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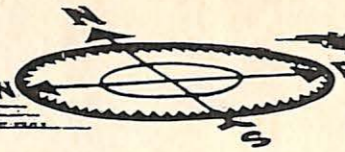
Born to Grow!

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• Permission to start mission work in Nepal was granted only about six years ago, after several trips to Nepal by Presbyterian missionary Dr. Fleming to collect birds for the Field Museum in Chicago. As a result of the good-will built up by Dr. Fleming, an invitation came to start medical work at several places in this land that had been all but entirely closed to Christian work for many years. There are now about 75 missionaries from eight different countries, and twelve different church groups at work in five places in Nepal. The main hospital is in a suburb of Kathmandu, in a rented palace.

• A French business man, looking at an empty building formerly used as a shoe factory, exclaimed: "That building looks like a chapel." He was told that some Americans were buying it to use as a *chapelle protestante*. The missionaries feel that perhaps the Lord had allowed the shoe factory to be built as it was, so that it might eventually become the Evangelical Alliance Mission's first local church building in France. It is located in Vitry, an industrial suburb of Paris, France with a population of about 60,000. Vitry is a stronghold of Communism and has no other Protestant church.

—*The Evangelical Christian*

• In French Cameroun sleeping sickness, a disease that only one generation ago was wiping out whole villages, is now a medical curiosity. The credit for this belongs to medical missionaries, French Government doctors, and African medical assistants working together. Another chapter is well started on control of yaws, a disease that once left the patient permanently crippled. Again, credit goes to missionaries, the French Government and Africans, working together with their new tool, penicillin. Another chapter is partly written on the training of African doctors, nurses and technicians.

• Bristol, England, has been chosen as the location for Youth for Christ International's 12th World Congress scheduled for August, 1960. The invitation was presented to the Convention by Dave Foster, a member of the British Youth for Christ staff and editor of their magazine *Vista*. Mr. Foster and his wife are in the United States visiting local Youth for Christ programs. Youth for Christ International is an interdenominational organization specializing in teenage evangelism. From its headquarters office in Wheaton, Ill., it carries on a varied program in 45 nations of the world.

• Tibetan refugees who fled into Assam, India, are being aided by Chris-

tian groups in that country. Among them are Baptists at a mission hospital in Tezpur and staff nurses from a mission hospital in Guahati. The hospital in Tezpur is run by the Baptist General Conference of America (formerly Swedish). Tezpur is close to a camp where about 7,000 Tibetans are now living in a refugee township. The nurses from Guahati are nationals who serve at an American Baptist-directed mission hospital. A team of Guahati nurses has been loaned to help at the refugee camp near Tezpur. Guahati is about 90 miles away.

—*The Watchman-Examiner*

• Greater Europe Mission, which has its headquarters in Chicago, Ill., has



Baptist Briefs

• **Baptist Center at Tel Aviv.** Baptists in Tel Aviv have secured permission from city housing authorities to remodel the interior of a first-floor flat for use as a Baptist book store and information center. Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, regional secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board, says that the interior of this building was demolished four years ago on the charge that it violated the building code. "Patience and perseverance have paid off, and Baptists should soon have an important point of witness near the heart of the largest city in Israel."

• **Moscow Baptist Church on TV.** A proposal from the National Broadcasting Company in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention to film a television program in the Moscow Baptist Church has been rejected by the Soviet Embassy in Washington. Cost of the program was to be mutually borne by both organizations. The Soviet Union gave no reason for its stand against the television program. Under the circumstances, a broadcast of this nature would mean a modification of the Soviet's anti-religious policy. The Moscow Baptist Church has been much in the news in recent years. Billy Graham was a recent visitor. The church is a symbol of the 700,000 Baptists in Russia who are church members, and of the 3,000,000 who are interested in Baptist distinctives.

• **Alaska Missionaries Use Boat.** As the fishermen of Kaguyak, Alaska, had finished unloading their day's catch to the big tender out in the bay, they saw the *Evangel*, a colporter missionary boat, glide into port. The *Evangel* is the 38-foot boat that has carried

announced that the first city-wide evangelistic campaign ever held in Italy took place in Naples recently, drawing a crowd of nearly 5,000 persons in eight nights. Dr. Enrico Paschetto, professor of New Testament at Italy's newly-founded Italian Bible Institute in La Spezia (sustained by GEM), was the evangelist. Interest remained at high pitch and forty decisions for Christ were recorded, GEM leaders note, although city officials closed down the meetings after the first night and the campaign was forced to continue in the Methodist church which seats only 400 instead of 1,500 as did the auditorium for which they had a contract.

—*United Evangelical Action*

missionaries Norman and Joyce Smith the seven years they have served American Baptists in Alaska. Its every-summer ministry reaches many seasonal canneries and ten Aleut villages around the Kodiak islands. Bought from the U. S. navy in 1945 and equipped with a superstructure, the *Evangel* now has a movie and slide projector, and amplifying system, a two-way radio telephone, a portable organ and ingeniously arranged cabin furnishings which fold out of the way to make room for about twenty-five people on board for church services.

• **Pastor Ministers to Five Churches.** Rev. Zdzislaw Pawlik, Baptist minister at Lodz, Poland, has the oversight of five congregations totalling about 200 people. Each Sunday he conducts services in at least five different sections of the city. Lodz is the second largest city in Poland. In addition to the regular Sunday services in the five churches, other services are sometimes held in the homes of the people who include Germans, Russians and Ukrainians.

• **Student Response Given to Relief Appeal.** HAMBURG, Germany — (BWA)—When German Baptists received from Dr. R. Paul Caudill, chairman of the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, a plea for help for refugees in Hong Kong, they remembered that they, too, had previously been the object of Baptist World Alliance relief efforts. Hans Luckey, director of the Baptist theological seminary at Hamburg wrote, "When I made it an object of my prayer, the students wanted to do something especially for these refugees. So, the students of the seminary and the youth

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Editorial



Born To Grow

Guest Editorial by Mr. Vernon Heckman of St. Paul, Minn.,
President of the Sunday School Union

When a son was born to Amran and Jochebed, they took it for granted that he was "Born to Grow." "As they did not want their child to be cast into the river to die, the mother took for him an ark of bulrushes and daubed it with slime and with pitch and put the child therein and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink." Under seemingly strange circumstances, God's providence soon became evident and the child's mother was privileged to nurse it, love it, and teach it such things as only a mother can. "This child grew and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son."

Every other boy that has come into a Hebrew family before or since Moses' day was likewise born to grow. So also were the girls and so also were the children born into Gentile families. God is no respecter of persons. The fact is that every living organism is born to grow. "The eyes of all wait upon thee. . . Thou openest thine hand and satisfieth the desire of every living thing." Growth then is the norm for all life that is brought into being by God.

How shall we grow? "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." We need no better pattern than his growth pattern.

And Jesus increased in wisdom—mental growth! Psychologists report that most individuals use only a small percentage of the mind's potential capacity. "Bring . . . the books, and above all the parchments," said Paul. These are the voices of those living and dead who have traveled life's road before and have grown by their experiences and recorded them for us. Neglect not the Book of books, the reading and studying of which will tremendously aid mental growth.

And Jesus increased in stature—physical growth! Our bodies, marvelously made, are to be the temple of the Lord. They can be used to bring glory to his Name or abused to our shame. Sensible health habits help build sound bodies. This week may be a good time to start better health habits in your life. Try it!

And Jesus increased in favor with God—spiritual growth! Satan often blinds our eyes so that we are oblivious of our own lack of growth in the things of the spirit. A close fellowship with our Heavenly Father can correct this condition and start us on our way to spiritual growth again. Prayer with the Father was vital in the life of Christ. Is it vital in your life, too?

And Jesus increased in favor with man—social growth! The needs of man are multitudinous. Most families face some kind of severe stress at least once in a two year period. In many instances, outside help is needed to meet the crisis. You and I can sometimes be used to help or bring aid from some source. The Lord Jesus was compassionate to needs of all kinds. He helped many. He has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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The Bible Speaks to Us!

"I like it when people fondle my pages often, meditating on the words, and asking, "What is God saying to me?"

By Miss Martha M. Leypoldt, Professor of Christian Education, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

I AM THE BIBLE whose pages are filled with words "inspired by God." In order for God's words to be understood and accepted, people must read the contents of my pages and understand the message that God is bringing to them. I like it when people fondle my pages often, meditating on the words, and asking, "What is God saying to me?"

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEXTBOOK

I am the textbook used in Sunday School. In fact, people say that the Sunday School is a Bible school. I wonder if some Sunday Schools are called Bible schools just in name and not in practice. I heard a man say the other Sunday morning as he left me lying on the table, "I don't see why I should take my Bible to Sunday School. The teacher never has me use it, anyway." I never like to be left alone because, if I am, I know that I am not fulfilling my mission.

Although the words on my pages were written for adults, my message can be understood by children and young people if it is used in the right way. Come with me to the various departments of the Sunday School to see how I am used in different ways.

First, come with me to the Pre-

School Department. Can you see me over here? The teacher has put me on a low table so the children can see me when they come to Sunday School. Oh, I know that they cannot read the words on my pages as yet, but the teacher tells the children that I am a very special Book, The Bible!

THIS IS GOD'S BOOK!

"This is God's Book," she says. "It is a special Book that we handle very carefully." And sometimes the teacher picks me up and places me carefully in the tiny hands of a child. The child smiles proudly as the teacher says that the story of the picture on the wall is found in the Bible.

It seems as if the pre-school child likes to hear the same stories over and over again. I also hear the teacher use some very simple verses from my pages. I notice that the teacher says them over and over again, even when the children are playing with toys or making something with their hands.

Now come into the Primary Room. I notice here that the teachers are very careful to select only the stories and truths that children of the first, second, and third grades can understand. There are still many of my pages that are not used by the Pri-

mary children, but teachers are making my message meaningful to these children so they will want to know the rest of my message when they are old enough to understand.

Many of the children are beginning to learn the verses in the Scripture Memory Course and with the help of their teachers and their parents they begin reading these verses for themselves. Even many of the songs that they sing tell the message contained in my pages.

LEARNING THE BIBLE'S TRUTHS

The boys and girls in the Junior Department are "growing up," for every boy and girl now has a Bible of his very own. I notice that the children learn more about the truths written on my pages when the teacher asks the children to look through my pages thoughtfully. The teacher carefully selects questions that make the boys and girls use my pages and search for the meaning of the truths of God's Word. Sometimes they use different translations where my words are written in a more simple way so that the children can understand what God is saying to them.

Young people are vivacious and it takes a dedicated teacher to bring the message that my pages portray to their understanding. Young people ask many important questions today which deserve an answer. "What does the Bible have to do with the problems of my life?" they query.

I have seen young people act out some problem and then talk about it. Then they look through my pages to find an answer. Sometimes the answer doesn't come directly. I wish I could make the right words jump out of my pages, for I always have an answer for them.

GOD'S PLAN FOR LIFE

The Adults need my message, too. They can use all of my pages from beginning to the end, but even to them some are not easy to understand. Many questions are asked about the real meaning of God's plan for this world and for man. Sometimes the teacher asks a question and asks that groups of three or four adults talk about possible answers to the question.

After a brief time each group tells what they have discussed. Many more ideas are brought out in this way. A Bible dictionary, a concordance, and other reference books help to make my words more meaningful.

It is a wonderful thing to be the

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YOUNG PEOPLE ASK QUESTIONS

—Luoma Photo

Young people ask many important questions today: "What does the Bible have to do with the problems of my life," they query.

Born to Grow Through Training

We need to strive toward the goal that leadership training is a requirement for all Sunday School staff members.

By Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary of the Sunday School Union

LEADERSHIP TRAINING for church and Sunday School workers continues to be a pronounced need in our Christian Education program. From experience as a pastor and now in my responsibilities as general secretary of the Sunday School Union, I cannot help but recognize that leadership training is basic to a more constructive ministry in Christian Education. The dedicated men and women in our churches, who are willing to serve as leaders and teachers need opportunities adequately to develop their abilities if a more effective Christian Education ministry is to be experienced.

MATERIALS FOR TRAINING

The training program for adults has made remarkable progress in industry, farming, and numerous other vocations. The church can no longer afford to be complacent about its sacred responsibilities to provide ample opportunities for training of leaders and workers. Materials for training have become available in greater quantity as well as quality, which adds to the urgency of an improved leadership training program.

The Baptist Jubilee Program for 1960 will emphasize "Bible Teaching and Training." Extensive plans have been made and materials developed which can be adapted for use in all of our churches in this important "Bible Teaching and Training" ministry. The emphasis will be on Bible study courses, enlistment for systematic Bible reading and a disciplined Bible study for members.

A packet of materials for this Bible study emphasis contains Bible study course suggestions, a number of outstanding tracts on Bible reading, a one-year Bible reading guide, plus the Bible study booklet on Colossians. Every Sunday school teacher, officer and worker will find this packet helpful and essential toward becoming a better Bible trained worker in the church and Sunday school. A sample copy of this packet will be made available to the pastor and superintendent. Additional packets are now available at twenty-five cents each. Ask your pastor how to secure one.

PLANS FOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING

An effective and helpful leadership training program requires the co-operation of all members and organizations to support and promote leadership training. In many of our churches, a Board of Christian Education plans

and co-ordinates the leadership training program. If your church does not have a Board of Christian Education, then it may be well to select a leadership training committee with the responsibility of planning such a program for your specific needs.

The "Bible Teaching and Training" program for your church for 1960 needs to get underway during the next two months. Experiences have proven that advance planning is most essential if leadership training efforts are to be successful. Some of the essential planning for a successful leadership training program include the following:

1) Determine the schedule to be

cial list found in the "Bible Teaching and Training" packet for 1960. The headquarters library in Forest Park, Ill., has copies of all leadership training books listed in the curriculum brochure. Churches may borrow these books for two weeks in order to review the contents before selecting a course.

PREPARATIONS FOR COURSES

4) Instructors for Leadership Training should include qualified public school teachers for courses dealing with teaching methods. The pastor or guest pastor as well as directors of Christian Education should be considered as instructors.

5) Promotional publicity will be very



Dedicated men and women in our churches, who are willing to serve as leaders and teachers, need opportunities to develop their abilities and to use Sunday School materials at hand.

followed for your leadership training program. This will require much advance planning in order to avoid conflicts with other meetings in the church and community.

2) The daily schedule of the course will need to be carefully planned to meet the requirements of an accredited course which consists of ten periods of fifty minutes each. Under special circumstances, this arrangement may be altered to include eight periods of sixty minutes each.

3) Select the courses of study. A complete list of recommended leadership training courses is found in the "Christian Leadership Training Curriculum" brochure. Copies of this brochure are available free of charge from the Sunday School Union. Additional study courses are suggested in a spe-

vital for a successful leadership training program. Publicity methods will include announcements in the church bulletins, individual letters, printed programs and, most of all, personal contact to enroll teachers and prospective teachers. All organizations within the church should have a vital part in promoting participation in leadership training. A mimeographed flyer should be distributed giving details regarding study courses, dates and time of sessions and names of the instructors.

All students completing a study course according to requirements will receive a certificate of credit issued by the Sunday School Union. A diploma will be forwarded to those com-

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—Eva Luoma Photo

Boys and girls will grow through committing God's Word to memory only if the words have meaning.

Born to Grow Through Scripture Memorization

This is God's Command: "Thou shalt teach them (God's Words) diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way."

By Miss Ruth Bathauer, Children's Worker

The Word of God shall guide my feet,
Wherever I may go;
The Word of God shall teach my heart
The things it ought to know;
The Word of God shall make me strong
And bless me through my whole life long,
And bless me through my whole life long.

The Word of God upon my lips
Helps me to spread the story;
The Word of God before my eyes
Will show me all his glory;
The Word of God within my heart
Will give me strength to do my part,
Will give me strength to do my part.

—By Nancy B. Turner & Vivien Brown

THE BEAUTIFUL words above are words which many Junior boys and girls sing in their department at Sunday School. To make this song become a reality in their lives, we are reminded anew of our responsibility to teach God's Word. The Word of God must become a part of the boys and girls to be effective in their lives and for them to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

TEACHING THE WORD

Boys and girls spend approximately one hour each Sunday morning in Sunday School. Therefore it becomes evident that the home and church must face this responsibility together. The sixth chapter of Deuteronomy is a challenge to Christian parents and leaders as we read God's command concerning his Word: "Thou shalt teach them (God's Words) diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house,

and when thou walkest by the way . . ."

There are many ways through which the Word of God may be learned and taught. It is important that Sunday School teachers and parents do not limit themselves to any one particular way to teach God's Word. Make use of the many ways such as reading the Bible, listening to it read, studying the Bible, using it for inspiration and worship, gleaning from it Christian truths for our lives and committing it to memory. We do, however, want to see how they may grow through memorizing God's Word.

Boys and girls will grow through committing God's Word to memory only if the words have meaning. They will grow as they acquire the needed Bible knowledge for spiritual growth. The Scripture Memory program can help memorizers to grow by stimulating an interest in and a love for the Bible. Through a daily use of the Bible, boys and girls may establish the habit of Bible study which is essential to Christian growth.

The month of October means that boys and girls should again be enrolled in our denominational Scripture Memory Program. The current course for the fall is Course III for all departments. Children should be enrolled according to school grade and age. The Scripture Memory supplies are ready and will be mailed to churches without charge at the request of the church. Orders should be mailed to Ruth Bathauer, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois, immediately.

WHAT WILL THEY LEARN?

This year the Primary boys and girls will learn portions of Scripture pertaining to God's love and care, verses on Christian living and the church, some of the beautiful verses from the

Psalms which might be used as "Calls to Worship" in their Sunday School departments and Junior CBYF. They will learn verses telling them about God's beautiful world as well as some of the promises of God.

The Juniors and Junior Highs will have their Bible verses centered around such topics as salvation, baptism, the church, giving, Christian living, assurance of salvation, God's promises, worshiping God, and others. The Junior High memorizers will also be expected to learn verses under the topic, "My Guide to Soul Winning."

WE LEARN THE LORD'S PRAYER

During the summer it was my privilege to teach and work on the Lord's Prayer with a group of Juniors in Vacation Church School. It is true that most Primaries and Juniors are able to repeat the Lord's Prayer correctly. However, the Juniors and I discovered there was a great deal we didn't know about the Lord's Prayer, even though we could repeat it. To help us in our study we discussed the various phases of the prayer to discover their meaning more fully. After that, the Juniors selected the parts of the prayer which they would like to illustrate on a large poster. Some of the divisions and the way we illustrated them were as follows:

"Our Father"—illustrated by people in prayer; pictures of Christ; some used choirs.

"Thy Will be done"—illustrated by people helping one another, showing deeds of kindness, etc.

"Daily Bread"—illustrated by family group bowed in prayer before meals.

"Forgive us"—this was illustrated by a picture demonstrating a racial problem.

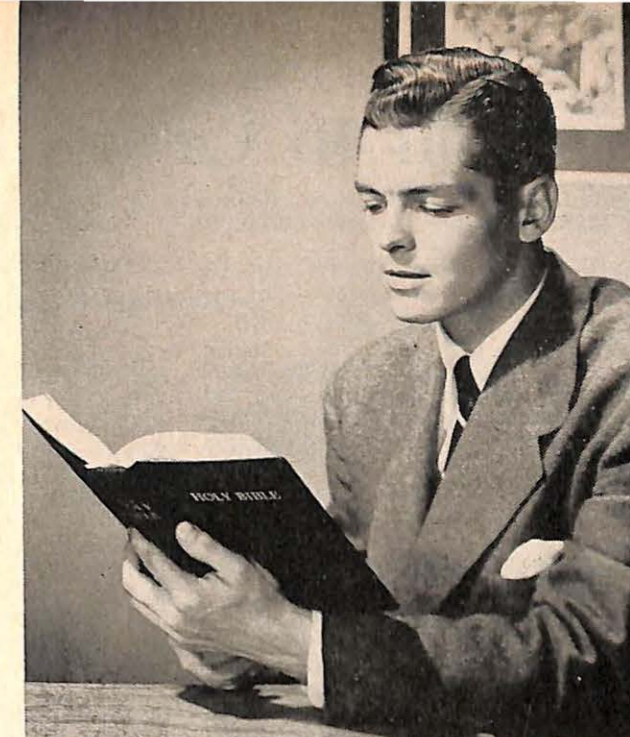
"Not into temptation"—illustrated

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Born to Grow As a Teacher

As yielded vessels, we as teachers must become instruments in the hand of God, molded and filled for his service.

By Mr. Gary Schroeder, Director of Christian Education, Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois.



—Eva Luoma Photo

True spiritual development comes through fellowship with God and men and is tempered in the fires of daily experience.

JOE ADAMS walked slowly down the corridor of the Sunday School building. He had agreed to become a teacher in the Sunday School and was just leaving his first leadership training class. Three words from the discussion kept repeating in his mind: "Born to Grow," "Born to Grow," "Born to Grow"

The logic of these words could not escape him. In recent weeks their home had been blessed with a new child, a child that would grow into manhood. He knew the child would not grow on its own; it would need nourishment, both physical and spiritual.

WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Suddenly the real meaning of the preceding session came into focus. "Growth!" Naturally as a Christian he needed to grow, and if he as a parent and teacher was to be effective in reaching the lives of others, his own spiritual development must take precedence. He thought to himself, "None of us can lift anyone beyond our own spiritual level."

Like Joe Adams, many of us tend to think of "spiritual development" in terms of Bible study and prayer, and we should not for a moment minimize the importance of these. On the other hand, some of us neglect to consider the all important work of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who works in and through us as teachers, guiding us unto the truth. (John 14:26). Only as we yield our lives to him, can we know the full significance of what the Word of God reveals and the sweetness of communion with God in prayer.

"Spiritual development" cannot be equated with a sudden emotional experience or decision to serve Christ in

a greater capacity. True spiritual development comes through fellowship with God and man and is tempered in the fires of daily experiences.

Perhaps one of the areas of greatest growth as a teacher occurs in our preparation to teach. This involves not only the acquisition of Bible content and the truth to be taught, but, above all, the needs of those we will be teaching. As a Sunday School teacher we can ill afford to waste the precious minutes allotted to us for teaching a lesson which does not meet some need in the lives of our pupils.

This calls for a great deal of work on the part of the teacher. If we are to understand those whom we teach, their interests must become our interests, their problems our problems and, as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are directed to the particular needs which can be met by our teaching.

TEACHING METHODS

Having discovered the areas of need in the lives of our pupils, we are challenged again in the presentation of the Word of God. The proper use of effective teaching methods is not inherited, but acquired through many hours of careful study and preparation. Our pupils are fully aware of an unprepared and indifferent teacher.

Modern day devices such as television and radio bring the best in teaching methods into our homes, and the Sunday School cannot afford to be undersold. The particular needs of the individual, which we mentioned earlier, are usually the best stepping-stones to new and interesting teaching methods. The aim or goal of our lesson will definitely govern the method used and keep us alert to new ways of presenting the good news of the Gospel.

Methods can become a habit. No doubt, we have all known the Sunday School teacher who had the class read alternately numerous verses of the lesson, repeat the "Golden Text," and then proceed to expound the Word. Many of our teachers have become slaves to ways of teaching and must be encouraged to venture out into new experiences. These may not always bring the results desired, but they will create a longing in the heart of each teacher for a greater outreach, for richer teaching experiences through new avenues of method. Stereotyped methods are only as effective as the interest they create.

The Christian teacher must be creative, since he or she is endowed with a capacity of creation limited only by their degree of yieldedness to the Holy Spirit. We do not stand alone; ours is not mere human intellect pitted against the problems of the world. But as yielded vessels, we become instruments in the hand of God, molded and filled for his service.

A LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Every teaching experience calls for a learning experience. Effective teaching can only be evaluated by the lives of our pupils, and we as Sunday School teachers should be aware of any response, both positive and negative, to our teaching.

Is the pupil learning the factual material presented?

Has his or her attitude changed?

Is there a deepening of spiritual experience?

If the lives of our pupils remain unchanged, untouched by the Word of God, we must begin with self, properly evaluating our spiritual life, our attitudes, our concern, our methods, to

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Born to Grow Through Outreach

Suggestions how to teach missions in Sunday School through a vital knowledge of and contact with missionary life and work.

By Rev. S. D. Ganstrom of Saint Paul, Minnesota

RECENTLY every word and reference of the Scriptures was fed into a modern electronic brain. Then with the press of a button, the machine went to work and issued forth a completely organized Bible Concordance. If the facts fed into the mechanical brain were correct, the concordance is perfect, for the robot remembers exactly what it is told.

Sunday School teachers, no doubt, often wish their pupils would remember and do everything they are taught. But this is not possible for we are dealing with human personalities, not with robots. We are "Born to Grow Through Outreach."

It is a very distressing fact, that too often we fail to arouse more zeal for missions through our programs.

MISSION SUNDAY

Does not this lack of zeal stem from the lack of vital personal knowledge of and contact with missionary life and work? How can we meet this problem? Here are some suggestions on how to teach missions in the Sunday School.

1. Time of Presentation.
Four, six or eight Sundays a year can be designated as Mission Sunday. Many churches have one Sunday per month. Be careful not to have them so often that your subject matter does not receive the emphasis it should.

2. Type of Presentation.

Presentations should be varied and challenging. Perhaps in small Sunday Schools it can be presented to the entire church school. However, in departmentalized schools it should be presented separately in each department. The department superintendents should co-ordinate each program while enlisting teachers, pupils, pastor, Woman's Missionary Union leaders or, when possible, missionaries to participate in the programs.

It is not necessary that each department present the same material on a given subject. However, the Board of Christian Education should try to assist the Sunday School in co-ordinating the yearly program in order that all departments present materials pertinent to the times, related to the over-all church program of missions and relevant to the denominational missionary outreach.

3. Achieving Our Objectives.

"Born to Grow Through Outreach." What helps do we have in striving to achieve our objectives? First of all, there is God working through concerned teachers, officers, pastors, parents and pupils. Then there is the Word of God to challenge us with the great commission to teach all nations of Christ's salvation for the lost.

Next, there are the many materials,

projects, visual aids and prayer victories. I shall divide the latter into two sections, (a) fields and work; (b) workers and prayer.

(a) Fields and Work.

Gather all the materials possible such as the "Baptist Herald" and "Annual" articles, missionary leaflets and letters, maps and pictures. From these materials glean all pertinent national and geographical information, brief data on our missionary history and circumstances which affect missionary work.

Classify the work at the various stations, such as Preaching, Medical, Educational, etc. Charts and graphs can be made of valuable statistics on the number of conversions, church and Sunday School memberships, the number of missionaries and their stations and types of work. These will all lend color and interest to mission lessons.

Don't forget the financial situation in each field. Be up to date on how much it costs per year to send and to maintain a missionary in Japan or the Cameroons. How much does it cost to send White Cross materials to Banson Hospital? Where do we get the money to educate the young men in Bible School?

Establish projects to localize interest and giving. For example, the Sunday School may choose for one year one of the suggested national Sunday School projects. Then each department may choose smaller projects within the larger one. Should the national project happen to be "Schools in the Cameroons," then one department could use a project on one single school, such as the one for leper children at New Hope Settlement.

Make use of all the visual aids available from the denominational promotional department. Make each room or department attractive by displaying missionary maps, posters, pictures and charts. Give assignments to pupils to make collections of clippings of pictures regarding your project and make a note-binder photo-book.

MISSIONARY SKETCHES

One very important matter to keep in mind is that all gifts go to some approved designated project through the local church channels and on to the Forest Park Office.

(b) Workers and Prayer.

Collect biographical sketches of all our home and foreign missionaries. "Now We Are 55" has many of these, and each time a new missionary leaves for service a short sketch is usually

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What Sunday School Week Can Mean

Highlights of Other Sunday School Week Observances by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and Miss Ruth Bathauer

IT IS A THRILLING experience for the Sunday School office staff to receive the reports of the Sunday School Week each year. It is impossible to share all of the many wonderful reports but we do want to share a few events which took place during the 1958 Sunday School Week.

UNDERSTANDING OF MISSIONS

"We stressed missions this year more than ever before during the Harvest Mission Program on the last Sunday of Sunday School Week . . . The first half of the program was given by the Beginners . . . The remainder of the program was a representation depicting our mission fields . . . Africa, Japan, Indian, Spanish-American and Austria. High school and young adult students were used, one representing each of the above listed countries, each dressed in authentic costumes, make-up and wigs to make them look the part. They entered the church auditorium from different directions, one at a time. Each proceeded to the front of the church, decorated with harvest theme, going to a microphone where they informally told of their life story or an incident. The incidents were all true, having been gathered from various mission material received from headquarters, "Baptist Herald" and directly from missionaries. At the end all were gathered in semi-circle on platform behind harvest display. As the lights were lowered a solo, 'Lord, Send Me There,' was sung. A large banner across the front of the church, behind the participants, glowed in dim light with words, 'Go ye . . . and preach the Gospel.'" (This program was written by Miss Doris Glewwe who was superintendent at the time.)

Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., Doris Glewwe, Superintendent.

S. S. WEEK MEANS FELLOWSHIP

The First Baptist Church of Dickinson County reports that on Thursday of that week four churches in the Southwestern conference met. "The meeting by the four churches was enjoyed by all. Groups assembled together at the beginning of the meeting and then divided into groups. The Durham church was in charge of children's work, Ebenezer church was in charge of young people's work, Mt. Zion church in charge of adults and the host church, First Baptist Church of Dickinson County was in charge of arrangements and fellowship following discussion time. Speakers arranged for 50 minute periods in presenting material and then had a short discussion time. Plans are to be similar this next year, the Lord willing."

Lowell K. Abeldt, Hope, Kansas, Superintendent.

S. S. WEEK MEANS VISITATION

"Our visitation consisted of several couples going to homes where only the children come, and to homes where families come only on special occasions. People were thankful and stated they would come more often. We reviewed our visitation program at the Sunday School teachers' and officers' meeting and made plans for the coming year."

Tacoma, Washington, Miss Doris Wagner, Superintendent.

"The Sunday School is distributing about a dozen plants to our shut-ins this Sunday, October 5th. The plants are purchased by the Sunday School and they will first beautify our morning service."

Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., Mr. Arthur Luck, Superintendent.



Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general secretary of the Sunday School Union, brings the address at the dedication festivities for the Baptist Nursing Home, Madison, South Dakota.

Turtle Lake Baptist Church, North Dakota, Reuben E. Mehrer, Superintendent.

"Members' visitation night . . . One family as host, two families as guests. Excellent response! Many suggested we do this again SOON."

First Baptist Church, LaSalle, Colorado, Mr. Roy Schmidt, Superintendent.

S. S. WEEK MEANS OUTREACH

"Open Door to the Home. Letters were mailed out to each home the week before and they were encouraged to have a 'home' night with Scripture given for the family devotions before bedtime. Cards announcing the events of the Sunday School Week were given to each Sunday School pupil on September 28th. Tags were given to each pupil and they were to wear them on Rally Day and give one to the person they invited to wear."

Portland Avenue Baptist Church,

GROW AS A TEACHER

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discover where we are blocking the work of the Holy Spirit.

Discouragements? Yes, they will come, but over and above we see the lives of those who have been drawn closer to their Lord because we have accepted the challenge to "Feed the Lambs."

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

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bearer of the best news on earth. When the message contained in my pages is taught aright, children, young people, and adults know my message and then learn to know Jesus as Savior at a time when the Holy Spirit works within their hearts. This is a time when the words written on my pages are written on their hearts and the message comes to life in their lives.



—Photo by Rev. Gilbert Schneider

The open window in a Kumba house in the Southern Cameroons frames the sweet, radiant face of one of the Baptist Sunday School scholars.

Bible Reading Packet for Every Baptist

Order your packet for 25 cents with an assortment of material emphasizing the second year's program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, "Evangelism Through Bible Teaching and Training"

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

EVERY CHRISTIAN must put on the whole armor of God if he wants to experience the victorious life. He must not neglect any piece of equipment in this armor of God—the breastplate of righteousness, shoes of the Gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit.

He must be prepared to stand against "the wiles of the devil" and the forces of darkness by the armor that he wears and by the discipline of soul and mind in the light of God's truth. Only such Christians will serve in the vanguard of God's army and be those witnesses for Christ who will "turn the world upside down."

1960 THEME OF BAPTIST ADVANCE

God has such an army for righteousness among the 19 million Baptists on the North American continent who have banded themselves together in the Baptist Jubilee Advance program. Not all of them will stand up for Christ in the heat of the day and in the brunt of battle. Many of them will never pay the price of being good, ardent Christian witnesses for the Gospel. But a large number of them will

still bring joy to the Savior's heart as they continue to devote themselves to the task of evangelization during this five year period (1959-1964).

The second year's program has now become a personal challenge to hundreds of thousands of these Baptists, including many of our North American Baptists in our churches. Its theme is **EVANGELISM THROUGH BIBLE TEACHING AND TRAINING**. In order to be victorious in the warfare for Christ, we as Christ's followers must be fully equipped with the armor of God. This means the spiritual disciplining of ourselves and our minds through an intensive study of God's Word. It means a constant emphasis on Bible teaching and training, until we come to experience for ourselves the power of this Word and then go to send forth the Gospel as "the Word of God that endureth forever."

TWO THOUSAND PACKETS

Every North American Baptist who is eager to take his religious faith seriously will "first" want to become acquainted with the "Eighteen Steps" in our program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance for 1959-1960. Then he or she will secure the inspiring and in-

formative **BIBLE READING PACKET** with 14 wonderful helps for Bible study and enjoyment.

Two thousand of these packets are available through your pastor or from our headquarters office in Forest Park, Illinois, for 25 cents a packet postpaid. This represents less than the actual cost price for these many leaflets and brochures if they were to be purchased separately. Your curiosity will be whetted just to look through the packet. Your mind and heart will be stirred wonderfully by the reading of this packet so that you can "rightly divide the word of truth." Best of all, you will profit spiritually by the use of this material to be effectively clothed with the armor of God so that you can join your fellow-Baptists in the world wide outreach of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

CONTENTS OF THE PACKET

Let's glance at the contents of the **BIBLE READING PACKET**. With such a personal glance into the packet, we feel that every reader of the "Baptist Herald" will leave no stone unturned until the packet is in his or her possession.

A beautifully prepared and illustrated, 16 page brochure by the Baptist author, Dr. Francis Carr Stifler is entitled, "How to Read the Bible." In simple and clear language the author shows how Bible reading can be made more exciting, more profitable and more helpful. "There is contagion in Bible reading. Read it faithfully for awhile and you'll find that you can't leave it alone."

In the packet you will find a Bible Reading Record and a New Testament Reading Record by which you can check on yourself in your reading of God's Word. Why not resolve with many of us to read the Bible through during 1960? It's been a long time since some of us have done that. Why not give it a serious try in 1960?

Several fine leaflets or tracts on Bible reading will be interesting and helpful to you. Their titles suggest their provocative contents: "Getting More Out of the Bible," "What Is the Bible All About?" and "Why and How You Should Read the Bible."

BIBLE STUDY OF COLOSSIANS

One of the objectives in the Baptist Jubilee Advance program for next year will be a Bible study on Colossians to be held for a week in every North American Baptist church during the first quarter of 1960. The textbook on Colossians is included in the **BIBLE READING PACKET**. It has

been prepared by Dr. W. W. Adams of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary faculty. He was the guest speaker at several Ministers' Conferences of ours at Green Lake, Wisconsin. This book of 32 pages will be one of the prized contents of the packet. It will be available only through the securing of a packet!

The Family Altar will also be stressed during this 1960 program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Accordingly, we have included several leaflets in the packet that deal with the family altar such as "Importance of the Family Altar," "Thoughts on the Christian Circle" and "The Bible in the Home." Another leaflet has been included which will be helpful to the personal soul winner. It is entitled, "How to Use the Scriptures in Evangelism."

The packet also contains an introductory letter on its personal use, the Jubilee leaflet of "Eighteen Steps," and the Bible Reading Calendar for 1960 which has been an annual feature of our denominational program to assist our people in their personal and family devotions.

PACKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Other invaluable features of the packet are two messages prepared by the Sunday Union secretary. One of these lists "Reading Materials for Bible Study" and the other reviews the "Objectives of Christian Education."

The **BIBLE READING PACKETS** are now available for distribution. The sooner you secure your packet, the more prepared you will be for the program this fall and throughout 1960. Sample packets have been sent to every pastor and Sunday School superintendent as well as order blanks for every church. Ask your pastor to be sure to order a packet for you or write to us at 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois for your copy with the money for the same enclosed.

We must do more than pay "lip service" to our love for the Bible. It must be the light in which we walk and the power that energizes us day after day. It must be the spiritual armor that equips us to battle for the Lord and to win souls for him.

"THE EVERLASTING LIGHT"

Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette in a message, "The Everlasting Light," has put this challenge squarely up to every one of us: "We of the present generation must see to it that the next generation is nurtured in the Bible and learns to prize it. It and the Christ, who is at its center, are indispensable—to every individual, to the nations, and to the world. We must see that the Bible and its message are carried into those dark places which are so numerous in our day. We ourselves must so let it illumine our own lives, that we become transparent witnesses to its power. The light will never go out. We must see that through us it suffers no temporary waning; that so

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far as in us lies, all men shall be led by it into the way of peace."

By faithfully walking in the "Eighteen Steps" of the Baptist Jubilee Advance program and by perusing prayerfully and earnestly the contents of the **BIBLE READING PACKET**, we believe that every student of the Word will experience greater joy than ever to witness for Christ, giving a reason for the faith that is in him. We must all become more serious students of God's Word, disciplining our minds and lives by a deeper understanding of its truths, and becoming energized by

its divine life-giving power. "This is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

ORDER YOUR PACKET NOW!

Study the Word. Join the hosts of Baptists in the Baptist Jubilee Advance. As one of the first important steps in your participation in this inspiring program, secure your copy of the **BIBLE READING PACKET**. For 25 cents, it ought to be the greatest investment you have ever made for the eternal prosperity of your soul!

BORN TO GROW THROUGH TRAINING

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pleting one course in each of the following groups: "Sunday School Administration," "The Art of Teaching," "The Bible," and an elective course. Students completing additional courses after the diploma has been issued will receive a certificate of credit and a seal which is to be affixed in the proper space on the diploma.

QUALITY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Educational requirements are continually on the increase for teachers, leaders, and other workers in our communities. Each local church must assume a greater responsibility to provide an adequately trained staff to teach more effectively the Gospel message. A more effective leadership training program is not limited to larger churches. There are many small Sunday Schools with an enrollment below

one hundred which provide at least one leadership training course per year and also follow a very rigid plan in training their leaders through the opportunities in the church and community.

STRIVE TOWARD THE GOAL

We need to strive toward the goal that leadership training is a requirement for all Sunday School staff members. The training program of Jesus for his disciples remains an example which every church needs to follow. Jesus found it necessary to designate times and places away from the crowd for instruction periods with his disciples.

Our 1960 "Bible Teaching and Training" ministry will provide new opportunities to teach more like Jesus taught.



BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE LEADERS

Left to right: Porter W. Routh, Southern Baptist Convention representative; Thomas B. McDormand, chairman of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Joint Committee; Caspar Warren, first chairman of the B.J.A. Joint Committee; and W. H. Porter, American Baptist Convention representative and recording secretary of the B.J.A. Joint Committee.

Dr. George A. Lang, Seminary President

Tributes to Dr. Lang on His Distinguished Ministry (1944-1959) as the North American Baptist Seminary President

DR. LANG'S MEMORIAL AT OUR SEMINARY

By Prof. Roy Seibel
the Seminary's Director of
Public Relations

To better understand the president in his office, one must first see him as a person. In his 15 years as president of our seminary, Dr. George A. Lang demonstrated that he was, first of all, a true Christian gentleman.

Deep spiritual convictions provided underlying principles that guided his course as president. As one who never lost his individuality, he sought to deal with others as individuals.

In directing the affairs of the school, Dr. Lang constantly placed emphasis upon the essentials of seminary training as he saw them. Through discipline of time, he was able to attend to the multitude of details that crowded his office.

In attacking the daily problems, whether counseling with a student or working in committee with the faculty, he constantly sought to evaluate the situation in a realistic manner and to draw a practical course of action.

He constantly required the best, both of himself and others. He felt this was necessary in the light of the very concept which he held of seminary training which alone was adequate to meet the pressing demands of the contemporary Christian ministry.

As president of the seminary, Dr. Lang felt it to be his responsibility to keep abreast of the contemporary stream of theological education through wide reading and moving in the circle of theological educators.

In seeking to direct the progress of the seminary, he acted upon the conviction that today's efforts must have significance in the long range planning for a better seminary. Today's struggle must lead to new summits tomorrow. To linger on the plateau of present achievement is to perish as a seminary.

In laying aside his office as president to enter the field of teaching, Dr. Lang leaves as a memorial to the 15 years of his presidency a growing seminary with a well designed program of training. The fruit of a man's labor are his highest tribute.

PRESIDENT LANG'S ACHIEVEMENTS AT OUR SEMINARY

By Mr. Herman Bleeker,
Chairman of Board of Trustees,
North American Baptist Seminary

As Dr. George A. Lang closes his work as president of our North Amer-



DR. GEORGE A. LANG

Dr. Lang gives his last address as president of the North American Baptist Seminary to the graduating class of the seminary on Sunday, May 17, 1959.

ican Baptist Seminary, it is with a sense of real pride and achievement through God's leading that we can look back over the fifteen years that he has served our seminary. In 1949 the General Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, voted to re-locate the seminary at Sioux Falls. Dr. Lang undertook the task of moving it to its new location.

During Dr. Lang's presidency, the Board of Trustees has been keenly aware of his constant goal, "Making a better seminary for a better denomination." Under his leadership, the seminary has made great advances as Dr. Lang has constantly aimed to improve both the quality and quantity of the graduates. The Seminary now has the privilege of granting both the Bachelor of Theology and Bachelor of Divinity degrees and the honorary degrees which are regularly associated with seminaries. Today 90 per cent of our graduates have completed their work toward a Bachelor of Arts degree before entering the seminary. We feel that the results that have been achieved in the past years as shown by our graduates is in a very large part due to Dr. Lang's leadership.

Since his ordination Dr. Lang has been with our denomination and has made his contributions, not only as president of the Seminary, as minister of some fine churches and also as moderator of our General Conference.

Dr. and Mrs. Lang have contributed to our denomination two fine sons: George Lang, who is serving in Africa as a missionary, and Harold Lang in Church Extension work in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Lang has also acquired a standing for himself in educational

circles by having been elected president of the Seminary Presidents Association.

The members of the Board of Trustees were distressed when we learned that Dr. Lang's health forced him to lay aside his tasks as president, but we are indeed pleased that he is going to continue with us as a teacher so that we can profit by his advice and counsel.

PRESIDENT LANG A DEDICATED LEADER

By Rev. Harold W. Gieseke,
Secretary of Education and
Publication

THE RETIREMENT of Dr. George A. Lang from the presidency of our Seminary in Sioux Falls reminds us again of the debt of gratitude we owe the men of God who head our denominational institutions. From Biblical times to the present, God has achieved his purposes through dedicated men. "Men are God's method."

This is particularly true in the life of a school. A seminary is only as great as the men who lead it and who teach in it. The quality of the men who graduate is determined by the degree they have "caught" the devotion and scholarship of administration and faculty. For the last fifteen years, our Seminary has had the steady, faithful hand of President Lang at its helm. Through the effective pastoral leadership of some of our strong churches, our people gave him their confidence in 1944. That confidence he held through the years and has today.

The 15 years were not easy. The Seminary had "growing pains"; moved from Rochester to Sioux Falls; increased its faculty and courses of study; became more and more a graduate school of theology. Dr. Lang had the joy of seeing the student body grow and the school achieve associate membership in the American Association of Theological Schools.

This fall, as he turns over administrative duties to President-elect Frank Veninga, Dr. Lang can look back over 15 years of faithful service and know that our Seminary's future is bright, indeed. The measure of his leadership is the ever-increasing number of spiritually mature, well-trained young men and women going into the ministry of our North American Baptist churches.

As a member of the Seminary Board and in my present work, I can testify to my own appreciation of Dr. Lang's friendship and devotion. May God richly bless him for the work he has done and will yet do—by his grace—for our denominational family. What a thrill

it is to know that one sows and another reaps in this great cooperative venture of ours. But at the last great Harvest Festival, we shall all rejoice together!

APPRECIATION OF DR. LANG'S SERVICES AS SEMINARY PRESIDENT

By Karl E. Bieber

Many times the student is the last person to appreciate the work and efforts of his professors and school president. As students of our North American Baptist Seminary, we have come to appreciate more and more the untiring efforts of President Lang. We do not know and cannot hope to know the many devoted hours of toil and labor he gave willingly, so that we as students might be better prepared for the task before us.

Our new seminary is one evidence of his devoted toil and labor. The establishing of our seminary in a different location of our North American continent has been no small task. Much prayer, devotion and consecration to the task were necessary for this great undertaking, and our people found such qualities of leadership in Dr. Lang.

Another evidence of Dr. Lang's faithful labors is the high scholastic standing of our seminary in the academic realm. He has worked hard in achieving this high standard, and what remains is an institution of higher learning with a commendable standing in our present day and age.

Dr. Lang's efforts have also been appreciated in the time that he has given to leading, guiding and counseling with the many students who have come to our fine seminary. So many lives have been blessed and inspired by his faithful example.

Even though we try to enumerate the many accomplishments and services that Dr. Lang has contributed to our seminary and to the students who have gone through its halls, we will always fail to enumerate all of them. We do want to say in behalf of all the students, who have gone before us and who are still in our seminary, that we are thankful to our God for one such as Dr. Lang who gave of himself sacrificially. We pray God's richest blessings upon him as he continues to give of his services to his students and to our God!

DENOMINATIONAL ADVANCE BUILDING FUND

- Watch for colorful poster and literature!
- Oct. 1st issue of "Baptist Herald" will feature this building program.
- Plan for ADVANCE SUNDAY, Oct. 25, 1959.

From the Professor's Desk

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

I have never heard a sermon preached on the Ascension of our Lord. What is the significance and meaning of this event as it relates to other Christian doctrines?

It is not surprising that you've never heard a sermon preached on the Ascension. It is one of the strangely neglected doctrines of the New Testament despite the fact that there are references to it in all four Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, in several of Paul's Epistles, Hebrews, I Peter and Revelation. Until last year when Professor J. G. Davies' Bampton Lectures for 1958, *He Ascended Into Heaven*, was published, there had been no definitive book written in the English language on the Ascension for almost fifty years!

The neglect of this doctrine was not always so. Augustine, for example, wrote the following words about the significance of Ascension Day: "This is that festival which confirms the grace of all the festivals together, without which the profitableness of every festival would have perished. For unless the Savior had ascended into heaven, his Nativity would have come to nothing . . . and his Passion would have borne no fruit for us, and his most holy Resurrection would have been useless." Augustine insisted that the Ascension was one of the great events at the very heart of the Gospel.

The significance of this doctrine may be discovered from a number of considerations. First, the Ascension marked the end of the period of the self-humiliation of Jesus Christ which began with the Incarnation. At the Ascension Jesus was elevated to the status of *Lord*. Paul declared: "Where-

fore God also hath highly exalted [a reference to the Ascension] him and given him a name which is above every name . . . And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is *Lord* to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:9, 11). The apostle Peter makes the same point in Acts 2:33-36.

Now this glorification of the Son at the Ascension placed him in the position of authority—at God's right hand, where he exercises his rule over all, and where he intercedes for his Church. This latter truth is particularly emphasized in the Epistle to the Hebrews in such a passage as: "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us" (Heb. 9:24).

The Ascension also has a future reference, since the Christian's eschatological hope is bound up with it. When our Lord ascended from Mt. Olivet, the disciples watched him depart. And as they stood gazing into heaven they received the promise that "this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

Christ is our Forerunner into heaven. He has ascended; we too shall ascend to be with him forever. This great truth has sanctifying power in the Christian's life. As John Calvin once said: "Since our soul and body are appointed to heavenly life and immortality and to a crown that fadeth not away, we must therefore exert ourselves to see that they are kept pure and blameless unto the day of his appearing."

BORN TO GROW THROUGH SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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by child deep in thought. One child was searching for a picture of a child being tempted in a candy store, another mentioned a child cheating in school.

The basic suggestions were not original but were found in the Judson Press Junior Teacher's Book, "Worshipping God" by Ruth W. Russell. The above are just a few suggestions of possibilities. It was interesting to observe how the posters developed as the boys and girls discussed the Lord's Prayer and its meaning. This would be a suggestion which could be used with the Primary group in teaching the Lord's Prayer. There would have to be some more supervision, and perhaps the ideas would not develop as fully as with the Juniors, but it was a rich experience which added much more meaning to words which we often slip over very rapidly as the Lord's Prayer is prayed.

The words, "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee," would indicate that God's Word must have meaning. The child must understand what he is learning. Therefore read the entire selection to be learned to the child several times. Difficult meanings or words should be clarified. Make the learning process interesting and challenging. In the Primary course, Section 6, "God's World," the words and content might become more meaningful and useful if the children illustrate it by making a wall poster or frieze.

The statement, "Use it or lose it," is certainly true of memory work. We would encourage leaders to provide opportunity to use the verses which the children have learned again and again. Calls to Worship might be used in their departmental worship services. The songs which they learn to sing might be used in the worship service.

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

EFFECTIVE WITNESSING

Jesus' last words on earth are recorded for us in Acts 1:8. They read in part: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." Though spoken to a mere handful of men this was the command that changed the course of history and which still "turns the world upside down." To all followers of the "Jesus Way" these are significant words. You and I, as professing Christians, cannot escape the responsibility placed upon us by Christ's simple directive—"Ye shall be witnesses unto me."

As women we have endless opportunities to witness to our faith in our every-day lives. When we shop for groceries at the super-market, when we drive a car down a busy highway, when we take the family out to eat in a restaurant, or while we attend a P. T. A. meeting, our conduct either proclaims that we are Christians or denies it. Whenever we are with people, you and I are silent witnesses by our deeds.

There is another area of witnessing which we so often neglect. We gladly testify to the power of God's love and his saving grace in our church meetings, and when we are in the warm circle of Christian fellowship. This is so easy to do when others are doing it. However, giving vocal expression to our Christian faith in other social circles is, indeed, a rare thing these days.

We women talk about every other subject under the sun when we get together—food, fashions, children, husbands, politics, school—simply everything except the most wonderful thing we possess, our religion! Strangely enough, it is a subject in which most people are vitally interested, I find. Why not talk more about the power of prayer, the love of God, the peace that passeth understanding?

The early disciples went about *boldly* telling the Good News. Paul declared with courageous certainty, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." In this day and age when there is a titanic struggle for the souls of men being waged the world over, are we ashamed of the Gospel—afraid to "be witnesses unto me"? Christ expects no less of us than he expected of his first disciples.

How do we measure up? Our Baptist Jubilee Advance has set a goal of "10,000 more by '64." If you and I are effective witnesses for Christ wherever we go, this goal will be reached, and many more will be won for Christ's Kingdom. Let us use every opportunity that comes to us to witness for Christ with our deeds, and with words that glorify God.

CBY Fellowship Regional Papers

By Marion H. Stahl

EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!!! These words have a very familiar ring to every American's ear. The daily newspaper lifts each man from his individual corner of life, and by means of a worthless five cent piece of paper, projects him into a rapidly moving cycle of life.

An informed reader makes a better citizen. Imagine how dull our world would be if there were no newspapers. This one common world-wide interest has become a strong force in uniting the world. If a daily paper is so vital to unity for the people of the world, how much more important a Christian newspaper becomes in keeping our young people well informed about the activities pertaining to the Lord's Kingdom.

Consider for a moment the fine job our "Baptist Herald" is doing in uniting the fellowship of the North American Baptists all over the continent. We as the CBY Fellowship can form even a closer bond of fellowship in the local conference by using the media of our REGIONAL PAPER.

INTERESTING, ATTRACTIVE PAPERS

Just what do we mean by REGIONAL PAPER? It is an attractive CBYF pamphlet (produced either annually, semi-annually or oftener) in the local conference, and is directed to the conference Commissioned Baptist Youth. It has a number of pages, according to the size of the conference, and is generally produced on 8 inch by 10 inch paper. Of course, the cover is most eye appealing, giving an artistic person an excellent opportunity to give his talent to the Lord.

The titles of such papers must be catchy to the ear, so that immediately upon eye contact, the young person has a desire to read further. Some very good examples are: "OKLAHOMA ECHOES" produced in Oklahoma; "THE HANDCLASP" from Oregon; "THE BAPTIST BUGLE" from Alberta, Canada—and many more. Come with me for a trip through a REGIONAL PAPER.

As we open the attractive cover, we begin to wrap ourselves into the activities of the conference. There is space for a report on the conference mission project. In the spring edition, a camp schedule is listed with high-

lights, speakers, and the staff set-up. You have an excellent opportunity to expand on camp advertising. Of course, when conference time draws near, you'll need a full-page spread, attracting young people to the conference.

As we continue, now that we are inspired about local events, we turn the page, where there is an inspiring word, written by a conference minister, a youth worker, camp leader, or an executive member of the CBYF. This is directed to young people, and serves as a spiritual injection. Let's turn the page again and, lo and behold, let's find out what the other churches are doing in their CBY Fellowships. This includes inspiring programs, newly elected officers, an inspiring poem, or even a play that was used successfully.

Each CBY group in the individual churches, should have a contributing editor who is ready with a report whenever the editor-in-chief is ready to go to press. How wonderful it is to read about the activities of the local conference churches, perhaps hundreds of miles away, and to feel the unity that we all have in Christ, and the work in his Kingdom. When conference time comes, you are thoroughly familiar with each other rather than being strangers, because of the media of the REGIONAL PAPER.

STARTING A REGIONAL PAPER

Suppose your conference has no REGIONAL PAPER, and you would like to see one started. How would you go about it? To begin a REGIONAL PAPER, several things are essential. The Executive Committee of the local conference is the executive body responsible for the out-put of the REGIONAL PAPER. Upon election of officers, an editor-in-chief is either elected along with the other officers, or appointed by the new president.

The editor-in-chief should be in close contact with the Executive Committee and should be a responsible person familiar with the incidentals of "going to press." A person with original ideas helps to keep the paper alive and interesting. The editor-in-chief has a big task which should be looked upon as a God-given service.

Immediately upon election, the editor-in-chief is to select an editing committee which will work hand in hand with him. The most effective means for an editing committee to function is to have them all from one church (usually the church of the editor-in-chief) so that close contact can be obtained. Each member of the editing committee should be put in charge of a definite section of the paper.

When the editing committee and the

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What's Happening

● Rev. Lyle Wacker of the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Neb., has sent word that his wife underwent an emergency operation on August 2 as the result of a birth of a son who lived only 35 hours. Mrs. Wacker has made a good recovery and was able to return from the hospital within about two weeks. They have another son, Kevin, in their family.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., has extended a call to Rev. Richard Lawrenz of North Freedom, Wis., to which he has responded favorably. He began his ministry at the Racine Church on September 1st. The installation service was held on Friday evening, September 11. Mr. Lawrenz had served the North Freedom Baptist Church since 1954. He has succeeded Rev. Raymond Parry in the Grace Church of Racine.

● The first wedding ceremony to be performed in the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., occurred on July 23rd. Miss Violet Virginia Rau, a member of the 1957-1958 "God's Volunteers" team and a former student at the North American Baptist Seminary, and Sergeant James E. Little were united in marriage in a beautiful candlelight ceremony conducted by the pastor, Rev. Clarence H. Walth.

● The Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois, has purchased a new parsonage three blocks from the church at a cost of \$27,000. The present parsonage adjoining the church will be used for Sunday School classes. The first occupants of the new parsonage at 4946 N. Melvina Avenue, Chicago 30, Ill., are Rev. and Mrs. Fred Sonnenberg and family. Mr. Sonnenberg began his pastorate in the Foster Avenue Church on September 1st.

● Mr. Alfred Bernadt, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. Alfred R. Bernadt, was ordained on June 28 in his father's church at Southington, Conn., and began his pastorate in the Olivet Baptist Church, New Haven, Conn., on August 2, 1959. He is a graduate of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Bernadt (Mrs. Bernadt is the former Ruth Weyl of Burlington, Iowa) are making their home at 50 Dayton Street, New Haven 15, Conn.

● Mr. Theodore V. Galambos, a son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Galambos of Yorkton, Saskatchewan, received his doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degree from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. During the next school year he will teach as assistant professor in Lehigh University. His major in working toward his doctorate has been civil

engineering. Both he and his wife, who taught biology in high school at Cooperstown, Pa., during the past two years, are members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa.

● Rev. Henry Barnett has presented his resignation to the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, which the church has accepted. He has served the church since 1951. His resignation will be effective October 15, 1959 with two weeks of vacation to follow until November 1st. During his pastorate in the Immanuel Church, the educational unit of a new church building has been completed and will be dedicated this fall. Mr. Barnett is awaiting God's guidance in the opening of a new field of service for him.

● On Sunday evening, July 19, Dr. John Leypoldt baptized 5 converts in an impressive service in the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill. Rev. Daniel Fuchs, director of evangelism and Church Extension, also baptized his son, Richard. On Sunday morning, August 16, Dr. Leypoldt baptized 3 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. He had conducted a "New Life Class" for 9 persons for several weeks previous to the baptismal services. The Forest Park Church is still without the services of a minister.

● Five of our Cameroons missionaries and their families sailed from England for the Southern Cameroons, Africa, on August 29 aboard a ship of the Fyffers Line. They were Rev. and Mrs. Fred C. Folkerts and their infant son, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Zimbelman and their two sons, and Miss Gertrude Schatz, missionary-nurse. Other schedules had been arranged, but they could not be carried out. The missionaries should have arrived in the Southern Cameroons by the publication date of this issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● A new outdoor bulletin board has been placed in front of the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, South Dakota, by the Dirksen family in memory of Mr. Klaas Dirksen and in honor of Mrs. Klaas Dirksen. Miss Helen Lohse, missionary on the Spanish American field at Del Norte, Colorado, was the guest speaker at the church on Sunday evening, August 9. The church has contributed \$1885.70 for missions since January 1, 1959. Rev. Jothan G. Benke is pastor of the church.

● Rev. Phil Lauer of Burlington, Iowa, a guest at the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Illinois, passed away on July 24. He rendered a faithful ministry in a number of North American Baptist churches including Okeene, Oklahoma; Hillsboro, Kansas;

Cottonwood Church, Lorena, Texas; South Chicago, Illinois; Elgin, Iowa; and Scottsbluff, Nebraska. The memorial service was held in the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa, with Rev. E. Wolff, pastor, in charge. The obituary will appear in the next issue.

● The Mount Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas, and the Church Extension Committee of the denomination have extended a call to Rev. Edwin F. Walter of Freeman, South Dakota, to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Walter will serve the church, about 14 miles from Junction City, and will also endeavor to establish a Church Extension project in Junction City. His wife comes from the Plum Creek Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota. Mr. Walter has served several Mennonite Brethren churches with great blessing.

● Rev. Fred Folkerts, Cameroons missionary, who recently completed graduate work at the University of London, London, England, received high honors at the completion of his studies. Mr. Ernest A. Zimbelman, another Cameroons missionary, reported that during his brief stay in London he noted that Rev. Fred Folkerts was one of 20 students who had posted their theory examinations in the Institute of Education at the University with, what the English call, "distinction." About 1,000 students took the examination. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Folkerts are now stationed as missionary teachers in the Southern Cameroons, Africa.

● Recently Rev. Peter J. Wiens, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Avon, South Dakota, has had the joy of baptizing 17 converts and along with two others receiving them into the church's fellowship. Mr. Wiens stated: "There was a special blessing in seeing this group take this step of obedience because it represented the work of the church from a wide perspective. In the important first decision of these people, the Sunday School, family devotions, regular church services, evangelistic meetings, Bible School and camp all had a share. It pointed out to our people the importance of all these functions and ministries of God's Word!"

● The North American Baptist Ministerial Fellowship of Cleveland, Ohio, was entertained by Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Luebeck at the Erin Avenue Baptist Church June 19 with a delicious chicken dinner. The ministerial fellowship of Cleveland meets regularly twice a year. Those in attendance were Rev. and Mrs. Henry Pfeifer, Rev. and Mrs. Edward Kary, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Veninga, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Lang, Rev. and Mrs. Leon Franck, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Miller, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Luebeck, Florence Hagen and LaVerna Mehlhaff. The evening was spent in the sharing of vacation plans and in the sharing of special blessings from the Lord within recent months.

The Unchanging Authority

A Message for the Observance of National Association Week, Oct. 18 to 25, by Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel.

HOW DID the world begin? All through the centuries men have speculated as to its cause. One taught that all life was derived from salt water alone. Others affirmed that air, fire, water and earth were the basic elements of life. Such views are utterly primitive compared with modern nuclear physics. All fields of human knowledge have expanded vastly over the centuries, but particularly at a phenomenal pace in the last several hundred years.

"SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES"

No longer can any one man be master of every field of learning. Thus people become restless, feeling that all is change and nothing remains permanent and lasting. One exception stands. Religion itself has not proved indifferent to the changes in human knowledge. So much has been added to our knowledge of religion that here also men affirm there is nothing stable or lasting.

Yet despite modern research, not a single principle or so-called revelation has reached beyond anything that our Lord taught. He is ahead of all others. His Word lasts, and the Bible stands firm today despite all the multitudinous attacks upon it, because it centers in him. Our Lord speaking of the Old Testament Scriptures said, "Search the Scriptures, for these are they that testify of me." The New Testament is wholly absorbed in Christ, the Mighty Word of God.

For this reason the National Association of Evangelicals was established in 1942. Its purpose is to serve as a fellowship, to include all those who love our Savior and are devoted to the cause of the historic Christian faith. The members of NAE believe the Bible as the final and unchanging authority for all men in matters of faith and doctrine. Fellowship is not only in creed and conduct as individuals, but also in joint witness and public effort, but care is taken never to coerce individuals, churches or denominations. Thus the Gospel is defended at home in America and abroad.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Consider some of the record of NAE. In recent months in answer to prayer, there have been increased opportunities for Gospel service in many areas of the country. Men from evangelical churches have held retreats in Japan and Korea. Persecution of Protestants in Greece has been protested successfully. Plans have been laid for evangelical services in our national parks. Passports, visas and purchasing for outgoing missionaries have been ex-



Dr. George L. Ford, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals.

pedited.

An aggressive campaign is beginning against obscene literature. Relief, es-

pecially to a larger extent in India and Hong Kong, has grown greatly through the work of the World Relief Commission. These are a few of the many things which have happened this past year in the work of the National Association of Evangelicals.

It is fitting, therefore, once a year that the NAE should call to the attention of believing Christians its work abroad and at home. The week of October 18-25 is designated for the work of the organization and in particular on Sunday, October 25, it is appropriate on Reformation Day to remind our people of the need of standing for the same faith for which our fathers fought in times past. Materials for the observance of NAE Week may be ordered from the National Association of Evangelicals, Wheaton, Illinois.

ARE YOU GOING TO SOUTH AMERICA?

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call with their countless attractions. The Baptist Congress in Rio de Janeiro will be the spiritual uplift of a great meeting in the midst of today's world crisis. This is the opportunity of a lifetime to see South America's natural scenic wonders, its ancient civilization and modern, progressive cities in fellowship with North American Baptist friends. This opportunity can be YOURS at a reasonable price if you will make your plans immediately.

Day of Prayer—Oct. 7, 1959

By the President of the United States

WHEREAS, this continent was chosen by men and women of profound religious conviction, seeking a free land where they and their children might worship God and follow his commandments as they understood them; and

Whereas, our nation was conceived in the same faith and dedicated to the same purpose; and

Whereas, in this tradition by a joint resolution approved April 17, 1952, (66 Stat. 64) the Congress has provided that "the President shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do hereby set aside Wednesday, the seventh day of October, as a National Day of Prayer; and I call upon my fellow Americans to join in prayer on that day.

Let us give thanks for the bounty of Providence which has made possible the growth and promise of our land.

Let us give thanks for the heritage

of free inquiry, sound industry, and boundless vision which have enabled us to advance the general welfare of our people to unprecedented heights.

Let us remember that our God is the God of all men, that only as all men are free can liberty be secure for any, and that only as all prosper can any be content in their good fortune.

Let us join in vigorous concern for those who now endure suffering of body, mind, or spirit, and let us seek to relieve their distress and to assist them in their way toward health, well being, and enlightenment.

Finally, let us rededicate ourselves and our nation to the highest loyalties which we know; and let us breathe deeply of the clean air of courage, preparing ourselves to meet the obligations of our day in trust, in gratitude, and in the supreme confidence of men who have accomplished much united under God.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Dwight D. Eisenhower
July 30, 1959

BAPTIST HERALD

Are You Going to South America?

Plans for a 31 Day Tour to Rio de Janeiro and South America With a Competent Travel Agent by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor

THERE IS A GOOD possibility that an all-North American Baptist tour to the Baptist Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and to spectacular South American countries will be arranged. This will mean a summer trip in 1960 of thrilling fellowship with people from our own churches—a trip to enjoy the magnificent panoramas and fabulous cities—a journey to remember always!

There are a number of travel assurances for such a trip that will make a tour like this care-free and memorable. An experienced travel agent, Miss Marjorie Fellman of Oak Park, Illinois, the daughter of a prominent Baptist family, is making all arrangements for the Brownell and Corydon Agencies for this trip. She has travelled extensively in South America, and has a personal acquaintance with the best shops, places of sightseeing interest and hotel accommodations. On this tour you will receive Miss Fellman's personal attention to every need of yours. It will also be limited to the maximum of 15 to 20 people so as to provide for the maximum comforts and attention to every individual's desires.

JUNE 6-JULY 7, 1960

The tour will start from Houston or Miami on June 6 and will continue for 31 colorful, wonderful days to July 7. Three days packed with sightseeing adventures will be spent in Panama at the Panama Canal and the crossroads of the Pacific. Lima, the capital of Peru, is an inexhaustible center of excitement in order to study Peruvian history, to go shopping, and to view the innumerable things and places of interest. Five full days are reserved for Lima, or some of the party may spend part of the time here and a full day at Cuzco, the citadel of the Incas in the Peruvian mountains.

The largest city of South America, Buenos Aires, offers a wide range of thrilling experiences. The four days from June 15 to 18 will enable you to become intimately acquainted with this city and to enjoy to your heart's content the delicious steaks and wonderful meals in Argentina.

The highlight of this North American Baptist trip in some respects will be a seven day tour to the South Brazil Baptist Missions. This will include supervised tours of Baptist chapels and missions in Petropolis, Belo Horizonte, Ouro Preto, Sao Paulo, Santos, Campinas and Porto Alegre. We are endeavoring to include a number of German Baptist churches and fields in this tour. You will see and study Baptist missionaries in action, the re-

sults of their missionary labors and the challenge of Brazil to evangelical missions today.

The Baptist World Congress will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from June 26 to July 2. Pleasant temperatures and mostly sunny skies should greet delegates attending the Congress. Temperatures for these dates this year (1959) have averaged in the 70's. The inspirational highlights of the Congress program will be reviewed in a later issue.

Two days after the Congress sessions (July 4 and 5) will be reserved for more sightseeing in Rio de Janeiro and vicinity. You will want to go to the top of the Corcovado mountain and ascend the Sugar Loaf to feast on the thrilling sight of the city beneath you. There are tropical jungles and bright, sandy beaches within a few miles of the heart of the city. By July 7 you will be on your way home via Pan American plane to Miami, Florida.

THRONGS OF BAPTISTS

With thousands of Baptists going to the Congress in Rio de Janeiro, and with many hundreds of American tourists coming and going, it will be necessary for you to make detailed reservations far in advance. Travel space on the luxurious Panagra and

Pan American planes will be at a premium. Good hotel accommodations will be hard to secure. But those who make reservations for this North American Baptist tour will be assured that everything has been prepared for you in advance.

This tour provides Tourist Air accommodations in the Panagra and Pan American planes and standard accommodations on the land in hotels. The price for the 31 day tour (\$1272.00) includes hotel rooms (two persons sharing a double room), three table d'hote meals per day, except in Rio when Continental breakfast only is provided, a comprehensive sightseeing program in every center and city (except Rio), and transfer and portage service. Even tips or gratuities to porters, chauffeurs, guides, etc., are included in the one tour price.

MAKE RESERVATIONS SOON!

By November 1, 1959 most of the reservations for the North American Baptist tour to South America should have been made. If you are interested, or if you desire to secure accommodations, write to Miss Marjorie Fellman, 302 N. Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, and full particulars and literature will be sent to you.

The colorful lands to the south of us

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LUXURIOUS FLIGHTS TO SOUTH AMERICA

Panagra and Pan American planes will take thousands of Baptists in 1960 to the Baptist World Congress sessions in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and to many exciting cities and places of South America.

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 27, 1959

Theme: GOD'S CALL TO FAITHFULNESS (MALACHI)

Scripture: Malachi 2:17-3:4, 16-18

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God's faithfulness to his children ought to encourage and inspire them to be faithful to him.

INTRODUCTION: We ought to know more about Malachi than simply associating him with the last book of the Old Testament. That is not his primary distinction. His importance is more evident in what he said.

The name Malachi signifies "angel of Jehovah, messenger." It is an appropriate title for a prophet. Nothing else is known of his personal history except that he was a contemporary of Nehemiah. For a better understanding of the historical setting, the two should be studied together.

The first wave of spiritual enthusiasm following the rebuilding of the temple had worn off and a cold, indifferent religious ritualism had taken its place. Moral life was at a new low. Divorce, remarriage and intermarriage with heathen women was common practice. Instead of their pagan wives becoming judaized, the Jews became paganized.

The character of Malachi's message is different than that of other prophets. His is the question-answer form. Malachi asks a series of questions and then proceeds to answer them himself.

Take particular notice of the last verse of the Old Testament and the last verse of the New Testament.

I. THE UNFAITHFULNESS OF MAN. Malachi 2:17.

One of the most foolish and perverted ideas is to think that you can talk God into accepting the moral standards which you set up. Just as in the New Testament, the scribes attributed the good that Jesus did to an unclean spirit (Mark 3:28-30), so in the Old Testament they called evil good and hoped that the Lord would also see it their way.

Not only were they unfaithful to God and his righteousness, but they were unfaithful in discerning God's judgment—even reasoning among themselves that, if they were unfaithful, the judgment of the Lord should have been evident long before this.

II. GOD'S FAITHFUL PROMISES. Malachi 3:1-4.

The time element in the word and plan of God is often deceiving; but God is not deceiving. Because God's promises are not fulfilled in our generation or in the next generation does not mean that the Lord has gone back on his promises. It only means that

we have not yet learned how to tell time according to God's calendar (II Peter 3:4; 9-10). Preparation is often slow, but revelation may be sudden. Between the last page of the Old Testament and the first page of the new, there is a period of four hundred years. The process of refining and purifying is often painful and long.

III. THE REWARD OF THE FAITHFUL. Malachi 3:16-18.

No craft is more fascinating than that of a jeweler, particularly when he places his precious stones into their most appropriate setting. The more valuable the gem, the more beautiful and exquisite the setting. Malachi sees God as the Master Craftsman who is working with precious souls. Most of us are diamonds in the rough. It takes a great deal of cutting, grinding and polishing before we are ready for a proper setting. But we are God's jewels, being prepared for the best possible setting, the most beautiful setting, a setting in which we will be of the utmost value. All impurities and imperfections must be done away with so that the glory of God can shine through us in all his splendor. Then it will be easy to tell the difference between the genuine jewel and the simulated or imitation jewel. The Master Craftsman is not fooled by the glitter.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 4, 1959

Theme: YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES

Scripture: Acts 1:1-14

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Jesus Christ is not asking us to do him a favor in witnessing for him; he is commanding us to be his witnesses!

INTRODUCTION: With this lesson we begin a six-months' study of the Book of Acts. The word "Acts" is meant to describe the activities of the apostles. It has also frequently been referred to as the acts of the Holy Spirit. Of one thing we are aware throughout the entire book—it is packed with action! There are no prolonged and drawn-out conferences, no detailed organization. The plans and goals were formulated in quick succession and followed up immediately. Very little time and thought are given

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to indecision. We find faith in God's guidance, sureness of purpose and courage in action. It is a book in which there is no doubt as to what Jesus Christ wants done! Differences of opinion and disagreements were quickly dealt with and no time was spent on useless remorse.

We are indebted to Luke, the beloved physician, for one of the gospels as well as for the record of Acts. As a travelling companion of Paul on many of his missionary journeys, he was well qualified to give an exact account of the early church and of the first missionary enterprise.

I. WITNESSING TO YOUR FRIENDS. Acts 1:1.

Luke, as well as Paul and the other apostles, never complained how busy they were, or what a filled-up schedule they had. Certainly, Paul was not an easy man with whom to keep up. But during his busy days, Luke thought of his friend with whom he wished to share his blessings and to whom he wished to impart the good news of the Gospel. Because Luke had the true witnessing spirit, he brought the Gospel, not only to a personal friend, but to countless millions through the centuries.

It is impossible to evaluate what a few letters to a friend did for the Christian church. All that Luke did was to tell what Jesus began to do and to teach.

One of the easiest ways of witnessing, and yet one of the most neglected ways is to write a letter to a friend. Withholding evidence in court is a serious offense. How much more serious is it for a Christian to withhold evidence which may be a matter of life or death to a seeking soul!

II. WITNESSING TO HIS RESURRECTION. Acts 1:2-7.

Like an expert lawyer, Luke brings to his friend a fact which cannot be doubted nor denied, neither questioned nor debated. The truth of the resurrection is referred to by "infallible proofs." There is no danger that a witness for the prosecution can destroy this self-evident testimony. The combined testimony of all these witnesses have the balance of power for the defence of the Gospel.

III. WITNESSING TO HIS POWER. Acts 1:8.

Witnessing to what we have seen and heard is not enough. The real power of our witness lies in what we have experienced from within. Jesus did not merely say, "I will show you," but "I will empower you." This is the driving force of the witness. For Paul to see the light on the Damascus Road was not enough. He had to receive the power of the Holy Spirit. It was that power which drove him to witness in all the world.

IV. WITNESSING TO HIS ASCENSION. Acts 1:9-11.

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Central District

Pastor's Reception, Carroll Ave. Church, Dallas, Texas

On Thursday evening, July 2, the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, had the joy of welcoming its new pastor, Rev. Clemence Auch, and family. Mr. Henry Birkholz, chairman of the Board of Deacons, had charge of the service. Words of welcome were spoken by representatives of the various organizations of the church. A corsage was presented to Mrs. Auch by the Woman's Missionary Union.

Rev. L. B. Hinz of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, was our guest speaker who brought a challenging message and also welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Auch to the Southern Conference. Words of appreciation were expressed by the Auchs for the kindness shown and for the pantry shower. Following the program we gathered in the church annex for a time of fellowship. Delicious refreshments were served.

Esther Benton, Church Reporter.

Anniversary Program, Woman's Missionary Union, Wishek, N.D.

On July 14th the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Wishek, N. Dak., observed its 45th anniversary. The women of four neighboring churches (Linton, Napoleon, Ventura and the First Baptist Church of Ashley) as well as the Dorcas Society of the local church were our guests. Between courses our president, Mrs. Emil Herr, extended a welcome to our guests and gave special recognition to our Dorcas Society who have joined our National Woman's Union this year. Further recognition was given two of our women who have been faithful members for 45 years. Mrs. J. J. Meidinger pinned corsages on these two women, namely, Mrs. August Herr and Mrs. Gottlieb Herr.

After the luncheon, the ladies went to the main auditorium for the program. Our president led us in a meditation based on Mark 12:41-44. Special musical numbers were given and a skit entitled, "God's Coffee Hour." Mrs. L. O. Wahl played her Vibra Harp for the offertory. During the 45 years, we have had 540 consecutive meetings, with no meetings having been omitted or dropped. We gave \$5,057.87 to missions, \$2,900.00 to our church building fund and \$4,214.51 was spent locally. We sent 380 packages of food and clothing to European refugees and 900 pounds of clothing to denominational headquarters. Our membership today is 28 active members and 2 inactive.

Martha Kramer, Reporter

Southern Conference Woman's Missionary Union Sessions

During the sessions of the Southern Conference at the Canaan Baptist Church, Crawford, Texas, the Woman's Missionary Union held its annual busi-

ness meeting on Friday morning, July 17, with the president, Mrs. John A. Lengefeld, Mowata, La., in charge. The group voted to have a combined luncheon and business meeting at the next conference.

In the afternoon the women presented a special program. Mrs. W. E. Schubert of Hurnville led the song service and Mrs. L. B. Hinz of Waco gave the devotional based on Psalm 100. A women's choir from Kyle sang, "Marvelous Grace." Mrs. Raymond Castro, missionary to the Rio Grande mission, gave a report of the women's work among the Latin American people. A double duet from the Crawford union sang "Lord, Send Me There." In memory of those who had gone to be with the Lord, Mrs. Clemence Auch sang, "God Leads His Dear Children."

We were happy to have Mrs. Richard Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., with us and she installed the new officers: president, Mrs. John A. Lengefeld, Mowata, La.; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Laurence Terveen, Donna.; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. W. E. Schubert, Hurnville; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Walter A. Hill, Kyle; White Cross Chairman, Mrs. Emil Schmeltekopf, Kyle. An offering of \$295.00 was designated for the national Woman's Missionary Union Project, Rio Grande Mission and Church Extension.

Mrs. Walter A. Hill, Secretary

Junior High Camp at Crystal Springs, N. Dak.

For the first time in the history of the Crystal Springs Youth Camp of Crystal Springs, North Dakota, a division was made between the Senior Camp and the Intermediate Camp, thus forming a Junior High Group. We were privileged to have Miss Ruth Bathauer from Forest Park, Illinois, and Mr. Arthur Patzia, national president of the CBYF, with us. Both taught classes on "The New Life," thus helping the campers to see what a "new creature in Christ" should really



HONORED WOMEN AT WISHEK

Mrs. August Herr and Mrs. Gottlieb Herr were honored by the Woman's Missionary Society, Wishek, N. Dak., for their faithful service as members for 45 years.

be like. Rev. and Mrs. Ed. Oster of McClusky, N. Dak., taught a second class on "Phases of the Life of Christ." Rev. Wesley Gerber, Billings, Montana, and Rev. Jerry Vilhauer of Bison, S. Dak., were in charge of the crafts department.

Rev. Bernard Edinger, Gackle, N. Dak., did a commendable job as director of the camp. He, along with a fine staff of counselors, pastors, teachers, cooks, and nurse helped 142 boys and girls have a real spiritual blessing and an enjoyable time together. Several boys and girls gave their hearts to the Lord in these days. On the last evening of the camp session during a campfire-fagot consecration service, many of the campers came to dedicate themselves to the Lord.

Betty Zimmerman, Reporter

Northwestern Conference Sessions St. Paul's Dayton Bluff Church

The Northwestern Conference met at the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., August 5-9, with the theme of "New Life For You." The opening service set the pace for the Conference with the hearty welcome by the host church and its pastor, Rev. W. Jeschke, to which Rev. Bert Itterman, acting moderator, responded. Rev. Eldon Schroeder of Elgin, Iowa, brought the opening address, "The World's Need of New Life." During the Conference business session 93 delegates from 25 churches answered the roll-call. One-third of the churches of the conference were not represented. Church letters were read which, in total, had an encouraging note of progress and victories in the Name of the Lord. A total net gain of 93 members was reported.

The officers elected are: moderator, Rev. Bert Itterman; vice-moderator, Rev. Raymond Dickau; recording secretary, Rev. Fred Mashner; statistician, Rev. C. H. Seecamp; treasurer, Mr. Fred Grosser; representative on the General Council, Rev. Donald Patet; alternate, Rev. E. W. Klatt. The chairman of the Program Committee for 1960, Rev. R. Lawrenz, is to secure a place for the meeting of the Conference.

A Ministers' Fellowship was organized with the suggestion of a ministers' meeting in January 1960. Rev. E. Schroeder, Rev. W. Jeschke and Rev. C. H. Seecamp (chairman) were appointed as Program Committee. As a Conference we were privileged to have Rev. J. C. Gunst District Secretary; Rev. L. Bienert, Young People's Secretary; and the Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, serve the Conference with challenging reports and messages. Dr. Carl Lundquist, President of the Bethel College and Seminary St. Paul, Minnesota, was the guest speaker each noon for the Devotional Hour. The Conference theme was effectively developed by the pastors: Rev. E. Schroeder, Rev. Ralph Cook, Rev. Adam Huber, Rev. George Henderson, Rev. James Brygger, and Rev. Fred Mashner.

C. H. Seecamp, Reporter

Vacation Bible School, Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas

The Bethany Baptist Church of Vesper, Kansas, conducted a Vacation Bible School from June 9 to 19 with a record attendance of 50 children enrolled and with a daily average attendance of 41. The school was held from 9:00-11:30 A.M. each morning under the direction of our pastor, Rev. Edwin Voigt. The music was under the direction of our music director, Mrs. Chester Dessler. The pianist was Francis Gabelman. In addition to the above, we had a fine staff of 8 teachers and workers.

The theme of our Bible School was "Living for Jesus in the Space Age." The boys and girls had a great time working and playing and learning about Jesus. A closing demonstration program was held in the church on Sunday night, June 21st, with about 115 people in attendance. The hand work was displayed and refreshments were served following the program.

Mrs. Edwin Voigt, Reporter

Adult German Camp Meeting, Crystal Springs, N. Dak.

The third adult all-German camp was held from July 28 to 30 at Crystal Springs, N. Dak. It proved to be another interesting and helpful gathering of God's people. If interest and attendance are any indication, this was indeed a highlight in the lives of our German-speaking and older people of our young camp area. More than 100 persons were present for the opening service, and most of these stayed with us for two nights, only to have more than 100 more join in the services held on Wednesday.

We were happy to have our District Secretary, Rev. J. C. Gunst, as our guest speaker. The general theme was: "What the Spirit Saith Unto The Churches" according to Revelation 2-3. Seven messages were delivered on these chapters, and other devotional messages were presented. Many special musical numbers were rendered and a blessed time of fellowship was enjoyed by all. Rev. A. E. Reeh served as chairman of the group, and also directed the music.

A. J. Fischer, Reporter

Ernest Zimbeldans, Missionaries, Honored at Farewell Service

Friends and members of six neighboring churches gathered at the Turtle Lake Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N.



Vacation Bible School of the Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kansas, with 50 children enrolled.

Dak., recently to participate in the farewell service for newly appointed missionaries to the Cameroons of Africa, Dorothy and Ernest Zimbeldans and their two children, Joel and Kirk. Rev. Irvin Schmuland of Goodrich led the song service. Rev. Otto Fiesel of Washburn read the Scripture and Rev. A. Krombein of Mercer led in prayer. Rev. Harold W. Weiss of Turtle Lake serving as program chairman, also directed the mixed choir number, "Ninety and Nine." Rev. Edward Oster of McClusky brought an inspiring message followed by greetings from the following churches: Goodrich, Washburn, Underwood, Lincoln Valley, McClusky, Mercer, and Turtle Lake. Special music included a ladies' trio from McClusky and a solo by Dorothy Zimbeldans.

Dorothy and Ernest Zimbeldans responded with words of love after which Rev. Richard Grenz of Underwood closed the service with prayer. The missionary offering at this meeting amounted to \$334.00. Refreshments were served to about 200 people in the church parlors following the service.

Mrs. Reuben Bauer, Reporter

Southern Conference Sessions, Canaan Church, Crawford, Tex.

WHAT WE BELIEVE was the theme of the Southern Conference which convened at the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas, July 16-19, 1959. This theme was interestingly led by our guests: Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central Dis-

trict Secretary and Rev. R. C. Schilke, Board of Missions Secretary. The Thursday opening meeting was under the leadership of the vice moderator, Mr. Milton Lippert.

The day sessions were begun by devotions led by the local pastors after which reports, business and new goals were set for the coming year. The "Baptist Men" and the Woman's Missionary Union held their annual business sessions on Friday morning. The W.M.U. presented a program on Friday afternoon with Mrs. Raymond Castro, missionary to our Spanish American Field in the Rio Grande Valley, speaking on the women's work on the mission field. The Baptist Men's annual program was presented on Friday evening with Rev. Raymond Castro, missionary to our Spanish American Field, bringing the message.

The officers of the conference for the coming year are: moderator, Mr. Milton Lippert; vice moderator, Rev. Alex Sootzmann; recording secretary, Rev. W. E. Schubert; and statistical secretary, Rev. Ray Bennett. The final day, Sunday, was the highlight of the Conference. We were uplifted by the three messages: "What We Believe About Salvation" by Rev. R. Schilke; "What We Believe About Sanctification" by Rev. J. C. Gunst; and the closing message, "What We Believe About Service" by Rev. R. Schilke.

Clemence Auch, Reporter

Western District

50th Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Bauer, Lodi

On Sunday afternoon, June 14th, Mr. and Mrs. William Bauer, Lodi, California, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Relatives, friends and members of the church kept streaming in during the time for open house. Their modest home as well as their well kept back yard were beautifully arranged for the festive occasion.

William Bauer, Junior, the youngest son, had charge of a brief program. The pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser, spoke appropriate words and led in prayer. A dear friend and for many years a co-laborer in the church, Mr. I. E. Giedt, spoke of Mr. Bauer's work and

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GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. William Bauer of Lodi, Calif., members of the First Baptist Church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with Open House festivities on June 14th.



The final service held by the White Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, in the building used by the congregation since 1905. Rev. and Mrs. Edward Kary and their family are seated in the front pew, center.

achievements during their association in former years as businessmen and as members of the same church. For 22 years the Bauers lived in Lehr, N. Dak. There Mr. Bauer founded the electric light plant. He also served two terms as representative at Bismarck, N. Dak., and also fulfilled other duties in his city and county. God has blessed them with a fine family: four daughters and three sons, and now with a number of grandchildren. Truly, the grace of God has been manifested in their lives.

Gustave G. Rauser, Pastor

Bible School at Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento

The Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento, California, conducted its 3rd annual Vacation Bible School from June 22 to July 2, with a total enrollment of 207 children. The school was very ably led by Maurice Holsapple, director, and Jackie Burns, assistant director. There were thirty teachers to manage the fourteen classes. There were separate committees for crafts, recreation, prayer, publicity, and refreshments.

The pastor, Rev. Clarence H. Walth, invited the children to choose a mission field, about which he promised to tell a missionary story each day. The pupils selected the Cameroons of Africa and set a goal of \$100 for that field. Their response to the goal was extraordinary,

in that a total of \$119.10 had been contributed by the 9th day.

The closing program on July 2 was a splendid time for singing and Scripture recitation by pupils. Miss Violet Rau, music director, received excellent response from the pupils. The children's work books and crafts were displayed for the parents after the program. There were 46 young people who openly registered personal decisions to accept Jesus Christ as Savior during our Bible School.

Mrs. Viola W. Wright, Reporter

Bethany Woman's Missionary Society Program, Vancouver

On June 28 the Woman's Missionary Society of the Bethany Church, Vancouver, B.C., under the capable leadership of our president, Mrs. Kaethe Anschau. "The Language of the Flowers" was our theme. Mrs. I. Faszer and Mrs. A. Felberg were presented with lovely corsages. Our program consisted of a report on our theme, several recitations, a solo, duet, trios and two group songs. It was a special privilege to have Mrs. A. Felberg, president of the British Columbia Woman's Missionary Union, give us an interesting and inspiring comparison of the flowers and our Christian growth. One-third of our offering of \$260.00 will be sent to the Woman's Missionary Union and the rest is designated for our



MISSIONARY SOCIETY, VANCOUVER'S BETHANY CHURCH
Members of the Woman's Missionary Society, Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., on the occasion of its annual program with the society's officers and Mrs. A. Felberg, guest speaker at the center, front row.

church building fund. At present our membership stands at 79 and the average attendance of our monthly meetings is about 45.

Some of our projects have been the White Cross work for Africa; a donation of \$100 for the purchase of a new camp stove for the Westbank Youth and Sunday School Camp; monthly support of our little adopted Korean orphan, and extra gifts of clothing and toys to this Christian orphanage; donations to the three City Missions, Indian Mission, and Children's Hospital.

Ruth Rapske, Secretary

Eastern District

Memorable Service for Cleveland's White Ave. Church

On Sunday, July 5, 1959 the members and friends of the White Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio met for the last service in the old church. For 75 years we have been privileged to serve our Lord in this community and since 1905 we have worshipped in this building. For some time we have been faced with the problem of the changing community of the Inner City. Finally we found it necessary to enter upon a program of relocation. After many anxious months of negotiating we were able to sell our church to a Negro Baptist congregation with the stipulation that we give possession by July 1st.

With a certain heaviness of heart we met for this last service to say farewell to these familiar surroundings, and yet our hearts were filled with the challenge of the prospective new church and the new community in which we are to work. Although we have not yet begun the construction, we are hard at work on the plans. Temporarily we are meeting in the America Legion Hall of South Euclid.

The White Avenue Church has had a glorious history in our denomination. Some of the most outstanding men of our fellowship have served here as pastors. Several have gone from here to prepare themselves for the Gospel ministry. We now find that this glorious past presents a tremendous challenge to us as we prepare for the future. We believe that God still has a great task for us!

Edward Kary, Pastor

First Church, Elsmere, Delaware Holds Vacation School

The First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Del., held its Vacation Bible School, June 15-26. Rev. Christian Peters is pastor of the church, and Mrs. Eloise Bishop was director of the school. This was the second year that the church held its school sessions in the evening, with classes from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The theme of the school was "Following Jesus," with classes for ages 3 to 13 years. There was a total enrollment of 134 with an average daily attendance of 101. An offering was taken daily for the church budget which totaled \$56.03. The mission project of the school was an offering in the amount of \$34.39 for the Cameroons Missions.

On Thursday evening, June 25, following classes, the school enjoyed a social hour and students were served ice cream and cake. The school closed on Friday evening, June 26, with a commencement program under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Christian, followed by Open House in the class rooms where the pupils' handwork was on display.

Eloise Bishop, Reporter

Snowview Baptist Church, Parma, Ohio, Organized and Recognized

The last few months have been important ones for us at the Snowview Baptist Church, Parma (Cleveland), Ohio. In June we conducted our first Vacation Bible School with 152 pupils enrolled. The course, "Adventuring with Christ," was followed for the one and a half weeks of sessions. On June 18, an organizational meeting of the Snowview Baptist Church was held with twenty-four people expressing their desire to become charter members. Many of these came to us from our mother church, the Parma Heights Baptist Church.

During the Central Conference sessions held June 25-28, an examining council was held and it was voted to receive the church into the fellowship of the Central Conference. On July 12, at 3:00 P.M. a public recognition service was held at the Snowview Elementary School, where our services are held each Sunday. Rev. Daniel Fuchs brought a challenging message with Rev. Edwin Miller of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Rev. H. Pfeifer of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, and Rev. Leon Franck recent graduate of our Seminary, also participating in the service. As this witness has been established in this new area, we trust God will continue to bless in the salvation of souls and the strengthening of the saints.

Harold F. Lang, Pastor

Atlantic Conference Ministers' Institute at Bradley Beach

The ministers of the Atlantic Conference had a "heated" week at Bradley Beach, New Jersey, where they met for their annual retreat from June 29 through July 3. The weather was beautiful, the fellowship was refreshing, and the meetings were inspiring.

Our special guest was Rev. Frank Veninga, newly elected president of our North American Baptist Seminary, who read several papers on the general theme of "The Church." The three addresses were both informative and

Silver Jubilee, Springside Church

Report of the 25th Anniversary Program, Baptist Church, Springside, Sask., by Mrs. George Fritzke

ON JUNE 14th, the Springside Baptist Church, Springside, Sask., organized in 1934, observed its 25th anniversary, with an attendance of over 500 people. On Friday evening, June 12th, the Saskatchewan Baptist Association began, with Rev. W. Sturhahn, our Northern Conference District Secretary, as guest speaker. The business sessions and elections took place the following day, with Rev. R. Schilke, general mission secretary, bringing the messages. A Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship Banquet was held on Saturday evening at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, with 200 in attendance. A film entitled, "The Great Discovery," was shown, with a brief message brought by Rev. Wm. Hoover of Benton Harbor, Michigan, in closing. The theme of the Association was "The Glory of the Church of Christ."

The Anniversary Service began on Sunday morning with our pastor, Rev. Bert Milner, in charge. We were privileged to have two of our former pastors with us who brought the messages in the morning service. Rev. Wm. Hoover was pastor when the Springside Baptist Church was organized in June, 1934. The theme of his message was "The Glory of His Strength." Rev. Martin DeBoer of Fessenden, North Dakota, was the second speaker. Mr. and Mrs. DeBoer and daughter Ruth served the Springside Church from

challenging and dealt with "The Church and Its Community," "The Church and Local Councils," and "The Church and Its Conference." A time of profitable discussion was held after each paper was presented.

Devotions were held by various ministers each morning during which time Christ was considered in relationship to the church as its Price, Cornerstone, Builder and Head. Others of our pastors led us in worship in our evening services, and we also conducted some business in our various sessions. We are extremely grateful for the wonderful opportunity made possible for us by the young people and the staff at the Cottage, and we wish to express our sincere appreciation to all concerned who made those days so enjoyable and memorable.

Robert E. Fuchs, Reporter

Northern District

56th Sessions of Northern Conference at Yorkton, Sask.

The Central Baptist Church at Yorkton, Saskatchewan, was host to the 56th session of the Northern Conference which convened from July 8-12. Rev. Paul Galambos, pastor of the host church, was in charge of the opening service and extended a hearty welcome to all the delegates and visitors. Words of welcome were also spoken by the mayor of the city, W. E. Fichtner, and Rev. F. Antrobus of the First

1950 to 1955. The theme of Mr. DeBoer's message was "God Hath Wrought." Rev. R. Neuman, Missionary to the Indians on the Muscowpetung Reserve, was in charge of the children's service.

The afternoon service featured a history of the organization of the church brought by our church clerk, Mr. Ewald Tillman; reports by the church organizations: Sunday School by one of our pioneers, Mr. Julius Muth, and Mr. Jonathon Breikreuz; Church, Mr. A. Effa; Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Jonathan Breikreuz; Choir, Mrs. F. Tillman; Young people, Miss Doris Effa; Homebuilders, Mrs. A. Tillman. Musical numbers were brought by each organization, including musical selections from the Junior Choir in charge of Mrs. Fred Nehring. The afternoon service came to a close with a message by Rev. R. Schilke.

The anniversary program came to a close with an Evangelism and Dedication Service held in the evening. Mr. Hoover brought the message based on Psalm 142:4. The Springside Baptist Church was organized with 43 charter members. We now have a membership of 215. We are grateful to God for his wonderful guidance through these years. May the Lord continue to bless the work here as we strive to go forward with our pastor, Rev. Bert Milner.

Baptist Church of Yorkton on behalf of the Ministerial Association. The moderator of the conference, Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, gave a fitting response.

The conference theme, "The Holy Spirit in Our Age," found fitting consideration and emphasis in the various messages: "The Baptism of The Spirit" by Rev. Wm. Wieschollek; "The Gifts of the Spirit" by Rev. Otto Ertis; "The Fullness of the Spirit" by Rev. Leslie Zilkie; "The Holy Spirit in Sanctification" by Rev. R. Hoffman. The devotional periods and the evening messages were a blessing and an inspiration to all. Our guest speakers, Dr. M. L. Leuschner and Missionary Myrtle Weeldreyer challenged us with their messages and missionary pictures. On Friday afternoon the Woman's Missionary Union presented a program, at which time Myrtle Weeldreyer also spoke. At this service the following officers of the Missionary Union were presented to the conference: president, Mrs. R. Milbrandt; vice-president, Mrs. R. Neuman; secretary, Mrs. L. Maier; asst. secretary, Mrs. J. Enslin; treasurer, Mrs. A. Lamprecht.

On Saturday morning the election of conference officers took place. The officers are: moderator, Rev. H. J. Waltereit; vice moderator, Rev. H. Schatz; secretary, Rev. J. Wollenberg; statistical secretary, Rev. B. Milner; transportation secretary, Rev. W. Sturhahn; conference choir director, Mr. R. Neske; Sunday School Committee, Mr. B. Bender; and CBYF representative, Rev. E. Hahn. Rev. H. Hiller serves as mission secretary. Saturday eve-

ning's CBYF program led by Bruno Voss featured a play by the Edenwold young people, "Lost a Fortune but Gained a Future." The Sunday services highlighted the conference. Several young people re-dedicated their lives to the Lord. The mission offering was approximately \$2,000.

H. Bushkowsky, Reporter

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Obits

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

MRS. HERMAN F. STEINDAM of Dallas, Texas

Mrs. Herman F. Steindam, nee Siebenhausen, of Dallas, Texas, was born September 25, 1889 in Kyle, Hays County, Texas, and after several strokes, the first being in 1948, she passed on to be with her Lord, July 16, 1959, at the age of 69 years, 9 months and 21 days. She moved to Dallas in 1900 and at an early age accepted Jesus as her Savior, was baptized and joined the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member until her death.

Mary Siebenhausen was married to Herman F. Steindam, June 9, 1910. This union was blessed with two children: Lydia (Mrs. Neil Hellman) of Dallas, Texas; and Herman, Jr., of Henrietta, Texas. Mrs. Steindam is survived by her husband; a daughter; a son; one sister, Mrs. Glen Kirkland; one brother, Chris Siebenhausen; and three grandchildren. The funeral services were held in the church on July 19, 1959 with Rev. Clemence Auch officiating. Donald Porth was the soloist.

Carroll Avenue Baptist Church
Dallas, Texas
CLEMENCE AUCH, Pastor

MRS. A. F. LEHR of Gackle, North Dakota

Mrs. Magdalena Hieb Lehr of Gackle, N. Dak., was born to Margaret and Michael Hieb Sept. 13, 1881 near Tripp, S. Dak. She was converted in 1907 and was baptized and joined the church in June 1926 under the ministry of Rev. L. Gassner.

She was married to Mr. A. F. Lehr Sept. 2, 1906 at Kulm, N. Dak. Six children were born to them, three of whom died in infancy. The other children are: Ella (Mrs. Charles Hamilton) of Hillsboro, Calif.; Calvin of Gackle; and Clara (Mrs. R. E. Meidinger) who passed away recently. Mrs. Lehr died July 12 at St. Petersburg, Florida. Besides the son and daughter who survive, she leaves to mourn, her husband of Gackle, and 6 grandchildren.

Mrs. Lehr was a member of Grace Baptist Church and the Ladies Aid of Gackle until her death. She was laid to rest in the Gackle Cemetery. The pastor brought words of comfort from Psalm 23.

Grace Baptist Church
Gackle, North Dakota
BERNARD EDINGER, Pastor

MR. FRIEDRICH J. ROSENOW of Bismarck, North Dakota

Mr. Friedrich Johann Rosenow passed away on June 29 after a brief illness. He was born March 24, 1872 in Stettin, Germany to Mr. and Mrs. August Rosenow. In 1896 he married Minna Kalkus. Both he and his wife were members of the Weisensee Baptist Church of Berlin, where he was organist. In 1914 they and their daughter Margaret emigrated to the United States.

He lived for over six years in the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck, N. Dak. He leaves one daughter, Margaret (Mrs. F. D. Manz); four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Rev. Edward Oster of McClusky, North Dakota, where he was a member of the McClusky Baptist Church in earlier years, and Rev. B. W. Krentz, superintendent of the Baptist Home, were in charge of the funeral service on July 3rd.

McClusky Baptist Church
McClusky, North Dakota
THE FAMILY

ANNOUNCEMENT ON 84TH BIRTHDAY

The Annual Milestones awaken the soul to thank God, the GIVER and KEEPER of Life and spur to continued action of Faith, Love and Well Doing until the last Milestone is reached. It will glitter in the words of Christ as recorded in Matthew 25:21.

August 4, 1959 John C. Lotz
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

MR. WILLIAM TAHRAN, JR. of Jamestown, North Dakota

Mr. William Tahrان, Jr., of Jamestown, N. Dak., was born at Cleveland, North Dakota, July 20, 1919. Here he attended school and farmed until 1947 when he moved to Jamestown, N. Dak. He married Leona Steiger of Medina, N. Dak., on October 10, 1945. A son, Donald William, was born to them. Leona Steiger Tahrان, went to be with the Lord on December 22, 1950. He married Mrs. Adeline Buck in June 9, 1951. A son, Alan, was born to them. Bill, as he was commonly known, was a member of the First Baptist Church, Jamestown, N. Dak. He was active in the Men's Brotherhood and Boy Scout Committee.

After a long period of sickness and suffering, Bill went to be with his Lord on Feb. 13, 1959. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife; two sons: Donald-12; Alan-6; and one step-son, Stanley Buck-13; also five brothers, two sisters, his parents and a great host of relatives and friends. The funeral was conducted in the First Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. George Robinson, assisted by Rev. and Mrs. N. E. McCoy.
First Baptist Church
Jamestown, North Dakota
ELMO TAHRAN, Correspondent

MRS. IDA ANNA FRATZKE of Hutchinson, Minn.

Mrs. Ida Anna Fratzke, nee Luthens, of Hutchinson, Minn., was born in Renville County, Minnesota, June 1, 1875. At the age of 16 she moved to Hutchinson, Minnesota, where she was united in marriage to Anton Fratzke by the Rev. H. G. Bens. After trusting in and accepting Christ as her Savior, she was baptized and received into the membership of the German Baptist Church, now known as the Bethany Baptist Church, of which she was a member at the time of her death.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, two daughters and one son; also two sisters and one brother. Two sisters and one brother preceded her in death. She went to meet the Lord on March 20, 1959. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Elmo Tahrان in the Bethany Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minnesota, March 23, 1959.

Bethany Baptist Church
Hutchinson, Minn.
ELMO TAHRAN, Pastor

MR. GEORGE A. VAN GERPEN of Yankton, South Dakota

Mr. George A. Van Gerpen of Yankton, S. Dak., son of Dan and Tjada Van Gerpen, was born on June 24, 1878, in Ostfriesland, Germany. He went to be with the Lord on July 3, from his home in Yankton, S. Dak., at the age of 81 years and 9 days. He was united in marriage to Christina Johnson of Avon, S. Dak., in 1905. This union was blessed with the birth of two sons. He was saved in 1912 under the preaching of Evangelist Appel and followed the Lord in baptism and united with the Avon Baptist Church where he was a life-long, faithful member.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, 5 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, and 2 sisters. Last services were conducted in the Avon Baptist Church on July 6. He was laid to rest in the local Baptist Cemetery. Rev. Peter J. Wiens conducted the service and preached from II Cor. 5:1.

Avon, South Dakota
PETER J. WIENS, Pastor

MR. CHRIST REUB of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Mr. Christ Reub of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was born Sept. 2, 1898 in Tyndall, S. Dak. He accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of 15 and was baptized by Rev. John Reichert on May 11, 1913. During his lifetime, he was a member of the Tyndall Baptist Church, the Parkston Baptist Church, and at his death, the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls.

On October 22, 1918 he married Annie Schettler in Tyndall, S. Dak. This union was blessed with six daughters. Upon retirement Mr. and Mrs. Reub moved to Sioux Falls in 1951. Mrs. Reub had been convalescing in a local nursing home when the Lord took him to his eternal reward on July 28, 1959. He leaves to mourn his beloved and bereaved wife, Annie; six daughters: Mrs. Harold Steenholdt and Mrs. Emerald Stroh of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Mrs. Glen Johnson, Spencer, Wis.; Mrs. Harold Wetzler of Herrick, S. Dak.; Mrs. Delmar Williams of Stetonville, Wis.; and Mrs. Vernon Granberg of Valley Spring, S. Dak.; 14 grandchildren, two brothers; and two sisters.

Trinity Baptist Church
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
MILTON W. ZEEB, Pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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important part in our church calendar. It often comes and goes without many taking notice of it. To the early disciples, it meant the beginning of a great and grave responsibility. As soon as Jesus went up into heaven, it was a signal to go into all the world. They were to continue where Jesus left off, but not without Jesus. His parting words were, "Lo, I am with you alway."

V. WITNESSING THROUGH PRAYER. Acts 1:12-14.

It takes more power to witness than to do any other single thing in the work of the Kingdom. Our single efforts are useless unless we first make a united effort. United and continued prayer prepares us and empowers us to witness effectively. We must wait for the power, but once we receive the power there is no excuse to wait for witnessing.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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school have arranged two fasting days. The money they spared in these days they are sending to the refugees in Hong Kong. This amounted to DM 400 (U. S. \$100)."

• **Ter-Jubilee Celebrations in England.** Looking forward to the 150th anniversary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland in 1963, the Union has launched a four-year Ter-Jubilee celebration. Main features of the Ter-Jubilee, according to Rev. Ernest A. Payne, general secretary, will be to make known the history of the Union and also the nature and importance of the work which it undertakes for the churches, a four-year evangelistic campaign, made flexible to suit local conditions, and a financial appeal aiming at £300,000 during the next four years.

The British plan is very similar to that of the Baptist Jubilee Advance being conducted in North America in celebration of its 150th anniversary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK

Sept. 27 — Oct. 4, 1959

"Born to Grow" — Theme

GROW THROUGH OUTREACH

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given in the "Baptist Herald." (Reprints of these are available.) A story of how God sets the scene for his call to missionary service through the home, church and other circumstances, and then how he gave a clear call to each missionary, that he wanted in his service, will help others to see the need, and answer God's call to service.

The names of all missionaries should become an important part of every Sunday School member's vocabulary. A study of their field of service and type of work is very important.

PRAYER NEEDS

The last but perhaps most important thing is a study of prayer needs and victories. Most missionary letters contain both these items. All members should have a missionary prayer calendar. A "Missionary-of-the-Month" could be presented and prayed for on the class level. Be sure to have a large photograph to use. (Picture packets are available for \$1 from Forest Park)

You say, "But how do we know the many needs of the missionary?" Here are some Biblical answers to the needs of all servants of God.

1. Eph. 1:17-19—Spiritual wisdom, knowledge and power.
2. Eph. 3:16-19—Spiritual strength.
3. Phil. 1:9-11—Spiritual fruit.
4. Col. 1:9—Knowing God's Will.
5. Col. 1:11—Patience and longsuffering.
6. Col. 4:3—A door of utterance for the Gospel.

We can't go wrong following the great Missionary Paul's requests. These will help us to avoid the general, "God bless our missionaries."

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editor-in-chief are in good functioning order, a letter should be sent to the local churches informing the contributing editors (who have been elected along with the local CBYF Executive Committee) of the dates when the reports are due. It is important that the contributing editors are ready on time, and that their reports are stimulating and interesting. Be proud of your own young people. Then show it in your articles.

Another essential point is that a very accurate mailing list be kept of the recipients of the paper, as well as the names and addresses of the contributing editors. These should be put in permanent record form so that they can be passed on from editor to editor.

For those who are already editing a paper (and you certainly are doing a magnificent job) and for those who will begin soon, we (at Forest Park) would like to see one more page added to your paper.

DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

It certainly is good to have a feeling of unity in a local conference, but we would not forget that we as North American Baptist CBY Fellowships are divided into nine conferences, each producing its own local paper. We would like to see one page of the REGIONAL PAPER dedicated to bringing our nine conferences a bit closer.

On this page, the editor-in-chief would receive such announcements as: General Conference activities, new material available to the CBYF groups, now and then a new program idea which we would like to share, or even a "Little News Letter" concerning General Conference activities. So from time to time you'll be receiving such a page from headquarters.

In a few weeks, the editors, whom we have listed, will be receiving a personal letter concerning our REGIONAL PAPER. If you are an editor, and did not receive a letter, it probably means that we do not have your address. We would like to have the name and address of each editor-in-chief at Forest Park, Illinois, so that our mailing list can be accurate and up-to-date. Please inform us.

Our aim is to see each of our nine conferences with a REGIONAL PAPER in production. How about your conference? Does it have a paper? There is much joy in the output of such a paper—and how essential it is in keeping our North American Baptist young people united in good Christian fellowship. There is strength in togetherness. Jesus commands us to be one mind and heart. Can we count on being partners for action with you?

We have heard the joyful sound,
Jesus saves,
Spread the tidings all around,
Jesus saves!!!

JULY CONTRIBUTIONS — N. A. B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	July, 1959	July, 1959	July 1957
Atlantic -----	\$ 4,313.95	\$ 2,604.85	\$ 3,318.69
Central -----	6,855.50	5,274.45	11,064.10
Dakota -----	6,044.16	5,606.54	5,408.64
Eastern -----	3,174.11	2,494.66	3,283.00
Northern -----	3,840.10	2,020.87	4,561.47
Northwestern -----	5,265.42	5,749.95	7,219.68
Pacific -----	9,189.80	5,931.53	7,021.85
Southern -----	7,703.31	2,781.16	3,038.20
Southwestern -----	4,114.67	3,504.37	2,146.81
Inter-Conference -----		3,406.93	18.05
Total Contributions -----	\$ 44,501.02	\$39,375.31	\$ 47,080.49

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of July, 1959 -----	\$ 36,464.19	\$ 8,036.83	\$ 44,501.02
For the month of July, 1958 -----	37,041.43	2,333.88	39,375.31
For the month of July, 1957 -----	43,160.82	3,919.67	37,080.49

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1959 to July 31, 1959 -----	\$196,362.05	\$25,247.79	\$221,609.84
April 1, 1958 to July 31, 1958 -----	175,851.84	16,891.40	192,743.24
April -, 1957 to July 31, 1957 -----	171,099.18	12,554.36	183,653.54