

*Sixtieth Anniversary*

# HISTORY

OF THE

*Lakeside Baptist Church*

MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

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## *Preface*

When it was suggested that an appropriate souvenir of the 60th Anniversary Celebration would be a History in book form, the idea met with such instant and whole-hearted approval, that it was unanimously decided to bring the suggestion to practical fulfillment. A committee consisting of Rev. Victor Larson, Mrs. Otto Bloomquist, and H. J. Carlson, was appointed, and authorized to proceed with the issuance of a History of the Lakeside Baptist Church, covering the period of sixty years between 1881 and 1941.

And now, during the Jubilee meetings, the first book of its kind ever compiled by our church comes forward and presents itself. As is quite generally the custom, the first public appearance is with "fear and much trembling."

The purpose of our History is to place in the hands of our church members and many friends, a readable record of the important events of the church and its branches and societies. The many pictures are not only of exceeding interest, but they refresh the memory and bring to renewed life the friendships and occurrences that are related to church life.

In the history proper, of the church, it has been deemed advisable by the committee to focus the attention upon that which has taken place in, or has been accomplished by, the church; and not to record so much of a personal nature. This plan has been followed with perhaps one or two exceptions. In the articles pertaining to the societies and classes, we have allowed ourselves freedom and liberty to mention names, etc.

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we send out our History. After delving into a mass of records and statistics, we realize as never before how wonderfully good our God has been to the church here in Muskegon.

If the History succeeds in a small measure to bring added glory to His precious name, then we shall count it a joy to have had a share in placing this album of remembrance in your hands.

Committee.



*Lakeside Baptist Church  
Parsonage and Sunday School Annex*



Rev. and Mrs. Victor Larson, and two sons, Paul (left), and Earle.

## *Pastoral Greetings*

“The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His.”

Threescore years have passed since a small group of Swedish pioneers met in the First Baptist Church of Muskegon and organized the Swedish Elim Baptist Church, now the Lakeside Baptist Church. These all have passed on to their eternal reward. They broke the ground, planted and sowed, while others watered the seed sown, and, praise God, He has given the increase. About one thousand souls have been received into the church during these sixty years of faithful service. Today we can look back and see this great harvest of souls that have been saved, brought from darkness unto light, from the power of satan unto God. What a reward will be theirs!

Ought not we as a new generation praise God “from whom all blessings flow” for our heritage and the blessings that have come to us from our forefathers? Ought not we here on this sacred place, the place where the church has always stood, dedicate ourselves to the great task before us; the task for which they gave their time, their means, yes, their very lives? May we resolve that the church which they organized and loved shall not fail, and that the gospel they believed and proclaimed shall not cease to be heralded forth not only in Muskegon, but unto all parts of the world.

On this joyous occasion we greet our former members and friends both near and far. May you rejoice with us over God’s goodness toward His people.

Victor Larson.

## *The Lakeside Pioneer*

*From the sea-washed shores of their native land  
Came a band of men of the Viking breed  
To the lake-washed dunes of a rippled sand,  
Where they soon were known by the name of Swede.*

*But to call them Swedes was not fully right —  
They were men of higher and nobler birth:  
They were Christian men of an imposing height,  
And were grounded, deep as the Oak in earth.*

*They were men of vision, and saw the need  
Of a place of worship, on the Bible ground;  
So they planned and prayed, asking God to lead,  
And He soon gave answer; their faith He crowned.*

*'Twas the month of August of eighty-one  
That this band of saints gave their pledges true  
To the Living God and His Blessed Son,  
To be ever saints of the truest blue.*

*With the passing years, there came trials and loss,  
And temptations, urging: Lay down the work!  
But they thought of Christ on the cruel Cross,  
And decided never, no never, to shirk.*

*Out of stuff like that grew this church, Lakeside.  
So we praise the Lord for its pioneers;  
They are gone to rest but their works abide,  
And abide, praise God, after sixty years.*

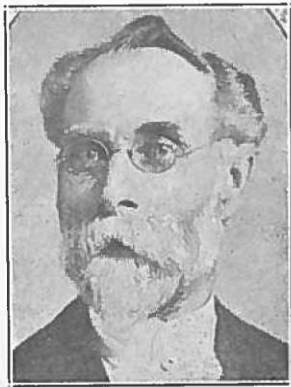
— EPHRAIM HAMLIN

# *Historical Gleanings*

1881 - 1941

Early in the seventies (In June of 1870) three Swedish immigrants; namely, August Larson, P. Olson and C. Carlson, came to Muskegon en route to the village of Manistee, Michigan. They somehow felt that they should stay here, even though they had never heard of Muskegon before, and the result was that only Mr. Larson went on to Manistee and Mr. Olson and Mr. Carlson remained here where they secured work in the lumber mills. Mr. Larson soon returned from Manistee, however, convinced that Muskegon was to be their home. These three men had been members of the Baptist Church at Tunadal, Sweden; and of course they were anxious to locate a church of their own faith. They had learned that there was an American Baptist Church in Muskegon, but because they could not speak the English language, they could not make themselves understood, and it was quite a task to locate the church in question. They went from church to church until finding the First Church had no altar, felt that this must be one of their own faith. During this same year, other small groups from Tunadal arrived in Muskegon, and they joined the others in attending the American Baptist Church. While they could not understand the language, they felt blessed by attending the services.

In November of 1870, Rev. J. P. Jentoft, pastor of the Baptist Church in Manistee, came to Muskegon and looked up the little group of Swedish immigrants, and it was through his kindness that they were introduced to Rev. I. F. Hill, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Muskegon, and advised to place their letters of membership in that church. They rejoiced at having found a spiritual home and friends, but deep down in their hearts they longed for and anticipated having a Swedish Baptist Church. As other members of their respective families and friends came from Sweden, the little group grew in number; and on November 16th, 1880, a special meeting was held at which Rev. O. Lind of Moline, Illinois, met with them and encouraged them to organize a church of their own. It was decided to organize a Swedish Baptist Church the coming Spring, and a call was sent immediately to Rev. J. P. Forsell of Tunadal, Sweden, asking him to become their church leader here. Rev. Forsell accepted the call, and on July 4th, 1881, he and his family arrived from



*Rev. J. P. Forsell*

Sweden. Greatly encouraged, the group met more regularly. They were privileged to meet in the First Baptist Church on Sundays at times not conflicting with the regular church services, and during the week they met in their various homes.

On August 14th, 1881, the Swedish Elim Baptist Church was organized; the following persons constituting the charter members: Rev. J. P. Forsell, Clara Forsell, August Larson, Kristina Larson, P. O. Olson, Gustava Olson, J. E. Westerlund, Hanna Westerlund, John Granstrom, Karin Granstrom, L. J. Magnuson, O. L. Bergstrom, L. Eklund, Karin Eklund, P. O. Peterson, John L. Leaf, C. J. Lindbom, Anna Lindbom, L. J. Branstrom, M. Sundstrom, Emma Stenholm, Mary Holstrom, O. L. Stromquist, C. E. Erickson, Johanna Erickson, G. Jonson, Mathilda Jonson, A. A. Johanson, Anna Johanson, Arland Gilbert, Mary Gilbert and J. O. Dahlquist. At this meeting, Rev. Forsell was elected to serve as chairman and secretary, L. Branstrom as treasurer, and August Larson, Lars Branstrom and J. O. Dahlquist to serve as our first Deacon Board. In order that the church might be recognized as a church of regular standing, a council was called. This council, to which Rev. John Ongman and Rev. C. Silene, as well as Rev. Hill of the First Baptist Church, were invited, convened in the First Church on August 16th. Baptist churches of Bridgeton, Hesperia, Manistee and Ludington were asked to send representatives to this council.

It was soon realized that in order to make any progress as a church, it was imperative that they have a building of their own in which to meet. This loomed as an impossibility as the different

members were in need of homes of their own, and some were even in debt for their passage to this country, but they were not to be discouraged. Rev. Jentoft came to their assistance, and going from one sawmill to the next, he solicited their aid in the name of the church. He was more than successful; he not only obtained material with which to build the church, but was given ground upon which to build as well. This fired them with en-



*Our First Church and Parsonage.*

thusiasm, and their plans for just a small meeting house were discarded and new plans made for a real church. During this time, meetings were held in a residence, and it was here that the First Annual Meeting of the Swedish Elim Baptist Church was held on January 7th, 1882. It was at this meeting that the Sunday School was organized, its early superintendents being J. O. Dahlquist and N. A. Christenson; and secretaries N. P. Nordstrom and L. J. Carlson. On February 4th, 1882, our first Trustee Board was elected. It was composed of Oscar L. Ellison who was elected for four years; J. O. Dahlquist, three years;

S. M. Sundquist, two years; and August Larson, one year.

In May, a committee composed of Rev. Forsell, Rev. I. F. Hill and Oscar L. Ellison was elected to draw up Articles of Incorporation; and on September 26th, these were approved. On October 11th, 1882, the Articles of Incorporation were recorded in the County Clerk's Office.

The members of the church put in much time and labor on the new building, and had every reason to be jubilant when in the Spring of 1882, their first church was completed. Then immediately a lot was purchased and the first parsonage built. Upon its completion, the property of the church was valued at approximately \$2,500.00, and there was practically no debt.

Rev. Forsell served the church until April of 1885. From April through October of that same year, various brethren in the church carried on the work, and Rev. Jentoft also served for a short period.

Rev. A. G. Holm became pastor in April of 1886 and served about two years.

On March 24th, 1888, the Young People's Society was organized under the name of "Arbets Myran" with Charles Dolk as chairman and L. J. Carlson as secretary.



*Rev. A. G. Holm*



*Rev. J. A. Kallberg*

Rev. J. A. Kallberg began his pastorate here in June of 1888. These years were indeed years of trial. On January 24, 1891, the church burned down, and the faithful group was once more without a church home. After their years of labor and self-denial in order to have a church home of their own, nothing remained but

ashes. Still their faith was staunch enough to endure them with enthusiasm in their planning for the future, and with faith in their God, they immediately made plans for a new church. Their first concern, however, was a place in which to gather for their meetings. They were granted the use of the Lakeside Methodist Church, then located at the corner of Lake Street and Moon Avenue, for their Sunday morning and Sunday School services, at a cost of one dollar per meeting. Smaller gatherings were held in the Good Templar's Hall in Lakeview, or in Pinch-Town as it was then called, at fifty cents per meeting. Dreams and plans of a new church soon became a reality, and on December 20th that same year (1891) the new church was dedicated.



*The Second Church Building*

About this same time, three daughter churches were organized; namely, the Norwegian Baptist Church of this city, the



Swedish Baptist Church of Dalton, and the Swedish Baptist Church at Whitehall, which meant a very substantial decrease in our membership.

Rev. Kallberg had resigned early in 1891, but upon request of the church he remained to serve until such time as the new church was completed; and to him the church was greatly indebted for his unflinching faith and his guidance during these days of possible doubt and misgivings, which so easily could have overtaken them had they not had a leader with unwavering faith in a God whom he knew would see them through. Rev. Kallberg served until the end of 1891. In January of 1892 he became ill, passed away on February 5th, and lies at rest in our Lakeside Cemetery.

Early in 1892, Rev. C. W. Sundmark, a student at Morgan Park, supplied the pulpit for a week or two; and in April, after having completed his study, he returned to become our pastor. He served until October of that year.



*Rev. C. W. Sundmark*



*Rev. H. Bergman*



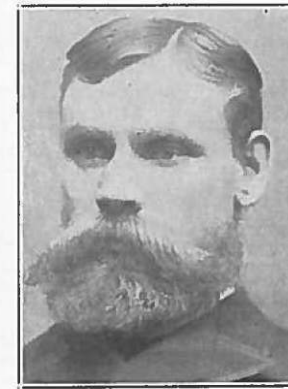
Rev. H. Bergman succeeded Rev. Sundmark in the Spring of 1893, and it was here that he was ordained to the ministry. He served for a period of one year.

Depression, in every sense of the word, now swooped down upon the entire country, and Muskegon seemed to get almost more than her share. These were days of real depression, and many of the church members were forced to leave their homes in search of work elsewhere; and those who were tenacious enough to remain, were not in position to contribute to the support of a pastor as they could scarcely support themselves. The

work was not to be discontinued, however; and while one might think they had every reason to disband, disband they did not. They carried on the work the best they could, with whatever talent they possessed, until in August of 1894 when Rev. Harold Nielson became their pastor. He remained until October of 1896, and then once again the little group was without a leader. During the remainder of 1896 and all through 1897, the church was unable to secure a pastor, and Mr. John L. Leaf willingly and most capably served as preacher and teacher. During the Christmas holidays E. C. Wedholm, a student from the Morgan Park Seminary, conducted the services here.



*Rev. Harold Nielson*



*Rev. John Olander*



In the spring of 1898, Rev. John Olander began his pastorate here, and he served until February of 1900, with the exception of three months during which he edited a publication known as "Ungdomen's Tidning". During these three months, Professor O. Hedeén supplied the pulpit. It was during Rev. Olander's pastorate here that the Christmas decorations caught afire, and the entire interior of the auditorium was destroyed. This was just one more trial, but meetings were carried on in the basement of the church while the necessary repairs were being made, and this, too, soon became a thing of the past.

In May of 1900, Rev. Emil Friberg came to us from the Morgan Park Seminary. He was ordained here, and it was during his pastorate that the church celebrated its twentieth anniversary (1901) to which all pastors of the Southern Michigan Conference, as well as Doctors Hedeén and Hagstrom, were invited. These were happy days, and there was much rejoicing in



*Rev. Emil Friborg*

the courts of the Lord. Shortly after this, Rev. Friborg closed his pastorate here.

Rev. A. E. Carlson, student pastor, served over the Christmas and New Year holidays and through the prayer week of 1902; and then once again the home folks took charge of the meetings for a season.

In July of 1902, Rev. N. E. Valerius began his pastorate here, and he served until December of 1905.



*Rev. N. E. Valerius*

It was during this pastorate that the church tower was struck by lightning and had to be rebuilt.

Succeeding Rev. Valerius, Rev. Forsell who was the first resi-



*The Church with its rebuilt tower*

dent pastor here, served for a period of six months, from January through July of 1906.

In 1906, Rev. E. G. Okerlind came to this country for the ex-



*Rev. E. G. Okerlind*

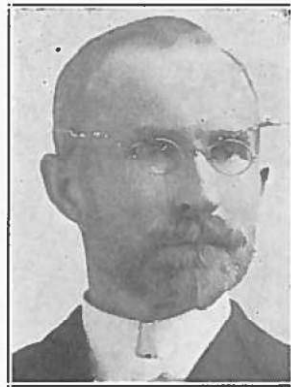
press purpose of soliciting funds for the Hässjö Church of Sweden. He was rather interested in the church here, having received a call to come here as pastor at one time, and therefore visited Muskegon. After some consideration, he accepted the call previously tendered him, and began his work here in November of 1906. During Rev. Okerlind's pastorate, new pews for the auditorium, a new pulpit, and new gas lights for both the main auditorium and the basement were purchased. He remained as pastor until April of 1908.

In May of 1908, the interior of the church was painted; and from the record made that this painting was done with "olja färg" (oil paint), we may conclude that this was a project worthy of special mention.

Rev. J. P. Sundstrom accepted the call of the church in June of 1908, and served until December of 1910.



*Rev. J. P. Sundstrom*



*Rev. Detlof Lofstrom*

Rev. Detlof Lofstrom became pastor in January of 1911 and he served until June of 1915. During this time, the church platform was rebuilt, a piano was given to the church by the Young People's Society, and electric lights were installed.

In the Fall of 1915, the large parsonage now known as the Lakeside Baptist Sunday School Annex was built.

Rev. Valerius, much loved by us all, returned for his second pastorate here in December of 1915, and he served until March of 1921. This was a period of five years and four months, which brought his years of service here to a total of almost nine years. It was during this pastorate that the Young People's Society

requested one Sunday evening each month to be in the form of a Song Service in the English language, but due to the perfectly grand lectures given by Rev. Valerius, this so-called song service soon developed into a regular English service; and thus the Swedish language began to give way to the English. This pastorate was not altogether a happy one in many ways, however. The World War raged on, and because of fuel and light shortage, our meetings were limited in number. Then, too, the meetings had to be suspended for a time on account of the influenza epidemic. Through it all, however, the Lord did guide us and bless us most abundantly.

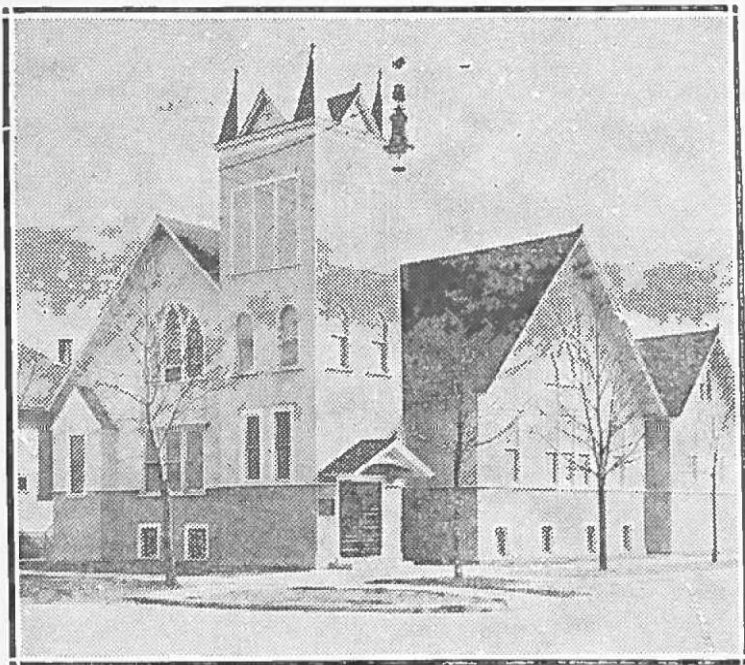
After Rev. Valerius left, one of our able laymen, namely, H. J. Carlson, served the church for a period of about six months.



*Rev. A. B. Colvin*

On October 1st, 1921, Rev. A. B. Colvin became pastor. Almost immediately upon his arrival, the church celebrated its 40th Anniversary which should have been held in August of 1921 but was postponed due to the fact that we did not have a pastor at the time. The anniversary celebration consisted of a Thanksgiving service, a Jubilee Concert, and a Jubilee Sunday, respectively. It was not long before the English meetings which were started by Rev. Valerius became so popular that the general use of the English language was begun; the result being an ever-increasing attendance which necessitated the enlarging of our auditorium. Beginning in June of 1922, the church was completely remodelled and made practically new at a cost of over \$18,000.00. Much could here be said as to efforts put forth to raise this almost unheard-of sum of money; but special mention must be made

regarding Pastor Colvin. He worked unceasingly in behalf of the building fund, and many of the so-called outside contributions were credited to efforts on his part. These were truly days of much labor, but it was not in vain for the results were great; proving once more that our labors are not in vain if they be in the name of our Lord and Master and for the furtherance of His Kingdom. The church was completed and rededicated on November 21st of 1922.



*The Remodeled Church*

Now that the Swedish language was used for the Sunday morning services only, and many who worshipped with us did not understand the Swedish language, it was deemed advisable to re-incorporate the church under the name of LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, rather than SWEDISH ELIM BAPTIST CHURCH; which was done. In January of 1923 the first issue of "Lakeside Baptist" was published; and 1923 also marked the adoption of the duplex system of collection envelopes which resulted in greater contributions to the general treasury of the church and to the mission treasury as well.

In 1924 Rev. Reynold Lund painted the beautiful picture which is a part of our present baptistry. This painting was a gift to

the church by Mrs. Josephine Etterman, and in September it was unveiled to the memory of her late husband, Charles Etterman.

In October of 1924, the beautiful grand piano at an approximate cost of \$1,400.00 was presented to the church by the choir. The church observed its 45th Anniversary October 20th through 24th, 1926; the celebration being in the form of a Bible Conference. Rev. Colvin terminated his pastorate here in June of 1927, having served for a period of five years and nine months.



*Rev. E. Hamlin*

Rev. Ephraim Hamlin took up the work here on October 1st, 1927. Upon his suggestion, the custom of receiving an offering at the Communion Services was inaugurated, these offerings being set aside for the special purpose of benevolence.

On October 29th, 1928, Mr. L. J. Carlson tendered his resignation to the church after having faithfully served as church clerk for a period of twenty-five years, conscientiously performing the duties of that office as a true servant of his Lord and Master.

In 1930 three hundred twenty-five copies of the Modern Hymnal, which we were justly proud of, were purchased at considerable cost.

Then on October 17th, 1930, the church sent forth one of its own to the foreign field, when Virginia Lundwall left for Congo, Africa; the church assuming full financial responsibility for equipment, passage and support. Shortly after her arrival on the field, she became Mrs. Elmer Hutchison; and in December of 1932 she was forced to return home due to illness. In order to

meet the expenses of her return trip, the church stressed this as a project for our Annual Mission Sunday which was held in October, and \$600.00 was raised on that day. Her time of service on the foreign field was not long, but who are we to judge as to the ultimate results of those months.

In August of 1931 we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of our church. Festivities appropriate to the occasion were held, during which we were privileged to honor the two remaining charter members; namely, Mrs. Mary Holstrom and Mrs. Arland Gilbert.

In 1933 the church decided that the Sunday morning worship hour on the second and third Sunday of each month should be conducted in the English language; and the following year, radio broadcasting was introduced, Rev. Hamlin speaking over WKBZ late each Sunday afternoon.

August 14th, 1933, was truly a day of sorrow; for on that day, Mrs. Ephraim Hamlin was taken from the church and loved ones to be with her Lord. She had served most efficiently in many branches of the work and was dearly loved by all.

Our By-Laws and Constitution were revised in 1934 and accepted at the Annual Meeting held on January 7th, 1935, at which time printed copies were made for distribution among the members of the church.

During his entire pastorate here, with the exception of about nine months during the depression of 1932, Rev. Hamlin edited the "Lakeside Baptist" which filled a very definite place in our midst, serving as carrier of news, as a cementing link, and as a messenger of cheer and hope. His editorials were truly masterpieces, and their influence upon church members, friends, and strangers as well, was felt far and near.

Also outstanding in Rev. Hamlin's ministry here, were some of the greatest evangelistic efforts ever put forth by the church; they were city-wide in their scope. It was a time of much happiness and many blessings, and although our joy was dispersed with sorrow and diverse hardships, there was throughout a spirit of sympathy and co-operation, and hearts were melted together in tender bonds of affection and understanding. Truly, Rev. Hamlin was friend and advisor to all, and large numbers were blessed by his ministry which resulted in a substantial growth in all branches of the church work; and it was with a great deal of reluctance that we were compelled to accept his resignation and permit him to leave us in November of 1935, after having served here for a period of more than eight years.

Rev. Hamlin was succeeded by Rev. Victor Larson, our present pastor, who began his work here on March 1st, 1936. It was in August this same year that the three pulpit chairs were presented to the church by the Ladies Aid Society.

Mrs. Emil Berggren, whom we have all learned to love and esteem, was on April 4th, 1937, dedicated to the special work of Home Missionary; and her work has brought countless blessings not only to those with whom she has come in contact but to the church as a whole.

In May of 1937 we joined with the Mission Covenant Church and the Olivet Evangelical Church in a series of Union meetings. These meetings were well attended, the result being that the closing meetings were held in the Campus Auditorium in order that the crowds might be accommodated.

The building of the Lakeside Baptist Wayside Chapel stands out as one of the truly great accomplishments of 1937; for what could be more worthwhile than this project in the ever-important cause of Home Mission work? The chapel was dedicated on October 24th, 1937.

About this same time, the stucco was removed from the exterior of the church, and was replaced by asbestos shingles, adding much to the general appearance of the building.

During 1937 a vacation Bible school, dedication of little children, and a Jewish mission rally was held at the suggestion of Rev. Larson; and since that time these have become annual events.

In 1938 the "Lakeside Baptist" was discontinued and a mimeographed bulletin issued weekly was substituted.

Our incorporation papers were brought up to date in 1939, and since that time necessary papers have been filed with the State annually.

The entire church interior was redecorated during the summer of 1939, and the inscription "Search me O God, and know my heart" written in gold letters above the baptistry, not only completed the decorating most fittingly but becomes a prayer within our hearts as we gather for worship. The installation of indirect lighting fixtures, a gift of the Philathea Class, added much to the beauty of the auditorium and to the comfort of the worshippers as well.

In 1940 the property adjacent to the parsonage was purchased, and a most modern seven-room parsonage was built thereon at

an approximate cost of \$6,500.00. This new parsonage was dedicated on August 16th, 1940. The old parsonage which we have named the Lakeside Baptist Sunday School Annex was then converted into very suitable Sunday School rooms, and its dedication was on November 28th, 1940.

Now, as we celebrate our 60th Anniversary, our dreams of a pipe organ have actually become a reality. The organ fund which was begun by the Ladies Aid Society and which grew to such a substantial amount, made the purchase of the Kimball Pipe Organ possible; and on Wednesday, June 11th, it was most fittingly dedicated to the memory of those of our near and dear ones who labored so faithfully and so well in the interest of our church and its part in the great plan of God's Kingdom on Earth. May it stand as an everlasting reminder to us of those who trod the way before us, ever pointing to Him who is "The Way".

We have found that the pioneers of our church were men and women of great faith, undaunted in spirit, with a will to work and sacrifice, and an enduring love for Christ and His Church. Those who are now following in their footsteps are sons and daughters of these pioneers. When another generation arises to take our places, may that generation look back upon us as measuring up to the spirit and devotion of our forbears.

V. B.



*"Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.*

*"Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.*

*"Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.*

*"For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death."*

PSALM 48:11-14.

## Statistical Records

From the Church Records we glean the following facts and figures.

Year	Increase in Church Membership	Total Church Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	Total Cash Disbursements	Total Property Value
1881		35			
1882	31	56			\$2,500.00
1883	22	68			
1884	18	76			
1885	13	76			
1886	44	109			
1887	50	138			
1888	39	140			
1889	25	136			
1890	20	137	148	\$1,065.99	
1891	2	83	101	1,100.66	4,100.00
1892	47	119		1,547.46	
1893	8	111			
1894	7	99	140	512.39	4,600.00
1895	10	87	138	416.11	4,600.00
1896	14	72	74	450.20	4,600.00
1897	8	69	84	412.62	5,100.00
1898	8	72	65	413.03	4,600.00
1899	2	70	89	823.39	4,600.00
1900	26	91	91	720.58	4,600.00
1901	19	104	82	1,124.34	5,000.00
1902	8	102	89	975.89	5,000.00
1903	26	112	131	1,381.78	5,700.00
1904	17	123	127	1,510.95	5,700.00
1905	5	118	109	1,185.15	5,800.00
1906	13	128	142	1,225.34	7,300.00
1907	24	142	145	1,709.10	7,300.00
1908	8	131	132	1,401.23	7,500.00
1909	11	135	145	1,589.95	7,500.00
1910	18	134	130	1,609.82	7,500.00
1911	8	129	130	1,922.16	7,500.00
1912	4	128	125	1,795.46	7,500.00
1913	15	135	125	1,733.31	7,500.00
1914	3	131	124	1,406.48	7,500.00
1915	1	125	124	2,706.78	9,100.00

1916	18	136	124	2,534.94	9,500.00
1917	8	141	124	1,843.66	9,500.00
1918	11	148	124	2,298.98	9,500.00
1919	18	157	110	2,714.30	9,500.00
1920	15	164	110	2,845.44	9,500.00
1921	33	188	165	3,419.78	11,500.00
1922	62	231	317	33,572.96	21,000.00
1923	19	238	317		
1924	15	238	350	9,962.95	38,400.00
1925	18	248	369	9,033.55	38,400.00
1926	43	278	372	8,236.94	38,400.00
1927	13	270	440	9,171.49	38,400.00
1928	6	258	427	7,972.48	38,400.00
1929	9	256	432	7,847.68	38,400.00
1930	22	268	404	7,598.64	38,400.00
1931	17	272	405	7,374.43	38,400.00
1932	35	307			38,400.00
1933	13	308	525	4,331.41	38,400.00
1934	37	337	446	6,534.27	38,400.00
1935		324	562	5,296.93	38,400.00
1936	29	350	568	6,969.45	38,400.00
1937	16	351	595	12,020.25	38,400.00
1938	19	361	670	8,694.29	41,400.00
1939	27	383	626	9,359.82	41,400.00
1940	30	406	687	17,562.96	50,000.00

While tabulating the above figures, we visualized the changing scenes in national, as well as church history. The "hard times" of 1895 to 1898, and the depression after the first world war, are reflected in the cash column. Did you note the increase in the Sunday School enrollment from 165 in 1921 to 317 in 1922? Those were the years we changed from Swedish to English. And much reason is found for praising and thanking God when we observe the growth in church membership from 69 in 1897, to 406 in 1940. Other comparisons also make us grateful to God, as, for example, the Sunday School enrollment climbing from 65 in 1898, to 687 in 1940; cash disbursements from \$412.62 in 1897 to \$33,572.96 in 1922, the year our church was remodelled, during Rev. A. B. Colvin's pastorate. The church property value was \$4,100.00 in the first years of our history, and is listed at \$50,000.00 in 1940.

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake." Ps. 115:1.

H. J. C.



OFFICERS OF THE LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Reading from left to right: Seated: E. V. Hart, Vice-Chairman; Miss Evelyn Peterson, Pianist; Mrs. Emil Berggren, Church Missionary; Mrs. Edor Gilbert, Organist; Rev. Vidar Larson, Pastor; Standing: Roy Berglund, Treas. of Building Fund; David Eckerman, Treas. of General Fund; J. Gilbert Farmer, Financial Secy. of Building Fund; H. J. Carlson, Financial Secretary; Harold Gustafson, Treas. of Mission Treasury; Mrs. Otto Bloomquist, Church Clerk.



OFFICERS OF THE LADIES AID SOCIETY

Reading from left to right: Seated: Mrs. Eric Johnson, Mrs. A. J. Alstrom, Mrs. August Johnson, Mrs. J. Gilbert Farmer, and Mrs. Edor Gilbert. Standing: Mrs. G. L. Sundberg, Mrs. Herbert Dalton, Mrs. Ben Edgren, Mrs. Elmer Leaf, Mrs. Howard Nobes, Mrs. Helge Boren, Mrs. Emil Berggren, Mrs. Ellen Erickson, and Mrs. E. V. Hart.

## A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE 60-YEAR EXISTENCE OF THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY

(Gal. 6:9)

The first meeting was held in September, 1881: A group of eleven Swedish Baptist ladies purchased materials and met every week to sew useful articles; sales were then held to raise funds with which to help carry the burden of the church. First chairman was Mrs. Mary Holstrom, vice-chairman Mrs. Hanna Westlund. Another early chairman was Mrs. Victor Anderson. In 1893 the first secretary, Mrs. Christina Gelande, was elected; vice-secretary, Mrs. Sigrid Falk. Soon a treasurer became necessary, Mrs. Anna Sundquist served in this capacity. It was then decided to meet every two weeks.

A flower-fund created 1910 (no record before 1923) has proven a source of cheer and encouragement to 915 individuals, utilizing \$575.85.

Sewing was discontinued about 1915. Since then our meetings have been devotional, consisting of an address, special musical numbers, a short business session, offering received, followed by the social-hour. Generally the pastor brings the message.

A quartet composed of Hildore Carlson Seaberg, Jennie Sundberg, Monda Nelson Leaf and Ruth Nelson Hermanson served with uplifting songs of beautiful harmony 1910 to 1939.

Donations, in memory of our mothers, received at our Mothers' Day service 1930, were designated for clergy-chairs for church platform; decided July, 1936, to convert fund into a nucleus for an organ-fund, as appropriate chairs were presented by Clock Morticians.

The Ladies' Aid Chorus (12 ladies) originated April, 1931, is still active.

Our first chairman attended our fiftieth anniversary festivities in 1931, as did also the other only living charter member, Mrs. Mary Gilbert.

At our Annual, 1933, it was decided to conduct the first meeting of every month in the English language, as an experiment. This necessitated the writing of Swedish minutes of the English meetings and vice versa, proving difficult. In due time, July of



the same year, to be exact, automatically all our meetings became English, with special numbers in Swedish, which custom is continued even now.

Long period officers — Presidents: Mrs. Karen Sundstrom, fifteen years; Mrs. Augusta Sundeen, fifteen years; and Mrs. Ellen Erickson, now serving her sixteenth year. Secretaries: Mrs. Mathilda Anderson, thirty-one years; and Mrs. Eric Johnson, now serving her sixteenth year. Treasurers: Mrs. Gust Fredrickson, thirteen years; and Mrs. Herbert Dalsen, now serving her eighteenth year. Flower Fund Treasurer: Mrs. Augusta Sundeen, twenty-six years. Visiting Committee Chairman: Mrs. Ben Edgren, now serving her thirty-first year. Pianist: Mrs. Edor Gilbert, now serving her eleventh year.

Records available since 1894 disclose that \$3,967.86 was contributed to the General Treasury of the Church; \$3,637.44 to the Building Fund; \$415.97 to the Lower Michigan and General Conferences; \$753.00 to Foreign Missions; \$796.03 to Home Missions; \$236.56 to Benevolences; \$484.99 to the Organ Fund; and \$583.93 to miscellaneous gifts and expenses, such as remunerating speakers, encouraging individuals, music, receptions, expressions of sympathy, etc. Missions include Y. W. C. A.; Fridhem; Rescue Missions; Texas and Colorado Sanitoriums; flood, hail, Finland and China relief; sister churches; Christian work in India, Africa, Egypt and Palestine; Bethel Seminary; Klingberg's Orphanage; etc. Total disbursements — \$10,875.78.

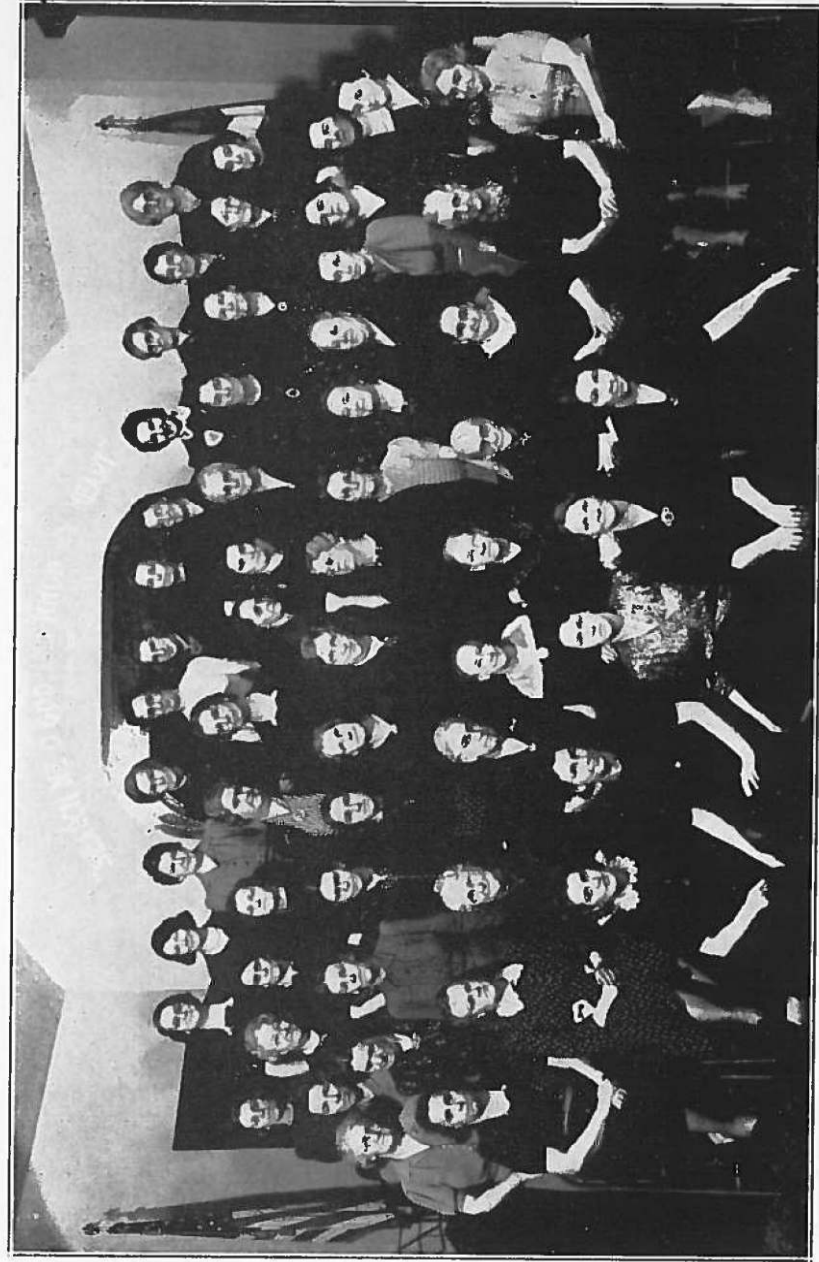
We thank God for blessing our efforts. "Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." (Gal. 6:9.)

Ladies Aid Committe,  
Mrs. E. J., Secretary

### LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY

After the great language change from Swedish to English, which took place in 1922 and 1923, there was felt a decided need for an English-speaking organization among the ladies of the church, for the purpose of emphasizing home and foreign missions. And so, on September 17, 1926, Pastor A. B. Colvin met with seven others, and organized the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Lakeside Baptist Church.

The first officers were: President, Mrs. O. Ankarberg; Vice-President, Mrs. E. V. Hart; Secretary, Mrs. David Stenholm; and



LADIES AID AND LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Reading from left to right, and from top to bottom. 1st row: Mrs. Maurice Baker, Mrs. Leonard Lindback, Mrs. Carl Erickson, Mrs. Otto Bloomquist, Mrs. Lester Larsen, Mrs. Ralph Lundwall, Mrs. Elmer Leaf, Mrs. Victor Nordstrom, Mrs. Bruce Bowen, Mrs. A. J. Ahlstrom, Mrs. John Coleman, and Mrs. E. V. Hart. 2nd row: Mrs. George Hermanson, Mrs. Eric Johnson, Mrs. Gilbert Farmer, Mrs. Herbert Dalsen, Mrs. Peter Peterson, and Mrs. Richard Johnson. 3rd row: Mrs. G. L. Sundberg, Mrs. Carl Bergman, Mrs. Myrtle Forsberg, Mrs. August Johnson, Mrs. Harold Gustafson, Mrs. Emma Harley, Mrs. Wm. Peterson, and Mrs. Richard Johnson. 4th row: Mrs. Emil Berggren, Mrs. Ellen Erickson, Mrs. Ben Edgren, Mrs. J. O. Berglund, Mrs. Helge Aoren, Mrs. Raymond Johnson, Mrs. Arthur Larson, Mrs. Howard Nobas, and Mrs. Everett Eliot. 5th row: Mrs. Walter Engstrom, Mrs. Phillip Ostling, Mrs. Edor Gilbert, Mrs. Homer Gillette, Mrs. Gust Westerland, Mrs. Nora Carlson, Mrs. Maria Braastrom, Mrs. Alfred Edlund, Mrs. Hilva Pierre, and Mrs. Herman Schrebe. Bottom row: Mrs. Floyd Roach, Mrs. Ray Engstrom, Mrs. Harvey Katz, Mrs. Andrew Peterson, and Mrs. Edward Christenson.



OFFICERS OF THE LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Reading from left to right. Seated: Mrs. J. Gilbert Farmer, Mrs. E. V. Hart, Mrs. Victor Larson, Mrs. E. F. Luhman, and Mrs. Gurt Westerlund, Mrs. Emil Berggren, Mrs. Harold Gustafson, Mrs. Helge Boren, Mrs. O. Ankarberg, Mrs. Herbert Dalson, and Mrs. Maurice Baker. Standing: Mrs. Algot Alstrom. Standing: Mrs. Gurt Westerlund,

Treasurer, Mrs. A. Alstrom.

At the second meeting, held on October 1, 1926, seven new members were received, thereby doubling the enrollment. It is recorded that during this service, Pastor Colvin's message presented seven reasons for having a missionary society.

The Society's meetings were held each month in the homes, at which time the members and friends received spiritual enrichment, and quickened interest for mission causes on both home and foreign fields. Later, the services were conducted in the church. In planning the programs, the officers have arranged for missionary and devotional messages by Pastors, returned missionaries, and other visiting speakers.

On October 7, 1927, the Society decided to send \$50.00 a year to Rev. Schugren's field in India, and has continued in this practice until 1940.

On January 29, 1928, Mrs. E. V. Hart was elected secretary, and Mrs. Harold Gustafson was asked to serve as chairman of the Flower Fund.

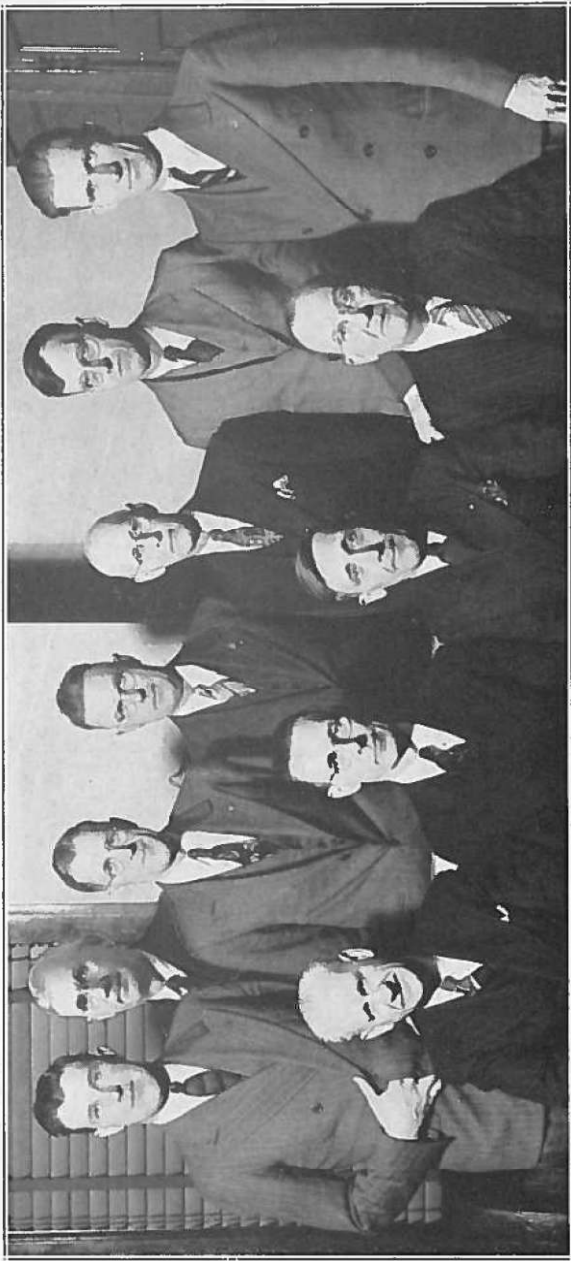
Striving to live up to its high purpose and calling, in both word and deed, the Society has conducted evangelistic services each month at the County Home, and in the City Rescue Mission; and has also contributed to missionary work in India, China, Russia, Philippine Islands, Africa, Assam, and Canada. The society has had a part in spreading the Gospel through mission work in the Mississippi River districts, in the mountains of Kentucky, among the peoples of Austria, and in European missions. Assistance has also been given to students preparing for the ministry in schools like Moodys and Bethel.

And so, in the service of the Lord, whether in person or through other means, the promise of God, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way in which - - - ; I will guide thee with mine eye," is a constant inspiration and leading light for the Society and its workers.

There have been four presidents of the Society; namely, Mrs. O. Ankarberg, Mrs. E. F. Luhman, Mrs. E. Berggren, and Mrs. Victor Larson.

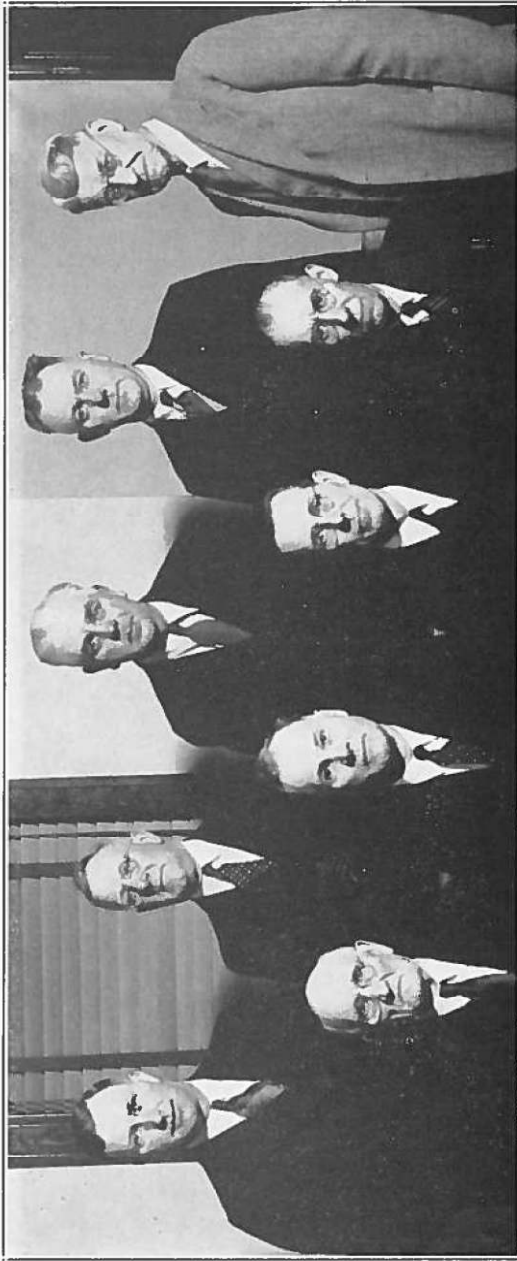
Officers for 1941 are as follows: President, Mrs. Victor Larson; Vice-President, Mrs. E. F. Luhman; Secretary, Mrs. E. V. Hart; and Treasurer, Mrs. A. Alstrom.

Mrs. E. V. H. and H. J. C.



TRUSTEES

Reading from left to right. Seated: Eugene Nelson, Rev. Victor Larson, Algot Alstom, and J. O. Berglund. Standing: Axel Rothoff, George Bloomquist, Terry Christenson, Walter Ererman, Edor Gilbert, F. Victor Nordstrom, and Reuben Christenson.



DEACONS

Reading from left to right. Seated: August Sundberg, William Peterson, Rev. Victor Larson, and Earl V. Hart. Standing: Harold Gustafson, David Bard, H. J. Carlson, David Efferman, and Eric Johnson. Rudolph Gustafson.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

In 1882, the Sunday School was organized. Mr. J. O. Dahlquist was the first superintendent. Another report will show the attendance records, but in this write-up we would give place to the names of the Sunday School superintendents, all of whom faithfully served with an eye single to the glory of God, and an earnest desire to promote Christian principles among the children and young people of our community.

Following J. O. Dahlquist, we note the names of N. A. Christenson, John Leaf, August Sundeen, and John Berglund. These men carried the responsibilities of leadership down to the year 1910, with Mr. Leaf serving as superintendent for ten of those first thirty years. In 1911, Rudolph Soderstedt was superintendent; 1912, C. A. Dahlquist, a son of the first superintendent; 1913 and 1914, Mrs. Ben Edgren; 1915-17, Sigfred Pierre; Carl Boo was superintendent for the first part of 1918, and when he moved to Chicago, Mr. Eric Johnson assumed the superintendent's duties, and also held office for the years 1920 and 1921. Since that time there have been only two other superintendents. Mr. Verner Ohs was elected in 1922, and held the office through 1930. In 1931 Mr. Walter Etterman succeeded to the superintendency, and has now, for these last eleven years, given his duties unstinted attention, serving faithfully and efficiently. The writer of these notes has had the privilege of serving as assistant to both Mr. Ohs and Mr. Etterman, and incidentally, he has run for the office of superintendent oftener than any one person in the history of the church.

The records show that it was during Mr. Ohs' leadership that the enrollment doubled. His enthusiasm, ability and talents came to the fore at a time when our church was turning to the English language. During this last score of years, the enrollment has doubled once again, so that at the end of 1940, the Sunday School had an enrollment of 687.

To write a history of the Sunday School is to modernize the wonderful faith chapter of Hebrews eleven. Only God can record the vision, faith, patience, love and sacrifice of those who have come to their classes Sunday after Sunday, year in and year out,



DEACONESSES

Reading from left to right. Standing: Mrs. August Johnson, Mrs. Algot Alstrom, Mrs. Harold Gustafson, Mrs. Hilva Pierre, and Mrs. Walter Etterman. Seated: Mrs. F. Victor Nordstrom, Mrs. Emil Berggren, Mrs. John Coleman.



Mrs. Josephine Etterman  
HONORARY DEACONESS



from left to right, and from top to bottom. 1st row: Paul Larson, Rudolph Gustafson, Maurice Baker, Terry Christenson, E. V. Hart, and Peter Jansen. 2nd row: Mrs. Eric Barbara Nordstrom, Evelyn Ankarberg, Dorothy Redman, Evelyn Peterson, Mrs. David Baird, Ardis Hartley, Violet Lundvall, Wilma Nelson, and Earle Larson. 3rd row: Herman, Supt., Mrs. John Coleman, Mrs. G. L. Sundberg, Mrs. Olof Larson, Mrs. Homer Gillette, Mrs. E. V. Hart, Mrs. E. Lager, Mrs. O. Ankarberg, Mrs. Arthur Gustafson, E. Berggren, Mrs. Arthur Larson, and Rev. Victor Larson. 4th row: Mrs. Bruce Boren, Mrs. Rose Lohman, Mrs. Terry Christenson, Mrs. Reuben Christensen, E. F. Lohman, Mrs. Maurice Baker, Mrs. Victor Nordstrom, and Mrs. Jess Morton. Bottom row: Ione Baker, Leone Baker, Margaret Larson, Helen Gustafson, and Mrs. Gustafson.

to give instruction and guidance to ever-living souls. A mistiness comes to our eyes as we visualize the army of men and women who have served as Sunday School teachers and officers from 1882 to 1941. We've known many, we've heard their prayers, seen their tears and smiles, and rejoiced together as victories have been won and souls have been saved; and we've heard our parents tell of those who were in the work before our time. What an army! With heads bared, we affectionately salute them as they march by on the roads of time. Before them — never following, but always leading, goes their Master and their Captain.

As the great Swedish king of Reformation days fearlessly led his armies against the foes of Christianity and won the victory, we like to think of the army of Sunday School teachers and officers, faithfully following the Master's guidance. More literally can we say that during the early years of our church's history, it meant walking on sandy streets and on by-paths through the woods, in good weather and bad, long distances and short, without any of the conveniences of our present day. But unceasingly, for these 60 years, the work has progressed. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

H. J. C.

**JEWELS**

"Little children, little children,  
 Who love their Redeemer,  
 Are the jewels, precious jewels,  
 His loved and His own.

"Like the stars of the morning,  
 His bright crown adorning,  
 They shall shine in their beauty,  
 His loved and His own."

Rev. Wm. D. Cushing



as follows: Prayer meetings, both for themselves and for the church; Sunday evening services, Missionary Rallies, Evangelistic Campaigns, Concerts; Gospel Team work in jails, rescue missions, mission halls, and in homes; and also services conducted in other towns and cities.

Active participation in General Conference and State Conference meetings have enabled young people to broaden their vision of the mission field as a whole, and to become better acquainted with the work of the Conferences, and the workers.

The wise man has said in Ecclesiastes, that there is a time for this, and a time for that, and the truth of that statement is found in the life of any young people's group in any church. As salt is necessary in the food we eat, so social activities find their proper place in young people's work. There have been hikes, ice-skating, treasure hunts, boat-rides, sleigh-rides, banquets, camera hikes, etc., together with the fellowships and friendships at conferences, summer assemblies, picnics, and other gatherings.

The young people issued a mimeographed weekly for a few years. This they called "Whispers." During the last few years they have handled the business angle of the regular church bulletin. Radio programs have been conducted, song books purchased for the lower auditorium of the church, and a mimeograph machine has been presented for use in the church.

Financial assistance has been contributed to missionaries in Canada, Africa, India, Philippine Islands, Burma, etc., as well as to our denominational schools and societies, and the building projects of the home work.

In this historical write-up, dates have been conspicuous by their absence. However, as we study the history of our church and observe how wonderfully the Lord has led our people from 1881 to 1941, we realize that with each passing decade, new workers and new leaders were being recruited from the ranks of the young people, and so dates seem unnecessary. Results tell the story. For it all, and in and through it all, the young people humbly bow in thanksgiving to God, for His sacrifice and love; and also for the patience and understanding of their elders, and for the privilege of having had a share in the seed-sowing and the harvesting.

H. G. and H. J. C.

## THE CHORUS CHOIR

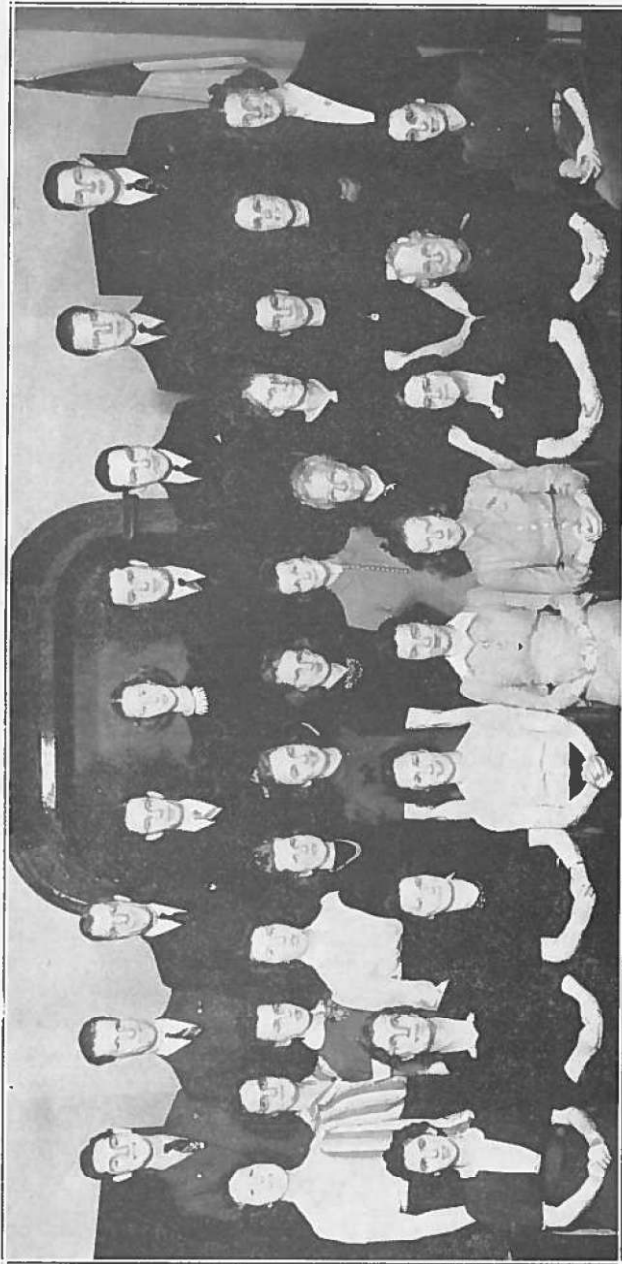
It was not long after the formation of the church, that a chorus choir was organized. When we remind ourselves of the choirs mentioned in the Scriptures, and recall how the Lord has always placed important emphasis on the singing of His saints, it was natural to expect that a band of song-loving Scandinavians would yield to the urge of forming a Chorus Choir.

Mr. August Sundeen was the first director, and led the singing for many years. Other choir leaders who have been in the work for shorter or longer periods are: Rev. J. P. Sundstrom, Albert Lundwall, Mr. Lundgren, Adolph Oslund, Oscar Peterson, Mrs. G. L. Sundberg, Pearson Bailey, Carl Borgeson, and Roy Peterson.

Unlike some of the other organizations in the church, it is well-nigh impossible to place historical data on paper, telling of the accomplishments of the choir. As the vibrant notes from the bugler bring avalanches of snow down from the peaks of the Alps, so the songs of the choir release untold and unrecorded blessings from on high. Some of the older members of the church remember the Swedish versions of the stirring Psalms of David and the inspiring portions of Isaiah, and are still enjoying the blessings of those renditions. Equally as inspiring and uplifting have been the anthems and cantatas of the last twenty years, when most of the preaching and singing has been in the English language.

During these sixty years, there have been many conventions, conferences, and evangelistic meetings in our church, and it is a pleasure to pay tribute to the chorus choir for their faithfulness and reliability in furnishing song and music for special and ordinary occasions, both in season and out of season.

As we read of the spread of the Gospel from the days of the Apostles down to modern times, comparatively little do we find recorded of the Gospel singers. Theirs has been a reflected glory. Reflecting the glory of the sun, the moon in a clear sky, quietly and unostentatiously leads the millions of stars in a symphony of inexpressible praise to their Heavenly Maker. Even so, on unnumbered occasions, have our song leaders and their singers, brought glory to the Lord and Saviour in many unrecorded moments of praise and inspiration.



CHORUS CHOIR

Reading from left to right. Top row: Russel Klett, Reuben Christenson, Terry Christenson, Ralph Lundwell, Evelyn Peterson, Lester Larsen, Roy Peterson. Director; Earle Larson, and William Peterson, Jr. Middle row: Margaret Larson, Dorothy Redman, Barbara Nordstrom, Ruth Nordstrom, Ardis Hartley, Helen Gustafson, Mrs. Ralph Lundwall, Mrs. G. Westfield, Mrs. Eric Johnson, Mrs. O. Ankerberg, Mrs. Ray Engstrom, Evelyn Antaiberg, and Alice Nordstrom. Bottom row: Leone Baker, Mrs. Victor Larson, Mrs. Ernest Redman, Mrs. Lester Larsen, Mary Kirsch, Frances Nobes, Mrs. Maurice Baker, Mrs. Eddor Gilbert, and Violet Lundwall.

The picture on the other page gives a cheerful remembrance of the Choir as it appears in this year of our Jubilee, 1941. Since the organization of the first group, many of the singers have been promoted to the Heavenly Choir; and memories are sweet of their songs in our midst. Until the break in the skies, when the Voice of the Saviour says "Come," we are happy to know that our singers count it a joy to continue exalting Him here on earth.

H. J. C.

### PHILATHEA CLASS HISTORY

"I've gone through heaps of old records to get these statistics," said Ruth, "I hope you can make head or tail of them."

"HMMMMMM!" mused the scribe-to-be, "This looks like the Philatheas really have a historical back-ground, and I mean historical! I didn't realize we went as far back as 1905. Was the name 'Philathea' actually used at that time?"

"That's what the books say. Mrs. Valerius organized the first Philathea Class."

We glanced over Ruth's lists of Philathea high-lights, and concluded that the Philatheas have a past record which gives the class the dignity of accomplishment. Financial assistance amounted to rather considerable sums — "Here's \$700.00 for the Building Fund," we reminisced, "and \$825.00 for the native missionary!" But it's this scribe's duty to present the facts, and let them speak for themselves.

As was mentioned above, Mrs. Valerius began the Philatheas in 1905, and when the Valerius' left Muskegon, Mrs. J. P. Sundstrom, Pastor Sundstrom's wife, took over the class in 1908. She was succeeded by Mrs. Ellen Erickson, who became teacher in the year 1913. In 1914 we found the first recorded class roll, in which twenty-six familiar names are listed.

In 1915 the Valerius' returned, and again, in a corner of our old church, the class had the blessed privilege of listening to the great eternal truths as brought to them by Mrs. Valerius.

In 1921 the church again had a change in pastors, and the new





PHILATHEA CLASS

Reading from left to right. Top row: Thelma Johnson, Ella Garfield, Hazel Bergman, Edna Ostling, Helen Westfield, Dorothy Carlson, Agnes Bohn, Gunver Johnson, Alice Gustafson, Evelyn Anderson, Mildred Kahn, and Maxine Westerlund. Middle row: Vera Bloomquist, Mrs. G. L. Sundberg, Teacher; Ruth Filmt, Walborg Engstrom, Sigrid Anderson, Evelyn Ankarberg, Jane Leaf, Evelyn Nienow, Helen Bloomquist, Leona Oslund, Wynne Fredrickson, and Gwendolyn Berglund. Bottom row: Evelyn Peterson, Freda Carlson, Irene Lindbeck, Evelyn Ericson, Natalie Stromstra, Darlene Claytor, Euneva Nelson, Violet Roach, Shirley Mars, and Hilder Christenson.

pastor's wife, Mrs. A. B. Colvin, became the teacher. In 1922, the class resolved to become Philatheas in earnest. It reorganized and affiliated with the National Philatheas. This is a nation-wide organization that had its inception in Syracuse, N. Y., in 1893. "Young women at work for young women, all standing by the Bible, the Bible School, and the Church," is the platform of this great organization, which has for its slogan these challenging words, "We do things!" The Philathea song is "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," the colors are light blue and white, and most inspiring of all, is the Philathea motto — "Win the one next to you" — and their text, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13. "Philatheas should be helpful, democratic, friendly, evangelistic, benevolent and prayerful." The Philatheas take pride in the fact that their name means "Lovers of truth."

With this sharing of the high purposes of the national organization, the Class became a busy group. In 1923 they were given a new impetus for enlarged activity; namely, the acquisition of one of the new rooms in our remodeled church. Furnishing this room in an attractive manner, pledging and paying \$700.00 to the Building Fund, were the beginnings of a succession of achievements which may be listed as follows:

During the past fifteen years, or beginning with 1926, the class has contributed to the support of a native missionary in Assam, India, the sum of \$825.00.

One hundred thirty-five dollars has been contributed to the Tate Fund, and the missionary fund for Mrs. Elmer Hutchison.

Students preparing for Christian work have been assisted financially.

At Christmas time the Philatheas have had the happy privilege of helping less fortunate people. They have contributed clothing and food to local families as well as sending boxes packed with clothes and toys to Klingberg's Orphanage, and Rev. and Hulda Tate's field in Canada.

They have contributed to the sick and shut-ins, and benevolences separately, as well as through the church missionary.

The class compiled, and had printed, a cook book of choice Swedish recipes in 1937. These books were sold throughout the entire United States, and were on exhibit at the New York World's fair. Two thousand books were printed, and thus far

about \$600.00 has been realized.

In 1939, the Philatheas financed the installation of indirect lighting in our church. The cost of this was \$404.00. About this time, ten fine tablecloths and silverware were donated by the class for use in the church. In later years, the sum of \$406.00 has been contributed to the church and building fund, also \$150.00 to the Organ Fund. The class joined the Ladies' Aid in raising \$125.00 for the organ fund.

Various methods have been used to raise money, such as self-denial periods; concerts, using both home talent and guest artists; baked goods, candy, rummage, and fancy work sales; Swedish suppers; penny strips; silver teas; etc.

The class has sponsored or cooperated in various social activities—Mother and Daughter banquets; cooking and meat-cutting demonstrations; inspection tours of bakeries, factories, funeral homes, and Professor Sadony's Valley of the Pines; beach and Christmas breakfasts; pot-luck suppers, etc.

In speaking of our activities, we have gotten ahead of our story, but for a historian, it is as easy to jump back several years as it is to follow the dates forward. We hope you follow us as we note that in 1927, Mrs. G. L. Sundberg succeeded Mrs. Colvin as our teacher. After her, came Mrs. Ellen Erickson in 1928, Mrs. G. L. Sundberg, in 1930, Mrs. D. W. Bard in 1931, Mrs. E. Hamlin in 1932, and again Mrs. G. L. Sundberg in 1935, who is still our beloved teacher.

It is hardly possible to mention all who have served in the past, however a list of the class presidents may be of interest. They are as follows, some having served several terms — Marie Zettergren, Hulda Carlson, Freda Carlson, Sigrid Peterson, Alice Sundquist, Margaret Johnson, Wynne Fredrickson, Elinor Nelson, Evelyn Ankarberg, Signa Christenson.

At the Sunday School sessions, instead of using the regular course of Sunday School lessons, the class is studying the Bible as a whole — beginning at the beginning and following through to the end. Besides our weekly gatherings, we meet every month at various homes. Guest speakers and other interesting programs add to the happy spirit of fellowship of these meetings.

Limited space permits adequate treatment of neither our past nor present but we will conclude by saying that our present en-

rollment is sixty-four members and our current officers are — President, Mrs. Clifford Anderson; Vice-President, Mrs. Everett Flint; Secretary, Mrs. Walter Engstrom; Treasurer, Mrs. Harold Westerlund; Social Chairman, Mrs. Fred Neinow; Program Chairman, Byrndene Fredrickson; Flower Fund Chairman, Mrs. G. Westfield; Reporter, Mrs. Otto Bloomquist.

Under the leadership of these capable officers, and our faithful teacher, the Philatheas hope to continue to work for the Sunday School and the church — "for we can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us."

Freda Carlson.

### THE MEN'S CLASS

During the years 1921 and 1922, there was a very decided transition from the Swedish to English in our Sunday School. Up to this time, the class for adults was composed of men and women, and Swedish was spoken almost exclusively. Because of the change in language, it became necessary to form two new English speaking classes, and, in the beginning of Pastor Colvin's pastorate, while Mr. Verner Ohs was superintendent, the Sunday School organized the MEN'S CLASS and the LADIES' CLASS.

From the beginning, the purpose of the group has been to interest men in the study of the Word of God, and to influence men in right Christian living. There have been times when the name has been changed and as we scan the records, we read of the MEN'S CLASS, and the BROTHERHOOD, interchangeably.

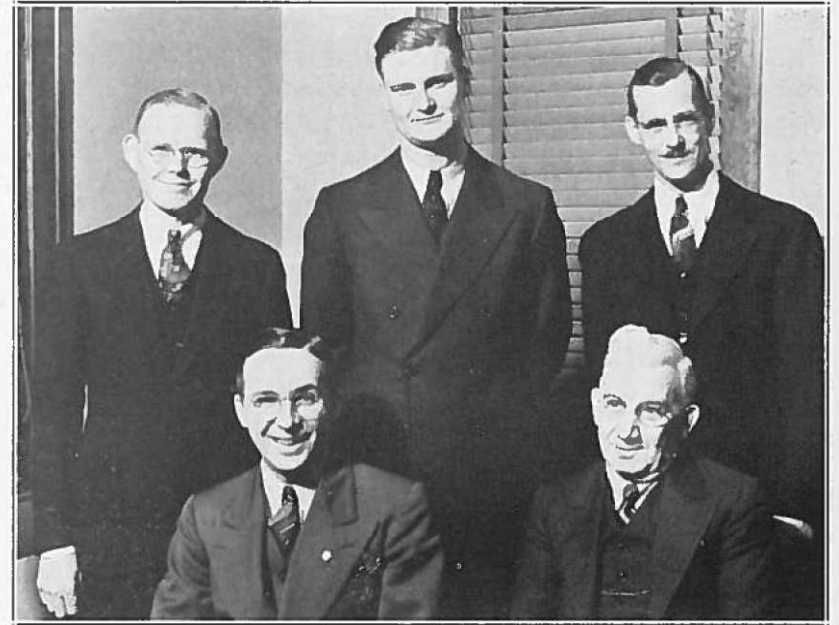
Rev. A. B. Colvin was the first teacher, and with spiritual insight and much enthusiasm, he led the men in a varied program of Christian activities, both social and spiritual. In February of 1926, the Men's Class, or Brotherhood, sponsored the first Father and Son Banquet ever held in our church. Rev. E. Hamlin and Rev. C. Geo. Ericson, of Chicago, were the visiting speakers.

In 1928, when Rev. E. Hamlin came to Muskegon as Pastor, he became teacher and leader, and during his ministry, the class enjoyed a steady growth. with a continually expanding sphere of



MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Reading from left to right, Top row: A. E. Hazelbrook, Homer Gillette, Claude Lobdell, Carl Westerlund, Arthur Gustafson, Harold Larson, Raymond Gilbert, Edw. Edson, Eugene Neison, John Coleman. Middle row: Clarence Larson, Harold Westerlund, Ray Alstrom, Adolph Dahlquist, August Redman, Reuben Christenson, Val Young, J. O. Berglund, E. A. Miller, and Terry Christenson. Bottom row: Geo. Gatfield, Edward Christenson, David Etterman, Andrew Peterson, Rev. Victor Larson, Charles Nelson, Ed. Lager, and Nick Smith.



OFFICERS OF THE BROTHERHOOD

Reading from left to right. Seated: Bruce Bowen, Pres., and Homer Gillette, Vice-Pres. Standing: Alvin Malmstrom, Treas.; Ray Alstrom, Pianist; and Ernest Redman, Secretary.

influence. For a few months, the class assembled for the Sunday morning sessions in a large room in the old "kindergarten" building across the street from the church.

In 1933, as the class was more fully organized, David Bard was elected president, and was re-elected in 1934. Other presidents are as follows: Verner Ohs, 1935 and 1936; David Etterman, 1937 and 1938; Peter Jansen, 1939 and 1940; with Bruce Bowen as the leader in the year 1941.

Especially since 1937 has the organization been known more specifically as the BROTHERHOOD of the Lakeside Baptist Church, with meetings being held once a month. Thus it has been possible to reach more men, and partake more fully in current events and problems of a religious nature, which are of vital interest to both community and church. A striking example of this was the active participation of encouragement to Gov. L. D. Dickenson, in his efforts on the liquor control question in 1939.

The monthly meetings have given opportunities for the men to hear many visiting speakers, some of whom have been used of the Lord as evangelists, church leaders, missionaries, and Bible teachers. The Gideons, and Brotherhoods from other churches have also participated in meetings. At these meetings assistance has been given to church building projects, as well as missionary and benevolent causes.

Since 1936, Rev. V. Larson has been the teacher of the Sunday morning sessions, as well as the keenly interested advisor in all Brotherhood activities. His comradeship, spirituality, and unselfish efforts have been a source of encouragement to the society, and are deeply appreciated by the men.

E. R. and H. J. C.

#### LADIES CLASS

As previously stated, the Ladies Class is the other adult class which was organized in 1923. When one wonders just how to introduce this fine group of ladies to our readers, there comes to mind the picture of Paul and Luke making their way down to the river side near the city of Philippi, "where prayer was wont to be made," and as they sat down, they "spoke unto the women which resorted thither."

Quietly and simply, with a desire to study the Sunday School lesson together, the Ladies Class has met each Sunday morning since the organization of the class. Once a month, the class meets for an afternoon or evening session of Christian fellowship, to transact whatever may come up in the way of business, and also to enjoy a social hour. At these meetings much aid and comfort has been planned and prepared for others who have been needy, or sick, etc. The class has shown considerable interest in Jewish missions, and has maintained a separate treasury for that great missionary cause.

The Officers for 1941 are: Mrs. O. Ankarberg, President; Mrs. George Bloomquist, Secretary and Treasurer; and Mrs. Bertha Stenberg, Treasurer of the Jewish Mission Fund. Mrs. John Coleman, much beloved for her earnestness and spirituality, has been teacher of the Ladies Class for many years, and continues in that capacity during 1941.

H. J. C.

#### WORLD WIDE GUILD

The World Wide Guild of the Lakeside Baptist Church was organized on January 24, 1935. Two Sunday School classes formed the nucleus of the local group, and the membership consists principally of young ladies of high-school age. The local society is affiliated with a nation-wide organization.

The Guild slogan, "Worthwhile Girls of the World Wide Guild Working With God for the Whole World's Good," provides a goal and standard for many forms of service, both on home and foreign fields. Covenanting themselves to be "mindful of the millions who are still in darkness because they know not that the Son of Righteousness has arisen with healing in His wings"; and remembering the words of Christ, who said, "I am the light of the world," and again, "Ye are the light of the world", they sing the Guild songs, "Fling Out the Banner" and "Follow the Gleam," which gleam throws its beam of light to all horizons, north, east, south and west; furnishing each Guild girl with many reasons for pledging herself "to work henceforth with Him; giving time, money and prayer, that upon such as sit in darkness and the shadow of death, the light of life may shine."

During the past six years the Guild girls have met once a month to work on Guild projects, and to enjoy a social time together. Each year the Guild has met its assigned quota for the White Cross. This means sending out supplies for mission work; such as bandages, clothing, toys, layettes, and other articles needed by missionaries for work in their respective fields.

The local group has also joined the Guild Reading Club. Some of the girls read books which are highly recommended by the Club, and review these books during the meetings. The Guild members have found this practice a very helpful form of diversion and entertainment.

Another form of service undertaken by the Guild girls is the support of a native missionary in India, which has proved to be a two-way blessing, in many respects.

In 1937, the Guild gave toward Flood Relief in the southern states, and also have had a share in Jewish Mission Work in Brooklyn, N. Y.



WORLD WIDE GUILD

Reading from left to right. Front row: Mrs. Victor Larson, Teacher; Wilma Nelson, Violet Lundwall, Mrs. Rudolph Gustafson, Helen Gustafson, Leone Baker, and Miss Evelyn Ankerberg, Teacher. Middle row: Frances Nobes, Barbara Nordstrom, Ruth Erickson, Alice Nordstrom, Ruth Nordstrom, Margaret Larson, Barbara Lindback, Ione Baker, Dorothy Redman, Edith Gardner, and Betty Nobes. Top row: Bonita Baker, Audrey Kroes, Hope Christenson, Lois Mc Kelvey, Mabel Bow, and Vivian Morton.

Christmas time each year finds the Guild girls enthusiastically engaged in helping needy families with clothing, food, and toys. Old-fashioned quilting bees have been greatly enjoyed from time to time, and the quilts have been sent to Klingberg's Children's Home, and also donated to less-fortunate homes.

The officers at the time of organization, in 1935, were President, Marguerite Anderson; Vice-President, Aylene Edson; Secretary, Helen Gustafson; Treasurer, Ruth Nordstrom.

The leaders for this our Jubilee Year of 1941, are Maxine Gustafson, President; Helen Gustafson, Vice-President; Violet Lundwall, Secretary; and Wilma Nelson, Treasurer.

V. L. and H. J. C.

### THE BARACA CLASS

In the year 1923, Mr. Verner Ohs, who was superintendent of our Sunday School, called a meeting of the young men of our Sunday School for the purpose of organizing a Baraca Class. The meeting was held in the home of Maurice Edlund, who was then one of the young men interested in the activities of the class, but who is now serving the Lord in full-time work as pastor of a church in Melvindale, Mich.

To begin with, the Class held its Sunday School sessions in the furnace room of the church. However, when the church was remodelled during Rev. Colvin's time, the Building Committee and the Trustees graciously opened their hearts to the earnest requests from the class for a room in the back of the church, on what might be called the second floor. How happy and thankful the young men were to be able to meet in their own class room. Cork carpet was laid on the floor, a second-hand davenport was purchased, as well as a suitable table. A small library was furnished, chiefly by Pastors Colvin and Hamlin, for the shelves of this table.

Of course the freshly plastered walls of the new room did not allow the teacher to go to the extent of carrying out object lessons as he did on one occasion when one of the young men was given a partly spoiled apple, and asked to throw it with full speed against the cement block wall in the furnace room.



BARACA CLASS  
 Reading from left to right. Seated: Russell Klett, Paul Larson, E. V. Hart, Teacher; Wm. Peterson, Jr., and Courtney Stromstra, Middle row: Jess Morton, Albert Hazelbrook, Leroy Peterson, Harry VanderMeer, and Ivan Baker. Top row: Jack Drake, Horace Gillette, Lewis Hamm, Donald Peterson, Edw. Luhman, and Gerald Gillette.

What an army of young men have gone up and down these steps, right here to our left, as we sit at the table in the Baraca room, writing these notes. Anyone who has had experience with our Sunday School knows why the writer might be tempted to become sentimental while jotting down these lines about the Baraca Class. He was the teacher for a period of about so and so many years.

On one of the walls of our church, hangs a picture of the Baraca Class of 1933 — forty faces of some of the finest young men we ever met — plus the teacher, and Pastor E. Hamlin. The teacher of that class in 1933 does not take credit for either the size or quality of the Baraca Class at that time. In another article, we tell of the class from which many of the Baraca boys came. The history of the class shows that much importance has always been placed upon the Sunday morning Bible study session of the Sunday School.

What a wonderfully interesting experience is that of a Sunday School teacher. To see young men grow older and take a leading part in the activities of the church; and in time to bring their own children to Sunday School and church; to read letters that have been received as some of the young men have gone off to colleges, universities, Bible institutes, training camps, or have taken their places in God's army as full-time servants in the Cause of Christ; all this, and more, furnishes the Sunday School teacher with a thrill, in every sense of the word; surpassed only by the thrill of leading young men to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the fall of 1940, Mr. E. V. Hart became teacher of the Class, and is loved and respected by all. He continues as the teacher in this year of 1941.

H. J. C.

*"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word."*

PSALM 119:9.

*"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, —"*

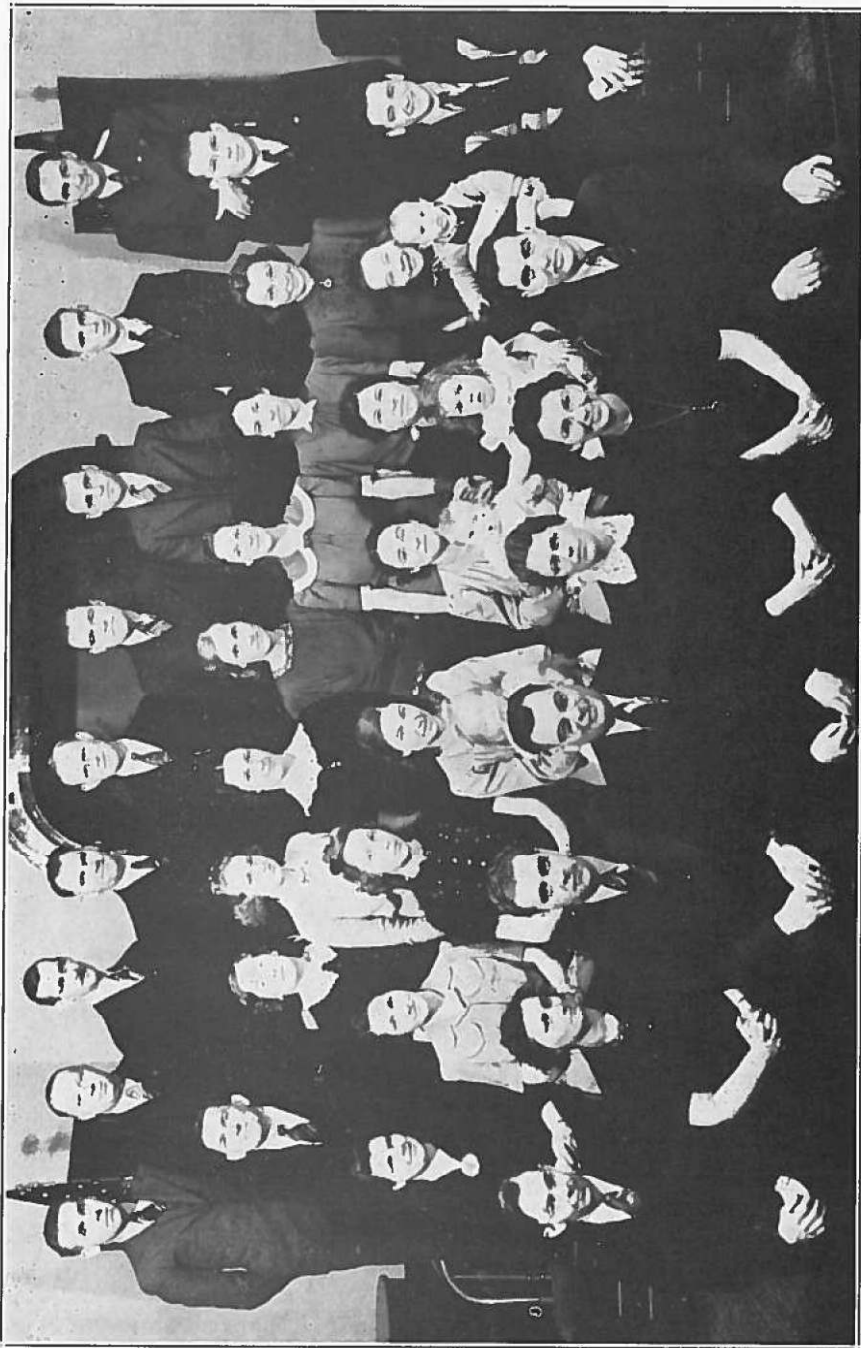
ECCLESIASTES 12:1



**PRIMARY DEPARTMENT**  
 Teachers of the Classes, Mrs. E. V. Hart, Mrs. Terry Christenson, and Mrs. Arthur Gustafson in the upper left-hand corner.  
 Mrs. Olaf Larson, and Mrs. E. Berggren, in the center-back. Mrs. Arthur Larson and Mrs. Homer Gillette, right-hand corner.



**BEGINNERS DEPARTMENT**  
 Teachers. Reading from extreme left to right: Leone Baker, Byrdene Fredrickson, Barbara Nordstrom, and Margaret Larson.



YOUNG MARRIED PEOPLE'S CLASS  
 Reading from left to right, and from top to bottom. 1st row: Arthur Herman, Wiebe Mars, Ernest Redman, Eric Strandberg, and Bruce Bowen. 2nd row: Elmer Wesner, Mrs. Eric Pierre, Mrs. Ralph Lundwall, Mrs. Lester Larsen, Mrs. LeRoy Lund, and LeRoy Lund. 3rd row: Mrs. Wiebe Mars, Mrs. Bruce Bowen, Mrs. Elmer Wesner, Peter Jansen, Mrs. Ernest Redman, Lester Larsen, Mrs. Orville Mayor, and Orville Mayor. Bottom row: Ralph Lundwall, Mrs. Ernest Redman, Lester Larsen, Eric Pierre, Alvin Malmstrom, Arthur Pearson, Ray Engstrom, Gerald Berglund, Mrs. Jack Corneth, Mrs. Arthur Herman, Mrs. Alvin Malmstrom, Mrs. Gerald Strandberg, Mrs. Arvid Berglund, Mrs. Arthur Pearson, Mrs. Peter Jansen, Mrs. Ray Engstrom, and Arvid Berglund.

## YOUNG MARRIED PEOPLE'S CLASS

The youngest of all the church organizations is the Young Married People's Class. In the fall of 1939, Supt. W. Etterman of the Sunday School, presented the suggestion that perhaps the time was ripe for banding the young husbands and wives of our church and Sunday School into a class. A call was sent out to young married people, and on October 1, 1939, thirteen persons met for the purpose of organizing what is now called the Young Married People's Class.

The first officers were as follows: President, Arthur Pearson; Vice-President, Ernest Redman; Treasurer, Mrs. Lester Larsen; and Secretary, Bruce Bowen. Mr. Peter Jansen was asked to serve as the class teacher, and has faithfully fulfilled the duties of this important office with a spiritual sincerity and whole-hearted sociability that has won the respect and affection of the members of the class.

A brief chronological history of some of the interesting projects undertaken by the class, would appear as follows: Christmas, 1939 and 1940 — Benevolent assistance to needy families; January, 1940 — Began a four months' membership contest; May, 1940 — Musical program for benefit of Church Building Fund; November, 1940 — Sale of Christmas cards, also for benefit of Church Building Fund; November, 1940 — Assumed charge of nursery in Annex, during the preaching services in church; March, 1941 — Class picture taken; May, 1941 — Class enrollment, 40 persons.

The well-rounded program of class activities provides for both spiritual and social interests, with emphasis on the Sunday morning Bible study session, and other spiritual enterprises.

Ralph Lundwall is President of the Class for 1941, with Lester Larsen, Vice-President; Mrs. Ray Engstrom, Secretary; Arvid Berglund, Treasurer; and Mrs. Ernest Redman, Corresponding Secretary.

H. J. C.





FIVE BOYS' CLASSES

## BOYS' CLASSES OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

The picture on the opposite page introduces to the reader the boys in five of the classes of our Sunday School. These boys were formerly banded together as one class, with Mr. Ralph Bennett as the teacher. (Mr. Bennett is in the second row from the top, the second person from the left.) He has been engaged in boys' work for many years, and all over the city of Muskegon, there are boys who affectionately call him "Deac." Where Mr. Bennett is, there you will find boys. Organizations such as Christian Boys Alliance, Boys Clubs, and Boy Scout Troops have been organized by him, and have grown in number and influence under the genial guidance, and magnetic personality of their leader. At present Mr. Bennett is the Scout Master of a troop which registers 110 boys on its roster — the largest in the city.

After being with Mr. Bennett for a few years, the boys naturally grow to the age when they are "promoted" to the Baraca Class.

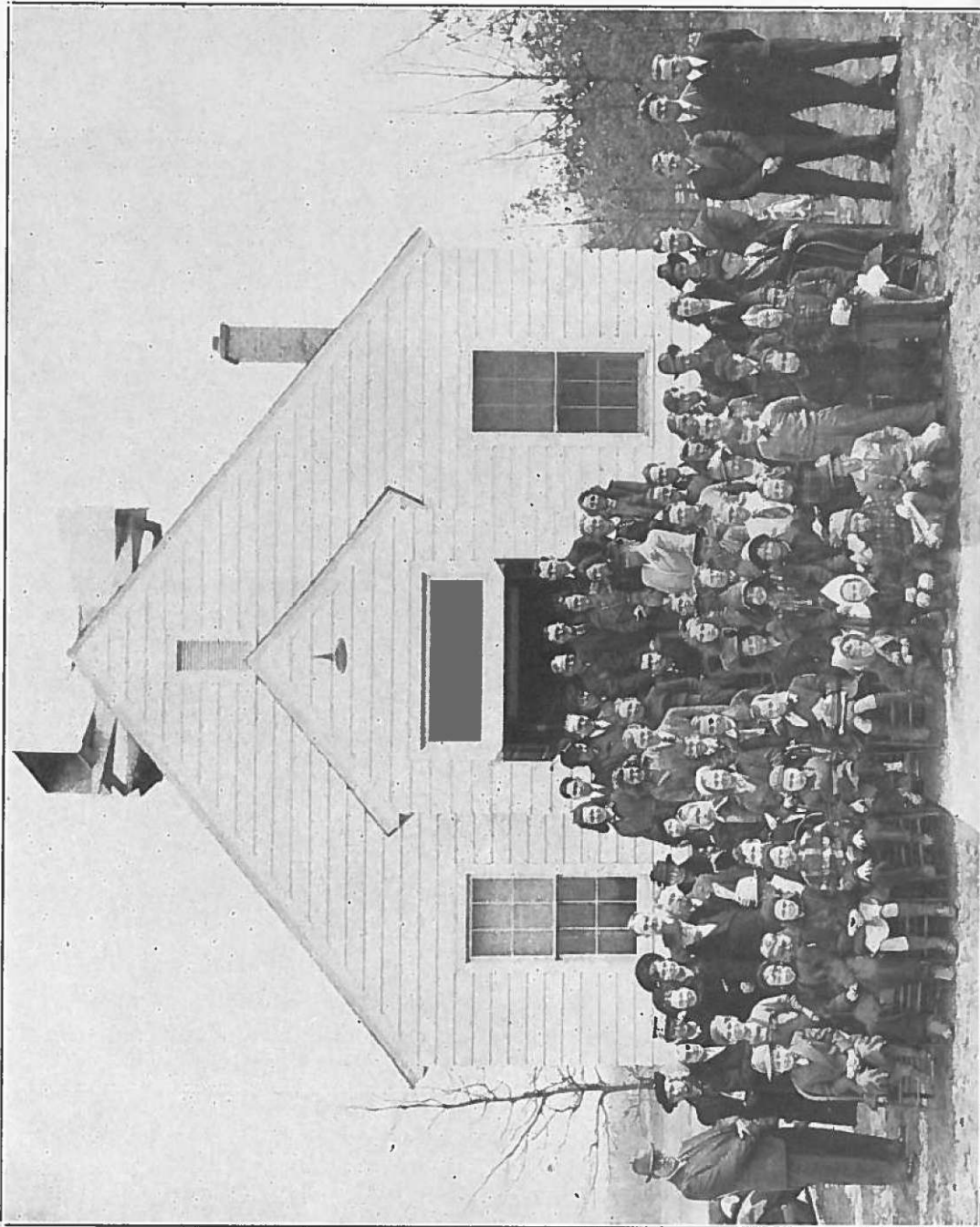
Because of the increased number in the boys' class, it was deemed advisable to divide it into five classes. This was done in the fall of 1940. The other four teachers are L. Westenfelder, G. Westfield, R. Gustafson, and H. J. Carlson.

H. J. C.

## THE WAYSIDE CHAPEL

In February of 1930, with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lundwall as helpers, we had the joy of holding our first Sunday School in Norton Township, the meeting place being the old school house of Norton District No. 4. Mr. L. Westenfelder, now an active member of our church, was school director that year. Many and varied were the experiences of those early days but how true the word of God, "Call upon Me, and I will answer thee."

In the early spring of that year God blessed us with a real revival. It was our joy to lead many of our boys and girls to Christ. It was then we started having Young People's prayer



meetings in our home. Often as many as thirty came. Long and earnest were their prayers for parents and other unsaved loved ones.

Again God was pleased to honor His word, and many new converts were added to our Chapel family. Among the first were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Canfield and son Ivan. Mr. Canfield has for many years been our Sunday School superintendent and active in every department of the work. Mrs. Canfield is president of the Missionary Society and Ivan has been on our music group for many years. Mr. and Mrs. E. Van Horn were appointed to be joint secretary and treasurer of the work and their daughter, Viva, has been active in both the music of the Chapel and the



*Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Christenson*

Sunday School. Mrs. Floyd Crankshaw and family are also active members and Carling Haverman for many years worked with us but now is in Elgin, Illinois. Many more good and faithful workers have since joined our happy family.

In February of 1931, at the completion of the new Lincoln School, our work was transferred to that building. In the year of 1933 we had our first mission home, a remodeled building rented on McCracken. It was then our work became known as the "Wayside Chapel Work." While many were the testings of the new step, God in a wonderful way supplied our needs and every department of our work enjoyed a steady growth.

In the spring of 1937 this building was sold and again we were in need of a chapel building. Again our Heavenly Father answered our prayers, the work being taken up by our Lakeside Baptist Church and our fine building erected on McCracken. Our Chapel family greatly appreciates our fellowship with them and pray that God will continue to use us together for His glory.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Christenson



On the afternoon of the first Sunday in August, 1937, there was held a service of consecration and dedication on the ground which had been purchased as a site for the new chapel. A goodly crowd had assembled, and under the direction of Rev. Victor Larson, there was a program of appropriate ceremonies for an occasion such as this. Interspersed with music and song, were short messages by Pastor Larson, and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Christenson. Mr. A. Alstrom, chairman of the Trustee Board of the Lakeside Baptist Church, turned a shovel-full of sod, and Rev. Larson led in a dedicatory prayer.

And so the first step had been taken in meeting an urgent need for a house of worship in and around the district located at the end of McCracken St., called Indian Village. When the frame building on McCracken St. was sold, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Christenson and their helpers turned to the Lord for His further leading. Then they had a talk with Pastor V. Larson, who, in turn, presented the matter to the Board of the Lakeside Baptist Church. When the project was taken up before the church, it was resolved to purchase two lots facing McCracken Street, across the street from the Lincoln School, and to erect a chapel for Sunday School and preaching services.

Action was taken immediately, and the Lord blessed all efforts so abundantly that on the second Sunday in October, 1937, the Chapel was ready for occupancy. Dedicatory services were held on that Sunday, and since then all branches of the Chapel work have continued with their meetings uninterruptedly.

An indication of how the Lord has blessed the Gospel ministry of the Wavside Chapel. is seen in the steady and healthy growth

of the various departments. In 1937, the average attendance in Sunday School was about 40; whereas, in May of 1941, the average attendance is about 95. The Young People's work has grown from a small group, to an average of about 40 per meeting. The Ladies Missionary Band meets every other week. Their vision is world-wide, and their prayers and efforts include missionary interests in several foreign fields; but the ladies of this society are not so far-sighted but what they can also see the needs and problems of the less-fortunate in their own community, and in this respect, they have done a very commendable piece of work. The attendance at these missionary meetings has tripled in the period between October 1937 and May 1941.

An orchestra renders valuable assistance with its music each Sunday evening. On the picture of the Chapel, you will note the loud speaker placed on the roof of the building. A public address system has been installed, which makes it possible to send music, songs, and messages out over the air to the community round-about.

Other improvements which ought to receive a word of mention, are: New gas heating system installed; seventy new chairs purchased; new set of song books, electric clock, two beautiful flags (U.S. and Christian).

"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." "For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to Whom be glory for ever."

H. J. C.

#### *O Zion, Haste*

*Proclaim to ev'ry people, tongue and nation  
That God in whom they live and move is love:  
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation,  
And died on earth that man might live above.  
Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious;  
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;  
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious;  
And all thou spendest Jesus will repay.*

*Publish glad tidings, Tidings of peace;  
Tidings of Jesus, Redemption and release.*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

We, the Lakeside Baptist Church, accept the Bible as our only form of faith and as our rule of moral and spiritual conduct. However, certain fundamental truths stand out in the New Testament that we wish to underscore as being our body of beliefs.

We, the Lakeside Baptist Church, insist that ministers who are called to serve the church in the capacity of permanent pastors should believe and accept fully this body of New Testament beliefs. Besides, no member is to be received into its membership whose beliefs are not in accord with the body of New Testament beliefs.

PARAGRAPH ONE: We believe, as the New Testament does, that all Scripture is inspired of God. — 2 Tim. 3:16.

PARAGRAPH TWO: We believe in the Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. Further:—We believe that God is the creator of all and the sustainer of all. — Acts 17:24-28. We believe that Jesus was and is Very God. — Matt. 16:16, and that the Holy Spirit is a Person. We believe His office is to convict sin, comfort, and lead the Christian. — John 16:7, 8, 13.

PARAGRAPH THREE: We believe that man, created innocent, exercising free, fell into sin, driving him out of the holy presence of God forever but for the Redemptive Plan of God. We believe man in his natural state is dead in trespasses and sins. Rom. 3:23, and that he is thus without God, Christ, and hope. Eph. 2:12.

PARAGRAPH FOUR: We believe in a personal adversary of God, of man, and of good in the Universe, whether he be called Satan, Devil, Tempter, or Evil One. We believe he wears many disguises: that of a serpent in Gen. 3, that of an angel of light, 2 Cor. 11:14, or that of a human being at other times, Matt. 16:23. We believe that he is finally going to be completely vanquished and confined to eternal punishment by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Rev. 20:10.

PARAGRAPH FIVE: We believe that God, in His Grace and Mercy, has offered and made possible a Plan of Salvation from

sin. John 3:16, Gal. 1:3, 4, Eph. 1:3-12; 2:1-9. We believe there is only one way of salvation open to mankind. Acts 4:12. John 14:6. Only through the Cross and shedding of blood could we be saved. John 3:14. Heb. 9:22. A perfect sacrifice was necessary. 1 Pet. 2:22. We believe that Jesus died in our stead. 1 Tim. 2:6. Gal. 1:4.

PARAGRAPH SIX: We believe that this salvation is acquired by man through repentance and faith. Mark 1:15; Acts 3:19; 16:31; Luke 24:47. Prodigal needed to repent. Luke 15:7; Acts 11:18; 20:21; 26:20; 2 Pet. 3:19.

PARAGRAPH SEVEN: We believe that Christ established a church here upon earth. Matt. 16:18. We also believe that the mode of entrance into this church is exemplified to us in the first church at Jerusalem, and that the present-day church should pattern after that church. Acts 2:41. The mode of baptism is also clearly set forth in Acts 8:36-39.

PARAGRAPH EIGHT: We believe that the Great Commission of the church is found in Matt. 28:19, 20. We believe that the order given by Christ in this commission should be retained: Make disciples (of all nations) baptize, and teach.

PARAGRAPH NINE: We believe that besides the ordinance of baptism given to the church to observe, the church should also commemorate the death of Christ by observing the Lord's Supper. 1 Cor. 11:23-34.

PARAGRAPH TEN: Regarding the Future, we believe in the visible return of Our Lord and Savior, first to receive His own unto Himself, followed shortly by the establishment of His Kingdom upon earth. We also believe in the eternal separation of the righteous from the unrighteous, and in a Heaven and a Hell.



*"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness;"*

2 TIMOTHY 3:16.

## Officers of the Lakeside Baptist Church, 1941

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Sunday School Superintendent .....	Walter Etterman
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Song Leader and Choir Director .....	Roy Peterson

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E. V. Hart	H. J. Carlson

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*"Lead on, O King Eternal,  
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper  
The sweet Amen of peace;  
For not with swords loud clashing,  
Nor roll of stirring drums;  
With deeds of love and mercy,  
The heav'nly kingdom comes."*

ERNEST W. SHURTLEFF.





