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• Billy Graham's representative, V. Lavell Seats, after a six-week survey in Africa, reported that nationalism will not hinder the 1960 crusade there. He also reported that African nationals are "ready and eager to assume the majority of responsibility in promoting the crusade." The crusade is scheduled to begin next January. Because of the long itinerary being scheduled, no prolonged preaching engagement in one place is contemplated.

—Moody Monthly

• July 24, the Marine Medical Mission (headquarters, Thetis Island, B. C., Can.) began the second decade of its eventful ministry. Assisting Capt. C. F. Stabbert, founder and director, in reaching the Indians of the Pacific Northwest Canada and Alaska is a year-round staff of 50 persons, five boats—known as "God's Little Navy"—and three airplanes. The staff is voluntary and members receive little or no support from the mission itself. Now, following a recent personal visit to the Philippines and Korea, Capt. Stabbert is considering the extension of MMM to the Far East. Captain Stabbert is "a spiritual son" of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash.

• After nearly 15 years in rented space, the National Sunday School Association has purchased their own building, according to a statement by the executive secretary, Dr. Clate A. Risley. The building is located in the northwest corner of Chicago's Loop at 173-175 North Franklin St. The Association will immediately occupy the first floor of the four-story structure and begin a remodeling schedule of the whole building. The entire project, when completed is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$125,000.

• Robert Hill, a 13-year-old Negro boy from Waycross, Ga., presented \$400,000 worth of medical supplies to Dr. Albert Schweitzer, philosopher and medical missionary last July in French Equatorial Africa. Robert, the son of a U. S. Army sergeant in Italy, read a book about Dr. Schweitzer, a winner of the Nobel peace prize. The boy then sent a bottle of aspirin to Lt. Gen. Richard C. Lindsay, commander of Allied air forces in Southern Europe, asking if "any of your airplanes" could drop it to Dr. Schweitzer's jungle hospital. An Italian radio station heard about the incident and made an appeal that brought in four and one-half tons of medical supplies.

—Moody Monthly

• Church construction, riding the crest of a new boom, reached \$427,000,000 during the first 6 months of 1959, exceeding the first 6 months of last year by 10 per cent, the Depart-

ment of Commerce and Labor reports. Construction during June amounted to \$79,000,000, an increase of 13 per cent over the same month last year.

• Claim to the world's largest mid-week church service is laid by the St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Sydney, Australia, where 1,300 men and women of all ages and denominations gather for the regular Wednesday lunch-hour service each week. Conducted by the Rev. Gordon Powell, a vice-chairman of the Sydney Billy Graham crusade, the service is shared by thousands more through the facilities of television and over sixteen radio stations.

• Moody Institute of Science (Chicago) films will soon be accompanying crews of American submarines on lengthy undersurface trips. This new use for "Sermons from Science" came as the result of their recommendation for submarine use by the Atlantic



## Baptist Briefs

• **Bible Society Elects Jarman.** Mr. W. Maxey Jarman, prominent Baptist layman of Nashville, Tenn., has been elected vice-president of the American Bible Society. Mr. Jarman is chairman of the Board of the General Shoe Corporation and also administers the Jarman Foundation which has contributed greatly to Baptist work, especially the building of churches in South America. The Jarman Foundation also made possible the Baptist World Alliance Medical Mission in 1958.

• **Annual Norway Conference Meets.** The annual conference of the Baptist Union of Norway was held at Arendal with 200 delegates and visitors present. The number increased to 500 on Saturday and Sunday. General Secretary Asak-Kristiansen reported that there have been about 82 baptisms during 1958, mostly young people. The Baptists of Norway now number 7,400. Churches are eagerly taking part in a year of evangelism in keeping with the 1959 motto "Safe with God." The Norwegian Convention operates a Congo mission and finds itself extremely pressed for funds owing to a large building program in the Congo.

• **Brazilians Will Sleep On Floor.** Plain cotton mattresses, selling for 225 cruzeiros (U. S. A. \$1.50) each, will help the housing shortage when the Tenth Baptist World Congress meets in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 26-July 3, 1960. Rev. Andre Peticov,

Fleet chaplain. In 15 years of use by the military, Moody Films have been seen by many millions of men. Their appeal is reportedly increasing. Recently MIS shipped more than 500 film prints and 500 filmstrips to the Army and the Air Force, bringing to more than 3,000 the total number of prints in use.

—Good News Broadcaster

• The American Bible Society announces it has donated Scriptures for display at the American Exhibition in Moscow to replace those which, exhibit officials said, visitors had "removed or damaged by tremendous wear." According to reports received from the American officials, the ABS said, "it was necessary to station guards around the Bible exhibit" to prevent their handling by visitors. Consequently, the society added, it offered the new supply to permit visitors to examine the Bible more freely.

—The Watchman-Examiner

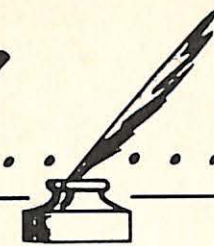
executive secretary of Congress arrangements committee, said that 2,000 mattresses have been contracted for and will be placed on the floors of Rio churches and other available buildings for the use of Brazilians attending the Congress. The Brazilians thus will be playing the part of a perfect host—leaving the downtown and beach hotels open for the use of Congress delegates from other countries.

• **Television 1960.** The inspiring, nation-wide success of "Televangelism 1959" has sparked new, expanded plans for "Television 1960," to open January 3. Thirteen new TV films in "The Answer" series have recently been completed in Hollywood to form the basis for another great 13-week effort of cooperative evangelism by Southern Baptists. The announcement is made by Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director of the Southern Baptist Radio & Television Commission, Fort Worth, Tex.

• **New Baptist Hospital In Berlin.** A new Baptist hospital, the second in West Berlin, was dedicated in connection with the 72nd anniversary of the Bethel Order of German Baptist deaconesses. The new building, costing DM 4 million, is of brick construction and has 160 beds. More space will be added in the future. Rev. Hans Luckey of the Baptist Union of Germany and Dr. Schmiljahn, director of the West Berlin Health Department, partici-

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# Editorial



## God Needs Volunteers!

The most active Christian is an enthusiastic volunteer. He is motivated from within by love to his Master. He is ready to follow every command of Christ and to do his bidding. He is a faithful witness and an ardent soul winner, who is "on fire for his Lord." Christ needs this kind of volunteers.

"God's Volunteers" belong in the vanguard of this noble procession. These young people who give eight months of the year without pay or financial returns in order to engage in the important work of soul winning ought to be a tremendous inspiration to the rest of us. With their director, Rev. Walter Hoffman, they are now beginning their difficult engagements for the next months, ringing doorbells, speaking to people in their homes about their salvation, witnessing for Christ, distributing tracts and training other people to be personal workers. They have a glowing faith in their great God, knowing that with him all things are possible.

God needs more volunteers like that. In fact, he wants an army of witnesses. He wants his people to get behind the soldiers on the front lines with their intercessory prayers and with every help and encouragement that they can give. This is the kind of volunteer that you and I can easily be.

Are you willing to volunteer as a prayer warrior for this group of young people? Will you remember them faithfully in your personal prayers and at your family altar? Would you be willing to give the small sum of \$5.00 toward the budgeted amount of \$7,500 needed for the expenses of "God's Volunteers"? This is little enough when you consider the sacrifice made by these young people and, even more so, when you take into account what God has done for you through Christ.

During October and November some announcement will be made from your church pulpit about the initial activities of the "God's Volunteers" team. Your pastor will have the necessary blanks for you to fill out as one of these volunteers who wants to serve as a "prayer warrior" in this ministry. Send it with your \$5.00 gift to the Forest Park headquarters office or arrange to have it sent through your church. But definitely enlist in this work and experience the joy of being a co-laborer with others in witnessing to the marvelous wonders of the Gospel of Christ.

The task of witnessing to the saving power of the Gospel has been committed to all of us as Christians. "God's Volunteers" are setting the example for the rest of us how this task can be done by a group of devoted, well trained young people. The first step we can take in this work is to uphold the hands of those young people who are serving. God needs such volunteers!

The tragedy sometimes is that so few respond to the call for volunteers. During the first three years of the ministry of these teams of "God's Volunteers," North American Baptists have not over-subscribed to this worthy cause. It ought to be DIFFERENT this year with hundreds of faithful people of God saying: "Here am I, Lord, and here is my gift as a volunteer and prayer warrior. Make me a faithful witness for thee!"

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TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, LODI, CALIF.

The beautiful edifice of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., with the sanctuary at the left and the educational unit at the right.

## Temple Church in "Liveable Lodi"

The Story of a Booming Church in a Growing Community (Lodi, Calif.) With a Membership and Sunday School of Over 500, Respectively.

By Rev. Robert Schreiber, Pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, California

IT HAS sometimes been said that many people in California do not know where Lodi is located, but everybody in North and South Dakota knows where it is. There may be more truth than fiction to such a statement.

For those in California and elsewhere, who may be uninstructed, we should like to state that "Liveable Lodi" is located 35 miles south of the capital city of Sacramento and 12 miles north of Stockton. Largely an agricultural community, Lodi in recent years has also become a "bedroom town" for the other two larger cities. This has become one of the major factors contributing to its growing population which at the present time is officially considered to be about 21,000 people. The population growth is also causing the city to lose its distinctively Dakota flavor, turning it instead into a more cosmopolitan community.

### TEMPLE CHURCH'S TESTIMONY

Much has been written recently concerning the migration of thousands of people annually into the state of California. However, most of these people are attracted to the larger population centers of Southern California and the Bay Area. Lodi's share in this population boom is small.

Nevertheless, in this comparatively small but growing community there are two unusually strong North American Baptist churches, the First Baptist Church and Temple Baptist Church. Only one other Baptist group, a small Southern Baptist church, has been able to enter the city, which is

a testimony to the vigorous evangelical ministry of our two churches.

Temple Baptist Church has a brief but glowing history. Under the wise leadership of Dr. A. S. Felberg, then pastor of the First Baptist Church, this church was organized in 1948 with about 175 charter members. In little over eleven years since its beginning, the church has grown to over 500 members. During this time two pastors have served the church, the Rev. Arthur Weisser, (1948-1952) and the present pastor, the Rev. Robert Schreiber, now in the eighth year of his ministry.

While the rapid population growth presents a fertile field of prospects, the local church must have a Gospel message and a vigorous program with which to attract and to hold these prospects. For a number of years Temple Baptist Church was hindered in the development of a strong program by inadequate facilities. The people caught the vision and in 1956 our beautiful new sanctuary was completed together with additional educational facilities. With these added facilities, a program is being developed which could become one of the finest in the city. To augment this program, the church is at present prayerfully seeking a Director of Christian Education.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL OF 500

The Sunday School consists of six departments with a total enrollment of over 500. Fully two-thirds of the enrollment is in the children's and youth departments, with the staff and adult department constituting the re-

maining one-third. The staff of teachers and officers is devoted to the task of "rightly dividing the word of truth."

Among the classes in the Sunday School special mention needs to be made of the Ambassador Class. This group of young adults, mostly young married couples, has done an outstanding job in stimulating and cultivating the spiritual and social life of its members. As a result of the activities of this group, many young couples have been led to Christ and subsequent membership in the church.

Attendance at the class sessions is consistently between 60 and 70 with occasional higher figures reaching up to 90. It is also gratifying to note that about seventy-five per cent of our teaching staff is drawn from this age group as well. With such enthusiasm and zeal, it is inevitable that the work should grow.

Another facet of the educational work is the Church Library. Paul advised Timothy to "give attendance to reading." Several years ago memorial contributions were received in lieu of flowers at the funeral of a highly respected member of our congregation and with this money our library was started. While this practice continues to be encouraged, the library has now also become a permanent item in our annual budget. The ministry of Christian literature has met with a wide and enthusiastic response among all age groups in the church.

### THREE YOUTH GROUPS

The youth work is always an important area of church life. It may be

trite to say that the youth comprises the future of the church. The triteness does not detract from the truth that the church which neglects its youth also imperils its future. Because of our large number of fine young people, we are keenly aware of the need for a satisfactory youth program. It is by no means adequate, but constant attempts are being made to improve it.

Three youth groups are being sponsored at the present time on the junior, junior high and senior levels. A recreational program is being developed and we have been able to take a Christian witness into the local softball and basketball leagues. Such an interest and concern for youth began to bear its fruit when at our summer assembly several senior young people made definite decisions to commit their lives to Christ for service wherever he chooses to use them. We are sure that the future will find these young people engaged in an effective ministry at home or abroad. It is also our prayer that these shall be but the first fruits of greater things yet to come.

### WOMEN'S AND MEN'S ACTIVITIES

"Woman's place is in the home," but the women have also found an important place in the church. These dedicated servants have made themselves useful in a multitude of ways. Their missionary interest is reflected in the names adopted by the four circles into which the entire group is divided. These are Bamenda, Banson, Mie Ken, and Ponoka. In addition to contributing generously toward the denominational missionary work, they also actively support some of the special needs of the local church.



WORSHIP SERVICE AT TEMPLE CHURCH

A typical Sunday morning service in the sanctuary of the Temple Baptist Church. Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor, is behind the pulpit. By this time, pews have been installed in the balcony.

One of their unique ministries is the maintenance of a relief room which, in addition to a large variety of clothing, also boasts a hospital bed and a wheelchair for the use of members and friends who must undergo prolonged illnesses. Much more could be said concerning the women's work, but space will not permit it.

The men, while not as actively engaged in service projects as the women, nevertheless contribute to the growing and expanding program of the

church. They have sponsored the softball and basketball teams and are providing recreational equipment for use in a regular program of recreation at the church. Ping pong tables and volleyball standards have already been provided with shuffleboard equipment and basketball backboards yet to come.

### THE SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

The true life of any church is always the spiritual emphasis. Without the ministry of the Word of God, all other activities are hollow and meaningless. Unless these activities contribute to the ultimate spiritual purpose of the church, they have no right to exist within the framework of the church's program. Attendance at the worship services can be taken as a major indicator of the degree of interest in the spiritual purpose of the church.

We are grateful that we can report a consistently high level of attendance and interest. Two years ago, we instituted the custom of asking our first time visitors at the morning service to stand. The amazing record is that since that time at least one person has stood at every service; it is not unusual to have half a dozen or more respond.

Decisions at both the morning and evening services are a frequent delight to the hearts of God's people. Although we promote a major evangelistic endeavor at least once a year, our regular services are by far the most fruitful source of decisions for Christ.

To increase the knowledge of the Bible an annual series of Bible study meetings is arranged. There are also voluntary groups which meet monthly

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THE AMBASSADOR CLASS

A partial view of the Ambassador Class for young adults in a Sunday morning session. Attendance is consistently between 60 and 70 and sometimes reaches 90.

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# Becoming New Things!

Sermon preached at the Northwestern Conference,  
Aug. 7, 1959, at Saint Paul, Minnesota

By Rev. Fred Mashner of Sheboygan, Wisconsin



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"Love transcends any emotion such as gratitude and esteem. Love defies comprehension."

"**J**HEREFORE if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW" (II Corinthians 5:17).

This message deals with the new things which should adorn the new life in Christ, the things which actually make up the new life. Our text says, "All things are become new." What things? In the words of John the Baptist, "Bring forth FRUIT worthy of repentance" (Luke 3:8a).

It ought to be clearly understood that only those who "abide in him" WILL bring forth fruit. Their fruitfulness will depend on their abiding in Christ. Apart from him, they will be impotent, and their labors fruitless. "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do NOTHING" (John 15:5).

## FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

The nature of the fruit expected of us is moral and spiritual. The fruit, the new things, which we are expected to bring forth, are specified by the apostle in Gal. 5:22. So I take you there for the things which make up and adorn the new life. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

Such fruit was seen in its perfection in the life of our Lord Jesus, and its manifestation in our lives will be according to the MEASURE of our ABIDING IN HIM. "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." Dwelling in him and he in us we shall "walk

worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being FRUITFUL in every good work" (Col. 1:18).

There is a grouping of this fruit into three parts: the first three include the inner graces, as love, joy and peace. These have to do with condition and relation to the individual. The next three show their action upon others, as long-suffering, gentleness and goodness. These deal with conduct and relation to our fellowmen. The last three are the manifold traits of character, as faith, meekness, and temperance. These speak of character and relation to God.

Let us take them in order. Love is placed at the head, as being the fountain of all the rest. Love is the all-inclusive word, and the words which follow break it up and explain its meaning. What is love? One cannot define it. The dictionary doesn't help us much. Love surpasses any illustration I might give. Love transcends any emotion such as gratitude and esteem. Love defies comprehension.

## LOVE IN PRACTICE

And yet with our limited knowledge of love, Paul stirs us up to new heights of comprehension in his letter to the Corinthians. The 13th chapter is a summary of everything God has to say about love. In the first three verses, Paul gives us five of life's most valued treasures, the things which men seek: eloquence, learning, power, benevolence, and devotion. But God takes all five and throws them away when they are not prompted by love.

What are tongues of men and of angels if not prompted by love? We read of our Lord, "Never man spake like this man." But his heart was full of love. His heart was the heart of God. And what of prophecy—the gift of speaking God's will and God's Word and of sharing God's super-knowledge? But love throws out its challenge and speaks: "Without me, there can be no true eloquence, prophecy, power, and devotion." Love must be supreme in the human heart, mind, life, and will.

In this chapter in Corinthians, we learn how love works out in practice: "Love suffereth long and is kind. Love envieth not. Love vaunteth not itself. Love doth not behave itself unseemly. Love seeketh not her own. Love is not easily provoked. Love thinketh no evil. Love beareth all things. Love hopeth all things. Love endureth all things." This is the only chapter of the writings of Paul in which he does not mention the Lord Jesus, and yet he is there. Try substituting your name where "love" is found and you won't read far in the chapter, but substitute the name of Christ in the place of love and you will finish the beautiful chapter of love.

Again—if you have love, you have all the rest. If you lack love, you lack all the rest. But let's consider the rest.

## A CHRISTIAN'S JOY

"JOY." Joy is a simple word which means cheerfulness, gladness, common delight, that wonderful quality which transmutes everything into light and peace and happiness; that quality

which keeps a man cheerful in all circumstances. The word "joy" here does not signify an ecstasy which occurs once and, after it is passed, leaves the soul on a deader level than before. No, it is the happy cheerfulness that is steadfast from day to day, the newborn love of youth and maiden, of Christ and the church, of the bridegroom and the bride. Let such love take possession of the heart, and they are perpetually cheerful. Joy is love's consciousness.

"PEACE." This word indicates not stagnation, but the peace which follows battle—the harmony of opposing forces. Two nations are at war. The stronger defeats the other by force, and the newspaper states that peace has been declared. Is it peace? For national and political purposes, yes; but in reality it is not. If—and it is a great if—the stronger nation can so deal with the conquered nation as to make that conquered nation feel that the conqueror loves it, then you will have peace. Learn to love, and you will love peace. Peace is love's confidence.

"LONG-SUFFERING." A better word for this is long-temperedness. Let me suggest another word, "Short-temperedness." I find most people understand that. Long-temperedness is the exact opposite of short-temperedness. Long-temperedness is the great and marvelous quality which endures. In the Corinthian letter, Paul says, "Love suffereth long." That is the same word. Love is long-tempered. But Paul also says, "Love suffereth long AND IS KIND." That is the marvel of it. You have suffered long; the sense of your own dignity has made you silent. But there comes a day when you say, "I have suffered this long enough, and now—." We all know what you mean. That is not love. "Love suffereth long AND IS KIND." Love is the overplus of patience. Long-suffering is love's habit.

## GENTLENESS IS LOVE'S ACTIVITY

"GENTLENESS" here means kindness and forbearance. This kindness refers not to sentiment but to service. Kindness is usefulness. A young man told his pastor he loves his mother and that he would even be willing to die for her. The wise pastor replied: "Nonsense! Stay at home tomorrow night and read to her for half an hour." Kindness is the willingness to do simple things to help other people. Jesus said that a cup of cold water, which costs nothing but the trouble of seeing that it is wanted, counts in heaven. Kindness is love's activity.

"GOODNESS" is just goodness. We talk about holiness and righteousness, but goodness is both. We tell our children to be good. What, then, is the inspiration of goodness? Love! You may keep your boy good in the externalities by being a moral policeman. But if you want him to be good through the coming years, so that when he comes to temptation and sin confronts him he will say, "No, I cannot do this thing. It will whiten fa-



CHOIR OF THE TEMPLE CHURCH

The Temple Baptist Church Choir is photographed in the choir loft with the director, Mr. Calvin R. Lohr, front row, center, and with the organist, Mrs. Aimee Sawatsky at the extreme left, front row.

## TEMPLE CHURCH IN "LIVEABLE LODI"

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in the homes for the purpose of Bible study.

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

An integral part of the services is the ministry of music. The songs by the choir greatly enhance the spiritual effects of the services. Many comments are received concerning the blessings that have come as a result of this sacrificial service by these devoted children of God.

It is impossible through words to convey the spirit that prevails among a group of people who constitute a local church. It has been the purpose of this article to present a picture of the life and work of Temple Baptist Church. Only because the Spirit of God has permeated the people with a sense of divine purpose is such a picture made possible.

We have not yet attained the fulfillment of that purpose, nor do we expect to fully attain it. Indicative of the desire to "press on" is the statement of objectives set by the Board of Christian Education in preparation

ther's hair and break mother's heart," then love is the only sufficient inspiration of goodness. "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments," Jesus said. That is the whole philosophy of goodness. Goodness is love quality.

"FAITHFULNESS"—may be translated "fidelity"—the good old-fashioned virtue of being true to your compact and your duty. Here, again, what keeps a man true in the sense of being faithful to his compact? Nothing but love. Love makes infidelity impossible. Where love is the inspiration, you will never fail in faithfulness to your compact with friend, lover or acquaintance. Fidelity is

for the calling of a Director of Christian Education. These objectives are as follows: 1. The development of an adequate youth program; 2. recruitment of leaders for a larger Sunday School and youth work; 3. training of leaders for a more effective ministry; 4. development of a more effective Junior Church program; and 5. institution of a week day program for children.

## THE DIVINE APPRAISAL

As we look to the future it is our prayer that God may enable us to reach these objectives. Our desire is not to draw attention to that which we have done, but rather to demonstrate what Christ is able to do in the lives of those who are willing to follow him in a complete committal of self. Only then will our work have an eternal value attached to it. And so without ostentation and without spectacular fanfare, we would humbly serve our God and patiently wait for his divine appraisal of the accomplishments.

love's quality. Faithfulness means full of faith, and therefore of fidelity and dependability. A man full of faith is full of confidence in God and is therefore true to God.

## UNCONSCIOUS HUMILITY

"MEEKNESS." What is meekness? Unconscious humility! True humility is always unconscious, and that is meekness. There is a so-called humility which parades itself. It is not humility. There are people who are always willing to take the lowest room at the feast, provided they come late enough for every one to see them do

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# Red Letter Days for Our Japan Mission

God's Blessings Have Been Abundant at Ise, Kyoto, Matsusaka and Tsu, Japan, as Reported by Rev. Walter Sukut, Missionary

**T**HE BLESSINGS that the Lord has wrought on our mission field in Japan have caused our hearts to be filled with joy and rejoicing. The past few months have been studded with precious days and occasions blessed by the grace of our Lord, who alone can make his children rejoice and be glad. You have been faithful in praying for and giving to the work of your mission in Japan. May you rejoice and be glad as I take this opportunity to again relate to you through the pages of the "Baptist Herald" some of the blessings that God has wrought in answer to your prayers and faithfulness.

## BAPTISM ON PENTECOST SUNDAY

As I look back over my calendar, Pentecost Sunday, May 17th, is the first red letter date with which I shall begin this account. Pentecost Sunday marks the date when six precious souls followed their Lord in baptism here in Ise. This baptismal service was not too different from other similar services that we have reported to you. But we rejoice every time when there are those who are ready to follow their Lord in baptism. And we trust that you will not tire hearing of them.



THE NEW BAPTIST CHURCH, ISE, JAPAN

The Baptist Church of Ise, Japan (left) with Mr. and Mrs. Akasaka standing at the front entrance, and a rear view (right) of the newly dedicated Baptist Chapel.

On this occasion five young people and one older man were baptized. The older man was Mr. Kondo, whose story we have related to you before. I'm sure that many of you have been praying for him. He has been suffering from tuberculosis, and his family has been in heartbreaking circumstances ever since we have known them. Five years ago when Mr. Kondo first accepted the Lord as his Savior, he pleaded with me to baptize him. He was afraid that he might die be-

flected in his face and testimony.

Sunday, June 7th, was another red letter date for which we continue to praise our Lord. This date marked the occasion of the dedication of our first church building in our work here in Japan. I reported the ground breaking and corner stone laying exercises in a previous article. As the progress of the building project progressed, our Christians' joy and anticipation to dedicate this building to the Kingdom work of Christ, who had made it pos-

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fore he could follow the Lord in baptism. However, at the time his health was so bad that a cold as a result of entering into cold water could have been fatal. Even though he himself was willing to take the risk and pleaded with us to permit him to be baptized, we prevailed upon him to wait until his health would improve.

## DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH

Throughout the past five years since then, there have been numerous times when it seemed that he would never be able to experience the joy of baptism. This was true especially at the time, when through a series of operations, one lung and a number of diseased ribs were removed. But through it all, God sustained him and his joy on this blessed day was re-

sible, grew until it came to its climax on this date when all our missionaries on the field and Christians from our neighboring churches joined us in this day of rejoicing and dedication.

The building, completed almost a month ahead of schedule, is rather simple and would look very plain besides the beautiful churches which many of you are building in America. But to our Christians here, this chapel is not only very beautiful, but also stands as a real evidence of God's grace and goodness to them, because many of them had thought it impossible that this dream could be realized. Our Christians join me in thanking you for the part you had in helping to bring about the realization of this church.

The day of dedication was followed by a week of special evangelistic meetings during which time many new people came and saw the inside of a church for the first time. Some of these new people also, as did Isaiah of old, "saw the Lord high and lifted up." These new-found babes in Christ also join us in thanking you for your prayers and support.

## TRACT DISTRIBUTION CAMPAIGN

The summer months brought not only an unusually hot season; but also opportunities for seed sowing and reaping. From August 10 to 15 our three Bible School students, Miss Florence Miller's helper and I carried on a home to home tract distribution campaign in Matsusaka, a city of about 100,000 people, the half way point between Ise and Tsu, where Miss Miller has begun a new work. Approximately 1,500 homes were visited and the people in them were personally presented with tracts and an invitation to attend church services.

This tract distribution campaign was climaxed with a week of special evangelistic meetings from August 17 to 23. The Lord greatly encouraged us with excellent results as we have launched out into this new area. We trust that, as you continue to pray, God will prosper us in the contacts that have been made.

We are continuing to hold meetings in Matsusaka every Sunday evening in a one room private school building which we have been able to obtain for a meeting place. It is our sincere prayer that these continued efforts will prosper and will result in the building of another lighthouse for our Lord in this land of heathen darkness. In the words of the poet:

"Bear up, bear on, the end shall tell  
The dear Lord ordereth all things well."

—John Greenleaf Whittier

BAPTIST HERALD

# Pan-African Baptist Youth Conference

First session of a new conference representing Baptist young people from 21 African countries, and attended by Pastor D. Y. Nyanganji and the author from the Cameroons Baptist Mission.

By Mr. Norman Haupt, Teacher at the Cameroons Protestant College

**T**HE FIRST Pan-African Baptist Youth Conference was held from July 30 to August 3 at Iwo, Western Nigeria, Africa. This was an effort, fostered by the Baptist World Alliance, to form an Africa-wide Baptist fellowship for youth. There were 68 delegates present from all parts of Nigeria, as well as 22 delegates from other countries in Africa. Pastor D. Y. Nyanganji, a Cameroons Baptist pastor and a member of the Southern Cameroons House of Assembly, and Norman Haupt, teacher at Cameroons Protestant College, were the two delegates sent by the Cameroons Baptist Mission.

## VISIT OF DR. ADAMS

Baptist youth conferences have been formed in Europe and Asia recently. The Baptist World Alliance, wishing to have the same type of fellowship for Africa, felt it was a good time to make a beginning while the president of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. Theodore Adams, was finishing a tour of Baptist work in Africa. Dr. Adams was the guest speaker and brought challenging and encouraging messages about Baptist Africa.

Mr. Robert Denny, youth secretary for the Baptist World Alliance, was present to guide and to help the African delegates to form a new organization for youth. The youth leaders of Africa agreed upon this purpose for the new Conference: to promote the cause of Christ in Africa through fellowship, understanding, and mutual inspiration, and to serve as a channel through which Baptist youth can share with and assist one another and others.

The conference was very interesting and an education for Pastor Nyanganji and myself. The opportunities we had to discuss Baptist work and problems with Africans of many countries gave us a new insight into the work which we are doing in Africa as a whole. The conference was also very colorful, for the different delegates wore their national dress—bright, flowing gowns often made of very rich materials. English was used as the medium of communication, though the air was full of dozens of African languages which the foreign delegates could not understand.

## FACING DIFFICULT PROBLEMS

It was interesting to see that some of the problems which were discussed and studied were very similar to those which pastors in America also face, such as how to keep teen-agers in the church, juvenile delinquency, and

how to develop a Christ-centered program in the church which will attract and develop youth in Christian principles.

But the most difficult problems which Baptist youth faces in Africa are very different from those at home. One problem is that of the invasion of Islam into West Africa. Mohammedans have occupied North Africa as far south as Northern Nigeria for centuries. But now we are faced with an invasion of Islam into the coastal areas, which until now have been either pagan or Christian.

It is almost shocking to see such signs along the road as "Islamic Mission Primary School," or "Muslim Boys' High School." Although the brand of Mohammedanism which reaches the coast is full of animistic beliefs in addition to the teachings of Mohammed, many African tribes have felt that this religion had more to offer them than their own pagan practices. Therefore, they accepted it. More and more such things as mosques, Mohammedan dress and customs are seen.

Another problem which was discussed at great length, both in and out of meetings, was Africa's race problem. The delegates from South Africa were able to present a side of the situation there which is little heard of, and never found in the newspapers, namely, the work which Baptists are trying to do in reaching a sane policy in this issue. Not only

is there suspicion between African tribes, but especially among the three major race groups—the Negro, the European, and the Indian.

## PAN-AFRICAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Many Africans resent the invasion of Western culture and its attendant evils for Christian youth. Although the delegates of this conference were certainly not able or in a position to solve these complex matters, a wonderful Christian spirit of understanding, seeing the other side of the problem, and love and fellowship grew among us all.

At the close of the conference, the delegates agreed to set up a youth conference similar to those in Europe and Asia, calling it the Pan-African Baptist Youth Conference. This Conference will meet every five years in a different part of Africa in order to bring together delegates from the whole continent for the advancement of Baptist youth work.

There are 21 countries in Africa which have Baptist work, and although not all were represented at this first, exploratory meeting, it is hoped that at future meetings all will be able to send delegates. An executive council and a youth committee were organized to carry on the plans of the Conference. Our own Pastor D. Y. Nyanganji was appointed to this com-

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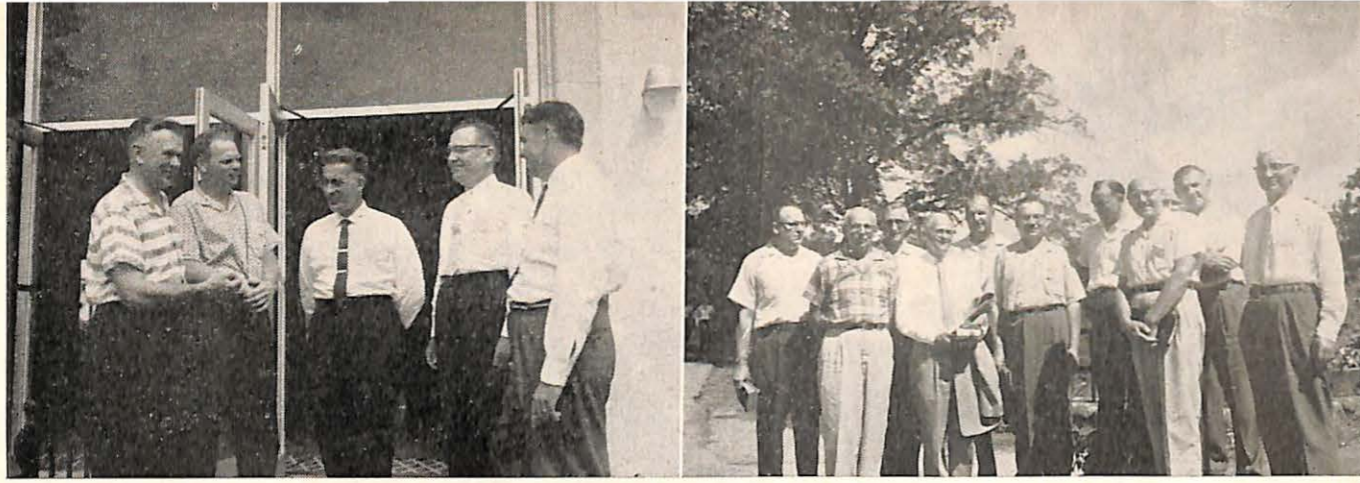


AFRICAN LEADERS TALK TO DR. ADAMS

Left to right: Dr. Theodore Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance; Dr. J. A. Adegbite, principal of the Baptist Academy, Lagos, and chairman of the Pan-African Baptist Youth Conference; Pastor David Y. Nyanganji, Member of the Southern Cameroons House of Assembly; the others are delegates from Ghana and Nigeria; at the extreme right is Rev. T. A. Adejunmobi, president of the Nigeria Baptist Convention.

October, 15, 1959





LAYMEN AT THE GREEN LAKE CONFERENCE

Baptist Men converse with Dr. T. W. Bender at left (left to right: Walter Pankratz, Charles Lindberg, Dr. T. W. Bender, R. E. Engelbrecht and Edward Meister) at Green Lake, Wis., and (right) a number of the laymen gather for a picture in front of Morehouse Hall following a morning session at the Laymen's Conference.

## "New Life" for Baptist Laymen

The Laymen's Conference at Green Lake, Wis., attended by 250 Baptist Men and Their Families, Reported by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

**B**APTIST MEN of our denominational fellowship have unfurled their banners for action. They are definitely on the move in their witness for Christ. They have tightened the bonds of fellowship about themselves and have done some straight forward thinking on profound Christian truths. That was the consensus of 250 Baptist Men and their families in attendance at the Laymen's Conference held at Green Lake, Wisconsin, from August 22 to 29, 1959.

### CONFERENCE THEME

"New Life For You" was the Conference's challenging theme. This is the program objective of the Baptist Jubilee Advance for 19 million Baptists. Every goal of the five year Baptist Advance was considered by the conference speakers and then by the laymen themselves in discussion groups and by means of questions. As a result, the Conference's thinking was focused on the laymen's witness for Christ in this world and on the importance of their faithful service in the Kingdom of God. Undoubtedly, it was the most inspiring conference that "Baptist Men" have held at Green Lake and one which made an indelible impact upon all who attended.

Following the informal get acquainted gathering on Saturday, Sunday ushered in the first great spiritual events of the conference week. In a setting of unique Sabbath quietness on the Green Lake Assembly grounds, several fine Sunday School sessions were held, the morning worship service convened and the evening meeting brought the day to an eventful close.

Dr. Thorwald W. Bender of Chicago, Illinois, professor of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary and pro-

fessor-elect of theology at Philadelphia's Eastern Baptist Seminary, was the provocative speaker on Sunday. In awakening the Christian conscience, Dr. Bender said: "We as Baptists have not made a serious effort to develop a Christian conscience—on anything!" Baptists need to know and to nurture the mind of Christ, and that should mean closer and more Christ-like cooperation among themselves. This should provoke us as Baptists to bring the new life in Christ to others with a deep set loyalty to Christ. His evening message on "Witnessing in Our Place of Provocation" will not soon be forgotten by this conference.

### DR. WESSEL, BIBLE TEACHER

Another mountain-top experience was the daily Bible Study on the first epistle of John conducted by Dr. Walter W. Wessel of the North American Baptist Seminary faculty. With scholarly exposition and with genial, Christ-like spirit, Dr. Wessel opened the Word and let the revelation of God's truth shine through his messages. These were precious hours sitting at the feet of this Seminary teacher who opened our eyes to the presence of the Master Teacher!

The conference speakers were a procession of "headliners." On Monday evening, Dr. T. B. McDormand of Toronto, Ontario, chairman of the Joint Committee of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, spoke on "A Baptist Reformation" and dealt with the laymen's responsibility toward God in sharing his blessings of the new life with others. The Honorable Harold E. Stassen of Philadelphia, Pa., former governor of Minnesota and well known statesman, spoke on Tuesday evening on the question, "Are We Doing Our Utmost in Reaching America's Un-

churched Areas With the New Life?" He was introduced by his brother-in-law, Mr. Reuben Glewwe, and many of us were reminded that this was the first opportunity that Mr. Stassen has had to address a large gathering of North American Baptists.

### OTHER GUEST SPEAKERS

On Wednesday evening Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, secretary of Education and Publication, challenged and inspired the conference in dealing with our training program as a denomination in developing the new life. Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, medical missionary in the Cameroons, was at the conference throughout the week and spoke on "Sharing the New Life With the Whole Wide World" on Thursday evening. Dr. Louis R. Johnson of Kankakee, Illinois, lifted the conference to high and sacred moments of dedication on Friday evening as he spoke on "New Power for New Life."

In addition, the Honorable O. K. Armstrong, former congressman from Missouri, "fired" the conference spiritually with his unforgettable ten minute address. Many of the laymen brought stirring testimonies during the week. A film on Church Extension was shown. A wonderful array of musical talent from the conference group and from the Assembly personnel delighted and thrilled our hearts. Our laymen led the meetings, brought the devotional messages, read the Scripture, offered the prayers, conducted the singing and demonstrated that they are good leaders and servants of Jesus Christ.

This fifth Laymen's Conference was also unique because of the large attendance of women. Almost one-half of those present were wives of the laymen or "single" women from our churches whose warmth of genial fel-

lowship and fine contributions added much to the success of the conference. This was a "Family Laymen's Conference" in actuality.

It was also a more representative conference of our North American Baptist churches. Numerous small churches and rural areas were represented with laymen and their families. One man and his family were helped financially by a men's group in North Dakota to attend. He took copious notes and lots of pictures to report back to the men's organization.

The assembly grounds provided an inspiring background for this conference. A bus trip filled with our conference people toured the 1,100 acres. The "Captain Luke Bickel" launch was often filled with our happy families on a trip around the lake during the warm days. Photographers climbed the hundreds of steps to the top of the Judson Tower for choice pictures.

### A WALK WITH GOD

Our garden lovers strolled among the gorgeous flowers for "a closer walk with God." Everyone was thrilled by the spacious and magnificent new dining hall and, ever more so, by the delicious and ample meals served. The Art Gallery was a place of interest for many of our people to study the religious paintings, missionary curios and collection of old Bibles. The Petras Room with the late Mr. J. L. Kraft's "Sermon in Rocks" was visited by many. The swimming pool, golf course and picturesque macadam roads offered opportunities for out-of-door thrills.

One of the unscheduled joys of the conference week came after the close of the Friday evening program. All of our people gathered out on the POINT, in front of the Roger Williams Inn, jutting into Grene Lake, and for about an hour in the quietness of the cool evening they sang choruses and hymns under the direction of Vernon Heckman. It seemed almost as if the windows of heaven were opened to reveal the glory of God's presence more clearly and more intimately to us!

### NEW GOALS FOR LAYMEN

"Baptist Men" with Mr. Raymond E. Engelbrecht of Waco, Texas, as president also showed new evidences of life and service in their projected program for the months ahead. They announced that the mission project for Dr. Peter Fehr and his dedicated ministry at the Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Southern Cameroons had been doubled to \$4,000. At Green Lake the new Program Packets were shown for the first time with their many practical and helpful suggestions for men's groups everywhere. (An accompanying article about the Program Packet appears in this issue).

A new "Baptist Men's" paper is being planned with Mr. Gerhard Panke of Buffalo, N. Y., as the editor. Plans for the observance of Laymen's

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LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE AT GREEN LAKE

The official photograph of the 5th Laymen's Conference held at Green Lake, Wis., with the Roger Williams Inn in the background.

## "Baptist Men's" Program Packet

An Important Announcement for All Laymen by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

**"BAPTIST MEN"** have set challenging goals before themselves and are determined to raise their sights for better programs for all laymen's organizations in our denomination. They have just issued an interesting and helpful "Program Packet" with 14 pieces of literature, all geared to assist brotherhood officers and leaders in the preparation of better men's programs. This is a first venture for "Baptist Men" which is already meeting with wide-spread acclaim and commendation by laymen.

### PROGRAM HELPS FOR MEN

The Packet includes "An Introductory Letter" by Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht, president of "Baptist Men." This letter is an introduction to the objectives and purposes of "Baptist Men" as a denominational organization. An excellent and practical article, "How to Observe Laymen's Sunday," is also included. This can be used at any time for inspiring presentation of men's work at a church service.

Several suggested programs for a men's organization have been prepared by outstanding leaders based on some of their own experiences and actual programs. Mr. Carl Lange of Edmonton, Alberta, has written on "Our Wants and Needs." Mr. Walter F. Heine of Broadview, Illinois, has contributed a fine article on "Doing Men's Work." Mr. Edward Meister of Chicago, Illinois, has written on some practical meeting suggestions for men. Mr. Heartsill Wilson of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, has contributed a thrilling message on "Wanted: A Christian Salesman" which ought to be read and heard by all of our men's groups in every church of ours!

The mission project of "Baptist Men" amounts to \$4,000.00 towards the support of Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr

and the work of the Bansa Baptist Hospital. The Program Packet features a two and one-half page article especially written for the Packet by Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee about Dr. Fehr's ministry and the work of the hospital. This is uniquely FINE and INTERESTING. A reprint from the "Baptist Herald" is also included with the thrilling story of the Fehrs.

### LIVING STORIES OF LAYMEN

An excellent brochure in the Program Packet is the 96 page booklet entitled, "Crisis Experiences in the Lives of Noted Christians" published by the Moody Press. This features the personal history and life story of nine interesting men of God and the account how God used them and their witness and service for Christ. This brochure can be the basis for numerous programs and devotional services for men's meetings.

In addition, there are five new inspirational leaflets for laymen, published by Presbyterian Men, how laymen can speak out for Christ, witness as good stewards and tithers, and use their talents in Christ's Kingdom. "The Laymen's Duty" by Dr. Robert E. Speer is especially challenging.

These Program Packets with their 14 pieces of literature are available to any individual, men's group or church ordering them at 50 cents per packet postpaid. A Packet is being sent without charge to every men's organization that has joined "Baptist Men" and is a member in good standing. Your orders or requests for further information should be sent to Baptist Men, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill.

"Baptist Men" are on the job! They can help to make your job in your men's group more effective and interesting by making use of this Program Packet. Why not have a look at it in the near future?





—Winston Pote from A. Devaney, N. Y.

"When the houses are full of all good things . . . then beware lest thou forget the Lord, your God."

"THE LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him" (Lamentations 3:24).

The best Thanksgiving, whether kept on the second Monday in October, as in Canada, or on the fourth Thursday in November, as in the United States, is when those who are gathered around the table also know that "the Lord is (their) my portion."

Every youth can summon up a vivid picture of the Thanksgiving dinner—pumpkin pie, apple pie, turkey and cranberries, steaming vegetables, squash, and more and more in portions unlimited. Away back in Deuteronomy, chapter six, God gives a warning that still holds today: "When the houses are full of all good things, . . . and when thou shalt have eaten and be full . . . then beware lest thou forget the Lord, your God."

Surely, in our time and in our land the evidences of God's bountifulness and generosity are not hard to find. The government's concern is not how to fill the bins and the larders of the land but how to empty them. The standard of living is as high as it has ever been. One electrical company advertised that the modern housewife's possession of appliances is the equivalent to having 30 servants under her command. And yet so often we grumble because we may be temporarily deprived of blessings of which our forefathers never heard.

The traveler is impressed by progress and plenty everywhere he goes. There are the grand sweeping highways, the new homes with their fresh lawns, the fruit orchards and fields

## The Lord Is My Portion!

The best Thanksgiving, whether observed in Canada or in the United States, is when those who are gathered around the table also know that "the Lord is their portion."

By Rev. A. Lamprecht, Pastor of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta

of grain; even the skyline of Manhattan finds room for the new. This is our homeland. This is the hand of God—our God. "What hath God wrought!" And God has granted us peace. How good it is for the person to say, "The Lord is my portion," my food and my drink, my breath and my heartbeat!

However, we must be realistic. For many people the Lord is not their portion. No grateful prayer, no humble confession, no spirit of worship ascends to God from them. Their portions and golden calves are often Mammonism, Secularism, and Pleasure, and thousands upon thousands still bow the knee to them.

### TRAGEDY OF MAMMON

Some readily say, "Mammon is my portion." This takes its shape probably not so much in the traditional form of hoarding currency, but in an insatiable pursuit in the piling up of things, purchases, that can be had with installments and on the future. There is no end to this. There is always something else which a man "needs." Persuasive ads will tell him exactly what these are. Right now business and industry are after the youth market, and a host of needs are going to be conjured up overnight.

But man does not live by things alone, nor does the family. We were visiting several years ago in a modern home, and I commented to the housewife on the home and her husband's mushrooming business. She answered that life had more for them when they possessed little and when her husband went to work on his bicycle

with his lunch in a lunch bucket. Elbert Hubbard rightly said, "I would rather appreciate things I cannot have, than have things I am not able to appreciate."

For many, Secularism is their portion. Among these are many fine people, moral people, kind people, parents who are concerned about their children, good parents and good children, but who have shut their mind forever to the things of the spirit, faith, salvation, God and eternity. So near to the Kingdom of God and yet so far! To this class also belong those whose beginning and end and all things are science, and what cannot be handled need not be known.

"Nonsense!" is the verdict, a verdict that has withered the faith of many a student. A distinguished judge was recently interviewed over a good Canadian T. V. program, and was asked what he believed about the hereafter. He smiled and said that he is too concerned about this life to worry about the next.

The Lord God said, "Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy." The secularist says, "Sunday is another day off." It is tragic when the symbols of our society and western culture are a million lost golf balls and Sunday beaches are filled with squinting sun-worshippers. I believe that secularism is the first step to disillusionment, decadence, and finally to a perverted faith in Communism or some other totalitarianism, for the soul cannot live on this portion.

All Epicureans did not die with the Greek Empire. They are still very

much alive today with ready money. Their portion is pleasure. They demand, "Give me the portion of goods that falleth to me." The portion that God, their Father, gave unto them includes health, talents and opportunities. But they are interested in the juke box, the convertible with its squealing tires, and in strange flesh.

A popular illustrated magazine ran an article about a couple which used a little ingenuity in planning for a party to entertain their friends. They went out and got 36 mattresses and spread them on the floors and then in Roman style the guests spent the night in eating, drinking and laughing.

All prodigals will sooner or later find themselves in want. The redemption of all who are trying to live on the husks and portions of this world is when they "come to themselves" and turn back to their Father's house where genuine joy and rejoicing are awaiting them.

### GOD AS YOUR PORTION

But for the Christian, let God be his portion this Thanksgiving Time! Let the Savior in and give him the chief place at the table. Pray together with all the family of God that "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth . . ."

The child of God can always be thankful, regardless of immediate circumstances, the present income or the amount of the harvest. Gordon Green of Montreal writes that the Thanksgiving that he will always remember as a boy was when the family had only a jack rabbit and turnips for the dinner. When the family recoiled at eating and began to grumble, the father left the table, went up to the attic and got the old oil lamp. He lighted it and told one of the children to turn off all the lights. When there was only the oil lamp again, the family could hardly believe that they had lived in such darkness before. In the humble dimness of the old lamp the family was beginning to see clearly again. The jack rabbit tasted like turkey, and the turnips the mildest they could recall. "For I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

### HOW RICH WE ARE!

The author of the following is unknown to me but its message is plain: "Today upon a bus, I saw a lovely maid with golden hair. I envied her—she seemed so gay—and wished I were as fair. When suddenly she arose to leave, I saw the cruel braces as she hobbled down the aisle; a victim of polio was she. But as she passed—a smile! Oh, God forgive when I whine. I have two straight feet, the World is mine!"

"And then I stopped to buy some sweets. The lad who sold them had such charm. I talked with him. He said to me: 'It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see,' he said, 'I'm blind.' Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two eyes. The World

## From the Professor's Desk

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

*Is it not true that if one accepts the post-tribulation view of the coming of Christ, he would have to relinquish the hope of an imminent return?*

The view that the coming of Christ will take place after, not before, the tribulation has taken on added prominence in the past decade among evangelical Christians. One of its chief values, apart from its consistency with Scripture, is that it does not split into two parts (as does pre-tribulationism) the appearing of Christ. However, if Christ's coming will not occur until the tribulation is over, what of imminency?

Some post-tribulationists have simply and frankly stated that if imminency means the possibility of an "any-moment rapture," then post-tribulationism eliminates imminency. The New Testament clearly teaches that certain events must precede his coming. There must be a "falling away," and the "man of sin" must appear (II Thess. 2:3). However, they hasten to point out that since no one knows just when the tribulation will commence or how long it will be (the argument from Daniel 7:25 which Dispensationalists use to determine the length of the tribulation, "time, times, and half a time," is tenuous, to put it mildly), the events could shape

up quickly. Thus they have argued for a "general imminency" in contrast to an "any-moment imminency."

Recently, however, some post-tribulationists have re-examined Biblical evidence and are maintaining that "any-moment imminency" is not inconsistent with post-tribulationism. The factors which are emphasized are as follows: (1) there is no way by which we can know exactly when the tribulation begins. In fact, it may be going on now. Witness the situation of the Christian Church in the Communist countries.

(2) The length of the tribulation, as suggested above, is by no means clearly revealed in Scripture. The Daniel passage would allow an interpretation of from 3½ days to 7½ decades!

(3) Although the "man of sin" must appear before the coming of Christ, his certain identification will not be made manifest until he opposes Christ after he returns.

If "any-moment imminency can indeed be restored to post-tribulationism, it will be enhanced for many. However, it still remains true that the Blessed Hope of the Church is the coming of her Lord, whether he comes before or after the tribulation or whether his coming is to be expected at any moment or not. It is the certainty of his coming which is bed-rock New Testament truth.

is mine!

"Then walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue. He stood and watched the others play. It seemed he knew not what to do. I stopped a moment, then I said, 'Why don't you join the others, dear?' He looked ahead without a word, and then I knew he could not hear. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine, I have two ears. The World is mine!"

"With feet to take me where I'd go, with eyes to see the sunset's glow, with ears to hear what I would

know—Oh, God, forgive when I whine. I'm blessed, indeed. The World is mine!"

Our text comes from the Book of Lamentations, Jeremiah's lamentations for the Chosen People who were being carried off to Babylon, and whose City of God was crumbling before their very eyes. How bright was their future then? But Jeremiah knew that "the Lord is my portion," and that was enough. Then, not only the world is ours, but God himself is ours. That is the best Thanksgiving!

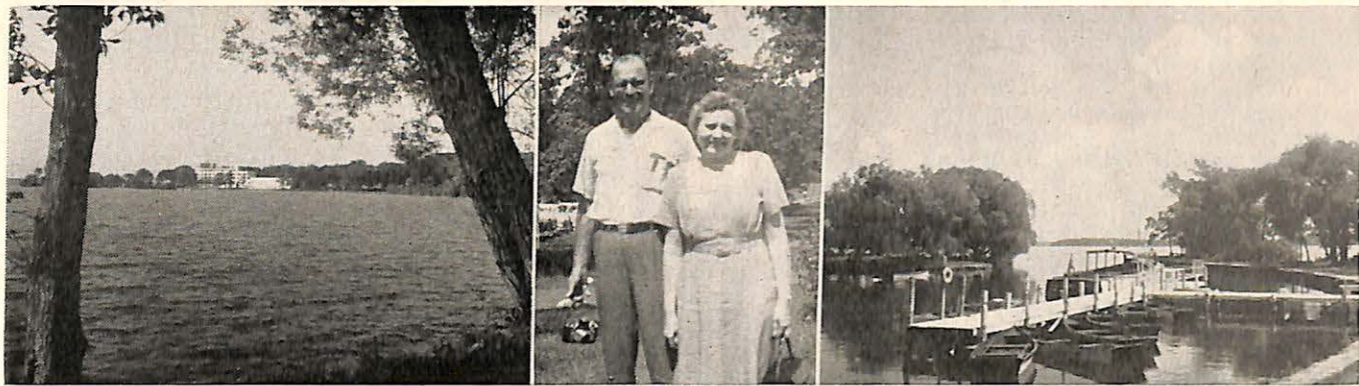
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PICTURESQUE GREEN LAKE, WIS.

The Roger Williams Inn is beautifully framed by trees on the shores of Green Lake (left). Boats are reflected in the calm waters of the Lake (right), waiting for the Green Lake conference visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Harm Sherman (center) are photographed at the Laymen's Conference of "Baptist Men."

## A Closer Walk With God

A Woman's Observations of the Laymen's Conference at Green Lake, Wis., from August 22-29, 1959.

By Mrs. Harm Sherman of Aplington, Iowa

LET ME SHARE with you some of the beauty, happiness and joy which my husband and I experienced a few weeks ago when we attended the Laymen's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin! This beautiful place was designed to make it possible for thousands to have a "closer walk with God." This was our experience, and by using the letters of the word, INSPIRATION may I show you how it was achieved.

**INSTRUCTION.** It was our privilege every morning to attend the Bible Study conducted by Dr. Walter Wessel from our Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Together we studied the First Epistle of John which has much to say about the "new life" and "love." During those days, Dr. Wessel made this book of five chapters "live" for us.

**NEW LIFE FOR YOU.** This was the theme of the Conference and all the messages centered around this theme.

**SCENERY.** Words are inadequate to describe this lovely place of 1,100 acres which runs for two and one-half miles along the shores and over the wooded hills that overlook Green Lake. God's wonderful handiwork certainly is evident as one gazes in every direction.

**PRAYER CHAPEL.** Among the many buildings on the grounds, there was one which was of special significance to me. This was the Charles Haddon Spurgeon Prayer Chapel. To the left of the door is this printed sign: "Friend . . . you have come to this chapel . . . Leave it not without prayer . . . Nobody entering a home ignores him who dwells there . . . This is God's house and He is here . . . Pray then to Him who loves you and bids you welcome and awaits your greeting." Sitting in the quiet of this chapel and meditating, God seemed

very near.

**INTERESTING MESSAGES.** The messages which we heard each evening by outstanding speakers were informative as well as interesting. Throughout these messages and also the devotionals, the thought was emphasized that we cannot witness to others or tell others about the "new life" until we ourselves have had a first-hand experience and manifest spiritual maturity.

**RENEWED ZEAL.** Certainly no one could leave such a Conference without renewed zeal and enthusiasm and a determination to strive and make our lives count for the Master.

**ACTIVITIES.** Every afternoon was devoted to recreation. One of the highlights of our recreation was a boat ride on the Lake. Points of interest were pointed out as we cruised around the Lake.

**TIME OF FELLOWSHIP.** This Conference was an ideal place for Christian fellowship. It was a time of meeting old friends and making new friends. What a delight to fellowship with those from all parts of the United States and Canada, all interested in the work of our Lord and the work of our denomination.

**INN—ROGER WILLIAMS.** Space does not permit me to describe the Inn in detail, but my attention was attracted especially to the fireplace in the lobby above which hung a beautiful picture of the "Head of Christ." Every evening at 6:30 there was a "lobby sing" which consisted of special musical numbers and the singing of choruses.

**OPEN-AIR SERVICES.** How inspiring to sit here at the close of the day, beholding the beautiful lake, and listening to special music followed by a message on a "paradox."

**NEVER - TO - BE - FORGOTTEN MOUNTAIN - TOP EXPERIENCES.**

During the weeks and the months that will follow these mountain-top experiences will linger in our memories, and we will recall with warmth and joy the 1959 Baptist Laymen's Conference.

"So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb."

### PAN-AFRICAN BAPTIST YOUTH CONFERENCE

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mittee as representative for the Southern Cameroons.

The work of the Cameroons Baptist Mission is certainly not as large and extensive as that of other missions. (There are twice as many Baptists in the Belgian Congo as any other country in Africa). But we found it reassuring to see that we are part of a great scheme of work for the Lord Jesus Christ. In America, the need for such a youth conference is not as obvious as it is for Africa, for Africa is a kaleidoscope of many races, tribes, languages, and cultures. A conference like this will do much to unite Christians and the work of Christ in this continent.

#### "ALL AFRICA FOR CHRIST"

The theme of this year's conference was ALL AFRICA FOR CHRIST. Surely, it is only through the presence of Christ in the hearts of Africans and the up-building of the church, that this great continent will become the stronghold of Christianity for which we all work, give and pray. You at home have a part in all this, as we have who are working on the spot. Remember these problems and the work of Baptists in Africa in your prayers regularly.

## What's Happening

• The First Baptist Church of Randolph, Minn., has extended a call to Rev. Eleon L. Sandau of Loyal, Okla., pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Oklahoma since October 1955. He has accepted the call and began his new work as pastor in Randolph, Minn., on October 4, succeeding Rev. Bert Itterman, now of Hutchinson, Minn.

• Rev. and Mrs. Eldon L. Janzen of Arnprior, Ontario, have announced that a daughter was born to them on August 31st who has been named Evangeline Ruth. This is their fourth child and second daughter. Rev. and Mrs. Norman A. Berkan of Killaloe, Ontario, have announced the birth of a son, Roger Floyd, born on September 2nd. This is their second child and first son.

• The First Baptist Church, Corona, S. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Wilburt D. Dachtler of Lansing, Mich. He is a member of the Colonial Village Baptist Church of Lansing and a recent graduate of the Baptist Seminary in Grand Rapids, Mich. He has responded favorably to the call from the Corona church and he and his family have already begun their ministry there, succeeding Rev. Herman Lohr, now retired in Parkersburg, Iowa.

• On Sunday afternoon, August 30, the First Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario, held a baptismal service at nearby Round Lake. Rev. Norman Berkan, pastor of both the country and town churches, baptized nine candidates of whom seven were from the Calvary Church and two from the First Baptist Church. Evangelistic services were held in Killaloe from Sept. 29 to Oct. 9 with Rev. Bernard Fritzsche of West Fargo, N. Dak., serving as evangelist.

• Mrs. Edwin Michelson, formerly of McLaughlin, S. Dak., has resigned her position as vice-president and White Cross chairman of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Dakota Conference. She and her husband have left the Dakota Conference area to take up the challenge of Church Extension at Wichita, Kansas. The Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Union has appointed Mrs. Bernard Edinger, Gackle, N. Dak. to serve as vice-president and White Cross chairman for the Dakota Conference in place of Mrs. Michelson.

• Rev. G. Beutler of Chilliwack, B. C., has accepted the call from two neighboring Baptist churches at Oroville, Wash., and Osoyoos, B. C. The Oroville church is a church of the American Baptist Convention. The Osoyoos group represents a congregation of

German Baptist immigrants that has been served from time to time by the Grace Church of Kelowna, B. C. Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Lodi, Calif., served the churches for several months as interim pastor. Undoubtedly Rev. and Mrs. G. Beutler will make their residence in Oroville, Wash.

• Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor of the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., brought a series of messages to the Christian Business Men's Committee in Lansing at three successive weekly noon luncheons from August 25 to Sept. 8. On the last Tuesday the women joined their husbands for "Ladies Day." A baptismal service was held at the Colonial Village Church on Sunday evening, Aug. 30, at which 8 converts were baptized. Rev. Aaron Buhler began his ministry at the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., on September 20th.

• Rev. Otto Patzia of East Detroit, Mich., will begin his ministry in the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., on Nov. 1st and not in September as reported recently in the "Baptist Herald." On September 21st Rev. and Mrs. Otto Patzia went on a brief visit to Germany, returning on October 21st. Sunday, October 25, will be their last Sunday in the Ridgmont Baptist Church of East Detroit, Mich. Mr. Patzia wrote: "What a wonderful and blessed ministry we have had here at Conners Church and the last two years at Ridgmont!"

• Sunday, September 13, was a red letter day at the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif. At the morning service the mortgage papers on the Educational Building were burned with the last indebtedness paid. Also the Church Survey Committee was commissioned. In the afternoon open house was held in the new parsonage, about which an illustrated report will appear later. The guest speaker in the evening service was Rudy Atwood, pianist for the Old Fashioned Revival Hour. From Sept. 20 to 22 the church held a Missionary Conference. Rev. H. John Vanderbeck is pastor of the church.

• A spiritually rewarding Vacation Bible School was held at Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., from June 22nd to July 3rd. The total enrollment reached 123. There were 19 dedicated teachers and helpers who taught children how they could "Live for Jesus in the Space Age." All the parents and friends were invited to the Demonstration Program on July 2nd, at which time the children presented the Bible truths through song and verse. A note of grateful thanks was extended to all the members of

Immanuel Church for their words of encouragement and cooperation during the school, as reported by Mrs. L. Shepherd.

• Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, of Detroit, Mich., pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church who made a tour of mission fields in Africa including the Cameroons Mission Field some months ago, visited a number of North American Baptist churches in the Middle West and on the Pacific Coast from September 22 to October 7. His promotional tour was planned by the denominational secretarial staff. Mr. McAsh addressed congregations and showed mission pictures in Ellinwood and Stafford, Kansas; Inglewood, Anaheim and Lodi, Calif.; Portland, Oregon; and Tacoma, Wash. His visit and messages were of great blessing to those who heard him in our churches.

• The Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., has extended a call to Rev. Leon Franck of Cleveland, Ohio, a 1959 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He has responded favorably and began his ministry in the Gladwin church on Sept. 15, succeeding Rev. Ernest Lauth. Mr. Franck and his wife have been members of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma Heights, Ohio. Except for Mr. Adolph Welk who hopes to enter the teaching field, Mr. Franck is the last of this year's Seminary graduating class to be placed in North American Baptist churches. During the summer Mr. Franck served in visitation work at the Parma Heights church.

• Mr. Johnson Gabuin, a student from the Cameroons Mission Field in the Southern Cameroons, Africa, who has spent the past school year as a scholarship student at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, was a guest speaker in the Chicago area on Sunday, Sept. 6. Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, introduced him. He brought his testimony and spoke effectively at the Sunday School of the Forest Park Baptist Church; in the morning worship service of the First Baptist Church, Bellwood, Ill.; at the German Youth Rally held in the Mission Baptist (German) Church of Chicago, Ill., on Sunday afternoon; and in the evening service at the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. This was the first time that a Cameroons Baptist national has appeared in and spoken at some of our churches!

• Dr. Wilfred L. Jarvis, distinguished church leader of Australia, a former vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance, who is also widely known as a Bible teacher, evangelist and preacher, was the guest speaker in several North American Baptist churches from Sept. 19 to Oct. 1 under the auspices of our denominational secretarial staff. He addressed congregations in Detroit, Center Line and East Detroit, Mich.; Parma and Cleveland,

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# A Baptist Reformation

Address by Dr. T. B. McDormand of Toronto, Ontario, Delivered at the Laymen's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

*"BUT YE ARE a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (I Peter 2:9).*

I have thought much recently about the matter of a Baptist Reformation—a revolution in thinking and practice amongst us which would produce results as striking as those of the 16th century Reformation. Christian history demonstrates that revolutions occur when historic institutions and habit patterns have been, in a measure at least, discredited, losing their authority, abandoned in despair by men who had vainly trusted in them for needed guidance and help.

## HUMAN FRUSTRATIONS

Revolutions in any fundamental area of man's corporate life are produced by human frustration and despair. Their leaders are men who have asked fundamental questions and found no answers. They occur in times of social and religious anarchy, when men, weary of unreality and hypocrisy in high places, become laws unto themselves. They feel that ancient foundations are crumbling, that old sign posts are no longer reliable, that venerable traditions have lost touch with reality and have hardened into dogmas which protect the vested evils of the day.

I believe that the conditions prevailing today are of a nature which call for a Reformation in the Protestant Church. While Protestant church attendance and church building increase, crime, immorality, drunkenness, marriage breakdowns, declining business integrity, dishonest labor, and a host of other evils flourish in the land.

In the most prosperous days of American history, there is one crime every fifteen seconds, one murder every forty-one minutes the year around. World tension, moral anarchy, cynical propaganda and the soul-destroying claims of the superstate are to be observed by us all. As "de Lawd" says, in March Connelly's "Green Pastures," "Everything that's fastened down is comin' loose."

## "REVISION OF THE CHURCH"

Such chaos and darkening skies have always demanded reformation in the church. At the time of the 1910 riots in Russia, an American Y.M.C.A. secretary asked a Russian Bishop what he believed to be the outstanding need of the day in Russia. He replied to the astonishment of the

American: "The revision of the church ritual." The bishop was probably on the right track, although he should have said, "The revision of the church," period!

Moral reform, social reconstruction, and spiritual awakening have, through history, followed reformation in the church—in the days of Luther, Calvin, Wesley and the rest. Men have arisen to transform feeble institutions and to challenge evil uncompromisingly at the summons of a Prophetic Church, speaking mightily in the Name of him who maketh all things new.

A Baptist Reformation must involve a renewed emphasis upon the basic principles which undergirded the Protestant Reformation, namely, the authority of Scripture, justification by faith and the priesthood of all believers.

Let us look at these briefly in terms of their revolutionary significance for Baptist life today.

## SCRIPTURAL AUTHORITY

A Baptist Reformation will call for a renewed emphasis upon a Biblical faith and a Biblical experience of regeneration. This revival of scriptural authority will unite rather than divide us. In recent decades our denomination has suffered much division both in Canada and the United States because of undue reliance upon man's interpretation of the Scriptures. Conflicting interpretations have led to disunity and ruptured fellowship.

The one thing which we have failed



GREEN LAKE LEADERS

Right to left: Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht, president of "Baptist Men"; the Hon. Harold E. Stassen, guest speaker at the Laymen's Conference; and Dr. John Thomas, leader of the conference for the Council on Social Progress.

too often to do is to let the Scriptures speak for themselves. Instead of accepting any human interpretation, both final and entire, we should test all interpretations in the light of the Scriptures themselves.

The Lord of the Scriptures does not deny himself. He amplifies one word of revelation by another, and interprets the one by the other. There are no fundamental contradictions in the Scriptures; rather there is progression, illumination, elaboration.

It is the total revelation which we must see on any subject. The divine revelation in its totality is, of course, too great for our small minds and hearts, and we must not limit our understanding of divine truth to one passage or to one writer. We should seek the aid of them all, letting the Holy Spirit lead us into all truth.

## GOD SPEAKS TO US!

What folly it would be to listen to Paul and to ignore John; or to sit at John's feet and to treat Paul with contempt; or, worst of all, to listen to the apostle and pay scant attention to the Master!

Dr. John A. Mackay, a great champion of the Word, says: "It is a specifically Protestant doctrine of the Bible, distinguished from the Roman view, that Holy Scripture is a permanent medium of intercourse between God and man."

God speaks to us through his Word. We know and understand him in his Word. We are true to our divinely bestowed sonship only as we witness to men in terms of his revealed truth about all that relates to the primary matters—sin, salvation, reconciliation, atonement, grace, faith, the life that now is and that which is to come.

Our pulpits will have greater authority when they sound forth the Biblical message, God's invitation and summons. Our Sunday Schools will attract growing numbers when they make God's Word real and meaningful.

We must preach the Word positively, not negatively; constructively, not with irrelevant criticism; practically, not abstractly; and, most of all, out of personal convictions as to its truth and power in nurturing the life of Christ in the lives of men.

## JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

Once more, justification by faith remains forever the central doctrine of the Protestant church. "The just shall live by faith," shouted Luther. And all Protestants cry, "Amen!" By

faith we live and move and have our being as Christians. By faith we are saved; by faith we must live; by faith we overcome. We become good stewards of the gifts of God by faith. By faith we reach at last the City of God.

A Protestant Reformation should lay increasing stress upon the fact that men are lost, that they may and can be saved, that their souls require an awakened faith in the justice, mercy, love and infinite grace of God.

Reconciliation with God is not to be found through religious exercises only. It is found through a living faith—a faith that issues in contrition, love and obedience of Christian action and Christian living.

A saving faith will not only convict us of our sin and sins—it will cure us of them! We must preach the Gospel of sins forgiven and of sin conquered. We must emphasize, not only the fact of forgiven sinners, but the fact of accepted saints. We are called to be saints—to live lives which reject temptation and accept divine guidance and power daily.

## REFORMATION POWER

The Baptist church will clothe itself in Reformation power only when it strives without wearying to proclaim that its people are saved by faith, kept by faith, made victorious through faith, and transformed daily by faith.

I read an article in "The Saturday Evening Post" about a Presbyterian pastor of Bighorn Basin, which contained this astounding paragraph: "The prosperous, educated and informed people here would be amused and indignant at the very suggestion that they needed conversion, but they are profoundly grateful to the minister who comes to them to conduct regular worship, even once a month."

A Baptist Reformation will be dissatisfied with mere worship services to which people come to be entertained or aesthetically helped, or made to feel a part of a family—even of sinners!

Church services must be regarded as involving the proclamation of the Gospel of divine grace and guidance to sinful, erring and troubled men and women. They will be built around the conviction that the Word of God is quick and powerful, piercing to the heart, arousing the conscience, captivating the mind, calculated to bring men humbly before God and to accept his salvation with inexpressible gratitude.

T. S. Elliott has a poem in his collection entitled "The Rock." He writes:

Why should men love the church?  
Why should they love her laws?  
She tells them of life and death,  
And of all that they would forget.  
She's tender and they would be hard,  
And hard where they would be soft,  
She tells them of evil and sin,  
And of her unpleasant facts.

This should be so! It is not when the church condones human sin and failure but when it condemns sin and leads men to accept the overcoming Christ that she attracts men, and helps them, and fulfills her Christ-given destiny.

## PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS

Thirdly, Protestantism rests upon the principle of the priesthood of all believers. A Baptist Reformation should stress this with unusual force. We have thought of this doctrine too exclusively in terms of the individual's right of access to God on the wings of his own faith. We have used the doctrine to denounce sacerdotal and sacramental claims and extravagances—and rightly so, of course.

In other words, we have stressed the privileges of believers, but we have not urged sufficiently the responsibilities involved. It is at this latter point that I would center my hopes for a Baptist Reformation.

Every layman in a Baptist Church is also a minister; every minister is a layman. Every layman is responsible for proclaiming the Gospel, and exemplifying the Christ-like life in his conduct, seeking to lead others from darkness of sin to the light of the Savior's grace and love.

This personal responsibility of every believer has been neglected too much in our Baptist churches. We have allowed our laymen in too many instances to be spectators of the efforts of the pastor and church officers. We have allowed them to stand passively on the sidelines—to be spiritual wallflowers. We have demanded little of them and expected as little of them.

We have asked for their money but not for their time or talents. We have sometimes even measured their piety in terms of dollars instead of devotion. At times we have almost duplicated the Roman Catholic heresy of offering salvation for money, with little demand for the disciplines of the saved and sanctified personality.

A Baptist Reformation will require the mobilization of our church membership to the task of following Christ and representing him right where they live.

## "AFGHANISTANISM"

At home our priesthood is to be exercised right where we are! Professor Roland Woollsey of the Syracuse University School of Journalism accuses the editors of many religious journals of the sin of "Afghanism." They write, he says, about issues going on at a safe distance from home, or on the other side of the world.

Similarly many Christians are desperately interested in converting the heathen and are willing to say a great deal to missionaries to do this essential work for the glory of God. But they seldom exercise themselves very much concerning their own responsi-

bility to be missionaries in their own homes and neighborhoods.

John Newton of England once prayed for London grace, saying: "By London grace I mean grace in a very high degree, grace to enable me to live as a Christian *even in London.*"

The priesthood of all believers means the acceptance of a sacred responsibility for representing God the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit effectively, winsomely and convincingly in one's own community daily.

## AEROPLANE VIEW OF LIFE

I read a devotional meditation in "The Secret Place." The writer tells of an aeroplane ride and observed that from a great height one's earthbound perspective is greatly altered. Things that looked important close at hand now seemed unimportant, and villages appeared quite insignificant in the vast setting of a far-reaching vista of hill and plain.

But there is another side to it! The aeroplane view is deceptive. The tiny house down there is somebody's home—bought with toil and sacrifice and maintained by love and devotion. The village may look insignificant, but it is a community of people bound for eternity; involved daily in a drama of temptation, toil, sorrow, conflict, victory, hopes fulfilled or shattered.

Our age is bedevilled by the aeroplane view of life. It leads to selfish aloofness from the struggle and callous disregard of the needs of others; a smug feeling that so long as all goes well for oneself, the whole world must be pretty well ordered, too.

## YOUR GOD-GIVEN OPPORTUNITY

The priestly believer, like his Lord, must find his opportunity to serve God in the common round, the earthly scene. The daily situations involving ordinary people will provide the setting within which the drama of redemption will take place—the stuff from which the Kingdom of God will be built.

Paul Calvin Payne says of Sunday School work: "We must think of religious education as being housed under one great roof, the Church, but as being housed under that great roof and the hundreds and thousands of smaller roofs that house the families of God's people."

That illustrates what we have been stressing. Every believer must find opportunities to exercise his divinely-bestowed priesthood, with every believer seeking to mediate the salvation in Christ to others by the faithfulness of his witnessing.

A revival of these three basic Protestant principles, all of them so dear to Baptists, all of them, indeed, so meaningfully and gloriously symbolized by our New Testament mode of believer's baptism, will mean a progressive Reformation in the spirit, strategy, atmosphere and dynamics of our American and Canadian Baptist life and witness.



# Centenary Jubilee in Neustadt, Ont.

Report of the Centennial Observance of the Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ontario, by Miss Eunice Derbecker

**T**HE CENTENNIAL Observance of the Neustadt Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ontario, was held the week-end of August 20 to 24. For one hundred years this church has preached the Gospel that Jesus saves.

Thursday evening was a time of welcomes, introductions and fellowship, with a supper for arriving guests. At 8 p. m. the church congregation joined in the fellowship which then was led by Mr. Lynn Helwig. Rev. G. A. McLean, former pastor (1949-1956) spoke briefly and in his remarks stated that the congregation from the very beginning had unadulterated nerve and magnificent faith. May it continue to be so!

A Festival of Music was held the following evening when the choir presented "The Life of Christ" in words and song. Mr. Leslie Helwig directed the choir and Rev. Henry G. Ramus, present pastor, was narrator, with Mrs. Herb Bender as special pianist.

A highlight of the Centenary was the banquet on Saturday evening in the Fellowship Hall of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Neustadt with 132 persons present. Rev. Henry Ramus was master of ceremonies. The speaker was Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Illinois, and his theme was "The Ideal Church." The ideal church must recognize Christ as its head; it must be a praying and a witnessing church. It is a sacrificial church and must teach and observe all things that Christ has commanded.

Almost 250 people assembled in the sanctuary of the church on Sunday morning for the Centennial Service. Professor Roy Seibel of the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was the guest speaker. He based his remarks on I Cor. 16:13, "Watch ye." We need to learn to pray and to set a spiritual watch. We cannot rest upon the past, but we must be on our knees and pray



Rev. Henry G. Ramus of Neustadt, Ontario, pastor of the Baptist Church celebrating its 100th anniversary.

for the future. Then too, we must "stand fast in the faith." We must be careful not to become complacent and lose this faith. Members who founded this church went out on faith into the frontiers and spread the Gospel. Let us have the same zeal in the next century. This can only be achieved by submitting ourselves into God's Almighty Hand and allowing the Holy Spirit to empower us for his service.

Pastor Ramus read congratulatory messages—one from Canada's Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. John Diefenbaker, who was born in Neustadt and

whose parents took an active part in the church with his father playing the organ.

At the Sunday evening service, Rev. Richard Grenz, former pastor (1940-1943), spoke on the theme "What You Mean to Christ," based on Titus 2:11-14. God has given us this great Savior that we might experience the Lord as he has redeemed us from our iniquities and made us pure. We were purchased with the price—the incorruptible blood of Jesus Christ. As we cross the frontier of a new century, God is seeking that we might glorify him.

A fellowship hour was held in the church parlor, where the Centennial birthday cake was cut by five pastors who served this church. They were the Reverends Martin DeBoer, former student supply, summer 1926; George Zinz Sr., 1931-40; Richard Grenz, 1940-43; G. A. McLean, 1949-56; and Henry Ramus, present pastor.

Monday evening was the first service of the second century. Professor Seibel preached on the theme "Crossing New Frontiers," based on Joshua 14:6-13, where we read how Caleb was given Hebron for an inheritance. Caleb with the Lord crossed new frontiers. May we launch into new frontiers as spiritual pilgrims for Christ! As a church we should eagerly seek to grow spiritually in the next century. We can't cross new frontiers without paying a price. It will take courage and faith; but by the grace of God, may men launch out by faith and claim new frontiers for him.

Special music was rendered throughout the services by the choir. A duet, a trio and two quartets added also to the impressiveness of the services.

These five days were a momentous occasion for our congregation and community. We are happy and thankful to Almighty God that so many were able to share the blessings.

Spirit—LOVE. If you have love, you have all these things. Joy is its consciousness; peace is its confidence; long-suffering is its habit; kindness is its activity; goodness is its quality; faithfulness is its quantity; meekness is its tone; self-control is its victory.

I take you back to my first word. "The fruit of the Spirit is LOVE." I cannot love so as to have this joy, this peace, this long-suffering, this kindness, this goodness, this faithfulness, this meekness, this self-control by any other way than by handing my whole life over to that Spirit who will beget in me the first moving of love.

"Dwelling in him, and he in us" through prayer, meditation on his Word, obedience to his will, the results are certain—we SHALL bear "much fruit." We shall not only have a new life but a fruitful life!

# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 25, 1959

Theme: PETER AND JOHN, UNDAUNTED WITNESSES

Scripture: Acts 4:1-14

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Witnessing is not for timid souls. It takes strong men to stand up for Jesus Christ.

**INTRODUCTION:** Only a few short months had passed since the crucifixion. The most disturbing reports to both Roman and Jewish authorities concerned the resurrection. Since these reports had gradually subsided and things had again taken their normal course, the authorities felt greatly relieved. Jesus of Nazareth, they were sure, was dead and would soon be forgotten. His disciples were scattered and too fearful to continue without their teacher and master. The emotional upsurge was nipped in the bud, and the more stable and intelligent element in religious circles was again in control.

What a false sense of security they built up around themselves! To think that God could so easily be defeated, that he could so easily give up! The evidence which they thought they had completely destroyed is now brought to light by fearless witnesses.

**I. COURAGEOUS PREACHING.** Acts 4:1-3.

Preaching has developed through the years into specialized fields. The particular and individual talent of the man called to be a minister led him to be a popular preacher, a teaching preacher, a pastor type of preacher or an evangelistic preacher. Often we refer to preaching, in any of these categories, as an art. According to Webster, art is a branch of learning appealing to the imagination. Preaching must necessarily be more than an art, for it must appeal not only to the imagination, but to the heart, the mind and the conscience.

After Peter's sermons, no one thought of sitting down and analyzing the contents. More often they were "pricked to the heart."

There is no doubt that we have much good preaching today. Sermons are prepared with prayer and care. If there is anything missing in the sermons in our time, perhaps it is the note of courage. It would reactivate the two original responses of the multitude: people would be led to repentance or we would be led to prison.

**II. COURAGEOUS RESPONSE.** Acts 4:4.

This was no sermon on "how to win friends and influence people." It sounded rather like a good example of how to make enemies and alienate peo-

ple. A courageous sermon seems to have the power to bring forth a courageous response. In spite of the fact that the multitude saw the priests and captain of the temple take Peter and John off to prison, five thousand dared to take their stand for Christ. They would rather be imprisoned saints than free sinners.

**III. COURAGEOUS ACCUSATION.** Acts 4:5-12.

Peter and John were brought before the Jewish tribunal to be examined and tried for breaking their so-called law. It did not take long before the process was reversed, and the judges found themselves to be the defendants and Peter, the defendant, became the prosecutor. Notice the gathering of the great for the occasion: rulers, elders, scribes, Annas, Caiaphas, a certain John, Alexander and many of their relatives and cohorts. In the midst of such an august body, Peter and John seemed defenseless. They had numbers, intellect, education and influence on their side. But when a single man is filled with the Holy Ghost, he is always in the majority and he is the one who is ultimately in control of the situation.

**IV. GRUDGING CONSENT.** Acts 4:13, 14.

It must have been difficult as well as embarrassing for these "great" men to be speechless in the presence of a few "unlearned and ignorant men." How is it possible, they thought, for such unlearned and ignorant men to speak with such authority, to be so bold and to be able to perform such a miracle? They had a difficult time finding fault with Jesus; now they were having the same difficult time trying to find fault with his disciples.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 1, 1959

Theme: THE FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

Scripture: Acts 4:32-37; 5:12-16

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** The fellowship of believers is not merely having a good time with fellow-Christians; it also means a fellowship of service and sacrifice.

**INTRODUCTION:** The word "fellowship" is beginning to have a new meaning in many of our churches to-

day. In many respects, it lacks much of the original strength, courage and conviction which was evident in the early church. We speak today of "fellowship dinners," "fellowship suppers," "fellowship parties," "fellowship singing," "fellowship night." We lack the real fellowship of the saints found in the fellowship of prayer, the fellowship of service, the fellowship of sacrifice and, above all, "the fellowship of his suffering" (Phil. 3:10). If fellowship centers too much on the social aspect of the church life, it is very easy to lose the genuine fellowship of believers. These early Christians came together and stuck together because they shared a common salvation, they shared a common Lord, they shared a common hunger, and they shared a common danger. Too often in our fellowship, we come together simply because we want to have the reputation of associating with the respectable element of society.

**I. UNITY IN FELLOWSHIP.** Acts 4:32.

The Psalmist longed for just such fellowship: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Ps. 133:1)! Perhaps the shortness of the Psalm is an indication of the shortness of such an experience. At best, it was but a foretaste of what God was able to give in much more abundance through Jesus Christ. For how can brethren long dwell together in unity unless they are unified by the Holy Spirit? These New Testament Christians were not a regiment of wooden soldiers, all carved to the same specifications and all dressed alike. Unity of the heart and soul is not uniformity. Their unity was spiritual; not physical. They had much latitude, but not lassitude.

**II. POWER IN FELLOWSHIP.** Acts 4:32.

They had great power in their fellowship because they had a unified witness—the witness of the resurrection. It was also true that, because of their witness to the resurrection, they had great power. One supplemented the other. It was impossible to have one without the other. The preaching of the apostles was Christ-centered and resurrection-centered. Along with the cross, the resurrection of Jesus became the great basic doctrine of the early church. The resurrection was not relegated to a once-a-year-sermon. It was a daily topic which gave them daily power and a daily cause for witnessing.

**III. SERVICE IN FELLOWSHIP.** Acts 4:34-37.

Dr. Rufus Jones, the great Quaker saint, organized the world-wide Friends Service Committee. He saw where the weakness in the fellowship lay and he set about to strengthen it. If ours is truly a Christian fellowship, then it must be a serving fellowship. Notice the contrast in the early

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## BECOMING NEW THINGS

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it. The man who is humble does not know he is humble.

Christ says in Matthew 5:5, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." The arrogant Peter of the old days, now Spirit-filled, in third chapter of his first Epistle tells us that a meek and quiet spirit is, in the sight of God, of great price. The reason we get so easily hurt is because we are not humble enough. And again, what is the inspiration of meekness? There is only one answer. Love! Meekness is love's tone.

"TEMPERANCE." What is temperance? Temperance is a greater word than the thing with which we associate the word today. It means much more than being a total abstainer, not

indulging in excesses. It is self-control. What is the power of self-control? What alone is sufficient to induce anyone to attempt self-control? It is nothing but love.

Self-control is the victory of love, and the victory of love is the issue of the work of the Spirit. You cannot control yourself in any way other than by the Spirit's interpretation of love to you and the Spirit's realization of love in your heart. That is the secret of self-control. Temperance is love's victory.

## ADORNING THE NEW LIFE

These are the new things which ought to adorn the new life. The basis of these virtues is the fruit of the



# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Northern District

### Vacation Bible School at Nokomis, Saskatchewan

"Living for Jesus in the Space Age" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School held August 10-14 at the Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask. The four departments were attended by 23 children with 7 teachers and helpers. The week of lessons and activities was climaxed Friday evening with a program showing parents and members of the congregation what the young folk had accomplished during the week of classes.

Following the program, a display of the week's work by the various classes was viewed in the church basement. We trust and pray that the Word of God which was sown will bear fruit for his honor and glory.

Mrs. E. Hohn, Reporter



Vacation Bible School of the Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask. Rev. Edmond Hohn, pastor, is at the extreme right.

## Eastern District

### Vacation School, Second Church, Union City, New Jersey

The Second Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., held a Vacation Bible School from August 3 to 14. Scripture Press material was used with the theme of "Living for Christ in the Space Age." A contest awarded to each child bringing a new member into the school a certain number of miles into space. Those who at the end of the school were "in orbit" were presented with a gift. The school was blessed with an enrollment of 90, and the average attendance of 70 was beyond the expectations of all the staff. Mrs. V. Prendinger, Mrs. R. Downs and Mrs. A. Downs were the superintendents of the three departments. Teachers were Mrs. S. Milton, Mrs. E. Walsh, Mrs. L. Dalessio, Mrs. E. Emr, Mrs. C. Sparling and Mrs. G. Schell.

A closing service was held Thursday evening, Aug. 13th, demonstrating the work of the school. On Friday morning a closing party was given for all school members. The collection of \$90.00 was sent to our conference to be used in children's work. It is our earnest prayer and belief that many children in our area have a new awareness and knowledge of the saving power of Jesus Christ.

Anne Downs, Reporter

### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Grosser

To the strains of violin music provided by Louanne Fuchs accompanied by her sister, Dorothy, approximately 300 relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Grosser of River Forest, Ill., greeted and congratulated them on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Arranged by their children Dorothy (Mrs. Hollis Barber) and Frederick



The Vacation Bible School children and teachers of the Second Baptist Church, Union City, N. J.

were the aforementioned Grosser children, Hollis Barber, and a quartet composed of Messrs. Walter Grosser, Oscar Heide, Bill Heine, and Carl Jenkins, former members of a class taught by Mr. Grosser. Speaking for the honored couple, Mr. Grosser gave thanks to God for his care and guidance. Dr. M. L. Leuschner closed with prayer, after which delicious refreshments were served which had been prepared by women of the former Fidelis Class.

Irma L. Grieger, Reporter

### 108th Eastern Conference Sessions in Killaloe, Ont.

The 108th Eastern Conference of North American Baptists convened at the Calvary and First Baptist Churches in Killaloe, Ontario, during Sept. 3-6. Sixty delegates representing 15 churches as well as many additional guests were graciously entertained by the members and host pastor, Rev. Norman Berkan.

The conference theme was "Evangelism with Power" based on Ephesians 6:10-18 with verse 10 as the conference text. Rev. Harold Gieseke, denominational Secretary of Education and Publication, and Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, were the guest speakers. In addition, the following messages were brought: "The Power of Truth," Rev. Raymond Yahn, Pittsburgh, Pa.; "The Power of Salvation," Rev. W. C. Damrau, Buffalo, N. Y.; On Friday evening Mr. McAsh very dramatically and effectively through recorded sound showed his wonderful slides of his recent trip to the Cameroons. Also participating were Rev. A. H. Fadenrecht of Buffalo; Bethel Church, who led the conference "Quiet Time," and Rev. Richard Mikolon of Erie Open Bible Tabernacle, who directed the Memorial Service.

Rev. Dale Chaddock of Arnold, Pa., and secretary of the Conference Sunday School Union, chaired a session on the Sunday School. Five pastors assisted him by giving brief talks on the last five points of the Sunday School Standard. Mr. Leslie Kauffeldt, conference moderator, capably and efficiently chaired all the business sessions, with Rev. Eldon Janzen of Arnprior as the recording secretary. The conference ended with a simultaneous German and English Worship Service on Sunday morning. These conference days were inspiring, instructive and helpful.

Henry G. Ramus, Reporter

## Western District

### Farewell for Mr. Lloyd Kwast, Anaheim, Calif.

The Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., held a farewell evening service, August 30, honoring Lloyd Kwast, retiring Director of Education and youth activities, which office he

has held faithfully since April 1957. The service included prayer, reading of Psalm 1, musical numbers, words of appreciation by Rev. H. John Vanderbeck and the presenting of a Bible Commentary by Mr. Victor Schmidtman, moderator, from the church membership. Lloyd gave his testimony and call into Christian service. Pastor Vanderbeck introduced Mr. Robert Boyd, newly appointed director of youth activities, and his family.

A fellowship hour, with refreshments served by the church's social committee, followed in the lower auditorium. Here two local TYG members gave Lloyd and Sharon Kwast a love offering. Mr. and Mrs. Kwast will reside in Pomona, Calif., where Lloyd will resume his studies this fall at Baptist Theological Seminary in Covina toward completing his Bachelor of Divinity degree work.

Ruth Mellen, Reporter

### Vacation Bible School, Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

Averaging 220 daily attendance, the Bethel Baptist Vacation Bible School, Anaheim, Calif., this year closed with a fine evening program on the general study theme, "Adventuring With Christ." School Director was Lloyd Kwast assisted by 52 teachers and helpers. Mission offering received was \$142.20. The nursery was conducted by Mrs. Myra Porter and Mrs. Marlene Cole.

The program featured excellent memory work "stored away," 10 Bible characters described, lessons reviewed on Christian living as soldiers of Christ whose armor is found in Ephesians 6 and delightful poems and songs. Following the program all classrooms held open house displaying study books and handcrafts made.

Department superintendents were Mrs. Ruth Mabs, Fours; Mrs. Edith Vanderbeck, Kindergarteners; Mrs. Carol Glenn, Primaries; Mrs. Carrie Lambert, Lower Juniors; Mrs. Betty Dickinson, Upper Juniors; Mrs. Viola Eggert, Handcrafts; Mrs. Irene Ausburn, Transportation; Carl Mabs and Bob Ulrich, Office.

Ruth Mellen, Reporter

### Events at Portland Ave. Church, Tacoma, Wash.

The Portland Avenue Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., is happy to report a number of past events which have added to the growth of our group spiritually. In March a Junior C. B. Y. was organized with a membership of less than twelve boys and girls. When we discontinued our regular meetings for the summer months, we were averaging twenty-five.

In June we had a successful Vacation Bible School under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. H. Smuland, and a staff of 14 teachers. Our average attendance was one hundred. Many decisions were made during the two weeks. Due to the Pacific Conference, we closed our school on Tuesday evening with a fine program for the parents.

Our new church building is progressing. On Thursday evening, August 27, a church pot-luck was held in the frame of our new building. This was followed by a fine program presented by the Woman's Missionary Society.



The Junior CBY group of the Portland Avenue Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., of which Rev. Henry Smuland is the pastor.

At this time a gift and words of farewell were given to Miss Georgia Hunter who has left our group to be a member of "God's Volunteers."

Mitzie Neumann, Reporter

### Farewell for Felbergs at Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, B. C.

With feelings of reluctance, we of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., bade farewell to our pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Felberg, who have taken on new duties at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. For the past eight years they have given tirelessly of themselves, far beyond the call of duty. The church has grown both in numbers and in Christian experience during this time and was led in an active program of work and prayer by our pastor. During the years of our building program Dr. and Mrs. Felberg gave capable leadership and counsel and it was a joy to behold the completion of the new church edifice and parsonage.

Friday evening, August 21st, was set aside by the church in honor of Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Felberg. Pastors of local churches and representatives of various organizations with whom Dr. Felberg had worked were given an opportunity to express their sentiments. On the following Sunday evening all the organizations of the church were represented in saying farewell to the pastor and his wife, paying tribute to them for their loyal support. A small member of the largest branch, the Sunday School, presented Mrs. Felberg with a bouquet of flowers. On Sunday, August 30th, Dr. Felberg preached farewell sermons in all three services to large audiences. We thank Dr. and Mrs. Felberg for their love and devoted efforts during the eight years of their ministry here and we pray God's richest blessings upon them in their future undertakings.

Mrs. E. Lueck, Reporter

### GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

Pray for them and make your contribution toward their ministry.

Read the EDITORIAL in this issue. North American Baptists, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

## Central District

### Pastor's Farewell and C.B.Y.F. Program, Martin, N. Dak.

A farewell dinner was given for Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Potratz and family by the members of the Baptist Church, Martin, N. Dak., on Sunday, Aug. 30. The Potratz family left on the following day for Regina, Sask., where they are serving the Faith Baptist Church. Gifts were presented to various members of the family by the church, Mission Circle, and Junior C. B. Y. Mr. Potratz' farewell sermon was given that evening with a fellowship lunch following in the church parlors.

The C. B. Y. Fellowship of the Martin Baptist Church presented its 47th annual program on Aug. 23rd using the theme, "Youth's Time and Talents." The program consisted of musical selections, poems and a film entitled, "Shield of Faith." An offering was taken for Church Extension.

Mrs. Gilbert Kessler, Reporter

### Ordination of Rev. Robert Klempel, Sidney, Mont.

On August 13, eleven pastors and delegates met in council at Sidney, Montana, to hear the propeties of Robert Klempel, now a student pastor at the Lennox Baptist Church, Lennox, South Dakota. Rev. Jacob Ehman, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Sidney, was elected moderator, and presided over the council. The council asked Robert Klempel to give his conversion experience, call to the ministry, and his doctrinal beliefs. This he did very ably.

On the same evening Robert Klempel was ordained by the Sidney Church, with Rev. Walter Klempel, cousin of the candidate, bringing the ordination message, based on Exodus 3:7-10, "The Call of Moses." Rev. R. H. Zepik of Plevna gave the ordination prayer, and Rev. Wesley Gerber of Billings brought the charge to the candidate and church. After Rev. Jacob Ehman gave Robert Klempel the welcome into the ministry, Rev. Robert Klempel responded with words of thanks and then closed the service with the benediction.

Wesley A. Gerber, Clerk of Council



## Farewell for the Lohrs, Corona, South Dakota

On Sunday morning, Aug. 30, Rev. Herman Lohr brought his farewell message to the congregation of the First Baptist Church, Corona, S. Dak. He based his message on I Corinthians 15:38. Mr. and Mrs. Lohr have served our church faithfully for the past 7 years and have now retired to make their home in Parkersburg, Iowa, where their son Robert and family reside. Mr. Lohr also served the Corona church in 1935 and 1936.

On Monday evening, Aug. 31, the church members and friends gathered for a farewell service. Victor Joachim presided at the meeting. Special musical numbers were rendered by the Sunday School department, by an instrumental group and by the male quartet. Rev. Floyd Breaw from Milbank, S. Dak., delivered the message. The DeBoer trio sang, "He Never Has Failed Me Yet." Rev. Don Rohn, pastor of the Corona Methodist Church, sang "Paryer Perfect." A reading, "Farewell," was given by Mrs. Herman Hackman. Anna Kampen presented a gift from the Ladies' Mission Society to the Lohr family. Harry Schulte, deacon, in behalf of the congregation gave Mr. and Mrs. Lohr a love gift of money. Rev. Herman Lohr has left an indelible mark with this congregation through his ministry and by leading it in a complete remodeling of the church building.

Mrs. Harry Schulte, Reporter

## Reception for New Pastor, New Leipzig, N. Dak.

The New Leipzig Baptist Church, New Leipzig, N. Dak., has enjoyed a busy, blessed summer. A successful Vacation Bible School was held early in June with an excellent staff of teachers and helpers to work with the 31 pupils.

July 19th was a day of real rejoicing as we welcomed our new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Allan Strohschein and Sandra. A reception was held that Sunday evening with a spiritual son of the church now serving the Rosenfeld, N. Dak., church, Rev. Arnold Friez, as master of ceremonies. Rev. David Littke, Selfridge, N. Dak., a former pastor of our church, brought a brief message. Mrs. Emil Becker, widow of our former pastor, was also present and made appropriate remarks. Special music was presented by various groups of the church and words of welcome were spoken by representatives of the church organizations.

On August 23rd a baptismal service was held outdoors at the Odessa Dam. Three young people followed the Lord in baptism. These three and Mr. and Mrs. Strohschein were extended the hand of fellowship at the evening service. We are looking forward to even greater blessings as we now serve him under new leadership.

Mrs. Floyd Roehl, Reporter

## Expansion at Northside Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

In the Sunday School Expansion program, held by the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., we never reached our goal on any given Sunday, but after the campaign had closed we went over our goal. Our Sunday School has definitely in-

## ANNIVERSARY AT BURLINGTON, IA.

The Oak Street Church in Burlington Iowa, will observe its 90th anniversary on October 25, 1959. Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, D.D., will be the guest speaker. All former pastors and members are invited to attend or to send a letter of greeting.

Carl Orthner, Church Historian  
1727 Sunnyside Avenue  
Burlington, Iowa

creased. We held Decision Sunday in March at which time the invitation was given to those who were saved but who desired baptism and church membership. About 30 scholars including first decisions responded to these invitations.

On May 31 a baptismal service for 11 young people and one adult was held. On the following Sunday, 11 of the above and four other persons by letter joined our church. Our Vacation Bible School was held in June with an average attendance of 95. On Wednesday evenings our Bible Study has been on Genesis, and this has been a real blessing.

At present we are in the process of building the top story of our parsonage basement for additional Sunday School rooms. We will report more on this later. The Lord continues to bless us. At present it seems most of our work is physical, since all the labor is volunteer, and Rev. Robert Krueger, our pastor, has learned the trade of block laying.

Louise Westerman, Reporter

## Southwestern Conference Sessions at Corn, Oklahoma

The days of August 19-23 were richly rewarding for those who were able to attend the 79th sessions of the Southwestern Conference at Corn, Oklahoma. The conference theme, "THE CHRISTIAN'S WALK AND WITNESS" (Col. 1:10 and Rom. 8:16) was developed as the guest speakers and pastors brought their messages. Our guest speakers were Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary; G. K. Zimmerman, Sunday School Secretary; Rev. and Mrs. Dave Keiry, missionaries to the San Luis Valley mission field; and Dr. M. Vanderbeck, superintendent of the Central Home for the Aged, Chicago, Illinois.

The host church and its pastor, Rev. Jack Block, provided for the conference visitors and delegates in a most congenial manner. Delicious meals were served by the women of the church. Inspiring music also was rendered by the local choir and guests from the respective churches.

The Conference voted to accept the gracious invitation to meet next year at the Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas. The newly elected conference officers are as follows: Rev. Merle Brenner, moderator; Rev. Kenneth Unruh, vice-moderator; Rev. Edwin Voigt, recording secretary; Mr. Russel Scheufler, statistical secretary; Rev. Leon Bill, mission secretary; Rev. Rube Stading, mission member; Rev. LeRoy Schauer, Sunday School secretary; Rev. William Berger, publication representative.

Lyle Wacker, Reporter

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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Rev. G. G. Rauser  
1607 Stanton Way  
Stockton, California

Rev. Eleon L. Sandau  
Randolph, Minnesota

## LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

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Sunday on October 15 were announced. Another Laymen's Conference is being proposed for 1962. Our laymen are forging ahead with a vital, inspiring program for Christ and with the revitalizing of a great deal of our denominational life.

Mr. Edward Meister as chairman of the Program Committee and those associated with him, Mrs. Walter Pankrat as chairman of the Music Committee, Mr. Clarion Cooke of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan as chairman of the Recreation Committee, and the officers of "Baptist Men" are to be congratulated on a wonderful conference at Green Lake that has left its colorful memories and sacred impressions on the hearts of all who attended. At the Laymen's Conference, we were able to get a firmer grip on this "New Life in Christ."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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church: "Neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own." "Neither was there any among them that lacked." They set about to go out and give all they could and yet they had all they needed. LeTourneau, the great Christian businessman, said, "I shovel out and God shovels in—but God has a bigger shovel."

Notice how the distribution was made: every man received according to his needs, not according to his wants!

## IV. THE MIRACLE OF FELLOWSHIP. Acts 5:12-16.

When God's people really pray together, worship together and work together, you cannot but see the power of God emanating from such a group. "All things are possible to them that believe." This was evidence of what Jesus had taught his disciples. This is the "greater works" which he promised they would do—that is, greater in number but not greater in quality. It is also evident that Jesus Christ is not only interested in the souls of men, but also in their physical well-being and in their physical needs.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Ohio; Kankakee, Ill.; Chicago, Ill.; and Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and brought a series of lectures and special messages at our Seminary in Sioux Falls. For eighteen years Dr. Jarvis was pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Sydney, Australia, the first Baptist church founded in Australia. His ministry was deeply appreciated by the large congregations that heard him.

• The Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., has extended a call to Rev. Robert Zimbelman of Punxsutawney, Pa., a church of the American Baptist Convention. But Mr. Zimbelman is a spiritual son of one of our churches in McClusky, N. Dak., a graduate of our Seminary and former pastor of the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. We are delighted to see him returning to the pastorate of a North American Baptist church. In the Faith Church of Minneapolis, where he will begin on October 15, he will succeed Rev. Adam Huber who is now engaged in a Church Extension ministry in the Minneapolis area.

## BAPTIST BRIEFS

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pated in the dedication. "God's riches are inexhaustible," Mr. Luckey said in observing the marvelous hospital. Significantly, this testimony to Christian cooperation was dedicated at the same time that world political leaders were meeting in Geneva to decide the fate of Berlin.

• Mission Opportunity At Rio! The coming of world Baptists to Rio de Janeiro for the Baptist World Congress next year "can be the greatest thing that has ever happened to Baptists in Brazil," a Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil told the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee at its annual meeting in Rochester, N. Y. Dr. Edgar F. Hallock, missionary and chairman of Rio arrangements committee, said he looked upon the thousands of non-Brazilian Baptists coming to the Congress as individual evangelists who will spread the Gospel to Brazilian nationals through their actions, conversations, and the distribution of printed materials. The Brazil of this generation, Hallock said, is the most fertile field for the gospel in all the world.

• Headquarters Site Dedicated. A 55-acre tract at Valley Forge, Pa., near Philadelphia, was dedicated by the American Baptist Convention as the site of its new denominational headquarters. Planned as one of the most modern concentrated religious centers in the country, the project is expected to be completed by 1962. With groundbreaking and construction not planned until next spring, total cost is still uncertain. Participants in the dedication included Dr. Herbert J. Gezork

# Obituary

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

## MRS. BETTY (LANG) GOODMAN of Landora, Iowa

Mrs. Betty Goodman of Landora, Iowa, younger daughter of Arthur and Mable Lang, passed quietly away in her sleep at the age of 29 on August 27, 1959 after a year and a half of failing health. Betty was born south of Landora, Iowa on Dec. 22, 1929. She accepted Christ as her Savior at the age of seven. After completing the necessary educational prerequisites, Betty taught for a period of six years in the public schools of Iowa. On June 18, 1954 she was united in marriage with Robert Lee Goodman.

Because of the unavoidable absence of Betty's pastor, the funeral service was conducted by Rev. Alvin Wetter with the thoughts of the congregation directed to Habakkuk 2:4. "But the just shall live by his faith." Wonderful memories remain in the hearts of her husband, Robert; two children, Joyce and Kevin; her father and mother; one sister, Mrs. Wayne Bolger; and a grandmother, Mrs. Gazena Lang, Victor Baptist Church, Victor, Iowa.

FRED SCHMIDT, Pastor  
AIVIN WETTER, Officiating Minister

## MRS. JUSTINA MEIDINGER of Ashley, North Dakota

Mrs. Justina Meidinger, nee Pitz, of Ashley, N. Dak., was born in Kassel, South Russia June 20, 1884. In her early youth she came to Hosmer, S. Dak., with her parents. She was united in marriage to Jacob O. Meidinger on Nov. 21, 1905 at Hosmer, S. Dak. Their home was established near Fredonia, N. Dak. Seventeen children were born to this union, 5 children preceeding their parents in death. In 1916 she was baptized upon confession of her faith by Rev. Stephan Fuxa and united with the Berlin Baptist Church where she remained active in the work of this church.

In 1939 the family came to Ashley and became actively affiliated with the German Baptist Church. At various times she suffered illness. The last few days she was hospitalized in the local hospital. As a result of a heart attack, she passed away at the age of 73 years, 1 month, 20 days. Mournful her passing are her 12 surviving children; also 39 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, 4 sisters and many relatives.

Rev. V. Prendinger assisted at the service held in Ashley.

German Baptist Church  
Ashley, North Dakota  
A. W. BIBELHEIMER, Pastor

## MR. JACOB L. MOSER of Sacramento, California

Mr. Jacob L. Moser of Sacramento, Calif., was born in Pulstal, South Russia, on Sept. 19, 1885. At 17 years of age he came to America with his parents, and settled in Streeter, N. Dak. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior in 1902 and was baptized by Rev. Burgdorf and added to the church in Streeter, where he proved himself an active and useful member, holding many offices of the church. He, along with a few others, was instrumental in having the church built in Streeter as well as in Medina.

In 1908 he was united in marriage with Rosina Donat. The Lord blessed this union with 3 daughters: Frieda, Mrs. Almo Nicklich; Hilda, Mrs. J. R. Taylor; and Helen, Mrs. George Howell. He came to live in Sacramento, Calif., in 1946 and joined the Elk Grove Baptist Church. Recently he joined with First Baptist Church of Sacramento. He enjoyed good health, but suffered a severe heart attack and died 1 P.M. on Aug. 25, 1959 at the age of 73 years, 11 months and 6 days. Rev. C. H. Walth assisted Dr. W. C. Christian of the First Baptist Church of Sacramento in the service. The undersigned and wife brought comfort in songs.

First Baptist Church  
Sacramento, California  
G. W. RUTSCH, Correspondent

## MR. CALVIN H. BAUMANN of Baileyville, Illinois

Mr. Calvin Henry Baumann of Baileyville, Ill., son of George H. and Anna Ekamp Baumann, was born in Forreston, Ill., Feb. 28, 1912. He died in the Rockford Memorial Hospital following an illness of seven weeks, at the age of 47 years. During evangelistic services in Freeport, Illinois, in 1936 Calvin received Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

On Sept. 8, 1938 he was united in marriage with Miss Ruth DeVries of Baileyville, Ill. Following their marriage, they moved to the present farm home near Baileyville, Ill. Four children blessed their union. The oldest child died at the age of two years in 1942. His homegoing was rather sudden to his many friends. Surviving are his wife, Ruth; two sons: David and Robert; and one daughter, Myrna, all at home, and a host of friends and relatives. Calvin Baumann and his family were regular and faithful attendants at the Baptist Church in Baileyville. His friendly, Christian personality endeared him to his many friends.

First Baptist Church  
Baileyville, Ill.  
REV. A. VAN KLEY, Pastor

of Newton Center, Mass., A. B. C. Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., and past president.

## AUGUST CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Aug., 1959	Aug., 1958	Aug., 1957
Atlantic	\$ 1,706.52	\$ 4,247.07	\$ 1,087.55
Central	5,062.12	5,253.87	5,115.47
Dakota	3,142.69	3,148.92	1,428.02
Eastern	761.11	1,488.57	575.90
Northern	9,236.30	3,726.60	3,711.45
Northwestern	2,165.76	6,988.20	4,046.86
Pacific	4,146.30	4,161.42	4,139.67
Southern	2,119.72	174.64	449.44
Southwestern	3,400.09	2,178.78	2,948.96
Inter-Conference	88.08	4,381.10	
	\$ 31,828.69	\$35,749.17	\$ 23,503.32

### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of August, 1959	\$ 26,317.37	\$ 5,511.32	\$ 31,828.69
For the month of August, 1958	32,051.91	3,697.26	35,749.17
For the month of August, 1957	21,131.37	2,371.95	23,503.32

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1959 to August 31, 1959	\$222,679.42	\$30,759.11	\$253,438.53
April 1, 1958 to August 31, 1958	207,903.75	20,588.66	228,492.41
April 1, 1957 to August 31, 1957	192,230.55	14,926.31	207,156.86



# DENOMINATIONAL ADVANCE BUILDING FUND

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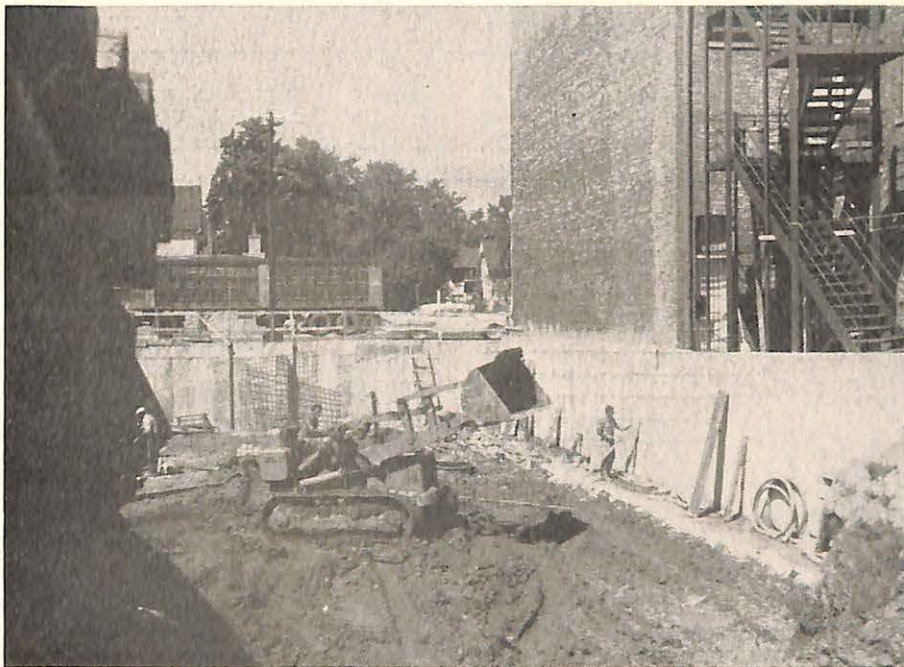


## NEW SEMINARY LIBRARY

Our maximum 8,000 book space in the present Seminary Library has been exhausted. The minimum required in the next few years is 15,000 volumes. The long range requirement is 35,000 volumes.

## WE MUST BUILD!

If we as North American Baptists are to advance in the furtherance of the Gospel, we must make provision for new and adequate facilities in Christ's Name for such a time as this.



## CONSTRUCTION WORK CONTINUES

The work on the basement of the new building at Forest Park, Illinois, is almost completed several weeks after the ground breaking exercises. This new building with full basement and two stories will provide marvelous facilities for our denominational ministry.

New Building for Relocation of  
Publication Society to Forest  
Park, Ill., and New Seminary  
Library at Sioux, Falls, S. Dak.

## What We Need!

### FOREST PARK BUILDING

- Facilities for Roger Williams Press
- Book Store on Madison Street
- Conference Room
- Multigraph and Printing Room
- White Cross Room
- Missionary Trophy Exhibit Room
- Additional Office Space
- Two Guest Rooms for Missionaries and Visitors

### SEMINARY LIBRARY

- Reading Area
- Typing and Conference Room
- Stack Area for Books
- Librarian's Office
- Periodical Stock Room
- Room for Denominational Materials and Rare Books
- Microfilm Room
- Carrels for Student work

## What We Plan to Do!

### POSTERS

Colorful posters and extra reprints of this two page spread ready early in October.

### ADVANCE SUNDAY

On Sunday, Oct. 25, all pastors will bring this Building Program to the attention of our people.

### ADVANCE FUND CAMPAIGN

For two weeks from Oct. 26 to Nov. 15 fifty solicitors will visit all churches and present the objectives of the Advance Fund to you.

## WHAT WILL BE YOUR SHARE?

BAPTIST HERALD