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Challenge of Christian Missions in Japan

Personal testimony delivered at the Missionary Service of the Baptist Jubilee Rally at Atlantic City, N. J., on May 23, 1964.

By Hisashi Murakami of Osaka, Japan, student at the North American Baptist Seminary

ONE OF the greatest things which Japan has witnessed in her history is the cultural invasion from the western world since the sixteenth century. Concurrent with the inroads of western civilization, another great challenge has come with my country's encounter with Christianity. Since Protestant missions began in Japan, over 100 years have passed leaving the marks of great trials and failures as well as the marks of great struggles and victories in permeating Japanese culture with the Gospel of Christ.

The best way for me to speak on the meaning of Christian missions for my country is to make reference to the reality of the Gospel that has made a great impact upon my life and thinking. It was when I was a student at one of the universities in Kyoto that, for the first time, I was confronted with the teaching of the Bible which affirmed the spiritual reality of human life. It may sound strange to you to hear from me that the idea of the spiritual reality of human life itself was foreign to me. Of course, I had gone to temples and shrines to observe some religious ceremonies. However, the reason for my going to these places was not religious but merely social and cultural. Thus the fact that I have gone to these places did not mean that I had been conscious of the meaning behind these religious activities. As a matter of fact, I thought we were no longer living in the age in which an idea of God or religion was necessary, for we were living in the age in which man was made free from any religions which were thought to be the products of ancient people to meet their own needs.

The book called the Bible gave me a clue to think of the spiritual reality of my own life. The Bible persuaded me to see myself in the vertical relationship with God. In spite of many difficulties to understand the teachings and events of the Bible, one thing became clear in my heart and mind: that I needed Christ! In Christ, who gave himself for me, I have found myself and the meaning of life in giving myself for and to him and in serving my fellow men. Another vital reason for

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NEXT ISSUE

"GRADUATION AT OSAKA, JAPAN"

Miss Florence Miller

Editorial

How Does Your Church Rate?

We are living in a highly competitive world. By comparing ourselves with others, we learn where we stand in the scale of importance. Sometimes it is good to look at ourselves, at our churches, to see what we have accomplished for God, and then to compare our congregation with other churches and their attainments. In that way we can find the answer to the question: "How does my church rate in the denominational picture?"

You should be concerned how your church rates in your evangelistic witness, in the number of baptisms, in church membership. Is your church going forward, standing still or going backward? It has been reported by Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Director of Evangelism, that last year as many as one-third of our churches failed to report a single soul added to the church by baptism. Is your church in that group with such a dismal record? What can you do as a conscientious member and fervent witness for Christ to change the picture? The Lord Jesus Christ calls on each one of us to be a witness for him. We add to the spiritual vitality of our churches as we serve him faithfully in witnessing to the Gospel and its saving power. God grant that all of our churches might rate nobly in this witnessing ministry of theirs.

With the reading of this issue of the "Baptist Herald" (see page 8-10) you will be more deeply concerned how your church rates in missionary giving to our North American Baptist missionary and service program. You will read in these pages what your church has given and what your per capita giving has been. You can easily compare your church's record with the denominational per capita giving of \$18.93 or with other churches of similar size.

To be sure, every child of God must give an account of his or her stewardship in the last analysis to God. But it is profitable for each one of us and for every church to see where we stand in comparison with others in our fellowship. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our executive secretary, has said with truth that the per capita giving of our people must rise to at least a total of \$20 if we are going to attain our budget objective for the year 1964-1965. As you study these revealing statistics, ask yourself honestly, "How does my church rate?"

This spiritual concern of yours will broaden out to include this inquiry: "How does my church rate in its influence for the Gospel of Christ in our community?" What kind of a Christian image have you presented to your community? During the sessions of the 34th General Conference in Sacramento, Calif. the thousands of North American Baptists in attendance were concerned that our spiritual impact upon the city and its people might be to the glory of God.

Every Baptist church stands as a lighthouse for Christ and his Gospel in its community. The members of each church are judged by their deeds, by their relationships with others, by their business dealings, and by the things they stand for. How does your church rate as a light of Christ that shines into the surrounding darkness of the world?

The Lord Jesus Christ wants his Church—your church—to meet every test of life with flying colors and the highest possible grade of commendation.

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A New Baptist College Opens in Cameroon

A tremendous step of faith has been taken by our missionaries in establishing this new Baptist High School at Ndu with a vision of 800 students ultimately studying at this important Baptist educational center.

By Mr. Norman Haupt,

Principal of the Ndu Baptist High School



Students of the new Baptist High School enter the Ndu Baptist Church for a chapel service.

TODAY EDUCATION in Africa is THE THING! Going to high school in many of the countries in Africa today is more of a privilege than for an American youngster to go to the university. In the Western Region of Cameroon, where we serve as your missionaries, there are at present only eleven high schools for a total population of one million people. This means that only about 2% of the population has the chance to go to high school. These high schools are producing the future leaders of this young nation.

Knowing that leaders will come from these schools, the Roman Catholic Mission operates six of these high schools, the Presbyterians have two, and the Federal Government runs one. Cameroon Baptist Mission started the first high school for Protestant girls in this entire region two years ago. In this race to prepare leaders for the nation and the church, the Baptist Mission felt it wise to have a high school for Baptist boys where a unique program of character building would be based on the correlation of vital Christianity and sound education. To this end Ndu Baptist College opened last October.

A STEP OF FAITH

Having our own Baptist high school has been the dream of many of us out here for a long time. The Government was willing to give us the permission to start, but could not give us financial help to build it. The Board of Missions also informed us that due to restricted giving at home and other commitments which the NAB Missionary Society had to meet, it would be impossible for us to receive financial aid

from America.

This brought things to a standstill until last year when the Government gave the Baptist Mission a building grant of \$30,000 to build a Teacher Training Centre at Ndu. This seemed to be our chance. By using existing buildings and using that money wisely we might be able to get a Baptist high school started. Once started, we could try again for help from the Cameroon Government so that it continue. It was a risk. Politics was involved. A changing nation, creating uncertain conditions, was before us. But after much prayer and discussion, we felt we would take this step of faith.

The grant of \$30,000 was not really enough with which to build the Teacher Training Centre. We hoped we could start two institutions with this money. The Cameroonians at Ndu were very anxious to have the new Baptist high school in their area. Therefore, they offered to return to

FRONT COVER PICTURE

ROUND THE BEND—The paddle wheel steamboat Mark Twain carries Disneyland guests down the Rivers of America, past the colorful Frontierland levee and into the pages of history. Over the rooftops are other Disneyland adventures, Main Street, Frontierland and at upper left the Douglas Rocket to the Moon in Tomorrowland. In the foreground, one of Injun Joe's rafts carries adventurers from the mainland to Tom Sawyer's Island. Many of the General Conference visitors will visit Disneyland after the Conference sessions, including 110 members of the North American Baptist Conference Tour.

the Mission the mission-built grade school building which could be used to start the high school. They also volunteered to build a new grade school with their own labour and money. This is a great sacrifice for a people whose annual income is less than \$100.

So in October we started the school in a former grade school building with eight rooms. We used two rooms for classes, four rooms for dormitories, one room for a dining room, and one as a library-assembly room. High schools in Africa tend to be boarding schools because of the wide area which each school must cover. Some of our students come from 350 miles away.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

When we began, we had no desks, no chairs, only beds and dining room tables, but we managed. We have started with 65 boys and five teachers. We have Rev. George Lang from Sioux Falls, S. Dak., teaching Bible; Rev. Lloyd Kwast from Anaheim, Calif., teaching English and Baptist doctrine; Mrs. June Haupt of Grosse Pointe, Mich., teaching art; and two Cameroonian teachers who teach math, history, and geography. I teach the science subjects and literature in addition to being the principal.

Being principal in a Christian boarding school is a challenging job. Not only do I have to be financier, curriculum builder, development planner, and high-sounding things like that, but also papa and nursemaid to 65 teen-aged African boys. It is interesting. These students do not have some of the problems which are found in high schools at home. No delinquency; no discipline problems; no indifference!

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Instead there is trouble getting school fees, trouble getting money for the few clothes and things they need, trouble understanding the white teachers with their strange ways and ideas.

Although the problems are a bit different, the subjects they study here are similar to those in a Christian high school in America. They study English, literature, Bible, French, history, geography, math, biology, physics, and Baptist doctrine. There is nothing unusual about the school day or time table except that it begins at 6:00 a.m. every morning! In addition to the regular academic program, there is a chapel service twice a day, plus church, Sunday school, and Bible studies on Sundays. We try to keep a healthy balance between the mental, spiritual, and physical aspects of the college and its life.

GOAL OF 800 STUDENTS

It was interesting to notice the students' reactions when they first arrived. Those from nearby were very happy and enthusiastic for now their former grade school had been transformed into a select high school. Those from the hotter parts of Cameroon felt they had arrived at the North Pole when the temperature went down to 55° at night. Some seemed frightened at the strange place, fully expecting to find very fierce or wild circumstances so far away from their own homes. But now those reactions have passed as they have become accustomed to Ndu, its climate, and their new



TEACHING STAFF OF THE NDU HIGH SCHOOL

Left to right: Rev. George Lang, Rev. Lloyd Kwast, Mr. Tamfu and Mr. Bakari who teach mathematics, history and geography, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Haupt.

teachers and subjects. The boys have settled down to hard work and a healthful routine and seem to enjoy life in this new Baptist high school.

Along with the running of the school, we are in the process of building to provide for future growth. My family and I have been living in a two-room Government Rest House for five months awaiting the completion of a new missionary house on the mission property. At the same time we are busy building dormitories and dining halls for the new students for the Teacher Training Centre and the high school who will come in May and in September.

By September 1964 our enrollment will jump to 210 students. For the sake of economy, we are building with blocks made of earth and pressed in a hand-operated machine. We will

probably leave these dormitories unplastered and unfloored until we know more about whether we will eventually get a Government grant of money with which to build. This seems crude by American standards and is certainly sub-standard for the Africa of today, but that is all that we are able to provide at this time for this developing institution.

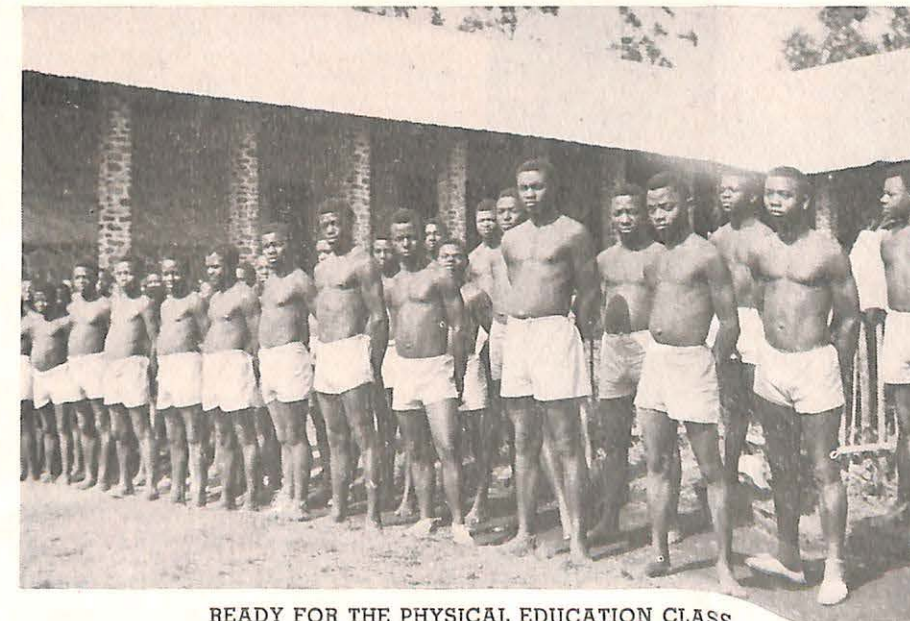
When the secondary school, the Teacher Training Centre, and the Bible School are all completed and full, we expect that there will be about 800 students in this Baptist education facility.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We as Baptists are anxious to take advantage of this new opportunity to present a unique educational approach to Christian education in Cameroon. Dr. F. L. Patton, former president of Princeton University, once spoke at the opening of a now-famous Christian academy in America about "The Fourth R." In addition to the three R's of reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic, the fourth R of religion needs to be added to the curriculum in this day and age. That is what we are doing here at Ndu Baptist College.

Africans know that, apart from character, education is a perilous thing. The most dangerous man is he whose mind is trained but whose will is undisciplined and whose morality is subservient to the gratification of self. Character, not intellectual agility, is the source of right living; for character, combined with the trained mind, leads to the highest achievement.

But character itself has a source. It springs not from moral maxims, rules of conduct, or "thou-shalt-nots." It grows out of effective spiritual experience which originates in regeneration through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the basis upon which we teach and preach in the Cameroon today.



READY FOR THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS

Strong and sturdy students of the Ndu Baptist High School are ready to engage in their daily physical exercises.

To the Golden Shores of Burma

It was the privilege of the author, a former NAB student and pastor, to attend the Sesquicentennial Celebration in Burma, commemorating the arrival of Adoniram and Ann Judson as missionaries in that country in 1813.

By Rev. Heinz H. Grabia, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Casper, Wyoming

A NEW NATION had existed less than thirty years when a brilliant young man and his lovely bride left the shores of this land to take the story of the Gospel to the golden shores of Burma. After one hundred and fifty years the dreams of Adoniram and Ann Judson have come to glorious reality. To have shared in the Burma Baptist Sesquicentennial Celebration, December 19-22, 1963, was indeed a memorable experience for me. With Burmese Baptists we relived one hundred and fifty years of missionary labor, begun by the Judsons in 1813, portrayed in music, pageant and word.

BAPTISTS, 66% of CHRISTIAN POPULATION

The theme, "Thanksgiving for the Past and Consecration for the Future," gave evidence of the deep historic faith of our Burmese brethren. In this country, about the size of Texas, we find a population of twenty million people divided into five major national groups, represented by five stars on the Burmese flag. Burma has 126 different languages and major dialects. The hymnal used for the Sesquicentennial was written in six languages. The largest indigenous group are the Burmese who number fourteen million and who are mostly Buddhists.

Buddhism is the national religion of Burma. Since mountains enclose the



Rev. Heinz H. Grabia of the First Baptist Church, Casper, Wyoming examines several souvenirs of his trip to the Baptist Mission field in Burma and of his adventures on a recent world tour.

rich fertile delta of the Irrawaddy River, many of the people live in the mountain areas. To these, Baptists have largely ministered during the last century and a half. Of the Christian population in Burma, sixty-six per cent are Baptists, followed by twenty-two per cent Catholic with twelve per cent other Christians.

From the opening service to the benediction of the Sesquicentennial, one could sense the dedicated leadership and strong witness of the Baptist

church in Burma. There are 2500 to 3000 Baptist churches united into forty associations with membership of 213,655. The Baptist community of more than one-half million produced more than 10,000 baptisms in 1962.

The 150th Anniversary opened with the dedication of the Sesquicentennial Memorial Auditorium on December 19th with an estimated 10,000 delegates in attendance. This new auditorium will serve not only as a memorial to the Judsons but also as an edifice built to glorify God and in memory of more than 800 Baptist missionaries who have served in Burma. A commemorative plaque in the new auditorium states that the memorial hall is "dedicated to the glory of God and in grateful memory of all who have, by life and work, helped to build Christ's kingdom in Burma, 1813-1963."

"BRIGHT ARE THE PROMISES"

The Sesquicentennial preacher was Dr. Martin Niemoller of the Federal Republic of Germany, president of the Evangelical Church of Hessen and Nassau in Germany. He was born 72 years ago and served as commander of a submarine in the First World War. Later he studied theology and entered the Christian ministry. Many Christians have been inspired by the story how he, as champion of Christianity, resisted the tyranny of Hitler and as a consequence suffered eight years of confinement in a concentration camp. His life was spared to be used of God for the cause of Christian unity around the world. His clarion call, "We need the saving power of Christ in our world; this is what keeps you going and keeps you alive," challenged the Burman for his difficult task in the future. The inspiration of his messages sent all participants in the anniversary back to their areas of service with renewed dedication.

A historical pageant, "Bright Are the Promises," portrayed the joys and sorrows of one hundred and fifty years of missionary endeavor. Our hearts ached as we witnessed Adoniram's suffering and torture in a Burmese jail, with his faithful Ann providing for his daily needs. While in jail Adoniram translated parts of the Bible which were miraculously saved from confiscation. The joy of his first convert U Naw, after seven years of preaching and praying, brought tears to our eyes. After all these hardships to see the Burma Baptist Convention at work today, comparable in its effectiveness to our Baptist work in America, is indeed the

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10,000 DELEGATES TO THE BURMESE CELEBRATION

More than 10,000 Burmese Baptists witnessed the glorious out-of-door baptismal service celebrating the sesquicentennial of the coming of the missionaries, the Judsons, to Burma.



WONDERFUL DAY OF BAPTISM IN BURMA

Twelve Baptist Burmese ministers baptized 256 Burmese converts in Inya Lake, Rangoon as part of the 150th anniversary celebration of Adoniram and Ann Judson's arrival in Burma in 1813

story of Acts in a contemporary setting.

BAPTISM OF 256 BURMESE

On Sunday morning, December 22, as part of the celebration of Adoniram and Ann Judson's arrival in Burma, 256 Burmese Baptists were baptized in Inya Lake, Rangoon. Twelve ministers, representing the twelve different tribes or nations, baptized the candidates. This early morning baptism was one of the largest in Burma in recent years.

The consecration service brought the great observance to a challenging close. The Reverend Aye Mya Kyaw, General Secretary of the Burma Baptist Convention, brought the consecration address, "Tasks Ahead." One by one he called on the national leaders to stand indicating their desire to dedicate their lives to the continuing witness in Burma. As he closed his call, all delegates stood for the prayer of consecration by the Reverend Ai Pan, followed by the choir anthem, "Spirit of the Living God."

Only eternity will reveal the sacrifice, hardships and dedication given by so many that the people of Burma might know him, Whom to know is life eternal and abundant. The glory of all this is that we in America have a share in this work. We are out on the mission field—each one of us who believes, each one of us who gives. We are healing the lepers, teaching the boys and girls, feeding the hungry and telling the story of a Christ who loves and cares. *This* you and I are doing through missions.

In conclusion, I would like to share with you two deep impressions left on my life. This visit to our mission fields around the world has opened a new world for me. We hear much about modern missions today—some of it quite critical. The dedication of Baptist

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THE SINGING MEN

of the North American Baptist Seminary

Report of Trip to Our Churches

The Singing Men, a group of four pre-enrolled students and one seminary student from the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., are presenting approximately 85 sacred concerts this summer. It is their desire to present Jesus Christ through the medium of song, to inform our constituency of the ministry and mission of the Seminary, and to challenge young people with the needs and opportunities for Christian service. These young men are Jim Green, Herman De Vries, Carl Landt, Jim De Boer and Dick Rabenhorst.

They began their musical ministry in Corona, S. Dak. and the Twin Cities of Minn. They have sung their way in the hearts of our people in churches of Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma on the way to the General Conference sessions in Sacramento, Calif., where they spent the closing days from July 17 to 19.

From Sacramento they will go to the Southern California churches and to Oregon, Washington and British Columbia with their inspiring programs. From August 5 to 23 they will be visiting many of the Canadian churches from Kelowna, B. C. to Morris, Man. Their closing programs will be at the Crystal Springs Youth Rally in North Dakota on Aug. 22, and at West Fargo, N. Dak., and Appleton, Minn., on Sunday, Aug. 23, before returning to Sioux Falls for their continued studies.

With superb musical voices, with a genial, youthful enthusiasm and with their sincere and fervent testimonies, these "Singing Men" are making their triumphal tour of our churches and building a spiritual highway for our Lord and God.



"THE SINGING MEN" OF THE SEMINARY

Left to right: Jim Green, Herman DeVries, Dick Rabenhorst (foreground), Carl Landt and Jim De Boer.

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Hamden, Central	933.01	12.96
Meriden, Liberty Street	307.35	2.70
Delaware		
Elsmere, First	3,155.35	14.15
Maryland		
Baltimore, West Baltimore	2.00	.01
Massachusetts		
Jamaica Plain, Rock Hill	934.47	8.73
New Jersey		
Hoboken, Willow Avenue	623.21	38.95
Jamesburg, First	1,779.84	11.87
Newark, Evangel	716.00	1.07
Newark, Walnut Street	1,079.80	12.56
Union, Clinton Hill	2,027.13	7.45
Union City, Cornerstone	2,323.07	26.40
Union City, Second	1,958.72	29.23
Parsippany, Littleton	220.82	
West New York		
West New York, Faith	772.00	11.19
New York		
Brooklyn, Evergreen	1,216.41	6.76
New York, Second German	969.45	12.12
Ridgewood	2,070.00	7.83
Woodside, Immanuel	3,201.86	12.08
Pennsylvania		
Bethlehem, Calvary	5,699.80	28.93
Philadelphia, Fleischmann Memorial	2,281.11	15.52
Philadelphia, Pilgrim	10,869.76	32.25
Atlantic Conference	\$ 44,312.06	\$11.79

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	Contributions Received	Per Capita Giving
Illinois		
Bellwood, First	\$ 3,142.68	\$12.67
Chicago, East Side	1,670.64	18.77
Chicago, Foster Avenue	10,809.33	38.88
Chicago, Mission Baptist	564.25	3.92
Forest Park	22,721.48	67.83
Glen Ellyn, Glenbard	2,934.66	61.14
Kankakee, Immanuel	14,885.03	30.88
Norridge, First	1,199.14	14.99
Peoria, North Sheridan	1,931.19	8.08
Trenton, First	1,123.16	14.04
Indiana		
Indianapolis, Bethel	1,119.10	9.25
Michigan		
Alpena, Ripley Boulevard	1,176.20	6.01
Auburn, First	4,233.23	24.19
Benton Harbor, First German	3,209.54	24.88
Benton Harbor, Napier Parkview	29,831.72	39.46
Bloomfield Hills	2,035.60	25.77
Detroit, Ebenezer	12,204.73	14.79
East Detroit, Ridgmont	13,317.47	38.16
Gladwin, Round Lake	2,520.53	16.92
Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe	20,021.34	23.31
Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe (not NAB)	3,021.15	
Lansing, Colonial Village	8,000.78	14.79
St. Clair Shores, Bethel	5,683.82	13.22
St. Clair Shores, Community	27.00	1.59
St. Joseph, First	10,914.57	18.79
St. Joseph, Lakeshore	87.00	
Troy, Bible Baptist	274.45	3.43
Utica, First	85.00	.74
Warren, Fellowship Baptist	2,460.93	20.51
Warren, Redeemer	4,989.89	11.50
Warren, Trinity	17.50	.18
Missouri		
Mt. Sterling, Pin Oak Creek	447.59	17.90

	Contributions Received	Per Capita Giving
Ohio		
Cincinnati, Walnut Street	219.19	1.94
Cleveland, Erin Avenue	3,312.00	12.74
Cleveland, Hillcrest	277.29	2.22
Cleveland, Missionary Baptist	326.48	
Cleveland, Parma Heights	10,361.53	23.37
Cleveland, Snowview	2,338.54	26.28
Dayton, Shroyer Road	1,815.59	3.22
Xenia, Community	740.16	20.00
Ontario		
Windsor, Bethel	165.00	3.06
Central Conference	\$206,176.48	\$21.13

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	Contributions Received	Per Capita Giving
North Dakota		
Anamoose	\$ 529.00	\$ 7.67
Ashley	3,788.41	12.22
Berlin	1,000.03	8.77
Beulah, Immanuel	653.90	8.17
Bismarck	3,477.52	10.11
Carrington, Calvary	1,528.03	11.65
Cathay	1,519.44	23.38
Fessenden, First	3,223.70	23.03
Gackle, Grace	3,282.89	28.06
Germantown, Church by the Hgw.	3,787.16	71.46
Goodrich, First	3,998.87	24.68
Grand Forks, Grace	2,471.62	10.43
Harvey, Bethel	897.26	9.06
Hebron, First	4,878.42	23.23
Hettinger, Grace	226.36	5.14
Jamestown, First	206.15	.61
Lehr, Ebenezer	1,529.03	11.08
Lincoln Valley	301.96	6.42
Linton, First and Hazelton	3,819.49	19.19
Martin	1,269.17	9.99
McClusky	2,438.50	20.67
Medina, First German	282.42	12.30
Mercer, First	657.33	10.11
Minot, Crestview	404.75	26.98
Minot, First	581.20	2.69
Mott, First	700.86	23.36
Napoleon	1,261.21	14.17
New Leipzig	2,812.20	31.96
Rosenfeld	650.47	9.43
Selfridge, First	544.00	25.90
Streeter, First	791.23	13.41
Turtle Lake	3,887.51	30.14
Underwood, First	2,116.60	18.57
Venturia	3,497.93	24.81
Washburn	2,484.75	21.51
West Fargo, Grace	2,862.06	29.51
Wishek, First	3,081.51	15.33

SOUTH DAKOTA

Aberdeen, Calvary	685.42	7.45
Avon, First	7,034.01	22.47
Bison, Grace	23.30	.68
Chancellor, First	3,831.15	17.03
Corona, First	6,988.53	58.24
Danzig	2,498.03	17.84
Emery, First	9,753.25	28.35
Eureka, First	1,371.87	8.17
Herreid	7,596.47	26.75
Isabel	1,202.44	15.03
Lemmon, Temple	203.72	16.98
Leola, First	358.40	6.40
Madison, West Center Street	7,356.45	30.27
McLaughlin, First	1,837.15	23.86
McIntosh, First	335.39	4.72
Parkston	\$1,078.53	1,491.38
Tripp	412.85	
Plum Creek	3,866.50	27.42
Rapid City, South Canyon	596.54	10.11
Selby, Faith	556.28	23.18
Sioux Falls, Northside	1,200.96	10.18
Sioux Falls, Trinity	1,266.77	13.06

GIVE TO THE LORD THE GLORY DUE HIS NAME!

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein . . . Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths" (Ps. 24:1 and 25:4).

God answers prayer, then trust him ever more.
'Tis faith alone that opens Heaven's door;
He bids thee ask, then will he not bestow?
His Word is sure—he promised long ago!

Spring Valley	1,100.44	14.67
Tyndall	1,959.17	23.60
Wessington Springs, Ebenezer	1,148.38	33.78
Wessington Springs, Immanuel	1,671.84	18.37
Montana		
Billings, Calvary	1,045.24	9.50
Plevna, First	7,612.69	72.50
Sidney, First	659.80	8.25
Dakota Conference	\$146,694.41	\$18.32
EASTERN CONFERENCE		
	Contributions Received	Per Capita Giving
New York		
Amherst, Bethel	\$ 4,907.74	\$25.43
Buffalo, Austin Street	562.21	6.25
Buffalo, Temple	2,608.97	10.92
Folsomdale	2.50	.08
Rochester, Andrews Street	5,041.61	21.55
Ontario		
Arnprior, First	2,273.32	13.95
Hamilton, German Bapt. Miss.	1,148.50	5.47
Killaloe, Calvary	3,257.35	22.46
Killaloe, First	568.26	6.11
Kitchener, Central	50.00	.24
Kitchener, Salem	674.91	9.64
Neustadt, First	1,960.05	20.00
St. Catharines, Immanuel	1,335.15	14.20
Sebastopol	30.00	1.20
Sudbury, German Bethel	70.00	8.75
Oshawa, German Baptist	70.90	
Toronto, German Baptist	2,199.45	9.69
Pennsylvania		
Arnold, Union	1,775.27	8.66
Erie, Open Bible Tabernacle	253.74	3.84
Erie, South Hills	920.29	10.11
Munson, Forest	1,266.21	13.62
Penn Hills, Calvary	164.50	4.22
Pittsburgh, Holiday Park	417.60	7.20
Pittsburgh, Temple	6,840.72	20.79
Eastern Conference	\$ 38,399.34	\$12.76

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

	Contributions Received	Per Capita Giving
Alberta		
Calgary, Brentview	\$ 1,454.06	\$24.65
Calgary, Grace	389.48	4.93
Calgary, German Baptist	1,353.85	9.27

Calgary, Temple	3,436.88	13.69
Camrose, Fellowship	1,115.41	18.91
Carbon	8,010.40	35.76
Drumheller, Zion	4,319.05	41.13
Edmonton, Bethel		
Edmonton, Capilano	2,146.95	19.34
Edmonton, Central & Namao Park	5,150.22	8.86
Edmonton, German Zion	887.42	3.94
Edmonton, Immanuel	771.35	5.11
Edmonton, Lauderdale	14.75	
Edmonton, McKernan	5,851.12	23.79
Edmonton, Meadowlark (Jasper Pl.)	228.18	7.87
Edmonton, Salem	294.88	2.71
High Prairie, Bethel	206.00	7.10
Hilda, First	1,250.10	19.53
Leduc, First	3,339.36	12.39
Leduc, Temple	1,956.69	11.44
Lethbridge, Bethany	2,924.67	25.88
Medicine Hat, Grace	4,043.87	20.02
Medicine Hat, Temple	3,168.39	23.47
Olds, East Olds	1,593.93	16.10
Onoway	601.10	8.84
Rabbit Hill	486.96	6.49
Telfordville, Baptist Mission	33.35	1.76
Trochu	4,402.75	28.22
Valleyview, Emmanuel	594.53	11.89
Westaskiwin, Calvary	2,639.65	17.48
Westaskiwin, Benke Mem. Bap. Chap.	12.20	.64
Wiesenthal	1,073.39	6.67
Manitoba		
Montana Reserve		
Minitonas, First	5,295.66	15.31
Moosehorn, First	171.42	2.91
Morris, Emmanuel	5,964.41	29.53
Oak Bank	1,641.40	60.79
Ochre River, Grace	721.70	7.68
River Hills, Whiteshell	533.67	9.36
Swan River, Temple	1,541.67	11.59
Whitemouth, German Bapt. Mission	107.29	
Winnipeg, German Bapt. Mission	5,700.02	12.64
Winnipeg, Grant Park	929.85	13.10
Winnipeg, McDermot Avenue	18,034.24	25.73
Winnipeg, Third German	2,157.75	24.52
Saskatchewan		
Burshall		
Davin, Grace	378.62	14.02
Ebenezer	3,166.75	23.63
Edenwold	682.06	11.76
Fenwood	513.26	4.89
Glidden, Calvary	1,873.36	69.38
Golden Prairie, First	547.12	8.17
Jansen, Temple	1,214.00	18.39
Lashburn	125.00	8.33
Melville (Station of Fenwood)	64.71	5.39



Nokomis	2,152.43	18.24
Raymore	442.44	10.29
Regina, Bethany	147.00	2.19
Regina, Faith	344.24	1.87
Saskatoon, First German	142.00	4.44
Saskatoon, Hudson Bay	383.72	9.84
Southey	1,239.26	11.06
Springside	2,885.05	12.65
Yorkton, Central	2,602.48	15.68

Northern Conference -----\$125,466.51 \$15.84

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

	Contributions Received	Per Capita Giving
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Illinois

Baileyville, First -----\$ 1,238.30 \$10.96

Iowa

Aplington ----- 9,038.14 32.39

Buffalo, Center, First ----- 2,826.46 13.27

Burlington, Oak Street ----- 14,542.41 18.60

Cedar Falls, Cedarloo ----- 331.77 17.46

Elgin, First ----- 4,037.27 20.19

George, Central ----- 1,263.18 8.05

George, First ----- 4,249.90 23.48

Parkersburg, Calvary ----- 4,111.96 18.95

Sheffield, Grace ----- 4,636.12 26.49

Steamboat Rock, First ----- 2,465.74 11.80

Sumner, First ----- 597.47 5.20

Victor ----- 1,465.52 13.20

Minnesota

Appleton, First ----- 305.83 3.78

Hutchinson, Bethany ----- 1,591.00 13.48

Jeffers ----- 450.03 4.55

Minneapolis, Brook Park ----- 790.60 11.29

Minneapolis, Faith ----- 12,138.91 51.88

Minnetrista ----- 963.84 7.90

Mound Prairie, First ----- 34.33 2.15

Randolph ----- 1,426.50 22.29

St. Paul, Dayton's Bluff ----- 5,716.51 22.42

West St. Paul, Riverview ----- 8,995.29 28.65

Wisconsin

Brookfield, Immanuel ----- 3,052.00 10.31

Kenosha, Immanuel ----- 2,084.85 14.48

LaCrosse, Bible ----- 567.24 5.85

Manitowoc, First ----- 613.17 6.07

Milwaukee, Bethany ----- 1,546.69 7.58

Milwaukee, German Bethel ----- 704.67 3.73

Milwaukee, German Zion ----- 2,447.02 12.42

Milwaukee, Temple ----- 676.05 2.59

North Freedom ----- 3,302.28 25.02

Pound, Pioneer ----- 1,964.90 11.91

Racine, Grace ----- 2,425.47 7.98

Rock Springs ----- 109.76 6.10

Sheboygan, Bethel ----- 1,600.92 16.50

Watertown, First ----- 1,975.70 15.44

Wausau, Immanuel ----- 1,418.81 3.91

Northwestern Conf. -----\$107,706.61 \$15.75

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

	Contributions Received	Per Capita Giving
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British Columbia

Chilliwack, Victoria Avenue -----\$ 226.57 \$ 2.41

Creston -----

Kelowna, Grace ----- 2,965.43 15.69

Kelowna, Trinity ----- 1,083.76 11.53

Kitimat, Kitimat Baptist ----- 601.05 21.47

Osoyoos ----- 233.90 13.76

Prince George, Bethel ----- 1,505.29 12.87

Prince Rupert, Bethel ----- 396.43 7.21

Richmond, Rose of Sharon ----- 346.18 8.65

South Fort George, S. Ft. George Ch. ----- 701.97 11.90

Terrace, Zion ----- 1,498.43 28.27

Vancouver, Bethany ----- 6,802.91 22.45

Vancouver, Ebenezer ----- 13,817.62 20.03

Vancouver, Immanuel ----- 2,846.49 6.84

Vernon, Faith ----- 682.42 10.83

California

Anaheim, Bethel ----- 11,468.29 21.20

Anaheim, Magnolia ----- 6,494.31 14.37

Costa Mesa, Harbor Trinity ----- 6,744.32 22.19

Elk Grove, First ----- 3,523.41 16.24

Inglewood, Inglewood Knolls ----- 1,415.00 6.84

Lodi, First ----- 30,979.94 30.64

Lodi, Temple ----- 9,909.22 16.31

Los Angeles, Berean	2,138.02	112.53
Los Angeles, Milo Terrace	1,324.14	25.96
Sacramento, Willow Rancho	1,833.24	7.39
Sacramento, Lincoln Village	33.00	
Santa Ana, Westbrook	1,500.42	15.31
Santa Ana Heights, Upper Bay	1,611.67	10.27
Stockton, Swain Oaks	634.70	4.60

Idaho

Paul, First ----- 688.19 5.46

Montana

Missoula, Bethel ----- 5,357.79 27.62

Oregon

Bethany ----- 4,133.51 13.87

Milwaukee, Wichita ----- 153.00 3.83

Portland, Glencullen ----- 734.40 3.99

Portland, Immanuel ----- 4,313.57 25.83

Portland, Trinity ----- 16,846.81 22.17

Salem, Bethel and Brush ----- 4,027.78 27.40

Salt Creek ----- 5,802.51 19.09

Stafford ----- 524.39 6.32

Tigard, Southwood Park ----- 943.39 9.25

Washington

Colfax, First ----- 2,362.75 7.77

North Seattle, Cypress -----

Odessa, First ----- 2,323.99 50.52

Renton, Sierra Heights ----- 416.94 10.42

Spokane, Terrace Heights ----- 749.19 7.57

Startup, First ----- 1,385.26 13.85

Tacoma, Calvary ----- 6,173.56 20.58

Tacoma, Portland Avenue ----- 523.51 4.63

Pacific Conference -----\$169,778.67 \$17.64

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

	Contributions Received	Per Capita Giving
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Louisiana

Mowata ----- \$ 4,149.74 \$92.22

Texas

Crawford, Canaan ----- 587.65 4.59

Dallas, Carroll Avenue ----- 1,104.21 19.37

Donna, Central Valley ----- 180.48 3.54

Elm Creek ----- 131.80 3.47

Gatesville, Bethel Heights ----- 98.40 .98

Greenville ----- 396.01 5.21

Kyle, Immanuel ----- 2,817.48 45.44

Rio Grande City, Garcias Ranch ----- 60.00 1.33

Waco, Central ----- 2,323.78 9.26

Southern Conference ----- \$ 11,849.54 \$13.89

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

	Contributions Received	Per Capita Giving
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Colorado

Center, Spanish American ----- \$ 4.65 \$ 2.23

Del Norte, Bethel ----- 48.97

Greeley -----

LaSalle, First ----- 799.33 5.88

Monte Vista, Grace ----- 57.82

Kansas

Bethany, Vesper ----- 2,840.18 27.84

Bison, First ----- 1,579.89 20.78

Dickinson County ----- 1,534.68 15.05

Dighton, First ----- 10.00 .53

Durham, First ----- 3,141.87 21.38

Ellinwood, First ----- 2,412.55 15.27

Hoisington, Calvary ----- 184.65 5.28

Lorraine, First ----- 32,304.99 111.01

Marion, Emmanuel ----- 3,515.53 28.12

Junction City, Highland ----- 189.13 5.25

Stafford, Calvary ----- 8,279.43 38.15

Strassburg ----- 3,473.73 26.52

Wichita, Memory Lane ----- 138.14 2.94

Ebenezer, Elmo ----- 1,328.42 11.86

Nebraska

Beatrice, West Side ----- 2,316.86 12.94

Columbus, Redeemer ----- 418.51 24.62

Creston ----- 808.67 16.50

Shell Creek ----- 2,737.42 30.42

Oklahoma

Cherokee, Bethel ----- 270.15 7.95

Corn, Calvary ----- 1,787.94 12.96

Gotebo, Salem ----- 800.89 88.99

Immanuel, near Loyal ----- 3,304.41 45.89

Okeene, Zion ----- 2,933.68 20.23

Shattuck, Ebenezer ----- 1,879.30 23.20

Southwestern Conference ----- \$ 79,101.79 \$30.78

A First Indian Baptist Church

Story of the recognition of the Benke Memorial Indian Baptist Church of Alberta by Rev. William Sturhahn, Northern District Secretary.

CHURCH RECOGNITION services are not an infrequent occurrence in our denomination, particularly since the initiation of our Church Extension program. This report, however, deals with a unique and wonderful recognition service since it is the first one of its kind in our denominational history. For over 25 years we as North American Baptists have carried on a mission work among Canada's Indians. Now we have the first Indian Baptist Church affiliated with North American Baptists.

COUNCIL SESSION

A group of Indian believers of the Bull Band in Alberta invited a council of North American Baptist churches for Wednesday, May 27th, to examine them for the purpose of becoming a Baptist church affiliated with our denomination. The churches of Wetaskiwin, Wiesenthal, Leduc First, Leduc Temple and Camrose followed the invitation and each delegated its pastor and two representatives to sit in the Council meeting. Rev. Wm. W. Sibley was elected the moderator and Rev. Ernest E. Hahn the secretary of the Council. Seventeen of the 19 members of the new congregation, plus a number of Indian friends, were present from the church. Rev. R. Neuman, our missionary, took great delight in presenting to the Council his beloved people, the Indians, with whom he had spent many years in close fellowship by bringing to them the living Christ and his saving power.

We must remember that the native tongue of these Indians is still the Cree. Although the younger people can express themselves quite well in the English language, some of the older and more mature Christian people found it difficult to deal with such questions as historical background, statement of faith, church organization and missionary outreach in the English language. Nevertheless, it was a test for the members of the Council to break down into very simple terms some of the ideas and phrases to which we have become quite accustomed.

The Council was indeed happy and satisfied to note that even under questioning these young Christians could stand their ground in confessing that they had experienced the saving grace of the Lord, that they want to band together in the New Testament pattern, and that they wish to make the Gospel known to Indians and Whites and thereby share in the responsibility of all North American Baptists.

CHURCH OFFICERS

The Benke Memorial Indian Baptist Church was presented to the Northern Conference early in July and given the

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hand of fellowship at that occasion. The deacons of this church are Mr. Jim Stoney and Mr. Simon Threefingers. The trustees are Mr. Pete Bull and Mr. Bert Crane. The able secretary is Mrs. Anne-Marie (Pete) Bull. The important question for us is whether we will be able to offer counsel and spiritual nurture to these young Christians, enabling them to find and accept responsibility and joy in our great and wonderful fellowship! This young church, as well as other churches in our fellowship, are praying that God may send to them a man of their own race who can lead them into greater heights of Christian living and witnessing.



Rev. R. Neuman (left), Indian missionary, with members of the newly recognized Benke Memorial Indian Baptist Church of Alberta.

Church Dedication at Emery, S. Dak.

Report of the dedication of the \$200,000 new sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, Emery, South Dakota with Rev. Leland H. Friesen the pastor.

“AND THEY builded, and finished the house of God according to the commandment of God . . . and kept the dedication of it with joy” (Ezra 6: 14-16). Sunday, March 22, was a day of triumph and rejoicing for the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., when the new facilities were formally dedicated to the Lord.

The sanctuary, simple, yet beautiful and worshipful, has a combined nave and chancel fixed seating capacity for 450. The total facility, including adequate classrooms, spacious fellowship hall, kitchen, office, study, and departmental assembly rooms with 19,000 square feet, cost about \$200,000.

Adding significance to the day was the presence of Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, who in his inimitable way challenged the congregation with two messages at the morning worship and afternoon public dedication service. The day was fittingly closed

with a timely message from President Frank Veninga of the Seminary at the evening service. The Church Choir composed of thirty voices also had a vital part in the inspiration of the day.

The attendance was phenomenal with 850 people coming to the dedication service; 730 of these were seated in the sanctuary and the remainder in the Fellowship Hall. The ladies of the church served refreshments to the congregation following the afternoon service. It was also of considerable joy to learn at the close of the fiscal year that our missionary giving had increased over former years.

On Good Friday following dedication, 16 youth and adults followed the Lord in baptism. This, in part, is the purpose for the sacrifice and love of God's people making this building and Day of Dedication so meaningful and blessed. To HIM be all the glory!



The attractive new edifice of the First Baptist Church, Emery, South Dakota, in a setting of a late Spring snow.

Conference Sessions Across the Country

Reports of Regional Conferences of North American Baptist Churches

SESSIONS OF THE ATLANTIC CONFERENCE AT ELSMERE, DEL.

With the theme, "THE UN-CHANGED COMMISSION," the 67th annual Atlantic Conference was held at Elsmere, Delaware, April 9 to 12. Devotional leaders were the Revs. Alphonz Lamprecht, Rev. Assaf Husmann, and Rev. Herman G. Kuhl. Other Conference speakers were Rev. Arthur W. Boymook, Rev. Rubin Kern, Rev. Donald G. Mostrom, Rev. Fred Sonnenberg, and Rev. Wm. E. Christensen. Rev. Daniel Fuchs spoke to the ministers at their luncheon on Thursday, and at the Young People's Banquet on Saturday evening. Mrs. Alma Henderson, our Cameroon missionary had Isaiah 7 and its modern present-day implications on her heart, and pressed them upon her listeners.

Our Atlantic Conference was heartened by the admission of the Littleton Baptist Church of Parsippany, N. J., into our Conference. The Conference churches were also challenged to raise \$10,000 for the new building of this church in the coming year. The Christian Education leaders of our Sunday schools and young people presented a fine panel discussion on "DROP-OUTS! Lost—Strayed—or Stolen?" with practical pointers for those dealing with this problem. (Herman G. Kuhl, Reporter)

SESSIONS OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE AT ARNPRIOR

The 113th sessions of the Eastern Conference were held from April 30 to May 3 at the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario. Rev. Rubin Kern brought the opening inspirational message on "Challenge on Discipleship." One of the program highlights was the Woman's Missionary Union program held on Friday evening in which Mrs. Alma Henderson, Cameroon missionary, was the guest speaker. The Saturday morning breakfasts were greatly enjoyed by both the women's and men's groups. A bus tour of the capital city of Canada, Ottawa, and the sights of the Parliament buildings proved to be very interesting on Saturday afternoon. The Conference CBYF was in charge of the very successful banquet and program on Saturday evening with 185 persons in attendance. Professor Donald Madvig of our Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought the message and also preached on Sunday morning. (Mrs. Gerald Kuehl, Reporter).

EASTERN CONFERENCE WOMEN

We of the Eastern Conference Women's Missionary Union were all privileged to share in the blessings from God and his servants at the 113th Eastern Conference sessions at Arnprior, Ontario. The Friday evening

missionary service was conducted by our president, Mrs. Nina Harrison. We were warmly welcomed by the local president, Mrs. Pearl Strike and greetings were extended by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Bertha Janzen. Our missionary, Mrs. Alma Henderson, challenged us that as followers of Christ we should be willing to sacrifice for the Lord's work. On the following morning the ladies met for breakfast and business. The following were elected to office: Mrs. Kathrine Kuehl, vice-president (and historian); Mrs. Olga Kanwisher, treasurer. The nominating committee for 1965 will be Mrs. Edythe Wolff, Mrs. Lois Blackmore and Mrs. Paul Galambos. The group voted to increase our project goal to \$5500. Our conference societies were asked to remember gifts for our missionary appointee, George Black, who will be leaving for Africa in July. (Sally Prast, Reporter)

CENTRAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS IN CHICAGO

THE CENTRAL Conference was held May 7-10 at the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. Because of the congenial preparatory work of the host church, the conference was a great success in every respect. The churches sent 103 delegates to the sessions which were a spiritual oasis. Workshops for various areas of Christian work were held

115th Anniversary in Buffalo, N. Y.

The Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., celebrates its 115th anniversary as reported by Mrs. Hulda Hartman.

ON FRIDAY evening, April 24, the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., had the joy of celebrating the 115th anniversary of the beginning of our North American Baptist work in Buffalo. We had a banquet in the basement of the church with Mr. August Fey, chairman of the Deacon Board, in charge of the short program at the tables. After the dinner we gathered in the sanctuary for the Anniversary Program. Since we are presently without a pastor, Mr. Herbert Brunner, a Deacon, was chairman. Our Church Clerk, Mrs. W. Hodgson, read a number of greetings from friends and members of the church.

Mrs. Robert Kemnitzer expressed "Thoughts" basing them on Jesus' words—"Ye are the salt of the earth." Mrs. Hulda Hartman spoke on the subject, "And They Went Forth" mentioning the names of almost 30 persons who followed God's call as missionaries, ministers and minister's wives. Mr. Earl Stumpf, also a Deacon,

on Thursday and Friday nights. The practical aspect of Christian workers was stressed throughout the days of conference. Reports of denominational leaders, Rev. D. J. Draewell and Rev. R. Kern, challenged our hearts to more faithful service.

The highlights of the Conference were two inspiring messages by Dr. B. P. Browne, president of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. A special thanks goes to the Choir and Orchestra of the Foster Ave. Church and the very able director, Dr. H. Pankrat, and his wife for the uplifting musical programs. The Friday night concert of sacred music was a thrilling experience for delegates and friends.

Much business was transacted under the able leadership of the moderator, Rev. R. Penner. The youth leaders of our churches encouraged our young people to come to the conference and their efforts were crowned with success. The banquet on Saturday night was the climax. More than 450 tickets were sold and many people were unable to attend because of lack of room at the First Baptist Church of Oak Park. Dr. Peter Fehr was the inspiring speaker.

The Lord willing, we will meet May 12-16, 1965 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Conference officers for the new year are: Rev. H. Waltereit, moderator; Rev. W. Damrau, vice moderator; Rev. W. Stein, recording secretary; and Rev. W. Schmidt, Statistician.

gave a brief sketch of the beginnings of the Spruce Street Church, the amalgamation with the High Street Church on Dec. 31, 1939, and the move from metropolitan Buffalo to the suburb Cheektowaga in May 1955, and finally the erection of our new church building in 1959.

The highlight of our celebration was the presence of our guest speaker, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Friday through Sunday. On Friday evening he recalled our history of these glorious 115 years, paying tribute to the talented and fine leaders who throughout the years had served at Spruce Street, High Street and Temple Churches. On Sunday Mr. Leuschner brought an inspiring and challenging message, "The Hand of God."

Our choir rendered several beautiful numbers and we also had other music including a vocal solo by Rev. Harold Faba, a son of our church, now serving as pastor at Wilson, New York. With grateful and happy hearts we say with the Psalmist, "Ours is a goodly heritage."

Mountain-top Experiences at NAB Gatherings

Reports of Associational Meetings Held This Summer

BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION

Our British Columbia Association held its sessions in the heart of beautiful Okanagan Valley May 14 to 17 at the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna. Our speakers spoke earnestly on the theme, "Earnestly Contending for the Faith" (Jude 3). Our guest speakers were Rev. J. Grygo of Forest Park, Ill., and Prof. William McLatchie from the CTI, Edmonton, Alta. In the English service the Trinity Church choir beautified the services in song, and for the German service the Grace Church choir sang to the glory of God. Sunday was a glorious day with the Grace Church holding a German service with Rev. J. Grygo as speaker and in the Trinity Church Prof. William McLatchie served as the speaker. Both churches were filled to capacity. The great climax was the songfest held in the Community Theatre that afternoon with the brass band, individual numbers and the mass choir presenting an inspiring musical program. In the evening the String Orchestra, mass choir and individuals presented a German program. Both times the theatre was packed with about 700 people in attendance. The newly elected officers are: Rev. E. Strauss, moderator; Rev. E. Rogalski, vice moderator; Rev. W. Schroedter, secretary; Rev. R. Jaster, assistant secretary; Mr. Heinz Heiman, treasurer; Mr. F. Leullau, chairman of the Camp Board; Mr. Erwin Hait, Camp treasurer; Edith Redlich, Camp secretary; Mr. Emil Hein, Camp Trustee. (Robert Jaster, Reporter).

GREATER ALBERTA ASSOCIATION

From May 28 to 31 members of the Greater Alberta Association gathered from near and far at the Capilano Church of Edmonton to share in the blessings, burdens and responsibilities of the Association. The association got off to a rousing start Thursday evening as our Moderator Rev. Wm. Sibley, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, opened the service. Warm words of welcome were extended to all on behalf of the Capilano Baptist Church by its pastor, Rev. W. Goltz. The evening included special music by the Capilano choir and was both highlighted and climaxed with a challenging address by the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Christian Education secretary.

Inspiring reports were heard: Rev. Wm. Sturhan, our Northern District Secretary, spoke informatively on behalf of the denomination; Rev. R. Neuman, missionary to the Indians on the Bull Reserve, spoke on behalf of the work there; and an encouraging report was given by Rev. R. Milbrandt, pastor of the Church Extension work in Creston, B. C. In keeping with the theme, "Winning More in '64," challenging and informative presentations

were given by various pastors. The meetings were concluded Sunday afternoon as a large crowd gathered for a Missionary Rally at the Central Church. Following an inspiring testimony and report on our work in Africa by missionary Trudy Schatz, Mr. Zimmerman climaxed the afternoon with an appropriate missionary challenge. (L. Kresier, Reporter).

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION

Nestled in the rolling hills of Ontario covered with abundant vegetation, and studded with "diamond" lakes with sandy beaches, which is the vacationer's dream, stands a sanctuary with massive stone walls lifting its tower into the sky, as though to challenge the summit of the hills. The sanctuary is the First Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario. It was at this church from June 4 to 7 that approximately 300 worshippers lifted their eyes unto God at the 61st Ontario Association.

The theme of the Association was, "I Believe." The guest speakers, Rev. L. Bienert, manager of the Roger Williams Press, and Miss Joyce Batek, one of our missionaries in Japan, and now home on furlough exalted their hearers to spiritual heights with their challenging messages. The Association pastors also participated. Rev. Allan Kranz, spiritual son of the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, and ordained at his "home church" on June 8, 1964, brought two messages. On Thursday evening the Killaloe

Male Chorus under the direction of Mr. John Blaedow sang two selections. On Sunday afternoon the combined male chorus sang under the direction of Rev. E. Janzen, and on Sunday evening the combined choirs of the First Baptist Church and the Calvary Baptist Church, under the direction of Rev. Edgar Klatt, the host pastor, sang the beautiful anthem, "Let Mount Zion Rejoice." (Edgar W. Klatt, Reporter).

CYPRESS, NORTH SEATTLE. We of the Cypress Baptist Church, North Seattle, Wash., were thrilled as the first sod was turned by our pastor, Rev. Richard Grabke, and by our architect and Building Committee chairman, Carl Bullock. Over 200 people attended with half of the people from the area. Rev. D. Ganstrom was the guest speaker. Rev. C. T. Remple, Rev. Erwin Gerlitz, and Rev. Robert Hoffman also participated. We are looking forward to the erection of our chapel and educational unit. For 1964 \$25,000 has been set for building expenditures. These have been days of activity as we have visited over a thousand homes, prepared the building site, started a choir, and organized into a church.

By fall we hope we will be in our new building. We have found about 100 prospective families in our area. In the next five years this area is scheduled to increase its present population fivefold. What a challenge and opportunity we have in this Seattle Church Extension field!



GROUND BREAKING EXERCISES, NORTH SEATTLE, WASH.

Mr. Carl Bullock, chairman of the Building Committee, and Rev. Richard Grabke, pastor of the Cypress Baptist Church, North Seattle, Wash., (left and right holding shovel handle) at the ground breaking exercises for the new church building. For 1964 \$25,000 has been set aside for building expenditures.



sunday school lessons

REV. B. C. SCHREIBER, FOREST PARK, ILLINOIS

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 26, 1964

Theme: SHARED LEADERSHIP

Scripture: Exodus 18:13-24

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Some people can do some of the work some of the time; some can do all of the work some of the time; but no one can do all of the work all of the time. (A paraphrase from A. Lincoln).

INTRODUCTION: Israel was a new nation. It suffered from growing pains. God certainly did a great deal for them but they still had to learn to do some things themselves. Their experience during the Egyptian bondage was difficult. Because of their oppression, their talents and abilities could not be developed. Nevertheless their hardship and suffering molded them together and strengthened their loyalty to one another as well as to the God of their forefathers.

The wilderness experiences were also difficult. Although they were on their way to the Promised Land, there was much hardship ahead of them. Most of their suffering was the cause of their own disobedience and stubbornness.

Moses, of course, did not have an easy time with these people. They were the source of his gravest problems. All their complaints were directed at him. No man possessed greater patience, tact, good judgment and unselfish spirit. Above all he was a very meek man (Num. 12:3).

Questions for Discussion:

1. How would you put Jethro's principles to work in a church? Do members in your church share responsibility?
2. Is it easier to take advice or to give advice?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 2, 1964

Theme: GOD'S COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE

Scripture: Exodus 19:3-5a; 20:1-4; 7-8, 12-17

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God's promises are as sure and as strong as our obedience makes them to be.

INTRODUCTION: The days of Israel's bondage were over. With the help of Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, a better working organization had been established with a greater number sharing in the responsibilities. But Moses realized that a closer and more direct relationship with God had to be established. The giving of the law was one of the most memorable and dramatic experiences in the lives of the Hebrews.

In our reading of the Bible we believe that every part is worthy of study, and that truth and inspiration can be found in all of it. Nevertheless, there are certain passages which have unusual and special significance. With the exception of the New Testament, no other part of the Scriptures has had

responsibility of the church. More often he feels hurt when his responsibilities are curtailed.

Jethro did not mean that what Moses was doing was not good, but it was not good for him to do all the good. The hundreds of petty cases would wear him out. At no time did Moses question the counsel of his father-in-law. He showed a great deal of affection and respect for him and realized that as an older and more mature and experienced man he had a right to speak with authority.

III. DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITY. Exodus 18:21-24.

Jethro realized that the men who should be chosen to help in the administration must be qualified spiritually. Only a person's ability was to be taken into consideration. They must fear God, be honest and truthful. In a sense, we can say that Moses was the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. In the organization of the church it is good to have every member do something and no one member do everything.

such an influence on the history of the world as the Ten Commandments. They are still the foundation on which all other laws are made.

The giving of the law on Mt. Sinai was the climax of the covenant relationship which was begun with Abraham. It was a revelation such as the children of Israel never experienced, and the awe and fear which accompanied the events on the mountain left a lasting impression.

I. PREPARATION FOR THE COVENANT. Exodus 19:3-5.

There was a three day period of purification before the people approached the awe inspiring mountain. When Moses spoke, God answered him in thunder and then proclaimed the Ten Commandments. Later the law was given to him on tablets of stone.

But God had to remind Moses that the covenant will work only under certain conditions. God's promises are sure but there are obligations to be filled on our side. Obedience is the key to an intimate relationship with God.

II. THE COVENANT RELATIONSHIP TO GOD. Exodus 20:1-8.

The first four commandments set forth our duty to God and worship of him. The first one is of primary importance, because if we fail here we will fail in all the others. God will not divide nor share his glory with another. Not even a graven image can do him honor because a living God cannot be formed out of wood or stone.

Even his very name should prompt within us an attitude of worship. Therefore his name should be spoken with reverence and with serious intention. The Sabbath should also be used for rest, for worship and for spiritual ministries.

III. THE COVENANT RELATIONSHIP TO MAN. Exodus 20:12-17.

The closest human relationship is the family. Honoring parents certainly precludes the thought that parents should be worthy of the honor they expect from their children (Eph. 6:1-4). Parents ought also to be loyal and true to each other.

Human life is sacred and must be respected. No man can give life and he therefore has no right to take the life of another.

Stealing and witnessing falsely refer to the rights of personal property and to individual character and integrity. Truth is essential if we are to live together in faith and trust. As Christians we can avoid covetousness by taking heed to the words of Hebrews 13:5:

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● Rev. Alexander Hart of St. Catharines, Ontario, presented his resignation as the pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church since 1957. The resignation will take effect in August and on August 30 he will begin his ministry as the pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church succeeding Mr. Arthur Bettig.

● The Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas has extended a call to Rev. J. Richard Ford who accepted the call and began his ministry at the Crawford Church on May 31st. The report of the reception for him and his wife and two daughters appears elsewhere in this issue. The Crawford Church had been without a minister for some time.

● The German Baptist Mission Church of Hamilton, Ontario has extended a call to Rev. John Goetze of Milwaukee, Wis., pastor of the German Zion Baptist Church since 1960. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Hamilton Church about the middle of August, succeeding Rev. John Wahl, now of Saskatoon, Sask.

● The Woman's Missionary Society of the the Baptist Church Herreid, S. Dak., sponsored a Mother-Daughter Banquet on Monday evening, May 11. Mrs. Fred Fuchs of Eureka, S. Dak., served as the guest speaker. About 100 mothers and daughters were in attendance. Rev. and Mrs. Iver Walker, Herreid Church pastor and his wife, also had a part in the program, as reported by Mrs. Otto Aman, secretary.

● On Sunday morning, May 17, the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., was privileged to have Mr. Redd Harper at its service. He is a Christian film star, author, composer, radio and television personality. He is better known from Billy Graham's film as "Mr. Texas." Along with music and song, Mr. Harper brought "a really challenging message," as reported by Mr. R. F. Rosentreter, publicity chairman for the church.

● The First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario held its annual Vacation Bible School from March 30 to April 3. The two hour sessions were held each evening with 14 persons serving as teachers and assistants. Pupil enrollment was 70 with an average attendance of 59. This is the first time that this school was held during the Easter holidays. Mrs. Gerald Kuehl, reporter, described "the successful program."

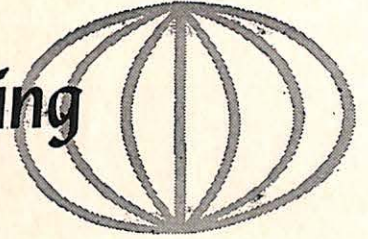
● Rev. Fred A. David, formerly pastor of the Wichita Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Oregon, has received an appointment to serve as a part-time chaplain, spending two hours each Friday morning in visitation work at the hospital and being subject to call throughout the day and night on Fridays and Saturdays at the Barnes Veterans Administration Hospital, Vancouver, Wash. He and his family are attending services at the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore.

● The Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas observed Pentecost Sunday on May 17. Dr. Richard Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker at both the morning and evening services and showed slides of his recent missionary survey trip to South America. Guests at the evening service were members of the nearby Strassburg Baptist Church and the Durham Baptist Church. A special offering was

of the church. Rev. Raymond P. Yahn is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday, May 24, Dr. C. H. Seecamp, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Appleton, Minn., baptized three persons and received them into the church's fellowship on June 14. The Vacation Bible School held from June 1 to 5 had a perfect attendance of 32 pupils, 6 teachers and 4 helpers. The

what's happening



received for missions. Rev. Melvin Warrentin is the pastor of the Marion Church.

● On Sunday, June 14, the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., surprised its pastor, Dr. A. Dale Ihrle, on the occasion of his 15th anniversary as minister of the church. On June 7 a "Sunday of prayer and fasting" was held. The call to the church for this Sunday "summoned the entire congregation to come together for a conscious humbling of ourselves at the throne of God. May there be a solemn and fervent response from all our people." To which all of us can say: "So be it, Lord! Amen!"

● Dr. A. J. Harms, Missionary Bible Teacher for the North American Baptist General Missionary Society, has accepted a call as interim pastor to the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Nebr. He has followed Rev. G. W. Neubert who was pastor there since 1951. During the past year Dr. Harms ministered to over 30 churches in Canada and the United States in the interests of missions and the deeper Christian Life. He began his ministry in Beatrice on June 17. His ministry as denominational Missionary Bible Teacher will officially close on August 30.

● On Wednesday evening, April 29, at the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dr. Carl Bihl, president of Youth for Christ International, brought a message to a large audience. On Tuesday evening, May 5, the two teams of God's Volunteers and their director, Rev. Walter Hoffman, presented an interesting program. On Friday evening, May 15, Mrs. Harm Sherman of Aplington, Iowa, president of the Woman's Missionary Union, spoke to a special meeting for all the women

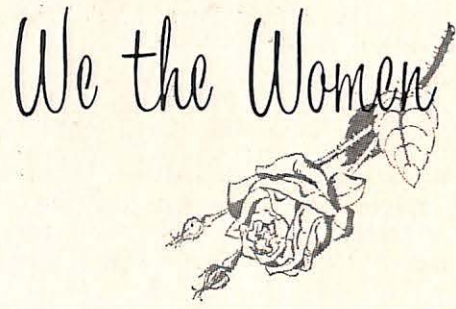
closing program on June 7 was attended by many parents of the school's children. The Scripture Memorization Program under the leadership of Mrs. Allen Smith was brought to a close on June 7 with 19 pupils participating in this service. One of the students received the Grand Award.

● The Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas, was brought to an impressive close on Sunday evening, June 7, with a demonstration program. Daily attendance ranged from 106 to 114. Mrs. Arlen Janssen and Mrs. Everett Barker served as the school's directors. Almost 30 persons assisted them as departmental superintendents, teachers and assistants. The program centering on the theme, "Around the World With Christ," featured several taped messages by the missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens of Colorado. Rev. Everett Barker is the pastor.

● The Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio recently conducted a poll among its church members as to the most popular hymns. It is interesting to note that although the church's hymnals have not included the Gospel song for many years, "In the Garden," this hymn took first place for popularity. Other hymns selected were: 2. "The Old Rugged Cross"; 3. "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"; 4. "Blessed Assurance" and "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (tie); 5. "Onward Christian Soldiers," "Rock of Ages" and "Faith of Our Fathers" (3 fold tie). Dr. W. E. Borne is pastor of the church.

● The Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., observed National Family Week from May 5 to 11. At the Mothers and Daughters' Banquet on May 5 the guest speaker was Miss

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BY MRS. HARM SHERMAN
of Aplington, Iowa
President of the Woman's Missionary Union

IMPRESSIONS OF THE BAPTIST JUBILEE

By Mrs. Herbert Hiller
Edmonton, Alberta

It was like the "sound of many waters" (Rev. 1:15) when 20,000 enthusiastic Baptists sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" to the thunderous tones of the world's largest organ—a fitting opening to the Third Baptist Jubilee Celebration in Atlantic City, N. J., May 22-24. Indeed, it was almost another Pentecost when some of the greatest leading Baptists, such as Dr. John Soren, the Hon. John Diefenbaker, Brooks Hays and Billy Graham, from various fellowships challenged the throngs in the vast Convention Hall to save themselves from the perversities and helplessness of this sinful generation and to be true to the distinctive witness of our Baptist Christian faith. This was set forth and dramatized in memorable, unique ways.

Among the privileged guests were 25 North American Baptist women who came from as far as California, Oregon, Texas and Edmonton. Many local (Eastern area) women came for some of the sessions. The highlight for the women was the luncheon on Friday noon in the beautiful blue Wedgewood Room of the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel. The setting of blue and gold, the attractively appointed tables, the tasty meal and the fellowship with other "ribboned" sisters in Christ comparing notes on women's work, objectives, etc., was most refreshing and helpful. Due to pressing business of the General Council I could not remain for the program. But impressions shared with me by ladies who heard the speaker. Dr. Zelma George, summed it up in such words as "fabulous," "unique," "different," a "powerful speaker." One of the challenging statements she made was: "When you educate a man, you educate an individual; but when you educate a woman you educate a family."

Another feature of the Jubilee was the Missionary Rally on Saturday afternoon, when 150 Baptist missionaries in colorful native costumes, representing each continent, were the background for the addresses. Six young men, products of Baptist missionary enterprise, related with fervor and conviction how Christianity had changed the aims, values, the whole lives

From the Professor's Desk

By Professor Ralph E. Powell, North American Baptist Seminary,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

What is the place of paradox and mystery, if God has revealed himself in Scripture, or is it that his revelation makes everything clear and plain?

Divine revelation often heightens and intensifies the elements of paradox and mystery with respect to our knowledge of God and his ways with man. Scripture does not make everything simple and easy to understand, even though it does unmistakably reveal what is essential for man to know in order to be saved and to live a godly life.

GOD'S WISDOM

The Apostle Paul makes it very clear that the Gospel of salvation in Christ is foolishness and a stumbling-block to the unsaved and that the wisdom of the world will be brought to nothing in the light of God's wisdom. He intriguingly states that "the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. . . . God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong. . . . so that no human being might boast in the presence of God" (I Cor. 2:18-29; cf. 2:1-16).

But it is not only to the unsaved that God's wisdom and ways seem inscrutable and sometimes contradictory. To the Christian also, even with the light of supernatural revelation, there are the elements of the unfathomable and paradoxical. Truth is not simple, particularly the secret counsels of God.

How could we expect that finite man with his limitations of understanding could comprehend the thought of the Infinite and the Eternal, even after God has revealed himself (God still remains infinite and eternal and man finite and temporal)? Moreover, man, even the saved man, is a sinner and is noetically distorted as a result of his sin. Thus, for these various reasons, when he attempts to understand God, he encounters the impenetrable and the incomprehensi-

ble. Both Isaiah and Paul testify to this (Isa. 55:8-9; Rom. 11:33).

MYSTERIES OF GOD

The New Testament often speaks of the "mysteries of God," and while the emphasis is upon the unveiling of God's foreknowledge and inscrutable will (Rom. 16:25; Eph. 1:9; 3:9; Col. 1:26), there is often an element of the hidden which still remains. E. L. Mascall speaks of the attitude of humble and wondering contemplation which accompanies biblical mysteries: ". . . on being confronted with a mystery we are conscious that the small central area of which we have a relatively clear vision shades off into a vast background which is obscure and as yet unpenetrated. . . . The range and clarity of our vision progressively increase but. . . at the same time the background. . . is seen to be far greater than we had recognized before" (*Words and Images*, pp. 78-79).

Thus, in the contemplation of a biblical mystery there go together in a remarkable way an increase both of knowledge and also of the profoundly unknown. But while an unfathomable element remains, the mystery serves a positively illuminating purpose, precisely because it is God's way of revealing things.

The more we get to know, the much more we realize there is to know, more than we ever imagined, and more than we shall ever know even in eternity. The finite will never be able to comprehend the Infinite, even in heaven. Because of God's self-manifestation, he may be apprehended (known or understood) but never comprehended (completely known in the infinite depths of his eternal Being)—God in his inmost Being is the incomprehensible One. That is, in so far as God has revealed himself we may have some knowledge and understanding of his divine Being, but this knowledge of God is a real and true knowledge, inasmuch as God has communicated himself to us and given us his Spirit whereby we may know him. There is a difference between an absolute and perfect knowledge (such as only God himself can have) and a relative and partial knowledge of an absolute Being.

Is it any wonder, therefore, that there always remains an element of paradox and mystery about our knowledge of God, even after we have been illuminated by God's own revelation of himself in Scripture? There is a sublime and impenetrable wonder about his Being which baffles and awes us at the same time that it illuminates.

MARTIN, N. DAK. The Senior C.B.Y. of the Martin Baptist Church, Martin, N. Dak., presented a program at the Anamoose Baptist Church on "The 23rd Psalm." The narrator read a verse which was followed by a musical number pertaining to the verse of the Psalm. The Anamoose Church's C. B. Y. gave an inspiring program on "Missions" in return. May God bless the efforts of these young people as they serve Christ. (Mrs. Wesley W. Michelson, Reporter).

ORDINATION, REV. WERNER WAITKUS. On Saturday afternoon, May 9, forty delegates met in ordination council at the request of the Salem Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, to examine Mr. Werner Waitkus for ordination into the Gospel ministry. Rev. Herbert Hiller was elected moderator of the council and Rev. Norbert Laudon as the secretary. The candidate gave very clear evidence as to his conversion and call into the ministry. His doctrinal statements were clearly presented. The council declared itself unanimously satisfied with the presentation and recommended to the church to proceed with its ordination service on Sunday afternoon, May 10. Rev. Herbert Hiller chaired the ordination service with dignity and poise. Dr. B. Schalm brought the message, "A Holy Command." The ordination prayer was offered by Dr. A. S. Felberg. Prof. A. Rapske brought the challenge to the candidate and Rev. E. Babel the challenge to the church. Rev. Willy R. Muller had the joy of welcoming Brother Waitkus into the ranks of the ministry and into the larger denominational fellowship. Rev. Werner Waitkus pronounced the benediction. The ladies of the church served a delicious supper after the service, and the church presented a well prepared program in honor of their newly ordained pastor. (Willy R. Muller, Reporter).



Rev. and Mrs. W. Waitkus and their family of the Salem Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., at the reception following the ordination of Mr. Waitkus into the Gospel ministry.



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Heart of a Stranger

A Christian Novel With Breath-taking Suspense

by Lon Woodrum

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SYNOPSIS

Tom Beacon came to the desert town of Quantacca to "set up" a robbery that would stir this quiet town to its very roots. On the edge of town, he stopped at the Food-nook Cafe and met Nancy, a sweet Christian waitress. But her brother, Brett, didn't like the looks of him. "Something about him bothers me," he said. Tom took Nancy on several dates but she talked constantly of her faith in Christ as her Savior. She helped Tom to meet Marianne Towers, the daughter of the town's banker. Marianne learned about the plans for the robbery and wanted to help the gang. One dark night at an abandoned mine shaft in the desert, Tom Beacon met one of his gang, Blacky McTone, where they made final plans for the robbery. There they were suddenly surprised by Freddie and Juan who had gone into the desert to make a campfire. Tom told Freddie that he was a secret agent for the FBI. Things were getting very complicated. But Marianne insisted that "the job" be pulled off on Wednesday as planned. Then they could be married. With an inner agony filling the heart of Tom, he went early the next morning to the Food-nook Cafe and talked to Nancy. She prayed with him and he gave his heart to Christ. Tom told Brett, Nancy's brother, about this and revealed the plans for the robbery. Just then Blacky McTone and his men recognized them, slugged them and dragged both of them into the boss' car.

CHAPTER 14

Freddie came into the cafe and asked Nancy, "Where's Brett, Sis?"

"Young man, you'd better be getting ready for bed!"

"Aw—where's Brett?"

"He's not here."

"Sure he is. His car is outside."

Nancy looked puzzled. "He didn't come in. You suppose he went to talk to Tom? I told him about Tom becoming a Christian."

"You know something, Nancy? That's super-coloss about Tom getting saved."

"I agree, Freddie."

"Will you marry him now, Sis?"

Nancy flushed. Then she laughed. "I'd better wait until he asks me, don't you think?"

"He'll ask you. I feel it."

"Oh, you do, huh?"

"Hey, I'll run out and see if Brett is with Tom."

Freddie was almost to Tom's cabin when he saw the men carrying an-



Tom Beacon somehow felt that the world owed him a living after convicting him of a crime he had never committed. (A. Devaney Photo).

other man to the car. As the light struck the last man Freddie saw it was Brett.

He wheeled and ran back to the cafe. He rushed in crying, "Nancy! Hey, Nancy! They got Brett!"

Nancy came from the kitchen. "What are you yelling about?"

"They got him! They got him!"

"Now you get quiet, Freddie!" said Nancy. "Calm down. What on earth are you talking about?"

Just then Freddie heard the high-powered car roar away down the highway.

"There they go!" Freddie wailed.

"Freddie! What's this all about? Tell me!"

"Some guys were carrying Brett into a car. They put him in the trunk. I saw 'em."

"Freddie, if you're imagining things again—"

"I didn't imagine that! I saw 'em as plain as could be."

"Where was Tom?"

"Tom? I didn't see Tom. I'd better run out and ask him if he knows what happened."

He scampered back to Tom's cabin. He rushed in and looked around. He was running back to the cafe when he met Nancy.

"Tom's gone, too!" cried Freddie.

Nancy ran to the cabin and looked in. She saw Tom's car was gone. Freddie came panting to where she was.

"You reckon they took Tom, too?" asked Freddie.

Nancy stared at him, shaking her head. "Tom's car is gone. I wonder—"

She started running back to the cafe.

Inside the cafe she grabbed the phone. "Give me the police!" she said.

The county sheriff, Sam Havers, sat on a stool in the cafe. He leaned toward Nancy.

"It's crazy! Why should anyone want to kidnap Brett?" he said.

Nancy gestured negatively with her

head. "I just can't understand it."

"This Tom Beacon. Like I told you I checked on him. He's an ex-convict, all right. But why would he want to kidnap your brother?"

"Not only is Tom's car gone," said Nancy, "but there was another car. Freddie saw two men carrying Brett to this other car. Who could they have been?"

"Nice big questions." The Sheriff grunted.

"Besides Tom's a Christian!" said Nancy.

"Don't bank on that, Nancy. These guys can be pretty tricky."

"But I just can't believe he would bluff about a thing like that!"

Sheriff Havers smiled thinly. "You're a good girl, Nancy. You haven't any idea what these criminal characters are like. What they'll do. Tom Beacon is an ex-convict."

"What's that?" Freddie had come into the cafe in time to hear the sheriff's words. "Listen, Sheriff. Tom Beacon is no ex-convict. He's with the F.B.I."

Havers searched the boy's face with a narrowing gaze.

"Where did you get that, son?"

"Why he—" Freddie broke off, remembering the pledge he had made to Tom.

"You mean this Jasper told you he was with the F.B.I.?" said Havers.

Freddie hesitated, but he was trapped. "Sure, he told me—"

Havers turned to Nancy. "Like I told you. They'll do anything, some of 'em. Beacon fed this line to your brother. F.B.I.! Ahhh!" The sheriff snorted angrily.

Nancy was fighting tears. Freddie's face was a mask of feeling. He looked from Nancy to Havers; then he fled from the cafe. He started through the living room when Robin Fitzgerald called to him. "What does the sheriff think?"

"Why don't you go talk to him?"

said Freddie.

"I've been praying, son. Hard. If God doesn't look after Brett who knows what will happen to him?"

"Where's Mom?" asked Freddie.

"In her room. She's praying, too. Don't bother her, Freddie. She's all broken up over Brett."

"Who's not broken up over him?"

"Are you praying, Freddie?"

"Yes," answered Freddie.

He went out into the back yard. One thing troubled him almost as much as his concern over Brett. Tom Beacon.

He wanted to fall down on his face in the grass and cry. Everything was all fouled up. His pal, Tom Beacon, G-man, wasn't a G-man. He was a man who had served time in prison. An ex-convict. And Tom had lied to him.

Freddie felt as if he was a piece of bacon on a pan about to shrivel up, or something. The sky would crash down on top of him any minute, now. This was it. This was the end of something or other.

Poor Nancy, too. Poor Fitzgerald family. They had been taken in like fools!

The Quantacca National Bank was robbed with clocklike precision. The *Quantacca Star* gave the account.

Mr. Towers and his daughter came to the bank just before it opened on Wednesday morning. They had just opened the side door when a masked man stepped out of nowhere and ordered them inside at gun-point. Another masked man, also with a gun, was right behind them. The night watchman had been waiting for the bank president to show up, and was grabbing for his gun when one of the robbers knocked him unconscious.

Marianne ran back toward the rear of the bank, toward the gate that led to the big vault. The robbers didn't shoot at her for some reason. The papers conjectured they didn't want to murder a woman. They caught up with her and thrust her into a chair.

Somehow the burglar alarm failed to go off.

The police were still trying to solve this mystery. The opinion was that the alarm had failed mechanically for some unknown reason.

The bandits had been aware, evidently, of the exact time the time-lock would make the vault accessible. They got away with the Macon Mining Company payroll.

The bandits escaped in a cream-colored Buick. No one got the license number. But many people began remembering that Tom Beacon had driven a cream-colored Buick.

Once Towers was told that Tom Beacon was an ex-convict he was certain who had pulled the robbery.

He said to Marianne, "Why you couldn't find someone to consort with rather than a gangster is beyond me!"

"But, Father, he didn't seem like a gangster! In my studies of psychology—"

"You and your studies in psychology!"

In the afternoon several people were drinking coffee in the Foodnook Cafe and talking about the bank robbery. It was the biggest thing that had happened in Quantacca for a long time.

Nancy was almost too disturbed to wait on the patrons. She had a nagging headache.

Freddie caught her in the kitchen once and said, "It's real tough having a buddy turn out to make like Dilling-

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"Please, Freddie!" Nancy said. "Let's try to forget it."

"Forget it?" cried Freddie.

She gazed at him, close to tears. "No, I suppose it's not that simple."

David Gregory came to the cafe and went into the living room to talk to Fitzgerald.

"This one grabs the prize," he said. "Nancy tells me the man made a confession of faith right here in this room."

"Why would he pretend to be a Christian?" said Fitzgerald.

"What made him pretend to love Nancy?" Freddie stood in the doorway.

Gregory shook his head. "A strange case."

"I keep wondering why he pulled that Christian act," said Fitzgerald.

"It doesn't add up," said the minister. He ran his hand over his hair. "Maybe I'm wrong. But I feel there's much more to this than we know now."

"What do you mean?"

"I can't believe Tom was merely playing at religion. I watched him start to crack before he asked Nancy to pray for him. I've watched many a person begin to crack under the Gospel, and I felt this Beacon was breaking for sure."

Just then Nancy walked in.

"He was playing!" she said bitterly. "He was playing—at everything!"

She started to say more, but her voice broke, and she fled back to the kitchen.

The minister said, "About Brett. I can't see what connection Tom's disappearance has with his."

Fitzgerald said, "It's simple. Tom and his gang took Brett as a hostage."

Gregory frowned. "There's something wrong—"

"Brett—," said Fitzgerald. "That's what worries me. He may not get out alive!"

"You must have faith, Robin! God is still in business, you know."

"Without that hope I'd be finished," said Fitzgerald.

Freddie went out into the yard. He sat in the swing. He wanted to side with the minister. He wanted to believe somehow Tom wasn't as bad as Quantacca thought. But what was the use? Tom was rotten. Anyone could see that. He'd lied and lied, and planned the whole dirty thing. Freddie felt as low as a lizard's stomach.

In the living room Fitzgerald turned on the radio. Juan Diego came in.

"Thees hombre, he is like one of your own family, and he is turn bank robber. Is funny, no?" said Juan.

"Is funny, no," said Fitzgerald.

"It is sad, thees thing. But it is possible to be more sad."

"How?"

"If thees hombre marry yore daughter before he rob the bank it is more sad, I think."

"Listen. Nancy would never marry a man who wasn't a Christian!"

"But he claimed to be a Christian!" said Gregory.

Out in the yard Freddie ran into Alee.

"Boy, wasn't that something?" said Alee.

Freddie looked at him cold-eyed. He didn't reply. From now on he was finished with pals, including Alee. From now on he was a lone wolf. Trusting no one. It was a sad way to live but buddies can hurt you too much.

"Think of it!" said Alee. "That bank robber living right here in that cabin!"

Freddie still didn't have anything to say.

"Hey, you and him were pals, kind of, weren't you, Freddie? Boy, he told us he was F.B.I.! That was something, too, wasn't it?"

Freddie shoved his hands deeply into his pockets and walked away from Alee. He wished he had a spaceship. He'd blast off. Maybe people on other planets didn't get messed up like they did on this one.

Alee followed him. "Wonder what old Tom's doing right now?"

Freddie turned. "He's dead!"

"Dead?"

"They've shot him."

"How do you know?"

Freddie wriggled his shoulders. Alee said, "Maybe someone got shot beside Tom!"

"You mean Brett?"

Alee nodded soberly.

"You talk like a guy with a paper head!" cried Freddie.

"How come?"

"Listen, you. Brett is the best cop in Arizona. In the world, I mean. He can take care of himself."

"Well, I sure hope so. But I don't know—"

Freddie glared at him. "Aw, go home!"

"Home?" Alee had a hurt look on his face. Then he turned and walked away. Freddie started to call him. But he didn't. Let him go. Let everyone go. He didn't have any more pals. He was a loner from now on.

He wasn't worried about Brett. Brett would handle it. They'd see. But he had lost Tom for keeps.

Fitzgerald, in the living room, was leaning toward the radio.

"—Sheriff Havers and his deputies are scouring the country looking for the bandits that held up the Quantacca National Bank on Wednesday, escaping with \$60,000. They are also looking for a deputy sheriff, Brett Fitzgerald. . . ."

(To Be Continued)

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

SPECIAL EVENTS

FAITH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. On Wednesday, June 3, members and friends of Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., enjoyed an evening of music with the "Singing Men" representing our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak. We are so pleased to report that three of our own young men are pre-enrolled in our Seminary: Wayne Bibelheimer, Victor Gunst and Douglas Woyke. On Sunday evening, June 7, a farewell service was held for our missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Peter E. Fehr and their children, Diana, David and Douglas. A monetary gift from the church was presented to the Fehrs; also gifts from the Sunday school for the children. We wish the Fehrs "God speed" as they return to Cameroon, Africa in July. (Mrs. John Adam, Sr., Reporter).

SELBY, S. DAK. A successful Vacation Bible School was conducted June 1-5 at the Faith Church, Selby, S. Dak., with an enrollment of thirty. Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, Mrs. Kraenzler and Mrs. Ardella Ackerman served as teachers. Miss Lynda Pfitzer and Mrs. JoElla Thorstenson assisted as teacher and pianist, respectively. On Friday evening, June 5, a demonstration program was held with the parents and friends in attendance. Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, preached the baccalaurete sermon at the local High School on the topic "A World's Record."

WILLOW RANCHO, SACRAMENTO. An evening of food, fun, and fellowship was enjoyed by over 200 persons who were present for a delicious chicken dinner sponsored by the Men's

Brotherhood of the Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Calif., on Friday, May 22, with Mr. Art Fandrich, president, presiding. The decorations depicted a Western theme, a very harmonious background for the evening's entertainment. An excellent 45 minute program of Western gospel music was presented by curly Lawson's "King's Country Men" of Stockton. (Mrs. James Gossen, Reporter)

OAK BANK, MAN. On May 10 at the Oak Bank Baptist Church, Oak Bank, Man., a program of sacred song and sermon was given by our Men's Brotherhood to honor the mothers of our church. On May 13 slides on the Holy Land and Europe were shown by Rev. R. W. Affleck of the Winnipeg Bible College. On May 17 special numbers in song were rendered by a family from the McDermot Ave. Church of Winnipeg. Afterwards the Senior Citizens by invitation from our CBYF remained to hear Prof. Edwards, lawyer and dean of the University of Manitoba, who is also a returned missionary from Africa. On May 24 in a pulpit exchange we were happy to have Rev. Donald Richter of the Grant Park Church of Winnipeg with us while Rev. L. Wilkes, our pastor, ministered in the McDermot Church. (Mrs. H. R. McKay, Reporter).

ELSMERE, DEL. On Sunday, April 5, the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Delaware held a Service of Dedication for the new educational unit just completed. We are praising God for the way he has moved in allowing us to accomplish this building project so quickly. The new wing has 6 classrooms, a reception room and kitchenette for babies, rest room facilities for children, a boiler room and a pas-

tor's study. The entire cost of the building exceeded \$24,000. The love gifts of our people in a period of less than a year enabled us to pay off all obligations making it necessary only to make a small mortgage from the denomination. The wing is in full use and our average Sunday school attendance is over 200. Rev. Richard W. Sparling is our pastor.

LINTON, N. DAK. On Sunday, May 17, members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Linton, N. Dak., witnessed the ground breaking service, which started the first stage of a two-stage building program. Those turning the sod were the pastor, Rev. Herman Effa; chairman of the deacon board, Mr. Wm. Weber; chairman of the building committee, Mr. Martin Walther; chairman of the finance committee, Mr. Adolph Kist; and Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Ed Kist.

Under construction now is a 40 by 72 foot sanctuary with a full basement housing kitchen, dining room and Sunday school facilities. Upon the completion of this unit, the present church will be removed to make room for a 36 by 32 foot entrance and office area with basement, including Sunday school rooms and washrooms. The major portion of the work is being done by volunteer labor. Estimated cost of the building is about \$65,000.

ORDINATION, REV. JOHN HISEL. On May 19 the North Side Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was the scene of an ordination service. The council was composed of delegates and pastors from all but two of the churches of the South Dakota Association. The candidate, Mr. John Hisel, a member of the church and a graduate of our North American Baptist Seminary, was presented by the pastor, Rev. Herbert Krueger. The council, having been duly organized, with Rev. J. G. Benke of Madison as moderator and Rev. Norman Miller of Chancellor as clerk, listened to the sincere words of testimony of Mr. Hisel concerning his conversion, call to the ministry, and doctrinal statement. At the service that same evening the pastor, Rev. Robert Krueger, was in charge. The challenging message was brought by a former pastor of North Side. Rev. Harold Weiss of St. Paul, Minn. Other participants included: two professors from our NAB Seminary, Dr. George A. Dunger, prayer of ordination; Dr. Ralph E. Powell, charge to the church; charge to the candidate by Rev. Alvin Harsch; welcome to the fellowship of ministers by Rev. Leland Friesen; and musical selections by Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Strauss and Mrs. Robert Krueger. Rev. John Hisel pronounced the benediction at the close of this service. (Norman Miller, Clerk).



Rev. Herman Effa (6th from right), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Linton, N. Dak., and members of the Building Committee at the ground breaking service for the new church at Linton.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES & BAPTISMS

TRENTON, ILL. On Sunday morning, May 17, Rev. J. R. Kruegel, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Trenton, Ill., had the joy of baptizing a number of converts. Several of these made their confession of faith in Christ after the ministry of God's Volunteers at the church in March. The accompanying picture shows those who were baptized and received into the church's fellowship since the first of the year. Mr. Kruegel began a series of studies on the Book of Acts beginning with Sunday evening, May 31, at the Trenton Church.



Rev. J. R. Kruegel (right), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Trenton, Illinois and eight new members received by baptism and on confession.

ELSMERE, DEL. On March 27 (Good Friday), a baptismal service was held at First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware and six young people followed the Lord in baptism. Our prayer is that the Lord will richly bless these young people. Listed, from left to right, they are: Roseann Moseback, Donna Florick, Donna Limperos, Linda Cline, Kathy Biddle; (back row): Lou Nieger, Jerry Wolfe (received into church membership by experience), and Pastor Sparling.

ABERDEEN, S. DAK. On Sunday, May 3, we of the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., had the joy of receiving seven new members into our church by letter. On May 16 and 17 we had Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, missionaries of Japan, with us viewing slides about some of their experiences in Japan and listening to a mission message. On May 24 several groups of Women's Relief Corps spent the morning with us in the worship service. These groups belong to the different Auxiliaries here in Aberdeen. (Willard Tesky, Reporter).

SELBY S. DAK. The Faith Baptist Church of Selby, S. Dak., held revival meetings from April 19 to 26 with Rev. I. Faszer of Ashley, N. Dak., as guest speaker. An additional feature to the services were the stories and choruses

for the children. Young Men's quarters from our churches in Herreid and Eureka, S. Dak., added to the blessings received. Even though there were no conversions, the messages were informative and inspirational, and we trust that the seed planted may bring its harvest in due time. (J. C. Kraenzler, Pastor).

WETASKIWIN, ALTA. The Calvary Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alberta looks back upon the month of May as a time of great blessing. Many came for the program of the Woman's Missionary Union given on Mother's Day evening. Pentecost Sunday was celebrated with great blessing. On May 24 a baptismal service was held and 9 candidates were baptized, and on May 31 these 9 people received the hand of fellowship. Other events of interest include Sunday School Decision Day on May 24 when 13 children between grades one and six responded to the invitation to receive Jesus Christ. Also of interest was the special program held after the evening service on May 31 for the High School Graduates from the church. Each of the girls received an engraved spoon, and the boys an engraved tie pin. (Wm. W. Sibley, Pastor).



Rev. Richard Sparling (right, rear row), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware and seven baptismal candidates. (See report for names).

VERNON, B. C. On May 3 the Faith Baptist Church of Vernon, B. C., rejoiced greatly in witnessing the scriptural baptism of six converts who on confession of their faith in Christ were baptized by Rev. H. Schatz, the pastor. The inspiring baptismal sermon was delivered by Rev. Robert L. Kluttig of the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, B. C. Due to teacher shortage, we held a Bible School and used the 1963 Vacation Bible School material twice monthly from Oct. 1963 to May 1964. Teachers were Rev. and Mrs. H. Schatz, Mr. Zabel, Miss Hulda Ziemer, Ingrid Brechert, Frieda Leullau, Mr. Wenzel Hannick and Alfred Jantz. (Mrs. H. Schatz, Reporter).



Nine young people baptized and received into the Calvary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta in May 1964.

THIRD GERMAN, WINNIPEG. Pentecost Sunday was a reminder to us at the Third German Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., that the Spirit of God is still active among us today. In the morning four persons were baptized upon their confession of their faith. In the evening the hand of fellowship was extended to them and we observed the Lord's Supper. At the baptismal service Rev. Manfred Taubensee spoke on "Baptism as a Step of Obedience." Another reason for our rejoicing is the fact that our plans to build a new church have begun to materialize. We have purchased and taken possession of a large river-lot with a house on it on Henderson Highway, a main artery in our city. Our pastor and his family have already moved into the house. We are working on the plans for the new church and have decided to start construction as soon as possible. (Gerd H. Roziewski, Reporter).

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

(Continued from page 14)

"Be content with such things as ye have."

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why do we need so many laws in addition to the Ten Commandments?
2. Were none of these laws in operation before Moses received them and presented them to Israel?



Rev. H. Schatz, pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, Vernon, B. C., and six baptismal candidates.

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

ELSMERE, DEL. On May 27, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Luedtke of Elsmere, Delaware were surprised at a reception for them in the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Delaware for their 60th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Luedtke are also the oldest members of the church having been members for 60 years. Rev. Richard Sparling, pastor of the church, extended congratulations to them and brought a brief appropriate message.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Luedtke (right) of Elsmere, Del., on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary, with their pastor, Rev. Richard Sparling (left).

CANAAN, CRAWFORD, TEXAS. A reception was held at the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas on Sunday, May 31 for our new pastor, Rev. and Mrs. J. Richard Ford and their two daughters. Mr. H. E. Engelbrecht introduced the representatives of the church who expressed words of welcome. Mr. Ford responded to the welcome. Afterwards we gathered in the church annex for fellowship and refreshments. The table had a center arrangement of pink roses, and these were later presented to the pastor and his family. The Fords received a generous pantry shower, and the parsonage, which they now occupy, was recently renovated. (Mrs. Walter Gauer, Clerk).

MINITONAS, MAN. Mr. and Mrs. August Fishbook of Minitonas, Man., were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary when their children, relatives and friends gathered at the lower rooms of the church on May 14th. Mrs. Albert Holland and Mr. August Biech expressed their deep gratitude to them for the love that was shown to them by their parents when they opened their hearts and home to them. The brethren Ed Beselt, Joe Pohl, and Gus S'evert recalled years gone by. Mr. Eric Dilk, deacon, presented a gift on behalf of the church, while Rev. H. Bushkowsky underlined God's never failing love, and Rev. H. A. Pohl, pastor, asked for God's guidance in years to come. Mr. and Mrs. Fishbook were married in Poland in 1914, emigrated to Canada in 1928, farmed at Minitonas, Man., and are known as good

neighbors and faithful church members of the First Baptist Church. (H. A. Pohl, Pastor).

UPPER BAY CHURCH, CALIF. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Kroesch of Costa Mesa, Calif., celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on May 6. They were married in Lorraine, Kansas. On May 8 the Upper Bay Baptist Church was happy to honor them with a program, "This Is Your Life," which followed a church family dinner. Two tapes were played, one from the Folmar Family of Foley, Alabama; the second having to do with incidents taken from "the family tree" assembled by their son, Everett, and with greetings from their immediate family. Mr. and Mrs. Kroesch have been active all their lives in the work of God's Kingdom in Lorraine, Kansas; Wasco, Reseda, Costa Mesa and Santa Ana Heights, Calif.

IMMANUEL, PORTLAND, ORE. On Sunday evening, May 17th, a special program was held by the Immanuel Church, Portland, Oregon, to celebrate



Mr. and Mrs. August Fishbook of Minitonas, Manitoba at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

the 80th birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hoelzer. "Uncle Adam" is a charter member of Immanuel and "Aunt Jennie" (daughter of the late Rev. J. Reichle) married her husband two years after the church was formed. Both have an endless record of service in God's house. Mr. Hoelzer is now a Life Deacon and was choir director for 25 years and Sunday school superintendent 28 years. He still leads the song service Sunday evenings. Both have been active on the Board of Directors of the Baptist Home for the Aged. Mrs. Hoelzer taught public school before being married and for now over 50 years has been a Sunday school teacher. She also served as church clerk for many years and many summer camps as counselor and cook. Such service for the Lord is surely worth celebrating here on earth and has caused much rejoicing in heaven. (R. F. Rosentreter, Publicity Chairman).

SPECIAL CBY REPORT

SPRINGSIDE, SASK. The Junior CBY of the Baptist Church, Springside, Sask., brought its annual program on May 31 with 38 Juniors participating. Under the leadership of Mrs. F. Pahl, the group presented the skit, "The Professor Visits the Bible School" which required training in flash card presentation of choruses, map work, precision in wording and team work in chorus variation. To represent family month, nine members of the Herbert Breitzkreuz family brought the selection "Whispering Hope" in song. Four intermediates sang a quartet number "On The Jericho Road." Susan Pahl, president, brought the word of welcome; Ronald Minke, vice-president, read the Scripture; Joy Kriger, Secretary, was the pianist, and Florence Goltz, treasurer, presented a gift of money to Mrs. Pahl on behalf of the Junior CBY. Awards were given to Telephone Quiz participants who study about our denominational missionaries. First prizes for 100% went to Joy Kriger, Margaret Kriger and Verna Konkel. Second prize went to Lonnie Gabert and third prize to Laurie Werner. (V. A. Pahl, Reporter)

FOREST PARK, ILL. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Baumgart of Maywood, Ill., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 26 at the Forest Park Baptist Church where an informal reception was attended by family and friends. With William J. Krogman at the piano and Hermann Holz conducting, members of the church choirs sang "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" and "Now Thank We All Our God." Both "the bride" and "the groom" were members of the Forest Park Baptist Church when they were married. The bride, Hedwig Keppler, was from West Chicago, Ill., where she had been assisting her dentist brother; the groom was a partner of Remus' Brothers Grocery in Forest Park. They have three sons: John, Walter and Herbert.



Mr. and Mrs. John A. Baumgart of Maywood, Ill., members of the Forest Park Baptist Church, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

GLADWIN, MICH. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., presented its annual program on Sunday evening, May 24, with Mrs. Eleanor Wolfe presiding. Rev. Norman Berkan, pastor, gave the charge to the newly elected officers of the society. A musical number was presented by Mrs. Gezella Palmar and Mrs. Violet Doede. Reports of our secretary and the treasurer gave evidence that we have been busy in the Lord's work. The highlight of the program was a chalk drawing by Mrs. Esther Berkan entitled "The Rainbow," followed by a solo sung by Mrs. Eleanor Wolfe. (Mrs. Augusta Will, Reporter).

MARTIN, N. DAK. With the theme, "Love," the Woman's Mission Circle of the Martin Baptist Church, Martin, N. Dak., presented its annual program at the Bismarck Home for the Aged on Friday, June 5. Special musical numbers in English and German were rendered and two German readings were given. Our pastor, Rev. Reuben Grueneich, brought an inspiring message. (Mrs. Wesley W. Mickelson, Reporter).

UPPER BAY CHURCH, CALIF. On Friday evening, May 15, a Mother and Daughter Social was held at the Upper Bay Church, Costa Mesa, Calif., with Mrs. Shirley Milne, president of the Woman's Missionary Union, presiding. At the interesting program, the guest speaker was Mrs. William Hoover of Anaheim, Calif. There were 51 persons present. On Monday, May 25, our Men's Fellowship held a delicious dinner. Chef Leo Hahn and Mr. Arlen Willms were responsible for this meal. Mr. Evan Adams of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship alerted the men to the opportunities for the Gospel on the college and university campus. Rev. Robert D. Cahill is pastor of our church.

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. The annual meeting and dinner of the Woman's Missionary Guild of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., was held on June 4 in Kalamazoo, Mich., with 66 members and guests present. A devotional was given by Mrs. Roger McDonald. A short business session was conducted by Mrs. Lester Dogger, president. Mrs. Marvin Sahlin used the theme "My Garden" for the installation of the new officers who are: president, Mrs. George Schack; vice presidents, Mrs. Lester Dogger and Mrs. George Cunningham; secretary, Mrs. Russell Nordine; treasurer, Mrs. Roy Riekeman; and pianist, Mrs. Ben Riemersma. Rev. Kenneth Fenner gave a talk on the "Beatitudes" which has been the theme for the Bible study this past year. A vocal number, "The Beatitudes" by John Peterson, was



Mrs. Kenneth Fischer and daughter Gwen of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., who took part in the recent Mother-Daughter banquet program.

provided by Mrs. Kenneth Fenner, Mrs. George Schack, Mrs. Ronald Kimball, Mrs. Eugene Wilson, Mrs. David Johnson, and Mrs. Edward Wagner, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Ben Riemersma. Rev. L. H. Broeker, church pastor, concluded the meeting with brief remarks.

MAGNOLIA, ANAHEIM, CALIF. A Mother-Daughter Banquet was held on May 15 at the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., with 216 persons present. Along with the delicious chicken dinner, those present enjoyed a lovely Fashion Show featuring hand made outfits worn by some mothers and daughters of the congregation. A poem dedicated to mothers was recited by young Gwen Fischer, and a poem for daughters by Mrs. Donna Fischer. They are the daughter and wife of Pastor Ken Fischer. The speaker was Mrs. Jean Martz of Granada Hills, Calif., on "Pattern for Living" (Titus 2:7 & 8). Mrs. Martz very cleverly used five basic pieces of a dress pattern to demonstrate a pattern of living for the Lord. The gathering closed with prayer by Mrs. Joyce Fischer, wife of the Ass't. Pastor, Loren Fischer. (Marie Almeri, Reporter).

CENTRAL, GEORGE, IOWA. The Missionary Guild of the Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa sponsored a Mother-Daughter banquet on May 5. Mrs. Darlene Harms served as toast-mistress. Ruth Ann Sudenga gave the toast to mothers. Mrs. Helen Sudenga, her mother, responded with a tribute to daughters. Mrs. Alfred Doerenbos of Boyden, Iowa, guest speaker, used the theme, "Home Builders." A plant was presented to the oldest and youngest mother. Mrs. Edith Schmidt and Mrs. Eva Stubbe sang a duet and also Donna Harms and Sandra Dreesman. Mrs. Tressa Aning led in closing prayer. (Julia Oltmann, Reporter).

Obituaries

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

MRS. AUGUSTA E. FRITZEMEIER of Stafford, Kansas

Mrs. Augusta Elizabeth Fritzemeier of Stafford, Kansas was born in Gasconade County, Missouri, March 4, 1878. She passed away to be with the Lord on May 16, 1964 at the age of 86 years. Converted to Christ at the age of 16 and baptized in the Gasconade River by Rev. A. Hoffman, she united with the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Missouri. After her marriage to Simon Fritzemeier on Oct. 27, 1904, she became a resident of the Stafford community and united with the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas, where at the time of her death she had been a member for 60 years. She was known for her devotion and faithfulness to her Lord and her church. The Scriptures were a great source of encouragement to her throughout life.

She leaves to mourn her passing three sons: Clarence, Edward and Harve; two daughters: Mrs. Sam (Minnie) Stalcup and Mrs. Christian (Edna) Fischer, all living in the larger Stafford community. Also surviving are 8 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren.

Calvary Baptist Church
Stafford, Kansas
EDGAR B. WESNER, Pastor

MR. FRED FELOCK of Leola, South Dakota

Mr. Fred Felock of Leola, S. Dak., was called to his eternal reward on May 19, 1964. He reached the age of 69 years, 11 months and 28 days. He was born on May 21, 1894 in McPherson County. He was reared 8 miles west of Leola, and lived his life in this vicinity. On Feb. 25, 1919 he was united in marriage with Emma Kurlie. Fred Felock was a farmer by occupation and also served as a McPherson County Commissioner.

Approximately four years ago, Fred Felock while in the hospital, promised the Lord that if he were to regain his health, that he would serve him as Lord and Master. The Lord honored this promise. It was not until March 22 (Palm Sunday) of this year that he followed the Lord in baptism and later united with this church.

Those who remain to mourn are his wife, Emma; Elmer of Leola; Leo of Aberdeen; John of Salt Lake City, Utah; Mrs. Ted (Ella) Steinwand of Leola; and Mrs. Elmer (Ruby) Ketterling of Leola; also four sisters and two brothers; and 14 grandchildren.

Leola, South Dakota
E. R. OSTER, Pastor

MR. CHARLES FASZER of Edmonton, Alberta

Mr. Charles Faszer of Edmonton, Alberta, born August 6, 1893 in South Russia, was delivered from his sickness and suffering and called to his heavenly home on May 29th, in the Royal Alexandra Hospital at the age of 70 years, 9 months and 23 days. He was converted and baptized in 1912 in Lehr, N. Dak. His dedication to the Lord was evident through the many responsibilities he accepted and carried out faithfully: as Sunday school superintendent and deacon at Hilda, Alberta; as deacon at Central Baptist Church, Edmonton and charter member of McKernan Church where he also served as deacon for several years. His greatest regret during his illness was that he was not able to attend church regularly as was his custom, but his faith remained strong to the end. He will be remembered by those who knew him best as a saint and a faithful servant.

Through his departure he leaves his beloved wife, Mary; five sons and five daughters: Rev. Isador Faszer, Ashley, N. Dak.; Missionary Walter Faszer, South India; Herbert Faszer, Grants Pass, Oregon; Elmer and Allan of Edmonton; Mrs. I. (Esther) Jaspersen, Spruce Grove; Mrs. C. (Eleanor) Lappin, Calgary; Mrs. A. (Violet) Binert, Three Hills; Mrs. H. (Alvina) Andringa, Lacombe; Mrs. G. D. (Helen) Kirsch, Edmonton; 4 brothers; 5 sisters; and 33 grandchildren. A memorial fund for the McKernan Church Building Fund has been established in his honor.

McKernan Baptist Church
Edmonton, Alberta
CHARLES LITTMAN, Pastor

C. T. I. Graduation — 1964

Report of the 23rd Commencement Exercises of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta by Professor A. Rapske.

WITH ALL THEIR assignments completed and their examinations written, our theological students, Werner Waitkus and David M. Harrison, were ready to participate in the 23rd commencement of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. The high school students participated as potential graduates of this depart-

stressed the importance of a faith that issues in unquestioning obedience to Jesus Christ.

On Sunday morning the Baccalaureate Service was held at the Meadowlark Baptist Church (our latest Church Extension project in Edmonton). Dr. E. P. Wahl, president emeritus, chaired the service. "A Master for Service" was the title of the message delivered



COMMENCEMENT, CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE

Dr. A. S. Felberg (right), president of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., presents diplomas of graduation to Mr. Harmut Roseke and Udo Zuch.

ment. Upon successful completion of their studies in June, 13 will receive their diplomas. Earlier, two Bible School students, Miss Elaine Schacher and Miss Gertrude Semke, received their Evangelical Teacher Training Association certificates at the time of the annual Sacred Concert held at the Jubilee Auditorium. Some 2,000 people were present at this occasion.

"FAITH, OUR VICTORY"

The theme of the graduates was, "Faith, Our Victory," and their motto was I John 5:4—"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world, and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

The festivities began with the graduation banquet on Saturday evening, May 2. A great deal of "behind the scenes work" by Mrs. F. Felberg contributed to this enjoyable evening honoring our graduates.

Professor A. Rapske served as master of ceremonies. One of the highlights of the evening was the response of the graduates to the speeches honoring them. Rev. A. Patzia, pastor at Carbon, Alberta and an alumnus of the Christian Training Institute, presented a thought-provoking message which

by Rev. W. Kerber of the Central Baptist Church of Yorkton, Sask.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The commencement exercises were held at the Central Baptist Church. Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary, spoke on "Faith to Serve as Christ Commands." For the graduates and their friends there was that particularly meaningful moment when the diplomas were given and the degrees bestowed on them. There was a well-deserved feeling of achievement, for some of these students when they first came could speak only a broken English. Now after many hours of effort on the part of both faculty and students, there was deep gratitude to God, both for the educational opportunity and for the achievement.

So the school looks forward to the challenges that lie ahead to train those whom the Lord will call into his service. The enrollment in the Bible School already indicates a definite increase. The high school enrollment will show its trend during the summer months, and the theological department too is showing promise of growth. With our faith in God we thus anticipate an enlarged ministry in the years ahead.

CHALLENGE OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS IN JAPAN

Testimony by Mr. Murakami

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this revolutionary change in my life was the witness of Christians whose lives made me think deeply that they had something that ordinary people did not have. It was their transformed lives that had a profound impact upon my life and thinking.

Personally speaking, I believe this is the unique characteristic of Christianity. I understand Jesus Christ to be the son of God, the Redeemer of the world, and the full revelation of God's love and truth. He is the One who, being equal with God, humbled himself to redeem the world through his death and resurrection in order that we might see God.

Though the growth of the church is slow in Japan, statistically speaking, the Gospel has produced many capable and devoted Christians. Recently three Japanese missionaries in Laos were captured and two of them were martyred. There are over 58 Japanese missionaries today in Southeast Asia, India and South America. Japanese Christians, though they are a small group, have come to the realization that they have a vital part and task in evangelizing people outside their own country. I think this is one of the greatest mission challenges in Japan.

75th ANNIVERSARY McDERMOT AVENUE CHURCH, WINNIPEG

The McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Man., will celebrate its 75th anniversary from Oct. 23 to 25, 1964. For its historical records and anniversary exhibit, the church would like to receive pictures of former pastors and their families, missionaries and workers sent out by the church, etc., as well as important historical data. Send such pictures and data to Rev. R. J. Kerstan, 831 McDermot Avenue, Winnipeg 3, Manitoba, Canada, and state whether these are being loaned (to be returned) or can be retained by the church.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Laura E. Reddig, Cameronian missionary, and Miss Grace Broohm, Cameronian student who graduated in May from Hamline University. On Sunday evening, May 10, the young people were in charge of the service and presented a drama. On Sunday evening, May 17, the Adult Choir of the church presented its annual Spring Concert under the direction of Mr. Ron Frankhouser. Rev. H. J. Wilcke is pastor of the church.