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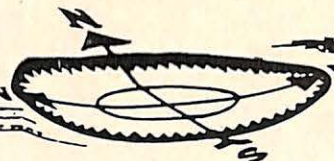
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• A new, Christian quarterly magazine, known as *Certeza* (Spanish word for "certainty") is planned especially for university students and professional people. It will be published in Argentina, and distributed throughout the Spanish-speaking world and Brazil. It will be underwritten for the first two years by International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, foreign equivalent of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. Unlike *His*, its sister publication in the United States, *Certeza* will be published primarily for non-Evangelical students and professional people, rather than Christians, as perhaps only a few thousand of the half a million students in Latin America are active Christians.

• A total of a million dollars in cash and pledges has been received for the new headquarters of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland; \$300,000 of which has come from the World Council's member churches; and \$700,000 from sources in the United States. Gifts from Foundations, individuals and other sources throughout the world will make up the remainder of the two and a half million dollars. The target date for the completion of the first permanent headquarters of the World Council is 1961. The existing Council headquarters consists of a wooden chalet, barracks and rented houses. The new, initial unit will be located near the United Nations' Centre in Geneva, and will overlook Lake Geneva. The World Presbyterian Alliance and the Lutheran World Federation plan to occupy offices in the proposed new structure.

—*The Evangelical Christian.*

• A Baptist physician and surgeon who spent almost twenty years as a medical missionary in India, has been elected President of the American Leprosy Mission. He is Dr. Oliver W. Hasselblad, former Director of the American Baptist Hospital in Jorhat, India. During his long service at Jorhat General Hospital he also served for three years as supervisor of Kangpokpi Leprosy Hospital in Manupur. As a result, he became deeply interested in modern leprosy therapy, and its challenge to Christian Missions. When Dr. Hasselblad took over the supervision of Jorhat General Hospital in Assam it was a small institution of 25 beds; he left a thriving community with a general hospital of 225 beds, a greatly enlarged leprosy settlement, two outlying medical units in the Naga Hills and a tuberculosis sanitarium—the first to be erected on the plains of Assam; and the first to be equipped for major TB surgery.

—*The Evangelical Christian.*

• One of the most alarming state-

ments—shocking, if I may use the word—to come from any dependable authority in contemporary missionary activity is one which I have not seen reported in this country but only in English papers. Dr. Frank Laubach, the literacy expert and missionary leader, in a recent address at a convention in Swanwick in England, held up a globe on which the underprivileged countries of Africa, Asia, and Latin America were marked with black stripes, and remarked, "These stripes will turn red in from five to ten years unless we change our policy. If the Communists win these billion people, the world is theirs. Some of my best friends think we are already too late." While the churches have only about 20,000 missionaries throughout the world, the Communists have

an estimated 400,000 agitators in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

—Dr. Wilbur Smith in "Sunday School Times."

• The Prohibition Party has nominated Dr. R. L. Decker, pastor of the Central church, Kansas City, Mo., for president of the United States. The party's national convention was held at Winona Lake, Ind. Professor E. Harold Munn, associate dean of Hillsdale College, Michigan, was nominated for vice-president. The convention also adopted a platform with planks opposing federal aid to education, favoring "right to work" laws, favoring cessation of nuclear testing, favoring a balanced national budget and tax reduction, and calling for "complete separation of church and state."



Baptist Briefs

• **Leadership Conference in Indonesia.** One hundred and nine leaders from Indonesia's nine Baptist churches and five mission points gathered on the campus of the Baptist theological seminary in Semarang for the fourth annual leadership conference of Indonesian Baptists. Revolving around the theme, "Praise the Lord," the sessions emphasized that every Christian can praise the Lord through witnessing, visiting, singing, teaching, and training. The use of visual aids in Bible teaching was demonstrated.

• **General Conference Meets.** An attendance of 1,261 delegates and visitors were present for the 80th annual meeting of the Baptist General Conference (of America) at Plymouth, Mass. The Convention heard encouraging reports—28 new churches, 12 new missionaries, a 10.5 per cent increase in giving and other indications of God's blessings. Rev. Lloyd W. Dahlquist of Chicago was named general secretary of the Conference, succeeding the late William Tapper. The Conference now has mission work in six fields, and named twelve new missionaries during

FRONT COVER

This picture was taken in 1958 at the Harvest and Mission Festival display in the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. It shows David Bleeker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bleeker, and "Debbie" Wessel, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Walter W. Wessel, behind the Bible and fruits of the field. We are grateful to Professor Roy Seibel for this beautiful and impressive harvest photograph! EDITOR.

the past year. Dr. Virgil Olson of St. Paul, Minn., is Conference moderator.

• **Baptists Name Hays to UN Observer Post.** Brooks Hays, immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been elected the Convention's first permanent observer to the United Nations. His designation was an action of the denomination's Christian Life Commission. A director of the Tennessee Valley Authority and former Congressman from Arkansas, Mr. Hays was a member of the U. S. delegation to the United Nations in 1955. He is a former chairman of the commission. Mr. Hays frequently has referred to the United Nations as the "most effective" agency for peace.

• **Official Languages at Rio.** Spanish has been added to Portuguese and English as an official language for the Baptist World Congress in Rio next year. Original arrangements had provided that English and Portuguese would be the official languages of the Congress and that translations would be made to these two languages. A request coming to the BWA Executive pointed out that Portuguese and Spanish are very much alike, and an address delivered originally in Spanish will not need to be translated into Portuguese.

• **Churches Fight Liquor Traffic.** Since the repeal of prohibition in Oklahoma, at least a half dozen Southern Baptist churches in the state have adopted resolutions providing for the expulsion of members who become involved in "the liquor traffic." The First Baptist Church of Idabel, Okla.,

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Editorial

Publication Sunday, Nov. 8, 1959

Our reading is a very important part of every one of us. It crystallizes our beliefs and motivates our action. It moulds the kind of character which we show to others. It can be the source of some of life's greatest joys and inspirations. In your reading, you walk with some of the greatest minds of the ages as travel companions and you glean wisdom from their experiences and observations. The Apostle Paul counseled Timothy and others with these words: "Give attention to reading!"

In our circles we have sometimes neglected this discipline and spiritual exercise. We don't do enough reading. Our age with its television sets and multitudinous activities is partly responsible. But the necessity of reading—the right kind of reading—must be impressed on us.

The observance of Publication Sunday in our churches on Sunday, November 8, ought to stress these fundamentals in the Christian life. In order to be good witnesses for Christ, we must be faithful readers of the Word, we must be informed about the wonders of God's Spirit in lives everywhere, and we must share the victories and needs of our fellow-Christians. In other words, every North American Baptist MUST read his or her denominational publications and be informed about the things of God in our churches and on mission fields.

On the occasion of this Publication Sunday, there is considerable excitement in our denomination about the relocation of our Publishing House. With the new building at Forest Park, Illinois, now under construction and with the Advance Fund of \$250,000 now being raised for this new edifice and the Seminary library, improvements in our publishing ministry are bound to be made.

The Education and Publication Society, organized at the last General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, is giving our publications and our publishing ministry a more aggressive and dynamic leadership. Dr. George A. Dunger's book on missions entitled, "At God's Command," has just come from the press as the fifth in a series of study course books prepared by our leaders and printed by our publishing house. It is a thought provoking and informative study on how to put MISSIONS into the heart and life of your church.

We hope that Publication Sunday will arouse every North American Baptist to become an ardent booster for our publications. Speak an enthusiastic word about them to non-subscribers. Arrange for your own payment of subscriptions to the "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote." Consider the adoption of the Every Family Subscription Plan by your church. We would like to have every family receiving one or more of our papers at the reduced subscription rates. Subscribe for some friends or relatives with a year-round gift.

From the pulpit and in your church bulletins, we hope that on Publication Sunday there will be arresting announcements about the importance of this observance. Remember the ministry of our publications in your prayers. Give attention to your reading of Christian literature. Be sure to renew your subscriptions with your publication agent. Become an ardent booster of our publication!

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The Future Belongs to Freedom

A Meditation for Reformation Sunday by Dr. Herbert J. Gezork, Guest Speaker at the Edmonton General Conference Sessions and President of the Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Mass.

FOR MANY YEARS the Protestant churches of Europe have celebrated the last Sunday in October as Reformation Sunday. In rapidly increasing manner this is becoming the custom in the United States. It is well for us as Protestant Christians to remember what we are standing for, and not so much what we are standing against.

EVANGELICAL CONVICTIONS

If I were to ask the readers of this paper, "Why are you a Protestant Christian?" or "What makes you a Protestant?" I am afraid that many of you would have only very vague answers. On this Reformation Day Sunday, we need to recapture something of what the Protestant Reformation meant and means to us, and to reaffirm some of our great Protestant convictions.

It would be wrong to assume that the Protestant Reformation was a complete break with the past, or that it was something entirely new in Christianity. Through the centuries there had always been the deep, quiet stream of evangelical devotion and piety. Always there had been saintly souls, their faith rooted in the Bible, lives that were glowing witnesses of the transforming power of the love of God. I need only mention Francis of Assisi, that most lovable Catholic saint who lived three hundred years before the Protestant Reformation.

But there came a time when this stream of genuine Christian faith and love and hope had almost been forced underground, and over it had been erected the structure of a vast hierarchy that became more concerned about earthly power than about divine grace—a commercialized and often corrupt church system, which all but strangled the remnants of genuine Christian discipleship. But then, as it has happened again and again in history, God sent forth men to break through the rubble of religious formality and to recover the basic truths of New Testament Christianity.

What are some of these basic truths that we must once again reaffirm as Protestant Christians?

SUPREMACY OF FAITH

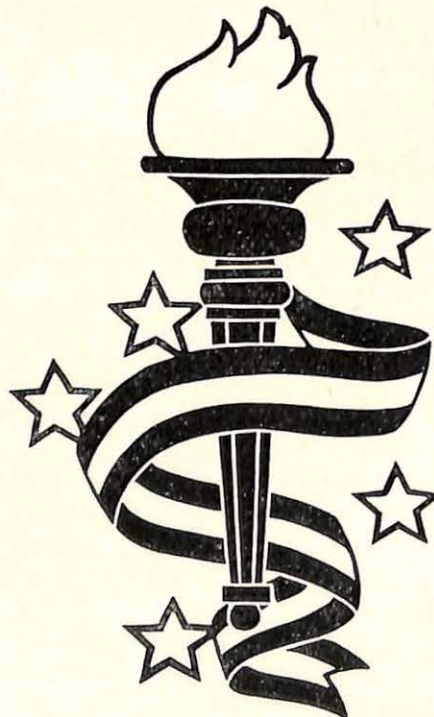
The first and most central is the supremacy of personal faith.

Look for a moment at that 33-year-old monk, Martin Luther, as on that last Sunday morning of October in the year 1517, he pinned a sheet of paper on the door of the church in Wittenberg in eastern Germany, with its ninety-five theses. In our day, he would have written a letter to the

editor of the daily newspaper. In those days there were no daily newspapers, and this was the way to proclaim a conviction and to invite others to discuss it.

For years Martin Luther had wrestled with the question, "How can I, a sinner, experience the mercy of God?" He had tormented his soul; he had fasted and prayed; he had scourged himself in his cell with whips so that he was sometimes found by his friends, lying in a faint on the cold stone floor of his cell. But all in vain, and then, out of his study of the New Testament, like a flash it dawns upon him: the mercy of God cannot be earned in any way by men's efforts. It is a free gift of God!

And then he observed all around him how a commercialized religion was leading the people astray. The agents of the Pope in Rome were traveling up and down the roads of Europe and selling indulgences, little slips of paper. The people, coming from afar, were told that by buying such slips of paper they would help the souls of their departed relatives get out of Purgatory into the bliss of Heaven, and thus be spared the pains of Hell. So the poor, ignorant people came and brought their money, sometimes the savings of a lifetime, to buy such slips of paper. Luther saw that, although at that time he was a



All freedom has its roots in the Christian conscience, enlightened by reason, free before men, but bound to the Word of God and guided by the Holy Spirit.

devout Catholic. There was a deep sadness in his heart, and the sadness became a wrath. And the Ninety-five Theses were his passionate "No!" to all that.

"No" he said, "the mercy of God can never be earned by good works or bought by gold or silver or dispensed by a priest or hierarchy or church. It can only be experienced in a personal, immediate, direct encounter of God and man, where man throws himself in despair and yet in childlike trust into the arms of the living God." That is evangelical Christianity. That is the heart of Protestantism.

FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE

And out of that grows the second basic truth, not less important, freedom of conscience, bound only to the Word of God.

Look again at Martin Luther, four years later. The pale, lonely monk stands before the Diet of Worms, where all the men who had power in those days were assembled—the mighty Emperor, the emissaries of the Vatican, the German princes. And from all sides they pounce upon him and demand of him, "Recant! Recant what thou hast taught and written!" There he stands, and then he speaks these immortal words: "My conscience is bound to the word of God. Unless convinced of error by clear arguments of reason, I will not, I cannot recant. Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me! Amen!"

In these words is expressed the decisive difference between Protestantism and other forms of Christianity. Roman Catholics and Protestants alike accept the authority of Scripture. But the question is: Who is to be their true and dependable interpreter? Rome says: the church that alone claims to go back to Peter. Anyone outside that church has no claim to salvation. But Protestantism says: the Christian conscience, enlightened by reason, free before men, but bound to the Word of God and guided by the Holy Spirit.

Here in this conviction lie the roots of all religious freedom, and also of all political freedom, and the true roots of democracy. It is no wonder that the great advances of democracy have always followed the advances of Protestantism. It is no wonder that democracy has reached its greatest strength in exactly those countries of the world where Protestantism has been and is the dominant form of Christianity. It is no wonder that in the world today communism has made its poorest showing where Protestantism is strongest.

It is no wonder that none of the

totalitarian dictators of yesterday and today, Hitler, Mussolini, Franco, Stalin, Khrushchev, Tito—not a single one of them has come from Protestant backgrounds.

Political freedom and religious freedom are more closely related to each other than most people believe. Both are based on the freedom of conscience. And I have no doubt whatever that whatever temporary setbacks this ideal of freedom may suffer—and sometimes it looks dark about us—the future in the world will not belong to a political totalitarianism, nor to a religious totalitarianism, but to a way of life where freedom of conscience is held sacred. The future belongs to freedom.

THE PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS

A third basic truth of Protestantism is the sanctity of the common life. The doctrine of Roman Catholicism is that there is a high road and a low road to salvation, and that priests and monks and nuns walk the high road, and live on a higher level of Christian perfection, and that all the others, the common folk of Christians, walk the low road and live on a lower level of Christian attainment.

But Protestantism has gone back to the Bible and proclaims the priesthood of all believers. What does that strange theological phrase really mean? It means that whatever you are—street cleaner, bank president, scholar, plumber, statesman, housewife, minister—in your vocation where God has put you, you must glorify God and witness for Christ who in his earthly life was a humble carpenter. There is no high road or low road. All have to strive for the high road of witnessing for Christ in their daily lives. This great Protestant conviction of the sanctity of the common life has been of tremendous value to civilization and to the social progress of mankind.

These are three of our great Protestant convictions. As we reaffirm them today, let us also humbly and with repentant hearts be aware of our many shortcomings. For we must confess that often our religious freedom and our tolerance have deteriorated into a tepid complacency and indifference toward the convictions of our faith and indifference toward our church.

All around us we observe how easily the liberty, which we prize so highly, can deteriorate into moral laxness and license. It has become somewhat fashionable to pity the Puritans as narrow, straight-jacketed kill-joys. But let us say this about them: they had iron in their blood! They had moral convictions and stood by them. They did not believe as some people believe that you can decide on morality by majority vote or majority practice.

They believed that there were eternal laws, written by God himself into his universe. You obey them or you disobey them, and take the consequences. And that made the Puritans



MELANCTHON TRANSLATING BIBLE WITH LUTHER

Philip Melancthon (left), closest colleague of German Reformer Martin Luther (wearing hat), is shown with him and two other associates in 1532 making the first German translation of the Bible from the original text. The others shown are Johann Bugenhagen, or 'Pomeranus' (standing), pastor, Luther's confessor and key Church organizer in Northern Germany and Denmark, and Casper Cruciger, who edited the first volumes of Luther's writings. (Religious News Service Photo).

great and that made this country great. It is high time that we recapture some of that unflinching spiritual and moral steadfastness of our Protestant forefathers.

On this Reformation Sunday, and in the years to come, let us give our Protestant witness, unashamed and unafraid, in gratitude for what God has wrought, in deep repentance for our failures and shortcomings, yet in confidence of the future which belongs to freedom, knowing that for freedom, Christ has set us free.

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DRAW NEAR TO GOD A Hymn

Draw near to God with grateful hearts,
For that to us his love imparts.
Present your sacrifice of praise
On this, the first and best of days.

Thy wondrous works we view with awe,
Thou Source of universal law.
The sky above, the sea and land,
All have been fashioned by thy hand.

For friends and kindred everywhere,
Who now with us his blessings share,
We owe allegiance, Lord, to thee,
Our one and only Deity.

The waving fields of golden grain,
The fruitful trees that dot the plain,
All these are tokens of thy love,
Sent to us from thy throne above.

The countless blessings we enjoy
Demand that we our tongues employ
In ever-swelling hymns of praise,
Both now and throughout all our days.

Thy pardon, Lord, if we forget
To take into account the debt
We owe thee for thy love and care,
Thy willingness our woes to share.

All praise, then, to the Father give,
And to the Son in whom we live;
The Holy Ghost proceeding from
The blessed Godhead, Three-in-one.

Arthur Stanley Keast
Allentown, Pennsylvania

God's Blessings at Kyoto, Japan

A Report of Rejoicing and a Call for Your Gifts by Rev. Edwin C. Kern, Missionary to Kyoto, Japan

THE PAST FEW months at Rakuyo Baptist Church in Kyoto, Japan, have been cause for rejoicing in that the Lord has blessed above that which we were able to ask or think. It is a joy to share some of these blessings with you.

During the spring months we made preparations for the baptismal service to take place in May. There was one man, a father of two sons and whose wife was baptized two years ago, who requested baptism. He has been a Christian about one and one-half years and has shown marked growth in his Christian faith.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

Before a believer receives baptism, he is required to attend a series of baptismal candidates' classes. This is designed to help the believer understand the essentials of the Christian faith and his responsibility toward the church and the world. The candidate is given opportunity to present his testimony and, on the basis of his testimony, he is either accepted or rejected as a candidate for baptism. The man gave a clear testimony concerning his faith in Christ. He concluded by quoting Phil. 3:13, 14 after which he expressed his desire to press toward the mark in Christ Jesus.

The baptismal service was held at the Katsura River, which is about one hour by train from our present meeting-place. All left on Sunday morning and arrived at the riverside in time for the morning worship service. Mr. Nishizawa, our church worker, brought the morning message. All of them brought their lunches which made it



Mr. Igaki is awaiting baptism at the hands of Missionary Edwin C. Kern in the Katsura River near Kyoto

possible to enjoy fellowship during the noon meal.

The afternoon service was the highlight of the day. The service consisted of singing hymns of praise after which Rev. Fred Moore gave his testimony in Japanese. This was his first venture to orate in Japanese before a group of people. After an explanation of the meaning of baptism, the missionary in charge led Mr. Igaki into the waters of baptism.

EVANGELISM AND SCHOOL

Along with the regular program of our church a series of evangelistic services were conducted. We had as our speaker Rev. Percy Luke, a missionary with the Japan Evangelistic

Band for over twenty years. He was able to speak clearly and intelligently to the people in their own language because he knows their language very well and has learned to understand their problems. The Lord blessed the meetings with good attendance. Several indicated their desire to follow Christ and one young man, who has been a Christian for about nine months, indicated his desire to walk closer to his Lord.

A five day Vacation Bible School was held from August 17-21. There were classes for children from kindergarten through the eighth grade. The thirty-six pupils present were guided by the theme of the school, "Sing Unto the Lord." Four teachers, three helpers and the missionaries took care of the preparations and teaching responsibility. Most of our pupils came from Buddhist homes. Therefore the truths of the Bible had to be presented clearly and simply. We are grateful to God for providing teachers who know that they have been born-again and have learned the joy of serving their Lord.

On the evening of the last day of school, we had our school program. Our little meeting-place with a floor space of about 15 feet by 15 feet was jam-packed with thirty-six children, twenty-two mothers, four young people, missionaries and teachers. The program consisted of singing, Bible memory verse recitation, flannelgraph, pantomime and picture story. In praise to God, the children performed gladly and skillfully before their mothers and friends.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAMP

This year is marked with our first venture in a young people's camp here in Japan. The program was a joint effort, including our church at Ise, the new work in Tsu and the work in Kyoto. The Lord marvelously led us in the making of plans as well as providing camp grounds for us through the Mennonite Brethren Camp near Osaka.

Our camp program was centered around the theme, "Seeking the Best." The program consisted of chapel services, Japanese Bible study, English Bible class, discussion, evangelistic services, campfire service and recreation. The 36 campers consisted mainly of students in high school and university.

Most of the campers were non-Christians which gave opportunity for Christian witnessing. Many of the students came with questions concerning religion, politics, communism, etc. Many left with a clearer understanding of Christianity. In fact, two young people confessed Christ as personal Savior and the Christian young

people went away refreshed and strengthened to serve their Lord better.

The after-effects of the camp are far-reaching in our churches. One result of camp was the beginning of a Japanese Bible class for high school students in Kyoto. The Sunday after camp, some of the high school students came to our morning worship service for the first time. They all expressed their desire to know more about the Bible and God. God has opened this avenue of service and we must enter.

PREPARATION FOR FALL

These have been some of the highlights in the past few months. They have been blessed times. There have also been experiences that have been less pleasant but we count even these experiences a blessing because we know God's hand was upon us.

Our work here is not finished. It has only begun. Therefore we are trusting the Lord to guide us as we continue to make plans for the fall months and the future. We request prayer for:

1. Our baptismal candidate's class in progress;
2. The baptismal service to be held soon;
3. For the evangelistic meetings with Pastor Akasaka from our Ise church as evangelist;
4. The prayer meeting and Bible study hour at the Ritsumeikan University;
5. Our women's work, children's meetings and English Bible classes.

We thank you for remembering these requests before the throne of grace. There is, however, one more request that is heavy on our hearts.



Children and teachers of the 1959 Vacation Bible School held at Kyoto, Japan. Most of the pupils came from Buddhist homes.

At present our meetings in Kyoto are being held in a small house. The floor-space on which we meet is about 15 by 15 feet. We have an average attendance of about twenty people including missionary families. This floor-space at present is sufficient for our Bible study and prayer meeting, but is too small for our children's meetings, Sunday morning service, evangelistic meetings, or any special meetings such as a Bible School program.

There are at present no larger buildings available for rent in our area. The challenge is growing as people in the community continue to hear more about the church. There seems

to be only one way to meet the need and that is to build a church. But we do not have the land on which to construct such a building.

The land in our area presently sells between \$55 to \$95 per tsubo (1 tsubo is a plot 6 feet by 6 feet). We need about 120 tsubo (a plot about 48 feet by 90 feet) of land to erect a building for the present need and to allow some space for expansion. This may seem like a small area of land compared to the amount used for our churches at home. Please bear in mind that land is scarce in Japan and that we are forced to build on a smaller area. Land is selling at a very high price and is going up and up! Some of the land suitable for a church building has almost doubled in price in one year.

\$6,700 NEEDED

At our Japan Field Committee Meeting in February, a recommendation was made to request the amount of \$6,700 for the purchase of land in Kyoto. This was brought before the Board of Missions and the General Council. The request was approved as a special project for Japan, over and above the regular operating expenses. The present goal therefore is to raise \$6,700 for the purchase of land for a church building in Kyoto.

The only way that this amount of money can be raised is through you as God guides and enables you to do so. This is an exceedingly pressing need in Kyoto. Please ask God to guide you as to the amount you should give for this project. Send your gift through your church or directly to our North American Baptist General Missionary Society, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. Our home office will then send you a receipt for that amount and the money will be forwarded to Japan for the purchase of land in Kyoto.



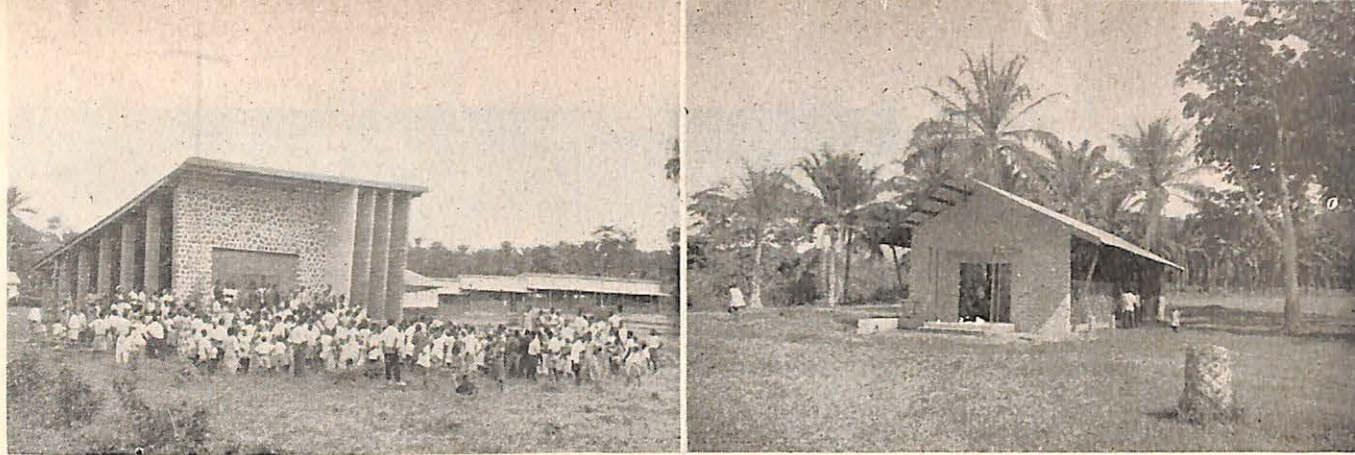
DOWN BY THE RIVER SIDE

The Baptist church group with friends and missionaries who attended the baptismal service at the Katsura River. Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, missionaries, are in back row at the left.



SMALL CHAPEL IN KYOTO

This is our present meeting-place for Baptist services in Kyoto. It is also the home for Mr. Nishizawa, church worker. Land for a new church, costing \$6,700, must be purchased. The project has been approved. Your gifts to this cause will be greatly appreciated.



BAPTIST CHURCHES NEAR VICTORIA

Dedication Sunday at the new Faith Baptist Church, Mutengene, near Victoria, Southern Cameroons (left) and (right) the Trinity Baptist Church, Moliwa, Victoria Field. Undoubtedly, these were among the first churches visited by the Zimbelmans upon their arrival in Africa!

Approaching Africa's Coast at Victoria

Written aboard the "S.S. Chicanoa" off the coast of West Africa near Dakar on September 4, 1959.

By Mr. Ernest A. Zimbelman, Teacher at the Cameroons Protestant College, Southern Cameroons, Africa.

WE ARE FINALLY approaching our destination—Victoria of the Southern Cameroons of Africa. Months of planning, packing and traveling are finally culminating. We are all full of eager anticipation!

In the past days and weeks I have read many books, articles and stories; I have talked to many people who have been to Africa, in order to gain an accurate picture of Africa—its people, its geography, its climate, its culture, its history. Knowledge about these areas in Africa will help me gain an understanding of the place where I shall be working as a teacher for the next four years.

The general opinion of those who are familiar with Africa is that within this vast continent there is a potential for a great future for many na-

tions; that is, if the numerous problems now present can be solved. Many authorities are very apprehensive and pessimistic on this point. They have grave misgivings about the ability of the African to handle his own affairs, if and when they are turned over to him.

What parents have complete confidence in the ability of their children to plan and execute their future when the time comes for the children to leave home for college, marriage, work, or the military? Even though there is general concern, we all realize that there comes a termination point when the children must begin depending on themselves. Surprisingly enough, most of them fare very well.

No child, on leaving home, has so many well wishers and actually so

many friends as the young nations of Africa seem to have. It is because so many parent governments are genuinely interested in the future of these young nations that there is so much concern about their future. We would spare those for whom we care from difficulties, and therefore we have a tendency to continue to give guidance when this is no longer necessary or appreciated. The Africans feel that in many areas they are ready to walk alone.

Many of us believe that it is healthy for a young person to have some difficulties and knocks while young. It will make him appreciate life more fully. No doubt, the new nations of Africa and the individual citizens will have some intense struggles and difficulties, but they too will be the better for it later.

Much planning, work and sacrifice have already gone into the future of Africa. If the present individuals who are connected with Africa's future remain dedicated to her welfare, then there is no need to worry about the final outcome, even though we are already certain that the struggle will not be light.

THIS IS MY TASK!

As a Christian teacher, I shall see Africa for the first time in six days. I do not intend to spend or waste much time worrying about the future Africa. I shall best serve the people of Africa if I am a dedicated and efficient teacher, living the Christian life in every area of my own experience, witnessing of the power of Christ to transform and change the lives of individuals who accept him as their Lord and Master. The light and truth which Africa needs in building its future can be given only by instilling the source of Light and Truth in the hearts of individual men, women and children. This is my task!



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Zimbelman, Cameroons missionaries, and their sons, Joel and Kirk.

The Importance of the Family Altar

The family altar is the key that opens the door to a new and higher life in Christian experience.

By Rev. Robert S. Hess, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash.

THE HOME IS the most vital part of one's world. The development of Christian faith is dependent upon the environment in which one lives. No one discovers Christ without finding it out from others who share his life and surroundings. Here is the great role of the home. The family altar is the key that opens the door to a new and higher life in Christian experience.

It is an encouragement to know that the Holy Spirit came while the disciples were in an upper room in an ordinary home. Many Christian men and women attribute their conversion and witness to the influence of family worship. Others who are not professing Christians, but who are moral and upright citizens, testify to the role of the family altar in their lives.

THE HOME'S NURTURE

The morality of a nation depends upon the home. Where the home is spiritually strong, national righteousness is high, but when the home begins to fall apart, the national life begins to disintegrate. The home is in great jeopardy! Marital bands are snapping, parental authority breaking down, juvenile hoodlums roam the streets in gangs, and filial reverence is almost unknown today. With crime increasing more than five times faster than population growth, surely the necessity of the family altar can not be refuted. Negligent parents and disobedient children are a menace to a nation and a grief to God.

Christian nurture in the home is indispensable. The environment, training and conversion of children are essentially the God-given responsibilities and privilege of the home. The first spiritual influence is in the home. The family altar preserves the child for the Lord. In order to leave your children an everlasting inheritance, then bring them into God's presence during the early, impressionable years.

It is here in the home where the little minds understand that father and mother have faith in God who loves and cares. Here the first seeds of love and faith are sown, Christian character is developed, high standards established, and the life begins to build on the Word of God. The whole life is moulded. Often here is where the call of God to a ministry is heard.

There is an absolute need of inner strength of character and health of mind to live in a world like ours. The gods of material pleasure and material things are ruling the masses and ensnaring Christians. Honesty and integrity are scoffed at. News stands sell filth, and sexual immorality is rampant. Either we are a part of this disgraceful national problem, or the

BIBLE PASSAGES OF THE FAMILY ALTAR

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Psalms 103:17-18

Matthew 18:2-6

Ephesians 6:1-4

answer to it. The family altar can make the difference, building inner resources of strength, and a concern for the world in which we live.

It is claimed that the great evangelical revival in Great Britain in the day of John Wesley saved that nation from a revolution like that which occurred in France. Behind that great awakening were the home prayer meetings and family altars. In this critical hour of the world's history, the family altar can mean more than the diplomats' conference table, international agreements and summit talks. The establishment of hundreds of thousands of family altars can save the world from universal destruction and empower the Church of God.

Family ties become closer, sweeter and stronger when there is daily worship in the home. Members become sensitive and responsive to each other. Problems are resolved. Understanding and love become meaningful in

compassion, consideration and care. Each member of the family learns to cherish each other for what they really are and not for what they might or might not be.

When family Bible reading and prayer become a daily part of the family life like eating and working, there is happiness and peace. A security is enjoyed that is not of this world and which can not be taken away. There is an awareness that there is something working within the family that is greater than the family—God's presence.

AN ALTAR IN EVERY HOME

Parents can not put the responsibility of the spiritual and moral welfare of the children onto the church and school. The father, especially, is the priest of his home. God declares that if there is no provision made for the necessities of life for the family, such an one is worse than an unbeliever. How much more terrible it is to neglect to provide for the spiritual needs! It begins by personal example, and the God ordained family altar as the means of fulfilling this sacred responsibility.

There are numerous excuses which Christian people offer, for not having

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World Refugee Year and Baptists

Every North American Baptist should become acquainted with this tremendous program and be aroused with compassion for the millions of refugees in today's world!

By Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba

THE WORLD Refugee Year is one of the biggest programs ever launched by Western Nations to find a solution to the problems of the refugee. As of today, it looks as though it will take the major part of a year to set the tremendous organizational machinery into motion. Possibly concrete results will follow. However, even by the organizational efforts, certain goals of World Refugee Year will have been achieved.

Actually, the refugee problem has been with us for such a long period, that the individual living in the free world has almost learned to live with it, and has therefore become somewhat callous to the plight of the refugee and to the fearful consequences on his own society. But the refugees kept on coming, some from old, well known places, such as Eastern Germany, China, North Korea, but also from unexpected new and remote places—Viet Nam, Laos, Ghana or Hungary.

It was actually the Hungarian outbreak which gave us a rather rude awakening and reminder. Many church people in Canada were surprised to learn, during the Hungarian outbreak, that there were ten million refugees in Germany and that we had dealt with refugees ever since the close of the second war.

WRY BEGAN IN JUNE 1959

In September 1958, the General Assembly of the United Nations instructed its General Secretary to "undertake measures as he considered suitable to arrange the establishing of a World Refugee Year according to the resolution passed." The WRY began officially in June 1959. Practically all member nations of the United Nations took up the challenge and established the WRY on a national basis. Up to July of this year, a total of fifty-five nations were busy setting up national committees for carrying out an active program.

But the idea was that the actual work was to be accomplished by voluntary, public sponsored organizations. The United States took the lead by organizing the Committee for World Refugees with participation of practically all voluntary agencies and church organizations. In May of this year the Canadian Committee for World Refugee Year was organized. We, as North American Baptist Immigration and Colonization Society, have accepted sponsorship relation to CCWRY by our membership in the Canadian Christian Council for Resettlement of Refugees. Sponsorship means: "Willingness to appoint a representative and an alternate to the

CCWRY and willingness to use the resources of the organization to publicize and promote the objectives of CCWRY."

The U. S. A. and Canadian committees are interested in close co-operation. Accordingly, the plans, programs and forms stating purpose and objectives were prepared jointly. For many years we as North American Baptists have had an active participation in the relief ministry to refugees, by food and clothing distribution from our headquarters in Forest Park, and by an immigration program to Canada and the U. S. A.

STATISTICS COME TO LIFE

Figures and statistics mean very little, unless we can train our minds to break down the figure of million into the plight and distress of one million individuals, men, women, young people and children. We must furthermore learn to break down race and ethnic barriers. To be forced from home and country is equally disastrous and frightening to the yellow-skinned mother as it is to the German or Russian speaking mother. It is difficult to give statistics or accurate surveys of refugees.

Elfan Rees in his booklet, "We Strangers and Afraid," suggests: "Refugee statistics are a pitfall for even the most wary. There is a vast margin of error, for counting heads in a crisis is always difficult; moreover, statistical procedures vary across the world from the scientific to mere guess-work. It is probably wise to assume that even the most conservative estimates are inflated."

No less than 15,000,000 refugees and displaced persons have crowded into Western Europe. The flood gates were opened gradually when Hitler's soldiers marched eastward. Nationals of invaded countries were "resettled" in western countries. When the military tide turned, the real tragedy began. Millions tried to escape the onrushing, crushing wheels and tracks of Russian tanks and airplanes. Millions died in the horrible process; millions more disappeared. But some thirteen million survived and arrived as homeless and penniless refugees. Many had fled from Russian weapons, many from Bolshevik atrocities, but many were deliberately expelled with the approval of Allied Nations.

Elfan Rees states in "We Strangers and Afraid": "Little has been said and less is known in the world at large about this massive crime against humanity. It may well be that it has been the deliberate policy of guilty men to ignore and forget the enormous

consequences of their criminal foolishness. In this case, the U. S. A. and the United Kingdom must bear a great burden of guilt. By Article XII of the Potsdam Agreement they authorized the mass expulsion and expropriation of millions of innocent persons."

Refugees are like a disease which spreads to the most unexpected places of the globe, or like an explosion which shakes human society in the most remote regions. There is the flight from Tibet into India—probably involving more than 10,000 persons. The London Times states:

"Ghana is facing a mounting problem in the thousands of Ghanaian refugees who have been arriving from the French Ivory Coast since the 'anti-foreign' riots there in October."

The Indonesian government also has provided relief for refugees who recently fled from rebel-infested areas in North Sumatra. There is the ever-festering area of the Near East with an estimated million Arabs sitting on the borders of Palestine, unwanted by Arabs and Whites, breeding hatred and vengeance.

Another place of concern is Hong Kong, where out of a population of two and a half million the staggering number of 700,000 are classified as refugees from mainland China. Rees states: "Despite heroic efforts and quite disproportionate expenditures by the government in Hong Kong, the majority of these refugees still live in appalling squalor and overcrowding in hillside shanties or rooftop huts."

There are Korea and Viet Nam, and in Africa Morocco and Tunisia with 160,000 refugees from Algeria.

REFUGEES FROM EASTERN GERMANY

Of particular concern to us is the ever-flowing stream of refugees from Eastern Germany—running at the rate of from 700 to 1,000 persons a day—into Berlin and Western Germany.

Here are some figures on refugees according to the office of the High Commissioner for Refugees:

Africa, about 170,000.
Asia, including Arabs from Palestine, Hong Kong, India, Korea, Viet Nam—about 21,500,000 persons.

Europe, including expellees and refugees from East Germany, and war refugees still in East Germany, about 18,000,000 persons.

It is certain that at least 40,000,000 persons have become refugees since 1954. How many of them continue in their plight in 1959 is a difficult question. The High Commissioner estimates that at the present time there are between 15 and 17 million persons

justly classified as refugees.

What then is hoped to be accomplished by WORLD REFUGEE YEAR? Although every nation is at liberty to state its own objectives, the U. N. High Commissioner has combined the objectives in a few brief statements:

a) to draw everybody's attention to the problem of the refugees;

b) to incite governments, charitable organizations and the general public to make financial contributions to the general fund of aid to refugees;

c) to instigate, on a purely humanitarian basis, new possibilities for finding permanent solutions to the refugee problem, favoring voluntary repatriation, rehabilitation or integration.

OBJECTIVES OF WRY

One of the chief aims is to clear refugee camps in Europe. At the last count, there were still 140 camps in Austria, Germany, Greece and Italy with approximately 32,000 persons living under most primitive conditions. About 25 per cent of these are young people under 18 years of age. Many of these families have one or more members who are considered "hard core," either tubercular or afflicted with another serious disease. They are barred from emigration, and they refused to be separated. They waited and waited, hoping against hope that they would finally get a chance. Yet, the only humanitarian solution is to remove them with their families from the camp atmosphere. Many still hope for an emigration possibility. In Canada public opinion seems to favor such an immigration program, but government regulations and red tape are difficult to overcome.

Some European countries, and lately New Zealand and Australia, have taken a relatively small number of



CAMP FOR REFUGEES IN GERMANY

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difficult families, and have reported excellent results.

The question to be asked by each individual as well as by us as denomination is not new: What can I or we do to help in relation to World Refugee Year? In line with Point One of the WRY objectives, we can remind ourselves constantly of the great tragedy in which so many people live. This should not make us feel depressed. On the contrary, it should make us feel thankful to God. Many former refugees, now safely tucked away in new homes and economic security of America, are being accused that they forget so soon. Remembrance and gratitude should always come in a concrete, positive manner.

But if it causes greater love and sacrifice, willingness to understand and help, such expressions of gratitude can become a tremendous force. To those of us who have enjoyed security

of home and government protection in our pursuit for happiness, we actually owe a great ministry to our stricken fellowmen. What have we done to deserve living in a free and prosperous America?

Our motive for participating in the World Refugee Year must be more than selfish concern about our own jobs or standard of living, or our adequate housing. We act because we are followers of the Christ who is concerned about the soul and welfare of each individual man, woman and child in all the world.

WHAT BAPTISTS CAN DO

The refugee will probably remain a problem of western nations and society for a long time to come. Christian people will have to assume their share of burden in bringing relief. What can we as North American Baptists do during the Refugee Year?

1. Thank God for his mercy and grace by letting us live in economic security and under protection of good government.

2. Our gratitude should result in active and concrete help—financial and otherwise—to the solution of the refugee problem.

3. Contributions can be sent to "Fellowship Fund," North American Baptist Headquarters, Forest Park, Ill. in the U. S. A., or in Canada to N. A. B. Immigration and Colonization Society, 303 McIntyre Block, Winnipeg 2, Man.

4. Church groups and individuals can urge their government representatives to seriously consider admitting hard core refugees for settlement in their country.

5. All of us can take a more understanding attitude toward refugees, who have often, not only lost possession and home, but also the ability to meet members of the outside world. Many of these people have become bitter toward God and the world. They require much love and patient care. It seems quite evident that the "man who fell among the thieves" has now been placed in front of our door.



CHILDREN IN A REFUGEE CAMP

Figures and statistics mean very little, unless we can train our minds to break down the figure of "a million" into the plight of these refugee children in a camp in Germany.

1960 Plans of Baptist Jubilee Advance

Programs in preparation and future objectives of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Joint Committee.

PLANS TO PRODUCE a Baptist Oratorio were projected by the Baptist Jubilee Advance Joint Committee, according to T. B. McDorman, executive secretary of the Baptist Federation of Canada and general chairman of the Committee.

The proposal was made by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies for celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Triennial Convention and to honor Adoniram Judson, first American Baptist foreign missionary. The plans call for participation of all the Baptist Jubilee Advance groups. The production will involve a presentation at the Jubilee celebration in 1964 at Atlantic City. Professional singers, college choirs and a recognized symphony orchestra will be sought in developing the idea.

Portions of the Oratorio will be put in sheet music for use in churches and for recordings to be made for sale through book stores.

NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Howard Roach, Plainfield, Iowa, was elected as general chairman of the Jubilee Advance Committee for the coming year. Mrs. Roach is the past president of the National Council of American Baptist Women. Hubert Porter of New York was re-elected secretary.

In another action the Seventh Day Baptists were welcomed as a participating body in the Jubilee Advance. This brings to seven the number of national groups in the program. The others are the American Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention, Inc., the National Baptist Convention of the U. S. A., the North American Baptist General Conference and the Baptist Federation of Canada.

In response to a request from the Religious Liberty Conference recently meeting in Washington and from the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, the Jubilee Committee voted to request its special emphasis committee for 1964 to include an emphasis on religious liberty in its theme of the world mission of the church.

1960 ADVANCE EMPHASIS

In 1960 the Jubilee Advance emphasis will be on Bible teaching and training. Each cooperating denomination will implement the theme in its own way, but there will be three projects in common—a poster to be used by all groups, a proclamation to announce the year, and a leaflet to explain the program.

The 1961 emphasis will be on stewardship and will include four phases—winter, the stewardship of witness; spring, the stewardship of daily work; summer, the stewardship of church membership; and fall, the stewardship

of possessions.

Discussions are being projected by the Committee to explore the possibility of developing a Baptist hymnal for use by Baptist churches throughout North America.

Progress was reported to the Committee for the production of a film on the life of Adoniram Judson, a book on the Baptists by a prominent writer team in the United States, preparation of a Baptist Jubilee Advance exhibit at the Baptist World Congress in Rio in the summer of 1960, and on articles to appear in national magazines.

Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa, secretary of evangelism in the American Baptist Convention, was the keynote speaker

The Baptist Joint Committee

News of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, of which our Conference is a participating member, by Mr. W. Barry Garrett, Regional Editor.

NEARLY 100 Baptist leaders from six Baptist fellowships in North America met in Washington, D. C., recently for the third annual Religious Liberty Conference, sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs of which C. Emanuel Carlson is executive director. The subject for discussion was "The Place of Religion in Education and the Relation of the Churches to the Public Schools." The purpose of the Conference was to bring the Baptist leaders face to face with current religious liberty problems in the field of education, to discover pertinent Baptist insights that might guide toward solutions, and to encourage further discussion and study throughout the nation. Although the Conference reached remarkable unanimity on many points, it made no effort to make pronouncements or to arrive at positions that could be announced as the Baptist position. Baptists have no authoritarian structure by which firm positions can be arrived at. Rather each person is encouraged to secure the facts and think for himself.

FOR BAPTIST INFORMATION

Special studies for the information of the Baptist people in the United States were approved by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in semi-annual session in Washington, D. C., according to C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director.

Religious liberty problems are involved in much legislation on the national scene and in the administration of that legislation. Special inquiries will be made into the foreign aid program, donable property program, and other aspects of governmental aid to

on evangelism at the Committee meeting. His subject was, "The Central Place of the Church in Evangelism." He emphasized the place of laymen in the ministry of the church. He said that the laymen are the evangelists in a New Testament church and that the work of the preachers is to train and perfect the laity to perform the work of the ministry.

DR. WOYKE, 1960 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Frank Woyke, executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference, was named the keynote speaker for the Committee's next meeting, March 2, 1960, in Washington, D. C.

sectarian institutions and agencies. When these studies are completed the findings will be made available to the Baptist people through the Baptist Press, the Report From The Capital, and other publications reaching the Baptist people.

Authorization was also given for a special committee of scholars to prepare a basic paper on the historic Baptist principles of religious liberty and the separation of church and state. Special attention will be given to the application of these principles to present day society and current relations between churches and the state.

PROGRAM OF EXPANSION

A far-reaching program of expansion for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs was approved in principle for submission to its cooperating constituencies during the recent meeting of the Committee here. Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, is chairman of the Committee, and C. Emanuel Carlson is the executive director.

The expanded program calls for the establishment of a department of coordination which would work with each cooperating convention in harmony with the established policies of the conventions. The new program calls for \$86,000, or an approximate doubling of the budget and allocations from the conventions.

Last year the BJCPA expanded its program by establishing a program of Information Service, which has resulted in an increased flow of information and interpretation of news from the Washington scene to Baptist publi-

cations and through the Report From The Capital, a monthly newsletter from Washington.

The BJCPA is composed of representatives elected by seven national Baptist bodies. The cooperating groups are the Southern Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Convention, the Baptist General Conference, the North American Baptist General Conference, the National Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention, Inc., and the Baptist Federation of Canada.

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THE FAMILY ALTAR

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a family altar in the home. A very popular excuse is, "We are too busy. We can not spare the time." Most are so busy running to and fro, to this and to that, spending hours before a TV screen, even in the quest of the Lord's work, until the prayer altar is crowded out.

People have time to do what they really want to do! Don't be guilty of giving time to the less essential, while missing the most essential.

Don't rob yourself and your loved ones of the priceless experience of the family altar. May I urge the readers of the BAPTIST HERALD with all the earnestness of my heart that you make 1960 a year of "new life" by beginning the daily habit of family worship. Many of you, I am sure, are enjoying daily family worship. Those who are not now but who pledge to do so will be fulfilling God's holy purpose as Christian parents, bringing thereby a new and rewarding glow into the family circle. Whole pages of tears never will be written!

From the Professor's Desk

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

I recently read in a Sunday School quarterly that Darius the Mede, who, according to the Book of Daniel was the conqueror of Babylon, is a fictional character. Is it true that nothing is known of this man who is such an imposing figure in the Book of Daniel?

The identity of Darius the Mede is an historical problem of long standing in Old Testament studies, and there is no easy answer to it.

First, it must be stated frankly and honestly that no person by the name of Darius the Mede has ever been discovered in non-Biblical sources which give the history of the period in question. The persistence of lack of corroborating evidence has led many Old Testament scholars, among them the outstanding Baptist, H. H. Rowley of Great Britain, to question the historical basis of the entire Book of Daniel. He states his view in strong words: "The claim of the Book of Daniel to be a work of history, written by a well-informed contemporary, is shattered beyond repair by this fiction of Darius the Mede." (*Darius the Mede and the Four World Empires of the Book of Daniel*, p. 59).

Recently two alternatives to Rowley's conclusion have been suggested. One is by Donald J. Wiseman in an article entitled, "Nebuchadnezzar and the Last Days of Babylon," (*Christianity Today* II, 4) and another by John C. Whitcomb, Jr., in a learned

There are many helps available to encourage the practice of family worship. Daily devotional magazines and books of daily readings are published. The North American Baptist Daily Bible Reading outlines for family devotions are sent to the churches every

monograph, *Darius the Mede*, published by Wm. B. Eerdmans this year. Wiseman identifies Darius the Mede of the Bible who captured Babylon in 539 B. C. with Cyrus the Persian. He comes to this conclusion by his interpretation of certain newly discovered cuneiform texts which have to do with the history of the period in question.

Whitcomb, on the other hand, after a careful comparison of the biblical evidence concerning Darius (especially Daniel 6) with what is known from extra-biblical sources of one Gubaru, the governor of Babylon during the days immediately following the conquest of the city in 539 B. C., concludes that these two men are one and the same.

Although neither Wiseman's nor Whitcomb's theory is capable of demonstration, the fact remains that either theory provides a learned alternative to Rowley's historical skepticism of the Book of Daniel. It is also well to remember in dealing with such biblical problems that at one time grave doubt was expressed concerning many names and places (e. g., Hittites, Belshazzar, Megiddo, Lachish, etc.) in the biblical record, which today, due to archeological research, are solidly established as historical. The spade of the archaeologist has an intriguing way of confirming the Biblical record and of embarrassing our too hasty conclusions.

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

Through its scholarship program, our Woman's Missionary Union has helped deserving young women acquire the necessary education to enter a chosen field of service. Last year such assistance was given to Miss Barbara Weisser, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Weisser of Herreid, S. Dak. Miss Weisser, a senior at our Seminary this year, received her B. A. degree from Sioux Falls College where she majored in English, Speech and Drama. She has been a teacher, and has completed the first two years' work toward a Master of Religious Education degree. She is at present a member of the Executive Committee of the Comissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship.

THE CHALLENGE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Miss Barbara Weisser

No greater challenge or calling is found than that which is given by our Lord and Savior to proclaim the Gospel to the world. A more worthwhile and fulfilling calling cannot be found.

This challenge and call led me into the field of Christian Education. After studying at our Seminary in Sioux Falls for one year, new vistas and new challenges have been realized.

All the activities and experiences which the church provides, directs or uses "to lead persons to commit themselves to Christ and his cause, to engage persons and groups in living the Christian life ever more fully and effectively, and to enable persons to work together and with God in the development of a better world" represent the program of Christian Education.

The position of Minister or Director of Christian Education can have a vitalizing influence in a church. What part does a Director of Christian Education play within the church? The simplest way to state his position would be to relate it to the pastor's work. The pastor heads the preaching-ministry and the pastoral-ministry, while the director heads up the teaching-ministry. One who finds a challenge in administration, in organization, in supervision and in the making of future church leaders would find these challenges as a Director of Christian Education in a local church.

The amount of money and time spent in providing the facilities, materials, administrators and teachers in secular education should cause one to consider and compare what is being done in the field of Christian Education in your church, which is really the most important. Now is the time

Stronger Leadership in Our Youth

By Jack Wobig of Portland, Oregon, Vice-president of the CBY Fellowship.

LEADERSHIP IS an important field and one that must be carefully considered by our young people today. Leadership is an important asset to Christian young people who are willing to testify about the Word of God to others. Stronger leadership must be supplied by our Christian young people if we are going to show the world the true way of peace. We must remember that leadership is not a single responsibility but a case of persons contributing, with different amounts of effectiveness, to the operations of a working group.

LEADERSHIP QUALITIES

There are several personal qualities that are necessary to consider in being a good leader. First of all, it should be a person with a good reputation and Christian character; one who possesses a deep love for and understanding of the Christian faith. A Christian with a real love for Christ who has leadership abilities can be a tremendous influence to others.

Next, the leader should be one who has the ability to think and act quickly. There are always occasions in meetings when the leader must be prepared to take over on the spur of a moment. People will have more confidence in you if you can make up your mind immediately.

A leader must also have the ability to get along with others. It is the aim of the leader to get the group to think together. Respect for the opinions of others is just as important for a leader. Thus, he must be a good listener and find out what his group wants. If he shows he does not like what the group is doing, they will respond by not liking him.

A good leader must also be willing to remain in the background. This means that he keeps his attention focused on others rather than on himself, but he still guides the progress of the meeting.

There are many opportunities to become a leader. Many officers are usually needed in church, youth work, Sunday School, and your own public schools and organizations. A Christian leader in the public school can be a real witness in such a position. If you take the opportunity to become a leader, there are certain functions to remember that you have as a leader. Initiate the group to keep it active. Point out definite goals and pro-

to discover and employ the most effective means and methods and to train more effectively our church school teachers and officers in order that souls may be saved and the Christians may grow in their Christian life.

The Director has a great mission in

pose procedures for your group. Regulate the direction and tempo of the group's work. Be prepared to inform or express opinions to the group. Support your group in all possible ways. This will help to relieve tension and thus harmonize your group as a unit. Be able to evaluate your group's decisions, goals and procedures. If a leader correlates these functions, he will do a good job as well as get much accomplished.

SUGGESTIONS FOR LEADERSHIP

Here are some ideas to strive for in leadership. Be a working member of the group. Avoid standing off and giving orders. Neither should you do all the work but rather distribute it to give everyone a chance for leadership. This will help to balance your organization. Be constantly aware of the individuals in your group. Look for the highest development of each individual and use this strength that each has. A leader must be ready to give personal help to anyone who wishes it. If the problem is too difficult, turn to your pastor or to someone who is qualified.

A supreme test of a leader is met if he is able to consider his defeats as a lesson. Use your failures to become a more successful leader. If you want to become a good leader, learn not to break under pressure. Realize that the members in your group will make mistakes. Thus exercise patience in helping them correct these errors. Remember that you should be interested in the quality of your work rather than in the quantity.

A leader is one who represents and serves those who follow him. Make your group proud when you represent them in programs, meetings and other such occasions that only needs one person but reflects the whole group. A leader should believe in and try to practice the ideals of his or her organization. Have a great and worthy purpose. People will not want you to represent them or follow you if you do not have a definite goal that you can all be striving to achieve.

Finally, a leader must realize that his job requires time and energy and he must be willing to give it. He must keep in training by study, Bible reading, prayer and wholehearted commitment to the task of leadership. Dedicate yourselves to these things and you too can become a leader for God, church and country.

that he is the church's educational analyzer, organizer and stabilizer. He is the curriculum constructor and supervisor, the leadership selector and trainer, the superintendent's encourager. He is the one who initiates the

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What's Happening

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 27, Dr. Louis R. Johnson, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., baptized 7 converts on confession of their faith in Christ as Savior. Rally Day was observed on Oct. 4 with a goal of 350 set for the Sunday School. From Oct. 18 to 25 the church's Fall Revival was held with Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Mich., serving as the evangelist.

● The First Baptist Church of Eureka, S. Dak., held its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 11, with Rev. E. S. Fenske of Lehr, N. Dak., as the guest speaker. Rev. A. E. Reeh is the pastor of the churches in Eureka and Leola, S. Dak. A report of the Harvest and Mission Festival in the Leola Church held on Sept. 20 appears elsewhere in this issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The Baptist churches of Anamoose and Lincoln Valley, N. Dak., have extended a call to Rev. Milton Vietz of Hebron, N. Dak., formerly pastor of the Baptist Church, Mott, N. Dak. He accepted the call and began his ministry on the new field on Sunday, October 4th. Rev. A. Krombein was the former pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Milton Vietz have also announced the birth of a daughter on July 3, 1959 who has been named Gloria Ann. This is their second child.

● The Upper Bay Baptist Church of Santa Ana Heights, Calif., held its Vacation Bible School during the last two weeks of August with an average attendance of 150 pupils and 25 teachers. It was a joyous time as 29 children accepted Christ as their personal Savior. The theme was "Living for Jesus in the Space Age." The parents and friends were invited to the closing program on August 28, as reported by Mrs. Walter Talbert. Rev. Fred David is pastor of the church.

● A dedication service for a new bulletin board was held by the First Baptist Church of Appleton, Minn., on September 13 in connection with the worship service. This bulletin board was donated by Mrs. Emma Ninneman in memory of Mr. John Ninneman. It is of oak construction and was made by a grandson of Mrs. Ninneman, Winton Overe of Dawson, Minn. Rev. Ben Lauth is serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Appleton.

● On Thursday evening, Sept. 17, the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, held its fall convocation for the Bible College Department in the McKernan Baptist Church. President A. S. Felberg was in charge of the program and brought an introductory message on the proposed program

of the Bible College Department. Dr. Bernard Schalm of the faculty delivered the address, "The Challenge of Christian Education Today." An alumni choir under the direction of Rev. Edward Link provided the special music.

● A step forward in the work of the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, was the purchase of a parsonage in August. Located less than two blocks from the church, it is an attractive three-bedroom bungalow with cedar siding. The purchase price was \$14,000. The parsonage was dedicated to the Lord during the evening service on August 23, which was conducted by the former pastor, Rev. Richard Grabke. The first occupants of the new parsonage are Rev. and Mrs. Lorimer Potratz and family, formerly of Martin, N. Dak.

● The Baptist Church of Onoway, Alta., held its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 25, with Rev. R. Kluttig, pastor of the Zion Church of Edmonton, Alta., bringing the missionary message at the morning service. The Men's Choir and Band of the Zion Church were present and rendered special music. In the afternoon service the Zion Church choir took part in the program, and Rev. J. B. Kornalewski of Kelowna, B. C., who was serving the Zion Church at that time, spoke at the service. Rev. Robert Jaster is pastor of the Onoway Church.

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 13, the First Baptist Church, Linton, N. Dak., held a mortgage burning ceremony with the final liquidation of a \$15,000 mortgage on the new parsonage that



Rev. George Robinson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jamestown, North Dakota.

was constructed in 1955. With the September 1959 Building Fund offering, the church raised \$26,475 for the parsonage. Rev. Arthur J. Fischer, pastor, preached on the theme, "Our People Have a Mind to Work." After the service, the congregation held a Fellowship Hour at which the birthday of the pastor was celebrated with an appropriate cake, congratulatory messages and a good sized cash gift.

● The Junior C. B. Y. F. of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., presented the Christian and Canadian flags to the church on Promotion Sunday, Sept. 27, and dedication services for the flags were held with Rev. Fred J. Knalson, pastor, offering the prayer of dedication. Thanksgiving Sunday was observed on Oct. 11th with Dr. A. S. Felberg, president of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., bringing the morning message. Children of the Sunday School presented a special program in the evening service. Offerings for the day went to missions.

● Miss Edna E. von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, recently passed away in the Grandview Hospital, after a lingering illness. She is a daughter of Dr. H. von Berge, retired literary editor of the Lorenz Publishing Company. Edna von Berge was a member of the First Baptist Church of Dayton, a member of the Dayton Dietetic Association, and active in dramatics and church work. She wrote extensively for home economics magazines. The "Baptist Herald" family extends its sympathy to the bereaved father, with whom Edna shared the von Berge home at 1426 Grand Ave., and two sisters who survive.

● The First Baptist Church of Jamestown, N. Dak., at a meeting called September 6, 1959, voted almost unanimously to join the North American Baptist General Conference. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, was present to extend a welcome. The church has a membership of 426 and the pastor is Rev. George Robinson. His picture is shown on this page. The 75th anniversary of the church was observed in 1958. The late Rev. G. Splinter and Rev. E. P. Fosmarck, former pastors, were guest speakers. Rev. Elmo Tahran, former assistant pastor and at present Church Extension pastor in Minot, N. Dak., led the song services and directed the choir at the Sunday services.

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 6, the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas, had the joy of welcoming its new pastor, Rev. Edwin Walter, and family. Charlie Zoschke, the moderator was in charge of the program. Words of welcome were given by Mrs. Alvin Zeckser in behalf of the Dorcas Society and by Mrs. Noten Martinitz in behalf of the Sunday School. Rev. W. Sawasky, who served as interim pastor, brought a challenging message. Words of appreciation were ex-

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The Long Search

By Sallie Lee Bell

A Prize-winning Christian Novel Laid in Texas.

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CHAPTER ONE

The bus rolled along toward the east over the trackless miles of the Texas plains. As far as the eye could see, there was nothing but dry grass and tumbleweed that rolled lazily across the plain toward the cloudless horizon.

James Thornton gazed abstractedly out of the window at the uninteresting scene. Far in the distance there was a deer standing as still as if it were carved of stone, and presently an antelope came into view, walking slowly as if the heat had taken all its speed and energy. They looked peaceful, he mused, even if the sun was hot enough to broil them. But then, they were used to the heat of summer as well as the biting winds of winter. A rabbit sped across the road ahead of them just in time to miss the wheels of the bus. Once safe from death, it squatted on its haunches and looked at the speeding bus. James smiled wryly. He could imagine that the rabbit cast an indignant look at the disappearing bus. "If he could speak, he'd probably bawl that driver out for upsetting his peaceful pursuit of food," the young man said under his breath.

He settled back into his seat and closed his eyes. The trip had been long and he was tired, but he couldn't sleep. One idea persisted in his troubled thoughts. He was on his way to kill a man. He opened his eyes with a start and looked about him as if he feared that the other passengers had read his thoughts. They were not even looking at him. They were as tired as he and most of them were either sleeping or reading. No one seemed to be talking.

It was a terrible thing to be on his way to commit murder. In spite of himself, he quailed before the word murder. But he had kept this determination in his heart for too long to let this brief dismay hinder him.

How long had it been since he had

first determined to kill this man who had brought so much tragedy to his life? Ten years? Fifteen? No, not that long. Perhaps twelve—ever since he had been old enough to understand just what had happened to his father and to remember the name of the man who had been the cause of his death. It all seemed like a dream now, as he looked back on the past. The only reality was this grim determination to get revenge upon the one who had wrecked his life and his mother's life and had robbed him of all he would have known if his father had lived.

What would happen to him if he were caught after he had killed this heartless wretch? But he must not be caught. He must plan this revenge so that his victim would know why he was being killed. If he did not know, then half of the satisfaction of his revenge would be lost. He must plan it so that after the deed was done he could get away before the crime was detected. He did not want to die even though it seemed that life had little prospect of joy for him. He was young and in time, after the grief over his mother's death had lessened, perhaps he could find happiness, the happiness to which he was entitled.

He remembered the first time he had mentioned his determination to kill this man. He was a little fellow, too little really to understand just what had happened. His mother had told him a part of the truth about his father's death. He had worried her so persistently to know where his father was and why he did not come home for such a long time—for he had idolized his father—that she was forced to tell him he was in prison. He remembered how she had cried after she had told him and he could still feel the chill that stole over him when he realized the truth. Young as he was, he knew the stigma attached to the

family of a prisoner.

He realized later why some of the children in the neighborhood had refused to play with him. They had shunned him and he had been too proud to ask why. In his childish heart there was a great ache, for he missed his father terribly. They had been pals and his father had had many plans for his only child. Though James couldn't understand all of them, he was enthused just because his father seemed enthused while he was telling them.

He had said that they would travel to far places. James would go to the best school in the state and during every vacation they would travel. The thought of train rides and boat rides intrigued him as a child, even though those far places were vague, shadowy regions. His world was no larger than his yard and the stores downtown. He remembered how his mother had sat nearby listening with a smile on her face, a smile of indulgence for the husband she adored, even though she knew that perhaps all of these dreams might not be realized. They were not wealthy, but James Thornton, Sr., was in a business which gave promise of wealth in the future.

Then had come tragedy. James Thornton had been accused of murder. The business which had given such promise of wealth had been robbed consistently by one of the employees. Another had discovered the theft and had been murdered by the man who had been stealing from the firm. The man accused was James Thornton. The only one who could have saved him was his partner, Thomas Martin. Instead of witnessing for the defense, Martin had been the main witness for the prosecution. He had testified that he had caught Thornton in the act of destroying incriminating papers and had afterwards found the body of the man Thornton was accused of killing. Thornton was sentenced to life im-

prisonment.

James had known nothing of the facts until he had grown to manhood. He had never been allowed to see his father. He had held that against his mother until she had told him after his father's death that this was his father's wish. He did not want his son to see him behind prison bars.

When he was older he could realize what his mother had suffered and how she grieved, though she never said a word to him. She tried to make his life happy and help him forget that his father was a condemned criminal.

He remembered her visits to the prison when he was still little. She would leave him with one of her neighbors, one of her few sympathetic friends. When she returned he could see the stark misery in her eyes and her pale face, even though she would greet him with a smile and a cheerful word.

Finally his father died in prison. He was old enough by then to be told that his father had died and that he would be buried far from home. There was not enough money to bring the body home. James had heard his mother sobbing in a burst of grief and saying, "He was murdered, just as surely as if he had been shot by Tom Martin. Someday I hope that he suffers as much as he has made us suffer."

James had begged her to tell him what she meant by those words and when he would not be put off any longer, she had told him a part of the truth. It was then that he had clenched his fist and cried out that he would kill the man who had wronged his father.

His mother had put her arms around him and had told him that he must never think of doing a thing like that, for two wrongs never made a right. He had never repeated his threat, but he had kept that determination in his heart. He would find that man if it took the rest of his life and he would make him suffer as he had made them suffer, then he would kill him. He had pictured in his childish imagination a number of fiendish schemes for torturing Martin. Then he would tell him why he was torturing him. After that he would kill him. After that—he had no answer.

This grim determination had festered in his heart with the hate that grew with the passing years until it became an obsession. He never mentioned this to his mother but she often wondered why the boy who had been such a happy child grew into a glum, embittered young man. It worried her and she did everything she could to change him and bring the sunshine back into his nature, but it seemed impossible. Then her health failed. The long years of heartache and the struggle to keep them going had been too much for her frail strength. Finally she died and James was left alone.

He was now free to hunt for Thomas Martin and to fulfill his plan for revenge. But now that he was on his way to seek the man he wondered why he had kept this hate in his heart all

these years. It had warped his whole life, but he was not conscious of that as he sat remembering all the wasted years of his father's life, all the grief-laden years that filled his mother's life and all his own lost opportunities. He thought of those plans of his father's for their vacation trips. The only trip his father had ever taken was to the penitentiary—sent there by the man who had actually committed the crime. Whenever this thought came to James hate and the determination for revenge rose within him with renewed force and he had no thought of consequences, only the grim, dogged determination to make this man suffer as he had made other suffer.

The bus rumbled on over the parched plains while he sat with eyes closed, lost in the dark world of his hate until finally the bus came to a stop and he opened his eyes to see who was departing or boarding the bus. He hoped that no one would occupy the seat next to him. He wanted to be alone. He had been alone for so long, it seemed, that he did not feel the need of any human companionship. Even his mother had seemed outside of his life at times, though he grieved deeply when she had died.

He could still see her now as she was the last time he had looked upon her face. She was cold and still as she lay in her casket, but there was a look of peace upon her face that he had not seen there since his father had been taken to prison. The deep lines of worry and sorrow had etched themselves upon her once lovely face, but now as she lay with hands folded quietly, those lines had been erased by the cold hand of death. She was finally at rest after the long years of anxiety and struggle and grief. He could not remember when those hands had been at rest before. They had always been busy, either sewing for her few customers or working about the house and trying to amuse him.

His memories of the past were interrupted as a passenger entered the bus and searched for a seat. She was a young thing, surely not more than twenty, and the suitcase which she carried seemed too heavy for her. James saw that she had noticed the seat next to him and she struggled down the narrow aisle while her bag bumped against every seat. He wondered why the driver had not put the bag in the baggage compartment, but he had not noticed that she refused to be parted from it. The driver had allowed her to carry it inside the bus.

She stopped by the empty seat and hesitated, then said timidly,

"Would you mind if I sit here?"

He shook his head and motioned for her to sit down. He did mind, but he couldn't tell her so and she had a right to sit there. She looked at the space above the seat and her face clouded with distress, then she turned to him appealingly.

"I'm afraid I can't lift my bag that high. Would you mind putting it up for me?"

He got up silently and put the bag in the rack above, then sat down again without saying a word or looking at her. It was rather ungracious of him, he knew, but he did not feel like talking. And he did not want to be bothered by a helpless female. He had a problem to work out and he did not want to be disturbed in his moody thinking, his heart-breaking memories and his desire for revenge. Now that he was on his quest to carry out that revenge, his soul recoiled at the prospect and it made him angry with himself that he should feel this sudden reluctance after harboring a dream of vengeance for so many years.

He kept his eyes fixed upon the scene outside, though it was monotonous and unchanging across the barren plains. He did not even steal a glance at the girl beside him, for he felt that she was looking at him. She had settled herself in her seat after a murmured thanks when he had put her bag in the rack above. He felt guilty for being so boorish, but he would not yield to the urge to be polite. His mother had done her best to make him the kind of boy that his father would have had him be and, except for this secret hate which he carried like a hidden viper within him, he had been all that she could have desired.

When at last he turned for a swift glance at the girl, he saw that she was asleep. She had removed her hat, and her head was resting against the back of the seat as relaxed as that of a child. He took time for a closer inspection and his heart twisted with sudden pain. How much like his mother she looked as she sat there with eyes closed, calm and relaxed! She was as fragile as his mother had been. Her pale gold hair was much lighter than his mother's and of course she was much younger, younger than he could remember his mother ever having been. He remembered how his mother had seemed to fade like a delicate flower whose roots had been brutally torn from their moorings, until she had wilted and had finally given up the struggle to go on living. The comparison startled him. This girl seemed like her, as if she, too, had had her roots torn from their safe moorings and had almost given up the struggle to go on, even though she was young. He felt suddenly sorry for her. He wondered if she had known even a little of the pain that his mother had known. He hoped that she had not. She was lovely and life could hold much for her. Her skin was so white that it seemed almost transparent and her small hands that lay quietly upon her lap seemed too fragile for any kind of work. What was she doing on this bus, he wondered, and where was she going?

He laughed silently at his own foolish thoughts, then the laugh was suddenly silenced, for two great teardrops slipped from under her long lashes and trickled down her pale cheeks. As

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 8, 1959

Theme: **ALLEGIANCE TO GOD**
(TEMPERANCE)

Scripture: Acts 5:27-42

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The disciples did not have a choice as to whether they should or should not obey God rather than men. It was a command: "We must!"

INTRODUCTION: Allegiance is not a Biblical term, nor is it a word that is used frequently in Christian education. We have reserved it almost exclusively for the patriot who pledges allegiance to his flag and to his country. But if we knew its meaning and understood more clearly how all-encompassing is its reference, we would not hesitate to use it whole-heartedly in our relationship to God. It embodies loyalty, faithfulness, devotion, courage and love. If we give such allegiance to our country, how much more should we not affirm our allegiance to our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

These early disciples had an unshakable allegiance to Christ. There was no thought of compromise; they would not yield an inch no matter what the consequences. Perhaps some ordinary Christians would describe them as being fanatically loyal. We are often too quick to use the word "fanaticism." It would be more true to say that they were courageously and lovingly loyal.

Notice how often the word, "command," appears in the lesson for today.

I. THE COMMAND TO SILENCE.
Acts 5:27, 28.

We do not know why, since time began, there has been such strong and concerted effort to suppress truth. The only answer seems to be the desire of man and the devil to keep the upper hand. Unrighteousness in the world is something which is taken for granted. We expect to find it there. But unrighteousness in the name of religion is much more difficult to overcome. It is Satan as an angel of light who is to be feared. (II Cor. 11:14). It was not the world which commanded Peter and John to keep silent; it was the highest representative of the temple. Their primary motive seemed not to be the suppression of the apostles but the suppression of their enormous sin—the sin of crucifying Christ.

II. THE COMMAND TO SPEAK.
Acts 5:29-32.

In the manner in which Peter and the other apostles addressed these religious dignitaries, it might be inferred that they lacked a certain amount of diplomacy and tact. They could have used certain Biblical phras-

es to their advantage: "A soft answer turneth away wrath" (Prov. 15:1); "Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves" (Matt. 10:16). Instead, their words incurred wrath and they stung like an adder. They were forthright and frank; there was no dodging of the issue. God commanded them to speak and there was no need to apologize for the truth.

It is often dangerous to speak as God commands, but an obedient servant of God can do nothing less, no matter what the cost.

III. THE COMMAND OF A WISE MAN. Acts 5:33-40.

A wise man is able to command. His experience and counsel are held in high respect. This is a wonderful speech by Gamaliel, and we cannot help but see the logic and wisdom of such a procedure. As a doctor of the law, he does justice to his profession. No doubt Peter and the apostles felt grateful for this champion of righteousness. However, there was one important note missing. Gamaliel admitted that, if this be of God, they could not fight against it or overthrow it. But he did not say that if it be of God they would follow it!

IV. UNCEASING OBEDIENCE TO GOD. Acts 5:41, 42.

Foolish men, to think that a physical beating can force the servants of Christ to obey them and to disobey God! They departed from the presence of the council and became stronger and more secure in the presence of Christ. To them it was a privilege to be beaten—not a shame. Their obedience became stronger, not weaker.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 15, 1959

Theme: **FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH**

Scripture: Acts 6:8-15; 7:54-60

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: A true Christian would rather give up his life than give up his convictions.

INTRODUCTION: We are living in an age in which people are continually looking for something to live for. "Know the real joy of good living" we are told, and then an alcoholic beverage is recommended as the ultimate of such joy. Our suburban homes are kept beautifully painted, lawns well kept and shrubbery and hedges artistically trimmed by Sunday labor. It

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is something people live for. The weekend boating, camping and picnicking are looked forward to by the entire family. If the story of Stephen in the Acts of the Apostles were to be preached to them, it would cast a gloom on all their social and recreational activities. It would rob them of the joys for which they are living.

Stephen, as well as all of the followers of Jesus Christ, had something worth living for, but above all else they had something which was worth dying for. The thought of death was not something which detracted from the joys of life; rather it added to it. There was not a mournful Christian among them, nor a fearful one. The only fear to be found was the fear of those who were afraid that Stephen and the Gospel which he preached would succeed.

I. A FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN. Acts 6:8-10.

Here we have a picture of a full Christian. Stephen was faith-full, he was power-ful and he was wonder-ful. So full was he that there was absolutely no room for anyone else but Christ. We see clearly what God can do with a Holy Spirit-filled man.

The devil never bothers a man who teaches and preaches and witnesses without success. It is when a Christian witness counts for something and moves people to repentance and makes them followers of Jesus Christ that moves the devil to action. The religious rulers of the synagogue could not match Stephen's works, and what was even more frustrating was the fact that they could not match his wisdom.

II. A FEARFUL COUNCIL. Acts 6:11-15.

The council was fearful because they knew they could not stop Stephen by honest means. And when you have to rely on your own wits, your own strength, your own wisdom and on falsehood to protect yourself, you have reason to be fearful. You admit thereby that you cannot claim the help of God to fight for your principles. It is therefore already a lost cause. If you have to set up false witnesses, then you must necessarily have a false cause.

These religious leaders were interested only in protecting and preserving their selfish and gainful interests in the temple. Their religion was not centered around God but around Mammon. They were fearful not because they were afraid of losing God, but because they were afraid of losing profit.

The more intensely they looked at Stephen the more clearly they saw the face of an angel. And we can look in the opposite direction and say that the more steadfastly we look at the council, the more clearly we see the face of Satan.

III. A FEARFUL MARTYR. Acts 7:54-59.

What a contrast in these first two
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Our Denomination in ACTION

Central District

Kansas Scripture Memorizers Meet at Camp Fellowship

An outstanding camp for the Scripture Memorizers of the Kansas North American Baptist churches was held from June 3 to 6 at Camp Fellowship, Goddard, Kansas. The camp staff consisted of: camp pastor, Rev. H. J. Wilcke; camp manager, Mr. Harve Fritzemeier; camp dean, Rev. Merle Brenner; dean of boys, Rev. Jack Krause; dean of girls, Mrs. Kenneth Brenner; camp nurse, Mrs. Ralph Rolfs; camp announcer, Rev. Walter Weber; talent scout and song leader, Rev. Norman Miller; recreational leaders, Mrs. D. E. Williamson and Mrs. Delmar Kruse; life guard, Karen Thole; and dining hall director, Mrs. E. Thielenhaus. The class teachers were Rev. Walter Weber, Rev. Oliver Ringering, Dr. Douglas Gallagher, Rev. Harry Haas and Rev. Norman Miller.

Miss Judy Keeler, a ten year old girl from Ellinwood, won the camera contest with her picture of our guest speakers. (See accompanying picture.) Our guest speakers for the camp were George and Alma Henderson, missionaries from the Cameroons, and Mr. H. J. Kolbe from Germany. As a result of the inspirational meetings, several young people accepted Christ as their Saviour and several rededicated their lives to him.

Mrs. Kenneth Brenner, Reporter

Grace Church, Racine, Wis., Welcomes New Pastor

Rev. Richard Lawrenz, former pastor of the First Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wis., was installed as the new pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Racine Wis., on Friday evening, Sept. 11. Rev. Daniel Fuchs gave the sermon, representing the North American Baptist General Conference. Rev. Wallace Christen, president of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention, gave the welcome address, and Rev. Ogle Chastain, Wisconsin Baptist State Convention headquarters, addressed the congregation.

Mr. Lawrenz succeeds Rev. D. Raymond Parry who resigned in April after eight years of service to become pastor of the Harvey Park Baptist Church, Denver, Colo. After the installation services there was a fellowship hour in the church dining room. Music during the service was provided by the Senior Choir and the Grace Four, a male quartet.

Mrs. Myron H. Dudek, Reporter

Woman's Missionary Union Session of Minnesota Asso.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Minnesota Association met for a supper meeting at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Navarre, Minn., on Saturday evening, Sept. 19. After the customary preliminaries presided over by Mrs. Bert Itterman of Hutchinson,



PRIZE WINNING SNAPSHOT

Missionaries George and Alma Henderson (left to right) and Mr. H. J. Kolbe, Seminary exchange student from Germany are photographed by Judy Keeler at the Kansas Scripture Memory Camp.

Mrs. J. C. Gunst spoke on I Thess. 2.

In addition to the \$500 mission project which was met earlier, we decided to give \$50.00 towards furnishing an apartment for missionaries in the building to be erected at Forest Park; also \$50.00 were designated in the interest of one of our North American Baptist girls attending Mounds-Midway School of nursing who plans entering missionary work. The offering amounted to \$48.58. The first Minnesota Woman's Fall Retreat was emphasized which took place Oct. 9 and 10 at Lyman Lodge, 15 miles west of Minneapolis, with Mrs. George Dunger as our special guest speaker.

With the newly elected officers at the helm, we expect to continue and expand our missionary endeavors: Mrs. Donald Ganstrom, Riverview, president; Ruth Schoenfeld, La Crosse, Wis., vice-president; and Mrs. Myron Ziemer, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mrs. Flora H. Woyke, Reporter.



Rev. and Mrs. Richard Lawrenz are welcomed by the members of the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wis., as their new pastor and pastor's wife.

Missionary Activities, Grace Church, Grand Forks, N. D.

The Institute of Linguistics held their last service with us at the Grace Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., in August. They presented a film on the Wycliffe Bible Translators work. The love offering of \$175 went to the work of the Institute.

The girls and boys of our Primary and Junior Departments have mission offerings every three months. Each class has a globe bank at which they can deposit an offering at any time. They have bought \$48.00 worth of school supplies for the missionaries, Rev. and Walter Sukut, in Japan, and also 2 dozen syringes, ear light and an Aneroid Manometer (blood pressure set) for Dr. Peter Fehr of the Cameroons. They have also added their offerings to the entire Sunday School mission projects.

Mrs. Norris Gulson, Reporter.

60th Anniversary of Pioneer Church, Pound, Wis.

Sunday, August 23, will long be remembered in the hearts of the people of the Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wis., in that we reached the 60th milestone of our church. Many former members attended or sent greetings. Of the 17 original charter members, only three are living and two are still members: Herman Heisel and Charles Gross.

During the Sunday School hour, Mrs. Fred Mashner of Sheboygan gave a flannelgraph lesson and Fred Hoffman of Menominee, Mich., a superintendent for many years, gave a talk. Rev. Harold Gieseke of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker at the morning and afternoon services. In the afternoon service letters were read and an informal time of reminiscing was held. Rev. Fred Mashner, a former pastor, was speaker at the evening service. The former pastors who sent greetings were Rev. L. B. Holzer of Pittsburgh, Pa., Rev. James Conner of Montana and Rev. John Grygo of North Dakota. Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn is our pastor.

Mrs. Emily Mattrisch, Reporter

Harvest Festival at Baptist Church, Leola, S. Dak.

The First Baptist Church, Leola, South Dakota, observed its annual Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Sept. 20, with Rev. Bernard Edinger, Gackle, N. D., as guest speaker. There was a good attendance not only from our own people, but also a fine community response. The offering of the day amounted to \$1,000 to advance the Lord's work at home and abroad. Thus, the local church is being strengthened for a further forward thrust.

On Sept. 8, the church received from the denominational Church Loan Fund an additional loan of \$8,187.50 for the completion of the church building. Plans are now ready to complete the church and to furnish it so that in November the dedication can take place. Our next aim is to purchase a parson-

age so that a minister for this field may be called. The beginning has been made to develop the Leola field as an autonomous, self-governing church. It becomes increasingly more evident that a full-time minister should be on the field in order to develop its full potential for the Kingdom of God. May the Lord guide his people!

A. E. Reeh, Minister

Hebron, N. Dak., Church Welcomes Pastor and Family

The First Baptist Church of Hebron N. Dak., is very happy to report the reception for the Rev. E. Faul, who has accepted our call to serve us as our spiritual leader, and his family. On Sept. 6th Mr. Faul delivered his first sermon to us to a well attended morning service. During the two months we were pastorless, Rev. E. Broekel faithfully supplied the pulpit. Mr. Broekel is a pioneer in our territory and his services were a great blessing to all of us.

The evening service of above mentioned Sunday was set aside for the reception and welcome of our new minister and his wife and four children. The Board of Deacons and all other organizations of the church expressed their desire to help and cooperate in every way in the furtherance of God's Kingdom. The choir, men's quartet, a double duet by members of the Missionary Guild, and a group song by the C.B.Y. served with songs. A very friendly and encouraging reading was given by one of the Sunday School pupils. Mr. and Mrs. Faul expressed their gratitude and their two oldest daughters responded with a beautifully rendered song accompanied by their mother at the piano.

Mrs. John Stading, Reporter.

Western District

Baptism of Nine, Stafford Church, Sherwood, Oregon

It has been a blessed summer for us at the Stafford Baptist Church, Sherwood, Oregon. In answer to fervent and persistent prayer, we had the great joy of seeing eight of our loved ones wonderfully saved. During the summer months, we had nine baptisms and eleven additions to our church.

We also rejoice in the vigorous program and good attendance which we experienced instead of the usual summer slump. A renewed realization of the importance of the prayer meeting and increased faithful attendance at prayer meeting has made a wonderful difference here, for which we praise the Lord.

Ervin A. Gerlitz, Pastor

Reception for New Pastor, Elk Grove, California

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Berkan arrived in Elk Grove, Calif., on Sept. 2 and moved into the recently repainted parsonage of the First Baptist Church. They found the house supplied with groceries from a pantry shower held by members and friends on an earlier date. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Berkan have two daughters: Rikki, 7 years; and Coralie, 4 years. On Sunday morning, Sept. 6, the pastor brought his first message to



NEW STAFFORD CHURCH MEMBERS

Eleven new members received by baptism and letter during the summer months into the Stafford Baptist Church, Sherwood, Oregon, by the pastor, Rev. Ervin A. Gerlitz.

the church on "SHOW OUR TRUE COLORS" (Romans 1:16). There were 265 people at the 11 A.M. service.

At the evening service, the church held a reception for the pastor and his family. The program was as follows: master of ceremonies, Frank Veninga; opening song service led by Ed. Schuh; Scripture by Miss Theo Wuttke; evening prayer, Frank Veninga; choir song under the direction of Ed. Schuh; representing the deacons, William Rauser; representing the trustees, Henry Rauser; the Sunday School, Mrs. John Wagemann; the choir, Ed. Schuh; the C.B.Y.F., Miss Geraldine Stabbert; the Baptist Youth Club, Mrs. Leonard Fandrich; the Ladies' Missionary Society, Mrs. Ed. Kammerer; the Men's Brotherhood, Ed. Neher. A Biola Bible student of the church, Robert Schmidt, sang a solo and an accordion duet was rendered by Marilyn Van Langan and Diane Schuh. There were 335 people present for this occasion.

Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter.

North-western Association of British Columbia Organized

On Sept. 5 and 6 the churches of Prince Rupert, Terrace and Kitimat, British Columbia, met in the modern city of Kitimat for the purpose of organizing a North-western Association in conjunction with the British Columbia Association. The reason for this act is that the distances are so great that the members of these churches cannot take part in the B.C. Association, thus finding it necessary to have their own Association. Rev. A. R. Pohl extended a most cordial welcome to all delegates and friends. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, District Secretary, led the devotions.

Rev. I. Faszler, now moderator of the British Columbia Association, presided over the business session. The following officers were elected to the newly organized Association: Secretary-treasurer, Mr. Ernest Reiman of Kitimat; directors: for Sunday School, Mr. A. Kiner of Prince Rupert; for Young People, Rev. R. Rapske of Terrace; and for the Choir, Mr. Hans Diesing of Kitimat.

At the evening service Rev. I. Faszler

spoke on "Fellowship in the Gospel." Sunday proved to be a special day of blessing when all met in the Nechako School Auditorium for the morning service. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg spoke on the "Mystery of the Gospel." In the afternoon the choirs of the different churches rendered a song festival. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg spoke on "The Power of the Gospel." Rev. I. Faszler spoke on "The Hope of the Gospel."

John Kuehn, Reporter

Northern District

Welcome Reception for Neumans at Edenwold, Sask.

"We Praise Thee, O God" was the opening song that echoes with joy at the first service when we welcomed our new minister, Rev. R. Neuman, and family to the Edenwold Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask., on August 31. Though Mr. and Mrs. R. Neuman are no strangers to us since he had supplied our pulpit during the winter months, it was a joy for us to welcome him and his family into our church family.

A hearty fellowship lunch served by the ladies was the noon meal. We had an afternoon program which featured welcome messages, readings, recitations and vocal numbers from our members, all expressing our "Welcome Greeting." We also enjoyed having members from the Grace Baptist Church, Davin, Sask., as visitors who shared in the welcome program too. May God bless the Neumans in the work here!

Mrs. F. Brucker, Reporter.

Church Farewell for Rev. R. Grabke, Regina, Sask.

On Sunday, August 30, Rev. Richard Grabke concluded his ministry of more than five and a half years at the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, a ministry which has been singularly blessed of God. Mr. Grabke had pastored the church ever since it was organized, early in 1954. When he was called to this work, there was no church building or parsonage, no finances, nothing but the conviction of the 17 charter members that God was calling them to establish a church. Since that time 202 members have been received into the church, 38 by baptism, 68 by testimony and 96 by letter of transfer. The present membership is approximately 175.

During the morning worship hour of Mr. Grabke's last Sunday in Regina, a baptismal service was held, and fifteen new members were welcomed into the church. A capacity crowd gathered for the farewell service in the evening, when representatives of the Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Society, Men's Brotherhood, the two youth groups, and the church board spoke briefly of what Mr. Grabke's ministry meant to their organizations.

We look back with gratitude to God over the years Mr. Grabke served our church. His love for the Lord and his work has been very evident, and his zeal has constantly challenged us to attempt greater things for God. Mr. Grabke resigned the pastorate here in response to a call to Church Extension work in the city of Winnipeg.

Sarah Olmstead, Reporter.

Vacation School and Baptism at Whitemouth, Manitoba

From August 17 to 22 the Whitemouth Baptist Church near River Hills, Man., held a very successful Vacation Bible School. Our theme was "Adventuring With Christ." We had an enrollment of 32 pupils. The Senior Class students from 12 to 17 years met every evening from 7:00 to 9:30 P.M. Rev. Arthur Gellert was their teacher. Their handwork was a missionary map and a library chest.



Rev. Arthur Gellert, pastor of the Whitemouth Baptist Church, River Hills, Man., and five candidates whom he recently baptized.

On the beautiful sunny Sunday, Aug. 23rd, we as members of the Whitemouth Church gathered at the river and five young men and women were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ. Rev. Arthur Gellert brought a message on Matthew 3. We are thankful to God for the guiding of the Holy Spirit in our midst, but, above all, for God's precious Word.

Mrs. Herb Knopf, Reporter.



Rev. Richard Grabke (center, back row) of the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., and 15 new members whom he received into the church's fellowship on his last Sunday with the church.



Pupils and teachers of the Vacation Bible School held by the Wiesenthal Baptist Church near Millet, Alberta.

Vacation School, Wiesenthal Baptist Church, Millet, Alta.

A Sunday evening program on August 9 climaxed a week of Vacation Bible School held at the Wiesenthal Baptist Church, Millet, Alberta. The enrollment for the week was 45 with a daily average attendance of 40 pupils. Jean Adam and Joyce Arnholtz were teachers of the Beginners' Class; while Mrs. Zeller and Donna Lessing took charge of the Primary Class; Marlene Dojahn and Judy Meyers the Junior class; and Rev. A. Zeller the Intermediate Class. A blessed time was had as the pupils, as well as the teachers, enjoyed the Bible stories, handcraft, singing and games.

On August 30, the church was beautifully decorated with flowers as Flower Sunday was observed by the Wiesenthal Church.

Marlene Dojahn, Reporter

Flower Sunday and "Mile-of-Nickels" Lauderdale, Edmonton

For the first time, a "Flower" Sunday was observed at the Lauderdale Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta. On Sept. 6 the women of the church artfully decorated five steps leading up

to a small platform on which was erected a silver cross. Special musicals, poems and messages from the pastor, Rev. Fred W. Pahl, were on the theme of God's beautiful creation for the morning and evening services. The following day, the flowers were taken to the hospital and distributed to those who were unable to enjoy the blessings of "Flower Sunday" in church.

On Sunday, Sept. 13, the Lauderdale Baptist Sunday School launched a building fund project entitled, "Mile of Nickels." This endeavor will be used by the Sunday School as its contribution towards raising money for the erection of a new church building. In the church hallway, a roll of tape is mounted, and the nickels are stuck on the tape, and the amount tallied each Sunday. The amount is recorded on a chart to show the progress of the "mile."

V. Pahl, Reporter.

Eastern District

New York's Youth at Bradley Beach Cottage

Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker at the meeting held by the Young People's Baptist Union of New York and Vicinity the week-end of June 27 at the Baptist Cottage in Bradley Beach, New Jersey, with Mr. E. Marklein as chairman. The schedule, arranged under the direction of Miss Marion Stahl, the group president, provided for both fun and worship. The activities, enjoyed by over fifty young people, included a beach party under the direction of Vic Prendiger, films, discussions and, for those who wished to brave the fog, swimming.

Each morning a class was conducted by Mr. Fuchs. His theme for these meetings was the Christian's duty in evangelism. He pointed out that Christ had left us specific instructions for conducting this work. In drawing special attention to the Soul Winner's Fellowships, he urged that the young people take an active part. Mr. Fuchs, our house mother, Rev. Ronald G. Mstrom, and Mr. John Storkel deserve special thanks for making the week-end happy and interesting.

Helen Cleary, Editor and Reporter

Ordination of Rev. Leon Franck, Parma Heights

Sunday evening, June 28th, marked the ordination service of Mr. Leon Franck at the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma Heights, Ohio. The service was presided over by Rev. Harold Lang, pastor of the newly organized Snowview Baptist Church and assistant pastor of Parma Heights Church. Rev. Edwin W. Miller delivered the ordination sermon on "God's Ideal Minister." Rev. Fred Sonnenberg gave the report of the Ordination Council with Rev. Roy Seibel giving the charge to the candidate and with Rev. Frank Veninga the charge to the church. Rev. Harold Gieseke offered the ordination prayer followed by the presentation of the Ordination Certificate by Rev. Louis Johnson and a welcome into the Christian Ministry by Rev. W. J. Luebeck. Rev. Leon Franck then gave his response.

Mr. Leon Franck is the first young man to be considered for ordination to the ministry from the Parma Heights Baptist Church. He received his B.D. degree from the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in May. He has become the new pastor of the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich.

Mrs. A. H. Krueger, Reporter



GERMAN YOUTH CONFERENCE AT CHICAGO

The German Baptist Mission Church of Chicago, Ill., was filled with young people for their annual Labor Day Weekend Conference.

Women's and Men's Program at Alpena, Mich.

The Fall Program of the Ladies' Missionary Society and Men's Brotherhood of the Ripley Blvd. Baptist Church, Alpena, Mich., was highlighted by a Family Night Pot-luck Dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 8, Bouquets of garden flowers decorated the long tables, with separate tables for the children. Following the dinner, Mrs. Rozena Gould, eldest church member, age 91, was presented a corsage and a tiered cake. Rev. Eric Kuhn, pastor, spoke words of farewell in behalf of the church. Mrs. Gould will be making her home with her daughter, Mrs. L. I. Hickley, in Florida.

The Men's Brotherhood was in charge of the program, with Carl Enger serving as chairman. The chairman

introduced a young student from China, "Yip-Min Wong," who was born and educated in Hong Kong, and who spoke and used a Chinese Bible quoting John 3:16. Missionary Dorothy Thacker, recently returned from the Bahama Islands, West Indies, spoke of her hope to continue her studies in preparation for her return to the foreign mission field. A film, "The Glass Mountain," was also shown. A fine group of 120 attended the gathering.

Mrs. Omer S. Turnbull, Reporter.

German Youth Conference At Mission Church, Chicago

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). "Youth called unto liberty!" This was the theme of the conference to which more than 250 young people from Canada and the United States gathered in the German Baptist Mission Church, Chicago, Ill., from Sept. 5 to 7. With the motto, "Reflect the Word," Rev. Lawrence Bienert, the CBY-Secretary welcomed the youth groups Saturday night. Sunday morning, before the worship service we met for a time of prayer. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, as guest speaker, showed us how we must follow Christ in the power of the spirit and love.

Pastor's Farewell, Colonial Village Church, Lansing, Mich.

Sunday, Sept. 13, marked the closing service of the ministry of Rev. Aaron Buhler at the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich. The pastor preached his farewell sermon at the morning worship service with deep emotion, and in the evening the church gave him and the family a farewell reception attended by 400 people.

The evening service featured music by the choir, solos, quartet numbers and messages by the various departmental heads. Bonnie Morgan, the church missionary, reviewed the past seven years of her association with the pastor as most pleasant and profitable. Then followed talks by Leola Kwast, representing the Ladies' Missionary Society; Walter Kuhn, representing the Sunday School; Sunday School superintendent, Art Boldt, chairman of the board of deacons, representing that body. Fritz Pletz in the name of the whole church, presented the pastor's family with a beautiful Hi-Fi Stereo record player set. Mrs. Buhler who so very faithfully had presided at the organ regularly these seven years was honored by the choir with a beautiful corsage.

Mr. Buhler came to the Holmes Street Baptist Church in June, 1952. The church voted to relocate in a new section of the city and build larger. This was a real venture of faith, and God has proved himself faithful in the results that followed. A contemporary church building was erected at a cost of \$200,000 in which 12,000 man hours were donated by members and friends of the church.

(Rev.) A. E. Roloff, Reporter

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Obituary

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

MR. FRANK ENGEL of Southey, Saskatchewan

Mr. Frank Engel of Southey, Sask., was born on April 21, 1878 in Romania. He came to Anamoose, North Dakota, in 1906 and a year later to Lemberg, Sask. Here he was married to Katherina Zapf on April 12, 1908. They moved to Southey where they have resided since that time.

Mr. Engel came to know Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. Albert Knopf and received into Southey Baptist Church. During his lifetime, he was active in the various organizations of the church and attended faithfully as long as he was able. Left to mourn are his wife; 3 sons: Fred of Calgary, Carl of Lethbridge, Gordon of Ottawa; 5 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, a host of relatives and friends.

Southey, Saskatchewan
E. L. THIESSEN, Pastor

MRS. ROSE SCHNEIDER of Medicine Hat, Alberta

Mrs. Rose Schneider of Medicine Hat, Alta., was born Jan. 26, 1889 and passed away in the Baptist Haven of Rest on Sept. 15 at the age of 71 years. She came to the United States in 1908 where the following year she married Phillip Seer. In 1909 she and her husband immigrated to Canada and made their home near Hilda, Alberta. Her husband passed away in 1944. On August 8, 1952, she entered into marriage with Peter Schneider who preceded her in death in 1955.

Mrs. Schneider accepted Christ as her Savior in her early years, was baptized and added to the congregation of believers. Her Christian life was one of great devotion to her church and of great eagerness to serve to the best of her ability. She was very active in the Ladies' Missionary Circles. She leaves to mourn: her brother, Rev. Henry Schatz of Minot, Man., and sister, Caroline, Mrs. John Heringer of Medicine Hat, Alta.

Grace Baptist Church
Medicine Hat, Alberta
P. T. HUNSICKER, Pastor

MISS HELEN BIENERT of Leduc, Alberta

Miss Helen Bienert of Leduc, Alta., was born on March 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bienert of Leduc, Alberta and was called home on September 5, 1959. Influenced by her Christian parents and the church, she gave her heart to the Lord Jesus Christ in her teen-age. Being baptized by Rev. F. Orthner, she joined the church. As a young girl working in a factory in the city of Edmonton, Helen had the misfortune of having been severely injured. This crippled her partially for life. It was not her privilege to attend church services often. However, the Christian radio programs brought much joy and comfort to her soul. She loved dearly Psalm 23.

She found sweet fellowship and loving care during the last 18 years by living with her sister in the city of Edmonton, who now misses Helen very much. The deceased leaves to mourn her parting three brothers: Daniel, Fred and Herman; and one sister, Martha Buzenius; and many relatives and friends.

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
E. P. WAHL, Correspondent

MRS. EMELIA KOMPOLT of Los Angeles, California

Mrs. Emelia Kompolt of Los Angeles, Calif., daughter of David and Katarina Witt, was born in Klein, Poland, January 16, 1901 and died suddenly Sept. 17, 1959 at the age of 58 years and eight months. In 1921 at Essen, Germany she was united in holy matrimony with John J. Kompolt. God blessed this union with three sons: Arthur, John and Erich. In 1931 Erich preceded his mother in death at the tender age of nine years.

Mrs. Kompolt was converted in her youth and upon confession of her faith in Christ was baptized by Rev. Karl Lach at Klein, Poland. With her family she came to the United States in 1945, making her home in Los Angeles, Calif. She united with the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church where she was a faithful, diligent worker in the work of the Lord. She was loved by all and will

be sorely missed. She leaves to mourn her passing, her beloved husband; two sons: Arthur and John; a daughter-in-law, Muriel and one grandson, Steven Arthur; also two sisters and one brother: Mrs. Berta Krieger of Pasadena, Calif.; Mrs. Lydia Stuerz, Russia and David Witt in Germany.
Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church
Inglewood, California
EDMUND MITTELSTEDT, Pastor

MR. THOMAS WIEBE of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mr. Thomas Wiebe was born in Turkistan, Asia on Dec. 5, 1888. He came to America with his parents in his early childhood. On July 21, 1918 he was united in marriage to Lena Rogalsky to which union three children were born: Mrs. George Kelso, Johnny Wiebe and Mrs. Otho Kelso. In 1918 he became a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church near Gotebo. In 1952 the family moved to Corn, Okla., until 1959 when Mr. and Mrs. Wiebe moved to Oklahoma City to be near the children. While residing at Corn, they joined the fellowship of the Calvary Baptist Church there.

We deeply feel the loss of husband and father as he leaves behind his wife, Lena; daughters Mrs. George Kelso and Mrs. Otho Kelso of Oklahoma City and son John Wiebe of Perry, Okla.; one brother-in-law, Henry Wiebe of Gotebo, Okla.; one sister, Mrs. Sam Geis of Cooperton, Okla.; one brother-in-law, Bill Shantz of Rocky, Okla.; and one sister-in-law, Mrs. Liddia Wiebe of Hobart, Okla.

Calvary Baptist Church
Corn, Oklahoma

THE FAMILY

REV. PHILLIP LAUER of Burlington, Iowa

Rev. Phillip Lauer, a retired pastor and member of the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, passed on to his eternal reward July 24, 1959 at the Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Illinois. He was born Feb. 13, 1875 in Steinfurth-Hessen, Germany, the son of Christian and Susana Lauer. On Oct. 15, 1902 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Thye in Des Moines County, Iowa. In 1902 he began a 55 year period in the ministry of our Lord, Jesus Christ. During that period he faithfully served in a number of North American Baptist churches including Okeene, Oklahoma; Hillsboro, Kansas; Cottonwood Church, Lorena, Texas; South Chicago, Illinois; Scottsbluff, Nebraska; and wonderful 14 years in the active pastorate were also spent in Elgin, Iowa.

Rev. Phillip Lauer retired to Burlington, Iowa in 1937. There he served in many different capacities in the Oak Street Baptist Church, also as supply minister for other churches in the area until moving to Chicago. He leaves to mourn his absence, his wife, at the Central Baptist Home in Chicago; a son, Frederick, Benton Harbor, Michigan; and two grandchildren, Carol and Eugene.

Oak St. Baptist Church
Burlington, Iowa
DONALD RICH, Officiating Pastor

MRS. PAULINE SEMKE of Vancouver, British Columbia

Mrs. Pauline Semke, nee Stobe, was born in Colosno, Russia April 25, 1873, where she spent her early years of life. At the age of 19 she dedicated her life to the Lord, was baptized and received into the membership of the local church. With others she emigrated to Canada in 1929. She made her first home in the new land in Nokomis, Sask., and in 1932 came to Vancouver, B. C., and became a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. God spared the departed of a prolonged illness, for on Sept. 8th she fell asleep to be with the Lord. Her husband preceded her in death in 1953.

She leaves to mourn her departure two daughters: Mrs. Lydia Gertz and Mrs. Emma Bush of Vancouver, B. C.; three sons: Eugene of Nokomis, Sask.; Adolph and Albert of Vancouver; one sister, Mrs. Amalia Kelbert of Minot, Man.; 17 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Baptist Home for the Aged
of Portland, Oregon

Nov. 5, 1959, 7:30 P.M.

at

Immanuel Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon

Laura C. Johnson, Secty.

Mother Semke loved God's children and the house of God and hardly ever missed a meeting at the church, thereby giving testimony to her Lord and Master. The burial service was conducted by the undersigned at the Ebenezer Baptist church.
Ebenezer Baptist Church
Vancouver, British Columbia
PHIL. DAUM, Pastor Interim

MR. DICK H. WINTER of Buffalo Center, Iowa

Mr. Dick H. Winter of Buffalo Center, Ia., was born August 6, 1891, at Cleves, Iowa, and went to be with the Lord on May 27, 1959, at the Buffalo Center Hospital following a short period of illness and hospitalization. He reached the age of 67 years, 9 months and 21 days. In 1899 the family moved to a farm north of Buffalo Center. On Feb. 3, 1915, he was united in marriage to Minna Bonleewe by Rev. T. Dons. It was during that same year that Dick accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Winter farmed northeast of Buffalo Center until the year 1944 when they moved to town and he worked at the Roy Johnson Feed Store until his recent illness. Those who mourn his departure are his beloved wife; two sons: Harold and Rudolph of Portland, Oregon; two daughters: Edith (Mrs. Frederick Benedix) of Kasson, Minnesota and Thressa (Mrs. Vern Davids) of Buffalo Center; and 15 grandchildren.

Services were conducted on June 1st at the First Baptist Church with Rev. W. G. Gerthe in charge. A former pastor, Rev. Peter Peters, and Rev. Rudolph Bronleewe assisted. He was faithful in church attendance and served as church treasurer for eleven years, a task which he fulfilled quietly and faithfully.

Buffalo Center, Iowa
THE DICK WINTER FAMILY

MRS. ELIZABETH MATTIS of Hettinger, North Dakota

Mrs. Elizabeth Mattis, nee Reichert, of Hettinger, N. Dak. was born March 30, 1877 in Gildendorf, Russia. After a lingering illness she was called home to be with her Lord August 12, 1959 at the ripe and honored age of 82 years, 4 months and 13 days. She was united in marriage to Henry Mattis of Rohrbach, Russia Oct. 28, 1897. Six years later in 1903 she immigrated to America with her husband and settled near Herreid, S. Dak. In Herreid she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and followed him through the waters of baptism in 1907.

Two years later in 1909 she and her husband moved to Adams County, N. Dak. Here in later years they both became charter members of the Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger, which they helped to organize. Her passing is mourned by 11 children: Gottlieb of Hettinger, N. Dak.; Mrs. Phillip (Elizabeth) Seidel of Lemmon, S. Dak.; Mrs. Rudolph (Rose) Hepper of Selfridge, N. Dak.; Henry of Cour D'lene, Idaho; Mrs. Howard (Margaret) Purdue of Lincoln, Nebr.; Mrs. Peter (Martha) Sitzer of Lemmon, S. Dak.; William of Elgin, N. Dak.; Mrs. Fred (Emma) Albright of Billings, Mont.; Albert of Carson, N. Dak.; Mrs. Edward (Lydia) Follmer of Hettinger, N. Dak.; and Edward of Hettinger, N. Dak.

Hettinger, North Dakota
IVER WALKER, Pastor

MR. CHRISTIAN ZEEB of Streeter, North Dakota

Mr. Christian Zeeb, resident of the Streeter community since 1906, when he with his wife and family emigrated from Helenental, South Russia, to the United States. On September 3, he went to be with his Lord, at the age of 87. In 1890 he was converted and baptized on confession of his faith. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Hirsch in 1893. In 1918 she predeceased him in death. In the same year he married Mrs. Christina Heer of Wishek, N. D. His second wife was called home in 1945. The following year he was married to Mrs. Margaretha Stockburger. In the fall of 1957 Mr. Zeeb took up residence in the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck.

He leaves to mourn the following children: Rosa, Mrs. Fred Schultz, Streeter; Katherine, Mrs. John Heer, Aberdeen, S. D.; Ferdinand, Sacramento, Cal.; Christ, in Washington; Rosalie, Mrs. Geigle, Portland, Ore.; Helen, Mrs. Ray Heer, Bowdle, S. D.; Edna, Mrs. Harry Schwengel, Portland, Ore.; Richard, Billings, Montana; Adella, Mrs. Reuben Schauer, Stockton, Cal.; also the following stepchildren: Mrs. Ben Benchofer, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Julius, William and John Heer; Mrs. John Zeeb, all of Salem, Ore.; Nathaniel Heer of Minnesota; Gideon Heer of Wishek; 35 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Streeter, North Dakota
CARL R. WEISSER, Pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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verses: on the one side raging men grinding their teeth; on the other side a man full of the Holy Ghost. Holiness and unholiness stand here in sharp contrast.

Here we see how it is possible for perfect love to cast out fear. (I John 4:18). It brings into focus the objects of love: the open heavens, the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. Death, as well as life, can be wonderful.

IV. A FORGIVING SAINT. Acts 7:60.

It is impossible to hate any man if the love of God dwells in your heart. It is easy to forgive the worst, if you possess the best. Like Jesus, his Savior, Stephen died forgiving his enemies.

WE, THE WOMEN

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policies and programs of the educational part of the church. With all of these tasks, he must not lose his evangelistic fervor and his personal interest in each individual, as he helps point each to the Christian way of life and to the place which God has appointed for each.

As the words of the Great Commission are called to mind, one realizes that many have been called to service in foreign and home missions. This commission has meant for me the acceptance of the challenge of Christian Education here at home in local churches, as well as in service on the executive committee of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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for example, has voted the automatic suspension of any "member proved to be involved directly or indirectly in the manufacture, distribution or sale, either wholesale or retail, of intoxicating beverages, legal or illegal."

● **Church Experiences Continuous Revival.** First Baptist Church in Feira de Santana, Baia, Brazil, has been having a continuous revival during this year. Seventy persons have accepted Jesus by early June and 29 of these have been baptized. Five young men have surrendered to preach the gospel, and a large number of persons have rededicated their lives to the Lord's service. One of the young men heard of the Savior through a Baptist radio program while he was seriously ill in a hospital.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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pressed by Mr. and Mrs. Walters for the kindness shown and for the pantry shower as reported by Mrs. Verland Brenner.

● The North Freedom Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wis., has extended a call to Rev. Norman Miller of Durham, Kansas, to become its pastor. He has responded favorably and announced that he would begin his pastorate in North Freedom on Nov. 1st, where he will serve both the North Freedom and nearby Rock Springs, Wis., churches. He has served the First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas, for five years and eight months, during which many improvements were made on the church property, and 36 new members were added to the church. In the North Freedom church he will succeed Rev. Richard Lawrenz, now of Racine, Wis.

● Dr. Leslie Chaffee, medical missionary at the Banso Baptist Hospital in the Southern Cameroons and now on furlough, has been granted a leave of absence for one year to the end of 1960. This will enable the Chaffee children to take advantage of important educational opportunities. Beginning with November 1959, Dr. Chaffee will be engaged in medical practice at the Christian Clinic of Lake City, Washington, on the north side of Seattle. Dr. Chaffee will take over the practice of Dr. Den Dulk who has gone with his wife and four children to Ethiopia to serve for one year as a missionary there. There is another doctor at the Lake City Clinic besides Dr. Chaffee.

● Dr. and Mrs. George A. Dunger returned to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., early in September from Ghana, Africa, where they had spent the past school year. Dr. Dunger served as exchange professor under a Fulbright Scholarship at the University College of Ghana. Dr. Dunger was also able to visit the Cameroons mission stations after many years of absence from the field. On Sunday morning, Sept. 27, Dr. Dunger was the guest speaker at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., at the opening service for Education Week. He spoke on "Education for a Troubled Age." His new book, "At God's Command," has come from the press and an informative article on Ghana will appear in the 1960 ANNUAL.

THE LONG SEARCH

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if she felt his gaze fixed upon her, she suddenly opened her gray eyes wide and caught him staring at her. She gave a startled gasp and wiped the tears from her eyes with a childish gesture as she sat erect and the color flooded her face.

"I must have fallen asleep," she said with a note of surprise.

"It will do you good to get some sleep," he told her, trying to cover his embarrassment at being caught staring. "If you have a long way to go, you should sleep all you can. This scenery isn't worth wasting your eyesight on."

"I'm going to New Orleans," she told him. "It's a long way, isn't it?"

"Yes, we won't be there until tomorrow noon."

"Are you going that far?" she asked hopefully.

"Yes, that's where I'm going."

He wasn't pleased to know that he would have her with him all the way. He wanted to be alone and she had evoked too many painful memories.

"Oh, that will be nice." She gave him a smile, then her face colored again. "I—I—mean it will be nice to have someone to talk to. All these other passengers seem to have someone with them."

He did not reply and her face clouded. She turned and looked out the window on the other side of the bus.

He felt sudden pity for her. She seemed almost a child, though he knew that she was older than she seemed. There was something pathetic about her so he made an effort to be agreeable.

"Are you going to visit someone in New Orleans?" he asked.

"I'm going to live with my aunt. My mother died a short time ago and I have no one else."

She turned away to hide the tears which he knew were filling her eyes. They were beautiful eyes, large and deep gray, with long lashes that curved upward, adding to her little-girl appearance.

"I'm sorry," he volunteered, wishing that he could say something to stop those tears. "I know just how you feel. I lost my mother recently, too." His heart ached in tune with hers. He knew what she suffered.

She turned back to him with tears still on her lashes.

"Then you really do understand, don't you?" Her voice choked with suppressed sobs while she tried to smile through her tears. "I hate to be such a baby, but my mother and I were so close and I miss her. It doesn't seem worth-while to go on without her, but I guess we have to go on whether we want to or not."

"Yes, we do," he agreed. "Life may never seem the same to you, but you are so young that in time you will get over the keenness of your grief and you will be happy again."

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