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A Prayer for Growing Old Gracefully

This prayer was submitted by Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pennsylvania. This spry, retired minister, age 89 years, was present at the 34th General Conference sessions in Sacramento, Calif., July 13 to 19, 1964.

DEAR LORD, I realize that I am growing old. Help me to keep from getting too talkative—from getting boresome—and from getting positive and vehement about many subjects about which I know little. May I keep remembering that, simply because I know one subject well, this does not mean that I am equally an expert on other subjects.

Help me to watch the faces of those about me so that I will know when I have said enough. Help me to keep from developing the monologue habit. Teach me to listen as well as to speak. Help me to get quickly to the point of my story and then to quit. Help me to avoid giving a biography of all the persons whom I mention. Help me to avoid giving minute details about everything.

Help me to realize that if I am to have young friends, or even old friends, I must not drive them away by long recitals of my discomforts and hardships and the injustices that have been done to me. May I never speak of the ingratitude of my children; may I never describe my backache—except to my physician.

Help me to see that if I am to keep my old friends and find new ones, I must be friendly, and I must make it worthwhile for people to come and see me and chat with me. As we visit, I must give them some pleasure and some mental stimulus, or they will not return. Help me to have a real interest in my guests, sympathy for them, and concern over their problems. Teach me to listen patiently to their tales of woe. Help me to keep up some correspondence with my relatives and friends.

Help me from getting the idea that I can—and must—direct the lives of those about me. Help me to mind my own affairs and not to tell other people what to do. Help me to keep from being bossy.

Above all things, O Lord, help me to remain kindly; keep me from going into tirades about the President or some of his actions that I dislike. Help me to avoid exploding in wrath over annoyances.

Help me to keep from becoming miserly and parsimonious in matters of money. Help me, dear Lord, to keep what redeeming sense of humor and self-criticism I may once have had. Help me to make allowances for the weaknesses and irritabilities of some persons I may meet; goodness knows, they will have to make allowances for the irritabilities they will find in me. Amen.

FRONT COVER PICTURE

The front cover picture is a symbol of Lodi, California, the Home of the Flame Tokay Grape. The city of Lodi takes pardonable pride in its many assets which contribute toward a better way of living. Since two of our influential NAB churches are prominently located in Lodi, many of our General Conference visitors and delegates also visited the community of Lodi in July.

Climate, location, and soil enable Lodi to produce 97% of the world's Tokay grapes. The eight foot vines

thrive in the rich Hanford loam, the result of centuries of alluvial deposition from the Sierra-Nevada Mountains. Located at the end of the only river pass in the California Coastal Mountains, Lodi receives an uninterrupted sweep of the Pacific Ocean winds. This creates the chilling nights which contrast to the almost tropical heat of the day. These natural assets, combined with modern growing methods produce a superb flame colored grape with an unrivaled flavor and a wide variety of uses.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

DEPARTURES OF MISSIONARIES. The following NAB missionaries left immediately after the General Conference sessions for their respective fields: Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson departed from San Francisco, Calif., by plane to Holland on July 20 and then sailed from Holland to Douala, Africa, on July 23, arriving in Douala by Aug. 18. Dr. and Mrs. Peter E. Fehr and family left San Francisco, Calif., by plane via Paris to Douala, Africa, on July 20 arriving there on July 23. Rev. and Mrs. Fred C. Folkerts and family had the same flight passage as the Fehr family. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut and family left San Francisco, Calif., by boat to Japan on the S. S. Argentina Maru on July 29.

ARRIVAL OF MISSIONARIES. Miss Barbara Kieper of Cameroon, Africa, arrived in Chicago by Air France on May 7. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand arrived in Chicago on May 14 by Air France following his year of service as building contractor. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rentz arrived by air in Toronto, Ontario, on May 9 and on their way home stopped in Chicago for their physical examinations. Rev. Gilbert Gordon of the Cameroons Protestant College in Cameroon arrived in Chicago from West Cameroon on June 23 by air. Mrs. Hisashi Murakami arrived in San Francisco from Japan in time for the General Conf. sessions.

SO SEND I YOU. This missionary drama of ten scenes was presented as the climax of the 34th General Conference in Sacramento, Calif., on Sunday afternoon, July 19. It depicts our missionary fields in an historical setting and in a very personal manner. It was concluded with a commissioning prayer for a number of newly appointed missionaries and with a prayer of dedication for new missionary volunteers. The script will be available to our churches for their use in youth, missionary and evening church services.

OSAKA BIBLICAL SEMINARY. A decision has just been made to move the Osaka Bible Seminary from its present location to the Friesen residence in Osaka. Plans are being made for a new building for the Seminary in which we shall also have a part. Read the article about the graduation exercises at the Osaka Biblical Seminary which appears in this issue and pray for God's blessing on these future plans.

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VOLUNTEER MISSIONARIES WITHOUT SALARY

Story of Rosemarie Hackmann and Ingrid C. Bergatt

Editorial

Bridges to People

In recent years many of our North American Baptist churches have found their former isolationism fading into thin air. The fences around them, created by language barriers, protected homes, a rural environment and family traditions, have largely been broken down. These churches have been thrust into the arena of the larger community in which the problems and temptations of the surrounding world can influence them for good or ill. We shall have to learn how to live with this surrounding community that impinges upon us and how we can meet the onslaughts of today's world victoriously. This must be our Christian witness as North American Baptist churches in this new age.

This means that many bridges to people will have to be built in the days ahead. Our churches must make their influence for Christ and the Gospel felt in the schools, civic life, political discussions and community betterment of their surrounding area. Years ago some of our churches were known tragically to be opposed to such progress. Today more of our pastors are taking an active part in moulding Christian standards for the educational and civic organizations of their community. Many of our people are contributing to the cultural and spiritual programs of their towns. The entire community must be seen as "our parish" to which God has commissioned us to go.

A new movement is gaining ground in many places, calling for Bible studies by community groups. Baptists will always profit from such rewarding studies of God's Word. These are some of the bridges now being built by our churches to their communities, whereby our churches with their Christian witness have become involved in a total picture of the community for the sake of and to the glory of Christ!

There are also important bridges to people—other people—people who heretofore have been strangers to us. All America has become a melting pot, and we are being thrown together in a confusing mass of relationships. What stand will our North American Baptist churches take on civil rights, the race question, on school integration? Whether we like it or not, we shall have to agree that this is a moral issue in the final analysis and that Christian people will have to take their unequivocal stand.

A reader's letter to ETERNITY magazine was published in full recently in which he stated: "For many evangelicals, all the bridges to people are burned behind them. Such are those who live in a Christian ghetto . . . or find themselves on islands of isolation where the warm winds of indifference and apathy lull them to sleep." This evangelical magazine was convinced that Christian people today as never before must build bridges of understanding, communication and fellowship with other peoples in the Spirit of Christ.

In recent months we have seen some bridges to a better understanding of other Christian groups that have been built. Several of our NAB Conferences and Associations have had ecumenical discussions and panel forums on these issues. At least, this is talked about in some conference sessions and youth discussion groups. This would have been an impossible situation years ago.

The Christian life becomes more meaningful as we build these bridges to other people to witness to them of the blessings of Christ. Our small world of today and the interdependent communities in which we live require us to be such faithful bridge builders for Christ!

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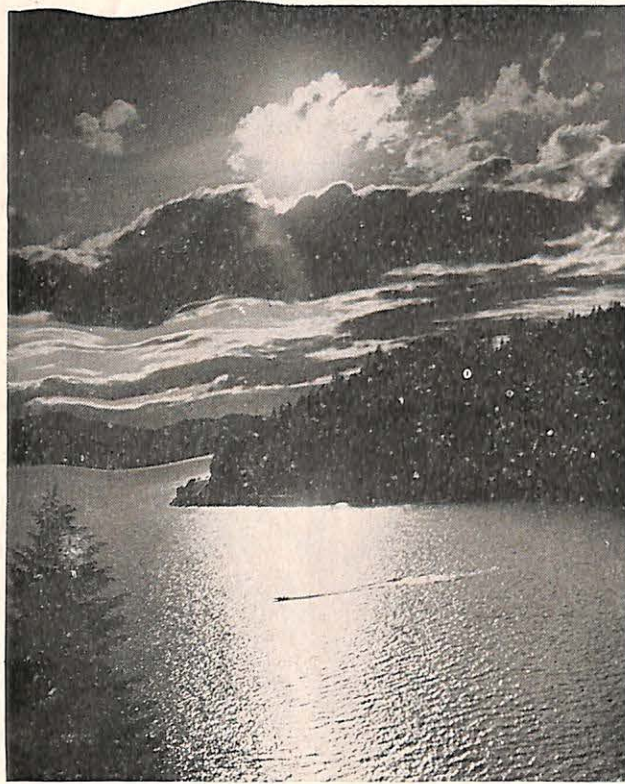
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How often have we made a commitment or covenant with God and have done nothing! What thoughts pass through our minds as we reflect on these failures in the light of Eternity! (Luoma Photo).

What Do We Do When We Fail?

What can we do in the midst of our difficulties and failures? Here is your answer in the light of God's Word.

By Rev. William W. Sibley of Wetaskiwin, Alberta

WHO HAS not failed? I'm sure that all of us know what it is to fail in some area of life. There are times when we know that we have failed God and have suffered much grief because of it. We have often failed in word or in deed.

How many times have we spoken when we should have kept still, or spoken in a wrong way and thus created a wrong impression. Afterwards we have wished that the words could be recalled. How many times have we done a deed that later we have wished had never happened! How often we have been found with the wrong crowd and, before we knew it, an action or event had taken place that brought a shadow upon our testimony! How many times have we made a commitment or Covenant with God to be something or do something, but a short time passed and we realized that we had failed.

What do we do about it? Is there anything that can be done? Is there any way out or back to the place of happiness? What can we do in the midst of our difficulties and failures?

I believe that there are three things that we can do, but only one will bring us to happiness and success. We can break out; we can break down, or we can break through.

FOOLISHNESS OF BREAKING OUT

How many there are who have tried to solve their failures by breaking out! King Saul in the Old Testament is an example of this. He had begun with wonderful possibilities before him. He

possessed all the physical qualifications and had the close friendship of Samuel, the servant of God. He had been anointed king of Israel and kept company with a group of men "whose hearts God had touched."

But Saul failed! He failed in his faith and obedience to God and was rejected as king. I believe that his conscience began to bother him and, as he brooded over his failure, his judgment became impaired. His reaction was to break out—to lash out at his friends and to do foolish things. And then he died "as though he had not been anointed with oil."

But breaking out never solved his problems. And breaking out will not solve yours. It will only impair your judgment, bring dissension into your life, cause trouble in your home and church, break hearts (including your own), and lead you to total uselessness in God's work and an inglorious end. Lash out if you will, but remember that it won't help. Breaking out will only make matters worse.

TRAGEDY OF BREAKING DOWN

There are also many people who have been unable to face the fact of some failure and therefore have broken down. We have an example of this in the character of Judas Iscariot. We read of him, "Judas, one of the twelve." I believe that's what God wanted him to be. But "he hanged himself," that's what Satan got him to be. He had held a trusted position among the disciples but the love of money so warped his character that he was

willing to betray Jesus for a price. When he realized that he had failed, he was unable to cope with it. He felt as though he didn't have a friend. He found no sympathy from the priests. There was nothing left, it seemed, but a noose and Judas "hanged himself."

Some have sold Jesus for a lot less than Judas did. Some have betrayed him by a wrong word, a careless act, or a thoughtless disobedience. When the Holy Spirit brought home to their conscience the fact of sin, they have gone to pieces mentally and emotionally and have made shipwreck of themselves. We see them on every hand today. Some men and women, who once possessed great opportunities in the church of Jesus Christ, have never learned how to handle their failures and have dropped by the wayside. Spiritual suicides! They have gone back to the world, to the old crowd, to the old haunts and habits. Some may mourn for a Saul, but no one mourned for Judas! No, dear reader, breaking down is not the answer.

VICTORY IN BREAKING THROUGH

Thank God we can break through! I see Simon Peter boldly asserting, "Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee." But he did. Standing by the fire, warming his hands, he had said, "Woman, I know him not." I thank God this is not the final picture of Peter's life. When he realized that he had failed the Lord, he went out and wept bitterly. Judas "repented himself" we are told, but

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Another Graduation at Osaka Biblical Seminary

Our NAB Mission is engaged in a cooperative program at this Seminary contributing funds to the building project and teachers for the staff

By Miss Florence Miller of Osaka, Japan



Students of the Osaka Biblical Seminary, Osaka, Japan enjoy their meals in the school's Dining Hall.

MARCH 22 WAS a red letter day in the 1964 calendar of the Osaka Biblical Seminary, Osaka, Japan, because it was graduation day for four of the students. This was the fourth such joyous occasion in the short history of the school. It had begun seven years ago as the Mennonite Brethren Bible School, but it became a cooperative school among three missions three years ago under the name, "Osaka Biblical Seminary."

The school began as a three year Bible School but, with the cooperative program and additional teachers, it was expanded to four years with the hope that it would gradually develop into a real seminary program with a preparatory course. We cannot yet claim to have attained, but we press forward with this goal in view.

MISS YOSHIKO YOKOTA

This particular graduation was of special interest for us North American Baptists because one of our own students, Miss Yoshiko Yokota, was graduating. She was the first of our students to graduate from this school. She completed the three year Christian Education Course for girls. The other three graduates were young men from the Mennonite Brethren churches.

Mr. Kitano, our Dean of Students, presided at the graduation exercises. The student body chorus rendered special music under the direction of Mr. Maekawa, our music instructor, accompanied by Miss Lucille Wipf at the organ. Our speaker was Mr. Yajima who had recently returned from the States, having received his Master's degree in theology at Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas. He spoke on the subject, "Doing God's Work in God's Way," using the story of how the Israelites made the mistake of putting the ark of God on a cart in order to bring it to Jerusalem instead

of carrying it on the shoulders of men as commanded. The result was that Uzzah touched the ark to steady it and was slain for his error. He cautioned the students about various trends in evangelism which tend to compromise with the world and non-Christian religions in order to add numbers to the church. It was a timely and significant challenge to these young people before assuming the responsibility of preaching the Gospel. Mr. Harry Friesen, principal of the school, presented the diplomas to the students.

In addition to the many members of the Mennonite Brethren Church, who have provided the temporary school building, many other interested persons from related churches were also present for the graduation, including some from our church in Kyoto. Also present were the eight new students who will soon enroll as first year students. Among these new students is a young woman who has been attending our church in Kyoto, although her membership is in another church. She has and will continue, during her student days, to serve in the Kyoto church. We almost feel as if she is one of us.

These four 1964 graduates have brought the total of all students to have graduated from the school since its founding to 14, nine men and five women. Of the nine men, six are pastors, two are engaged in radio evangelism, and one is continuing to study. Of the five women, one is a pastor's wife, one is engaged to be married to a pastor although employed in secular work at present, one is working in the radio office, one is a dormitory mother for our women students at O. B. S. and one is assisting a missionary in church work.

After graduation, Miss Yokota moved to Matsusaka where she is now working with Miss Lucille Wipf in the little church there. She is largely re-

sponsible for the children's work but assists in many other ways as well. She also goes to Tsu every week to teach a S. S. Teacher Training Class and to assist in the Sunday school there since Mrs. Murakami has left Tsu to join her husband in the States. Miss Yokota has also been chosen to work with Miss Wipf on the publication of a little paper called, "Ayumi" to help our churches keep in touch with one another.

The school building program is being delayed for a time due to some new developments in the school area, namely, the addition of jet airplanes to the Osaka International Airport which is very near us and also the building of a big new highway which will run quite close to the property purchased for the new campus. The School Board felt that we should wait to see how these developments would affect the location of the school before beginning to build.

OUR SHARE IN THE SCHOOL

Consequently we shall be moving out of the Mennonite Brethren church this summer and will be moving into the residence being vacated by the Friesen family during their furlough which began June 16. Although this house will not be ideal, it will allow us to have our own quarters with freedom to use the rooms as we wish and will also provide more office space and rooms for teachers.

Our mission, upon entering the permanent cooperative program, agreed to bear one third of the expenses of the school. With a building program before us, this is indeed a heavy responsibility but we are confident that the Lord will supply these needs through his people. In addition to the financial contribution of our mission, we have two missionaries on the Board of Trustees, Mr. Moore and Mr. May-

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What About the Bible-reading Amendment?

Comments on the discussion pertaining to the Becker Amendment and the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision appearing in editorials in ETERNITY and the BAPTIST STANDARD magazines.

IT'S PRETTY hard to view the recent Supreme Court decisions on Bible reading in the schools unemotionally—especially if you're a Christian.

With rising crime rates, increased immorality among teen-agers, and rampant delinquency even in the pre-teens, this hardly seems the time to downgrade a religious influence in our public schools.

With Hollywood and Broadway pandering sexual frivolity and with paperbacks pushing sexual aberrations, this hardly seems the time to relinquish any influence for morality.

FUTURE IMPLICATIONS

With secularistic materialism backed by big business and atheism and humanism honored above religion, this hardly seems the time to drop God from public view.

In the light of these facts, is not the practice of reading the Bible in schools and reciting the Lord's prayer in schools something to be fought for? Are we to sit on our hands and say nothing?

But wait! Before you write a letter to your congressman, think about all the issues involved. This is not something to be decided in a fit of emotion; it is something to be weighed carefully, thought through calmly, considered with the implications of the future in mind.

Nor is this something to be railroaded through a congregation. Not everyone will come to the same conclusion, because there are good Christians on both sides of the fence. To sign a petition just because everyone else in your congregation signed it is a serious injustice. Don't be forced to back something unless you have thought about it thoroughly.

FACTS TO CONSIDER

In the "Baptist Standard" of the Baptist General Conference, Dr. Lloyd W. Dahlquist presented these important facts for you to consider with timely conclusions added for every Baptist to evaluate for himself.

1. The Supreme Court of the United States has never refused to "permit" public school prayer or Bible reading. In the test cases, New York Regents prayer (1962) and Schempp-Murray (1963), it refused to allow school boards or legislatures to regulate Bible reading and praying.

2. The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs did not take a stand against Bible reading and prayer in the public schools. It did state its opposition to any constitutional amendment that would alter the First Amendment. The First Amendment reads, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. . . ." The Committee wants

this bulwark amendment retained.

3. The National Association of Evangelicals at their recent annual convention in Chicago, refused to take any stand on the Becker Amendment, not even naming it in their resolutions.

4. The Baptist General Conference passed the following resolution at Vancouver last June: "Be it resolved that we encourage and put forth every effort to publicly honor God and specifically uphold the right of our schools to use the Bible and to accept the traditional use of prayer." This is the Conference position as of now and this supports the First Amendment.

5. The Becker Amendment, offered by a Roman Catholic, is but one of 143 proposed constitutional amendments that may alter the meaning of the First Amendment. Perhaps some of these proposals were politically inspired and motivated.

6. Neither the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, the National Association of Evangelicals, or a Baptist conference can regulate or legislate the opinions, decisions or actions of a local Baptist church. These and other groups can make corporate decisions, but with no binding power upon the local church or believer. Furthermore, no single individual representing these or other groups, ought to bear the power of command.

7. Even if Congress should pass a bill to adopt the proposed amendment, it could not become law until ratified by at least thirty-six states. Some states have for many years prohibited Bible reading in public schools.

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED

1. What have we done in our local churches and as individual Christians to restore Bible reading in the schools of our district, if this is what is desired? Do we know what our state government or our local school boards permit, allow or demand on this issue?

2. Do we want the First Amendment altered in any possible way to permit legislation of religious exercise, with the future possibility of establishing a state religion—Protestant, Roman Catholic or what?

3. Are we being intellectually honest when we base our decisions on misunderstanding and lack of information, both as to the actual content of the Becker Amendment and the possible implications thereof?

4. Are we being emotionally honest when in a flurry of excitement we stand in public places to secure names on petitions demanding Bible reading in public schools, when those who sign such papers do it without knowledge of the facts?

A Baptist Declaration of Faith

The following statement is THE BAPTIST MESSAGE reported by the Message Committee and supported by a standing affirmation at the Baptist Third Jubilee Celebration, Atlantic City, New Jersey on Sunday morning, May 24, 1964.

The gospel of Jesus Christ speaks to every age, including this one. Baptists believe that it is their responsibility to translate it into meaningful terms for the Twentieth Century.

BAPTISTS HAVE BEEN AND CONTINUE TO BE A PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE. Upon its authority, and fortified by experience, we declare that God is the Creator of all things, and that he guides the events of history toward the achievement of his benevolent purpose for all men. In his nature God is holy and righteous love. He hates sin but loves the sinner. He has unveiled his redeeming purpose and put it into operation through the atoning work of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. He summons us to obedience that we should be co-workers for him.

We confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Therefore men must stand before him for judgment, both in this life and the life to come. As Baptists we confess our sins and pray for forgiveness for our failures to live according to God's will for his children.

EVERY MAN IS COMPETENT TO STAND BEFORE GOD in his own right without means of any human mediator. Human personality is sacred and of infinite worth. God created man in his own image, and Christ died for all men. Every man therefore possesses human dignity. Every man is worthy of respect and Christian love. Every man has the inherent right of equal opportunity in all phases of the social order whether they be educational, governmental, or economic. Every system of life which tramples upon that dignity and degrades human personality must be challenged as sinful. We as Baptists rededicate ourselves to a ministry of reconciliation to help to produce the Christian fellowship for which Christ died.

MAN IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE BEFORE GOD. By nature and practice he is a sinner. But he can repent, pray, confess his sins, and receive God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

SALVATION IS WHOLLY BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH APART FROM ANY WORK OF MAN. It is the gift of God wrought in the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It

Our churches, guided by pastors and other responsible people, ought to inform their members as to the facts and implications of the Becker Amendment. Then, with knowledge and led by the Holy Spirit, make judgment for or against.

Our Conference organization has no jurisdiction over any church, but at the General Conference sessions, it may want to make a corporate statement. This would then be our "official" position, not what has been decided by any individual or committee.

There is no question in our mind or heart as to our desire to have all people read the Bible, for it is the abiding Word of God. However, we

must exercise care on how we get people, children or adults, to read the Bible. If our Bible is forced upon any body by government regulation, then we may be forced by legislation to have the writings of other religions in our schools. We need to have both the

becomes a personal reality only to those who through repentance and faith in Christ are made new by the Holy Spirit. In the redeemed life man acknowledges Jesus Christ as Lord and he serves Christ for man's good and God's glory.

MAN HAS THE RIGHT TO BE FREE. Religious or soul liberty is the fountain-head of all freedoms. As Christian citizens we are dedicated to the achievement of freedom for all men.

We declare that both Church and State have their respective places in the purpose of God. They bear mutual responsibilities, but neither is to invade the rights and purposes of the other. Wherever conflicts arise we must obey God rather than man.

BAPTISTS DECLARE A SPIRITUAL GOSPEL THAT IS RELEVANT TO MODERN MAN IN EVERY ASPECT OF HIS LIFE. We view social sin as the sum-total of individual sins. The problem of race is but one of many moral and social problems which beset our generation and call for a solution in keeping with the Gospel of Christ. Following the mission, the message, and the method of Jesus Christ we preach a gospel which changes men. Through changed men we strive to change society. It is our purpose to thrust redeemed men into society. Thereby we seek to guide human affairs toward the will of God.

CHRISTIAN MEN AND WOMEN SHOULD BE THE CONSCIENCE OF THE SOCIAL ORDER. We deplore any attitude or act that degrades human personality and denies to any man the right to the blessings of God. We call upon every Christian, in the spirit of Christ and through methods which are consonant with the gospel of love to involve himself in the struggle against the social evils of our day.

WE BAPTISTS DECLARE OUR LOVE FOR ALL MEN. Because of our understanding of God's truth, we maintain our own identity. But we extend the hand of brotherly cooperation to all who love the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the unity of the Spirit and in the bonds of peace, we join all Christians of this age in proclaiming the eternal Christ to a world still lost, a world for which he died.

immediate and ultimate perspective.

We are living in days of prophetic fulfillment, so clearly seen in the paganism and secularizing of our society. It is against this total trend that we must bend every effort in personal life, home life and church. The deep-seated tragedy is that the Bible and prayer have so little meaning to the average Christian and church member.

The remedy is not legislation, but the government of the Holy Spirit in our lives, homes and churches. We need revival fire to burn at the home base, then it will spread to others, affecting every area of life, school work, business and play.

O God, so let it be! Amen!



MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM, SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

In this air-conditioned auditorium, seating more than 4000 people (Standing Room Only in the above picture), North American Baptists will hold their 34th General Conference from July 13 to 19, 1964.

Come and Visit the Indian Church!

Groups of North American Baptists visit their Indian brethren at the Benke Memorial Baptist Church near Hobbema, Alberta.

By Rev. R. Neuman, Missionary to the Indians

THERE HAS been a chain of group visits to the Benke Memorial Indian Baptist Church near Hobbema, Alberta recently. The Zion Baptist Church of Edmonton spent a whole day on the Bull Reserve with its pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Norbert Laudon. The day began at 10:00 a.m. and ended about 8:00 p.m. The entire group, Indians and Whites, engaged in sports activities until noon.

FESTIVITIES FOR ALL

The weather was ideal, making it possible for all to squat on the ground and to share the noon lunch that had been brought by Indians and the Whites. At 4:00 p.m. the brass band of the Zion Church began playing, calling the group together for a brief program that the church presented. Words of welcome and greetings were exchanged by the Chief and visitors.

The Brentview Baptist Church Senior Young People of Calgary, Alberta and their pastor, Rev. Rubin Hermann, visited the Bull Reserve and presented the play, "The Shadow of Death." The play left an indelible impression upon the privileged few. The characters were of the highest caliber, and the performance was excellent. Days after the visit by this fine group, the Indian people kept talking about it. The Indian Church served coffee and doughnuts after the program.

The Capilano Baptist Woman's Missionary Society and their men, pastor of the church and family were guests of the Benke Memorial Indian Baptist

Church on a Saturday afternoon. It was a thrilling experience for all of us. It was the women's intention to visit the Mission Field, acquaint themselves with the work, missionaries and Indian people. Rev. R. Neuman welcomed the group and opened with the hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Then the meeting was turned over to the president, Mrs. Benke. Pastor Walter Goltz of the Capilano Church brought a brief message through an interpreter, Mrs. Jack Bull. He spoke on the passage, Luke 12:16-21, and used as his text verse 20. After the message, Chief James Bull thanked the pastor and party and expressed real delight over the honored visit, inviting them back again.

The ladies of the Capilano church then invited us all to share the delicious lunch outside in front of the church with them. Hot dogs, cake and coffee were gratefully enjoyed. After the fellowship, the Indian men challenged "the Pale Faces" to a ball game. The score favored the Red Skins 15 to 11! It was a grand fellowship!

Believe me, there should be no place for discrimination or segregation in the hearts of North American Baptists. Rejoice with us, readers. Our Indian Baptists are proud of you, and they believe they belong to a genuine group of Christ's disciples.

INDIAN BANNOCK

A small group from the Wiesental Baptist Church of Millet, Alberta, not far from the Indian Mission field, were

guests of the Neumans recently. The pastor, Rev. Ernest Hahn, and a leading church officer, Mr. Schmidt, brought two classes of boys and girls to the Reserve for a session in Indian Missions. These boys and girls meet in their home church every Saturday afternoon for a missionary study. This Saturday on the Reserve was a real practical experience for them, and it was a real joy to share things of interest with them.

Mr. Neuman dressed in his Indian Chieftain's headgear and buckskin jacket, and greeted them as they arrived. A brief greeting was extended to all in the church; then the group was divided in two sections, one staying in the church and the other going to the school room next to the chapel. Mr. Neuman spoke to each group on the work and the people, and challenged them to dedicated living, so that when God called them, they would be ready to take up the work, prepare, and go wherever God wants them.

It was a thrilling time for all of us. After the hour together in session, Mrs. Neuman called them into the kitchen for bannock (Indian bread) with butter and jam and cool aid. The bannock was especially made for our visitors when we knew they would be our guests. They promised to come back again!

OSAKA BIBLICAL SEMINARY

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We also have two full time teachers, Miss Florence Miller and Rev. Fred Moore. Miss Lucille Wipf comes in for one full day of teaching organ. With our small missionary personnel, it is somewhat difficult to keep up our responsibility in this area. We trust that in the not too distant future we may have new missionaries joining us to help us keep a balance between our evangelistic work and our educational work.

At present, we have only one student in the Seminary, Mr. Hanazono, who will graduate next year. We are praying that God will call other young people into his service and that they may be led to enter the Seminary. Several young men have expressed an interest and we trust that in God's own time they may offer themselves for this high calling. Your prayers for them are requested that nothing may stand in the way. Please pray also for all who are working in the school that we may fulfill our responsibilities to the Lord and to the students who seek training for Christ's service.

A Personal Testimony by the Schneiders

A former missionary in Cameroon, Africa with almost 20 years of service behind him is now giving leadership and providing a Christian emphasis in the Department of African Studies at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

By Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider of Athens, Ohio

ON JUNE 1, 1961 we left Cameroon, Africa as a family for our third furlough. This furlough year was spent studying at the Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hartford, Conn., in the Department of Missions, as we had done also during the 1956 furlough. It was necessary to take a year's leave of absence from the Mission to complete the program of graduate studies, since it could not be finished in one year. We planned and packed and anticipated our return to Cameroon in January 1964.

CONTINUED CHRISTIAN WITNESS

Some time ago you have read the announcement of our resignation from foreign missionary service to accept a position in the Center for International Programs at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. We realize that few people can be aware of the scope of this challenge. After months literally of struggling spiritually and emotionally with this offer, the Lord gave us peace in the decision that this position could add a new, and needed, dimension to assist our Christian witness in Cameroon. Having a "Main Station" at a university which is directly affiliated with education and development in West Cameroon and Nigeria could open doors to help both nationals and missionaries.

It has always been foremost in our minds to use this program of graduate studies to assist our Cameroon people. This intent and purpose remains unchanged. Our burden for the people, whom we have learned to know and love, and for lost souls, has not been lifted. This new dimension is an effort to adjust methods, and meet needs, in a rapidly changing new nation, trying to overcome the near-insurmountable difficulties of independence.

We continue on as missionaries here, dedicated to helping our people of West Africa receive training as qualified leaders for church and school, as well as utilize an opportunity to provide a Christian emphasis in the University Department of African Studies. This means an emotionally painful uprooting of many ties in Africa, as well as with our Foreign Missionary Society—which has been very difficult for us all.

Humble and sincere thanks to every individual and every organization who have so faithfully helped us—so many times, and in so many ways! Your prayers, gifts, words of encouragement, advice, and criticisms have helped us grow...and go...over high



Rev. Gilbert Schneider and Solomon Ndikvu from Belo, Africa who is now attending adult school classes in Hartford, Connecticut.

places, around dangerous pitfalls, and through deep waters.

OUR APPRECIATION

As a personal testimony to this truth we would like to say, in words underlined with love and appreciation, to all North American Baptists, and especially to Dr. R. Schilke and the Board of Missions members who have shown us every consideration and care: "Thank you! We acknowledge our sincere gratitude to you." We hope to remain within the fellowship of North American Baptists and shall be happy to accept specific engagements at any time during the future which can fit into our new assignment, should such an occasion arise.

"With God is wisdom and strength; he hath counsel and understanding." These words seem to speak of our walk with the Lord through these wonderful years in Africa. Thinking back, in September 1964, it will be 20 years since we wrote our first personal letter of inquiry applying for foreign missionary service to Cameroon, West Africa. We were accepted by the General Missionary Society when the Committee met in April of the following year.

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Our first term among the Mambila at Warwar, Africa will always be our first love as well. Evan was born there in 1949. It was during these years among a primitive people, four days walk from a motor road, that, although many months often went by without seeing another white face, the dear Lord was nearest and dearest of all time. We often recalled, "There hath not failed one word of all his good promise."

When we were returning to West Africa after our furlough in February 1952, our little Mary Alice died of pneumonia and was buried at sea. All through this experience, the Lord supplied peace and courage to continue on—through the power of your prayers in great measure.

RICH, SPIRITUAL REWARDS

The next two terms of service we spent at Bamenda New Hope Settlement facing the tremendous challenge of beginning the first leprosy control program in the area. The spiritual, medical and structural foundations laid in 1952 have been built upon by many servants of God—black and white—until today well over 2,000 lepers are receiving treatment and over 1,000 have been discharged symptom free.

Many Christians in many places have faithfully prayed and given to realize these great victories in Christ. We who had a part in developing this program sought to make Christ head of every department and to consult him in every problem. He blessed more than anyone could ask or think, and many precious souls have come to know their Lord. He is a wonderful Savior who freely gives the abundant life—even to a deformed, discouraged, destitute and disowned leper!

During these years of rich spiritual reward and strenuous physical effort, the Lord gave us Linda in 1953. We were so thankful for such great mercy, as he once again filled our hearts and arms, replacing the loss.

Since we will be working with students from Cameroon, West Africa, students going to West Africa, and Peace Corps Volunteers going to our own area and schools, pray that every opportunity given us to serve may be faithfully used.

It would be well for all of us to consider carefully how best we can help our Mission meet the responsibility and obligation it has in this new nation, which is so desperately in need of trained and qualified leaders in church, school, medicine, state and industry.



BENKE MEMORIAL INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Photo of the Indian Baptist Church on the Bull Reserve in Alberta soon after the spring rains had formed a lake near the woods.

Prairie Youth Conference at Banff

Five hundred NAB young people will spend the Labor Day week-end at Banff, Alberta at the Prairie Youth Conference.

By Miss Ruth Hiller, Secretary of the Jubilaires

"Prairie Youth Conference at Banff this fall, Everyone is going; why should you stall?"

THIS WAS the theme song of the two musical promotional teams that travelled throughout the north-west area churches of our denomination to create enthusiasm for the second Prairie Youth Conference to be held at Banff, Alberta Sept. 4 to 7, 1964. This conference will be held at the School of Fine Arts in beautiful Banff in the heart of the Canadian Rockies over the Labor Day week-end. The school is situated among mountains overlooking the town of Banff. Registrations are "pouring in" daily. However, only accommodations for 500 are available.

The Conference will begin with a fellowship time on Friday evening, Sept. 4, as busloads of young people arrive from Minneapolis, Bismarck, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, and Vancouver, and carloads from other areas. Saturday morning, workshops will be held with outstanding speakers of our denomination such as Dr. B. Schalm, Dr. G. L. Borchert, and Rev. J. Binder. Saturday afternoon, a tour to Johnsons Canyon and to the general Banff area will be taken.

Saturday night will be a gigantic Youth Rally with excellent musical talent. Afterwards, we will board buses and go to the Hot Springs Pool for a midnight swim! This is the first time in the history of the pool that it has been rented to a private organization. Sunday morning will truly be a

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highlight of the Conference, when we will rise early and take the Gondola Lift up Sulphur Mountain for the morning worship service. Again, Sunday afternoon will feature a tour to gorgeous Lake Louise. Sunday night will be another immense rally. Monday morning the workshops will continue.

The promotional team from Manitoba called the "Manitobans" toured for 9 days throughout Saskatchewan and Alberta. The team consisted of Leona Holland, Ingrid Proppe, Imgard Tiede, Maureen Zilkie, Gilbert Rempel, and Lloyd Rempel.

The promotional team from Alberta called the "Jubilaires" toured for 19 days throughout British Columbia, Washington, Montana, and North Dakota. The Jubilaires were composed of Shirley Lamprecht, Judy Sommers, Ruth Hiller, Manfred Dreger, and Kurt Redschlag. We trust that those attending the Conference will not only have fun, but that they may also be dedicated to the cause of Christ and return to their individual churches to serve in a more effective capacity.



"THE JUBILAIRE" OF ALBERTA

Young people promoting the Prairie Youth Conference at Banff, Alta., Sept. 4-7, 1964. Left to right: Ruth Hiller, Manfred Dreger, Judy Sommers, Kurt Redschlag and Shirley Lamprecht.

MEN'S RETREAT, ATLANTIC CONFERENCE. On Friday evening, June 5, twenty-eight men from seven of our Atlantic Conference churches found their way to the Four Brooks Camp, Pipersville, Penna. The week-end retreat had been organized by the Baptist men of the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Del., under the leadership of Rev. R. W. Sparling. After an evening of funspiration (on Saturday) the two main speakers arrived: Conrad Jensen, retired Deputy Inspector of New York City police and now Associate Director of Youth Development Corporation (founded by Jim Vos, ex-wiretapper), and our good friend and editor, Dr. Martin Leuschner. We were challenged by their messages and also by those of others who participated.

On Saturday morning a business session was held. After much discussion we organized our Baptist Men on the Conference level. The following officers were elected to serve for the first year: president, Ralph Focht, Elsmere, Del.; 1st vice-president, John Emr, Union City, N. J.; 2nd vice-president, Raymond Taylor, Bridgeport, Conn.; secretary, Thomas Keith, Elsmere, Del.; and treasurer, Robert Silver, West New York, N. J. We are looking forward to the next retreat and hope that more men will join us. (Ernest Zentgraf, Reporter).

RIDGEMONT, EAST DETROIT, MICH. The 25th anniversary of ordination of the Christian ministry of Rev. H. J. Waltereit was observed by the Ridgemont Baptist Church of East Detroit, Mich., on Sunday, June 21. The day's festive programs and the presence of the guest speaker, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, were a complete surprise to the pastor. The evening service led by Mr. M. Neumann featured an array of musical selections by four choirs: the male chorus, church choir, children's chorus and young couple's group, with congratulatory messages by a representative of each. Poems were recited by Mr. F. Eschner, Mr. H. Schmidt and a young man from the Bethel Church of Windsor, Ontario. Rev. Ernst J. Sakowski read a German poem at the morning service. Brief messages were given by Rev. A. Luck of Windsor, Ontario; Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois; and Mr. M. Neumann who presented a check to the pastor in behalf of the church. Rev. H. J. Waltereit expressed his thanks for "the shower" of congratulatory messages in a deeply moving response. Appropriately the program came to a close with the singing of "Thus Saith the Lord" by the church choir directed by Mr. R. Zech.

"In July of 1939 you, Rev. Waltereit, were ordained; There at Camrose, Alberta is where God's Word you first proclaimed; Brethren there laid hands on you, prayed as in days of old, And gave these blessings as you of your calling told."

A Church and Its "College Kids"

At the Glenbard Baptist Church, Glen Ellyn, Ill., many Wheaton College students have found a genial church home. The reading of this article should inspire other churches to create such a "Welcome" atmosphere.

By Kathy Norman of Watertown, Wisconsin, a Wheaton College student

WHAT IS A "church home"? What makes one feel "at home" in a church? These are questions to which Wheaton College students have found the answer in the Glenbard Baptist Church in Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Glenbard was begun by a group of interested families in the Glen Ellyn-Lombard area west of Chicago in the summer of 1959. Rev. Connie Salios, then pastor of the Bellwood Baptist Church, was called to be pastor and later that year the church began meeting in its own building at Park Blvd. and Hill Avenue in Glen Ellyn.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois is approximately three miles from Glenbard. This past year fifteen students attended the services quite regularly. Of these, about half are from N. A. B. churches in Lodi, California; Lincoln, Kansas; Watertown, Wisconsin; and Kankakee, Illinois. The remaining students come from various church backgrounds. In past years there have been many students who have come and gone. Some have gone on to other N. A. B. churches; some to foreign mission fields, including Ruth Rabenhorst, presently serving in West Cameroon, Africa.

Students find much opportunity for service at Glenbard. Three students taught Sunday school classes this past year. Rick Midthun from Lodi, Calif., was one of the Senior C. B. Y. F. advisors, and many sang in the choir, played organ and piano, and helped with special music. Students also find service in the Awana Program which the church sponsors each week. Even spring clean-up found students helping on the lawn, waxing pews and washing windows.

The "College Kids," as they are often called, have many activities to keep them busy socially as well as in service. At least once a month there is a social time at one of the family's homes. Activities may range from frying pancakes to progressive dinners, and from playing table games to discussions on Christian ethics and conduct.

Recently the college students gave an after-church party for the high school group. One Sunday the students had complete charge of the evening service with Kenneth Strike, junior philosophy major from Claymont, Delaware, bringing the message, and Phoebe Biteete, a junior from Uganda, East Africa, singing "The

'negative' Christianity as characterized by so many Christians. Yet at Glenbard I realized that Christ preached a positive approach to life, not a negative one. Christ wanted us to be known by our relationships with other people, not by what we do or don't do. I have had to honestly ask myself, 'Am I known as a Christian because I have love for others?' With God's help, the answer will be a definite 'Yes!'

As students we appreciate the love which makes Glenbard known as a "Christian" church. We are thankful for all that it has added to our lives, both as a church and as individual members. May we challenge other churches not to forget to "love" their young people—and especially college students who might attend from nearby colleges. Truly, "by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."



Wheaton College students at the Glenbard Baptist Church, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Back row, (left to right): Don Miech, Sheridan, Wyoming; Bill Garrett, Wishram, Wash.; Rick Midthun, Stockton, Calif.; Jim Wick, Minneapolis, Minn.; Ron Salzman, Kankakee, Ill.; Allan Hansee, North Syracuse, N. Y.

Front Row: Carol Gabelmann, Lincoln, Kansas; Marilyn Schaeer, Wheaton, Ill.; Joanne Loth, Wheaton, Ill.; Kathy Norman, Watertown, Wis.

Lord is My Shepherd" in her native language.

THE CHURCH'S FRIENDLINESS

What is it that makes Glenbard "home" to these students? It is summed up in such words as love, friendliness, a real effort to make one feel welcome, opportunity for service, and, yes, in "Pastor" Salios—his ready smile and messages that make the Christian life meaningful and relevant. Bill Garrett, a sophomore student from Wishram, Washington, who recently became a member of Glenbard, mentions a little of this in his personal testimony:

"But by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). I have found that a whole new concept of Christianity can be gained by putting this verse into practice. Too often we become so involved with the do's and don'ts of Christianity which we arbitrarily set up for the 'truly Christian life' that we lose sight of the basic characteristic of a Christian—that of love for others. Though love is preached from the pulpit, it is rarely practiced by the congregation—not so at Glenbard. It was here that I found this Christian love in action."

"I had become disgusted with the

REPORT OF THE NORTH-WESTERN CONFERENCE

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE SESSIONS. The annual sessions of the Northwestern Conference, held at the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., from May 27 to 31, centered on the theme, "Christ's Redeeming Work" (Titus 2:13-14). Mr. Walter Wilzewske, the conference moderator, gave the keynote address on Wednesday evening, May 27. Denominational workers who participated frequently and impressively in the sessions were Prof. G. L. Borchert from the Seminary; Dr. J. C. Gunst, District Secretary; Rev. D. J. Draewell of Forest Park, Ill.; and Missionary Fred C. Folkerts of Africa. Pastors who brought messages were Rev. Adam Huber of Minneapolis, Minn., on "The Integrity of the Believers"; Rev. Wilmer Quiring of Milwaukee, Wis., who conducted the memorial service; and Rev. John Goetze of Milwaukee, Wis., on "The Harmony of the Believers."

On Friday evening an evangelistic service was held. Beth Blackburn and Ron Norman, members of God's Volunteers Teams, gave their testimonies preceding the message on "The Evangelistic Outreach of Believers" by Rev. George Robinson of Wausau, Wis. On Saturday evening at the CBYF banquet, which was served in Japanese style, Vic Gunst, past president, was the toastmaster and Mr. Draewell brought the message, "Possessed of Christ." On Sunday afternoon a missionary rally was held at which Missionary Folkerts and Prof. Borchert spoke on "Christ's Redeeming Work Through Missions." Among those who were elected at the business session were Mr. Walter Wilzewske to another term as moderator, and Rev. Herbert Berndt, Rev. George Breitzkreuz and Miss Dorothy Pritzkau to the Christian Education Committee. Rev. Howard Johnson, Rev. Arthur Fischer and Mr. Myron Dudek were elected to the Mission Committee. (Ron Norman, Reporter).

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Our Bible-centered Curriculum

By Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary of the Department of Christian Education

ONE OF OUR primary concerns for many years has been centered on a more effective teaching ministry of the Word of God in our Sunday schools and youth organizations. We have been concerned about the command of God's Word to put the teachings of our Lord "into the charge of men you can trust, such men as will be competent to teach others also." We are confident that God's leading has been experienced by us as we enter into the imprint program of a total Bible teaching curriculum for all age groups in our Christian education program.

OVER-ARCHING OBJECTIVE

Our selection of this entire series of materials is based on an attempt to meet the goals of the over-arching objective which was developed by the Curriculum Committee and also adopted by the General Christian Education Committee. The over-arching objective is as follows:

"Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to introduce persons to God through Jesus Christ so that they, by faith, may enter into a personal enduring relationship with God, and to lead them into such an undivided loyalty to Christ as the Lord so that they will earnestly desire to know God's will and, in the strength of the Triune God, determine to do it."

This new curriculum will aid our churches in unifying the teaching program by using lesson materials from one publisher for all age groups. As a denomination we will have an opportunity to concentrate on improving a recommended curriculum which will include substitution of quarterlies

where necessary to meet the specific needs which are peculiar to our doctrinal distinctives.

The General Christian Education Committee, which consists of two representatives from each of our nine local conferences, is recommending that each of our churches consider adopting the Roger Williams Press curriculum. We suggest that your Board of Christian Education and your Sunday school staff consider adopting this material for your Sunday school teaching program. If necessary, you may secure a limited set of the curriculum for review purposes from the Roger Williams Press. Your Board of Christian Education and Sunday school staff should request that the congregation adopt this curriculum, thereby making it the approved materials to be used by your present and future teaching staff.

We would urge your church to provide special teacher training opportunities which will acquaint your teaching staff with the curriculum and its resources, as well as improved methods which are outlined in the teacher training manuals for each age group. The teacher training aids available on records will also be of special help. We hope that much effort and planning will be undertaken by the local church to train teachers and leaders. For recommended training materials, please write to the Department of Christian Education, 7308

Sample copies of the Imprint Program Material are available on request for review purposes. Write to Roger Williams Press, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

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We suggest that you also contact your Local Conference Committee on Christian Education for regional workshops which may be planned for your benefit.

ADAPTING THE CURRICULUM

Since the Roger Williams Press curriculum is closely graded material with lesson materials for each grade from primary through senior high, it will be necessary for your church to adapt the material to the size of your Sunday school. A very helpful chart has been prepared by the Department of Christian Education to guide you in grading your school in such a manner that this closely graded curriculum can be effectively used. Copies of the grading chart, which also contains the outline of the curriculum, are being made available to pastors and Sunday school superintendents. Additional charts are available upon request from the Department of Christian Education.

To enlarge your teaching ministry we also recommend the following take-home papers:

- 1. "Read to Me" for the 4's and 5's.
- 2. "Story Treat" for grades 1 through 3.
- 3. "Adventure" for grades 4 through 7.
- 4. "High" for teen-agers.
- 5. "Today" for adults.

To avoid having unused take-home papers lying around church, we suggest that the special mailing envelopes be used to get these Gospel messages to all of your pupils even when absent.

We anticipate many spiritual blessings from this new venture of having a full series of teaching materials. We believe that this Bible-centered teaching program will provide the opportunity to lead souls to accept Christ as Saviour. We are also confident that Christians will grow steadfastly in their faith in Christ as Lord of their lives.

The New S.S. Imprint Program

By Rev. L. Bienert, Business Manager of the Roger Williams Press

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL is the teaching arm of the church, carrying out the Biblical command, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20) . . . "and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Col. 1:28). The Sunday school lesson materials are a systematic method of studying the Word of God, geared to the various age levels. It is therefore important that materials be selected which will meet the needs of all ages within the church.

After much deliberation, evaluation and prayer, the Department of Christian Education recommended that the Roger Williams Press enter into an imprint program with Gospel Light Sunday School materials. The Roger Williams Press, after weighing all the data and considering all of the factors involved, received approval from the General Council to enter into this imprint program.

OUR TIME SCHEDULE

What does this mean for us, and what are some of the advantages of such a program for our churches? For the present it means that we will put our Roger Williams Press cover on the Gospel Light materials for the age span from nursery through senior high. It means that we will have an opportunity to evaluate all future materials, and that we will be asked for suggestions for improving the material so that it will meet the needs of our churches. In addition, we plan to write some of our own material from time to time. With such opportunities, we will be able to make this

material most adequate for our people.

The imprint program will go into full effect with the winter quarter (January-March) 1965. All teachers' and pupils' quarterlies from Nursery through Senior High will have the name of the Roger Williams Press imprinted on the back cover. Other materials, such as teaching aids, will still carry the Gospel Light name. Suggested materials for the adult department will be listed on the order blank.

We anticipate that many of our churches will want to begin using the Roger Williams Press Sunday school curriculum beginning with the fall quarter (October-December) 1964. This will be possible since we have been able to imprint the materials for the fall quarter for all United States customers. Churches in Canada, which plan to begin using our imprint materials with the fall quarter 1964 may do so. However, they will receive material which still has the Gospel Light name on it. This will hold true for the fall quarter only. Beginning with January 1965, the imprint materials will be available for the Canadian churches as well.

The churches which are presently using Gospel Light or Baptist Publications materials will find it simple to change to our own Imprint program because these materials are all basic-

Extra copies of the Wall Chart explaining the entire curriculum are available free of charge. Copies are being sent to pastors and superintendents.

ly the same. The Roger Williams Press Sunday school order blanks will be sent to you in time for you to order your imprint material for the fall quarter.

HANDLING YOUR ORDERS

Our United States customers will receive their imprinted quarterlies directly from our office here in Forest Park. Therefore, it will be possible to give your order immediate attention. Canadian customers will receive their imprint materials through our Canadian outlet. This will increase the efficiency of our service since the materials have already been cleared through customs and there will be no delay. However, all orders must be sent to our office here in Forest Park. Canadian customers will continue to have the privilege of paying for their Sunday school materials in Canadian funds.

While we encourage all of our churches to use our new Roger Williams Press Sunday school materials, we will still continue to handle materials from all other publishers. Therefore your entire Sunday school order, regardless of the material you select, should be addressed to the Roger Williams Press.

We are introducing a change in our policy which will be to the advantage of all our customers. Effective with the fourth quarter (October, 1964), all Roger Williams Press Sunday school material will be shipped POST-AGE FREE. This policy applies only to our imprint materials, and not to the materials which we order from other publishers.

We see in this imprint program a great opportunity for unifying the curriculum in the local church and also a material which will meet the needs of our churches. You may send for a sample set of materials for review purposes. See for yourself how this fine material can make your teaching ministry most effective.



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A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 9, 1964

Theme: GOD'S PEOPLE LEARN TO WORSHIP

Scripture: Exodus 25:1-2, 8; 35:20-22; 40:12-15, 34-38

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God's main purpose is not to make commandments, rules and regulations for us, but to make his dwelling place with us.

INTRODUCTION: Although the Ten Commandments were short and simple, they served merely as a foundation for a more detailed code of rules and regulations which guided the Israelites in their relationships with each other and with God. In addition there were many civil and ceremonial laws which also had to be taught to the Israelites.

But keeping and teaching can be very mechanical in that they regulate only the outward life of man. God wants more than that. He wants the love and obedience of their hearts and minds. For this purpose a program of worship was inaugurated. Numerous details were revealed about the place of worship, the priesthood, the various kinds of offerings and the holy seasons or special days and occasions. The minute and elaborate instructions concerning the building of the tabernacle were of particular importance. The ark of the covenant was the center of worship for many years to come and it finally found its permanent resting place in Solomon's temple.

I. WORSHIP THROUGH SACRIFICE. Exodus 25:1-2, 8; 35:20-22.

One of the most important lessons in Jewish worship was that of stewardship. God's first command in the plan for organized worship was centered around the offering. He asked for the offering but he did not want the offering without the one who made it. Only if the heart came along with the offering was it acceptable. In the New Testament we read, "God loveth a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7). This is the way God always intended it to be. Moses was not to force the people to give. Only a free and voluntary offering could be considered an act of worship. In building the place of worship the heart had to speak.

II. WORSHIP THROUGH LEADERSHIP. Exodus 40:12-15.

This was the first request God made for a sanctuary. From this small, insignificant looking tabernacle, the sanctuary of God developed into the great churches and cathedrals which we have throughout the world. Those who say that they can worship God anyplace usually do not worship him

at all. It is difficult to find him everywhere unless you worship him somewhere.

But one of the important elements in worship is leadership. In order to have a nation of holy people, it is necessary to have holy leaders. All of the elaborate and expensive preparations for a house of God would do little good unless those who worship seek holiness. Those who lead us into the presence of God must be pure and blameless in their conduct and character.

III. THE RESULTS OF WORSHIP. Exodus 40:34-38.

When the sacrifice is acceptable to God and when his children humbly admit their sin and accept forgiveness, then God's glory not only fills the house of God but it fills the lives of all those who worship him. God's presence gives assurance, strength and peace.

Today we have the assurance of his presence because he abides with us. "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God" (Rom. 8:16). We know he lives because he lives within our hearts.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why did the tabernacle, the ark of the covenant and the priestly vestments have to be so elaborate and costly?

2. Is our worship service too plain and informal, or too ritualistic?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 16, 1964

Theme: FAITH ON TRIAL

Scripture: Numbers 14:2-3, 26-33, 36-38

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The Biblical definition of faith is still the most meaningful: "Now faith is the substance (assurance) of things hoped for, the evidence (conviction) of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1).

INTRODUCTION: Our faith usually works well when everything goes smoothly for us. But this is not a good test of faith. When we always get what we want and everything goes according to our plans, there is no need for faith.

During their journeys the Israelites were not particularly commended for their faith. They were often weak in faith as a people, but they were helped many times because of the faith of strong individual leaders. Even the many miracles along the way did not seem to strengthen their faith in God. Every new crisis seemed to bring new doubts and the lessons of the past did

not strengthen their trust in the future.

They were given a body of laws such as no other nation possessed; they had a tabernacle for worship and a divine plan; they had the ark of the covenant in which they had the assurance of God's presence; they had a priestly group who looked after their spiritual welfare. In spite of all this they were still weak in faith.

I. FAITH OR FATALISM. Numbers 14:2-3.

There are many people who have the death wish if they don't get what they want when they want it. Even the prophet Elijah lay down under a juniper tree and prayed that he might die.

A number of crises tried the patience of Moses as well as of God. The Israelites complained because of the lack of meat. Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses and held up the journey. The immediate lesson background concerns the murmuring of the people about the report of the twelve spies.

When there is a lack of faith, everything seems to fall apart and everybody wants to give up. Death in Egypt or the wilderness was better than the present condition of fear and insecurity.

II. GOD'S IMPATIENCE WITH UNBELIEF. Numbers 14:26-33.

All of us admit that there are times when we come to the end of our patience, some sooner than others. But there is also a time when God's patience comes to an end and his punitive justice begins.

God's plans are carefully laid out for us. They are well-timed and well-directed. But somehow, because of our sinful and stubborn natures, we force God to turn back his clock. The path we choose is not always on God's map and so God himself must lead us around a difficult and time consuming detour.

III. THE CONSEQUENCES OF UNBELIEF. Numbers 14:36-38.

It is surprising how much damage gossip, complaining and murmuring can do. Israel's fearfulness and lack of faith overruled Moses, Joshua, Caleb and even God himself. The power of sin, evil and unbelief is nowhere in stronger contrast than in this instance. The entire nation was immobilized.

In all of this, God revealed his righteousness, love and mercy. He honored the faith of Joshua and Caleb and brought judgment upon those who

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● **Dr. W. J. Appel of Grand Blanc, Mich.,** began his interim pastorate at the Southwood Park Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., on June 28. Rev. Henry Smuland was formerly pastor of this church. Dr. and Mrs. Appel also attended the sessions of the General Conference in Sacramento, California.

● **Rev. Curtis A. Haas** has brought his brief ministry of less than a year at the Temple Baptist Church of Lemmon, S. Dak., to a close in July. He is awaiting God's guidance in the opening of another field of service. He is a 1960 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary.

● **Soon after his return to the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa** early in June, Mr. Flavius Martin, a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., began his ministry as the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Victoria, Cameroon. He was given a royal welcome by the members of the church and the people of the community. This is one of two Baptist churches in Victoria, Africa.

● **Rev. Frank Friesen** began his interim ministry at the Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., early in July, succeeding Rev. Robert G. Krueger. His last pastorate of an interim nature was at Oshawa, Ontario. Both of the NAB churches in Sioux Falls are now being served by interim pastors since Dr. M. Vanderbeck is rendering a similar ministry at the Trinity Baptist Church.

● **The Napoleon Baptist Church of Napoleon, N. Dak.,** has extended a call to Rev. Thomas Harfst of Hoisington, Kansas to which he has given a favorable answer. He began his ministry at the Napoleon Church late in July, succeeding Rev. Robert Hoffman, now of Startup, Wash. Mr. Harfst has been the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hoisington, Kansas, since 1962.

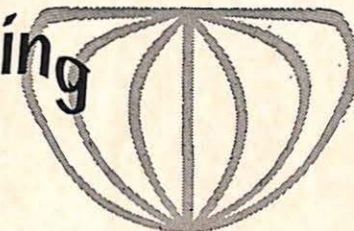
● **The Baptist Home for the Aged in Portland, Ore.,** has extended a call to Rev. Eric Kuhn of Sacramento, Calif. to serve as the superintendent and chaplain of the Home succeeding Mr. Reinhold Schaub. He has accepted the call, beginning in this new administrative ministry on August 1st. Mr. Kuhn has been the pastor of the Willow Rancho Church of Sacramento since 1960. The picture of his family appeared in the July 2nd issue.

● **The Board of Missions** has announced the resignation of Rev. Fred C. Folkerts as the Field Secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Mission in Africa and the appointment of Rev. George W. Lang in this important ministry. In accepting the appointment, Mr. Lang responded with sincere humility: "I shall try to carry out this responsibility for one year, praying that God will give the required grace and power." Rev. G. Ben Lawrence has been the acting field secretary during the past year.

● **The Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill.,** has called Mr. Oliver P. Strong of New Castle, Pa., as its Director of Christian Education. He has accepted the call and is beginning his ministry in the Kankakee Church in this capacity on August 1st. He has been the director of Christian Education at the First Baptist Church of New Castle. He received his Master of Arts degree with a major in Christian Education recently from Wheaton Col-

● **Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Ill.,** recently presented her resignation to the Department of Christian Education, as the director of children's work, in which she has rendered a memorable ministry since 1951. She has also announced her acceptance of the position as editor of Junior Publications for the Gospel Light Publications with offices located in Pasadena, California, effective about September 15, 1964. She will be rendering an edi-

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lege in Illinois. Rev. Robert Schreiber is pastor of the Kankakee church.

● **Mr. Eberhard Hees, student at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta,** has been serving since May 31 as student pastor at the Ridgmont Baptist Church, East Detroit, Mich. He is occupying the pulpit occasionally in the absence of the pastor, Rev. H. J. Waltereit, assisting in the work of Vacation Bible School and in the visitation program of the church. He will serve until the close of August. Mr. Hees is the superintendent of the CTI buildings and will enter his last school year this fall.

● **Mr. Waldemar Kroguletz of Toronto, Ontario,** a 1963 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and the exchange student at the Baptist Seminary of Hamburg, Germany for the past year, returned to America on July 1st. He is now awaiting a call from a North American Baptist church to serve in a pastoral ministry. He will be ordained into the Christian ministry on September 12 by the German Baptist Church of Toronto, Ontario. He can be reached at 12 Beaumonde Heights Drive, Rexdale, Ontario, Canada.

● **Rev. Eric Kuhn, pastor of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif.,** baptized six young people, including a set of triplets, on Sunday evening, June 7, after which they were extended the hand of fellowship into the church along with three others who were received on their testimony. The Children's Day program, with Maurice Holsapple, Sunday school superintendent in charge, was presented on Sunday morning, June 14, with all departments participating from the pre-school age through the senior young people.

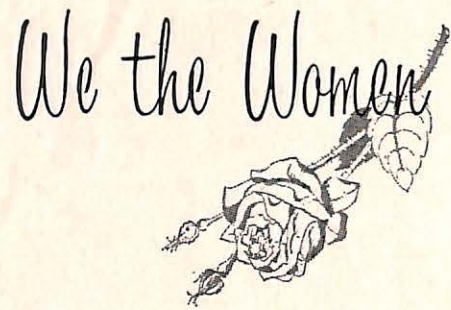
torial ministry in behalf of the Sunday school publications which have been adopted by our Conference for the imprint material.

● **The Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif.,** extended a call to Mr. Robert Radcliffe to serve as the church's Director of Christian Education. He is a graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., in 1962 and received his master's degree from Wheaton College Graduate School in June 1964. He has accepted the call and announced that he will begin his ministry in the Lodi church on August 1, 1964, succeeding the late Rev. John H. Dearmin. On July 10 Miss Stephanie Schoenhals, daughter of Dr. Lawrence R. Schoenhals, director of the "Light and Life Hour" choir at Seattle Pacific College, Seattle, Wash., and Mr. Radcliffe were married.

● **Rev. Emanuel Bibelheimer of Tacoma, Wash.,** one of our retired pastors, is quite ill having been in a local hospital for about five months and during the past three or four months in a nursing home. He suffered a stroke sometime ago. Mrs. Bibelheimer wrote that "God's thoughts are not our thoughts and his ways are not our ways, but we praise him for the kindness in letting us be together these 50 years." In June all the children of the Bibelheimer family were home for a week to visit with the parents. Cards and letters of greeting will be appreciated. They can be sent to Rev. Emanuel Bibelheimer, 3825 S. "G" Street, Tacoma 8, Wash.

● **The Portland Avenue Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash.,** has extended a call to Mr. Mark Fey, the director of Christian Education in the Calvary

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

THREE MEMORABLE YEARS

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." These words taken from Psalm 34:3 take on added meaning as we think of what the Lord has enabled us in the Woman's Missionary Union to accomplish the past three years.

Many of the great hymns of the church were written by Frances Ridley Havergal. She was a wonderful Christian and ever conscious of God's goodness to her. She kept what she called a "Journal of Mercies." It was just a record book, but it was crowded with her remembrances of God's blessings in her life. Even so, we as women, had we kept a record the past three years, would have a journal filled with the blessings, faithfulness and goodness of our God.

It has been a real privilege to serve as your president the past three years. My sincere thanks and deepest appreciation to each of you for making these three years so memorable. Your spirit of cooperation, your dedication to the cause of Christ, your friendliness and your love have enabled us to attain exceedingly high goals.

Working with Dr. Frank Woyke, executive secretary, our other denominational leaders, and Mrs. H. J. Mollenhauer has been a pleasure. We consider it a high privilege to have been a part of this fine publication, the "Baptist Herald," which has given us many opportunities to promote our work. We are indebted to the editor, Dr. Martin Leuschner, not only for this privilege, but for his excellent cooperation in assisting in other areas of our work. In our ministry of White Cross we appreciate the tireless and dedicated efforts of Mrs. Erika Borrmann and the help of Dr. Richard Schilke, mission secretary.

To the newly elected officers we extend our best wishes. We assure them that the prayers of their predecessors will follow them as they strive toward greater achievements in the next triennium. To them we pass the torch as expressed in the closing lines of this poem:

Hold high the torch!
You did not light its glow—
'Twas given you by other hands, you know.
I think it started down its pathway

From the Professor's Desk

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

I would appreciate some further explanation of what you were aiming at in your article on the place of paradox and mystery in our knowledge of God.

Finite man, even with the help of divine revelation, may always find certain truths paradoxical. Because of his limited understanding of things, he may never grasp the resolution of seeming contradictions. Some divine realities defy the resources and boundaries of frail human logic. The writer agrees with those who regard a paradox as involving a *seeming* contradiction, not an actual contradiction. (Some scholars think there are Scripture truths which are *actually* contradictory).

THE BELIEVING MIND

This does not mean that such truths or facts seem (or are) contradictory to God. If things actually are contradictory, or even seem contradictory for God, then there would be an irrationality in nature or in God. His thinking, then, would not be completely coherent. Some are so emphatic as to say that if a paradox in the Scripture involves a real contradiction, an actual antimony, then we have destroyed all knowledge, both human and divine.

Only faith can grasp that there is a resolution to those things which seem to be contradictory to us. It takes a believing mind to accept that there is perfect consistency and coherence in God's thought and ways. Dr. Vernon C. Grounds states that to be biblically loyal we must "postulate propositions which contains logically incompatible statements, doctrines which from the standpoint of reason are contradictory" (*Bulletin of the Evangelical Theological Society*, Winter 1964, "The Postulate of Paradox," p. 6). R. B. Kuiper also refers to truths, taught unmistakably in the Word of God, which cannot possibly be reconciled before the bar of human reason (but which are entirely reconcilable in God's mind).

Included among the Scriptural truths which are a mystery or a paradox to human reason is the doctrine of the Trinity. The more we understand that there are three distinct divine Persons in the Godhead, all equal

bright,
The day the Maker said: "Let there be light."
And he once said, who hung on Calvary's tree—
"YE are the light of the world" . . .
GO! . . . SHINE for me."

and eternal, and yet that there is but one divine essence, the more baffling it becomes to our limitations of thought. We have great difficulty in grasping an ultimate Unity and at the same time an ultimate plurality. The nature of God's Being exceeds the grasp of man's rational powers. Is this not what we might expect, if God is God?

Perplexing also is the problem highlighted in contemporary theology as it grapples with divine sovereignty and human freedom (and responsibility). Neither of these two Scriptural truths can be sacrificed or compromised, however difficult it is to assert both of them at the same time. Man's actions are simultaneously free and somehow included in God's eternal plan. Sometimes a single text teaches both realities side by side in the Bible.

DIVINE MYSTERIES

Closely related to this enigma is the age-old problem of evil, its origin and continued existence. From whence could sin have arisen in a perfect universe created by God? There is no question in the Christian's mind that God is all powerful and that he loves his creatures, yet he is opposed by a satanic power which often seems to be in control of mankind and world history.

Who is there that has thought deeply about the Person of Jesus Christ and has not felt overwhelmed by the inscrutable? The more perfectly we understand the reality and integrity of both his divine and human natures, the more difficult it is to understand the unity of his Person. He is complete Deity and humanity, eternal and temporal, uncreated and created, sovereign and suffering. The historic creeds of the church affirm that we must neither confound his natures nor divide his Person. Furthermore, contemporary thought reminds us that these considerations must not be thought of in static terms but in dynamic categories. Soren Kierkegaard affirmed, "Jesus Christ is the paradox which humankind can never digest."

Human logic affords little or no help in understanding these mysteries. And to eliminate the element of mystery is to empty the Scriptural truths of their true content. By postulating paradox, Christianity marks out the boundaries of reason and indicates the absolute necessity of faith. "The acceptance of revelational paradox," states Reinhold Niebuhr, ". . . provides us with a truth which logic cannot contain" (*The Nature and Destiny of Man*, vol I, p. 262).



Rev. Allan R. Kranz behind the pulpit of the Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ontario at the ordination service.

ORDINATION, REV. W. ALLAN R. KRANZ. At the request of the Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ontario, an ordination council was called for June 8 to consider the ordination of Mr. W. Allan R. Kranz, a 1964 graduate of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Twenty-seven delegates representing 12 churches were present including Rev. A. E. Jaster of the United Church of Canada. Mr. Kranz brought a satisfactory presentation pertaining to his conversion, call to the ministry, preparation for the ministry and doctrinal beliefs. At the evening meal served by the ladies of the Calvary Church, the wife and the mother of Mr. Kranz were presented with corsages by the CBYF and Woman's Missionary Society. At the ordination service held that evening, Rev. E. W. Klatt, interim pastor of the entertaining church, brought the ordination sermon. Rev. E. C. Smith of the Renfrew Baptist Church offered the ordination prayer and the charge to the church was given by the former pastor, Rev. Norman Berkan, now of Gladwin, Mich. The charge to the candidate was given by Rev. Enos Bruebacker of the Eganville Baptist Church. Miss Louella Kranz beautified the service by singing two solos. The welcome to the Baptist ministry was given by Rev. Eldon Janzen of Arnprior, Ont. The presentation of the ordination certificate was made by the host pastor, Mr. Klatt. Mr. Kranz was also presented with the offering designated especially for the purchase of books for his new library. Rev. Allan R. Kranz pronounced the benediction. (Mrs. Doris Chatsick, Reporter).

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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spread the disease of unbelief.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Does following God mean that we will never have any trials and difficulties?
2. Why did God not help those who confessed their sin and then made an attempt to invade the Promised Land?

July 30, 1964

Immanuel Church Near N.Y. World's Fair

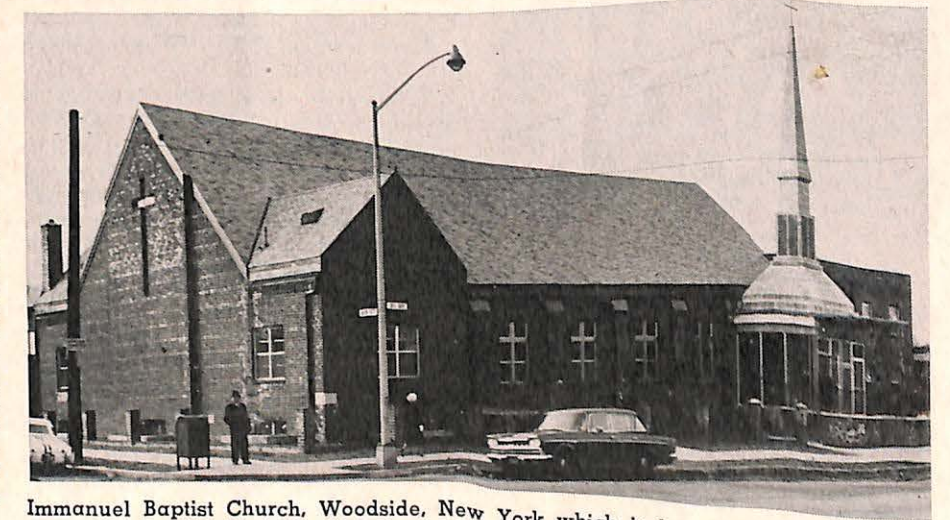
While attending the New York World's Fair, visit the Immanuel Baptist Church nearby. Rev. A. Husmann, pastor, and the church extend a warm welcome to you!

MORE than 70 million people are expected to throng through the gates of the New York World's Fair in 1964-1965. Among these will be hundreds of North American Baptists to see this entertaining and educational Fair. Over 50 nations are represented in this festival, which cost \$1 billion to produce. The Fair's theme is hopefully: "Peace Through Understanding." Several days at the Fair can be exciting, thrilling and unforgettable for you.

Our IMMANUEL CHURCH, 68-10 31st Avenue, Woodside, N. Y., is less than two miles from the Fair Grounds' gates. On a Sunday you will want to visit this beautiful new church with its property valued at \$400,000 and to hear the pastor, Rev. A. Husmann. Visitors will always be warmly welcomed. The church choir of 35 to 40 voices will enthrall you.

RIDGEWOOD CHURCH

A warm welcome also awaits all FAIR sightseers at the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Catalpa Ave. and 64th Place, Ridgewood, N. Y. Its pastor, Rev. A. Lamprecht, has assisted with the Baptist Exhibit at the N. Y. World's Fair.



Immanuel Baptist Church, Woodside, New York which is less than two miles from the New York World Fair grounds. Rev. A. Husmann is the pastor.

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OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

SPECIAL EVENTS

SWAN RIVER, MAN. On Good Friday evening, the choir of the Temple Baptist Church, Swan River, Manitoba, with Rev. H. Bushkowsky as pastor, presented the cantata, "King of Glory" by John Peterson. It was very well rendered under the capable leadership of Mr. Dan Dahl with Miss Sharon Schroeder as pianist and Ken Schroeder as narrator. The offering went towards the purchase of the new choir gowns. Another active organization of our church, the Woman's Missionary Society, presented its annual program recently. (Mrs. Dave Binder, Reporter).

BISMARCK, N. DAK. At a recent business meeting, the members of the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., voted to purchase property for their new church building. It was decided to purchase two acres of land in the new Rolling Hills addition in northeast Bismarck. Cost of the property is \$30,000. Construction of the new building is expected to begin in the fall of this year or the spring of 1965. Rev. Allan Strohschein is the pastor. A Vacation Bible School was held at the church from June 1 to 5 with 117 children enrolled and with an average daily attendance of 112 pupils. A missionary offering, amounting to \$48.74, was received. (Mrs. Robert Cooper, Reporter).

APLINGTON, IOWA. The 23rd annual Aplington Community Bible School was held at Aplington, Iowa from June 1 to 12. The theme for this year was, "Making Time Count for Christ." Four churches participated. There were 311 children in attendance, and 33 teachers and helpers, of whom

12 were from the Baptist Church. There were 75 students from the Baptist Church. Two mission collections were taken amounting to \$285.94. This will be divided equally between the Pacific Garden Mission, American Bible Society and World Vision. Mrs. Harm Sherman was the general superintendent and has served in this capacity since the Bible School began here. (Mrs. Swanetta Oldenburger, Reporter).

POUND, WIS. We of the Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wis., praise God for the blessings that have been ours since Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Fenske arrived in February 1964. Mrs. Fenske is director of the Sunshine Girls Club, who entertained the mothers of the church at a tea on May 8. The CBYF presented a Mother's Day program on May 10 and presented plants to the oldest and youngest mothers: Mrs. John Graetz, 81 years of age; and Mrs. Henry Mattrisch the youngest mother. From June 1-5 our Vacation Bible School was held with Mrs. Fenske as director and with 39 children enrolled and a staff of 16 teachers and helpers. Average attendance was 51 with 31 children having perfect attendance. Two young boys accepted Christ. The mission offering was \$33.19. (Mrs. Emily Mattrisch, Reporter).

PARKSTON, S. DAK. Vacation Bible School concluded with a program on Sunday evening, June 7, at the Parkston Baptist Church, Parkston, S. Dak. The Bible School was a combined school of the Tripp and Parkston churches. There were 36 students enrolled with a total of 9 teachers. The theme used was "Around the World With Christ." Two students accepted Christ as their personal Savior during the week. One afternoon the Junior



Rev. and Mrs. Phil Grabke (Right) of the Fellowship Baptist Church, Camrose, Alta., and three couples received into the church's fellowship on June 7th.

class and the Junior High Class presented a program to the Home for the Aged. The missionary offering for the week amounted to \$17.38. The committee responsible for planning of the school was Mr. Sam Fuller, Mrs. Newton Voight and LaVerna Mehlhaff.

CAMROSE, ALTA. On May 3 the Fellowship Baptist Church, Camrose, Alberta dedicated its new Lowry Organ to the glory of God. A large gift toward the organ was given in memory of Rudolph Link, who gave his life for his country overseas in 1955. On Mother's Day the Young People's Society presented each mother with a lovely carnation corsage. Our pastor, Rev. Phil Grabke, conducted an impressive service in the dedication of babies and children. One complete family was dedicated to the Lord. Recently three Sunday school rooms were completed and the floor of the main auditorium was laid with tile, making our church appearance very pleasing. On June 7, we had the privilege of witnessing three adults being baptized, and later taking part in the communion service were three young couples. A short testimony meeting closed our evening at which time we all praised God for answered prayers. (Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom, Reporter).

ORDINATION, REV. RAYMOND HOFFMAN. Delegates from 11 Central Dakota Montana Association churches met in Council on June 10 at the Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., to consider the advisability of ordaining Mr. Raymond Hoffman into the Gospel ministry. Mr. Hoffman has been serving the Spring Valley Baptist Church of Canistota, S. Dak., as student pastor for several years and upon his graduation from our Seminary this spring he became their fulltime pastor. The ordination council was organized with Rev. Edward Oster of Leola, S. Dak., as moderator and Rev. Iver

Walker of Herreid, S. Dak., as secretary. The candidate gave a clear and sincere statement as to his conversion experience, his call into the Gospel ministry and his doctrinal views.

The ordination service was a spiritual highlight for all in attendance. Rev. Milton Falkenburg of Venturia, N. Dak., led the song service. Rev. Daniel Heringer of Lehr, N. Dak. read II Cor. 5:11-21 and Rev. Carl Weisser led in prayer. The Men's Chorus of the host church sang: "There's A Place in the Harvest For You." The ordination message was brought by Prof. Donald Madvig of our Seminary. The charge to the candidate was brought by Rev. Herman Effa of Linton, N. Dak., and the charge to the church by Rev. Irvin Schmuland of Aberdeen, S. Dak. The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. Jacob Ehnman of Goodrich, N. Dak. After the Men's Chorus sang "Thine For Service," Rev. Raymond Hoffman pronounced the benediction at the close. It was a thrilling experience to witness the definiteness of God's call to a young man and to have a part in publically setting him aside for the Gospel ministry. (Iver Walker, Secretary).

LINCOLN VILLAGE, SACRAMENTO, CALIF. On Sunday afternoon, June 7, a council called by the Lincoln Village Baptist Church of Sacramento, Calif., met to consider the recognition of this new church. After the council was duly organized and the delegates and pastors of the participating churches had been recognized, the council carefully considered all matters which pertain to the recognizing of a Baptist church. It was with great joy and gratitude to God that the council recognized the Lincoln Village Church of Sacramento. There was evidence of "the work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thess. 1:3). The church is making good progress under the able leadership of Rev. William Acton and we commend pastor and people to your prayerful support. Rev. Elton Schroeder served as moderator of the council and Mr. Robert Midthun as clerk. The council convened at the Elk Grove Baptist Church. (G. G. Rauser, Reporter).

MEADOWLARK, EDMONTON, ALTA. On Thursday, May 14, a council was called for the purpose of recognizing the Meadowlark Baptist Church of Jasper Place, (Edmonton), Alberta, as a church in the North American Baptist fellowship. Represented at the council were all of the Edmonton churches as well as the churches from Camrose, Leduc, Millet, Onoway and Wetaskiwin. Rev. H. Hiller served as moderator of the council and Rev. E. Hahn as secretary. A very well organized and well written presentation of the church's history, organization and doctrinal beliefs was read by the church's pastor, Rev. W. R. Muller. The material presented had had prev-

WANTED AT BAPTIST HOME BISMARCK, N. DAK.

The Baptist Home for the Aged of Bismarck, North Dakota is accepting applications for the position of Chaplain of the Home. Letters of application, accompanied by statement of experience, preparation, and qualifications, should be sent to Rev. Bernard Edinger, Secretary, Gackle, North Dakota.

ious approval from the church in a regularly called church business meeting. The decision of the council was unanimous in recommending the Meadowlark Baptist Church to the Northern Conference of the North American Baptists for membership and fellowship. (Rev. E. Hahn, Secretary of the Council).

INDIAN CHURCH HOBBEWA, ALTA. On Wednesday, May 27, a council was called for the purpose of recognizing the Benke Memorial Indian Baptist Church of Hobbema, Alberta, as a duly recognized church in the North American Baptist fellowship. The presentation of the church's history and doctrinal beliefs was of particular interest in that the individual members of the church shared in the presentation. It was with unique interest that the council listened to this presentation in that these brethren were all of Indian blood and natively did not speak English but Cree. The evening spent with these brethren was very rich spiritually for all members on the council. The council voted unanimously to extend the hand of fellowship to them and to recommend their church to the Northern Conference for full membership as a North American Baptist church. The council members felt that this meeting was real evidence of the success of our Indian work here in Canada. (Rev. Ernest E. Hahn, Secretary).

EMERY, S. DAK. An ordination council was called by the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., which met on June 4 to consider the ordination of Mr. Oryn G. Meinerts. Rev. Peter J. Wiens was elected moderator and Rev. Alvin Harsch, the council clerk. Mr. Meinerts gave his testimony of conversion and call to the ministry, followed by a prepared doctrinal statement. The council unanimously voted to recommend ordination of Mr. Meinerts who was appointed a missionary to serve at the Ndu Baptist College, Cameroon, Africa.

Professor Roy Seibel presented the ordination message, and Rev. Alvin Harsch offered the ordination prayer. The charges to the candidate and church were given by Dr. George Dunger and Rev. D. S. Wipf, respectively. The candidate was welcomed into the ministry by Rev. J. G. Benke and given the ordination certificate by the church clerk, Mr. Herman Bleeker. Rev. Oryn Gene Meinerts pronounced the benediction upon a challenging service. (Alvin Harsch, Council Clerk).

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

EUREKA, S. DAK. The Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church, Eureka, S. Dak., presented two playlets, "Unto the Least of These" and "Tue es als dem Herrn," in observance of Easter. The playlets were first given at our own church on Good Friday evening and at a later time we presented them at the Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, S. Dak., and again at Venturia, N. Dak. Several special numbers and reading were given in connection with the plays. (Mrs. Walter Dohn, Reporter).

BILLINGS, MONTANA. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana, sponsored a first Mother and Daughter Banquet on May 5. Sixty-eight mothers, daughters and guests attended. Mrs. E. Goosen of Billings served as our guest speaker. Several faithful husbands and fathers served the banquet in the church's fellowship room. Our church young people recently presented a play, "Two Shall See the Light," directed by Mr. Herman Fuchs. Following the play a surprise reception to honor the mothers of our fellowship was held in the fellowship room. This play was again presented for our sister church in Roundup, Montana on Sunday, May 31. (Mrs. Raymond Koch, Reporter).

YOUTH GROUPS

SHELL CREEK, NEBR. The Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Nebr., held a Youth Banquet in May to honor its 1964 graduates. Mr. Oryn Meinerts from Sioux Falls was our guest speaker. The program theme centered on "Building a Christian Life." On Sunday evening, May 31, we rejoiced as our pastor, Rev. Paul Zoschke, baptized two young men, who had earlier testified of their faith in Christ. "Around the World With Christ" was the theme for our Bible School. All 33 pupils and 11 instructors boasted perfect attendance records for the all day sessions held the first week in June. Miss Eunice Kern from the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was our guest teacher. Indian missions were stressed, and were selected to receive the daily offerings. (Mrs. Milton Menke, Reporter).

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

REGINA, SASK. The Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., was beautifully decorated for Children's Day, June 14. During the morning service five children were presented to God for dedication along with their parents. Our male quartet beautified the service with special selections. The pastor spoke on Reuben's admonition: "Do Not Sin Against The Child." At the



The choir of the Temple Baptist Church, Swan River, Man., that presented the cantata, "King of Glory," with Mr. Dan Dahl, director, (left).

evening service our Sunday school presented a program under the leadership of the superintendent, Mr. Phillip Leskewich. The children presented an exceptional program. Outstanding among all presentations was a group of boys who recited a large number of Scripture passages under the leadership of Mrs. Lester Kuehl. Karen Landgraaf sang a solo very charmingly and tenderly. (Henry Pfeifer, Pastor).

AVON, S. DAK. On Sunday afternoon, June 7, the Philathea Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church, Avon, S. Dak., observed its 50th anniversary with a program in the church auditorium. Rev. Arthur Vogt organized the class in 1914 with 18 charter members and served as the

teacher for 14 years. Eight teachers have faithfully served the class during this period. The present class enrollment is 43 members. Five of the 12 living charter members were present for the occasion. The program featured musical selections, remarks by the first teacher, the reading of greetings from former members, and a tribute in memory of the 49 departed members. The message on 2 Tim. 2:15 was given by the pastor of the church, Rev. Peter Wiens. A social hour followed in the dining hall and refreshments were served from a beautifully appointed table in gold and white to 77 guests. Souvenir program booklets were given to each person present. (Estie Betz, Class Secretary).

Year," to whom a rose bush was presented. To the children who recommended the mother a large framed picture was given.

During the evening service we had the joy to hear the Briercrest Chorale in a special program. The Chorale consists of 40 voices under the direction of Walter Aikenhead. The church was filled to overflowing, and so were our hearts with joy and gratitude to God. On Sunday evening, May 31, our pastor, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, entered with four converts into the baptismal waters and on Sunday, June 7, extended to them and to others who came by letter the hand of fellowship. (Mrs. Lester Kuehl, Reporter).



Rev. R. A. Grenz (left), pastor of the Calvary Church, Billings, Montana, and four baptismal candidates.

BILLINGS MONTANA. Several young people and adults of the Calvary Church, Billings, Montana participated in a citywide Centennial Festival of Faith by singing in a 300 voice choir. This is one of the many activities to be held in our state during this Montana Centennial observance. On May 24, Rev. Richard Grenz, pastor, baptized Mr. and Mrs. Leo Brockel, Lonnie Seidel and Marsha Weispfenning on confession of their faith in Christ. They along with four others received the hand of fellowship on June 7. A Scripture Memory program was presented by the Junior CBYF at which 10 Juniors received awards. Counselors, who have capably guided these Juniors, are Mrs. R. Grenz and Mrs. A. Hruska. (Mrs. Raymond Koch, Reporter).

RECEPTIONS - ANNIVERSARIES

BISMARCK, N. DAK. On Sunday evening, May 24, the members and friends of the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., were privileged to hear our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, speak about their approaching departure for Japan. We were very sorry to have them leave, since they had made their temporary home in Bismarck during these past 9 months. A farewell reception was held in the church basement and gifts were presented to them and their children by various church depart-

ments. Our church has assumed partial financial support for the Sukuts. (Mrs. Robert Cooper, Reporter).

TRINITY, KELOWNA, B. C. A Golden Milestone was reached by Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Nikkel of Kelowna, B. C., on June 4 as their friends and family, including seven of their ten children, gathered to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Rev. Herb Heppner from Guadalupe, French West India, a son-in-law, was master of ceremonies for the program held in the Trinity Church. Rev. R. L. Kluttig asked God's blessing on the honored couple. Musical selections and appropriate readings and poems followed. Deacon Otto Schlenker brought congratulations from the church. Rev. J. B. Kornelewski of the "Streams of Blessing" broadcast also brought greetings. Rev. H. H. Nikkel, the only



Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Nikkel of the Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, B. C., who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 4th.

other member of the pastor's family of Abbotsford, brought a thought provoking message. The chairman of the Board of Deacons, Mr. Dan Pahl, presented the pastor and his wife with gifts from the church and Mrs. Gerda Jaster with a gift from the Ladies' Guild. Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Nikkel were married on June 4, 1914 in the Salem Mennonite Church of Laird, Sask. They have four sons and six daughters, 36 grandchildren and one great grandchild. (Miss Rose Leschert, Reporter).

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July 30, 1964

Obituary



MRS. EMILIE BECKER
of Portland, Oregon

Mrs. Emilie Becker, nee Neubauer, of Portland, Oregon was born in Neu Freudental, Russia on March 15, 1873 and died on June 13, 1964 at the ripe age of 91 years, 2 months and 28 days. On July 25, 1891 she was united in marriage to Phillip Becker who preceded her in death on Oct. 28, 1935. This union was blessed with three children, two of whom died in their early youth. In the fall of 1917 she was converted under the ministry of Dr. Jacob Kratt and was baptized by him upon confession of her faith in Jesus Christ in December of that year. She became a member of Trinity Baptist Church of which she remained a loyal member until her demise. Those who mourn her passing are a son, Melvin, two grandchildren, two great grandchildren, besides many other relatives and friends. May all the bereaved find consolation in the hope of eternal life.

Trinity Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon
JOHN WOBIG, Pastor

MRS. MARY HARDING
of Portland, Oregon

Mrs. Mary Harding of Portland, Oregon was born in Norka, Russia on Feb. 25, 1887 and died on May 18, 1964. She was brought to America as a young child and lived in Portland for 73 of her 77 years. "Aunt Mary," as she was affectionately called, became one of the charter members of the old Second, now Immanuel Baptist Church, where she rendered a splendid Christian stewardship as her life's offering to her Lord.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1943. Mourning their loss are: the son, Terry; a daughter, Mrs. Helen Butts; her sisters: Mrs. Kate Vaughan, in whose home she enjoyed gracious companionship over the past years, and Mrs. Lena Kness; and a brother, Henry Scheideman. We will miss her uplifting fellowship; we are grateful for her brightening the corner where we are.

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

MRS. EMMA HILDEBRAND
of Stafford, Kansas

Mrs. Emma Hildebrand of Stafford, Kansas was born in Barton County, Kansas, May 13, 1894. She passed away suddenly at her home to be with the Lord on May 31, 1964, at the age of 70 years. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior in her early teens and was baptized at the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas by Rev. C. F. Tiemann. On March 14, 1912, she was united in marriage to John Hildebrand, and the Lord blessed this union with five sons and four daughters. Upon locating in the Stafford area after marriage, she became a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, where she was an active and dedicated member throughout her greater lifetime.

She leaves to mourn her husband, John; four daughters: Mrs. Howard (Esther) Hearn and Mrs. Gilmore (Opal) Pries of Stafford, Mrs. Frank (Anna) Smisor of Sterling, Kansas; and Mrs. Daniel (Mar-

CALLED HOME TO GLORY

On June 29 Mrs. Bertha Mihm of River Forest, Ill., was called to her heavenly home at 91 years of age. She was the widow of the late Rev. A. P. Mihm, first editor of the "Baptist Herald" (1923-1934).

On July 4 Rev. Fred Trautner of Bismarck, N. Dak., passed away quite suddenly. The memorial tributes will appear in early issues of the "Baptist Herald."

cille) Manwarren of Pratt, Kansas; four sons: Clifford and Earl of Stafford; Samuel of Ellinwood, Kansas; and Leo of Arvada, Colorado; a brother, Johnnie Burhenn of Stafford; 12 grandchildren; and 4 great grandchildren.

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

MRS. MARY A. RANZ
of Kankakee, Illinois

Mrs. Mary A. Ranz, nee Young, of Kankakee, Ill., was born Dec. 12, 1873 in Kankakee. She was united in marriage with Mr. Frank Ranz on April 13, 1892. In 1920 they moved to Indiana where they lived until the death of Mr. Ranz in April 1940. Following his death Mrs. Ranz returned to Kankakee and resided alone until January 1962 when she entered the Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago. It was there that she entered her eternal dwelling place on May 23, 1964, having reached the age of 90.

Mrs. Ranz received Jesus Christ as her Savior at the age of 19 and was baptized by Rev. C. Mengel in February 1892. Except for the years spent in Indiana, Immanuel Baptist Church was her beloved home. It was here that she found her joy and peace in attending the worship services. It was here also that she found ways of expressing her faith through service. She served her Lord and her church as a Deaconess, and in recognition of her faithfulness and Christian character the church bestowed on her the well deserved honor of Life Deaconess. She had also been an active member of the Woman's Missionary Society. In the community she let her Christian witness be used through the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She will be missed by all who knew her and loved her.

Immanuel Baptist Church
Kankakee, Illinois
ROBERT SCHREIBER, Pastor

MRS. JOAN E. LEU
of Portland, Ore.

Mrs. Joan E. Leu of Portland, Ore., was born May 12, 1934 in Portland, and passed away in a Portland hospital May 28, 1964 at the age of 30 years. At the age of 12 she was converted to a living faith in Christ, baptized by Rev. Frank Friesen and received into the membership of the Bethany Baptist Church May 12, 1946. Although increasingly handicapped because of failing health, Joan nevertheless was very conscientious in her church duties, singing in the choir up to the time of her last critical illness, serving as church clerk the past several years and as helper in the Vacation Bible Schools, the Girls' Club, "Torcbearers," and in the Sunday school.

On August 23, 1957 she was united in holy matrimony to Merlend Leu, who now mourns her departure. She also leaves her bereaved parents, David and Lydia Rich; three sisters: Mrs. Beverly Donnelly of Portland, Marion attending Biola in Los Angeles, and Kathy at home; a brother, David Jr., at home; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rosen of Portland; and a host of loving relatives and friends. At the memorial service, the undersigned, her pastor, brought the message of comfort with two cousins, Rev. Don Rich of Riddle, Oregon and Rev. Bruce Rich of Portland, Oregon assisting.

Bethany Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon
ARTHUR K. SCHULZ, Pastor

MR. JOHN STUBENRAUCH
of Benton Harbor, Michigan

Mr. John Stubenrauch of Benton Harbor, Mich., passed into the presence of his Lord June 12, 1964. He was born in Chicago, Ill., Feb. 27, 1869. Following his conversion, he identified himself with the First German Baptist Church of Chicago during the pastorate of Rev. Jacob Meier. When the family moved to Benton Harbor, Mich., in 1913, they affiliated themselves with the First German Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, subsequently the Clay Street church, now the Napier Parkview Church. Official capacities were held in the Chicago and Benton Harbor churches.

His funeral was held in the Napier Parkview Baptist Church of Benton Harbor June 15, 1964, with Rev. Reginald Shepley officiating, assisted by Rev. Norman Vernon, pastor of the church, and Rev. L. H. Broeker, pastor of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich. Mrs. Stubenrauch preceded him in death April 15, 1960. Two children, Mrs. Gus Wetter and Mrs. Erma Prillwitz; three grandchildren, Ronald Prillwitz of Stratford, Conn., Alvin Wetter, Elden Wetter; one great grandchild, Keith Wetter; all of Benton Harbor, Mich., survive him; Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan
R. SHEPLEY, OFFICIATING PASTOR



Baptismal candidates at Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan. Left to right: Rev. H. Pfeifer, pastor; Marjorie Paul, Weslie Stabner, Barbara Stabner, and Marvin Sauer. (Photo by A. J. Govinchuck).

CONFERENCES AND CHURCHES IN ACTION

Reports of Conference Sessions and Unusual Church Events

DAKOTA CONFERENCE AT ABERDEEN. Hundreds of Baptists from all parts of North and South Dakota and Eastern Montana converged on Aberdeen, S. Dak., June 11, not to see the Fischer Quints at Quint City, U. S. A., but to see the beautiful new Calvary Baptist Church sanctuary, and to meet in the fellowship of the 56th annual Dakota Conference from June 11 to 14. The theme of the conference was "Walking His Way." After the organizational business sessions, Miss Laura Reddig, veteran missionary, concluded the afternoon with a strong missionary challenge. Rev. Alvin Harsch conducted the evening service, depicting all phases of Christian Education in the local church. Other speakers during the conference were Prof. Donald Madvig of the Seminary; Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary; Rev. David Draewell, Stewardship secretary; and conference pastors.

Elected to the General Council was Rev. Richard Grenz of Billings, with Rev. Norman Miller of Chancellor as alternate. Layman representative was Gordon Mayer of Harvey with Aaron Bertsch of Venturia as alternate. The 1965 sessions of the Dakota Conference will be held at Grand Forks, N. Dak. (Bernard Edinger, Reporter).

WOMEN AT SASKATCHEWAN ASSOC. The first venture incorporating a women's meeting with the Saskatchewan Association met with success beyond expectation. The host church, Nokomis Baptist Church, had a tea and "get acquainted" time at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, June 5. At 3:00 p.m. the meeting convened which was chaired by Mrs. M. Schroeder of Southey. A roll call of churches was taken with 12 churches out of 15 represented. Approximately 80 ladies were present. Mr. H. Murakami of Osaka, Japan challenged the ladies with a missionary message. A panel discussion was held, following which Mrs. M. Schroeder asked the delegates if they would like officially to organize and a unanimous favorable decision was made. A committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. M. Schroeder, Mrs. J. Kuehn, Mrs. E. Yanke, Mrs. Felskie and Mrs. Kuehl to make plans for the 1965 session. (J. Yanke, Reporter).

HIGHLAND CHURCH, JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS. A few months ago Mount Zion Baptist Church of Kansas changed its name to Highland Baptist Church in keeping with the highest location in Junction City, Kansas at 1032 Wainwright Avenue. Last fall the church bought a three bedroom house with a built-in garage and full basement, where we now have our regular Junior Sunday school and worship services in the basement and with the adult and young married classes meet-

ing upstairs. This new place is located in a housing area in the southwestern part of town and new houses are being built in this vicinity right along.

Chaplain Clinton Grenz, stationed at nearby Fort Riley, served us faithfully until he received notice to be transferred to Germany, preaching his farewell sermon on May 24. A delicious farewell picnic dinner in a local park was given in honor of Chaplain and Mrs. Grenz. Recognizing their unstinted services, the moderator, Gordon Zoschke, gave an appropriate acknowledgement and gift to Chaplain Grenz and a gift from the Dorcas Society was presented to Mrs. Grenz.

Highland Church is observing every Tuesday evening, beginning at 6:30 p.m., a canvassing period, which has resulted in 18 prospects. This is followed with refreshments and a prayer meeting, led by different members of the group. Mr. Paul Jury Jr., a lay minister from Chapman, Kansas, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jury, Sr., are very active in the Highland Church work, very ably filled the pulpit during June, until our minister Rev. David Priestley and his wife, from Sioux Falls, S. Dak., took over the first of July. The Lord has richly and visibly blessed the work here! We praise him for it. (Charlie Zoschke, Reporter).

HERREID, S. DAK. The Herreid Baptist Church of Herreid, S. Dak., recently honored its High School graduates at a special "Honor The Grad" Service. This three hour service at the church was held simultaneously with the High School Prom which took place at the school. Young people were given an opportunity to make a clear-cut decision as to whether they would be at the school dance or at the church service. The host pastor, Rev. Iver Walker, extended words of welcome. Guests for the evening were 4 local pastors and some of their people who cooperated in this endeavor: Rev. C. B. Cedar, Presbyterian of Pollock, S. Dak.; Rev. Norman Jones, Reformed of Herreid; Rev. Clarence Schultz, Congregational of Herreid; and Rev. Johnnie Walter, E. U. B. of Herreid. A youth choir composed of young people from some of the cooperating churches sang "Above All Else." A tape recorded interview of each senior as to his future plans had been made previously and was now played back. One of our seniors, Harlow Rudolph, gave a fine testimony as to the leading of the Lord in his life. During the second portion of the "Honor the Grad" service the outstanding Gospel film, "The Big Blast," was viewed. A definite testimony has been brought to the community which many people respect. (Reported by Rev. Iver Walker).

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Church of Tacoma, to become its pastor. He has accepted the call and will begin his ministry in the Portland Avenue Church on August 1, succeeding Rev. C. T. Remple who will become the pastor of the Temple Baptist Church in Calgary, Alta. at that time.

● **Rev. and Mrs. Richard W. Paetzel** of Peoria, Ill., have announced the birth of a daughter on May 21st who has been named Deborah Lynn. Mr. Paetzel is pastor of the North Sheridan Baptist Church of Peoria. Word has been received from Rev. and Mrs. Richard E. Grabke of North Seattle, Wash., of a daughter born to them on June 9th who has been named Glenda Mae Lynnette. Mr. Grabke is pastor of the Cypress Baptist Church of North Seattle, a Church Extension project. Rev. and Mrs. Edmond Hohn of the Hudson Bay Park Baptist Church, Saskatoon, Sask., have announced the birth of a son on June 14 who has been named Calvin James. Word has also been received from Prof. and Mrs. Gerald Borchert of the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., of a son born to them on June 15 who has been named Mark Gerald Leo.

WHAT DO WE DO?

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I believe that Peter truly repented. The weeping and the tears of anguish were but the beginning of a genuine turning back to Jesus Christ.

After the Lord was resurrected, we find Peter re-affirming his faith. When asked, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?" he said to Jesus, "Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee." Then we see Peter among the saints, with them in one accord, praying and waiting for the "promise of the Father." Peter was there among God's people when the great blessing of the Holy Spirit came, and Peter was the first to stand up and explain the experience of the day. He had come all the way from denial and remorse to victory and leadership!

We too can break through. Our failures do not have to be the end of us. We too can repent, re-affirm our covenant with God, resume fellowship with God's people and thus place ourselves in the way of blessing. Lashing out, quitting and giving up will never bring you to real peace and joy. But breaking through will lift your life and make it count for God. Walter Malone has written a poem that includes these words:

"Though oft cast down hang not your head and weep;
I give my hand to all who say, I can.
No shame faced outcast ever sank so deep,
But what he may rise again and be a man."

God help you to *break through!*