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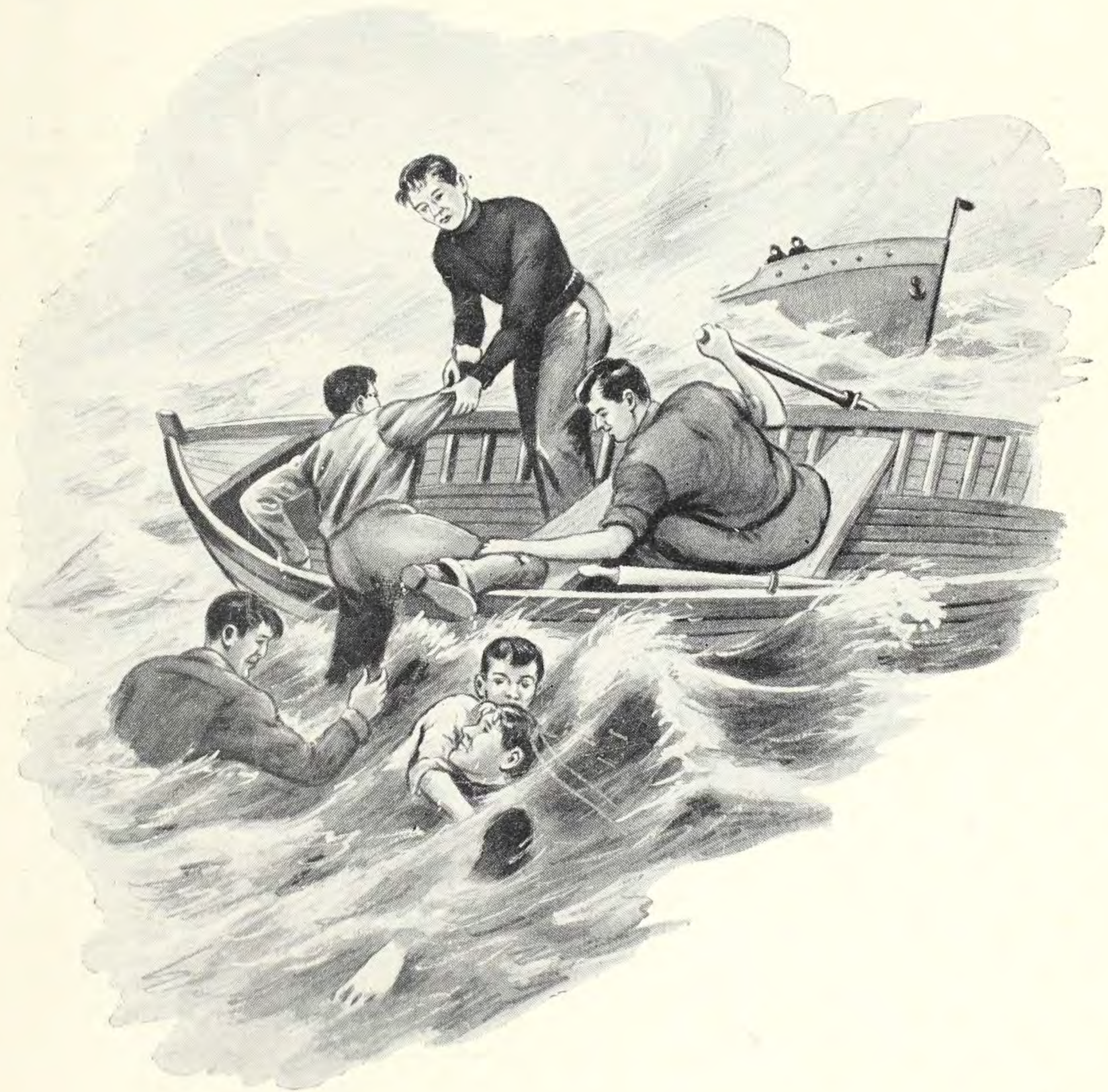
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“Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o’er the erring one, lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save.”

Saving the lost is the first and ever-continuing duty of
the Church. Is your church ever at it week by week?

Peter and John

By Ralph T. Nordlund

(An imaginary dialogue based on Luke 24:12 and John 20:1-10 to help recall how faith triumphed over doubt).

PETER

It does seem strange that men could rob a tomb
Sealed fast by Rome and guarded night and day,
And stranger still that conquerors of half
The earth should flee because a quake awoke
The dawn! Our women felt no fear, but these
In panic fled the field! Could it be true
An angel of the Lord affrighted them?

JOHN

I do not know, but this I know—my heart
Inclines to faith. My younger feet out-ran
You, Peter, and the open tomb proclaimed
A risen Lord! No thieves would steal the corpse
And leave the grave-clothes, rich with precious myrrh;
Nor would there time be found for them to work
And leave before the women came.

PETER

Yes, John,

I know just how you felt, for nascent faith
Like native intuition seized my mind
When, entering in, I saw those garments lie.
No thieves would neatly fold them thus; and did
You see the napkin, that had lain across
His face, wrapped up as if he ne'er would need
Its gentle folds again? A risen Christ
Would take the robes of heav'nly glory back
And henceforth never need a winding sheet!

JOHN

Then why not now believe, and let the seed
Of faith grow up and blossom into fruit?
Why smile at Mary Magdalene and call
Her story but an idle tale? Recall
The promise, and the warning, too, that he
Would die upon a cross. That prophecy
Came true; then why not take this promise to
Thy troubled heart and hope and pray that soon
The Son of God shall show himself to thee?

PETER

If Jesus was indeed the Christ I once
Confessed and then denied, I understand
Too well just why he passed me by and let
That loyal, fearless Magdalene first see
Him glorified. I even fear no tears
Of penitence can earn the privilege

Of such a sight for me; but, John,
We were deceived: the promised King of kings
Must sit on David's throne, not die upon
A cross!

I well remember how he spoke
When adulation turned to blame, and crowds
Forsook, until we twelve alone remained.
How little then I thought that Judas would
Betray and I deny! No cross for him
Would I allow, nor failure for myself.
And yet it cannot be that Christ should die!
When he is born and takes King David's throne,
The rabbis say he reigns for evermore.

JOHN

The rabbis say—who cares what hirelings teach,
Who sold their perjured lies before the court
And killed our precious Lord? No, Peter, no!
The rabbis can no more command my mind
Then they can win my heart with perfidy!
A risen Christ will reign and live to see
The travail of his soul well satisfied!

PETER

Yes, John, I know youth yields to holy wrath,
And love convinces soon a willing mind;
But I am older, and I never pull
The line until I know a fish is there.
The evidence is strong, and well I wish
I could believe; but I must sift it out
Alone. 'Tis evening now, so pray for me
With all the others in the upper room.
Perhaps in Kidron's vale, or back beside
The empty tomb I'll find the truth I seek.
Perhaps the One who comforted the thief
Upon the cross will comfort even me.

PETER AN HOUR LATER

Unbolt the door and let me in! The Lord
Is risen indeed, and loves me still! O John,
I was more bold to enter in and scan
The evidence, and feel the folded shroud;
But your quick insight at the tomb was right—
Your feet were quicker, quicker, too, your heart!
'Twas guilty fear enslaved my troubled mind
Until forgiveness set it free to grasp
The truth. The Christ must die for sin—for me—
And rise, ere he the Prince of Life could be!

Editorially Speaking

THE DIVORCE QUESTION

On page five we are reporting an important council that was called recently by the Midview Baptist Church to settle the question whether divorced and remarried people should be received into membership, and if so, whether they should serve as officers or teachers. The council came up with some helpful conclusions, and Pastor Frank Odor is very happy over the result.

We are glad that some one had the

courage to tackle this problem. Our churches cannot avoid it in these days when 20% of all marriages end in divorce and when most divorcees remarry. Yet it has been allowed to grow up like Topsy in most of our churches, who in Mrs. Stowe's novel only "grew up" by herself. Every church has divorced and remarried members, and must have if they are evangelistic; and most of our churches have teachers and minor officers with such a past, and some seem to have no conscience about it even for deacons and pastors.

We are not proposing that the recom-

mendations of the Midview council be adopted by our state association, for some would want stricter rules and some more lax. It is evident in the reported discussion that all the pastors at the council were not in full agreement. Nor do we expect all readers to agree with all the Scriptural interpretations offered in the first part of the meeting. We do believe that most will agree fairly well with the five deliberate recommendations, even if they will think of many unanswered questions. We hope our readers will not judge these things for some of the things

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they said *ex tempore* in the open discussion, for if they had had time to write it out and look at it, they would have changed some things. It is evident that their main desire was to help a church steer a middle course and save it from division.

EXTREME LAXNESS IS HARMFUL

When a church gets a reputation as a good place to go after a divorce, it cannot commend its fundamentalism in doctrine. When only the pastor draws a line by refusing to marry divorced people, and the church continues to tolerate anything, his influence is cut in half. If he stays five or more years, he will see more than one church family treat marriage vows like scraps of paper, and yet have to serve them communion. What else can he do when some of his leading members were once allowed to get by with similar sin?

We could wish that all would agree that one who commits adultery should be disciplined and only restored to membership after evident repentance. Jesus called remarriage adultery unless the first marriage had been broken by unfaithfulness. How many church members are disciplined for that kind of adultery? Most of them bring their new mate to church the next Sunday and expect congratulations.

We also doubt that the Scriptures give us the right to differentiate between deacons, and officers not named in the Bible. It is difficult to believe that the early churches had neither treasurers nor clerks nor teachers! Some one handled the money they gave to the poor and to missionaries like Paul (Acts 6, Phil. 4:15, 16); and some one sent and received church letters (II Cor. 3:1). It may be that the deacons took care of such things, but that only proves that all church officers below the rank of elders were called deacons. The word deacon means a minister or helper. As for teachers, the early church seems to have had a plurality of elders who were chosen for their aptness to teach; and the standards for an elder are higher than those for a deacon! At any rate, we will all agree that in our modern churches the deacons do not have more influence than the teachers. Our church government and constitutions have little resemblance to New Testament practice. Again, like Topsy our modern church organization just "grew up."

SUPER-STRICTNESS ALSO HARMFUL

Much as we hate our modern laxity, we fear a legalistic strictness even more. As Moderator Adam Galt suggested, it is sometimes motivated by self-righteous spite against others, rather than by love. Sometimes it also comes from a failure to remember personal sins, which as the report suggests, were punishable by death in the Old Testament quite as much as the sin of adultery. If we had to tell our own past before we cast the first stone against some divorced and remarried convert, very few stones would be cast!

The legalists always insist that in the Old Testament the innocent party was free to remarry because the guilty mate was stoned, and that fornication always and only means vice before marriage. People guilty of such sin were not to be stoned, but could be divorced with the right of remarriage—if they had married the first time under false pretenses, claiming to be pure. They forget that

in Jesus' day the stoning of adulterers had long been neglected and that divorce had taken its place. They also fail to realize that fornication is a general term in the Greek New Testament and can be applied to any sex sin, before or after marriage (Acts 15:29). They also forget that by their own rule they leave a great many people free to divorce and remarry, since less than half of the people of modern America are virgins at the time of their first marriage and very few of them confess beforehand to their sins.

EASTER IS OVER
but
SOUL WINNING IS NOT!

Will your church continue all spring and summer to serve the risen Christ in visitation, vacation Bible schools, youth camps, tent meetings, and in surveying for new churches?

The legalists also insist that an adulterous marriage is a continuing sin that can only be ended by another divorce, or at least by separate bed. Since divorce is sinful unless the new mate is unfaithful, they advocate doing evil that good might come (Rom. 3:8). We have our own idea about separate bed except by full consent of both partners (I Cor. 7:5), but one thing is sure: it is humanly impossible except for the few (Matt. 19:12) who never get into divorce tangles. Some go so far as to say that rectification must be made by divorcing the present mate and going back to the first. That is definitely forbidden in Deut. 24:4. Then we have I Cor. 7:20 to suggest that if a man is saved after he has divorced and remarried, he should abide in the state he was when he was saved.

In our younger years we tried in the interests of strictness to hold two mutually contradictory views: 1, that an adulterous marriage (one where the previous marriage was not broken by unfaithfulness) would continue to be adulterous; and 2, that nevertheless that marriage should not be broken up. Under such teaching one poor woman committed suicide. She was worrying about it before we ever talked to her, but the point is that with our contradictory ideas, we were not able to help her. It has to be one or the other, and with I Cor. 7:20 and 6:11 in the Bible it should not be hard to tell which it must be.

Our Lord himself said that adultery breaks the marriage bond. It is a terrible thing to break it on the first night of the second marriage, but if it is broken it is broken, and that prevents repetition. Certainly people who have divorced, without the one reason permitted by our Lord, and then remarry are guilty of a terrible sin and ought to repent of it. They ought not join a church until they have repented of it. If already members, they ought not take communion until they have truly repented at heart and confessed it before the deacons, who have charge of the table. We ought to be much stricter in our churches than we are! No wonder we can't have revival, when the very words of Jesus are trampled under feet without

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Risen With Christ

(A post-Easter meditation)

The Apostle Paul did not consider the resurrection of his Lord a once-a-year topic for preaching. He preached on Jesus and the resurrection (Jesus and Anastasia) so much that the heathen supposed that he, like the devotees of Isis and Osiris, was preaching a new male and female pair of gods. As soon as they were converted, he not only straightened them out on what he meant, but he taught them that in the miracle of salvation they were risen with Christ, and must show it ever after by the way they lived. We might take Ephesians 2:4-6 as an example of his teaching:

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved); And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

It is a great mystery, this spiritual union that we have with Christ. It is not something we feel, though the thought of it may give us some real mountain-top experiences. It is not something we lose when we forget and let the flesh get back into control. It nevertheless is a truth that should inspire us to fight the flesh and keep it under, so that the spiritual fact may affect the way we act. It is a truth meant for every day, year-around living.

We would not need to resort to all kinds of spectacular Easter programs to convince the world that Christ is risen, if we reckoned by faith on our union with him and walked in newness of life. If we lived the part better, the world would believe us when we sing,

"You ask me how I know He lives—
He lives within my heart."

What does it mean to be quickened and raised and seated with Christ? We can briefly answer that the very life of the risen Christ comes in and quickens us to spiritual life, that his power raises us from the dust of sin, and that he shares his glory with us so that we may be said to be seated on the throne with him. Yet it is so hard to realize while our unredeemed bodies still groan and grow old, that we had better enlarge upon it. We need to ask another question as to just what Christ got when he

was raised from the dead. Our text would encourage us to believe that what he got physically in his resurrection, we get spiritually in our union with him.

"But God

hath quickened us
and hath raised us
and made us sit together
in heavenly places in

Christ Jesus."

CHRIST CAME ALIVE

Suddenly the still, cold body in Joseph's tomb came alive and stirred and breathed again; and that is exactly what happened when you were saved. Your spiritual nature was dead in trespasses and sins. Your religion, if you had any, was a dead affair of forms and rules and doctrinal speculations. You talked about the love of God but did not feel it; you went to church and enjoyed the human part of it, and said your prayers; but you knew nothing of a living faith and of spiritual communion. Then suddenly the Gospel of Christ sounded like a resurrection trumpet through your soul and your spirit stirred into life. You warmed up and thrilled to the love of God in Christ; your slumbering conscience stirred and you saw yourself among the crucifiers of Christ; you breathed with the life of the Holy Spirit, and every breath was a living prayer. You had been quickened together with Christ, and now his life was your life!

It is wonderful to be alive. That is what makes the springtime so wonderful: all winter long the trees and the flowers have seemed to be cold and dead, and then the buds begin to swell and the leaves push out, and we find ourselves in a world of life. It may be richer and fuller in June than it is in April, but there is something thrilling about those first days of spring. Just so it is with this quickening we have in Christ from the very day we are saved. Our spiritual life may be richer and fuller in heaven than now; but it will not be more real. The main difference will be that then we will be alive spiritually in risen bodies, and now we are alive spiritually in mortal bodies. That

may seem like quite a difference, especially if we are sick or tottering toward the grave; but, praise the Lord, we are already quickened together with Christ—that is, all of us who have been saved!

CHRIST WAS RAISED

"He arose a Victor o'er the dark domain,
And He lives for ever with His saints to reign."

Isn't it wonderful in this world of funerals and graveyards to think of that day when the stone was rolled away, "And up from the grave He arose"? I wish the law would allow me to shout it all over every cemetery, that the power of the grave is broken. My Jesus did not just quicken back into life, but he was raised and burst his tomb!

Life does burst tombs, you know. Already I have had a losing fight with my daffodils and tulips. I covered them over with straw, so they would not come up too soon and freeze down again; but with all this rain and warm weather I can see that it is useless. They are pushing right through!

It was glorious when Jesus Christ arose above the taunts of the priests, the lashes and nails of the soldiers, and the cowardly and crooked politics of Pilate; but our text tells us that we are raised with him, and that means that we can burst our tombs too. Some day we will do that literally, but already we can do it spiritually.

I know that the ungodly have tried again and again to bury me under a pile of taunting stones. The boys at our country school tried to do it when they called me a coward for not swearing. Later some scribes and Pharisees that called themselves Baptist preachers got in on the act and laughed at me for being a fundamentalist. In other parts of the world there are still Christians who feel the lash of soldiers, and everywhere we feel the oppressions of crooked politicians, who sell their sense of justice for the favor of the people. Communism is out to bury the Christian faith today; but risen with Christ we rise above all opposition. Men and devils combined cannot hold a true Christian down. He is risen with Christ above the doubt and sin of the world!

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CHRIST IS SEATED

We read in Hebrews 10:12 that after our Lord had completed his sacrifice on the cross, he was able to do something no son of Aaron had ever been able to do in the temple:

"But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God."

His work was done, and henceforth he could sit amid heavenly glories, looking forward to the day when the earth should become his footstool.

Our work on earth is not done, and so we may be far more conscious of cross-bearing than of throne-sitting; but we might bear our cross with less complaining if we saw by faith that we were already spiritually joined to the Christ on the throne. Then we would hold up our heads like the young African who had been sold as a slave to America, but who never forgot that he was the son of a king. He might have been captured and taken to work in the cotton fields; but no matter how hard the toil was, nor how long the hours, he bore himself like a prince; and so should we!

The Apostle Paul must have been disinherited when he became a Christian, and like his Lord owned nothing, not even an ass or a tomb; but he could write to his poor converts like this:

"All things are yours, whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life or death, or things to

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Council on Divorce Held

The Midview Baptist Church of North Eaton, Frank Odor, pastor, recently called a council of pastors from the Hebron Association to make recommendations to the church concerning the question of divorce and remarriage in relation to church membership. The panel of pastors included Rev. Adam A. Galt of the First Baptist Church of Spencer, who was elected moderator; Rev. Robert Barrett of the Camden Baptist Church, Clerk; Rev. Elliott Horton of the First Baptist Church of Parma; Rev. Leland Howard of the Faith Baptist Church of Amherst; Rev. Kenneth Smelser of the First Baptist Church of Medina; Rev. Lynn Rogers of the Northfield Baptist Church; Rev. Ralph Stearns of the Hinckley Ridge Baptist Church; Rev. Paul Schenk of the First Baptist Church of Twinsburg; Rev. Kenneth Nelson of the North Royalton Baptist Church; and Rev. Earl Willetts of the Berea Baptist Church. Missionary David Torro was invited to sit on the council in an advisory capacity.

The following questions were presented by the Midview Baptist Church for consideration:

1. Can persons who have been divorced and remarried but have been saved, or in a spirit of repentance have been restored to fellowship with the Lord, become members of the local church?
2. Why or why not is it advisable to accept them into the membership from a Scriptural point of view?
3. Can these persons find a place of service in the local church without breaking up the present marriage?

The council was asked to "formulate a recommended policy concerning the problem for the local church to act upon for future reference."

QUESTION NUMBER ONE

Rev. Adam Galt asked the council to consider first whether persons who have been married, divorced, remarried and then saved can join the local church. The discussion opened with a reference to Acts 2:47. There it is stated that "the Lord added to the church day by day those that were saved." A.S.V. They were added to the church regardless of their past. For anybody who has been saved, has been washed by the blood, there can be no question of sin. All sins are under the blood. The word for membership is "fellowship" in Acts 2. For some, it was hard to

believe "that among 3,000 that were saved, there were not some that were divorced. Without exception, they were added to the fellowship."

The point of complete forgiveness of sins was emphasized in I Cor. 6:10, 11:—they were washed, sanctified and justified from past sins.

Pastor Rogers read I Tim. 3 concerning the qualifications for elders and deacons, calling attention especially to verse 12: "The deacon should be 'the husband of one wife.'" This verse in the Greek means "a one-woman type of man," that is, he has feeling for only one woman.

"However," said Pastor Nelson, "this refers to church offices, not church membership. This chapter lists the church offices and qualifications, but the list does not state that one must be saved or baptized. Obviously there was a need for both. This indicates that all of them were not 'the husband of one wife.'"

One pastor added that in his church the people agreed that persons that were divorced before they were saved could become members if they had been born again. A difference between membership and holding offices is made when they are accepted. Since there is no mention in Scripture of superintendents, clerks, and Sunday school teachers, they are permitted to serve in these capacities but not as deacons. In some cases, if they have proven to be real testimonies for the Lord over a long period of time, they are permitted to hold the office of deacon also.

Another pastor added that the person was sanctified or he was not. We cannot accept one sin and not another. He gave an example of a missionary who told a chief who was saved to get rid of all his wives except the first one. "Has the missionary the right to do this?" he asked. How far can we go in demanding rectification—what is the proper procedure? According to Deut. 24:18 the past cannot be rectified—it must be considered under the blood.

Further discussion revealed the feeling that some people can be greatly used because of the depths from which they have come. Perhaps we have all committed sins as bad as divorce and should have been stoned according to the law; but we are not stoned today.

The moderator summarized what had been discussed up to this point.

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Our Pastor

By Mrs. Vergie Williams, a member of Bible Baptist Church, Bedford, Ohio

"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."
—Jer. 3:15

Who is this pastor? Every time the church doors open, he's the first one in—whether it be for prayer before Sunday school begins, for morning worship, Sunday afternoon visitation, youth meetings, evening service, committee meetings, prayer meetings, business meetings, deacons' or trustees' meetings, Bible classes, or training classes. He's there even when the ladies' missionary society meets—to keep the ladies in line.

The church may have a fine visitation committee, good trustees and deacons, lovely deaconesses, fine Sunday schools superintendent, a fine custodian, good youth counsellors, and numerous functioning committees. You may say, "The pastor sure has it easy; and to think we pay him!" Yet stop and think who it is God has called to be the shepherd of the flock and to be responsible for your spiritual welfare. Remember, he is the head of every committee and church organization. He is responsible for each of them.

SUNDAY WITH THE PASTOR

On Sunday morning, who is the first one at church? The pastor. He comes to pray and study before the people arrive. Soon it's time for Sunday school—"Are all the teachers here?" he muses; "Is the Sunday school superintendent in his place?" Sunday school starts, he flashes a greeting to all and makes a quick visit to all the departments with a cheery "Good morning." Then there's a class for him to teach.

Sunday school is over, he makes a mad dash to get the sermon notes and pauses for a minute of prayer. "Are the pianist and organist ready?" "Is the choir all here this morning?" Church starts, but does the pastor relax while the hymns are sung, the announcements made, and the choir performs? No! He's making sure all the announcements are correct, joins in the singing, and leads the choir. While the offering is gathered, he is praying for wisdom and strength. Then the message is given. The pastor has spent hours praying over and preparing the message. As he pours out his heart, he reads the expressions on each face, and watches the reactions. Brother Joe looks as if his toes are being stepped on, Mrs. Smith is restless, another is worried or has



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Mrs. William's pastor

sorrow in her heart. The Holy Spirit is talking to Brother B, Mr. S is smiling in agreement, or maybe is just happy. An occasional amen is given to prove some one is awake, but thank God for the few who are prayerfully listening and praying for the speaker.

The service is over. Who is waiting at the door? The pastor. He shakes every one's hand. He lets no one pass by unless he speaks to him. Occasionally some one slips by while he is talking to some one else, and he goes home to say, "The preacher ignored me this morning." He pats little Jimmy on his head, pulls Susie's pig tails, tells Miss Sue her dress is pretty, tells the young married couple they look happy, offers help to worried Mrs. B, and sorrowing Mrs. R. "My, grandma," he says to another, "I hope when my wife grows old she'll be as young looking as you." Then there are prayer requests given him to remember.

Everyone's gone, the pastor can go home and have dinner and take a nap. No! Mrs. B. is in the hospital and he must call on her. Mrs. C is upset and wants to see the pastor in his study.

Evening comes, and he must be sure the young peoples' counselors are there. Maybe there is time for a little study and prayer before the evening service; that is, if some committee doesn't decide to meet. The

evening service starts and he thinks, "I'll have to wake those sleepy people up with some peppy songs." Some one says, "He sure is silly tonight." Another wonderful message is given with only a few amens. Again the pastor is at the door, shaking hands and encouraging the people.

Now he can go home, but, no, some one has a problem, or some one wants Jesus as his Saviour—his greatest joy! At last he gets home, goes to his knees in prayer, and drags his weary body to bed.

THROUGH THE WEEK

Every morning is spent in prayer and study. His prayers are not just, "Lord, bless my people," but pleadings for Mrs. C who is sad, for Mrs. D's children who are unsaved, for Mr. E who needs a job. Each one is named and his need called to God's attention. His study is not a quick glance over the Scriptures to be used, but hours of research, not just for one message but for six during the week.

Afternoons are spent in visiting the sick, the mourning, the distressed, the needy, the lost. Maybe there are "umpteenth" phone calls in a day—each one cheerfully answered.

After supper it's time to see if the church is open for a committee meeting or Bible class. Prayer meeting comes along and he dare not forget or slight any prayer requests. Some people aren't there—so few are burdened for the lost. He asks himself, "Lord, where have I failed?"

Then comes visitation night. Of course, that's a good night for us to catch up on our TV programs, or do a little shopping. After all, the pastor's paid to call and win souls to Christ. We have too many other jobs in the church. We have an ad in the paper—why pester the people? God will send them in if He wants them in.

Some one wants to be married Saturday night, when the pastor is busy. They don't like to be questioned about the "unequal yoke"; but if all is well, the pastor agrees to marry them. But who has to see that the church is in readiness, attend and instruct the rehearsal, tie the knot? The reception is over. Who is it that stays to see that the church is all set for Sunday?

Some one is ill. The pastor is usually called and rushes to the bedside, prays and gives encouragement to the ailing one. When a little one arrives, who is among the first to peek through the window of the nursery and congratulate the proud parents? Who is called to straighten Johnnie out when he becomes a problem child from too much parental love? Who usually leads that loved one to Christ and baptizes him?

A loved one passes on. Sometimes it's the pastor who breaks the news. He's the one who consoles the mourners with a word of encouragement. He is asked to conduct the services and does a wonderful job. Yet he is often criticized because he did not mention what a swell guy John was, or because he tells the relatives they need a Saviour.

Then there's choir practice. Be careful, pastor! Mrs. N. might not come back if you tell her she sang off key.

A HARD JOB

Who is blamed for all the failures and discord in church? The pastor, of course! Who is accused and discussed more than any one else in the world? The pastor. But let's stop to think. He is human! He has the same family troubles as the rest of us. His children create as many problems as ours. There is just as much sickness in his family. His financial problems are as great or greater. His head aches, he has sorrows, disappointments and temptations.

Our pastor needs our prayers, not our dinner table discussions; our praise, not our complaints; our support, not our grumblings. We should remember when we belittle him before our loved ones or friends, that some day we may want him to help lead them to Christ. How can he, if we have maligned him before them?

We should thank God for a praying, Bible-studying, patient, humble pastor. Yes, we should thank him also for the times he speaks sharply, because God knows we need that too in order to grow in grace.

"I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the Lord" Jer. 23:4.

COUNCIL ON DIVORCE

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The concensus of opinion was that persons who had been divorced should be received into membership, but not hold the office of deacon. Those holding other offices should be tested to prove themselves—living a consecrated life for the Lord.

WHEN THE SAVED DIVORCE

The second phase of the discussion dealt with persons who have been saved and then divorced. Pastor Rogers stated that many Christians have the attitude that because of I John 1:9 they can order their lives as they please. Although God clearly teaches in Scripture the preservation of the Christian, we are to live holy, blameless lives. No one gets away with sin before God.

Several stated that upon restoration and confession, such parties are received into the church membership. Confession, however, is not made before the public.

Pastor Willetts said, "I am afraid that we are a little careless with the term 'repentance.' It is one thing for a person to go out and sin and come back with chin up and repent. It is another thing for a person to show genuine repentance with evidence that they won't repeat that sin again."

He gave an example of a couple which came from another state and wanted to join the church. It was not necessary for the husband to go into detail about his past, but he did and confessed that he was not justified in his divorce. He showed genuine repentance and an evidence that he would not do it again. The couple was accepted into the church as members.

The question was raised, "If one willfully disobeys God, can it be rectified?" It was pointed out from examples in the lives of Old Testament characters such as Saul, David and Jacob that it cannot always be.

The moderator asked the council about taking these divorced people into the membership of the local church. Without exception, they agreed that it is permissible.

SERVICE IN THE CHURCH

The last part of the discussion dealt with service in the church for those who had been divorced and remarried. It was first suggested that the parties should be given a longer time to prove themselves and should be subject to the approval of the church—not the community.

A question was raised concerning

teaching. How will they teach by example when approached with the problem of divorce? The answer was time—time to prove themselves. The church people change over a period of years and many of the people will not be aware of the past of a person.

Reference to I Cor 5:1 and II Cor. 2:6-11 brought out the question of a member who commits adultery. Every case has to be dealt with on its own merits. All agreed that a party committing adultery should be removed from the membership and disciplined. After genuine repentance only should they be re-instated.

The audience was allowed to participate in the question period and one member asked, "What is true repentance?" It was defined as a change of mind. The New Testament usage is a change of mind with the purpose of heart never to repeat the act. Or in other words, to be so sorry for your sins that you will never do them again.

"Then," asked another member, "if the woman in Mark 10:12 was truly repentant, was she still living in continuous adultery? Was she truly repentant?"

The moderator emphatically pointed out that this woman was a harlot and as such was continuing to live in adultery.

A pastor quoted I John 1:9 and said, "Sins are confessed, forgiven, forgotten." The point was made that where there is repentance, there is remission of sin. If the continued marriage relationship is adultery, there can be no fellowship with the Lord. But there are some who have been married, divorced, and remarried who put many other Christians to shame in their prayer life and their living for God.

The moderator challenged the congregation with the thought: "Let us ask ourselves, 'Are we doing this in love or in spite?'" He concluded by calling attention to Matthew one, and mentioning a few of the characters in the genealogy of Christ that had sin blotting their past. Yet they were included in this list.

THE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS

After going into closed session, the council made the following recommendations:

We, the council, called by Midview Baptist Church wish to state that we are wholeheartedly against divorce.

We then recommend:

1. Persons having been divorced

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

By Mrs. Inez Milner, 3279 Warrensville Road,
Apt. 15-D, Shaker Heights 22, Ohio.

(Please send all your news items for this page *direct to Mrs. George S. Milner, 3279 Warrensville Road, Apt. 15-D., Shaker Heights 22, Ohio, so it will reach her on or before the 10th of the month. Thank you for your co-operation.*)

"The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, while it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre." John 20:1. Quoting from the writings of the late Dr. H. A. Ironside—"Is there, in all history, a more thrilling incident recorded than that of the amazed followers of Jesus Christ when they found the tomb empty, where only a few days before, they had reverently and sorrowfully laid away the body of their Lord?"

"It was night!

Darkest that was ever seen;
Treachery, desperate and mean;
'Friends' on whom He could not lean
It was night!

Night for Him—and for them night;
For they could not bear the sight,
So they left Him in their fright,
That dark night.

Morning Light!
'Very early' in the dawn
Of that resurrection morn
Hope was dead. But joy was born.

Oh, the Light!
'Mary' was the name He said;
'Master!'—Gone was all her dread;
He was living, and was not dead,
Glory light!"

—M. Warner.

"Since ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." Col. 3:1 We have permanent Easter!

ALL ABOARD! EVERY CHURCH—STATE WIDE, ALL INCLUSIVE; TO AKRON, TO AKRON, VERY INDUCIVE! WHY ALL THIS EXCITEMENT? YOU MEAN YOU HAVEN'T HEARD? JUST ROUND UP ALL LADIES, IN YOUR LOCAL W.M.S. FOR OUR SPRING RALLY—YOU SIMPLY CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS!!! Yes Ma'am! We are certain every President of your local society has received full details and there was a full notice concerning our Rally in the March issue, so we are looking for you at the BROWN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, 541 Brown Street, Akron, on TUESDAY,

APRIL 25th at 10:30. Remember your *Dime Offerings* for our projects: Camp Patmos, Cedarville College, Home for the Elderly. See you in Akron! We want to see Hundreds of Ladies there!

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Speaking of our Projects which our Dime Offerings help to support, your editor received a letter which I wish to quote in part: "I would like to get all of the information about the Baptist Home. A am a member of the ——— Church at ———, Rev. ——— is my pastor. I will be 72 in January. I am living in the ——— Homes for low income people and I can't make a go of it. I have only \$89.00 per month coming in and I have no other income and no money. I do have my furniture which I could bring if you needed it. I would like to hear from you soon. Yours. Mrs. ———." This is not the only touching appeal received. There was not too much I could write in the way of encouragement except to tell her we are hoping to get some Home soon; then turned the letter over to the Committee which is in charge of this project. Pray about this.

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Another Rally to announce—The Hebron Association Women's Missionary Fellowship will hold their

Rally in the First Baptist Church, 123 W. Liberty St., Medina; on April 11th beginning at 10:15. Mrs. Dale Davis, missionary on furlough from Alaska, serving under Baptist Mid-Missions, will be the morning speaker. Lunch at noon, each one bringing salad or desert, your own table service and the church furnishes the rest. Mrs. Allan E. Lewis of Euclid-Nottingham, Cleveland, is the afternoon speaker on the topic, "Women in the Church." There will be workshops—interesting ones—"The Pastor's Wife," Mrs. Allan Lewis; "Missionary letters," Miss Beth Odor, missionary on furlough from French West Africa serving with Evangelical Baptist Missions; "Missionary Projects," Mrs. James Cross of Cedar Hill, Cleveland; "The Officers of your local Missionary Society," Mrs. George Milner, Cedar Hill, Cleveland. The president, Mrs. Frank Odor, urges all women to attend.

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Are you a stenographer or typist? Do you feel the Lord would have you in Christian service full-time for Him? If so, Rev. Allan Lewis, president of Baptist Mid-Missions would appreciate hearing from you, as there is urgent need for such help in their office.

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Someone has said, "Get on fire from on high and people will come to see you burn."

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Just a thought—When driving to Cedarville College, if you can, bring a cake or something else in that line for the Snack Shop. The "kids" will appreciate it and so will Miss Bernice Mick, the gracious Manager of the Snack Shop and Book Store.

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MORE DATES TO REMEMBER—Baptist Mid-Missions Conference, May 17-21, in the First Baptist Church, Niles. Special emphasis on the Women's Symposium on Friday afternoon with a "Foreign Style Show."

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"When faith goes to market, it always takes a basket."—Streams in the Desert.

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and remarried and then saved be eligible for church membership.

2. That saved persons who have been divorced and remarried but have shown a spirit of repentance are likewise eligible for church membership.

3. No person having been divorced or remarried be allowed the office of deacon or pastor.

4. With regard to other church offices, we do not recommend complete restriction or total freedom, but that each individual case be decided on the basis of its own circumstances. (The local church must use its own discretion.)

5. With regard to a later marriage (remarriage), restitution be made whenever possible by the parties involved. (Such restitution can be determined only by the parties involved.)

RISEN WITH CHRIST

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come; all are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's."

Why not, if we are seated with Christ? What difference does it make whether we are rich or poor, whether popular, or unpopular, young or old, We are as good as in heaven already, for we are seated with Christ in heavenly places!

Yes, triumph and glory has already begun for those that are risen with Christ. We might be reminded of it afresh by an Easter sermon, but we can't cram the thrill of it into one day. It is a truth for those weeks of let-down after Easter. Yes, it makes us rise above a pagan Easter and rejoice in our risen Lord the year around.

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

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repentance and without rebuke! How can we expect a holy God to bless us in all our unconfessed sin? And yet, how can we refuse the penitent and lay burdens upon them that no sane interpretation of Scripture will sustain? How can we tell them to sin again in a second divorce? Indeed, how can we weight down their consciences with the bug-a-boo of a continuous sin, when God has forgiven them? Rather, in the spirit of Gal. 6:1-3 we should encourage them and help them to make their present marriage a success.

All will not agree with us or with the council either one, but all will agree that divorce is an evil and that it will be with us for a long time to come. While we must face the question of past divorce and remarriage, we must be even more concerned to teach our young people how to make a success of marriage. Like our Catholic neighbors, we ought to have yearly classes on courtship and marriage. Who will be the first to start one?

Northside Lima, Calls Howard O. Addleman



In a February business meeting the Northside Baptist Church of Lima extended a call to Rev. Howard O. Addleman of Worthington, Penna., to become its pastor. March 5th he resigned from the Worthington Baptist Church to accept this call, and plans to move to his new field the first of May.

Since it has never been the privilege of the editor to meet Brother Addleman, we publish almost in full the very interesting letter recently received, in which he introduces himself to our Ohio readers:

"I was born June 8, 1919, at Curwensville, Penna., and reared nearby on a dairy farm. I graduated from High School in 1937 and married a Curwensville girl in 1939. I made a profession of faith in Christ at the age of 19, but due to a church split it was four years later before I got into the church and went on with the Lord. During army service in World War Two with McArthur's Headquarters in the Pacific, I made a committal to the Lord for the Gos-

pel Ministry; however, from 1946 to 1949 I became deeply involved in coal-mining operations and dairy farming. Finally, after three years of failure to forsake home and go to school, we made the break and enrolled in William Jennings Bryan University. I was graduated from Bryan in 1953 with a major in History. I later did work at the University of Tennessee towards a Master's Degree in the field of History. In this way I qualified my degree from the then unaccredited college and was able to secure a teacher's certificate in the state of Tennessee. I have three years of public school teaching experience, having acted as elementary principal in the Bledsoe County Schools at Pikeville, Tenn.

"During my freshman year at Bryan I accepted a call to pastor the Cold Springs Baptist Church some 20 miles from Bryan. Two years later I became pastor of Brayton Baptist Church, a somewhat larger work located on Missionary Ridge, which is famous as a Civil War battlefield. After three years at Brayton, I became pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pikeville, Tenn. During our three years of ministry there the church was involved in a lawsuit imposed upon us by the Southern Baptist Convention. We won the case, thus establishing the autonomy of a local Baptist church in the court records of Tennessee. Today the Brayton and Pikeville churches are both maintaining a faithful testimony as independent works.

"Here at Worthington, under our four years of ministry, 153 have united with the church, 112 of these by baptism. Our highest annual average S. S. attendance was 254. In November, 1959, the church purchased a lovely new parsonage at the cost of \$25,000. Under our

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YOUTH PAGE

(Until further notice please send all news and ideas to 586 Maple St., Fostoria, Ohio)

MEET OUR CAMP PATMOS DIRECTOR!

His picture is on page 11, so we won't repeat it, but all you former campers will know him as the man who used to take your money—Rev. Elton C. Hukill of Lorain. He has been a pusher for our camping program ever since he came into the state back in 1944, and has been trustee and treasurer for the last 12 years. Mrs. Hukill has been a worker there in many ways through the years too, especially as a helper to Mrs. H. K. Finley at the book table. They will be making their home at Camp Patmos all summer, and so be able to supervise things and have things ready for the weekly groups when they come Monday afternoon. Well as the volunteer directors have done who came each Monday and left Saturday, this should be a big improvement.

Our state Youth Director, Glenn Greenwood, writes that a good number of the personnel for the various camps have already been chosen, and in the May issue we hope to begin announcing just who they are. There are just three things now for you young folks to do: first, earn money for camp, so you won't bankrupt your dads—or find the last minute you can't go; second, push some of the older (not real old, of course) men and women in your church to take part in "work week" May 29-June 2. Tell your preacher, too, that it would be good for him to get some exercise! We want a nice, clean camp when the season starts June 26th, and we fear Superintendent of Grounds Clarence Townsend will have the usual hard time to get enough men and women over there! Yeah, it wouldn't hurt a few of you fellows who just graduated from high school to go—if you promise to work and not just fool!

NEW TIME SCHEDULE THIS YEAR

The Neumann Line will still have the good old Challenger working for us and give us a swell boat ride, but they want us all to go across on one boat. It leaves Sandusky 12:30 E.S.T., not fast time. Then on Saturdays the whole camp leaves at 10:30 E.S.T., from Kelley's Island and will arrive about noon at Sandusky.

NOW FOR THAT STRING ON YOUR FINGER: Has your group sent in its registrations yet, complete with \$3:00 per? That's the third thing for you young folks to see to, that it really gets done!

ONE MORE CAMP CHANGE

The new man to take your money at Camp Patmos will be Rev. Leland Howard. He suggests that much time could be saved if the adult counsellor in charge of each group would collect the money before starting and bring a check made out to Ohio Regular Baptist Home and Camp. It would also save him from the worry of coming back with over \$1,000 in bills. That is a good suggestion.

A TEENAGER SPEAKS

By: Jim Absalom, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Akron

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

"Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matt. 3:7, 14

Where a person will spend eternity is a very fascinating subject. It's a thought that turns your stomach and mind into a revolving eruption. Are you prepared to leave this world of toils and strifes? When you leave, where will you go? Will you go to God's wonderful Heaven or to Satan's Lake of Fire?

Many people poke fun and mock at the idea of the everlasting life where no one grows old. No sickness, no pain, no cry-

ing or heartaches will prevail. Many make a big joke of it. Heaven will be a glorious place, a place where you won't have to fight to exist, no more backbiting, gossiping and hard labour. It will be a place where you will have eternal rest.

On the other hand, if you aren't ready to meet your Creator, you had better start preparing now. If you don't, you will end in eternal damnation. You will be swimming in hell fire. Instead of having peace and contentment, many will be suffering with pain and agony throughout everlasting eternity. I hope your aspirations are homeward bound for the streets paved with pure gold—heaven.

—Jim is the son of Pastor Wm. J. Absalom.

HERE'S WHAT SOME TEEN-AGERS ARE DOING

FAITH BAPTIST, Van Wert

They meet once a month in the armory gym and play basketball. Mr. Boswell, a member of the church, arranges games for them with other groups, and some day they hope to be able to play some of the other GARB churches in the area.

CEDAR HILL, Cleveland

Here is a sample Sunday, March 12th: "3 P.M. Youth Service at the Baptist Home, all Junior and Senior High youth participating. 4 P.M. Youth choir. All members to bring a sack lunch, beverage will be provided. 6 P.M. The Junior High group will have 'A Jehovah's Witness on Trial.' This is the first in a series dealing with false cults. Senior High topic, 'Finding the Perfect Will of God.' 8:30 P.M. Collegiate Coffee Hour with Bible study on the Sermon on the Mount." Then there are Pioneer Girls and Boys Brigade during the week.

TEMPLE BAPTIST, Portsmouth

They already have their Camp Patmos dates set: June 26-July 1, Juniors; July 10-15, Junior High; and Aug. 7-12, Seniors. Does your church have its dates set, and will you have some for all three age groups? Try it this year.

Latest news is that their church basketball team is still undefeated and expecting to end the season that way. Rah, rah, for Portsmouth! They really keep their Youth Director, Rev. Thomas Bunyan, busy chaperoning all their parties too: Seniors Feb. 10; Junior High "Popcorn, Pizza and Pop Party" Feb. 17th; annual Boy Scout Banquet in March too. Easter they will have a Sunrise Service and breakfast with the young people from Wheelersburg.

FIRST BAPTIST, Niles

A new S. S. Class for high school girls has been started in March, so they are growing in numbers. March 11th a bus load of young folks went to the Bethany Youth Rally at the Struthers Baptist Tabernacle.

VOICE OF CHRISTIAN YOUTH

is the Cleveland youth rally organization. March 18th they met at Bible Baptist Church and heard Roy Lowrie, who is principle of a Christian day school in Pennsylvania. They always have musical specialists too, and a fellowship hour with refreshments afterwards.

FIRST BAPTIST, Gallipolis

Jan Tope reports for the Intermediates: "Hi! Intermediate Youth are getting excited about Camp Patmos. The date is July 10-15. Last year we had a wonderful time at camp. We had fun as we praised the Lord."

Douglas Lease reports for the Juniors: "Eleven of our Junior Young People took part in the opening church services the 19th of February. Four of our group has had perfect attendance."

Sue Dailey reports for the Seniors: "Saturday evenings at First Baptist Church are filled with fun and more fun. The very first evening was a huge success. . . . A Pizza party was enjoyed by all. While the rest of us played games, three famous

chefs busily prepared the pizza for us—Darlene Corbin, Shirley Eisnaugle and Vivian Hill. One evening we had a film about Martin Luther. It proved to be both interesting and informing."

SHARON BAPTIST, Sharon, Pa.

They just put out another extra good monthly paper. In it were Ten Commandments of Christian service that are worth sharing with all our Ohio young people.

Here they are:

1. Thou shalt do Christ's work as He did it.
2. Thou shalt confess thy salvation.
3. Thou shalt have an evangelistic spirit.
4. Thou shalt do the supreme business of life—save souls.
5. Thou shalt keep a record of the souls thou knowest.
6. Thou shalt get others interested in them also.
7. Thou shalt not forget to pray daily.
8. Thou shalt use God's Word in thy work.
9. Thou shalt lead a consistent Christian life.
10. Thou shalt let the Holy Spirit guide thee in all things."

NORTHSIDE LIMA, CALLS

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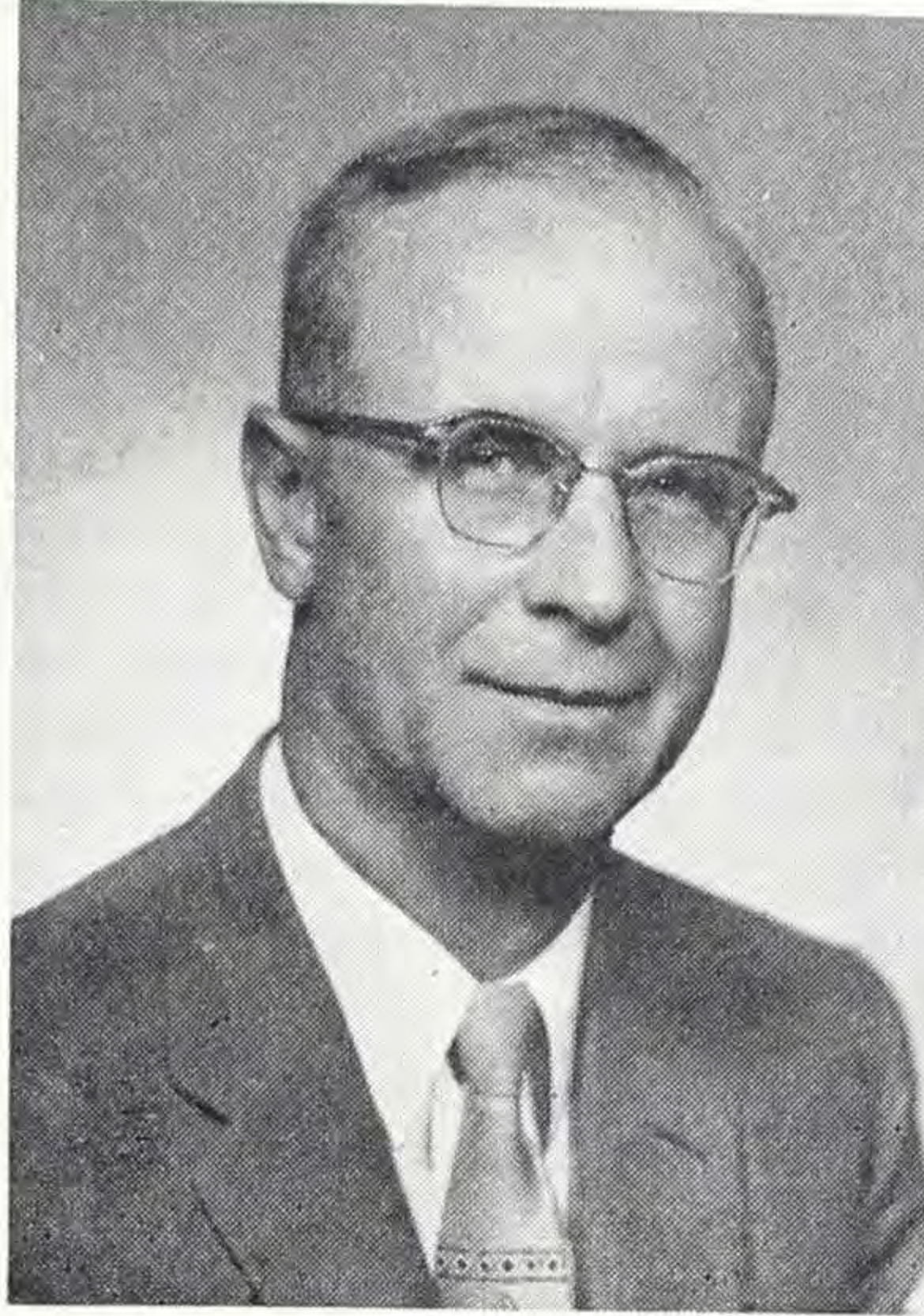
leadership the church was received into the GARBC last June. We plan to terminate our ministry the last Sunday of April. March 19-April 2 we are having Evangelist Stockwell for special services and trust they might prove to be the high point of our ministry at Worthington.

"We have four children. Judy, our eldest, is married and makes her home near Nashville, Tenn. Their three year old son makes us very proud grandparents. Our second daughter, Sue, is completing her freshman year at Cedarville College. Dan is 14 and completing his sophomore year here in Worthington. Our youngest son, Marc, will be two May 4th."

Then he encloses a check for a subscription to the OIB, and asks for our January statistical number, which shows he intends to learn all about our churches and pastors and be a good co-operator among us. Why not, since we are a simple fellowship of Bible-believing churches?

We wish Brother Addleman a blessed ministry at Northside and welcome him and his family to Ohio. The Northside Baptist Church not only has a fine building, but a growing and challenging field. It began as a mission under the Fellowship for Baptists for Home Missions back in the time of the second world war, and began to grow rapidly under the ministry of Rev. C. E. Spaulding, especially after the present building was erected on a new location. Brother Spaulding was the first full time pastor, serving for nine years until the end of 1957. Pastor Richard McIntosh served until September of

Elton C. Hukill Resigns at Trinity, Lorain



After sixteen and a half years of faithful service, Pastor Elton C. Hukill has presented his resignation to the Trinity Baptist Church of Lorain and plans to leave May first. When he came the church was still holding all its services in a neat and yet very small building on Thirty-first Street, with a membership considerably less than 100. We do not have records before 1947, when the membership was 99. It's average Sunday school attendance was 75. During his pastorate, Brother Hukill has baptized about 150; and the membership last reported is 186. The average attendance is 175.

During this time the church purchased and paid for the parsonage at 2029 E. 30th St., and also built the basement part of a new building right beside the old church, making it possible to use the old building for Sunday school rooms. It has increased the seating capacity to 300. This is a very attractive basement, with the front entrance complete as it will be after the building is finished, and with a very fine auditorium. When the upstairs auditorium is completed, as it undoubtedly will be in a few years, the Trinity church will have a very attractive plant. It also has a large field in the growing industrial city of Lorain, and with a new man of God's choosing should have a bright future.

Pastor Hukill has had a long and useful ministry, and looks forward to continued service wherever the Lord may lead. He graduated from Moody Bible Institute in 1932 with

last year, and also was used to take in many members. Now, with a pastor on the field again, we may expect real progress.

the Pastor's Course diploma, and took three semesters of college work at Northern Baptist Seminary, another Chicago school. His first pastorate of 29 months was with the First Baptist Church of Three Rivers, Michigan, which came to an end in June, 1936, because he could not agree with NBC doctrines and practices. The next pastorate of over two years was on a two church field in Upper Michigan, at Dollar Bay. Both of these churches were in the GARBC. In the fall of 1938 he began a six year pastorate of the Ambrose Baptist Church of Fayette and of the First Baptist Church of Wauseon—also a two church field. During this time he led the Ambrose church out of the convention and into fellowship with the Ohio Association and the GARBC. It was from this field he went to the Trinity Baptist Church October 29, 1944.

Brother Hukill has been a trusted counsellor all through his years with our association. He served on the Council of Ten for a total of eight years, and has been a trustee of Home and Camp since it was organized over 12 years ago. He was on the committee that found and purchased Camp Patmos. He has served as treasurer of Home and Camp from its organization until last fall, and is still the treasurer of the Home Fund. He counts his service for the camp as a thrilling experience, rather than as a burden. In fact, he will work harder for Camp Patmos than ever for this summer, for he will be our first full time Director.

After May 15th he will be available for Sunday supply preaching anywhere in Ohio or in southern Michigan. He will receive mail at his present address until May 25th, after which he can be reached at Camp Patmos, General Delivery, Kelley's Island, Ohio.

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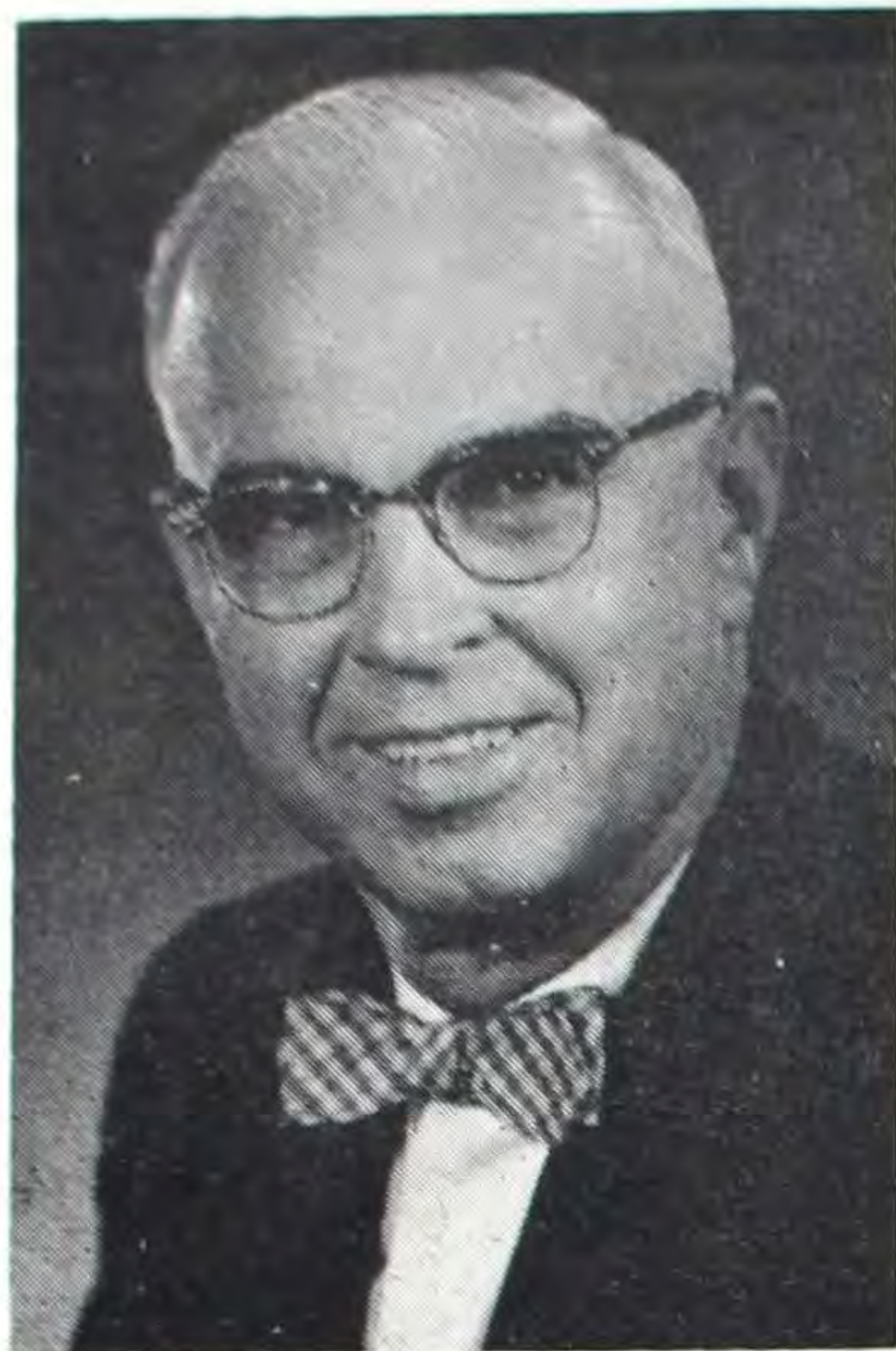
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GARBC Conference Will Exalt Bible at Winona Lake



Dr. Jackson

A Bible conference, preliminary to the regular annual conference beginning Monday, June 19, will begin Sunday afternoon at 3:00 P.M. in the Billy Sunday Tabernacle. Reverend Alfred Colwell, eastern representative, will bring the opening message entitled "Evangelists of the Eternal Word."

The Winona Lake Conference grounds afford an opportunity to combine a Bible conference and a vacation. Swimming, boating, miniature golf, shuffleboard, are but a few of the available recreational facilities. Reservations for lodging should be made early and directly to the Winona Lake conference grounds.

Special arrangements are being made to make this year's conference a family conference. A nursery will

be provided for infants. Registered nurses will supervise the activities of the tiny tots. The juniors and intermediates will have a Children's Bible Conference directed by Reverend and Mrs. Mel Stadt. A fully equipped playground is available for supervised recreation between sessions. The Children's Bible Conference will be conducted Tuesday through Friday simultaneous to the regular conference sessions for adults.

To the left we introduce Dr. Paul R. Jackson, national representative; to the right Dr. R. T. Ketcham, national consultant, who will speak each morning at 7 on "Manna From Heaven."

Special interest programs are planned for each evening of the conference. An all male chorus, a sermon in song, all youth choir, all-youth orchestra, an eighty voice missionary cantata, the film—"Operation Abolition," and "The Gospel Vesper Hour" provide the conference with added

opportunities for inspiration and information. Tuesday has been designated not only as "Youth Emphasis Day" but also "Sunday School Emphasis Day." Workshops are planned for both the adults and the young people. Competitive recreation, a banquet, all youth choir and orchestra are a few of the added activities for the youth. Pastors from among the nearly 1,000 churches in the Association will be bringing Bible centered messages daily. Missionaries from the Congo and other parts of the world will be present to relate events of spiritual significance. Several thousand Regular Baptists are expected to attend this 30th Annual Conference.



Dr. Ketcham

Eden Park Recognized

The First Missionary Baptist Church of Eden Park, Portsmouth, was recognized as a regularly organized Baptist Church by a council held at 2 P.M., Feb. 19th. There were pastors and lay messengers present from the Temple Baptist Church, and the Portsmouth Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Emmanuel Baptist Church of New Boston, Berean Baptist of Sciotoville, Wheelersburg Baptist, Grace Baptist and Madison Baptist of Minford. Pastor Martin Holmes of Wheelersburg was elected as moderator, and Pastor Harold Willis as clerk. With some minor changes in the articles of faith and in the constitution, which the church unanimously accepted, the council was

well satisfied with the church and voted to recognize it.

We hope to hear more about this church which is pastored by Rev. Henry Thompson. Quite some time ago we had a fine letter from him in which he told us that last fall the church voted to seek fellowship in both the state and national associations, but that they wished to be recognized by a local council before they made written application. We expect that by this time these applications are in and will be acted upon. The GARBC will vote next June at Winona Lake, and we will vote next October; but in the meantime we will feel that this church is one with us in like faith and practice.

DAUTELGRAMS

"The times are in His hands, but the tidings are in ours!"

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"He who finds nothing of heaven on earth would probably find nothing but earth in heaven—if he ever arrived!"

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Some years ago a U. S. Senator (O'Daniel, Texas) said, "One of the most wholesome things that could happen would be for every congressman, after serving six years, to go back home and try to make a living under the laws he helped to pass."

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God grants us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can, and wisdom to know the difference.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP ASSURED

Pastor Ralph Kemmerer of First Baptist, Findlay, reports that as of March 4th more than 100 men (including 37 pastors) have indicated that they are planning to attend the Men's Fellowship Sept. 4-6 at Camp Patmos. Dr. R. T. Ketcham has already been secured as the Bible teacher for the camp, which alone should make every pastor want to attend if at all possible, and want to bring as many men as he can. While the program has not been completed as yet, there will undoubtedly be discussion periods each day on local church and associational matters; and as with the young people, the afternoons will undoubtedly be taken up with recreation and just plain fellowship. The possibilities for spiritual renewal, fellowship and wholesome enjoyment are so wonderful that we are sure the problem will not be to fill the camp, but to make enough room. Late registrants may have to bring their own tents and cots, so we advise early registration.

More information will soon be sent to the churches, but in the meantime think about it and ask yourselves where else you could get so much for \$10, boat ride and all?

AN EXTRA HOUR

The school newspaper of John Bartram High, in Philadelphia, polled pupils on this interesting question:

"What would you do if you were given an extra hour each day?"

Most frequent answer: "Catch up on my sleep."

Runnerup in languor, from a girl: "I'd daydream."

One boy said he'd devote a 25th hour entirely to eating.

A few said they'd improve the time by reading.

Among the more unusual responses was the following from a boy: "I would like to save my extra hours day after day, and go back to Alabama for a little while."

And it was a boy who supplied this frank clincher: "I wouldn't spend it in school, that's for sure."

We thought of Fanny J. Crosby, who wrote:

*"Oh, the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with
Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with Friend!"*

What would your answer to the question be?

-Tom M. Olson

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Calvary Baptist, Bellefontaine	5.00
Whipple Ave. Baptist, Canton	5.00
First Baptist, Gallipolis	15.00
Berea Baptist	10.00
Clintonville Baptist, Columbus	8.50
Total	\$174.45

GIFTS TO HOME

Calvary Baptist Church, Cleveland	\$ 30.00
First Baptist Church, Gallipolis	100.00
Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Cleveland	260.00
New Harmony Baptist Church, S. Olive	5.00
Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church, Euclid	10.00
Northfield Baptist Church	10.00
Trinity Baptist Church, Lorain	5.00
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OUR FELLOWSHIP PAGES - - -

FIRST BAPTIST, Bowling Green

The annual meeting of the North Bethel Ass'n. was held Mar. 4th at Bowling Green, with morning, afternoon and evening sessions, Rev. Denzel L. Osburn, Vice President, and Home Missions Director for Baptist Mid-Missions, spoke at 11 A.M., and at 1:30 P.M., and also conducted a Question Period at 3:30. The evening speaker was Dr. Fred Milkie, a psychiatrist who is a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Toledo.

The new moderator is Pastor F. Donald Worden, Calvary Baptist Church, Findlay; the vice moderator is Pastor Ted Cary of Faith Baptist, Van Wert; and secretary-treasurer is Pastor Bernard Horn, Homewood Baptist Church, Lima; and the youth director is Pastor Ralph Kemmerer, First Baptist Church, Findlay.

FOSTORIA BAPTIST

The Joash offering for the building fund for the first quarter, plus monthly offerings for the fund, brought in \$2,500 in spite of much unemployment. March 15th a very interesting illustrated lecture on Russia was given by Ev. James Loudon, who spent over 5 months in Russia last year in doing personal evangelistic work. Besides his personal work, largely with students, he was able to preach several times in Baptist churches. Previously he has done a similar work in Greece, Bulgaria, and for eight years in Jugo-Slavia.

March 29-April 9 Ev. John Carrara will hold evangelistic meetings.

ELYRIA BAPTIST, Elyria

First Baptist attendance is growing under the ministry of Pastor Woodrow W. McCaleb. The February S.S. attendance averaged 684. The church is second in a contest with Michigan churches at Muskegon, Grand Rapids and Fremont. March 5th the attendance reached 752 and the goal for the last Sunday is 850.

WHEELERSBURG MISSIONARY BAPTIST

The Wheelersburg church has followed the suggestion of Dr. Jackson from the GARBC office and taken an offering for Negro work. It amounted to \$65.36.

Pastor Martin Holmes continues to be used in special meetings. March 4th he spoke to the young people of the Madison Baptist Church. March 19-26 he will be in an eight day revival at the Grace Baptist Church

of Willoughby, Ohio. While absent from his pulpit, his place was taken by Prof. Robert Gromacki of Cedarville College the 19th, and by Pastor Bolt of Franklin Furnace Baptist Church the 26th.

BAPTIST BELIEFS REPRINTED

Pastor Homer E. Graven, Avon Baptist Church, reports that his first edition of a good membership class booklet has been exhausted, and that a second edition is being brought out with the addition of a "Forward" by Rev. J. Irving Reese.

As a re-print, he has been able to reduce the price over 50%. A single copy is 30c; 25 copies, \$6.75; 50, \$12.00; and 100, \$21.00.

With this reduction in price it should be a further inducement for pastors to get these booklets for membership classes, prayer meeting studies, or to use in a Sunday school class.

FIRST BAPTIST, Gallipolis

Evangelism is being emphasized through the month of March. First, the Vota Vita Bible Class sponsored a one night service March 12th with Evangelist Bill Stevens of Charleston, W. Va., as the speaker. Secondly, a week of special meetings were held March 19-26 with Rev. Richard R. Hamilton, Eastern Director of World Vision, Inc., as the speaker. Special prayer meetings were held daily by the youth leaders, another by the deacons, and a third by the deaconesses. Others of their age and sex joined with them each evening before the services.

CALVARY BAPTIST, Tiffin

On Feb. 19, Rev. Wm. Fusco, missionary to Italy, spent the day with us, speaking in all the services and showing colored slides of the field. His messages gave an inspiring challenge to us to be more about our Father's business here at home.

May the 28th Dr. Carl M. Sweazy will be here to begin two weeks of evangelistic services. Dr. Sweazy was here last year for a week, so we are looking forward to his return.

FAITH BAPTIST, Amherst

Pastor Leland Howard announces that Evangelist Carl T. Woodbury will hold meetings March 20-26. He reports that the work on the new wing being built will soon be completed and that they hope for dedication services the latter part of May.

BIBLE BAPTIST, Bedford

"A Patterson Fund" of \$200 was

given in February, and also foods and household supplies to take with them as they go back to their Baptist Mid-Mission field at Graysville, Tenn. A campaign has been on to bring the S. S. Attendance over the 300 mark by March 26th. We'll be interested to know how it turned out.

GRAHAM ROAD BAPTIST, Cuyhoga Falls

"Faith Venture Sunday" was a huge success according to Associate Pastor Clayton J. Bates. The goal was \$2,500 for the contemplated new church building. The offerings totalled \$3,080.47! The S. S. goal of 300 failed by 22, but Pastor B. C. Jennings reported that March 12th the attendance was 290. It will go over 300 by Easter for sure.

FIRST CHRISTIAN BAPTIST, COSHOCTON

Pastor Harry E. Cole reports that the interior of the church has been redecorated after a furnace explosion last fall caused considerable smoke damage. A recent missionary speaker was Rev. Lyle Jessup, Baptist Mid-Mission worker in the Dominican Republic. Evangelistic meetings will be held Palm Sunday through Easter, with Pastor Donald Moffat of Cedarville as the speaker. On Good Friday he will speak also in the afternoon, and additional speakers will be Rev. Worth Sauser of Emmanuel Baptist, Mt. Vernon, and Rev. Owen Lower of the Fresno Bible Church, as well as Pastor Cole himself.

CEDAR HILL BAPTIST, Cleveland

During the week of Feb. 19th the Cedar Hill Baptist Church was host to the Fifty-Third Annual Mid-Winter Erieside Bible Conference. The speaker was Dr. Charles J. Woodbridge of New York, a nationally known Bible teacher and a member of the Word of Life staff in New York City.

The daytime sessions at 2 P.M. were studies in the Book of Romans, and the evening sessions covered the book of Revelation.

FAITH BAPTIST, Van Wert

In spite of much sickness, the average attendance Nov.-Dec.-Jan. was 53 in the mornings, 44 at night Sundays, and 30 for the mid-week service. Several new families are attending and some have united with the church. Quite a group of young people are attending and most of them have come to know the Saviour since coming.

WHAT OUR CHURCHES ARE DOING

Pastor Cary and his family now live at 901 Airport Avenue, which is only three blocks from the lot where they hope this summer to put up a basement church building.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST, Akron

Plans for a new building have been drawn, and an effort is being made to add another \$10,000 to the building fund so that the work can start this spring or summer. Pastor Wm. J. Absalom is planning to hold revival meetings in his own church this spring, and a campaign in Mansfield in May.

CALVARY BAPTIST TABERNACLE, Sandusky

Pastor A. B. Tassel reports that their annual reports showed nearly \$6,000 given for missions, an average S. S. attendance for the year of 180, which is a gain of 13 over the year before. Recent missionary speakers have been Dave Torro, going out under ABWE; Pres. James T. Jeremiah from Cedarville, who brought the men's quartet of the college with him; and William Fusco, a former pastor and now missionary to Italy, at the morning service March 5th, which was the beginning of the 30th Anniversary Services. That night and through March 8th the speaker was Dr. Ralph H. Stoll, founder of the church and now for 24 years pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Altoona, Pa.

BEREA BAPTIST

Six people were baptized and joined our church March 12th, and three others were received by experience. We are looking forward to the coming of Rev. Russell F. Taylor, Director of our Regular Baptist Children's Home at St. Louis, Mich. He will present the work of the home church March 15th.

AMBROSE BAPTIST, Fayette

March 5th a young man was saved and the next Sunday presented himself for baptism and church membership. April 16th at 3 P.M. the new part of the church building will be dedicated, with Rev. Allan E. Lewis as the speaker.

Pastor John Teeters is hoping that now after the work of enlarging the church building is over, doors will open for occasional revival meetings, that he can carry on along with his pastoral work. Any church in Ohio that would be interested can write to him, Rt. 2, Fayette, Ohio. Brother

Teeters has had considerable experience in the evangelistic field.

BETHEL BAPTIST, Erie, Pa.

The 1960 annual report shows that its work in establishing the Garden Heights Baptist Church is largely over, since it has become an independent church; and it is now looking around the Erie area for a new place to start a church. It will continue to help Garden Heights on its building through the Bethel Fund some \$300 a month. Sunday school averaged 510 in attendance, morning worship 395, evening 232, Junior church 55, and prayer meetings 63. The new budget calls for \$22,000 for missions, \$38,200 for local expense, and \$10,000 for the Bethel Fund.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED FEB. 15 — MAR. 15	
Friends	4
Brookside Baptist, Cleveland	2
Sharon Baptist, Sharon, Pa.	1
Litchfield Baptist	5
Memorial Baptist, Columbus	2
Temple Baptist, Portsmouth	3
Cedar Hill Baptist, Columbus	2
Struthers Baptist Tabernacle	1
Avon Baptist	1
Penfield Jct. Baptist, Lorain	2
Road Fork Baptist, Harriettsville ...	1
First Baptist, Elyria	1
Northside Baptist, Lima	1
Fellowship Baptist, Young's Corner -	1
Total	27

MARANATHA BAPTIST, Springfield

Pastor Arthur Houk keeps tap on what the local newspaper may say about fundamentalism, modernism, communism, etc. In the March 7 issue of The Sun, he comments on Antioch College opposition to the film, "Operation Abolition," put out by the House Un-American Activities Committee that the paper had

reported, and gives the testimony of the mayor of San Francisco to the truthfulness of the film. It was a good thing that he did, for right across in the left hand column was a scurrilous mis-representation of anti-communist endeavor by another preacher. Yes, the liberals write their views, and so should we.

CORRECTION

Pastor Earl V. Willetts informs us that we exaggerated the number of members from the Berea Baptist Church who are helping to establish a new church in Brook Park. No members have been lettered out as yet, and will not until the new work is organized. How many will then unite with the new church is not now known, but it will likely be only a few families. We are sorry we accepted the rumor of over 60 after hearing it twice. We should have confined ourselves to the short but factual letter sent us as news. We still think, however, that the Berea church is to be congratulated for helping to start a new church.

COUNCIL OF TEN MEETS

The Council of Ten met at the Cedar Hill Baptist Church March 20th, with all but one present. Pastor Balyo's church served us a wonderful lunch that was much appreciated. In our May issue we hope to have more to say about the decisions reached; but can now say that Oct. 16-19 is the day of our annual meeting and we expect one of three possible churches in the southern half of the state will invite us. An outstanding out-of-state speaker will be heard several times; but again we must wait until we know which man is able to accept our invitation. Whichever one does will be good and worth attending the conference to hear.

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XXIX. A CHAPLAIN'S FAREWELL

The time has come to say farewell to the Naval Chaplaincy after almost five straight years of active duty at the Marine Corps Air Station, Miami, Florida, with the 3rd Marine Division, FMF, in Okinawa, at the Military Sea Transportation Service in Brooklyn, New York, and with the Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas. And with the farewell to the chaplain's uniform goes a similar farewell to all of the readers of these articles in the Ohio Independent Baptist, since I will no longer be your missionary to our servicemen after about 15 May.

Passed over. The military has an expression when one is not selected for promotion to the next rank. He is said to be "passed over." I was thus passed over, as I expected to be, at the last selection board for promotion to the rank of LCDR. There were 46 who made it and 10 of us who didn't. I said to Vonnie that maybe sometimes it's like it was with the Israelites in Egypt, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." (Exodus 12:13b) The time has come in the military services, I feel, when more and more our type of Bible preaching, Christ exalting men will be "passed over" from promotion to the higher ranks of all branches of the chaplain corps. The battle lines have been drawn it seems, unlike any other time in our history, between those who are faithful to the American Council of Christian Churches and their approach, and those who are faithful to the National Council of Christian churches and the opposite approach.

Used of God. Yet, though rejected of men for higher rank, our ministry since we last wrote has been used of God in the bringing of 20 men to profess first time faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. All of these men were the results of our brig preaching on Sunday and the brig Bible classes we had on Wednesdays a few weeks while substituting for another chap-

lain. I am so happy that our mighty God in heaven "didn't get the word" regarding the uselessness of this chaplain and that He has continued to bless our ministry in small Spiritual and eternal fruit.

Called Out. We feel that the Lord, in His own good time, and to His own place of ministry, has called us out of the chaplaincy and into the local church-work. About the same time the selection board for promotion was meeting in Washington, I received a telephone call from the IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH of Newton, Massachusetts (near Boston), to come and preach for them. On 15 January I did this. On Thursday, 2 February, at a specially called business meeting, the church unanimously voted to extend me a call to be their pastor. I have accepted this call and have applied for immediate release from active duty. I should receive separation orders sometime in March, April, or May.

The Church. Vonnie and I are very happy with the prospect of be-

coming civilians again and getting a set of "permanent shore duty orders." The IMMANUEL CHURCH of Newton is about six miles west of Boston. It is an independent Baptist church, not affiliated or associated with any group of churches. Its doctrinal position and its stand on separation as outlined in the by-laws, is identical with the churches in the OARB and GARBC. It is over 100 years old. Up until about 8-10 years ago, the church was in the American Baptist Convention. One of our graduates of the Dallas Theological Seminary was called as its pastor and began to preach the gospel. The modernists and unbelievers all left and the believers remained—with full title to the property, much to the dismay and disappointment of the liberals and the ABC.

The People. There are about 250 members at present, consisting of about 130 families. The church has begun one mission church and is beginning another. The people are well taught in the Word of God and about one-third of their \$35,000 annual

FRONTIERS FOR CHRIST in Germany

Another quarter-million German Gospels are now being prepared for distribution in PTL's spring campaign in the great city of Hamburg and among the 400,000 men of West Germany's armed forces. With tension rising again over Berlin the need of Germany is urgent. Again the friends of PTL are urged to help keep the supply of Gospels and Testaments flowing as our teams open new fronts in **Operation Western Europe.**

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budget goes to missions. The day I spoke, about 300 attended the Sunday morning service, and about 150 in the evening. The mid-week prayer meeting and Bible study averages about 75. Each Sunday morning from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. the church sponsors the "IMMANUEL HOUR" over Boston's music station WCRB (1330 kc on AM and 102.5 on FM).

The Challenge. Will you pray that the Lord will send one of our dedicated young men into the Navy Chaplain Corps to replace me? He may not advance far in rank, but pray that he will be faithful in the proclamation of the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and that he will advance far with His Lord. I love my men and the ministry to service personnel. They are so hungry for the Bread of Life, and so eager to receive Christ's message by and large. Then pray for us in our new work that the Lord will use us to bring many to know Christ as Savior and many Christians to surrender to Christ as Lord of their lives.

Request Granted. As I am typing this, Monday, 13 February, I just received two air mail letters from Washington. One from the Chief of Navy Chaplains, Rear Admiral G. A. Rosso, and the other from the Assistant Chief of Navy Chaplains, Captain I. W. Stultz, granting my request to be given orders on 1 March 1961 so that I could be on the field for Easter Sunday, 2 April, and so I could take my final oral exams for the Ph.D. in Speech at Purdue sometime in April for June graduation. The usual four months waiting period for orders has been waived! The Lord has worked out all things well and we hope to His glory.

Verse to Remember. If there have been any lessons you have learned during the past five years as you have read this missionary news letter from time to time, I hope that you will have learned, as our family and I have, that Galatians 6:9 is still in God's Book and is still true: "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, IF WE FAINT NOT." Write us at IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH of Newton, P. O. Box 208, Newtonville 60, Mass. May God's richest blessings be upon our Ohio Association as the churches work for Christ our Lord.

(These views are personal and do not necessarily reflect those of the U. S. Navy).

More Women Than Men In Christ's Kingdom?

Rev. H. Eugene Eslinger, Wausaukee, Wisconsin
Hiawatha Land Independent Baptist Missions

Can you imagine the heavenly kingdom of Christ populated by four women to every man? This would surely be the situation if conditions found in some areas of the northlands of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan were extended to all other places. Many Sundays you could walk into our Hiawatha Land church at Wausaukee, Wisconsin, and count the men present on the fingers of one hand. It is by no means a happy situation, but one that we bear often before the Lord in prayer.

Why are the men slower in turning to the Lord? Perhaps a number of things are responsible, including educational, environmental, and psychological factors; but the main reason lies in the effect of sin—the binding and hardening results of it. "For the heart of this people is waxed gross." In an environment of crude, pioneer living, without the blessing and influence of Gospel-preaching churches, the lives of men (especially) have gone unrestrained. Their ungodly attitudes and wicked deeds, as they have cursed and drunk, have warped their minds and hardened their hearts until the glimmer of hope for many of them is very dim. I was in a home talking with a man and wife recently. The man was very cordial as we talked about a number of subjects. After a while we began to talk about the Lord and

the need of man for salvation. As conviction began to move this man, he turned the attention away from himself and began to rail on his wife. As she sat silently, he reviled and abused her until she wept. He continued his devilish attacks for fifteen minutes and then abruptly left the house. The woman knows the Lord, and for years has prayed for her husband with patience and love.

The slow process of winning men to the Lord has many adverse results in the church. Attendance fluctuates much, depending on whether Dad wants the car for this or that when it's time to go to church Sunday morning. On the extremely cold mornings, he may be disinterested in helping to get the car started for the wife. Another result is that giving in the church lags. What unbelieving husband is willing to have a tithe given from his paycheck? Also, without men in the church, adequate Scriptural leadership is lacking, and the church cannot become strong and healthy spiritually until families are worshipping together.

Will you pray with us for these unsaved men in the northlands? Will you support patiently faithful missionaries engaged in dealing with these precious souls, even though we are consumed? *Hiawatha Land is calling!*

FEBRUARY GIFTS TO THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES

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Open Door Baptist Church—Spencerville, Ohio	40.00
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Berea Baptist Church—Berea, Ohio	10.00
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Calvary Baptist Church—Norwalk, Ohio	5.00
Ladies Hebron Association—Bedford, Ohio	10.00
Total (Another good month)	\$330.35

News From Our Approved Schools

CEDARVILLE COLLEGE

The plans for the new gym are maturing and the location definitely decided. It will be on the old campus foot-ball field. It is hoped that enough donations will come in so that it can be started this summer.

There will be no Prospective Students' Day this year because of crowded conditions, but pastors and others are urged to write in and tell when they plan to come and how many prospective students there will be in the group. They are welcome to visit classes Monday through Friday when there and to talk with faculty members after classes and with staff about courses they wish to take, and so forth. For those who definitely plan to attend Cedarville for the first time next fall, no further time should be lost to register. By summer it will very likely be too late.

WESTERN BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Two new instructors have been added to the faculty at Western: Mr. Elyot W. Johnson of Denver, Colo., who will teach Speech and Education. He will also pastor a church. He took his Bible training at Baptist Bible College in Denver, and has an M.A. degree from the University of Colorado. Harlan Rahilly will teach Missions. He is a graduate of Baptist Bible Seminary in Johnson City, N.Y., and has taken additional work at Western. He has 15 years of experience as a missionary in Liberia under Baptist Mid-Missions.

BAPTIST BIBLE SEMINARY

We are happy to announce the coming of two new faculty members, Mr. Wendell Kempton, who will serve as Director of Christian Service, and Mr. Edward Spencer, who recently was pastor of the Penfield Jct. Baptist Church of Lorain, Ohio, will serve as an Assistant Professor in English. In addition to his duties as Director of Christian Service, Mr. Kempton will serve as Coach of the B.B.S. Basket-ball teams. As we mention this item we salute Mr. Mead Armstrong, who has served as successful Varsity Coach for a number of years, and Mr. Charles Benedict, who has piloted the J.V. Team.

It is with regret that we announce the resignation of Miss Agnes Holt of our English Department. Miss Holt is applying for Foreign Mission service. We are happy to announce that Mr. Robert Lightner has enrolled for

his doctrinal program at Dallas Theological Seminary. He will be taking leave of absence from B.B.S. for this purpose. Both Mr. Lightner and Miss Holt have made a real contribution to B.B.S. We wish them God's blessing as they implement their plans.

The 6th Annual Student Missions Fellowship Conference has just concluded. All indications are that this was one of the most challenging conferences ever to be held under the auspices of the SMF. The entire Seminary Family was blessed as a result of the conference sessions.

Those missionaries and mission personnel present were: Rev. Guy King, Rev. William Fusco, Rev. Bob Collins, Miss Jessica Minns, Rev. and Mrs. Stephen Green, Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Bancroft, Rev. Albert Williams, Rev. Willard Stull and Dr. Harold Commons.

The theme of the conference was "Some Have Not the Knowledge," from I Corinthians 15:34. The missionaries dealt with several different topics and participated in a panel discussion on "Missionary Relaxation" and in a workshop dealing with "Preparation for the Field." SMF President, William Hawk, and the Planning Committee are to be commended for a job well done.

GRAND RAPIDS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Second Annual Bible Conference of the Grand Rapids Baptist Theological Seminary as held February 20-24 with almost 1000 registering besides many others being in attendance which made a vast increase over last year. Drs. Robert Ketcham, David Allen, and Walter Wilson were

the main speakers. A number of others addressed the conference, including Dr. David Otis Fuller, Professor Victor Mathews, and Rev. Herbert VanderLugt. Recording artist, Mr. Jimmie McDonald, from Philadelphia was the soloist. Rev. James Draper of the Radio Bible Class and Professor Doonan directed the Conference musical program featuring various musical groups. Dr. W. Wilbert Welch, president, led the Conference with a keen sense of the Spirit's moving upon hearts.

Sunday school, church and topical clinic sessions and workshops were held in the afternoons. These were conducted by the principal speakers as well as Mrs. Robert Ketcham, Mrs. Reginald Matthews, Professor Warren Faber, Dr. Sheldon Quincer, Rev. Joseph Balbach, Rev. Fred Barlow, and Dr. Donn Ketcham. The conference was of such a high spiritual level that many concurred with Dr. Wilson when he said it was the best conference he had attended for years.

A special feature was Alumni Day, when many graduates of the school united in supporting its work. A sum of \$8500.00 was pledged toward the new campus project. Students and faculty have pledged \$14,000.00. The Alumnus of the year, Rev. Guy King, Director of Hiawatha Land Independent Baptist Missions, Inc., was recognized and honored by the Alumni Association and was awarded the O. W. VanOsdel Memorial trophy.

A momentous decision was made by the Advisory Council when it approved a campaign to raise \$450,000.00 so that buildings might be erected and the new campus, in northeastern section of Grand Rapids, be occupied in the fall of 1962.

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Area high school graduates are invited to our Supper for Seniors Friday, April 28. Our liberal arts college is expanding its majors to include a Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible, Christian Education, English, History, Music and science departments are also being enlarged. Considerable development of our geology equipment has been undertaken by Professor Edward Gruss.

A number of our churches sent along a special offering for the school, particularly to help our students. The participating churches will be listed in the Progress Summary. This growing interest in our students is very encouraging, and the young people are just as grateful for this as for the money.

The Southern California Regular Baptist Pastors recently held their monthly meeting in our chapel and a number gave testimonies of their salvation or work in the churches. Rev. E. A. Lockerbie was introduced by Dr. Esmond Lasswell, upon arriving to take up his work at Trinity Baptist Church, Pasadena. Rev. Lockerbie has been invited as our Baccalaureate speaker, Sunday, June 4, and Rev. G. Arthur Woolsey, Johnson City, N. Y., our Commencement speaker, Monday, June 5.

Rev. Gerald Duckett, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, San Luis Obispo, is a new school trustee, appointed by the Southern California Pastor's Association. Pastor Harold Scholes, Gatewood Baptist Church, Seattle, Washington, is the representative from the pastors of the Northwest Association.

A FEW THOUGHTS ON "FAMILIES"

- .. "Money can build a house, but it takes LOVE to build a home."
- .. "A good example by the older generation is the best safeguard for the younger generation."
- .. "Family scraps may be the result of scrapping the Family Altar."
- .. "The home worth living in is one where each lives for all, and all live for God."

The right temperature at home is more surely maintained by the warm hearts and cool heads of those who live there, than by electric thermostats.

News From Our Missionaries

WILLIAM FUSCO and his family hope to return to Italy Aug. 24th, although they still need some help on their fare, and lack about \$85 in monthly support. We must pray this support in, just as we have prayed with them that they could have their visas renewed. While here they have travelled over 16,000 miles and seen souls saved and young people volunteer for missionary service. Recently four adults, two of them fathers, were saved. A Catholic woman publicly accepted Christ, and a student for the Roman priesthood took his stand for his Lord.

COULSON SHEPHERD is celebrating his 40th year in the ministry and the 25th in his Message to Israel radio work. He asks us to pray for him and Mrs. Shepherd, that they might have health to continue and see this as his most blessed year in the saving of Jewish people. God used him greatly in Florida this winter, where he held missionary conferences and was able also to speak to and win some Jewish people to Christ.

RUTH WOODWORTH writes after a year at the Baptist Bible Seminary in the Philippines. This is not her first term, or second, but friends will remember that she spent a few years in the office at Philadelphia while taking care of an aged parent. She says the seminary has been moved from Manila to a new site 12 miles away in the foot hills of the mountains, where they have escaped floods, and enjoy better health, and have ample room. There are 45 students at the school. Each Sunday they go out in gospel teams and reach about

100 adults and 1,500 to 2,000 children. Miss Woodworth drives a Volkswagon station wagon and takes some of them, and enjoys this type of work. While the isms are growing, and the Catholic Church seems as strong as ever, she thanks the Lord for six fundamental Bible schools in the country, for the Christian broadcasting station at Manila, for a growing number of native churches, and for souls being saved. Recently George Toensfeldt held a six weeks' campaign and 54 adults were saved!

ALTA JACOBSON writes March 3rd from Bangassou, C.A.R., Africa, of the bright side of things over there. At the Regional Conference of Christians at Ti-ngombi she said, "I listened to singing of hymns and the recitation of Bible verses until far into the night. The visiting Christians and those of the host village were sitting in little groups around glowing fires. How I wish that you could hear the singing, the verses, and the warm laughter and conversation, for now you read so much about other Africans who kill and torture."

"The next morning, I watched the sun rise over the Republic of the Congo, and . . . I could discern mud huts and people on the opposite bank. Skimming over the misty water were many long piroques paddled by Yakomas, going for a visit or out to fish. They are energetic people who love to sing Christian hymns while in their canoes or villages. There are thousands of them who have come to Christ, and many of these manifest an increasing maturity."

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VERNE KIRBY, Baptist Mid-Mission workers at Rogers, Ky., write of the church they are building there this spring. It is 36 by 60; and with less than \$2,000 in the building fund they will need help, even if the people there will do most of the work. They need 2,000 8" blocks at 21c each, and 1,500 12" blocks at 29c, 38 flue blocks at \$1.25, 200 bags of cement at \$1.45, and so forth through quite a list. They can get lumber for only \$100 a thousand. They are hoping that some of their friends up north will help in providing those things.

Mrs. Irvin Stanton, whose husband recently went to be with the Lord, is staying with them. She had to have surgery and was in a hospital for a month, and would appreciate prayer for her recovery.

STANLEY HOLMAN writes March 6th from Manila: "Schools will be out soon and the Bible school students will be scattering throughout the Philippines during April, May and June. Many will be holding vacation Bible schools. Others will be assisting in evangelistic meetings. We are planning for two ladies to hold a vacation Bible school in Pateros during April. After that the team will consist of one man until school opens in June. The five believers and few sympathizers who attend the Center faithfully need your prayers.

"Lord willing, we will sail on the S.S. Wonorato about April 22nd, going direct to Los Angeles. The home church of George and Norma Haberer has a house set aside for missionaries on furlough. The Lord answered our prayers by providing this house for us. We expect to be in North Adams about June 1st. During our furlough we hope to see all of you and renew our fellowship. Our address will be, c/o Rev. S. Edward Bentz, North Adams, Michigan.

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR

CALVARY BAPTIST, Mannington, W. Va., has Charles Mitchell in its membership, stationed in Brazil; FIRST BAPTIST, McDonald has Florence Houck, French West Africa; FIRST BAPTIST, Medina, has Rev. and Mrs. Reinhard Friebel; and Rev. and Mrs. Dave Toro, who are going to Chi'i in mid-April; FIRST BAPTIST, Niles: Marie Gershon, Jewish work in Florida; Rev. and Mrs. James Wooster, Negro work in Indianapolis, Ind.; INDEPENDENT BAPTIST, North Jackson, Patsy King, C.A.R., Africa.

BOOK REVIEWS

"ALL THE KINGS AND QUEENS OF THE BIBLE." (by Herbert Lockyer, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich, 1961. 253 pages. \$3.95.)

This is one of the most interesting and profitable books that has come from the pen of Dr. Lockyer. It is a review of Royalty as related to Bible history. Starting with the monarchs of ancient Mesopotamia, the author describes the rulers of Assyria, Egypt, Babylonia, Greece, Rome, and Palestine. One important chapter presents Christ as the perfect Monarch. Another very interesting chapter deals with the prophetic kings in Bible history and includes a study of the ten kings in Daniel's prophecy, the seven kings in Revelation, and the Kings of the East, the North, and the South as mentioned in prophecy. Every pastor, teacher, and Bible student should find this book a very useful and helpful addition to their library.

Reviewed by Elliott Horton, Parma, Ohio

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THIS I BELIEVE, by Ivor Powell, outstanding Welsh evangelist, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich. Price \$2.50

The message of this book is both fascinating and challenging. It concerns a young man who is at one and the same time the victim of over-anxious parents and the so-called higher criticism of the day in which we live. He appeals to the author of the book to establish to his heart the fact of the existence of God apart from the use of Scripture. The author complies with this request and, using an absolute minimum of Scripture references, turns to the heavens and astronomy, history and Christian experience, not only adequately to answer this request, but to answer it spiritually, brilliantly and with finesse. This book should be read by all who believe the Bible to be the word of God, and should be placed in the hands of every advanced high school and college student under the influence, actually or potentially, of the higher criticism of the hour.

Reviewed by Glenn H. Davis

ROAMINGS OF THE EDITOR

Since writing last we have preached at the Fellowship Baptist Church at Young's Corner east of Medina and are going there again tomorrow. The first time we had a fine time with this young church that needs a pastor. We feel this church will continue to grow and become one of our good country churches. On our way home attended the Hebron Minister's Fellowship Monday at First Baptist in Elyria and heard Pastor Herbert Webber of Rocky River speak. The Hebron brethren have

a real time of fellowship and prayer each month at Elyria and we always like to attend.

March 12th we preached at the Haviland Baptist Church near Van Wert in the morning and heard our own pastor at Fostoria at night. Rev. Roy Johnson has closed his work at Haviland and is open for a new field. He lives at Latty, Ohio. The Haviland church is small and needs our prayers. It is an independent Baptist church.

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God is thy refuge and thy strength,
Thy help in troubles sore;
However fierce the trials are
Just trust in Him the more.
Troubles without? Troubles within?
Be still and know that God
Is still the great I AM, He knows
The path that thou dost plod.

So let the wars and tumults come,
Distress on every hand;
Look up into the face of God—
He'll cause thy feet to stand.
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