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# The Voices of the Children

Message for Children's Sunday, June 14, 1964

by Dr. Clarence A. Barbour of Rochester, New York

"And Jesus said unto them: Did you never read: Out of children thou hast perfected praise?" (Matt. 21:16).

THE RECORD says that children were uttering their praise in the temple. In the shower of bell notes from a carillon there are deep notes of large bells and there are tones of little bells, with notes as delicate as the warbling of the bird. It needs all hearts and all voices to make praise complete. Unless the church looks out for her children, the anthem of praise will be forever incomplete.

The Master took little children in his arms, laid his hands upon them and blessed them. He rebuked the attempt to silence their bright enthusiasm. He said: "Take heed how ye despise one of these little ones." And again: "Take heed how ye cause one of these little ones to stumble." We have his warrant to emphasize the importance of the place of the training of children. If there were more emphasis here, there would be less vice, less crime, less pauperism, less helplessness, less ineffectiveness. There would be more of everything which makes society tranquil and achieving and wise.

Think of the infinite possibilities which lie in the the nature of a child. Not all children are brilliant of intellect. Only to one in thousands is it given to thrill men's hearts with the magic of melody, or to awaken men with the trumpet-call of great oratory, or to add very much to the sum total of the world's learning. But to every one of them there is the possibility of which it has been well said: "They may swell that common tide, on the force and setting of whose currents depend the prosperous voyage of humanity."

It is a fair question whether early impressions are ever worn out, whether an experience begun later in life can make a mark so deep or so lasting. Early impressions may be a very Orpheus music, which will hold the child in after years from the siren voices of sin.

## FACTS ABOUT SACRAMENTO YOU SHOULD KNOW —

- California was first discovered by the Spaniards on Sept. 28, 1542.
- California was admitted to the Union on September 9, 1850.
- Sacramento was first established as a colony by Captain John A. Sutter in 1839.
- Sutter's Fort erected between 1839 and 1844, stands today as one of America's most fascinating historical attractions.
- Gold was discovered in Coloma (near Sacramento) on Jan. 24, 1848.
- Sacramento was the western terminal for the Pony Express.
- Sacramento's "Big Four" (Crocker, Stanford, Huntington and Hopkins) were responsible for the first railroad over the Sierra range.
- The California Redwood is the official State Tree.
- The Golden Poppy was adopted in 1903 as the official State Flower.
- California's State Bird is the California Valley Quail.

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## MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

**APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS.** Our beginning in the new fiscal year with the offerings of our churches for our Missionary and Service Program and toward our new budget in 1964-1965 has been most commendable and encouraging. For all purposes our church people contributed \$94,586.12 in April which is at least \$20,000 more than in April 1963. If we can continue to give with this same generosity and love to Christ, then the financial story of the year ahead will be crowned with victory.

**EXTENSION BUILDERS, JUNE.** In June, Church Extension Builders will make their \$1 contributions for the very promising Sierra Heights Baptist Church of Renton, Wash. With the Sunday school already overcrowded, with attendance and the services increasing, and with future prospects in the new community so hopeful, the church feels that plans must be made for expansion. Read the article by the pastor, Rev. Ervin Gerlitz, on page 5 of this issue.

**STEP PROGRAM.** The Stewardship Committee will seek to stimulate a God-honoring faith in a Christian's stewardship of possessions in every North American Baptist's ministry during the months ahead. This program of tithing training and commitment is called STEP—Scriptural Tithing Education Program. By means of posters, bulletin inserts, congregational letters, audio visual materials, tracts, leaflets and sermons the program of STEP will be brought forcefully to the attention of every North American Baptist.

**CHURCH EXTENSION.** In presenting his report to the Board of Missions, Rev. Daniel Fuchs stressed the urgent needs in the field of Church Extension: 4 fields with new pastors need new facilities, land and buildings NOW; 18 new Church Extension fields are under possible consideration; and 8 churches need the first building units this year. Eleven new first building units were completed during the past year with a total investment of \$500,000.

**BUILDER RETURNS FROM AFRICA.** On May 14 Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford, Kansas returned to the United States by plane following their fourth abbreviated term of service in Cameroon, Africa. Mr. Hildebrand has been in charge of the  
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## Editorial

# The Joy of Thy Salvation

Many Christians have lost the joy of their salvation as God's gift to them. At least, they give little evidence of this glowing radiance in their lives. The sparkle of their faith, the exuberance of their testimony and their zest to witness to others have dimmed. With the Psalmist of old they cry out plaintively: "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation" (Psalm 51:12). They stand under the judgment of God that they have left their first love and listlessly are "neither cold nor hot" in their Christian devotion.

Every Christian must open his heart wide to this joy of God's salvation in Christ. We must lay hold with all earnestness on this greatest of all joys. With the prophet Habakkuk we must say: "I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation" (3:18). This is an experience of faith, as we seek this joy, not as an end in itself, but in pleasing God, doing his will, building his Kingdom, and serving him with singleness of heart. Then this joy of God's salvation will break forth in your heart like the sunshine breaking through the dark clouds. As we come closer to our Savior on the path of life, we shall learn that "in his presence there is fulness of joy" (Psalm 16:11).

It follows that every Christian must search out the deep springs of this joy, the mysterious resources of God. There is always MORE beyond! The emphasis is on the word, "restore unto me the joy." There is an ever increasing fulness of this joy which comes only to those who diligently seek God's face, who serve him with faithful devotion, and who find no task too costly or difficult for them. Jesus in his High Priestly Prayer prayed that "they might have my joy fulfilled in them." Peter on the Day of Pentecost rejoiced that "thou, O God, shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance" (Acts 2:28).

Those who seek first the Kingdom of God and who give the eternal things priority of concern in their lives are those who will soon find that "the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). This will be their rich reward. This will be their own wonderful possession that Christ's joy might remain in them "and that your joy might be full" (John 15:11).

The Christian is then concerned to go beyond a mere passive trust in God to a positive, expressive life of joy. He will bubble over with this joy of God's salvation. He will radiate it in witnessing to others. He will show a spiritual exuberance that others will call "the beauty of Jesus." Jesus has given us the parable of the talents and of the faithful servants (Matthew 25:14-30) who made their talents count for much in their service for their Master. They heard the heartening words of commendation, "Well done!," and received the invitation, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

For as we translate this joy—"the joy of thy salvation, O God"—into victorious living, the benediction can be like a benign blessing upon us: "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy . . . in believing, that you may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

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# The Highlight of Every Church Service

As you give your offering, in God's eyes, you are presenting YOURSELF on the altar. Read this article and make the offering next Sunday the most important point in the services for YOURSELF.

By Rev. Bernard Edinger, Pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Gackle, North Dakota

WHAT IS THE most important point in the service? An article with a similar title by Dr. James Cleland of Drew University published in "Pulpit Digest" made me think rather seriously on this question.

What, in your estimation, is the most important point? In our evangelical churches, certainly the invitation to accept Christ would place high in any evaluation of this kind. But, aside from the invitation, what would you say is the most important point in the service?

Probably the most obvious and common answer would be "the sermon." The little boy might say, "The benediction, because then we can go home and eat!" . . . and the boys aren't always so little who hold that opinion! Another answer would be the hymns, since they often express our feeling of worship so beautifully. Or it might be the pastoral prayer when the pastor brings the congregation to the Throne of Grace with his own and their many needs.

WHAT! Did someone suggest . . . the OFFERING? Horrors! Don't mention it! That's just a necessary evil in the service.

## OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND

And now comes my text: Mark 12: 41, "And Jesus sat over against the treasury and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury. . ." Yes, I propose that the most important point in the service is the offering! For the Christian, of course! Why do people—in pulpit and pew alike—shy away from mentioning the offering? Because we do not recognize what the offering really is.

I. *It is an opportunity to respond.* The sermon is not the most important point in the service; the response to the sermon is. The worth of a sermon, after all, is the response it receives from the audience—and I do not mean the compliments. Any minister would rather see 100 or even 10 of his people putting his sermon into action than to have all of them compliment him . . . and then promptly forget it. How the offering has come to be relegated into the background and considered to be just a necessary evil is a mystery. In the Old Testament the central part of Israel's worship was the offering. They were accustomed to responding in worship.

I don't know who the preacher was, or what the sermon subject, but in our text chapter we read that "a certain widow threw in two mites . . . all that she had, even all her living." That was a real response to the sermon!

Really, now, is it possible to come to the House of God Sunday after Sun-

day and offer him nothing? Evidently it is, for a recent national survey shows that 31% of the people who attend drop only their small pocket change in the offering, and, if they have no change, they let the plate pass by. It is also true that 72% aren't much better, since they give one dollar or less per Sunday, less than 1% of their income.

The offering is our opportunity to respond to the challenge of the service and sermon, even if the subject of the hour has nothing to do with money. To come to worship, to offer ourselves to God week after week, and then to give him nothing is simple hypocrisy.

## AFFIRMATION OF YOUR LOVE

II. *The offering is a weekly affirmation of our devotion.* "On the first day of the week, lay by . . . as God has prospered you." These are the words of the Apostle Paul. Systematic, regular giving is God's plan. We give unselfishly to the needs of our families. A father once said, "My son was constantly asking me for money, for books, for clothing, for various needs. Once I wished he would quit asking me for money. Now he is no longer asking me for money, and I wish he would. You see, my son died last week."

So long as the Church of Jesus Christ is alive, it will be in need of money. When it dies, it will no longer need anything. Across the land we see church buildings which no longer need our support because they have died, and other churches are slowly starving to death from malnutrition.



REV. BERNARD EDINGER  
of Gackle, North Dakota

We can affirm our devotion to God and prove our love for him as we bring our weekly offering to support his work at home and abroad.

III. *The offering sounds the note of sacrifice.* What would you think of a missionary who demanded all the comforts you have in your home—or a pastor who demanded the same salary as the highest paid member of his congregation? The answer is obvious. Yet you can search the Scriptures from beginning to end, and you will not find that God assigns a different standard of living for the "full-time Christian worker" and the layman in the church. For this reason God has instituted the offering so that the layman may share in the labors of the pastors and missionaries.

It is a well known fact that if every Christian tithed, ten families could support the other endeavors of the church. A national magazine states that less than one per cent of today's college students have any interest in any kind of spiritual occupation. In a few short years, the shortage of pastors and missionaries will be greater than ever. We have taught, by example, that it is more important for our children to put \$5.00 in the bank than it is to put \$5.00 in the offering plate. We must renew the note of sacrifice in our churches.

## CALL TO INVESTMENT

IV. *The offering is a call to investment.* We invest in stocks, bonds, property, and any public utility which promises some percentage of safe return. Survey after survey reveals that the best investment a man can make is in the Sunday school and church, and yet so few invest. Of those juvenile delinquents who appeared before one judge over a period of years he said, "Less than two per cent had any kind of regular attendance at Sunday school or church." This would indicate that these institutions are effective deterrents to delinquency.

Strangely, many a father would pay \$500 or \$1,000 to get his son out of trouble, but will not invest even \$100 in the church to keep him out of trouble before he gets into it.

V. *Finally, the offering is the people.* That is you there on the offering plate. If it is a paltry sum compared to what you could give, it is still you. This was what Jesus was teaching as he "sat over against the treasury." Read the story over and you'll see this truth. "For they did cast in of their abundance, but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living." Each week, as you place your offering in the plate, in God's eyes you are pre-

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# A Glowing Church in a Growing Community

The Sierra Heights Baptist Church of Renton, Washington now has 24 prospects for church membership, reports an average Sunday school attendance of 109, is planning for a second building unit, and is winning many new families to its services.

By Rev. Ervin Gerlitz of Renton, Washington

"A GLOWING CHURCH in a Growing Community" is more than a slogan for the Sierra Heights Baptist Church of Renton, Washington. It is our purpose to fulfill the standard taught by Jesus in Matthew 5:14, "Ye are the light of the world." From the lighted cross towering over the church to the radiant witness of its officers, teachers and members, the objective is the same—to show men who are in the darkness of sin the way to God through the glorious light of the Gospel.

God is to be praised for the marvelous manner in which he enabled the church to provide a building of maximum usability for a minimum of expenditure. The compact design of the first unit has proven to be very versatile, with the same area being used for a wide variety of church functions. Since moving into the new building in January 1963, our outreach and attendance have doubled. In response to invitations extended through canvassing, visitation and friendly contacts, many new families have begun to attend the services.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTREACH

The major effort of this Church Extension project has been the teaching ministry, especially through the Sunday school. At present, Sunday school enrollment is 93 with an average attendance of 109 in March. The quarterly average is up 19 per cent over last year's average for the same period. There are eleven classes, some of which must share the same room. The pastor's adult inquirers' class meets in the minister's home every Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour.

Because we are reaching many who have previously rarely attended Sunday school, it was necessary to emphasize the importance of regularity. To achieve regular attendance, an attendance award pin system was introduced last July. It is gratifying to see that over half of the Sunday school enrollment is now earning quarterly award pins for regular attendance.

We thank God for our dedicated teaching staff who have been patient and faithful in spite of inconveniences due to crowded space. A profitable Teachers' Training School was conducted April 15 to 17 with Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Secretary. It was an intensive program with double sessions each evening. As the quality of the staff is improved through experience and training, we anticipate a growing effectiveness for Christ.

One of the church's greatest bless-

ings was the ministry of God's Volunteers Team No. 2 from March 10 to 15. The team with Evangelist W. Hoffman not only greatly encouraged the church but made a wonderful impact for Christ in the community. The people were thrilled with the enthusiasm, the singing and the testimonies of the group. Mr. Hoffman's preaching of God's Word honored Christ and was used by the Holy Spirit to reach and

years. Nearby shopping centers are being built up rapidly in anticipation of this growth.

With the Sunday school already overcrowded, with attendance increasing, and with future prospects so hopeful, our church felt that plans must be made for expansion. At the last quarterly business meeting they voted to appoint a building committee and began a building fund for the second unit



SIERRA HEIGHTS CHURCH, RENTON, WASH.

Since moving into the new building with its worshipful platform area, the Sierra Heights Baptist Church, Renton, Washington has more than doubled its outreach in the community and attendance at services.

convict hearts. Fifteen individuals came forward for counseling during the Crusade.

Such contacts with our denominational program are not only spiritually edifying but create respect for and loyalty to the wider missionary outreach of our denomination. Each Sunday we endeavor to inform the church concerning the missionary of the week through bulletin inserts and a "missionary minute" during the morning worship service. Pictures of the missionary of the week and the Church Extension project of the month are displayed on the church bulletin board.

Prospects for the future are encouraging. There are twelve persons enrolled in the pastor's adult inquirers' class. Altogether there are 24 prospects for church membership. With undeveloped areas around the church being plotted and incorporated into Renton City Limits by developers, it appears that there will be a continuing population growth for several years. A new High School and a new Primary School will be built within walking distance of the church within the next two

which would provide educational and social facilities.

## THE UNFINISHED TASK

God's people in this new fellowship have responded nobly to the responsibilities of church membership. However, the financial burden has been considerable as the group attempts to finish its first unit, landscape the grounds, provide facilities and educational materials, undertake \$1950 of the pastor's annual salary, as well as pay the interest on its denominational loan and make monthly payments on its local indebtedness. Through the 18 months since organization, the church has always met its monthly obligations except on one or two occasions. Though our treasury sometimes reminds us of the widow's cruse, God has always supplied. We believe that our Heavenly Father will lay it upon the hearts of our Christian brethren to enable his work in Sierra Heights to achieve its potential.

The congregation deeply appreciates the interest and support of the denom-

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# Evangelism Is Our Concern!

*With utter disregard for comforts, with a burning zeal for Christ and with a restless energy, our Cameroon missionaries and national Christians are working together toward a stirring evangelistic advance in Africa*

By Rev. George W. Lang of Bamenda, West Cameroon, Secretary of Evangelism of the Cameroon Baptist Mission

WE AS MISSIONARIES in Cameroon, Africa find ourselves doing many kinds of work. We serve as teachers, doctors, nurses, builders, bookkeepers, managers, administrators. But no matter what our work is, it is EVANGELISM which is our burning concern.

During the past year, this concern has led us to see the importance of having an Evangelism Secretary among us whose work is to encourage and oversee all our evangelistic efforts. Lack of missionaries has required that this be carried out on only a part-time basis. The missionary having this responsibility at the present time also served as principal of our new Teacher Training Centre, teacher at the Baptist Bible Training Centre, teacher at the Ndu Baptist College, and field missionary for the Ndu area churches which



Rev. George W. Lang, Secretary of Evangelism in Cameroon, Africa, congratulates Rev. Stephen Bangsi on his ordination as a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ.

number over 70. Thank God with us that the time has now come when a full time Evangelism Secretary could be appointed.

Realizing the limitations involved, let me give you a brief indication of what is being done by your missionaries and the Cameroon Christians working together toward evangelistic advance in the Cameroon. I invite you to come with me to see some of the less known areas of our evangelistic concern.

Our first stop is Bansa. The time is Saturday evening. We see a group of people singing a hymn in one of the hospital wards.

We come a little closer to see who the people are. We first recognize Dr. Leslie Chaffee and his wife, Edna Chaffee; then the missionary nurses—Gerry Glassenap, Ardice Ziolkowski, Ruth Rabenhorst, and Pat Heller. We also see the Hospital Chaplain, David Ndzi; graduate nurses; and some mid-wives in training.

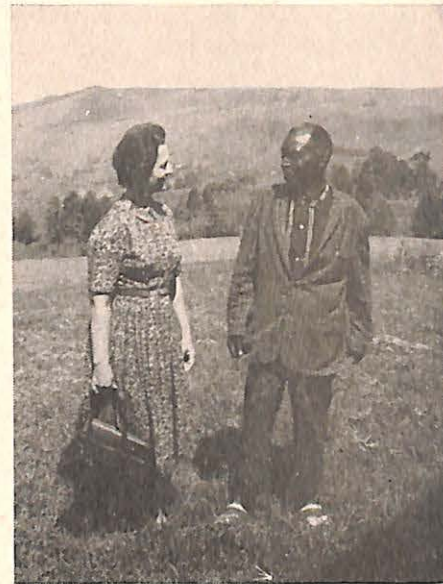
Why have these come together in this way? These medical people who have worked hard throughout the day in this very place—to listen to bodily complaints, to treat diseases, to alleviate pain, to train others in medical care. Instead of settling down in a comfortable chair in their houses on a Saturday evening, why have they returned again to the hospital—to sing, to give testimonies, to pray, to give out the Word? It is because evangelism is their concern, even though medicine is their work.

## FROM BANSO TO BELO

We move on to Belo. We arrive in the late afternoon. Unexpectedly we drop in on Minnie Kuhn. As we approach the veranda, the door opens and out come a number of Cameroonians—some are school teachers, some are pastors, one is the station headman. They have just had a meeting with Miss Kuhn. They have been discussing how to carry out the Chaplaincy Program in the Baptist Day Schools in Belo Field. We listen to Miss Kuhn as she explains:—

"Except for the pastors, every one who attended this meeting is a chaplain of one of the Belo Field Day Schools. Their work is to organize the devotional periods in the school every morning. Further, they see that the one of the school subjects called, 'Education in Christian Living,' is being taught effectively by the various teachers throughout the school. They arrange for a time of two or three days—at least once in the school year—when the children have a special opportunity to hear the preaching of the Gospel and to make their decision for Christ. And probably most important, they counsel personally with each of the seventh and eighth grade children concerning their salvation, their Christian walk, and their choice of a Christian vocation.

"The Lord is greatly blessing this work. In the Belo School, for example,



Mrs. Helga Bender Henry talks with Evangelist Thomas Toh who traveled and preached with her late father, Missionary Carl J. Bender, many years ago at the African coast.

an encouraging number made first time decisions for Christ during their day of decision. About six eighth grade boys were ready to see me as I came around for Bible School interviews several weeks later."

Miss Kuhn has her hands full with the medical work in the Belo Dispensary and Maternity Ward. The school teachers have much to do in preparing lessons for the next day. Why did they take time to come to such a meeting? Why have they been willing to accept the "extra" responsibilities of serving as chaplains in the various schools? It is because, though nursing or teaching is their work, yet evangelism is their concern.

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Next we find ourselves at Soppo. We are sitting inside the well-known church built by Missionary Carl J. Bender. The room is filled with about 200 B.T.T.C. students who are trained to be teachers in our Day Schools.

Behind the pulpit stands Rev. Ben Lawrence; it is still the time when he was Education Secretary. We can hear him as he says:

"We are in this work together. We as missionaries have started in the running of this race. The time is now coming when we are handing the baton to you. It is for you to carry the baton forward and win the race. As we hand

you the baton, do not let it drop. It is up to you to carry it swiftly, yet carefully.

"How many of you this evening, though you are here training to be teachers, are willing to respond to God's call to enter the full time ministry and begin preparation once you have completed the course here?"

That night and the next day about twenty of the students indicated to one of the missionaries or the Cameroonian pastors that they were willing to respond to God's call to enter the ministry. Also during the course of that Spiritual Emphasis Week-end held at B.T.T.C., in Soppo, there were, as I recall, about fifteen who made their first time decisions to accept Christ as Savior. Cameroonian pastors said that in the weeks that followed you could tell the difference in attitude of the whole student body. The Lord had truly done his work. Many of the students who finished their course at the end of the school year approached their teaching responsibility with a new vision of what it meant to be a Christian leader in the school, in the community as well as in the church.

As Education Secretary at that time, Mr. Lawrence was extremely busy—with mountains of letters to answer, statistics to gather, reports to compile, government forms to fill out. The tutors of the Training Centre were also well occupied. Why were they so willing to take "time out" for something like this? Why were they "lifted to the heights" when they saw the results? Simply this, though administration and teacher training was their work, evangelism was their concern.

## AN EVANGELISTIC TREK

We are now back at Ndu. It is early Sunday morning, about 6 o'clock. Outside it is still dark. Rev. Lloyd Kwast and I invite you to sit down with us for a quick "corn flakes" breakfast. We put our lunch sandwiches and water bottles into the brief case; we head for the garage and the Landrover. At the gate of the Mission entrance stands



## THE WITNESS OF CAMEROON CHRISTIANS FOR CHRIST

A crowd of happy, singing Christians return to Mbingo II Baptist Church after a baptismal service, flooding the school's football field with rejoicing people. (Photos on these pages by Laura E. Reddig.)

Pastor Nfuyah, the Ndu Field pastor, and Victor, a Christian carpenter from Mbah Church, who is also coming, to help carry some of the pastor's trekking loads.

After driving for an hour, the Landrover begins encountering the challenges of a newly-dug road. The four wheel drive is put into action. Now the road becomes a path. The Landrover pushes aside the tall grass as it inches forward. "The road gets better again farther on," someone calls out from the side of the path. So we decide to try it a little farther.

The Landrover now labours over sizeable ridges of a woman's farm, now unused in dry season. Up and down, up and down! The path becomes even narrower. Finally we decide that this is enough, but now there is no place to turn around. We try to make a road into the farm with the front wheels. We succeed a bit, but we can go no farther; too many ridges hinder us.

By this time many people from the village have come to greet the Landrover—a very rare sight on that

"road." We ask for help. A man goes to a nearby house to get hoes used by the women in farming. He brings back two. Soon the crucial ridges are smoothed out a bit. We try again.

After several efforts of motor gymnastics, success is ours. The Landrover is now ready for the return trip, so we get out and prepare ourselves for the next stage of our journey.

We are only half-way to our destination. We begin walking, single file, following the path. We pass by a compound of mud-block, grass-roofed houses, exchanging greetings with the people sitting or standing in front of their houses. On we go following the path—across recently burned fields, over narrow strips of wood called bridges, through newly dug farms, past young men carrying on their heads 50 pound bags of newly harvested coffee, down rocky slopes, onto variously shaped stones lying in the stream, up again, then down. The sun gets hotter!

## WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

After an hour and a half of walking, we see the corrugated iron of the church roof on top of the hill.

We greet the Christians! As we enter the church and look up, we notice that about ten pieces of corrugated iron are needed to fill up the blue gap overhead. Soon the church teacher tells us it is our time to speak. We greet the people in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ; we encourage them in their work for the Lord; we preach to them from God's Word.

When the service is over, Pastor Nfuyah meets with the church leaders to discuss the church's progress, its problems, and its prospects. He gives them important points of advice.

After the church leaders' meeting is over, we find ourselves asking the church various questions: "How many times do the Christians go out on visitation?" "How many prayer meeting groups are being held among the Christians throughout the week?" "How many people have come to know the

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NEW HOPE SETTLEMENT SCHOOL CHILDREN  
The Mbingo School children at Bamenda, Africa, all of them leprosy patients, dressed in their bright blue and red uniforms. The evangelistic ministry of the Gospel has brought great JOY to them.



# Welcome to Southern California!

Visit this land of colorful contrasts from desert to mountains, from beaches to lakes, from Disneyland to Knott's Berry Farm in connection with your trip to the 34th General Conference.

By Rev. Loren R. Fischer,  
Assistant Pastor, Magnolia  
Church, Anaheim, Calif.



In Southern California orange trees filled with golden fruit, semi-tropical palm trees and fruitful farms thrive within sight of snow-covered mountains.

"AND GOD SAW everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good" (Genesis 1:31). That first creation was a place of goodness and a good place, a universe, earth and garden of beauty, plenty, joy, and glory. But like most things sin marred it, evil cursed it, and tragedy triumphed in it.

And so it has been since the fall of man. Good and evil, blessing and cursing, sin and scenery, beauty and badness have grown together.

Southern California has been dubbed the "Hub of Happiness." But thinking realistically, we must admit that like every place in the world, it is both a place of joy and sorrow, life and death, sickness and health, plenty and poverty. Happiness has a great deal to do with the people as well as with the place. Both sin and salvation are offered to people in Southern California.

As in your home town, so also in the great Pacific Coast state there are certain distinctive attractions not duplicated anywhere in the world. Some of these picturesque, historical and inspiring sights are the unmarred creation of God; others are the production or collection of men. Since every good and perfect gift comes from God, we praise him for everything that shows his handiwork, that proves his eternal Godhead, that enriches our lives and inspires our worship.

Almost at any time of the year, a short two hour drive will take you into great contrasts from warm to cold, desert to mountain, ocean to lake, and continent to island.

1. **By boat**, one can slip across 27 miles of ocean to enchanting Santa Catalina Island from Los Angeles Harbor. From the island back to the mainland, one can see over 50 miles of beautiful beaches stretching from Santa Monica to San Clemente. July is an excellent time for surfing, swimming and relaxing in the sun.

2. From the beaches a **helicopter flight** offers an extraordinary panorama of cities, farms, hills, mountains,

lakes, beaches, resorts, ocean and freeways.

3. **By car** in less than two hours one can drive from the ocean air to the deserts, hot springs, mineral baths, and mountain atmosphere. Perhaps one of the most exciting ways to enjoy the mountain beauty is by packing a lunch, traveling the freeway to Palm Springs and taking the tramway from the desert floor up 8500 feet above the city on world famous Mount San Jacinto. It is a wonderful area to picnic and to explore. The beautiful pine tree country offers a never-to-be forgotten experience of looking down upon the desert, Palm Springs and surrounding mountains.

Similar mountain experiences are available at Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear Lake in the Arrowhead Mountains.

4. **By bus** there are available guided tours to nearly every interesting and inspiring attraction which the southland offers.

## LAND OF INTEREST AND RELAXATION

The honest believer in Christ does not need to apologize for relaxation. We need to draw aside and be refreshed systematically in life without feelings of guilt. God condemns the excess, the extreme, the habitual laziness and pleasure seeking. Southern California affords interesting and educational relaxations.

1. **The starry heavens.** Mount Palomar Observatory near San Diego at 5568 feet was erected for the California Institute of Technology and the Carnegie Institution. The famous 200 inch reflecting mirror telescope is the largest in the world. It is open and free every day of the year to inspire you with the vastness and incomprehensible magnitude of God's creation and glory. The Mount Wilson and Griffith Park Observatories and planetariums provide similar experiences.

2. **The populated oceans.** The famous

Marineland of the Pacific is situated between the historic Point Vicente Lighthouse and Wayfarer's Chapel, commonly called the Glass Church. Marineland Oceanarium contains 5000 specimen of marine life and features the world's only three ring sea circus, including trained whales and porpoise.

3. **The jungle animals.** The San Diego Zoo in famous Balboa Park contains many of the rarest animals in captivity. You can walk and ride. The ride is a 3½ mile, 40 minute bus trip with trained guides who explain the captive subtropical wilderness while you relax and move along. You'll see 4,000 animals, including one of the world's largest reptile exhibits and most complete primate collections.

## LAND OF CLIMATES AND CONTRASTS

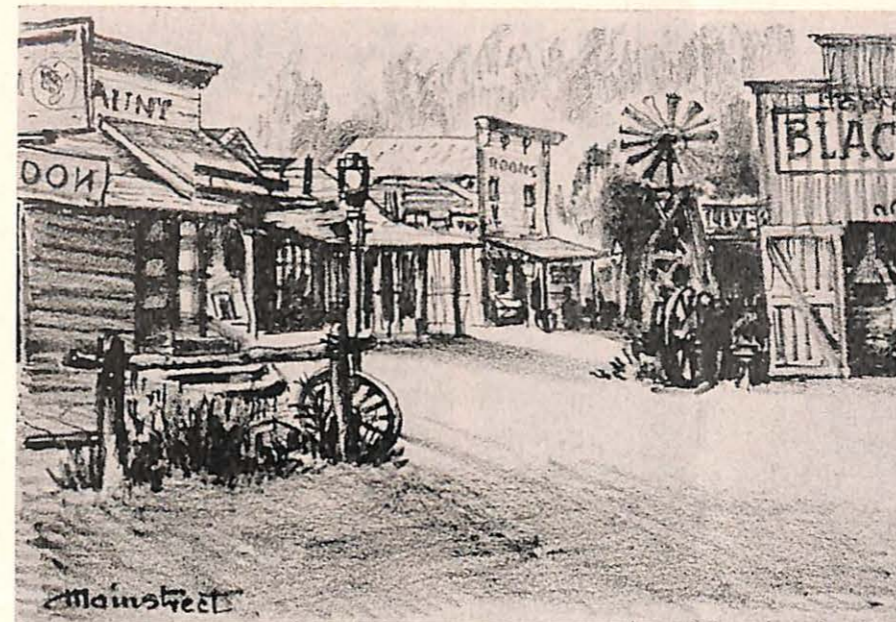
4. **The harbor ships.** The Newport Harbor near Anaheim is the home port for over 5000 yachts. From this delightful resort city harbor, excursions are available plus arrangements for deep sea fishing. Other harbors provide sailing opportunities.

5. **The historical museums.** The Exposition Park Museum in Los Angeles provides a relaxing and uncrowded opportunity to view enormous collections of art, animals, insects, birds, rocks and other articles of interest. A science building interestingly unites the past, present and future with its creative displays.

The extremely popular Huntington Library and Museum near Pasadena also features an impressive art collection and other educational attractions. One of its famous paintings is "The Blue Boy."

6. **Knott's Berry Farm.** Much of California's history is restored in this fascinating and unique center near Anaheim established by Mr. Walter Knott, an active Christian. Reliving the days of the old west in authentic buildings, trains, covered wagons, stage coaches,

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MAIN STREET, KNOTT'S BERRY FARM

The days of the Old West are re-created at Knott's Berry Farm near Anaheim, Calif., with its Ghost Town streets, covered wagons, stage coaches and old authentic buildings.

and shops is quite an experience. When there, one should not miss visiting the lovely and quaint church of the Painted Window where Christ is pictured. The few solemn minutes spent listening to a description written about Christ by a historian in his day makes a definite climax to the visit at Knott's Berry Farm.

7. **The Disneyland Appeal.** Young and old are fascinated here. This so-called "amusement mecca" brings alive the past and future, the real and fantasy, the science, adventure and thrill. The riverboats, jungle cruise, singing birds and telephone building projection tour are indescribably unique and colorful.

Nearly every conceivable religious group has a brand in this area. Nevertheless, there are many Bible believing and preaching churches that have been making God known to the world for years. Hollywood is here, but so are holy congregations of believers. It is impressive to remember that never in the history of the Los Angeles Coliseum were more people present than on a Sunday evening of the Billy Graham Crusade in 1963.

In 1857 Anaheim was founded by German people. The Bethel Baptist Church was organized in 1907 and from this group or its influence grew several other congregations in Orange County.

Our other North American Baptist churches in Orange County are Upper Bay, Harbor Trinity, Westbrook and Magnolia.

In the Los Angeles area there is our early and faithful Inglewood Knolls Church established in 1886, besides the Milo Terrace Church.

The treasures of Forest Lawn of Glendale must not be missed. Larger than any other religious painting in America is Jan Styka's masterpiece, "The Crucifixion." It is the story of the events leading to that dark hour when

like figures made of sandstone.

The aged Spanish missions are always curious and provide historic reflection. "The Jewel of the Missions" is San Juan Capistrano founded in 1776. At the mission flocks of swallows appear regularly on March 19 and depart promptly on Oct. 23.

Somewhat farther south is the Mission San Luis Rey. Founded in 1798 it became the largest of the 21 California Missions. A Franciscan guide explains points of interest.

Thousands of people are flocking into this southern area of the state. Construction and expansion arise overnight. Industry, schools, homes, and people are seeking happiness here.

## A LAND WHITE UNTO HARVEST

We have much to offer the people flooding our communities. It is true that they do not realize they are seeking what we have to offer. Therefore, we must work, pray, teach and preach. We invite you and your family to visit this harvest field, relax from your tensions of life, receive a vision of the work here, and then pray that God will thrust forth laborers.

God looked at his creation and said, "It is good!" But he also looked at Adam and said, "It is *not good* that man should be alone." Therefore, God provided Adam a helper, a wife."

It is also "not good" that man should be alone and separated from God. Therefore, God provided a Savior, his Son. Southern California has much to offer people but, most of all, we must offer Christ, "whom to know aright is life eternal."

WELCOME TO CALIFORNIA!



JUNGLE PLAY TIME AT DISNEYLAND

This realistic group of Indian elephants created by Walt Disney entertain adventurers on Disneyland's Jungle River Cruise at Anaheim, Calif., with their playful squirting antics. Other animated creatures along the cruise include crocodile, hippopotamus, fearsome cannibals and huge gorillas.



# Great Things God Hath Done!

Reports from our churches with this note of praise, "To God Be the Glory!"

**EMERY, S. DAK.** On Easter Sunday evening the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., was filled to overflowing with 850 people to hear the Women's Glee Club and Handbell Choir of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill. On Good Friday evening, Rev. Leland H. Friesen, pastor, had the joy of baptizing 15 young converts. Among this group was a married couple and two of their children. From March 8-11 a Leadership Training Class was conducted by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Forest Park, Ill. The course taught was, "Responsible Adults in the Church School Program" with an average attendance of 34. The pastor and teachers from the nearby Plum Creek Baptist Church participated. (Mrs. Walter Heitzman, Reporter).

**CALVARY, TACOMA, WASH.** During Holy Week we of the Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash., were privileged to have Dr. Ernest Malyon of the Moody Bible Institute, Extension Department, for special meetings. He also conducted special Bible classes during the mornings, Tuesday through Friday. The special emphasis was on the "DEEPER LIFE," and his messages were centered around the abundant life as recorded in John's Gospel. On Easter Sunday morning a city-wide Sunrise Service was held with Mr. Malyon as guest speaker. Then the young people enjoyed breakfast at the Portland Avenue Church. Easter services were culminated on Sunday evening with our 42 voice choir presenting John Peterson's Easter cantata, "No Greater Love." The cantata was superbly ren-

dered under the direction of Mr. Ben Yost with Miss Ethel Kageler at the organ and Mrs. Robert Schultz at the piano. (Karen Robinson, Reporter)

**FOREST PARK, ILL.** On Sunday evening, April 26, the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., bade "Farewell!" to Miss Rosemarie Hackmann who left for Cameroon, Africa as a missionary-nurse, replacing Barbara Kieper for one year. Dr. F. H. Woyke represented the denomination and outlined the duties Miss Hackman will be performing. Miss Hackman is the first N.A.B. missionary from the ranks of the Forest Park Church. Mr. Harold B. Johns, moderator, presented her with a monetary gift from the church. Dr. Charles W. Koller, interim pastor, spoke on "Five Golden Promises," followed by a time of fellowship.

Prior to this, various organizations, in which Miss Hackmann had been actively engaged, gave tangible expression of their appreciation for her sacrificial services: the choir on March 21; the Woman's Missionary Guild on April 4; and the Junior Department of the Sunday school (of which Miss Hackman had been superintendent for five years) on the morning of April 26, choosing her as "their missionary." (Erna Redlich, Reporter).

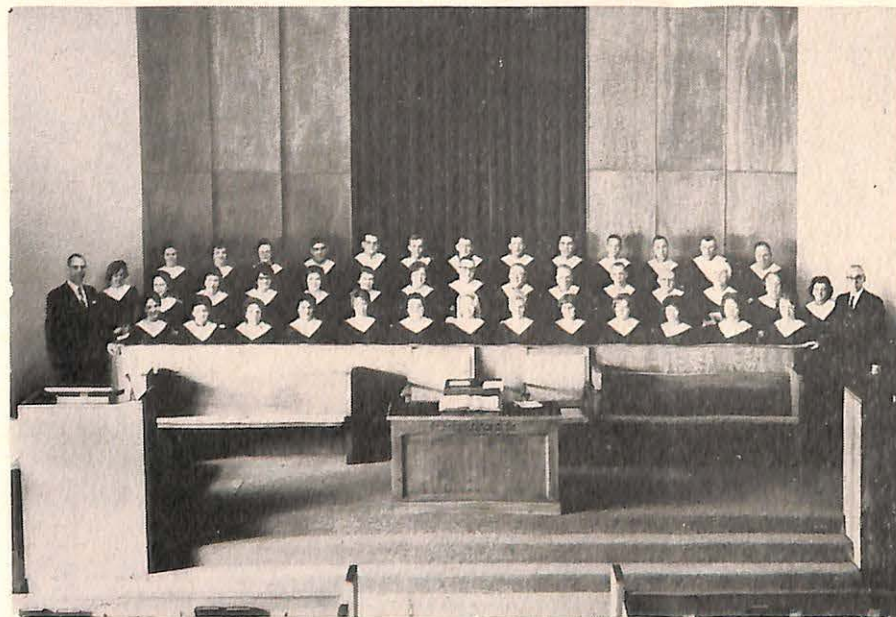
**KANKAKEE, ILL.** "To God be the glory, great things he hath done" might well have been the motto of the truly great "Victory Crusade" conducted by the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., through its messengers, Dr. Harry McCormick Lintz, and the direc-



**ROSEMARIE HACKMANN** of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Ill., who left for Cameroon, Africa on April 27 to serve as a missionary-nurse for one year.

tor of music and soloist, Mel Johnson, Gospel Tenor, from April 12 to 19. On Saturday evening, April 18, Mel Johnson conducted a "Youth Night" with young people from the eight churches constituting the Evangelical Church Fellowship in Kankakee County also in attendance. In the memory of our people, this was the most outstanding series of meetings the church has had in many years. There were 84 recorded decisions resulting from the Crusade, about one-half of which were for salvation and church membership. Also the attendance was outstanding, never going under 200 at any time and up to about 400 at the final service.

Rev. Schreiber, pastor, was in charge of the counselling. Rev. Don Vaupel, director of Christian Education, spoke to those who came to the Inquiry Room for salvation, and Rev. William Morrison, our Visitation Minister, and other lay leaders assisted the inquirers. The glow of the "After Services" still lingers and will not soon be forgotten, as members and friends gathered before the altar after each service. As the choir sang and with fervent prayers in the darkened sanctuary, relieved only by the red glowing cross over the baptism, all were led closer to the Lord and one could sense the very presence of the Holy Spirit. (Alice Luhrs, Reporter).



The 42 voice choir of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., which presented the cantata, "No Greater Love," on Easter Sunday. Rev. Don Ganstrom, pastor, is at left, standing. The director, Mr. Ben Yost, is at right, standing, and next to him (second row, seated) are Mrs. Robert Schultz, pianist, and Miss Ethel Kageler, organist.

# Baptized and Added to the Church

Reports of baptismal services in NAB churches as a testimony of the Gospel's power

**HILDA, ALTA.** The Baptist Church of Hilda, Alta., held a baptismal service on Easter Sunday when three young people were baptized. This was in addition to the 19 converts who have been baptized by our pastor, Rev. Rudolph Rapske, some months ago in the new baptistry. (See picture). Dr. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alta., brought the Easter Sunday message and showed pictures of his trip to Russia. On March 15 the Senior CBY presented the play, "A Fortune Lost—A Future Gained" written by Mrs. V. A. Pahl of Springside, Sask. The Women's Missionary Society held its annual Fellowship Supper on March 20 for mutual acquaintance and for the purpose of raising funds for its many mission projects. (Mrs. A. Schatz, Reporter).



Rev. Rudolph Rapske, (center, left), pastor of the Baptist Church, Hilda, Alta., and Dr. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alta., (center, right), and 22 persons who have been recently baptized and received into the membership of the Hilda Baptist Church.



Union baptismal service at Turtle Lake, N. Dak., when 16 converts were baptized. Rev. W. G. Gerthe of McClusky, N. Dak., is at left (back row) and Rev. Orville Meth of Turtle Lake at the right.

**TURTLE LAKE, N. DAK.** The Baptist Church of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., was filled to capacity recently when neighboring churches of McClusky, Washburn and Turtle Lake joined together in an impressive baptismal service. Rev. W. G. Gerthe, of McClusky brought an inspiring message before 16 candidates were immersed in the waters of baptism. Special music included a Men's Chorus from McClusky and a mixed quartet from Turtle Lake. The Turtle Lake Baptist Church enjoyed the C.T.I. choristers on Easter Sunday morning when they presented their musical program before an appreciative audience. Rev. Orville Meth is pastor of our church at Turtle Lake. (Mrs. Reuben H. Bauer, Reporter).

**GACKLE, N. DAK.** "A most memorable day" was the phrase used by Rev. Bernard Edinger, the pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Gackle, N. Dak., to describe the events of April



Rev. Bernard Edinger (left, back row), pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Gackle, N. Dak., and 17 persons who were baptized and 2 others who were received by letter.



# God Is Our Refuge and Strength

Reports from North American Baptist Churches

**LEOLA, S. DAK.** Ten people were baptized on Sunday evening, March 22, and were received into the First Baptist Church, Leola, S. Dak., on Easter Sunday. The baptismal candidates (left to right in the accompanying picture) are: back row, Emil Albrecht, Fred Feiock, Rev. E. R. Oster, Elmer Ketterling and Gordon Hauck; front row, Paul Oster, Gayland Weisenburger, Wallace Albrecht, David Hauck, Janice Ketterling and Karen Rueb. The



Rev. E. R. Oster (back row, center), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Leola, S. Dak., and 10 baptismal candidates.

note of interest in this picture is the three generation group: Mr. Feiock, Mr. Ketterling and Janice Ketterling. We rejoice in the blessings that the Lord has given and the willingness of these people to go forth in the steps of obedience to the Lord. (E. R. Oster, Pastor).

**KENOSHA, WIS.** From March 29 to April 5, the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin was privileged to have God's Volunteers Team I and Rev. George Breitzkreuz with us for special meetings. Each night the Volunteers favored us with special music, personal testimonies, and children's stories. This was followed with a message by Mr. Breitzkreuz of Elgin, Iowa. This was a week of spiritual enrichment for many. There were twelve conversions and nine rededications. Two joined our church by transfer of church letter. (Karen Kaiser, Assistant Church Clerk).

**ELGIN, IOWA.** We of the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa praise God for causing us to be increasingly aware of his presence. Our church choir under the direction of Harry Johnson presented an Easter cantata. On Sunday evening, April 12, Rev. George Breitzkreuz had the privilege of baptizing three young people on profession of their faith in Christ. These and two others, who came by letter, received the hand of fellowship at the Communion Service which followed. On Sunday, April 26, Pastor Breitzkreuz and Rev.

David Hackmann of the Burnsville Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., exchanged pulpits.

**NAPOLEON, N. DAK.** A baptismal service was held on Easter Sunday, March 29, at the Baptist Church, Napoleon, N. Dak., with Rev. Henry Lang, chaplain at the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck, N. Dak., baptizing Miss Jacqueline Gruen, of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., upon confession of her faith. We thank God for this one convert who has declared her willingness to follow the Savior all the way. (Mrs. Edwin Pfeifle, Reporter).

**EBENEZER, SASK.** Easter Sunday, March 29, was a day of blessing for the Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask., as four young people expressed their obedience to the Savior in the waters of baptism. Previously the candidates had given testimony of their conversion, assurance of salvation, and their desire in obedience to the Word of God, in baptism, that they would follow Jesus



Rev. W. Dickau (left), pastor of the Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask., and four young people whom he baptized on Easter Sunday.

in newness of life. Following the baptisms, the congregation observed the ordinance of Communion, the right hand of fellowship was extended to these four young people by our pastor, Rev. W. Dickau. (Mrs. Donald Neibrandt, Reporter).

**TIGARD, OREGON.** Easter Sunday was a beautiful day for the Southwood Park Church, Tigard, Oregon. Approximately 80 persons attended the sunrise

## CHILDREN'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Bulletin inserts with the illustrated story of the Chapel Building Fund of the denomination and program materials for children's recitations have been sent to all churches.

## OFFERING FOR THE CHAPEL BUILDING FUND

service with the guest speaker, Rev. Howard Roth, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tigard. Highlight of the day was the choral reading presented by the Adult Class under the direction of Mrs. Florence Bauder entitled, "CHRIST IS NOT DEAD." Climaxing the story was the placing of clusters of living flowers by the children on the old rugged cross, so as to fashion a beautiful living cross to remind us again that "CHRIST IS NOT DEAD"! The authors of the play are Mrs. Elsie Dons Jeschke and Mrs. Florence Schmunk Bauder. A group of pioneer girls was formed at the first of this year with 30 girls being reached, some having no prior connection with our church. (Mrs. Artemus De Rosia, Reporter).

**McDERMOT AVE., WINNIPEG.** On Sunday, Feb. 23, a united English and German service was held at the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., in which 11 happy believers followed their Lord in baptism. Most of them are boys and girls from homes of faithful members. Our prayer is that they will grow in grace and knowledge and be the future pillars of our church. Among them was the grandson of Rev. A. Hart and also Gary Streuber, grandson of the Streubers and Patzias, devoted members of many years. Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer and Rev. R. Kerstan are the ministers of the church.

Easter Sunday evening was enriched at our church with the choir's presentation of the cantata, "No Greater Love." The congregation was welcomed by president Wilfred Fiks. Soloists were Dr. John Foerster, baritone; Hans Rogalske, tenor; Mrs. Wm. Sturhahn and Maureen Zilkie, soprano; and Miss E. Dreger, alto. The narrator was John Kokut. Hans Rogalske is the choir director.



Eleven baptismal candidates and Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer (left, back row) and Rev. R. Kerstan (right, back row), pastors of the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

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## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 14, 1964

Theme: WHAT CAN I DO FOR WORLD PEACE

Scripture: Romans 12:14-21; I Timothy 2:1-2

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** After you have become a recipient of God's peace, it is your responsibility to be a peacemaker.

**INTRODUCTION:** Many Christians who have peace in their hearts are unconcerned about peace in the world. They simply shrug it off by saying, "What's the use?" Or they ask, "What can one person do?"

Because there are certain passages in the Bible which seem to point to the fact that the world will get worse and worse, many make no effort to improve it. Some actually believe that it is against God's will to work for peace in the world. On the other hand, most Christians have taken part in wartime activity in order to defend their country and have even laid down their lives to bring peace, security and freedom to others.

We as Christians must remember that this is still our Father's world. God does not intend for us to sit idly by while the world is being taken over by the Devil. The Lord expects us to struggle and strive and make every effort to make it as difficult for the Devil as possible. Nowhere in the Bible do we have any indication that we are to sign over the world to Satan.

**I. THE RESPONSIBILITY TO LOVE LIKE A CHRISTIAN.** Romans 12:14-16.

When we read the verses of Scripture for today's lesson, we begin to wonder whether there are any Christians who come up to the ideals of Paul. The principle of love must be evident in the life of the believer. The natural thing is to defend yourself and retaliate. Not only are Christians advised to refrain from cursing but they are to substitute blessing for cursing.

Love includes the sharing of joys and sorrows. It is a fellowship of suffering as well as a fellowship of rejoicing. Sympathy, compassion, understanding and encouragement are the things we all need, but also the things we must give out of an overflowing heart.

**II. THE RESPONSIBILITY TO LIVE LIKE A CHRISTIAN.** Romans 12:17-21.

The words of the Psalmist are very applicable here: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1)!

There were times in Paul's life when he could not possibly live in peace with all men unless he compromised his convictions. But a just and honorable peace depends largely upon us and we must be sure to do all in our power to bring it about. No matter how much enmity there is on the other side, there is still room for positive goodness on our side. Do not wait for people to be good before you begin being good to them. Don't let their evil overcome your goodness but rather let your goodness overcome their evil.

**III. THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PRAY LIKE A CHRISTIAN.** I Timothy 2:1-2.

We come now to a question raised in the beginning of our lesson: "What can one person do?" Quite a bit, according to Paul. This is a large and effective service which all Christians can render in the effort toward peace. The world has the power of armaments; we have the power of prayer. It is up to us to prove which is greater.

### Questions for Discussion:

1. If all things are possible through faith and prayer why are so many Christians weak and helpless?
2. Jesus said: "Blessed are the peacemakers." Who does that include?
3. How can we take the necessary steps toward peace beginning with ourselves, our family, our church, our community, our country, our world?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 21, 1964

Theme: OUR MISSIONARY IMPERATIVE

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20; Romans 10:8-18

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** The eternal life of souls in all the world are in the hands of Christians who take the teachings of Jesus seriously.

**INTRODUCTION:** We know with what impatience the people of the United States tolerate a "do-nothing Congress." What is far worse is a "do nothing church."

The Intermediate-Senior topic is entitled, "Missions Are a Must." The Christian *must* be a missionary. Not necessarily a foreign missionary, but he must be a missionary wherever he is. Going, praying and giving involves all or only a part, depending on the abilities and gifts of the Christian. But most of all, it involves his willingness and obedience. If he does missionary work at home, well and good. In a sense evangelism, witnessing and missionary work are like charity—they begin at home, but they should not end there. Their boundaries are the ends of the earth.

**I. THE MISSIONARY AND THE COMMISSION.** Matthew 28:16-20.

Every Christian has a feeling of doubt at one time or another. But this is the process through which we are strengthened. We go from doubt to faith. By the time Jesus finished giving them the Great Commission, much of their doubt seemed to have disappeared, and by the time they received power through the Holy Spirit they were well established in faith—faith enough to accept the Commission and to begin in its fulfillment. Jesus Christ had a whole world to save and he began with only a handful of men. They had little education, no money, no standing in the community and no organization, and yet Christ gave them a program for the conquest of the world.

**II. THE MISSIONARY AND THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION.** Romans 10:8-13.

Paul had difficulty in teaching Jews the Gospel of grace by faith. They still tried to earn salvation by keeping the law, and they could not understand that God's righteousness is at hand and available and accessible to all. Simply by the exercise of faith, salvation can be appropriated, for it is so close that the word is on the lips and in the heart. Confession and faith go together. The word, "whosoever," is all-inclusive and is in accord with the words of Jesus when he said: "For God so loved the world..."

**III. THE MISSIONARY AS MESSENGER OF SALVATION.** Romans 10:14-18.

In the beginning of the chapter Paul makes salvation as simple as possible. But now he becomes aware of the fact that it is not a simple nor an easy matter to make this Gospel known to the peoples of the world. He uses the word, "how," repeatedly. To call on God men must believe; to believe they must hear; to hear they must listen to a preacher; to preach a man must be sent.

This leads back to the original Commission of Jesus, that those who have received the Gospel are responsible and under obligation to go out to proclaim it. But there is also a responsibility laid upon the hearer when once he has heard the word. He must respond in obedience to the Gospel.

### Questions for Discussion:

1. What is the difference between an apostle and a missionary?
2. What kind of missionary work is open in your community? Is witnessing in hospitals, prisons or children's homes missionary work?

● **Rev. Henry Lang** has resigned as the chaplain at the Bismarck Home, Bismarck, N. Dak., effective May 31st. He has served in this capacity since last year. He is hoping for a church opening to continue his active ministry as a pastor. Formerly he was the minister at Napoleon and Harvey, N. Dak.

● **The Ebenezer Baptist Church** of Vancouver, British Columbia, has successfully called Rev. Paul Siewert of Leduc, Alberta, as associate pastor. He will begin his ministry after June 15, and will serve in this capacity with Rev. Otto Patzia, pastor of the Ebenezer Church. Mr. Siewert has been the minister of the First Baptist Church of Leduc since 1960.

● **Rev. Robert Zimelman** of Minneapolis, Minn., formerly the pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, has announced that he has accepted the call to serve as the associate pastor of the Conklin Ave. Church of Binghamton, N. Y., a church of the American Baptist Convention. He is already on the new field serving in this capacity in the Binghamton Church.

● **The Faith Baptist Church** of Minneapolis, Minn., has extended a call to Rev. Donald N. Miller of Watertown, Wis., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Watertown since 1961. He has replied favorably and announced that he will begin his ministry in the Minneapolis church on August 19, succeeding Rev. Robert Zimelman, now of Binghamton, N. Y.

● **Rev. and Mrs. Richard Goetze** of Chicago, Ill., have announced the birth of a son on April 12 who has been named Robert Marcel. Mr. Goetze is the pastor of the Mission Baptist Church of Chicago. Rev. and Mrs. Wesley A. Gerber of Durham, Kansas, have sent word that a son was born to them on April 10 who has been given the name of Mark Alan. This is the third child in their family.

● **The former Mt. Zion Baptist Church** near Junction City, Kansas, has changed its name to Highland Baptist Church and services are being held in Junction City. The church has called Mr. David Priestley as pastor and he has accepted the call and is already on the field. He is a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary in 1962 and was the exchange student in Germany during the following year.

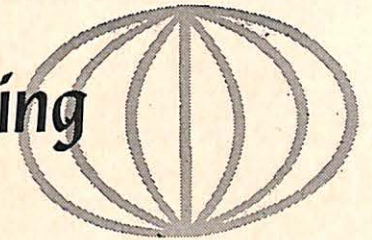
● **Rev. Paul Galambos** of Buffalo, N. Y., pastor of the Austin Street Baptist Church, spent the two weeks of May 12 to 26 in Germany near Frankfurt am Main. He visited with his mother and sister as well as with a brother from Hungary who made the trip to Germany for this purpose. Mr. Galambos was formerly a Baptist pastor and missionary in Hungary before going with his family to Germany as refugees who then emigrated to the United States.

● **Mrs. Conrad (Christina) Voth** of Cuyhoga Falls, Ohio, a member of the Hillcrest Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, celebrated her 90th birthday on April 19, with recognition of this festive event also made by Rev. Edward Kary from the pulpit of the Hillcrest Church on that Sunday. Her late husband was a highly esteemed proofreader at the Roger Williams Press in Cleveland for many years.

young people in the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo during their student days.

● **On Sunday, April 5, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Engel** of Goodrich, N. Dak., observed their 45th wedding anniversary at a fellowship luncheon held in the basement of the Goodrich Baptist Church. In addition to members and friends of the family who shared in the

## what's happening



● **Rev. Henry Smuland** of Tigard, Ore., pastor of the Southwood Park Baptist Church of Tigard, Ore., since 1961, recently presented his resignation and announced that he was discontinuing his active pastorate for the present. His resignation was effective on May 1st, but he served as part time pastor until June 1st. He has accepted a position for the state of Oregon in a civil service capacity.

● **The Calvary Baptist Church** of Penn Hills, Pa., has announced that its pastor, Rev. Joseph Hoden, recently presented his resignation which was accepted. His immediate plans are not known at the headquarters office in Forest Park, Ill. Mr. Hoden served as pastor of the church in Penn Hills, Pa., from 1959 to 1964. The church which joined the NAB fellowship in recent years is considering calling a pastor from our Conference fellowship.

● **On Palm Sunday** the choir of the Baptist Church, Hilda, Alberta presented the program, "We Too Shall Live," in song and word. Under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Friesen, this program was also presented at the Baptist Haven of Rest in Medicine Hat on Good Friday where several of the church's former members are now guests. "This is a way we have in remembering our older people," the reporter stated.

● **Rev. Harold Faba** of Buffalo, N. Y., has recently become the pastor of the Wilson Baptist Church, Wilson, N. Y., 30 miles north of Buffalo on Lake Ontario. This is a church of the American Baptist Convention. His wife, the former Jean Archer, was a student at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton from 1947 to 1951 and Harold Faba was a student at the Seminary in Rochester, N. Y. in 1949. Both were

festivities, Rev. E. Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak., who officiated at the wedding ceremony 45 years ago, was also present and extended congratulations. Rev. Jacob Ehman of the Goodrich Church also brought a brief congratulatory message.

● **Rev. Norman Miller**, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. Dak., extended the hand of fellowship to 16 persons on Sunday, April 5. Those who came to the church's fellowship by letter were: John and Velma Buseman and three of their children: Allan, Linda and La Vonne; and those received by baptism were: Judy Beeler, Lorraine Buseman, Kay Harms, Janice Klock, Kathie Klock, Alan Hoogestraat, Lloyd Hoogestraat, Neil Hoogestraat, Eldon Otten, Rodney Poppinga and Don Wiebersick.

● **Mr. Herman Siemund** of Chicago, Ill., a member of the First Baptist Church of Norridge, Ill., was recently awarded an Outstanding Senior Citizen Award for 1964 by Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago for his many contributions to civic and community programs and for his sterling traits of character. Congratulations, Mr. Siemund! He has served as the General Conference photographer on several occasions and has shown his wide screen films of nature and world travel in many of our churches. A newspaper article announced Mr. Siemund's motto as follows: "To live from day to day by the Golden Rule. To be kept busy and, above all, useful." He celebrated his 85th birthday in May.

● **On Sunday, April 5, the Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church**, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., celebrated its 4th anniversary of the church's first meeting at the Hickory Grove School. The Lord's Sup-

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

**WHAT CAN WE DO?**

By Mrs. David Draewell  
of Elmhurst, Illinois  
Secretary of Northwestern Conference  
Woman's Missionary Union

It was an awesome and inspiring experience to sit in on the sessions of the Board of Missions from April 21 to 24. An opportunity such as this helps one to appreciate anew the work of our dedicated Mission Secretary, the Mission Board and the untiring efforts of all of our missionaries. May our prayers continue for them!

In Dr. Schilke's report we find the following statement: "As we review the work of the past year, hear and read the various reports, consider the many requests, we can hear this cry more than ever before. 'Come over into Macedonia and help us.'" As I thought about this throughout the sessions, this question kept coming to my mind, "What can we as women do?"

Perhaps for years you have belonged and even been an officer in your local society. Certainly this we as women can do. Discussing our mission fields and studying the lives of our missionaries through the missionary sketches help us to pray more intelligently and encourage us to give more generously to our project. Another thing you women do so enthusiastically is to meet the special missionary projects that we have from year to year.

A matter that has become a deep concern to me is the education of the missionaries' children. True, they perhaps receive an education that is satisfactory but even the young children are separated from their parents during the school term. This could be a matter of family prayer as we pray for the children and parents during these times of separation. This is something most of us do not have to experience.

In the "Baptist Herald" you will read of the recommendations made by the Board of Missions, so I need not repeat them. However, as we think once more of what we as women can do, I would like to leave a most important question with you. Would you encourage your child to be a missionary or to enter some kind of professional Christian work? A few years ago in a community meeting of pastor's wives, this question was asked and I believe there were only two who

# From the Professor's Desk

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

*Do you think Soren Kierkegaard's idea that faith "must constantly be made by virtue of the absurd" leads to irrationalism?*

There are widely differing interpretations of Kierkegaard's idea of faith. Many commentators seek to show that ultimately faith is not against reason but rather is above reason in Kierkegaard's thought. Others, like Martin J. Heineken, argue to the contrary on the basis that S. K. sanctions no such distinction. So to interpret him is to misinterpret him grossly, states Heineken (*The Moment Before God*, pp. 346-355).

Part of the problem is Kierkegaard's language of exaggeration and oneness. He characteristically speaks in hyperbole and very often in an exceedingly abstruse style, so that it sometimes requires a Kierkegaardian scholar to indicate exactly what he is driving at.

**THE LEAP OF FAITH**

Kierkegaard's writings are calculated to arouse a desperate sense of guilt and need which only Jesus Christ can meet. His purpose is to rule out any human possibility of hope in the midst of life's despair and to drive the person to the leap of faith as the only hope. This decision of faith must constantly be made by virtue of the absurd. It is a moment by moment assurance, struggling all the time against doubt, for true faith, he asserts, always exists in the tension of doubt.

The absurd is always the proper object of faith. To remain a believer one must remain with the absurd; one must keep himself in the tension of the life of faith, which is always against understanding. As Kierkegaard writes in one place, "To believe is not to be sitting on a large ship in calm weather on a smooth sea. It is to be in a small vessel with a serious leak, in a driving storm, fighting continually at the

would answer "yes" to this question. It is a sobering thought as I recall it.

The cry for more help is heard more than ever before. We have such a full life because of God who gave his only Son to bring us salvation.

"Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious;  
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;  
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious;  
And all thou spendest, Jesus will repay."

Mary A. Thomson

pumps for one's very life."

S. K.'s favorite illustration of the assurance of faith is that of a swimmer in the deep sea with 70,000 fathoms (420,000 feet) of water beneath him, where there is no possibility of a foothold anywhere. Yet the water bears him up in like manner, the believer is not left suspended in a vacuum. The very despair against which he struggles bears him up, and an inward joy and peace in the Holy Ghost sustains him.

The intent of all this is to underscore the paradoxical nature of faith, which involves an element of contradiction for finite, sinful man. And in most of Kierkegaard's writings he is constantly describing the *subjective* side of faith, man's side, even to the point of one-sided exaggeration. He is picturing faith in concrete human experience with extreme emphasis upon the radical nature of the saving decision of belief. It is in this light that he rejects every attempt to ground faith on evidence. It is the impossibility of objective demonstration and the logical absurdity which is involved that compels the exercise of faith, he insists.

**THE EXERCISE OF FAITH**

It is no wonder that Kierkegaard is accused of irrationality when he states that the idea of the God-Man is literally absurd. He speaks of the union of deity and humanity as the most "insane combination," "a folly to the understanding and an offense to the human heart," "a crucifixion of the understanding."

What "the Dane" means by these vivid phrases is that this is the inevitable judgment of the sinner, but some scholars hold that Kierkegaard's complete idea includes the thought that faith transforms the absurd. When the Christian firmly believes, the absurd is no longer the absurd, yet in every weak moment it is ever more the absurd. The passion of faith is the only thing capable of mastering the absurd. Now if this aspect can really be found in Kierkegaard, it must be admitted that it is a very suppressed element in his thinking.

There is no question from S. K.'s writings that the very nature of Christian belief involves the necessary categories of the absurd and the paradoxical, which constitute the very reasons that compel the exercise of faith. The question is whether once faith has been exercised, does the absurd lose its irrationality and does the paradoxical cease to be a crushing burden for the intellect to carry? Some Kierkegaardian authorities say "yes," while others say "no."

**MISSION NEWS**

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construction of the Saker Baptist College buildings at Victoria, consisting of 5 long classroom block units and enlarged dormitories, with all building costs paid by government grants. Saker College in its third school term now has 206 in its student body.

**EVANGELISM, OUR CONCERN**

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Lord during the past year?" We jot down notes on the check sheet that we use as we go around visiting the churches. We are much encouraged as the church teacher tells us that, in recent weeks, many backsliders have been restored and that within the last two months 35 people were baptized.

The time is now 12:30 P.M. The sun is getting still hotter. But we are not yet ready to head back to the Landrover. There is another church at Asha to be visited—a 45 minute trek away. The Christians there have been patiently waiting for us there for several hours. So we move on.

While resting a short time in a mud brick house near the church, we quickly gulp down the lunch we packed and enjoy the warm water from our water bottles.

Now in the church at Asha, we sing, greet, encourage, preach, ask questions, and give advice.

**WINNING MORE IN '64**

Our watch tells us it is 2:00 P.M. We now start thinking about heading back for the Landrover. Pastor Nfuyah remains behind to continue visiting the churches in the area throughout the next week.

We reach Ndu about 6:30 in the evening. We are very dirty and very tired. But we are happy. We have seen the Lord's work in the churches. We have been able to encourage the Christians and witness to the unbelievers.

What is it that takes Rev. Lloyd Kwast and myself out to such places on Sundays? We have plenty of work to do at the Bible School and at the College. There are lessons to prepare, tests to correct, students to supervise, many small details to be tended to. Pastor Nfuyah could easily restrict himself to visiting only the easy-to-get-to churches. What is it that prompts us to disturb the prospect of a peaceful Sunday of rest? Though teaching and administration is our work, evangelism is our concern.

Our denomination's theme for this year—"Winning More in '64"—with its evangelistic emphasis is a most challenging objective for us all. As this motto directs you at home, it also directs us out here.

Let us together pray God that whether at home or on the mission field in this year of 1964, though we have many different types of work to do, it will be *EVANGELISM* that will constitute our chief concern.

June 4, 1964

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# Heart of a Stranger

A Christian Novel With Breath-taking Suspense

by Lon Woodrum

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

## 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 Foodnook 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 Mc-Tone, 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. Nancy took Tom Beacon to church one night and revealed that her pastor, Dr. Gregory, was praying for him. An inner agony wounded Tom!

## CHAPTER 12

NANCY AND TOM drove toward King Street Church in his Buick.

Nancy said, "I hear rumors."  
"Rumors?"

"They say a certain author in our community has been seeing a banker's daughter."

Tom looked out the car window, then back at the road.

"Why not? I haven't any steady girl. I'm young and unwed."

Nancy's look shot to his profile. "Come to think of it, that's so, isn't it?"

He slowed the car. "I wish it wasn't so, Nancy!"

"You do?"

"I wish I had a steady girl. I wish the girl was you!"

Small furrows showed on Nancy's brow. She shook her head. But her voice sounded sad. "Tom, I'm sorry. I could never be the steady girl of a man who wasn't—"

"I know, I know. You couldn't get involved with a miserable unbeliever!"

"Don't be bitter, Tom. I like you a

lot. In fact, I like you more than I should!"

They were at church now.

Tom paused at the door. "Let's not sit too far down at the front!"

"Why?"

"I think I'd feel better toward the back."

"I've always sat with my family. But—okay. How about half way toward the front?"

"All right."

Nicodemus. That was the man's name, said David Gregory. He was a Pharisee. A Pharisee is a legalist. A legalist is a man who tries to live by the rule book alone. He is self-righteous.

Tom thought, I'm not even *that*!

The Pharisee, said the minister, was trying to save himself by his good works. He had no sense of humor. He wouldn't even carry a pin on the Lord's Day for fear he might be tempted to use it. He wore long robes and said long prayers and had a long face. But he was short on mercy and love and compassion. Jesus notified His disciples that they must have a better kind of religion than these legalists had.

Tom began wondering what kind of religion *would* be better than the Pharisee's.

This Nicodemus, Gregory went on, went by night to see Jesus. Jesus told him he must be born again. This went over the Pharisee's head. How could a man be born again? You can't be a baby again, can you?

But Jesus spoke of the wind. It blew, but you couldn't see it, but you knew it blew. This new birth is like that. When you're born of God's Spirit you know it has happened, even if it is still a mystery. You become a new person. Old things pass away and all things become new. It's a miracle. Something God does. A man can't perform this work on himself. So the attempt to keep the rules, to observe the codes, is all in vain unless the heart is surrendered to

God who alone can make it new and right.

"But men do not find God," said Gregory, "until they are sick of themselves! Till they come to know that they are sinful, and in desperate need. Playing at righteousness is all in vain. When we let go of our own self-goodness, our own self-sufficiency, then we can have God."

On the way back to the Fitzgerald place Tom said to Nancy, "I haven't any self-goodness. No self-sufficiency. I'm just a stinking no-good sinner!"

"That's wonderful!" cried Nancy.

"Wonderful? That I'm a no-good sinner?"

"No. But that you admit it."

"So I admit it. So what? I'm still no good!"

"Yes. But only when we're willing to admit we're wrong can we ever be right. You're on the right road!"

"Listen, girl! You've no idea how wrong the road I'm on is!"

"We were all on the wrong road once. But God changed that for some of us."

"Nancy, if I got religion—" He stopped short.

"Don't get religion, Tom. Get Christ!"

"Okay. Say I got—Christ. Whatever that means. Then what?"

"Then you start living like a Christian."

Tom twisted in his seat. They were at the Foodnook Cafe. He parked and they remained in the car.

"To you this sounds simple, Nancy," Tom said. "To start living as a Christian, I mean. But you've always been so good—"

"There is none good, no, not one." That's Paul. The Bible."

"Maybe so. But some people have things happen to them different from others. Some people get involved in things—"

He ceased speaking abruptly.

Nancy put her hand on his arm.

"Tom, I'm not going to ask you what you've done. It must be something serious, or you wouldn't talk as you do. But I know this. There's a way out for you! God can help you settle it. And it can be as though it never happened!"

"Is that so?"

To himself he said, *Dear girl, you never met a guy named Blacky Mc-Tone!*

Nancy got out of the car. "I'm praying for you, Tom."

"Sure."

He drove the car to the cabin. He went in. He couldn't sit down. He went back and got into the car. He drove over the highway. Finally he parked by the sandhills. He sat staring off into the night-cloaked desert.

*I never should have gone to that church!*

*In fact I never should have met Nancy. I came here to set up a bank job. Not to get involved with a girl and with religion!*

But satirizing himself did not help. He had met Nancy. He had attended church. And now his soul was in trouble. He suddenly wished he had asked Nancy to go driving with him. Just so that he might talk to her some more. No, that wouldn't help. She would only make it tougher by being near him and telling him he could be a Christian!

He heard the car come up behind him. It swept past him westward. It stopped and turned around. Wondering he watched the lights come back toward him.

The lights blinded him as the car came. It came abreast of him and stopped, on the far side of the highway. Someone got out and approached, heels tapping on the highway.

"I recognized your car," said Marianne Towers. "I was going for a drive, too."

"Hello," said Tom, a disturbed feeling beginning in him.

Marianne went around the car and got in beside Tom.

"Sitting out here alone, brooding?" she said.

He shrugged. "Not exactly brooding. Thinking."

"About me?"

"No!"

"It's Nancy. I know. I told you to forget her."

"You give out some pretty high-handed orders for a little girl!"

"Did you see your contact, Tom? Will they pull the job as planned?"

He hesitated. Then: "I saw the contact."

"They'll take the bank next Wednesday?"

"Next Wednesday."

She snuggled toward him. "Wonderful! I feel on the edge of a terrific adventure!"

He drew away from her. "Marianne, I've been doing a lot of thinking since we talked about you being in on this job. It bothers me. A kid like you. With a nice home. Everything a girl should want. I hate to see you get fouled up in this thing."

"Please! Don't talk to me like that!

I'm not a baby!"

"You aren't much more than that."

"Phoocy! That sort of talk makes me mad! I'm a woman. A *real* woman! I'm sick of small town stuff, small town talk. I want to get out into a world where a real woman is recognized!"

"What do you plan to do after this bank job?"

"Do? Don't be silly. I'm going to join you, of course!"

"No, Marianne—"

"Hold it, Tom. Do you think I'm going to lose you, now that I've found you?"

"It's impossible, Marianne—"

"Are you kidding? Why do you think I'm helping you on this job? So we can have money. You and I."

"But I don't . . . I can't—"

"Tom!" Suddenly her voice took on an icy edge. "Tom, are you thinking of crossing me?"

"Drop that tone, Marianne! You've been listening to too many TV films."

"Have I? You want to bet? You'd better get it straight, Tom, once and for keeps! We're in this thing together. And we'll be together after this thing."

"You're crazy—"

"Am I? I've found what I want. I mean to have you, Tom!"

"You can't have me!"

"We'll be married whenever we meet—after the job. Which reminds me, just where do we meet?"

"I've told you, we won't meet! Marry me? You *are* crazy!"

She drew back, her eyes feeling for him in the dim glow cast by the dash-light. He felt her cold anger.

"Listen real carefully, Tom. I happen to know who's setting up this job, remember? Tom Beacon! Do you think I'd let you run out of my life without a struggle?"

"What does that mean?"

"I'd yell to the cops so fast they'd have you before you could think up an alias!"

"Yell . . . to the cops? Why, you're in the stickup, too! You'd go to the bighouse just to get even with me?"

"If I had to, yes. That's how stubborn I am. But I wouldn't have to. Who'd believe I had anything to do with such a job? Father wouldn't. Neither would the cops. If they did I'd say you talked me into it. That I was an innocent girl in a small town and you came along with your slick ways—"

"You little she-rat!" cried Tom.

"Names I can take. But not your running out on me!"

He drew a swift breath, anger fanning through him. He felt trapped by this silly girl.

"Please listen to reason, Marianne—"

"Where did you say we'd meet after the job?"

He stiffened, his jaw turned rocky. "The job is out! I wouldn't touch it now!"

"Oh?"

She sat gazing at him in the poor light. The silence hurt him.

"Didn't you say something about

some gentlemen from somewhere who were going to pull this actual job?"

"So what?"

"You made the plans to do it next Wednesday?"

"Again, so what?"

"These gentlemen might object rather seriously to your letting them down. Don't you think?"

A chill passed through him. She was right. He couldn't drop the job.

He said, "Okay. You win."

"Let's see, now. About where we'll meet after the take."

"Oh, all right. San Francisco."

"Where in San Francisco?"

"At—well, the bus station."

"When?"

"Oh Monday following the job."

"No! On Friday following the job. I don't want you to get too much of a head start in case you decide to foul me up!"

He slumped in the seat. He'd have to promise her. Then he'd have to think of something else.

"Okay. Friday noon."

"I'll be there, lover!"

She slid out of the car. He said, "Tell me, Marianne. You go to church. Doesn't that mean anything to you?"

"Yes! It bores me very much!"

"Why do you attend, then?"

"Why? Because Mr. Towers insists I attend."

"You don't believe in any of it?"

"Not a bit. Do you?"

He moved his head. "I don't know. I think I do!"

"Please! Let's not get religion at this late date!"

"I didn't say I was getting religion."

"All right, lover. Just take it easy. Have faith in your girl! I'll attend to the alarm. The take will be a cinch. And we'll live happily ever after!"

She leaned forward quickly, kissed his cheek. "That will do for now. But after we're married—" She gave a light laugh. She went to her car. It roared off toward Quantacca. He sat listening to the sound of the motor dying away eastward. He rubbed his hands over his eyes.

*This is just dandy!* he thought bitterly.

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per was observed at the morning service and three new members were received. The 23 charter members have increased to 108. At 6:00 P.M. a "Fourth Birthday" service was held and Dr. A. Dale Ihrle, pastor of the sponsoring Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, brought the message on I Chronicles 21. Mrs. Jack White, church historian, presented a brief historical sketch and those who were at the first service brought their testimonies. On Easter Sunday evening the church choir directed by Rick Hartsoe presented a program of Easter music with Jacki Harned serving as organist. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke is the pastor.



# OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**APLINGTON, IOWA.** The Women's Choir of Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn., presented a concert at the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, on March 31. Miss Judy Lindaman of Aplington is a member of the choir. From March 15 to 19, the Aplington Church participated in a Round Robin Missionary Conference with the Parkersburg, Steamboat Rock and Cedarloo churches. Missionaries included Mrs. Alma Henderson, Rev. Fred C. Folkerts, Dr. A. J. Harms, Miss Gertrude Schatz and Rev. Walter Sukut. The Aplington Baptist Church has assumed \$800 support for Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern in Japan. (Mrs. Swanetta Oldenburger, Reporter).



Junior Choir of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Manitoba. Back row: Connie Rempel, Director; Eleanore Edel, Pianist; and Sharon Paschke, Organist.

**IMMANUEL, WOODSIDE, N. Y.** The Men's Brotherhood of the Immanuel Church, Woodside, N. Y., celebrated its 6th anniversary with a program held on March 1st. The theme of the program, "What About the Future?", was presented by members of the group who considered the Second Coming of Christ, the signs of the times and the important truths of Scriptural prophecy. The Men's Brotherhood meets every month for Bible study and conducts a Saturday night service once a month at a street mission on 86th Street in New York City. Mr. Hermann Miehle is the president. Rev. A. Husmann is pastor of the church. (Arnold Goehring, Reporter).

**TEMPLE, LEDUC, ALTA.** We of the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., have been greatly blessed this past year since the coming of Rev. Floyd Kreiser. His messages have been a challenge to all and have inspired us to serve our Lord better. On Sunday evening, March 8, our "young teens" presented a Talent

Night program. Then on April 3 our Ladies' Mission Circle presented a program with the emphasis on "Missions" to which our neighboring churches had been invited. We have also heard some good reports of the Women's Mission Conference held at Trochu which a number of our women were privileged to attend. (Mrs. Tillie Waidman, Reporter).

**TORONTO, ONTARIO.** Overflowing crowds filled the sanctuary of the German Baptist Church, Toronto, Ontario on Easter Sunday. Five young people were baptized and our Easter offering exceeded \$1200. On March 1st the third year came to a close for our pastor, Rev. O. A. Ertis, since he and his wife started their ministry in this church. In these three years we managed to pay off our last mortgage of \$10,500, to improve our church interior and still raise our annual total offerings from \$12,036.29 in 1960 to \$20,379.28 in 1963. In January 1964 we established our "New Church Fund" which has \$3000



The Men's Brotherhood of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Woodside, N. Y., sings a stirring selection at their 6th anniversary program. Seated in the foreground are Mr. Hermann Miehle, president (left) and Rev. A. Husmann, pastor.

as a starting step. In the past three years 114 new members were added to the church, 38 of them at 8 baptismal services.

**BUFFALO CENTER, IOWA.** From March 22 to 26 the First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa held its 9th Missionary Conference. We were privileged to have had the following missionaries present for all or part of the week: Rev. Walter Sukut from Japan and Miss Gertrude Schatz from Cameroon, Africa; Miss Lena DeVries (Bible Christian Union) from Hamburg, Germany; Rev. and Mrs. Dick Mercado (Mexican Gospel Union) from Phoenix, Ariz.; Rev. and Mrs. Dick Wyma (New Tribes Mission) laboring at LaPaz, Bolivia; Dr. Ernest Pickering of the Central Baptist Seminary of Minneapolis, Minn., served as great Bible teacher and brought heart searching messages. Reports, films and slides of the various fields plus panel discussions and displays of curios stirred the interest of all who attended. Rev. G. W. Blackburn, pastor, was in charge of these services. (Mrs. Deane Jurgens, Reporter).

**EBENEZER, SASK.** April 9-12 were the dates of our Missionary Conference, held in the Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Sask. Rev. David Affleck, missionary to France, was with us for the opening service, showing the film, "The Regions Beyond." Friday evening, our second missionary speaker, Rev. Walter Sukut of Japan showed slides in conjunction with his message. Miss Gertrude Schatz, missionary to Cameroon, was in charge of an open session during the Sunday school hour. In her message during the worship service, Miss Schatz challenged the church, presented the many needs requiring immediate action. For the closing service, Mr. Sukut portrayed conditions in Japan. An appeal was made for more workers, more prayer warriors, and more people faithful in their giving. A number of young people dedicated themselves to the Lord for full time service. An offering of more than \$500 was received for our missionary projects. (Mrs. Donald Neibrandt, Reporter).

**EMMANUEL, MORRIS.** The Junior Choir under the direction of Miss Connie Rempel at the Emmanuel Church, Morris, Man., consists of 35 members, ranging in age from 7-14 years. Every second Sunday they bring a special number in the Sunday school session. They also provide music for special occasions. On Sunday evening, April 19, the Choir presented a sacred concert, "His Wondrous Love." Danny Schroeder also played a violin solo, "June Days," accompanied at the piano by his sister Wendy. During the offertory, Wendy Schroeder and Cristal Shalin

played a piano and organ duet, "The Love of God." A mission offering amounting to \$60.00 was received. Miss Eleanore Edel is the pianist and Miss Sharon Paschke the organist for the choir. (Mrs. C. Bergstresser, Reporter).

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

**ENCE, ALBERTA.** With the theme, "Living Abundantly for Christ," before us, the 7th annual Alberta Women's Missionary Evangelism Conference was held at the Trochu Baptist Church, April 7-9. The guest speaker was our own Miss Gertrude Schatz of Cameroon. As she spoke, many hearts were touched and burdened anew for our mission outreach. Representing the Indian Mission work of Alberta was Mrs. Mildred Neuman of the Bull Reserve. Timely messages, related to the theme, by Mrs. Marie Muller and Mrs. Henry Schumacher were of a rich blessing. Encouraging and challenging reports, skits, and numerous musical numbers were enjoyed, representing many of the churches present. After the banquet attended by 200 women, the Carbon W.M.S. portrayed the "Four Seasons of Life" in a play. New officers were introduced with Mrs. Phyllis Buyer of Carbon, as president. Mrs. Tilly Hahn of Wiesenthal was re-elected vice-president. (Mrs. Loretta Strauss, Reporter).

**NOKOMIS, SASK.** The Woman's Missionary Society of the Nokomis Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask., presented its 41st anniversary program on Sunday evening, April 19. Two plays, "True Greatness" and "Three Knocks in the Night," were portrayed. Also several musical selections were rendered and readings and the reports of the society were given. There are 19 members in our Society. Mrs. E. Felske is the president. (Mrs. M. R. Nornberg, Reporter).

**BETHEL, ANAHEIM, CALIF.** The Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., was given Sunday evening, April 12. New officers for the coming year were installed by Rev. William Hoover. Mr. Thomas Dyce, Missionary Pilot for Missionary Aviation Fellowship, home on furlough from Brazil, gave the message and showed a color film, "Of Wings and Missions." Refreshments were served after the service. (Mrs. Dorothy Ernst, Reporter).

**ONOWAY, ALBERTA.** The Woman's Missionary Society of the Onoway Baptist Church, Onoway, Alberta, presented its annual program on Sunday evening, April 12. The president, Mrs. Ellen Breitzkreuz, led in the opening song service. Two songs, "Fairest Lord Jesus" and "O, Jesus, I have Promised," were sung by the group. A report of the past year was given, showing how



Almost 200 women from the Alberta churches attended the 7th annual Alberta Women's Missionary Evangelism Conference at Trochu, Alta., thinking on the theme, "Living Abundantly for Christ."

the work has grown in our group with 13 members. The dialog, "Crown of Life," was presented by 8 women, and another group of ladies presented a German play. A duet and two solos completed the program. An offering was received which is to be used in various missionary projects. (Mrs. Lilli Albert, Reporter).

**DETROIT WOMAN'S MISSION UNION.** The Detroit Baptist Woman's Mission Union of Detroit, Mich., held its 50th Anniversary Program on April 10. The Missionary Ladies of Ebenezer Church prepared a delicious dinner and served 306 guests. The contributions and donations amounted to \$500.00. Mrs. Rief read our very first minutes in German dating back to 1914; also special music in German was sung. Elmer Wengel was our song leader. Our president, Pat Crane, gave presentations to past presidents, and charter members were given beautiful corsages. Our guest speaker was Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., who spoke on "These Amazing Women." The Scripture passage, Psalm 146, was read by Mrs. Jack Scott of Ebenezer Baptist, Bethel, Grosse Pointe, Ridgmont and Ebenezer were the



Easter drama, "In Joseph's Garden", presented at the Napier Parkview Church, Benton Harbor, Mich. Front row (left to right): Joseph Prillwitz and Eloise Achterberg; back row: Susan Burr and David Prillwitz.

charter churches in Detroit. At present we have 11 churches. All of our offerings received from our annual meetings are sent to the Women's Mission Union goal, which is \$65,000.00. Dr. Jack Scott gave the benediction, and everyone went away having been blessed of the Lord. (Shirley Wiethoff, Secretary).

## SEASONAL PROGRAMS

**GOODRICH, N. DAK.** The young people of the First Baptist Church, Goodrich, N. Dak., presented the cantata, "Behold His Glory," on Easter Sunday evening. Our pastor, Rev. Jacob Ehman, directed the 21 voice young people's choir. Several instrumental numbers were also given besides readings. A mission offering was held during the morning service which went towards our mission goal, the support of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Zimbelman, missionaries in Cameroon, Africa. (Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Reporter).

**CAPILANO, EDMONTON, ALTA.** We at the Capilano Church, Edmonton, Alta., shared the Easter season with our friends and neighbors of Gold Bar Baptist Church, Bonnie Doon Baptist Church, and Braemar Baptist Church. Beginning with Tuesday, March 24, meetings were held each evening. On Good Friday we observed the Lord's Supper and on Easter Sunday morning a Sunrise service was held to bring these meetings to a close. The young people have put out the first edition of "The Capilano Lighthouse." This is to be a quarterly publication with proceeds to go towards the project of the youth organization. (Mrs. Glen Goltz, Reporter).

**NAPIER PARKVIEW, BENTON HARBOR.** About 450 people witnessed the Easter Sunrise Service of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., that was presented by the combined youth fellowships of the church. The Choric Easter Drama, "In Joseph's Garden" by W. B. Fletcher, was "backed up" by a 45 voice Youth Choir. As a result of this impressive service several decisions were made for the Lord Jesus Christ. Rev. Norman H. Vernon, pastor, pronounced the benediction. (Mrs. Arthur Achterberg, Reporter).



## RECEPTION, ANNIVERSARIES

**NOKOMIS, SASK.** On Sunday, March 28, the congregation of the Nokomis Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask., bade farewell to their beloved pastor, Rev. E. Hohn, his wife and family. Deacon E. Schroeder called on representatives of the various organizations to express appreciation for the services rendered in love and devotion during their ministry here from 1959 to 1964. Friends of the Temple Baptist Church of Jansen, Sask., were also present and took part in the program. Rev. E. Hohn had served this church for several months. Although we as a congregation are sad to have lost our pastor, still we can rejoice with our sister church (Hudson Bay Park) at Saskatoon, Sask., knowing that many blessings and joys are in store for them under the leadership of the Hohns. (Mrs. M. R. Nornberg, Reporter).

**TRINITY, PORTLAND, ORE.** Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Alf of Portland, Ore., who were married in the Ebenezer Church, Sask., by Rev. C. F. Zummach on March 17, 1914, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday afternoon, March 15, at the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, with a reception given by their three children: Mrs. Elvera Baker, Mrs. John (Estelle) Brown, and Verne Alf. Their son played a piano prelude, gave welcoming remarks, and reminisced about his parents. Verne and Estelle sang a duet, "Silver Threads Among the Gold." Mrs. Brown presented two readings. A piano duet was given by the grandchildren, Roberta and Pamela Brown. Their pastor, Dr. John Wobig, brought a brief message and offered prayer. A granddaughter, Jean Brown, was represented by a vocal solo. Another of their five grandchildren, Jim Baker, was in charge of the guest book.

**GRAND FORKS, N. DAK.** Mr. and Mrs. Amos Kromminga of Grand Forks, N. Dak., were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary when their children, friends and relatives gathered at the Grace Baptist Church in Grand Forks on Sunday, March 15. Their son, Myron, introduced the sisters and a brother, Martin Kromminga, who was also best man at the wedding. Shirley Werre sang two favorite songs of the couple. The poem, "50 Years," was read by their daughter, Mrs. Quentin Zespy. Fitting words were spoken by our Rev. Willis Potratz. Mr. Kromminga responded and related how much the church and their friends had meant to them. Mr. and Mrs. Kromminga were united in marriage by Rev. G. Sprock on March 18, 1914. This union was blessed with three children: Mrs. Quentin Zespy (Alice) of Grand Forks; Mrs. Bernard Mietz (Alvera) of San Leandro, Calif.; and Myron Kromminga of White Bear Lake, Minn. They also have 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. (Mrs. Charles Balogh, Reporter).



Mr. and Mrs. Amos Kromminga of Grand Forks, N. Dak., who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday March 15.

**TEMPLE, LODI, CALIF.** On Monday, March 16, Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Kroll quietly celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at their home in Lodi, Calif., with their two adult children, Mrs. Emil Bansmer and her husband, children and grandchildren; and Mr. Curtis Kroll and his wife and children, and the grandchildren of a deceased son, Gordon Kroll. Mr. and Mrs. Kroll were married in Parkston, S. Dak., on March 16, 1899 and were faithful members in the Dry Creek Baptist Church in South Dakota. Thereafter they moved to North Dakota, American Falls, Idaho, Albee, Washington, and then in August of 1919 they came to California. Mr. and Mrs. Kroll were long time members of the First Baptist Church of Lodi and later joined the Temple Baptist Church, where they still attend as much as their health will permit. Mr. Kroll was the first organ-



Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Alf of Portland, Oregon, members of the Trinity Baptist Church, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on March 15.

## Obituary

### MRS. MARTHA JAHN of Arnprior, Ontario

Mrs. Martha Jahn, nee Yuck, of Arnprior, Ont., was born in Lyndock, Ont., on May 11, 1884 and went to be with her Lord on March 22, 1964 after an illness of about one year. As a young girl she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized in Lyndock in 1896. In 1906 she was united in marriage to Arnprior, and when they moved to Arnprior they became members of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior. Mrs. Jahn was an active member of the Woman's Missionary Society until the time of her passing.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, Andrew of Arnprior and Norman of Ottawa, Ontario; one daughter, Eva (Mrs. James Brougham) of Geneva, New York; 6 grandchildren; and in addition many other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted from First Baptist Church with the pastor officiating.

First Baptist Church  
Arnprior, Ontario  
ELDON L. JANZEN, Pastor

### MRS. ELIZABETH A. GRENZ of Salem, Oregon

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Grenz of Salem, Ore., was born in Odessa, Russia, Oct. 4, 1892 and went to her heavenly home Feb. 10, 1964, having reached the age of 71 years, 8 months and 6 days. She was laid to rest February 13, 1964 in Belcrest Memorial Park, Salem. In April 1913, she was united in marriage to Mr. Gottlieb Grenz. They emigrated to the United States in 1914 and settled in North Dakota. During the depression years the family moved to Oregon and lived within the Willamette Valley and city of Salem. Mrs. Grenz's spiritual birth commenced in 1914 when she accepted Christ as Savior. Several years later she followed the Lord in baptism, and became a member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem.

She is survived by her husband, Gottlieb Grenz, Salem; 3 daughters: Alvina Mozer, Kings Valley; Erna Eddy, Willamina; Helen Eivans, Salem; one son, Richard Grenz, Salem; a sister, Lydia Renz, Russia; a brother, Henry Ackerman, Russia; 9 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Her kindness, smile and Christian warmth were cherished by all who knew her.

Bethel Baptist Church  
Salem, Oregon  
ARTHUR BRUST, Pastor

### MRS. MARTHA HEER of Bismarck, North Dakota

Mrs. Martha Heer of Bismarck, N. Dak., was born in Russia on Sept. 19, 1901. As a young girl she came to the United States with her parents. In 1914 the family moved to the Hazelton District in North Dakota. On Dec. 21, 1922 she married William Heer, and they made their home west of Linton, N. Dak., for 29 years. In 1952 they came to make their home in Bismarck. Mrs. Heer accepted Christ in her youth and was baptized by Rev. Luchs. She became a member of the Baptist Church at Hazelton.

For the past year or more Mrs. Heer had been in failing health. During these days she felt God's Spirit speaking to her, and she rededicated her life anew to him. Less than two weeks before her passing, she was received into the membership of the Bismarck Baptist Church. She went to be with her Lord on April 14 at the age of 62 years. She leaves her husband, two sons, three daughters and 17 grandchildren. "For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

Bismarck Baptist Church  
Bismarck, North Dakota  
ALLAN STROHSCHNEIN, Pastor

ist in the Dry Creek Baptist Church in South Dakota. He also directed music in various churches, was Sunday school superintendent and deacon.

### MR. JOHN J. LINDAMAN of Aplington-Parkersburg, Iowa

Mr. John J. Lindaman was born on Jan. 17, 1882 in Butler County, making his home in the Aplington-Parkersburg area all his life. He went to be with the Lord on April 25, 1964, attaining the age of 82 years, 3 months and 8 days. He accepted Christ as his Savior, and was baptized on Feb. 15, 1903. He was received into the membership of the Aplington Church, Iowa of which he was a member until they retired to Parkersburg in 1948. They transferred their membership to the Calvary Baptist Church in Parkersburg in 1951.

He was united in marriage to Tena Huisinga on Dec. 19, 1902. This marriage was blessed with 5 children. He leaves to mourn his passing his deeply bereaved wife; two daughters: Mrs. Florence McCowan of Eldora, and Mrs. Clara Wilson of New Providence; 3 sons: Alvin of Parkersburg; William of Ackley; and Clifford of New Providence, all in the state of Iowa; two brothers: Richard of Wellsburg, and Frank; and one sister, Mrs. Martha Dreyer, both of Aplington, Iowa; also 9 grandchildren. Parkersburg, Iowa

RAYMOND F. DICKAU, Pastor

### MISS IRMGARD LOEFFLER of Vancouver, British Columbia

Miss Irmgard Loeffler of Vancouver, B.C., was born in Pabianice, Poland, April 14, 1926. Her sudden passing from a cerebral hemorrhage on April 16, 1964 came as a shock to relatives and friends alike. She had emigrated to Canada in 1953, taking up residence in Vancouver, and worked as a nurse at the Pearson Hospital. After accepting Christ as her personal Savior, she was baptized by Rev. G. P. Gebauer in 1954, and became a member of the Bethany Baptist Church, where she continued in the fellowship until her death.

Those left to mourn her passing are: her parents, two brothers, one sister, all residing in Germany; a large number of relatives in Germany and the United States; and in addition, a number of relatives and friends in Vancouver. May the grace of our loving God, who provides the assurance of everlasting life, provide the comfort for the bereaved.

Bethany Baptist Church  
Vancouver, British Columbia  
ERNIE ROGALSKI, Pastor

### MR. JOHN FELDICK of Buffalo Center, Iowa

Mrs. John Feldick of Buffalo Center, Iowa was born at Alden, Iowa on March 26, 1890, the daughter of Lubke and Martha Landheer. On Feb. 19, 1913 she was married to Mr. John Feldick of Buffalo Center, where the couple farmed until their retirement in 1955. Tjada Feldick accepted the Lord as her Savior in her youth and in 1921 she and her husband were baptized and joined the Baptist Church of Buffalo Center.

She had been in poor health for several years and on April 7, 1964 she was called home to be with the Lord. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband; a brother, Daniel, of Britt, Iowa; a brother, Lewis, and three sisters: Fannie (Mrs. Dick) Feldick, Louise (Mrs. Ole) Beekman, and Martha (Mrs. Henry) Beekman, all of Buffalo Center; and many other relatives and friends. The memorial service was held at the First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center.

Buffalo Center, Iowa  
G. WESLEY BLACKBURN, Pastor

### DR. JEROLD D. SCHULZ of Vancouver, Washington

Dr. Jerold Dale Schulz was born July 28, 1925 in Parkston, S. Dak. His death, on March 15, 1964, arrested a useful life at the age of 38 years and 7 months. After advanced training in dentistry in the Pacific Northwest, he enjoyed a respected practice in Vancouver and Longview, Washington, as an orthodontist. His faithful attendance and participation as a member of Immanuel Church of Portland represented devotion to Christ. He was highly esteemed. His uncompromising patience in the eight years of affliction with Hodgkins Disease was a witness of overcoming faith.

Mourning their loss are: his wife, Verona, (daughter of Mrs. and the late Rev. R. E. Reschke), who gave devoted care; the three children: Lori, Edward and Lisa (ages 7, 5 and 3); his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Schulz; a brother, Floyd, of McMinnville, Oregon, and many others. God was glorified in the acceptance and living through of this prolonged trial.

Immanuel Baptist Church  
Portland, Oregon  
WILLIAM H. JESCHKE, Pastor

### MRS. ANNA NEUROHR of Cleveland, Ohio

Mrs. Anna Neurohr, nee Seeman, was born on Nov. 25, 1888 in Austria and passed on to her eternal home on April 20, 1964. In 1912 she came to the United States and made her home in Cleveland. On Dec. 22, 1914 she was united in marriage with Lawrence Neurohr. In 1924 she accepted the Lord as her Saviour and upon confession of her faith was baptized by Rev. Theo. Dons and received into the Erin Avenue Baptist Church where for 40 years she was a loyal and devoted worker for her Lord. On March 28, 1963 she became one of the charter members of the newly organized Missionary Baptist Church. All who knew her praised her wonderful prayer spirit and her concern for truth and righteousness.

She leaves to mourn her passing her dear husband, with whom she shared the experiences of life for nearly 50 years; one son Lawrence; 4 grandchildren; two sisters, one in Cleveland and the other one in Europe. One son, James, preceded his mother in death. Rev. Edward Kary, pastor of the Hillcrest Baptist Church, conducted the memorial services.

Missionary Baptist Church  
Cleveland, Ohio  
EDWARD KARY, Officiating Pastor

### MISS CLARA BIRTH of Cleveland, Ohio

Miss Clara Birth of Cleveland, Ohio was born Feb. 4, 1889 in Landberg, Germany and passed on to her eternal rest April 10, 1964 in Cleveland. In 1906 she came to America with her parents and made her home in Cleveland. At the age of 17, she went to work for the Baptist Publication Society and for 25 years worked there as bookkeeper. At the First German Baptist Church of Cleveland, she accepted the Lord Jesus as her Savior and upon the confession of her faith was baptized and received into the fellowship of the church.

She sang in the choir, taught Sunday school, was active in the Woman's Missionary Society and for many years was treasurer of the church. She loved to attend the local conference sessions and especially the General Conference, having learned to know and love our denomination while working at the Publishing House. Her immediate family preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her passing, her cousins, the Zimmermans in Canada and the Tauliens of Cleveland; also a host of friends and co-workers in the Hillcrest Baptist Church where she had been a member in recent years.

Hillcrest Baptist Church  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Edward Kary, Pastor

### MR. FRED H. ADAMS of Buffalo Center, Iowa

Mr. Fred H. Adams of Buffalo Center, Iowa was born in Uttum, Ostfriesland, Germany, Feb. 18, 1881. He came to America with his parents settling in the Ackley-Parkersburg, Iowa area where the family lived for the next ten years. In 1894 the Adams family moved to Buffalo Center where Fred made his home for the rest of his life. He never married, and since 1906 he lived with a sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Wempen.

On March 10, 1907 Fred Adams was baptized by Pastor C. F. Dallmus and became a member of the Buffalo Center Baptist Church, where he was faithful until the past few weeks of hospitalization. He passed away March 29, 1964 at the age of 83 years, one month and 11 days. Left to mourn his passing are one brother, Henry, of Buffalo Center; and 8 sisters: Grace (Mrs. Dick) Wempen; Anna (Mrs. C. C.) Buseman; Mrs. Bernice Janssen; Miss Susan Adams and Miss Minnie Adams, all of Buffalo Center; Mrs. Lena DeBoer, Madison, S. D.; Margaret (Mrs. Chas.) Seedorf, Wentworth, S. D.; and Mrs. Kathryn Nelson, Winnebago, Minn.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Buffalo Center, Iowa  
G. WESLEY BLACKBURN, Pastor

### MR. JOHN L. DAUDRICH of Minitonas, Manitoba

Mr. John Ludwig Daudrich of Minitonas, Man., was born in Daudrichsfeld, Russia, Jan. 12, 1883. As a young man he was baptized upon confession of his faith in Christ and united with the Baptist church at Kleinliebenstal. In 1905 he was united in marriage to Katherine Ferber. Ten children were born to this union. In 1929 the family emigrated to Overstone, Man. One year later his wife passed away. Before settling near Minitonas, Man., he was united in marriage to Berta Ebel. They were also blessed with a peaceful home closely related to the church where they faithfully attended and worshipped. Serving in different offices

of the church, he was a determined Christian.

He passed away in the King Edward Hospital, April 15, at the age of 81 years and 3 months. Mourning his passing are Mrs. Daudrich; 9 children: Helmarich of Winnipeg; Mary (Mrs. Palowniak) of St. Catharines, Ont.; John of Winnipeg; Olga (Mrs. Eisner) of Minitonas; Samuel, Jacob, and Pauline (Mrs. Grandy) of Winnipeg; Bertha (Mrs. Kokot) of Swan River; and Elizabeth (Mrs. Karian) of Ft. William, Ont.; 38 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren.

McDermot Ave. Baptist Church  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
A. W. BIBELHEIMER and  
R. J. KERSTAN, Pastors

### MR. HENRY M. SCHWITTERS of Steamboat Rock, Iowa

Mr. Henry Mammon Schwitters of Steamboat Rock, Iowa was born Oct. 20, 1877 at Morrison, Ill. He passed away of a heart condition following surgery on April 16, 1964. He was united in marriage to Dena Ahlfs on Oct. 14, 1903, and to this union were born three daughters and five sons.

Surviving Mr. Schwitters are his wife and 6 children, 2 sons-in-law, 4 daughters-in-law, 16 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. The surviving children are: Ruth (Mrs. Pete E. Pistocco) of McGillis, Nevada; Paul Schwitters of Iowa Falls, Iowa; Daniel Schwitters of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; David Schwitters of Winnebago, Ill.; Bertha (Mrs. Louis R. Johnson) of Dallas, Texas; and Faye Schwitters of Rockford, Ill.

Mr. Schwitters moved with his family to Steamboat Rock in 1918 and was in the lumber business until his retirement. He was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock. Dr. Louis Johnson, son-in-law of Mr. Schwitters, shared in the Memorial Services on April 20. During the family devotional period on April 13th, Mr. Schwitters chose Psalm 90:12 as his funeral text. At that time he was entirely unaware that just a week later his request would be fulfilled.

Steamboat Rock, Iowa  
ELTON, KIRSTEIN, Pastor

### REV. THEO W. DONS of Sterling, Kansas

Rev. Theodore William Dons of Sterling, Kansas was born in Germany on Dec. 3, 1887 and passed away to be with the Lord on April 8, 1964 at the age of 76 years. He came to America as a boy and at the age of 15 accepted Christ as his Savior, confessing him in baptism, and uniting with the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa. God's call into the ministry came early in life. He received his education for the ministry at the Christian and Missionary Alliance School in Nyack, N. Y.; Philadelphia Bible College and Temple University of Philadelphia; and the Rochester Baptist Seminary.

In 1911 he was married to Anna K. Muehlethaler of Elgin, Iowa who proved to be an ideal minister's wife, wise and able in her home as well as in the church. Three children were born to this union—Frederick, now an officer in the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank, Western Springs, Ill.; Elsie Rose, wife of Rev. Wm. Jeschke of Portland, Oregon; and Joann, wife of Rev. Charles Johnson, St. Louis, Mo. He leaves his wife, 3 children, 12 grandchildren, and 2 brothers and a sister who live in Germany.

He was ordained into the Gospel ministry in 1908 in the Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa which was his first charge. Following this pastorate, he served the following churches: Ellinwood, Kansas 1916-1920; Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio, 1920-1927; Forest Park, Illinois, 1927-1941; and again the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas, 1944-1952. He also served as the denominational evangelist for a number of years.

In 1952 he resigned his pastorate to become executive assistant to the president of Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas. He held this post until 1956 when the extensive travel became too heavy a load. He retired to a ministry of interim supply preaching which he continued to the Sunday preceding his death. God blessed his ministry in many ways and the Lord was his very present help in time of need.

Two memorial services were held. On Friday evening, April 10, friends and loved ones gathered in the Funeral Home in Sterling to hear representatives of Sterling College and the Sterling Ministerial Association pay tribute to his memory. On Saturday, April 11, services were conducted at the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas with Dr. Wm. McCreery president of Sterling College, and the undersigned officiating. Burial was in the Sterling Community Cemetery, Ellinwood, Kansas.

MERLE E. BRENNER, Pastor



## SPECIAL REPORTS

**LORRAINE, KANSAS.** Events of the Easter week end at the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas commenced with a baptismal service held on Good Friday evening. Ten young people, who had previously attended a series of instruction classes taught by the pastor, Rev. Everett A. Barker, followed the Lord in baptism. At the Communion Service that followed, they were received into the membership. The choir and invited guest singers from the Frederick Baptist Church presented John W. Peterson's cantata, "Hallelujah! What A Saviour!", on Easter Sunday evening. Mrs. Paul Schroeder directed the choir and the group was accompanied by Mrs. Edward Staeber on the organ and Mrs. Jerome Janssen on the piano.

**FLEISCHMANN, PHILADELPHIA, PA.** The Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa., had a glorious Easter Day! We were happy to see ten young people enter the waters of baptism. Those who were baptized by our pastor, Rev. E. A. Hoffmann, were: Miss Linda Brennan, Miss Katherine Brennan, Miss Carol Fertig, Miss Christine Fertig, Miss Ardice Hoffmann, Miss Helen Jackson, Mr. Albert Jackson, Mr. Richard Long, Miss Margaret Middleton and Mr. George Weber. We pray that the Lord will richly bless these young people who have followed him in baptism and that they will continue to grow and be of service to their Savior. (Jeannette MacMeekin, Reporter).

**LEOTA, S. DAK.** Representatives from Aberdeen, S. D., Eureka, S. D., Ashley, N. D. and Venturia, N. D. joined with the First Baptist Church of Leola, S. D., for its parsonage dedication. This joyful occasion took place



Ten young people who were baptized in Lorraine, Kansas, recently. Left to right they are: Rev. Everett A. Barker, Greg Wilkens, Douglas Janssen, Betty Westerman, Rosemary Moore, Jerry Wilkens, Brent Hildebrand, Gerald Janssen, Daniel Blank, Mark Dobrinski, and Bonnie Barker.

on April 12 with Dr. J. C. Gunst as dedication speaker. A full and varied program was carried out and also a goodly number of people responded to our Open House. We rejoice for this advance which our church has realized and are prayerful for the continued presence of God through the Holy Spirit to bless our efforts. (E. R. Oster, Pastor).

**BROOK PARK, MINNEAPOLIS.** The fifth anniversary held by the Brook Park Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., was celebrated on Sunday, April 5, at a festive morning worship service and afternoon program that was attended by many friends of the St. Paul and Minneapolis churches. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker for the day. Mr. Ted Hirsch, moderator of the Minnesota Association; Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary; and four neighboring pastors extended congratulations at the afternoon program. The Brook Park Church held its first services in the Legion Hall, later moving to a school building, and now meeting in its own building since Feb. 1962. Plans for the 75 membership church are now under way to refinance the building program and to finish the sanctuary, as reported by Rev. Adam Huber, pastor.

**BETHANY, MILWAUKEE, WIS.** The Easter observance at the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis., began at 6:30 A.M. with a sunrise service, sponsored by our young people. Mr. William Erbach, superintendent, conducted the Sunday school service with each department having a part. Mrs. Myron Dudek led the Beginners in their songs, and Mrs. John Lind the Primary Department. The Intermediates, under the supervision of Mrs. Erich Schroeder and Miss Betty Giesecke, presented the Easter story in flannelgraph, verse and song. At the morning worship service the choir, under the leadership of Mr. Kenneth Miller, with Mrs. Fred Abitz at the organ, sang two anthems, "Gallelean Easter Carol" by Shure and "In the End of the Sabbath" by Oley Speaks. The Easter offering included gifts for the partial support of our missionary, Rev. George Henderson, and the thirty pieces of silver which members had saved during the Lenten season. The sermon by our pastor, Rev. Wilmer Quiring, based on John 20:15 was most inspiring for our church. —(Laura Weihe, Reporter).

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ination. With Church Extension Builders funds being made available, it will enable us to meet the urgent need. We know that God has spoken to your hearts and that your response is not only a demonstration of your concern for unreached multitudes but an expression of your love for God. May God make you aware of the great need in churchless communities, the great opportunity of rapidly developing suburbs, and the great joy of knowing that God uses us, though our contribution may seem small!

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sending yourself on the altar. This is your response to the challenge God gives you. This is your opportunity to respond in the service.

Your response in the service is the most important of all. The offering is your opportunity for a tangible response; your privilege to prove your devotion and to express your appreciation for what God has given to you.



Rev. E. A. Hoffmann, pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., and ten young people whom he recently baptized. The plaque honoring Hannah L. Seils, church missionary, is in the background. (Photo by Ray Noll).