission field.

FOR the Indian mission fields and for new missionaries who are needed there.

Christ's invitation of 'whosoever will' and are now carrying his glad tidings to all 'whosoever will' people of the villages."

CAMEROONS FESTIVITIES

● MAMBILA is the title of a 14 page mimeographed paper published monthly in the Mambila area of the Southern Cameroons with Rev. F. Kenneth Goodman, missionary, as publisher. It is ably edited by Mr. P. C. Mbako, one of our fine national Christian leaders, in order that the indigenous church principles can be carried out. The first issues of 1958 contained news from the churches, brief articles by national Christians, an inspiring editorial and announcements about conference and association meetings. It sells for three pence per copy or one shilling for the annual subscription.

● Several unusual publications commemorating the Centennial Jubilee of Victoria, Southern Cameroons, appeared late in 1958. The September 1958 issue of "The Christian Light" edited by Missionary Geraldine Glase-napp was devoted almost entirely to the program of the Centenary festivities and articles by leading Christians of that area. A 102 page book, "Victoria-Southern Cameroons, 1858-1958," was published in December 1958 for the Victoria Centenary Committee. It is a magnificent and beautifully bound volume telling the story of the missionary impact made by Alfred Saker and others, the history of Victoria and the economic development of that area. Also, a new printing of Underhill's biography of Alfred Saker has been published by the London Missionary Society. It will soon be available through the Roger Williams Press in Cleveland, Ohio, at about \$2.00 per copy. It is a classic in missionary annals concerning the outstanding life of the founder of Victoria and of this great Christian missionary.

● On Sunday morning, Dec. 14, a Centenary Jubilee service of worship was held for the Baptist and Presbyterian congregations of Victoria, Southern Cameroons, in Victoria. His Excellency, the high commissioner for the Southern Cameroons, Sir Robertson, attended. Dr. Paul Gebauer, field superintendent for the Cameroons Baptist Mission, brought the address at this impressive service. On the previous Sunday morning, Dec. 7, a pageant depicting the founding of Victoria by Alfred Saker was held at 8:00 A.M. on Victoria Beach near Saker's original landing place. These were only two of the many highlights of the week-long celebration held in Victoria from December 6 to 14, about which longer

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Interesting and rather unique hair dress of some of the Mambila men in the grassland area of the Cameroons, Africa.

January 8, 1959



The Baptist World Alliance Medical Team landing at the Brussels Airport in Belgium at the beginning of its 45,000 mile trip to survey medical facilities and medical needs in Asia and Africa and to witness to the resources of the abundant life in Christ.

Baptist Project: Brother's Keeper

"Around the World in Christ's Service," the Baptist World Alliance Medical Mission Report by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary

ABOUT 100 representatives of Baptist groups in North America met at the Baptist World Alliance Building in Washington, D. C. on Monday evening, November 24, to hear the report of the B. W. A. Medical Mission. Named Project: "Brother's Keeper," the Mission recently concluded a three-month tour of missionary fields in various parts of the world. The team of fifteen, including six outstanding American medical men, traveled more than 45,000 miles.

The tour was sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance, with Mr. Robert S. Denny, associate secretary, in charge of arrangements. Funds to cover the cost of the project were made available by the Jarman Foundation of Nashville, Tenn. This organization is headed by Mr. Maxey Jarman, a Baptist layman.

MEMBERS OF THE TEAM

The following missionary-minded doctors gave of their time for this mission of mercy:

Dr. Blanchard Antes, gynecologist and obstetrician of Canton, Ohio.

Dr. Charles Black, surgeon of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Dr. John Cleland, surgeon and obstetrician of Oregon City, Oregon.

Dr. Eugene H. Dibble, medical director of the John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital at Tuskegee, Alabama.

Dr. Robert A. Hingson, professor and director of anesthesiology at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Gabe Payne, pediatrician of Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Among the other members of the

team were Mrs. Josephine Robertson, staff writer for the Cleveland Plain Dealer and George Pitkin, a photographer.

PURPOSE OF THE MISSION

Dr. T. B. McDormand has stated the purpose of the tour in the following well-chosen words: "Its aim was to evaluate what mission hospitals have done and are doing, and to discover ways in which the medical profession might stand more definitely and constructively behind medical mission practitioners who have sacrificed much to serve Christ."

Dr. Robert A. Hingson described the motivation of the team by quoting the Great Physician: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. . . Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

Dr. Hingson added: "We found the need of our neighbors to be much greater than we had thought; but we also found that the need can be met much faster than we think if we all do our part."

The members of the team found that people in many parts of the world are in great need of medical attention. In Korea, for example, it was learned that 60 per cent of all children over the age of three have active tuberculosis. In Hongkong the group was moved to compassion for 100,000 refugees sleeping in the streets. Imagine the congestion in Kwong Wah Hospital, where 21,000 babies are delivered in a year!

A highlight of the tour was a visit to

Dr. Albert Schweitzer's famed hospital at Lambarene, French Equatorial Africa.

In Liberia, it was found, between 90 and 92 per cent of the population is afflicted with malaria. Members of the team here saw a smallpox pest house in which 74 critically ill patients lay on uncovered dirty army cots.

Mr. C. E. Bryant, editor of the "Baptist World," has listed the following as some of the services rendered by the team:

1. Surveying 100 hospitals of both missionary and national sponsorship.
2. Performing 120 operations, as both primary surgeons and consultants.
3. Administering and delivering more than 90,000 vaccinations for polio, typhoid fever, and cholera and tetanus.
4. Distributing of more than \$100,000 worth of medical supplies, drugs and books.
5. Delivering 128 medical lectures.
6. Leading devotions or delivering sermons to 96 audiences in 27 countries.
7. Participating in 47 conferences with national government and health leaders.

SOME TESTIMONIES

As each doctor participating in the Mission reported, it was thrilling to note that all professed to have gained new spiritual insight. Without attempting to identify the individual speakers, permit me to quote a few of the moving testimonies that were given.

"As the seventy sent out by Jesus

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BAPTIST HERALD

Baptist Sponsored Television Programs

The Story of "Televangelism 1959" in the Television Series, "This Is the Answer"

1959 ANNUAL

Be sure to read the exciting, illustrated article on TELEEVANGELISM in the 1959 "Annual."

THE NEW YEAR has ushered in the first nation-wide spiritual revival ever based on a unique combination of television drama and the personal visitation of millions.

This "revival by television" launches the first cooperative effort of all six major Baptist groups since before the Civil War. It brings together some 20 million members of more than 70 thousand Baptist churches to swell the movement which is widely reported in the nation's press as the "revival of religious interest" in America.

13 TELEVISION PROGRAMS

Called "Televangelism 1959," the unusual project presents 13 new, half-hour dramas in the well-known inspirational television series, "This Is The Answer," produced by the Southern Baptists. Beginning on Sunday, January 4th, the dramas on important modern-day problems will be seen on 13 consecutive Sunday afternoons on key television stations throughout the United States.

Although Baptist sponsored, "Televangelism 1959" is basically a non-denominational effort, using the human-interest attractions of dramatic television to promote religion without "preachiness." The massive effort is organized to introduce the Christian message and its values in everyday life to the estimated 60 million "unchurched" people of the nation. From these, it is hoped that at least 100 thousand new Christians will be won in the 13-week period.

"Come to our house Sunday afternoon for a TV viewing party." Hundreds of thousands of such notes will go out weekly as cooperating Baptists search their communities for unsaved or "unchurched" friends and acquaintances. Others will be reminded to view the dramas if they cannot attend viewing parties.

Already, in over half of the 100 key areas planned for "Televangelism 1959," television stations have scheduled the new drama series as a public service. The same drama will be seen on all stations each Sunday in a network-type presentation unique to inspirational TV.

VIEWING PARTIES

Some 700 local chairmen, both pastors and laymen, are preparing news materials, "viewing party" arrangements, supplies of spiritual guidance booklets for viewers who write in to the program, and are dealing with the thousands of details involved in coordinating a great national revival program.

In Fort Worth, Texas, "Televangelism 1959" has been lived and breathed

for months at the headquarters of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. This organization, headed by the Rev. Dr. Paul M. Stevens, produces the TV series, "This Is The Answer," and films the dramas with professional talent in Hollywood.

Built around modern-day TV drama, "Televangelism 1959" is the contribution of the Southern Baptist Convention to the 6-group joint effort, the first such effort since 1845. It launches an unusual 5-year program known as the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Participating are the six major Baptist groups of North America including: Southern Baptist Convention; American Baptist Convention; National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.; National Baptist Convention of America; Canadian Baptist Convention; North American Baptist Convention; North American Baptist General Conference. (A "Convention" or conference, among Baptists, is an advisory organization rather than a church structure since each individual church manages its own affairs.)

RELIGIOUS TV DRAMAS

The 13 new "This Is The Answer" dramas, featured in "Televangelism

1959," deal with important national problems such as marital infidelity, juvenile delinquency, use of alcohol, and political corruption. Based on familiar Bible passages including the parables of Jesus, the modern-day episodes dramatically show how the Christian message can help everyone meet problems of today's living.

The "Televangelism" idea, explains Dr. Stevens, is a combination of the newest and oldest forms of communication. The newest, dramatic television, is designed to appeal to the "unchurched" who might normally avoid a "preachy" religious program, he points out. The oldest form of religious communication, he comments, is personal evangelism. . . an individual's effort to help an "unchurched" friend learn the comforts and relevance of the Christian faith in modern-day life. TV "viewing parties," he feels, offer a natural ground for discussion of the personal need for Christianity in everyday living.

By bringing television and evangelism together in "Televangelism 1959," Dr. Stevens states, Baptists hope to give great impetus to "America's religious revival." All denominations are invited to make use of the television program just as the Baptist groups will. "This Is The Answer," he emphasizes, is non-denominational in content, "for we serve not a Baptist God but the living God." Watch for these programs on your television set!



"THIS IS THE ANSWER"

Al and Liz Decker fearfully await news of their son who is on a trip in a death-trap trailer which Al Decker failed to safety-check in his greed for a quick profit. Scene is from the complete, new dramatic episode on love of money, "Treasures of Al Decker," in the television series "This Is The Answer."

You Can Help Furnish C.T.I. Rooms

Fifty Projects for the Furnishing of Dormitory Rooms at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., Are Available As Announced by Prof. O. R. Schmidt, Acting President

IN KEEPING with the present expansion of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, various needs arise at the school. The need with which we are especially concerned just now is the refurbishing of dormitory rooms.

Last winter the property custodians of the Christian Training Institute drew the attention of the board of trustees of the school to the need of refurbishing the rooms. The custodians remodelled the furnishings in one room to make a model room. They purchased the necessary material and spent several days making the needed equipment. This included a double desk, sufficiently roomy where two students could study comfortably. They also made a handsome bookshelf suitable for a dormitory room, and they built a larger and more suitable closet for the room.

They estimated the cost of the material and labor for furnishing the room to be \$150.00. They then made the recommendation that all dormitory rooms should be furnished in this manner.

The board of trustees examined the old furnishings in the rooms and realized how much these improvements were needed. Almost twenty years of service had caused some of the small closets, made of spruce wood, to come apart and to collapse. Bookshelves had never been provided although enterprising students had made their own from apple boxes and orange crates.

C.T.I. PROJECTS
After adopting one of these 50 projects for the furnishing of rooms at the Christian Training Institute, write to Dr. Frank H. Woyke, 7308 Forest Park Ill., with this information, or to Prof. O. R. Schmidt, acting president, at the school's address: 10810—78th Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

There were no desks. Each student was supplied with a small table at which to study. Only a few rooms were furnished with dressers or chests of drawers, and these were largely student owned.

Times have changed considerably since the depression years of the thirties and even since the war years of the forties. More and more of our students come from spacious, lovely, modern homes, and it would definitely be an understatement to say that our facilities are not impressive or adequate.

After the board of trustees had examined the old furnishings, had looked at the new and had noted the improvement evidenced in the model room, they accepted the recommendation of the property custodians, and they in turn recommended to the General Council that the project of furnishing fifty rooms at \$150.00 each be carried out. The Finance Committee of the General Council approved this matter and has recommended that \$7500 be collected for refurbishing CTI dormitory rooms.

The suggestion is being made to our churches as well as to one or more organizations in them, to take up the project of furnishing one or more rooms in the Christian Training Institute. Some churches in Alberta have unofficially reported that they have collected money for such a project. One of the Woman's Missionary Societies has collected more than enough money for furnishing three rooms. Other churches are making plans for the collecting of money for this project. Dr. Leuschner has sent out a special letter to each church giving information how the money is to be sent to our headquarters at Forest Park, Illinois. After the money has been collected, it will be transferred to the CTI for the purpose designated.

One of the General Conference guests stated that money should have been collected at the CTI on the day the school held its Open House during the conference week. This conference guest stated that many visitors and delegates were ready to donate towards the fund immediately. The money could not be received then, but a generous response will be appreciated now. With the present expansion of CTI underway, this is one of the ways we can make CTI a better school and help it to fulfill its mission in God's Kingdom.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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N. C., a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said this rebirth of the spirit "must come from the inner man." He added that "we find nothing in the actions of Christ which makes any distinction between the races of man." The segregation issue is but one phase of man's dilemma requiring a spiritual rejuvenation, he declared. The present trend shows modern civilization is in a period of decay, but it is not the will of God that it be totally destroyed, he said.

● **Baptists in Liberia.** Rev. W. R. Tolbert, vice president of the Republic of Liberia, has been elected president of the Liberia Missionary and Educational Convention. Mr. Tolbert who is also pastor of the Zion Praise Baptist Church at Bensonville, Liberia is a vigorous denominational leader. He succeeds Dr. Levi Martin, member of the House of Representatives of Liberia. The National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. has completed its new hospital at Monrovia. The 100-bed Maternity and Child Welfare Center is fully equipped and will enter upon operation by the convention and the Liberian government.—*The Watchman-Examiner.*



OUR CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE

Fifty rooms at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, are to be furnished and made more livable at \$150 a room. Individuals and church groups are invited to adopt these room projects and to help make the C.T.I. a better school and to fulfill its mission in God's Kingdom.

"God's Volunteers" Witness to the Gospel of Christ

By Miss Irene Cuchiran,

Reporter for "God's Volunteers"



Reviera Neske and Joanne Heckman (left), members of the "God's Volunteers" team visit the homes of a community and witness to the truths of the Bible and the saving power of Christ.

"BEHOLD, I AM with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest." Yes, God is with us as "God's Volunteers" everywhere we go, and it is with joy in our hearts that we follow him as he leads!

SOWING THE SEED

From October 19 to November 2, we worked in the farming community of Southey, Sask., Canada, ministering to three of our Baptist churches in this area. We spent our first three days in Raymore, where we felt that the Holy Spirit was speaking to troubled hearts. Although we could not be there longer, we saw souls take Christ as their personal Savior and others rededicate their lives to Christ.

Our next three days were spent at Sarath, Sask. It was here that we fully realized that we could do nothing in ourselves. Only by Christ's strength were we able to speak of him to those who were on our prospect list. Even though most of the prospects did not accept Christ, we could see that they were disturbed and under conviction. Our duty as "Volunteers" is to sow the seed. Perhaps it will take years until the seed is ready for harvest.

We spent the last four days in Southey, Sask. The Lord blessed richly here and we learned to lean on the Lord in prayer and to ask him specifically to give us a burden for souls. "Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you" (Luke 11:10).

SHARING CHRIST

Most of our visitation in the three areas was rural work, witnessing to prospects of the church. We find that "Sharing Christ" with others is the greatest joy we can have. But even more wonderful than this is to see souls take Christ as their Savior and Lord.

From November 4-16 we served in the area of McClusky, North Dakota, where Rev. Edward Oster is pastor. We saw the Lord bless richly here, and we rejoiced to see young people accept him as Savior for the first time and to witness other Christians giving their "all" to the Lord in renewed dedication. Our hearts were lifted when consecrated members of the church came along with us on visitation and left their testimony for the Lord in the homes which we visited.

PRAYER BURDENS

One afternoon was set aside for concentrated prayer—praying definitely for those souls on our prospect list, about whom we were burdened. Yes, prayer warriors from the church united with us in praying for souls. In our last service in McClusky, we saw God answer our prayers when more than three-quarters of the congregation came forward for consecration.

From November 16-30, we worked in Herreid, South Dakota, where Rev. Alfred Weisser is the pastor. This is another small town, but we can say that God really works in small places

"GOD'S VOLUNTEERS" ITINERARY

Dec. 30-Jan. 11—Paul, Idaho.
Meetings with Director, Jan. 4-11
Jan. 13-25—Immanuel Church, Portland, Oregon.
Meetings with Director, Jan. 18-25
Jan. 27-Feb. 8—Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash.
Meetings with Director, Feb. 1-8
Feb. 10-22—Portland Ave. Church, Tacoma, Wash.
Meetings with Director, Feb. 15-22

as well as in large population centers. Members of the church also came along with us during our house to house visitation. They were radiant witnesses in all the homes visited. How wonderful it is to see souls find Christ in their own homes!

On our first day of visitation three persons were saved in their own homes. To us as a "Team," the greatest joy we can experience is leading souls to Christ, no matter where we are. Many Christians also consecrated their lives during the meetings.

GOD'S GREAT THINGS

In every place which we have visited thus far, the Lord has worked differently and we have seen "Great Things" done for Christ. What is it that brings about "Great Things"? It is the word, "prayer." It is only when you, Reader, pray for us daily that we can accomplish anything. Your prayers are being answered and souls are being saved. Continue to pray for us each day. Set aside a certain time during the day when you specifically pray for God's Volunteers.

"God hath done great things for us of which we are glad. . . ." How great our God really is!

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS SUNDAY

"God's Volunteers Sunday" will be observed by our North American Baptist churches on February 22, 1959. Our people will be asked by pastors and denominational leaders to remember the "God's Volunteers" team in prayer and with special offerings on this day. The expenses for this evangelistic ministry are budgeted at \$7500 a year, "A NEWS SHEET" with considerable information will be sent to the pastors to announce from the pulpits. Remember "God's Volunteers" in your prayers! EDITOR.

Sunday School Mission Projects

This First Article, in a Series of Three, Deals With Church Extension, Project No. 640.

By Rev. Harold F. Lang of Parma Heights, Ohio

AMONG the fastest growing areas of our country are the suburbs of our larger cities. In the past decade many of them have doubled and tripled in size. Some of the fastest growing of these suburban areas are the cities of Parma, Parma Heights, and their adjoining communities in the southwestern section of the city of Cleveland, Ohio.

SNOWVIEW DISTRICT

Some three and a half years ago the Parma Heights Baptist Church was started in this area, which has been sprouting up quickly. As this church was established, the members began to see the need for a Christian witness in the neighboring suburbs. An area which particularly became heavy upon their hearts was an area in Parma called "Snowview," about four miles distant from the Parma Heights Church, where there was no Protestant

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Cameroons Baptist Mission Schools _____ No. 770
Spanish-American Missions, No. 780

children who had formerly taken the bus to the Parma Heights Church, as well as several families from Parma Heights who lived in the area. In the months since the beginning of the Snowview work, in spite of the fact that a number of our original families have since moved out of the community, we have felt the blessing of the Lord.



CHURCH EXTENSION AT SNOWVIEW, OHIO

Worship service of the Primary and Junior Department at the Snowview Sunday School, sponsored by the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. This mission is one of the many Church Extension projects supported by the denomination.

witness. This area was canvassed with the purpose of setting up a bus route for Sunday School children. In due time, this bus route was established, bringing about twenty children to church each Sunday. After further prayer, the need was seen by the Parma Heights Church and our denominational Church Extension Committee for a permanent Christian witness there. In November 1957, my wife and I began our ministry in that area, renting several rooms of the Snowview Elementary School. The nucleus for the Sunday School and church became the

I would like briefly to mention several areas in which we have sought to broaden the outreach of our work. Since our main attenders were the bus

**CHURCH EXTENSION
\$50,000
is the 1958-1959 Goal for
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to be raised by North
American Baptist Churches**

children, our first area of outreach was through them to their parents and families. We sought to visit in each home.

OUTREACH INTO HOMES

Here we had varied experiences. We found families who had been active in the work of the church, who in their earlier years had had sound Christian training. When they moved away from their original homes, they never took the time to find a new church home. Some confessed they had not been inside a church for the past five to seven years. Others, as we visited, saw the need for their children to have Christian training, but somehow had come to feel that they had outgrown the church and that Sunday School and church are for the young.

Others were completely indifferent. It was all right if their children wished to attend Sunday School, but they gave them no encouragement one way or the other. It was left to the children to decide whether they wished to attend or not. In the past months through prayer, visitation and the influence of the children in these homes, we have sought to win the parents for the Lord and his Church.

With the beginning of our services in December 1957, a mimeographed letter was printed and distributed in the area, introducing the new work in the Snowview School. Following this, in the spring, a canvass was made of the community at which time printed "Welcome Folders" were distributed at each of the homes canvassed. After the canvass, the homes of the non-churching Baptists were visited. A number have come through these invitations—some regularly, others intermittently.

WELCOME FOLDERS

During the past summer the Vacation Bible Schools of the Snowview and Parma Heights churches were held together with a bus and cars picking up the children from the Snowview area. During Bible School our Intermediates gladly responded to the request that they help distribute "Welcome Folders" in our area. On two evenings they and our Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Wilbur Wilkins, distributed hundreds of "Welcome Folders" in an area just adjacent to our immediate Snowview community. Since then several families from this area have begun attending our services.

These are but a few ways in which we have sought to reach the community for our Sunday School and church. In the months to come we hope to broaden out much more and do more for Christ.

DR. WALTER W. WESSEL

Dr. Wessel is professor of Bible at the North American Baptist Seminary. Any questions on the Bible or the Christian life or further correspondence regarding this department in the "Baptist Herald" can be addressed to him at 1605 S. Euclid Ave., Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

MISSION NEWS FLASHES

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reports will be published in later issues of the "Baptist Herald."

AUSTRIA

• The Baptist Union of Austria held its annual conference at the Mollardgasse Baptist Church of Vienna on Oct. 11 and 12. Thirty-four delegates attended the sessions besides many other members and friends from the four Baptist churches and eight mission stations in Austria. Missionary Farelly from the French Cameroons spoke about the missionary opportunities in Africa. Many addresses on the theme, "The Church of Christ in Today's World," were given by pastors and laymen. Rev. R. Ostermann is the moderator of the Austrian Baptist Union. A resolution of profound appreciation for the faithful services of Dr. and Mrs. William J. Appel was sent to the Board of Missions in Forest Park, Illinois.

JAPAN

• Beginning with Sept. 14, the English Bible Class conducted by Rev. Fred Moore at Kyoto, Japan, was resumed with numerous university students in attendance. Missionary Moore requested: "We again covet your prayers for God's guidance and blessing as we present the marvelous Word of God! The Buddhist group in Kyushu is very active. They fully intend to propagate their doctrines, not only in Japan and the Orient, but all over the world. The five year plan for Buddhist world missions includes the training of 2,000 missionaries to go out and 'save the world' by their teachings. In these days all Christians need to pray without ceasing (I Thess. 5:17)."

From the Professor's Desk

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

What is involved in the statement found in Romans 12:1 f., "I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice . . .?"

The Epistle to the Romans is Paul's great exposition of the Christian Gospel. In the first eight chapters he sets forth in masterly fashion the Gospel of the grace of God. In the last chapters of the epistle, beginning with chapter 12, conduct consistent with belief is outlined. Paul, in this last section of the epistle, emphasizes that the Gospel has a "behaving side" as well as a "believing side." The exhortation to godly living is based on the demonstration of the mercy of God in the redemption of men; thus the "therefore" and "by the mercies of God" of Romans 12:1.

How practical a person Paul was is revealed by the form this appeal takes. "Present your bodies!" He was aware that any genuine dedication to God must reveal itself through our physical bodies, a term which is meant to include all our God-given faculties. Our intellects, eyes, mouths, hands, feet, etc., all are God's. To say, "I have consecrated my life to God," and not to work out this consecration in demon-

strable ways through the physical body is merely to mouth a dedication to God which has no meaning.

This text further says that our bodies are to be presented as "living sacrifices" unto God. By this is probably meant that, in contrast to the dead animal sacrifices, offered by both Jews and pagans, we are to offer to God in loving service our *living* personalities. By so presenting ourselves to God we are performing an act of intelligent worship.

In the second verse of chapter 12 the demands of this consecration are revealed. On the negative side it involves "swimming against the stream." Phillips translates, "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould,"—an exhortation which is strikingly contemporary in its application! On the positive side, it involves a remoulding process from within which is nothing short of complete mental and moral transformation. The happy results: the will of God not only known but, contrary to our tacit belief, *enjoyed*.

Clearly Romans 12:1, 2 is one of the most comprehensive statements in the New Testament of the nature of genuine consecration.

CHRIST AND CRISIS

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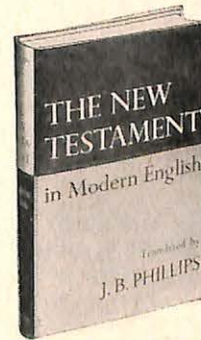
are our belief in the Bible as our sole and sufficient authority for Christian faith and practice—salvation by grace through faith in Christ—the competence of the individual soul in matters of faith and the priesthood of all believers—believer's baptism and a regenerate church membership—complete religious liberty and the separation of church and state—and the independence of the local church and democracy within the church and in all denominational work.

Though Baptists differ in color and culture, in nationality and in customs, we are one in Christ and in our conviction that Christ is the answer to the needs of the world. Fascism would put one race above all, communism one class above all, and rabid nationalism one nation above all. Our concept is well expressed in the pledge of allegiance to the Christian flag which we teach our children in our Vacation Bible Schools—"I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Saviour for whose kingdom it stands, one brotherhood uniting all mankind in service and in love."

Such a time of crisis calls now as always for Christians with convictions and the courage of their convictions for a renewed consecration to our world mission and confidence in the adequacy of the gospel that is ours through "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and forever."

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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 huriling rain and found it to be a weather beaten church. And in it, he discovered a girl, deep in prayer, sitting near a candelabra. 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." Since the death of his wife, Mr. Nichols and his daughter had had many disagreements. It was now her turn to speak up.

CHAPTER TWO

"YOU DIDN'T tell my father you mistook the church for a house or you wouldn't have come to it. You let him think you knew it was a church and you came to it anyway. That was gallant of you, Mr. Larkin. I appreciate your willingness to share my blame for being a 'scatterbrain.' I wouldn't like to think of your leaving here tomorrow with—*bad memories*. I realize he is my father, and also that I should have respect for my superiors. I do respect him—in many things. But, in other things, we don't see eye to eye at all, and when a superior is *wrong*—" She caught a soft underlip between rows of small, even white teeth and looked down at the lid of the coffee urn, turning away slightly.

Tom stared at the full profile this time—every feature clear cut as if chiseled in marble. The unbelievable part was that she could develop and possess such beauty in a background so crude. For a girl who obviously worked so hard, took such severe verbal lashings, it was rather incredible. But perhaps these latter were what developed the stubborn, steely strength of character and mind.

"I'm presenting things all from *my side*," she was saying softly. "I don't mean to do *that*, either. My father

The Voice of My Beloved

A Christian Novel by

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isn't really a tyrant, Mr. Larkin. He's a good man in many ways. He's—a *man who needs help*. I might be tempted to go away if it weren't for that. You see, he barks loudly, but in all his life he's never really bitten."

She moved away then, like that maid of old, asking no reply—expecting none. Still, he would have her *know*.

His chair scraped loudly as he rose to go. When he was a few feet away from her, he blundered, "I had a father who barked, too, Mary-Sue! I—" His head lowered and he swallowed, shame coming to him. "I was even half as loyal as you," he finished in harsh whisper.

He left the room quickly then, but he felt her eyes following him, and, once out of her sight, he had no idea in the world just what prompted such a confession. He wanted to *forget* the past! The ugliness, the hunger, the need. And now, just because a wisp of a girl portrayed some storybook kind of loyalty...

"You musta been awful hungry to've ate in such a hurry," Spencer Nichols grunted eyeing his young visitor curiously. "Here, take a section o' the paper—"

Tom sat down and took the paper. He even tried to read it. He had almost succeeded beyond the headline when Mary-Sue came into the room and sat down opposite him. Oh, not deliberately! He was almost certain of that. Still, as if propelled by a mechanism, she took the Bible down from the mantel, opened it, and bowed her head over the words.

Tom scowled. The vision of her blurred in the faint and flickering light. He brushed a hand across his eyes and looked again at the newspaper in his hands. It was no use. His eyes seemed drawn to her image by

some superhuman guidance. He looked again, and this time *he knew what frightened him*.

It was like looking at a ghost! Same Book, same position, same lighting—dim and eerie, making one wonder why a person in his right mind would attempt to read at all—even *the same devout expression!*

He'd told himself so many times that he had forgotten! Back there in the city he could drown out memory in noise and music and laughter. Out here—he realized the mockery: *You can never run away from what is within yourself*. He could not run away from the memory of his mother, that memory was too-deep-seated within him. This commingling of womanhood with adolescence, of steely principles with softness and beauty, this strange and wondrous mixture that was, in effect, Mary-Sue Nichols, was indeed poignant proof that no man ever totally forgets the woman who shaped his life.

People who lived there preferred to call them "flats." Even as a small boy Tom Larkin knew the difference. They were slums. He also knew the reason for their existence—*men like his father*. Not all with the same failing, of course. But all with a failing equivalent, or worse. Len Larkin had been a lazy, no-good bum.

Naturally, there were nicer expressions for it. Len's mother used a nicer phrase. "He's *defeated*—" she'd say in soft defense of the things he did.

"You got to have patience with a man like your father, Tommy. He ain't *bad*. He's just—*defeated*. If he could once get on his feet—if he could have just one good *chance*—"

He had had chances by the dozens, and Tom knew it. Always there was an excuse. The pay wasn't adequate for a man of his "skills"; that rheu-

matism got to bothering his left side again; the foreman corrected him on a job when Len *knew* he was right and certainly no man with any pride at all could take *that*. Finally, when all else failed, he would come home in the middle of the day, slumped-shouldered and weary, with the feeble, "What's the use?"

"He's unhappy—" Sarah Larkin would whisper, half to herself, half in apology for her children's ragged clothes and empty stomachs. "Nothin' pretty to look at when he does come home—never enough money to go all the way around no matter how long or hard he works. Man gets into such a deep rut after a while he can't see the light of day no more. Gets to feeling—there just ain't no use at all—"

Each day Tom was made to read a chapter of the Bible. Each day he was made to memorize another verse. Each day pity grew in his heart for his mother and baby sister, Corrinne. Each day resentment swelled greater against his ne'er-do-well father.

During the day, when the sun was "too hot" or the wind "too cold," Len Larkin loafed around the flat. In the early evening he left, wandered slowly down the tenement-lined block in search of a "buddy"—someone to talk to, someone with enough stomach to listen to a discussion of world politics and rabbit-warren economics.

When the hour grew late, Tom was sent to find him. He traveled slowly from darkened doorway to darkened doorway, crowded stoop to crowded stoop. Sometimes they greeted him sympathetically, sometimes their jibes hurt, occasionally he was told flatly to keep his nose in his own business. Naturally, at that time of night, he witnessed scenes not intended for a child's eyes. Teen gangs plotting warfare in darkened alleys, loose-mouthed, wobbling drunks—life at its lowest ebb. If his father was not in any of the doorways, he would be at the end of the block sitting on the grid-metal steps of the confectionery store.

"Well!" he'd boom to his conferees with pseudohilarity. "Here comes my little guard to fetch me!" He would rise and come home peaceably, clapping a heavy hand on Tom's shoulder for the benefit of onlookers.

Tom would stand the weight of the parental hand as long as they were in sight of his father's hoodlum friends. Then he would shake it off and step away, knowing full well that there was no genuine affection in this man for his children.

When Tom was eleven, that circle of certain destruction began to close in. His sister took ill. It started with a bad cold. It developed when the rent money could not be accumulated with any amount of borrowing, begging or pawning and the shifty-eyed building manager was obliged to turn off the heat in their rooms.

"Understand, Mrs. Larkin, it ain't my doin'. I just work here; I have to take my orders or I get throwed out m'self. I'll just *have* to turn the heat

off or get fired. There ain't no law says you can't leave your door open, though, mebbe get some heat in from the hallway—"

Tom watched his mother nod silently, bearing no grudge. She went to her Bible for a brief moment, glanced at her baby, breathing heavily and with irregularity, and, touched Tom's shoulder. "Watch her, son. Stay by her. Keep her warm. *I'm going for help*."

Tom did as he was told, put warm water into a glass jar, kept it close to the baby, stayed close himself. She whimpered after a while, and the woman next door came over.

"Why, it's freezing in here!" she gasped. "February and no heat!" She bent above the baby then, and Tom saw her face drain white. She picked the baby up quickly, bundled her close.

"You come to my place, Tom Larkin! You come before you catch your own death!"

Sarah Larkin came back with a doctor from the welfare agency. He examined the baby, called for an ambulance, and took her away. It was already too late. In her weakened condition, pneumonia could be nothing but fatal. Tom stood outside the door of her room at the hospital. He heard his mother's sobs, listened to her muttered prayers. "She's so little! She never had a chance—*Please—God*—"

Corrinne's harsh breathing hastened and rattled. Then she was silent—forever. A coldness settled deep around Tom's heart.

"Your prayers are never answered," he said dully when she came out of that room. "The old man still loaf. Corrinne's dead. *Why pray?*"

For a minute he thought she had not heard. Then, as the words penetrated her grief, she turned to him slowly, a look of disbelief on her face.

"Tom!" It was a reprimand. "If God took her, it was *His will!*"

"And not the old man's loafing and getting the heat shut off?"

Tears gathered in her eyes, and she shook her head slowly. "If God chose to recall your little sister, Tom, your father may have been His tool, but the end result was *God's* decision. You don't blame other people for the will of God, Tommy. You mustn't let this make you hate your father. Sometimes we *never* understand why the innocent suffer, why the bad seem to have so much. The only thing we can be sure of is that in eternity, God makes up the difference. *He* knows what *He's* doing, and when *we* don't understand, that's *our* fault—for not trusting—"

Excuses. That was all it amounted to in Tom's eyes. Corrinne, an innocent baby, died before she had lived. Len Larkin, an inconsiderate, blowzy bum, lived on.

"Maybe you don't blame other people," Tom muttered. "I do."

And, besides, if this God of hers was such a wonderful being why did He do these things? There was little point in praying if He never listened anyway.

Len Larkin took it big. A teary,

raving scene. "You blame me!" he raged. "You think I did it! You think I killed my little girl! You think because I lost my job and there wasn't no money—" He wept loudly, shaking hands covering an unshaven, trembling face.

His wife tried to quiet him. "Of course we don't, Len. Things like this just happen—it's nobody's fault—only God's will. If we don't see the reason now, Len, we will—later—"

Tom saw through this, too. She hung onto her faith now because it was all she had left, her baby snatched from her arms by the cold fingers of death, her husband departed into a phony, weaving world of delusion, her son unable to share even faith with her.

"The kid, there!" He croaked incoherently. "He thinks I did it! It's in his eyes! It's in the way he stands there just *lookin'*—not cryin'—not yellin'—just—*starin'*—"

"Of course he doesn't think a thing like that, Len! He loves you. He knows it's God's will. We both love you, Len. Tell him, Tommy. Tell your father you love him—you understand—"

Tom turned away. He could not lie to save the conscience of a man who would one day kill them all. He could not feel enough compassion for this hulk to care to lie.

He turned away and walked outside, into the clean, piercingly cold air.

After that it was worse. Besides debts and poverty, the old man had another excuse—grief. Grief because of the loss of a beloved baby. Grief because his own son bore him hatred. Grief because his wife lived more and more in a world of prayer and devotion, eluding him.

Tom still went through his paces. Prayed when he was told, read when he was told, learned when he was told, went searching the doorways when he was told.

But now it was a different Tom. Still a lad in dimensions—in space and time—but a man in evaluations. He faced life and accepted it at its net value, minus the dreams that never came true, void of the belief that gave false hope. With part of him, the part in which the seed of his mother's faith had taken root, he still believed in God, simply because he was a child and he was afraid to go to hell. With the other mature part of him, he felt that faith in God was a fantasy. After the happenings in his own life, he could come to no other conclusion.

Little less than a year later, when Tom was twelve, his father stepped into the path of a speeding car and was killed outright.

Tom listened to the police like one hearing the account of the death of a total stranger. How could he grieve for a man he had never known? True, this man bestowed upon him his earthly, physical life, but to date that physical life had been very little for which to feel gratitude.

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 18, 1959

Theme: **JESUS EMPHASIZES THE COST OF GREATNESS**

Scripture: Mark 10:35-45

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: A position does not always make a great man; but a great man can make even a humble position great.

INTRODUCTION: No man, who has deliberately dedicated his time and efforts to become great in the sight of God or man has really achieved greatness. This honor must be bestowed upon you by others. It is not a goal for which a man should strive, but a by-product of service to God and man. The most difficult task in the world is to set yourself up to be somebody. Paul writes to the Galatians and says, "For if a man think of himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself" (Gal. 6:3). Notice that he does not say that he deceives others. God and your fellowmen know you for what you are. On the other hand, Paul does not mean that a man should belittle himself and his work, thereby showing forth a false sense of humility. Be yourself, be what God wants you to be; but do not strive for a position which gives you only pride, and for which you are not equipped physically, spiritually or intellectually.

I. THE DESIRE FOR GREATNESS. Mark 10:35-37.

Compare Romans 11:13b and I Timothy 3:1 with the request of the disciples. This desire for special favor, honor and reward was with the disciples even up to the time of the Last Supper when they argued among themselves as to who should be the greatest (Luke 22:24). The desire for honor which is not earned is a sign of selfishness and not of greatness.

II. THE RESERVED SEATS FOR GREATNESS. Mark 10:38-41.

One of the most difficult lessons for the disciples to learn was the fact that they were not chosen because of a special "pull" or special "privilege." Jesus cannot give the place of honor arbitrarily to anyone without consideration of his worthiness. It is not a matter of "first come, first served." The place of honor is a prepared place for those who made the necessary preparation.

III. THE PRESCRIPTION FOR GREATNESS. Mark 10:42-44.

The truth which Jesus wanted to impart to his disciples was that they were specially chosen to be special servants. Not he who has the most servants is accounted great, but he who serves the greatest number of people. The Apostle Paul thought of himself as the chief slave of Christ,

not the chief slave owner. Ambition and the desire to excel are honorable if they have a God-like purpose and direction.

IV. THE FULFILLMENT OF GREATNESS. Mark 10:45.

This is one of the most meaningful verses in the New Testament. It is probably the shortest and most condensed autobiography of the life of Jesus Christ expressed in the simplest words with the most profound meaning. Without the ministry and sacrifice and death of Jesus Christ, our lives would have little meaning and purpose. We love and serve him because he first loved and served us.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 25, 1959

Theme: **JESUS REVEALS HIS AUTHORITY**

Scripture: Matthew 21:12, 13; 23-27

THE GENERAL THOUGHT: The spiritual authority of Jesus Christ far excels any ecclesiastical or political authority in the church or state.

INTRODUCTION: Occasionally people over-emphasize a certain doctrine, belief or virtue to such a degree that it becomes meaningless. We are beginning to hear much about tolerance in education, in politics and primarily in religion. The danger lies in becoming so tolerant that all sense of personal conviction and responsibility are lost. Truth, honesty and courage are sacrificed to compromise and appeasement.

Jesus was certainly tolerant toward the Jews, but he was definitely intolerant toward sin, evil, hypocrisy and sacrilege. There were times when he spoke with conviction and authority and he acted with authority. He did not introduce opinions which he asked people to consider, but he expressed convictions which he commanded people to accept and obey.

I. JESUS' AUTHORITY IN THE TEMPLE. Matthew 21:12-14.

When we were children we often sang about "the lowly Jesus, meek and mild." But this description did not infer that Jesus was feeble and weak. Physically and spiritually Christ showed that he was strong and stern and courageous. When he entered the temple, he wasted no time in discussion or in making recommendations for

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Second Printing of Hymnal

The first printing of 15,000 copies of the "North American Hymnal" is almost exhausted. A second printing of 10,000 copies is now being run by the printing presses and should be ready for distribution among our churches soon after April 1, 1959. Numerous corrections in music and improvements in the hymnal have been made.

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changes. By the authority invested into him as the Son of God, he took matters into his own hand. His words had to be enforced by action. To minister to God's people, God's temple must be clean. Notice how quickly the house of God served the purpose for which it was established: "And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them" (vs. 14). "He was teaching in the temple" (vs. 23). Physical and spiritual needs were supplied rather than taken away.

II. JESUS' AUTHORITY QUESTIONED. Matthew 21:23.

When once a person comes into a position of authority, it is surprising how he clings to it. He does all in his power to keep from being dispossessed, nor does he even wish to have his authority questioned. It may be a parent in the home, an executive in industry, a political officer in the community or an officer or minister in the church. (See 3 John 9).

The priests and elders in the temple of Jerusalem saw in Jesus a great danger to their power and influence as religious leaders. They knew where and how they received their authority. Therefore they hoped to trap Jesus by proving that his authority was illegal and unofficial.

III. THE REVELATION OF JESUS' AUTHORITY. Matthew 21:24-27.

It is of prime importance that we follow the right authority, for authority can bring order or disorder into our lives. If the leaders are blind, then the followers become blind (Matthew 15:14). Christ cannot reveal his own authority to those who are unwilling to give up their selfish authority. The chief priests and scribes failed to see the authority in John the Baptist, much less could they see nor admit the authority of Jesus Christ. They set themselves up as an authority on religion and yet failed to answer the religious question which was on everyone's mind. To acknowledge the message of John was to admit that Jesus was the Messiah.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Southwestern Conference

Baptism and Special Services, Durham Church, Kansas

On Sunday, Oct. 5th, nine converts from the First Baptist Church, Durham, Kansas, were baptized at a joint baptismal service with the Strassburg Baptist Church. The service was held at the Emmanuel Church of Marion since neither of the two former churches have a baptistry. Both pastors, Rev. Charles Littman of Strassburg and Rev. Norman Miller of Durham, brought messages on this occasion. We were privileged on Oct. 12 to have Dr. Walter W. Wessel, professor of Bible at our Seminary, with us on the occasion of our Mission and Harvest Festival. The Strassburg and Marion churches were our guests on this very splendid day. The offerings totaling \$733 were all received for our North American Baptist work.

From November 3-14 our church held evangelistic services with Rev. Bernard Fritzsche of West Fargo, N. Dak., as evangelist. Mrs. Fritzsche and their two sons also were with us during the meetings. God heard our prayers and gave us seven souls. The members of the church were revived. Five classes on personal visitation were also conducted in the forenoon. These were a real help since our church has a visitation program.

Mrs. Dean Duke, Reporter

Dakota Conference

"Deeper Life Crusade" at Madison, South Dakota

A week of special meetings, "The Deeper Life Crusade," was held in the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, South Dakota, from Nov. 9 to 16. Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, pastor of the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., brought the inspiring messages to a much appreciated crowd. In these meetings four young people came forward to accept Jesus Christ as Lord.

The Wessington Springs choir furnished special music for the opening night. Other special music during the week included solos, numbers from both the Senior and Youth Choirs, the Male Quartet, and a Mixed Quartet from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. We as a church are grateful to Mr. Ganstrom for the time he spent with us delivering soul-winning and challenging messages from God's Word. We also enjoyed the radio messages he delivered each day through Friday over station KBRK.

Mrs. Elmer Moose, Reporter

Wedding Anniversary and Special Meetings, Emery, S. D.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 9, after the regular evening service, the members of the Emery Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., surprised Rev. and Mrs.



Rev. Norman Miller, pastor of the Baptist Church, Durham, Kansas (right, back row), and nine converts whom he baptized on Oct. 5th.

Frank Friesen on their 20th wedding anniversary. John Heitzman acted as master of ceremonies for the program which followed. Mrs. Carl Olthoff presented Mrs. Friesen with a corsage and Mr. Friesen with a boutonniere, and John Heitzman presented Mrs. Friesen with a set of dishes and Mr. Friesen with a wrist watch on behalf of the church. Afterwards the members enjoyed a time of fellowship and lunch in the basement of the church with the Friesen family. Miss Clara Johnson baked a beautifully decorated, three tiered cake which graced the table.

From Nov. 13 to 23, the Emery Baptist Church was privileged to have Dr. Dale Ihrie of Grosse Pointe, Mich., as speaker and evangelist. His deeply spiritual messages were most challenging, and we received a real blessing from his ministry. Ten young people accepted Christ as Lord and Savior during these meetings.

Mrs. Herman Bleeker, Reporter



EVANGELISTIC TEAM AT McLAUGHLIN, S. D.

Albert and Doris Rosom (left to right) of Davin, Sask., and Rev. Richard Grabke, pastor of the Faith Church, Regina, Sask., who conducted meetings at McLaughlin, S. Dak., with Mr. Grabke serving as the evangelist.

Evangelistic Meetings At First Church, McLaughlin, S. Dak.

"You'll Never Know Real Peace Till You Know Jesus" was the theme song which Rev. Richard Grabke and Doris and Albert Rosom of Regina, Sask., sang at the opening of each meeting during our evangelistic campaign at the First Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S. Dak., Oct. 27th through Nov. 7th. Our guest evangelist, Rev. Richard Grabke, came to us from the Faith Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., Canada. Doris and Albert Rosom are friends of Mr. Grabke who are members of the Davin Baptist Church in Saskatchewan. Their special music enriched the meetings.

A continued story with sound effects was enjoyed by young and old and told very effectively by Mr. Grabke. A Bible verse, that will not be so easily forgotten, was: "Be sure your sins will find you out," as it was repeated each evening in connection with the story, which finally came to a wonderful ending. We as a church were richly blessed by the messages and songs. But we are continuing to pray for our dear "lost" friends. Several of our young people rededicated their lives to Christ.

Mrs. C. E. Aldinger, Reporter.

New Pastor's Reception at Selfridge, North Dakota

Sunday, Nov. 2nd, marked the beginning of the ministry of Rev. David Littke as the new pastor at Selfridge and Fort Yates, N. Dak. At our invitation the McIntosh and McLaughlin as well as the local churches joined us to celebrate the occasion on the following Sunday evening. Rev. E. Michelson served as master of ceremonies. Following a solo by Mrs. W. Klempel of McIntosh, words of greeting were spoken by the president of the Ladies' Aid, Mrs. J. Walker, Jr.; Sunday School superintendent, George Walker; and church deacon, John Walker, Jr., also Mr. J. Toledo for the Fort Yates Church, and Mr. A. Bertsch of McLaughlin. Rev. W. Klempel of McIntosh spoke words of admonition and encouragement that churches not forget their first love toward their shepherd. Gratitude and joy were also expressed by Rev. E. Michelson over a new fellow pastor in the neighborhood, A Young Ladies' Quartet of Selfridge rendered a number, "Cleanse Me," and Rev. David Littke had the opportunity to assure the church of his hearty acceptance of their invitation and welcome.

Nov. 16 was another great occasion for rejoicing for our little group since this was our Mission Sunday. It had been postponed for the purpose of waiting for the arrival of a pastor on the field and so we decided to have him serve as the messenger of the day. The offering, which indeed was sacrificial for this small group amounted to \$884.00. May this little mustard seed find the right kind of soil and spring forth to its full glory.

Mrs. John Walker, Jr., Reporter

Harvest Festival and Revival Meetings, Venturia, N. Dak.

The Harvest Mission Festival was observed by the Baptist Church, Venturia, N. Dak., on Oct. 5th with Rev. John Grygo of Bismarck, North Dakota, as guest speaker. For the benefit of our German speaking members, Mr. Grygo spoke in German to the adult department of our Sunday School. Our hearts were challenged anew by the messages from God's Word through his servant. We also had the honor of having Missionary Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, a member of our church, fellowshipping with us. Our offerings amounted to over \$3,000 which have been designated to missions.

From October 14 through 24 we had our annual revival meetings. Rev. Harold Weiss of the Turtle Lake Church was our speaker. One precious soul was saved during these meetings and church members were revived. Our theme was "Christ Speaks to the Church Today." Mr. Weiss had an object lesson and Scripture memorization every night for the children. A brief prayer meeting was held each night before the services. In preparation for these meetings our pastor, Rev. Orville H. Meth, gave a series of sermons on "The Seven Deadly Sins."

Milbert Dollinger, Clerk.

Women's Program, Rosenfeld Church, Anamoose, N. Dak.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, N. Dak., recently presented its annual program with the neighboring churches at Kief, Drake, Anamoose, Martin, McClusky and Lincoln Valley well represented. The program consisted of a song service led by Mrs. Arnold Friez and Scripture reading by Mrs. David Dieterle. The vice-president, Mrs. Walter Ebel, welcomed all friends and visitors. The highlight of the program was the dialogue, "The Desert Shall Bloom," presented by eight ladies. The missionary offering of \$110 was designated for foreign and home missions.

Our theme for the past year, "Let Your Light Shine," was carried out at



The 12 charter members of the Woman's Missionary Society, Hilda, Alberta, at the 25th Anniversary celebration with Mrs. R. Milbrandt, guest speaker, at the extreme right (behind cross).

all our meetings. Our White Cross work and the Home for the Aged at Bismarck, N. Dak., was faithfully supported as well as all other phases of our foreign missions. One of our Home projects was the remodeling and re-decorating of the parsonage for our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Friez. We purchased a new double sink and new cupboards were built and installed in the parsonage kitchen. We now have 16 members and we thank God for the opportunity he has given us to serve him.

Mrs. Albert Isaak, Secretary

Northern Conference

Evangelistic Services, Winnipeg's McDermot Ave. Church

At the McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Man.; October 19-30, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, a former pastor and now denominational evangelist, conducted meetings nightly. The first week was devoted to our English-speaking friends and the last to the German-speaking group. Prior to the evening services, the young people gathered for prayer and meditation and took an active part in providing music to emphasize the appeal for repentance.

Rev. Daniel Fuchs' messages were heart-searching with a simplicity that even a child could understand. The Spirit of God was indeed moving in our midst and we are thankful for the number of persons who took a positive stand for Christ. Since the meetings, our pastor, Rev. H. J. Waltereit, has continued the spirit of evangelism. We rejoice in that several persons, who had been experiencing a conflict within their souls, have surrendered to the Lord.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter.

Woman's Union Celebrates Anniversary, Hilda, Alta.

Sunday, Oct. 19, marked a special occasion at the Baptist Church of Hilda, Alta., when the Woman's Missionary Society celebrated its 25th anniversary. A beautiful fall day added

to the festiveness as friends from far and near came to share this special day with us. The church was decorated with pink and white streamers and with flowers.

The opening song service was led by Mrs. Henry Strauss of Burstall, Sask. Tillie Anderest, president of the local society, gave the official welcome. During the service, 12 charter members were presented with rose corsages. Special numbers included a trio by Grace Church of Medicine Hat, a duet by Temple Church of Medicine Hat, a solo by Caroline Zeitner of Hilda, and a number by our local male choir led by Walter Wuerful.

Guest speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. R. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat, the president of the Northern Conference Woman's Missionary Union. A chicken supper was served to all guests present. Highlight of the meal was the cutting of the 3-tiered anniversary cake by Mrs. George Haag, who was the president who served the society the longest period of time.

Ruth Friesen, Secretary.

Inspiring Festivals at Zion Church, Drumheller, Alta.

After a blessed time on Harvest and Mission Festival Sunday with Rev. Ed. Link from the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, we of the Zion Church, Drumheller, Alta., began our two weeks of revival meetings on Oct. 13 with Rev. Ervin Faul of Calgary, Alta. Mr. Faul brought heart searching messages from God's Word, and the showing of the film, "Centerville Awakening," brought the unsaved and saved under deep conviction. No decisions were accounted for Christ, but quite a number of Christians rededicated their lives for a closer walk with the Lord.

On Sunday, Nov. 16, the Zion Church of Drumheller and the Carbon Baptist Church in Carbon had a united service. Rev. William Effa had the joy to baptize 6 converts upon profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and then to receive them into the fellowship of the Zion Baptist Church. Both congregations united in partaking of the Lord's Supper, with Rev. Willy Muller bringing the communion devotion. We are very grateful for the Lord's blessings.

William Effa, Pastor

Pacific Conference

Men's Brotherhood of Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

The Men's Brotherhood of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California, has launched a busy fall schedule compassing the following objectives: winning lost souls to Christ, inviting unsaved men to the monthly fellowship dinner, active participation in the pastor's visitation program, strengthening the bonds of Christian Brotherhood among its members and encouraging dedication of talents, time and tithes for the Lord's work.

At the November Brotherhood meeting Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, pastor and speaker, correlated these objectives in his message on "Unused

Wings." Pastor John Vanderbeck showed the importance of men's work in the purpose and progress of the church. Harry Fox, president, is ably assisted in the Brotherhood activities by Joe Love and George Draper, vice-presidents; Ron Forsey, secretary; and William Telkamp, treasurer. The Men's Chorus, directed by Herman Zachay, is a favorite addition to each Brotherhood program.

H. H. Stabbert, Reporter

Oregon Association Sessions at Portland's Bethany Church

The annual session of the Oregon Association convened at the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, Nov. 13-16. There was warm fellowship, spiritual challenge, and deep interest shown in the affairs of our local churches and in our denomination.

The church reports revealed definite progress but there was expressed at the same time a need for revival to meet the paganism of our day. The theme of the Association was, "Introducing the Baptist Jubilee Advance." A number of Associational pastors developed this theme by means of their fine messages. Our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Auch, were our special guests. Rev. C. Auch did a splendid job in presenting the work of the Japanese mission field to our people. At our Sunday afternoon Youth Rally, we had the pleasure of welcoming to our area Rev. Joseph Sonnenberg who spoke on the subject, "Finding Your Place In Life." Mr. Sonnenberg is assuming his duties as District Secretary of the Western Area at the beginning of the year.

The new officers for the coming year are: moderator, Rev. E. Barker; vice-moderator, Rev. C. Wagner; secretary-treasurer, Rev. A. K. Schulz; nominating committee representative, Rev. R. Penner; alternate, Victor Lowen; missionary committee representative, Rev. E. Seibold. The Emmanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon will entertain the Association in 1959.

Arthur K. Schulz, Reporter



DEDICATION OF INFANTS AT MILWAUKEE

On a recent Sunday morning, Rev. Harold Tietjen devoted the entire service at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., to the dedication of the newly elected officers of the church and the dedication of the infants of the church family. The parents with their children are shown with Rev. Harold Tietjen on the church platform.

Northwestern Conference

Dedication Services at Immanuel Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

"As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Eph. 1:10). This was the text used by the Rev. Harold Tietjen of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., for his sermon recently when the newly elected church officers and workers were recognized. Words of encouragement by the pastor were a challenge to everyone present and an inspiration to forge ahead to greater tasks.

This service took on another aspect when a number of young people brought their children in dedication to the Lord. We are grateful for these parents who feel their responsibility in the matter of rearing their children in Christian homes and thereby laying the foundation for the future church.

We are looking forward to the forthcoming evangelistic services to be held in February, with the Rev. D. Raymond Perry of the Grace Baptist church, Racine, Wis., as guest preacher. We plead for the prayers of all our brethren that many souls may be won for Christ during these meetings.

Mrs. Lenore Shepherd, Reporter

Organ Dedication and Baptism At Elgin, Iowa

An impressive dedicatory service was

held in the First Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa, on Sunday evening, Nov. 9th, at which time our newly purchased electric Hammond Organ was dedicated to the glory of our Lord. Mrs. J. W. Biggerstaff, an accomplished musician, rendered a fine organ recital of classical and sacred music to a capacity audience. Our pastor, Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, brought a brief message on the "blessings of Music." Mrs. John Menke and Mrs. Eldon Schroeder favored us with a vocal and violin solo respectively. An offering of \$500 toward the payment of the organ was received. An hour of Christian fellowship was enjoyed together with our guests from the First Baptist Church of Elgin and church friends.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 14th, a baptismal service was held, at which time our pastor baptized seven Sunday School scholars. These received the hand of Christian fellowship the following Sunday at our Communion Service. Nineteen of our Sunday School scholars have again enrolled in the Scripture Memory course and two of our scholars have finished the course.

Mrs. W. O. Potratz, Church Clerk



Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa, and 7 young people whom he baptized recently on their confession of faith in Christ.

Churches Celebrate Anniversaries

Reports from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Detroit, Michigan

115th Anniversary of Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia

On Saturday evening, November 8, the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., the oldest church in our North American Baptist denomination, held a banquet commemorating its 115th anniversary. Over 130 persons attended the banquet, with several old friends and members of the church returning for the occasion. We were fortunate to have as our guest speaker for the evening Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, promotional secretary of our denomination and a former pastor of the church.

Following a delicious turkey dinner, a beautifully decorated, four layer anniversary cake was unveiled. The five oldest members of the church attending the banquet were called upon to cut the first slice of cake.

After a short "Singspiration" service held by our able Master of Ceremonies, Mr. George Steinbronn, our pastor, Rev. Norman H. Klann, gave a few remarks pertaining to the rich heritage of the Fleischmann Church. Mrs. Albertina Mercner, who has been a member of the church since 1892 and is the oldest active member at present, then spoke on the history of the church during its 115 years. She traced the highlights of our past, dating from the time of Rev. Konrad Anton Fleischmann's decision to come to America to minister to the German-speaking people here and the subsequent founding of our church in 1843 to the present. Mrs. Mercner's personal remembrances of many of the important events occurring during the past 66 years enhanced her account of our church and denominational history.

Our special guest for this occasion, Dr. Leuschner, then gave a challenging

message on understanding the call and ministry of the church, taken from Matthew 9:13—"Go and learn what this meaneth." Dr. Leuschner's talk provided an inspiring conclusion to a wonderful evening of fellowship.

The members of the 115th Anni-



The Speakers' Table at the 115th anniversary banquet of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Left to right: Mrs. Klann, Rev. Norman H. Klann, pastor; Dr. M. L. Leuschner, guest speaker; Mr. George Steinbronn, toastmaster; and Mrs. Albertina Mercner, who reviewed the church's history.

versary Committee: Miss Gertrude Kusmaul, Mr. Donald Middleton, Mr. Russell Middleton and Mr. George Gerstlauer, deserve our sincere thanks, as does Mrs. Ed Brogden who made the lovely table decorations, for their part in making the evening a great success.

Ruth King, Church Clerk

60th Anniversary of Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Mich.

"Here I raise mine Ebenezer." So sang the members and friends of Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Mich., as we celebrated our 60th anniversary. On Nov. 2nd we were privileged to have one of our former pastors, Dr. John Leypoldt, bring stirring messages. Both he and Mrs. Leypoldt remained with us for the entire week when they renewed old acquaintances and won the hearts of new friends. The Wednesday

service was under the able leadership of our Youth Director, Mr. George Wittman. At this service, 75 of our Pioneer Girls had a part as well as our Boys Stockade and Brigade. One of our young ladies, Miss Eunice Loeweke, who is under appointment by the Wycliffe Bible Translators, told of her call to this mission field.

Friday was our large Family Fellowship Banquet when we particularly honored our charter members: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schultz, Mr. Charles Opperman, and Mrs. Paul Look. Mr. Bob Mac Murdo was the genial toastmaster for this happy occasion. One of the high lights were the slides which depicted the progress made at Ebenezer during the past ten years with comments by Mr. Marvin Skubick, our energetic General Sunday School superintendent.

Sunday, Nov. 9th, we were greatly blessed by the ministry of another former pastor, Dr. George Lang, president of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. D. He and Mrs. Lang spent the entire day with us and we remembered, with joy their fruitful ministry while at Ebenezer. The climax of our anniversary celebration was a Candle-light Communion Service, when the hand of fellowship was given to 20 new members. Then the chairman of the Deacon Board, Mr. Irvin Draewell, addressed a few remarks to our pastor, Rev. Arthur McAsh who was leaving the next day for a trip to our mission stations.

Ruth E. Draewell, Reporter

Atlantic Conference

Baptism at Second Church, New York City

We as the Second German Baptist Church, New York, N. Y., thanked God in our hearts as 5 candidates made a public confession of their faith and asked to join church. On Sunday, November 2nd, these 5 candidates followed the Lord in baptism. Our pastor, Rev. E. A. Hoffmann led the service in the German and English languages. As an opening song we sang, "My Jesus, I Love Thee." In his inspiring and Spirit-filled message, Mr. Hoffmann spoke on Matthew 28:16-20. A message in song was given by the German Choir, under the direction of Mr. Martin Litty.

The candidates were then baptized in the death and resurrection of our Lord. The English Choir sang softly, "Close to Thee," which expressed the desire of the newly baptized. They were then welcomed by our pastor into the fellowship of the church. We are praising God for all the blessings that we have enjoyed in the past year and continue in working together with our pastor and with faith in God.

Selma Blischke, Clerk.



Rev. E. A. Hoffmann (center), pastor of the Second German Baptist Church, New York, N. Y., and 5 baptismal candidates, in front of the church's baptistry.

Ministry of Rev. Roger Schmidt at Jamesburg, N. J.

The congregation of the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J., accepted with deep regrets the resignation of Rev. Roger W. Schmidt as pastor of the church. Mr. Schmidt has been with the Jamesburg Church since 1952 and will bring his ministry to a close on Sunday, Jan. 11, 1959. He has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia, Pa.

Under his faithful service of six years with the First Baptist Church, many milestones reached in his pastorate include: members were added, a complete redecoration and renovation of the interior of the church edifice, including new carpeting, fluorescent lighting, draperies, a new heating system and an organ. Because of the increased attendance in the Sunday School department, the basement proper was divided into classrooms and an addition made which provided a large Fellowship Hall, rest rooms, a modern kitchen and a pastor's study.

January 8, 1959

Obituary

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

MR. FRED SUCHALLA, SR.

of Pound, Wisconsin
Mr. Fred Suchalla, Sr., of Pound, Wis., was born Nov. 23, 1882 in Sanplatten, East Prussia, Germany. Previous to his marriage to Emily Zagray on Dec. 6, 1906, he served for two years in the German Army. In 1809 the family came to Canton, Ohio, and in 1914 they moved to Pound where they operated a farm until his death.

Fred Suchalla was baptized in March 1900 in Shalke Gelsenkirche, Germany by Rev. August Broder. In Pound he was active in the Pioneer Church as deacon and Sunday School teacher. He suffered a heart attack in June but was showing remarkable recovery, when a second attack caused him to pass away quickly and quietly at his home on Sept. 22, 1958. He is survived by his wife: 6 children: Fred, Walter, Herbert, Marion (Mrs. Thomas Ebert), Esther (Mrs. Al Meier), Elizabeth (Mrs. Dennis Krause); 13 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Pioneer Baptist Church Pound, Wisconsin

G. WESLEY BLACKBURN, Pastor

MRS. MARTHA LENGEFELD

of Branch, Louisiana
Mrs. Martha Lengfeld of Branch, La., the widow of Arthur Lengfeld, was born February 27, 1876 at Kankakee, Illinois, and passed away Nov. 25th at the age of 82 at a hospital in Eunice, La. At the age of fourteen "Sister Martha" joined the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas. Although for the past few years she was living with

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The congregation has undertaken the project of the erection of an enlarged foyer, an added Sunday School room, aluminum siding and combination storm and screen windows to the church proper. Besides his pastoral duties, Rev. Roger Schmidt organized the Adult, Junior and Cherub choirs, also the combined choirs of the community which gave an annual concert during the Easter services in Jamesburg.

Mrs. Grace J. Epp, Reporter

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1957	Nov., 1956
Atlantic	\$ 1,656.07	\$ 2,690.12	\$ 3,482.51
Central	10,832.45	13,727.44	8,441.32
Dakota	17,923.66	14,715.78	18,578.83
Eastern	1,747.72	2,075.02	1,265.17
Northern	8,035.50	12,413.41	11,685.54
Northwestern	8,015.75	6,780.73	8,464.19
Pacific	9,604.31	8,170.28	11,984.36
Southern	1,509.08	1,651.71	3,908.50
Southwestern	6,340.29	5,255.18	7,606.92
Total Contributions	\$ 65,664.83	\$67,479.67	\$ 75,417.34

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of November, 1958	\$ 58,298.26	\$ 7,366.57	\$ 65,664.83
For the month of November, 1957	63,024.55	4,455.12	67,479.67
For the month of November, 1956	68,126.01	7,291.33	75,417.34

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1958 to November 30, 1958	\$382,750.40	\$36,117.32	\$418,867.72
April 1, 1957 to November 30, 1957	344,734.67	27,476.91	372,211.58
April 1, 1956 to November 30, 1956	341,161.71	33,357.33	374,519.04

a son, John, in Branch, La., she always remained loyal to her home church. Following a short service in our Mowata church at Branch, La., her body was brought to Kyle, Texas, where another service at the Immanuel Church was held in her honor.

Survivors include: one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Wedel of San Marcos, Texas; four sons: John of Branch, La.; Norman of Rayne, La.; Herbert of Lynchburg, Ohio; and Fred of Houston, Texas; three sisters: Mrs. Lena Knispel of San Marcos, Mrs. Ida Hill and Mrs. Ernest Hill of Kyle, Texas; two brothers: George and Emil Heidenreich of Kyle, Texas. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Immanuel Baptist Church Kyle, Texas

HERBERT MITCHELL, Pastor

MRS. ELSIE HILLER

of Winnipeg, Manitoba
Mrs. Elsie Martha Hiller, nee Stewin, of Winnipeg, Man., was born in Morris, Man., on April 5, 1917. She joined the Broadway Baptist Church of Winnipeg at the age of 25. She was married in Winnipeg to Reuben Hiller of Edmonton by Rev. Otto Patzia on October 6, 1945. Two sons were born into this union. However, her husband passed away in November 1954. Soon thereafter, it was discovered that Mrs. Hiller too was suffering from a malignant cancer, from which she died on Nov. 18, 1958. Her final days were filled with physical suffering but with a great peace of heart. She lived to be 41 years, 7 months, and 12 days.

Mrs. Hiller leaves to mourn her two small sons: Gerald and Michael; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stewin; two sisters: Ann and Irene; three brothers: Wilfred, Edward, and Herbert; two nieces and two nephews, all of Winnipeg. Funeral services were held in the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba where the deceased had her membership. Rev. H. J. Waltaireit and Rev. David Berg officiated. Emmanuel Baptist Church Morris, Manitoba

DAVID BERG, Pastor

Central Conference

Programs at Trinity Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.

We want to praise the Lord for the splendid progress being made at the Trinity Baptist Church of Warren, Michigan. Our fall program started off on Rally Day, Oct. 12th. Our pastor, Rev. Roland F. DeRenzo, brought the message in the morning worship service, challenging us to "RALLY WITH CHRIST." Our musical director, Mr. Vance Crane, had a beautiful song

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Photo by Ray Noll

Dr. M. L. Leuschner behind the pulpit of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa., on the occasion of its 115th anniversary festivities, announces the new denominational books, "In God's Hand," "A Look at Baptists" and "My Account With God."

VOICE OF MY BELOVED

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His mother wept gently for days without number, sorrow etching age deeper into her face. Tom watched helplessly for a while. Then, in his child's way, he attempted to shake her from the cloak of grief.

"Why cry over him?" he asked bluntly. His sister's small and pallid countenance was still with him. She had not walked as soon as other babies, had seldom smiled; her tiny face looked old and owlish even in death...

His mother's eyes went to his face suddenly, and he thought she would scold. Well, even if she did, that was better than mourning all the time.

Oddly, she did not scold this time. Instead, she sat down tiredly and drew Tom to her side.

"He wasn't always like that, Tommy," she explained quietly. "When we were first married, he was good. He worked hard; we went to church together. Somehow — money never stretched far enough; you were born; bills piled up; we had to borrow more—"

Her chin trembled now, and Tom watched her bite into the lower lip to still it. After a while she whispered raggedly, "He forgot to go to God for help, Tommy. All men have responsibilities, hard work. But some of them aren't quite strong enough to make the grade. Your father was one of those men. If he'd gone to God—"

Tears slipped down her face now, and young Tom hung his head, the helplessness coming upon him again, the floundering helplessness.

"Your father died a sinner, Tommy!" she nearly shouted, close to hysteria, clutching him. "Don't you see? I don't cry because he died; we all have to die. But—if we can have the assurance of life everlasting, Tommy—if we know in our hearts that we belong to God—" She turned him about to face her now, and he sensed the importance of her words by the bite of her fingers into his small upper arms, by the dead seriousness of her eyes.

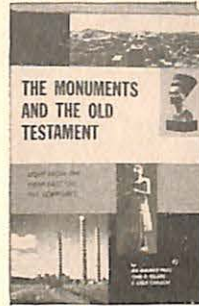
"Your father never made his peace with God, Tommy. Your father—never accepted Him. He—"

Now he understood. She wept not for the physical man, but for the spiritual man. He had died in sin, and she could do nothing to save him. He had almost known God, but not quite...

"Tommy, don't let that happen to you! You're all I've got now—you and God. You've got to be good, Tommy. You've got to be everything your father wasn't! You've got to be strong and wise and educated! Most of all, Tommy—my darling—you've got to be a Christian! I can teach you, but I can't accept Christ for you. You've got to do that yourself. Tommy, you've got to! One day you'll be big—like your father. When that time comes—Tommy, promise me—promise me—you're all I've got—"

He nodded his head, and she clasped him close to her. "I'll try, Mom—"

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He agreed to all his mother said for her sake, to give her a goal in life, someone to hang onto, someone to love besides her God—someone to inspire her dreams. He understood that dreams were most important to her. Not to him, but to her. And because he loved her, he allowed her to use him as the inspiration for her every dream and prayer.

Things were better after that. A kind of peace came to her, and subsequently to Tom. If he had been older, he might have suffered greater qualms of conscience for the gentle deceit, but he was a child, with a child's conscience.

And, besides, it was time consuming enough merely to keep soul and body together, without the added worry of rest for either. He was troubled most on Sundays in the mission church with his mother sitting devoutly at his side, her face reflecting heartbreak.

Of course Tom believed there was a God, because he was still afraid not to, but there was no logic connected with this belief—or even much devotion. That was a thing out of reach.

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PROJECT: BROTHER'S KEEPER

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returned with joy to report of great experiences, so we can return and say that we have been permitted to see and hear what very few have opportunity to see and hear."

"Men everywhere need our know-how, education and health services. Yet we learned that education alone is not enough—men must have Christ too."

"One great lesson of this trip is this: the great potentiality of Christian evangelism. Wherever men have gone with the Gospel of Christ, they have approached people as human beings; wherever men have gone in selfish exploitation, tragic results have followed."

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"We want to pay high tribute to our medical missionaries and nurses; each one in his own way is as great a man as Albert Schweitzer."

"This trip has led me to a new consecration of my life to Christ; in all that I do, I want to serve only him for I know that he alone can bring salvation."

One member of the team summed it up for all of them when he said: "We shall never be the same again."

May the story of this medical mission lead us all to become more faithful in our witnessing for our Lord.

TRINITY CHURCH, WARREN

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service, featuring Miss Eleanor Bowron as soloist, and also our Male Quartet. Rev. Ted Place addressed our young people at the 6:30 P.M. hour. He is director of "Youth for Christ" and is certainly dynamic. The evening devotional was presented by Evangelist and Mrs. Lloyd Riddle, crusaders for Christ in their "Trailer Caravan."

Mr. and Mrs. John Meissner, our Bible School superintendent, and his wife gave a Halloween Party for the entire Bible School. Mr. Vance Crane led the devotional, and we closed with a real old fashioned song fest. World Day of prayer was observed Dec. 5th. On Friday evening, Dec. 19th, our Christmas Cantata was presented, under the direction of Mr. Crane. On December 21st our annual Christmas pageant was presented, entitled "The Message of the Bells." Our pastor's wife, Mrs. Rosemund DeRenzo, directed.

We also thank God for the progress made on our building. The interior of our "one wing" is completed and very beautiful. The lawn is also in and growing nicely and is certainly an asset to the church. Sidewalks are also completed, and now due to our increased attendance we are striving to build the upper structure, which we need badly.

Mrs. C. H. Meister, Reporter.

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