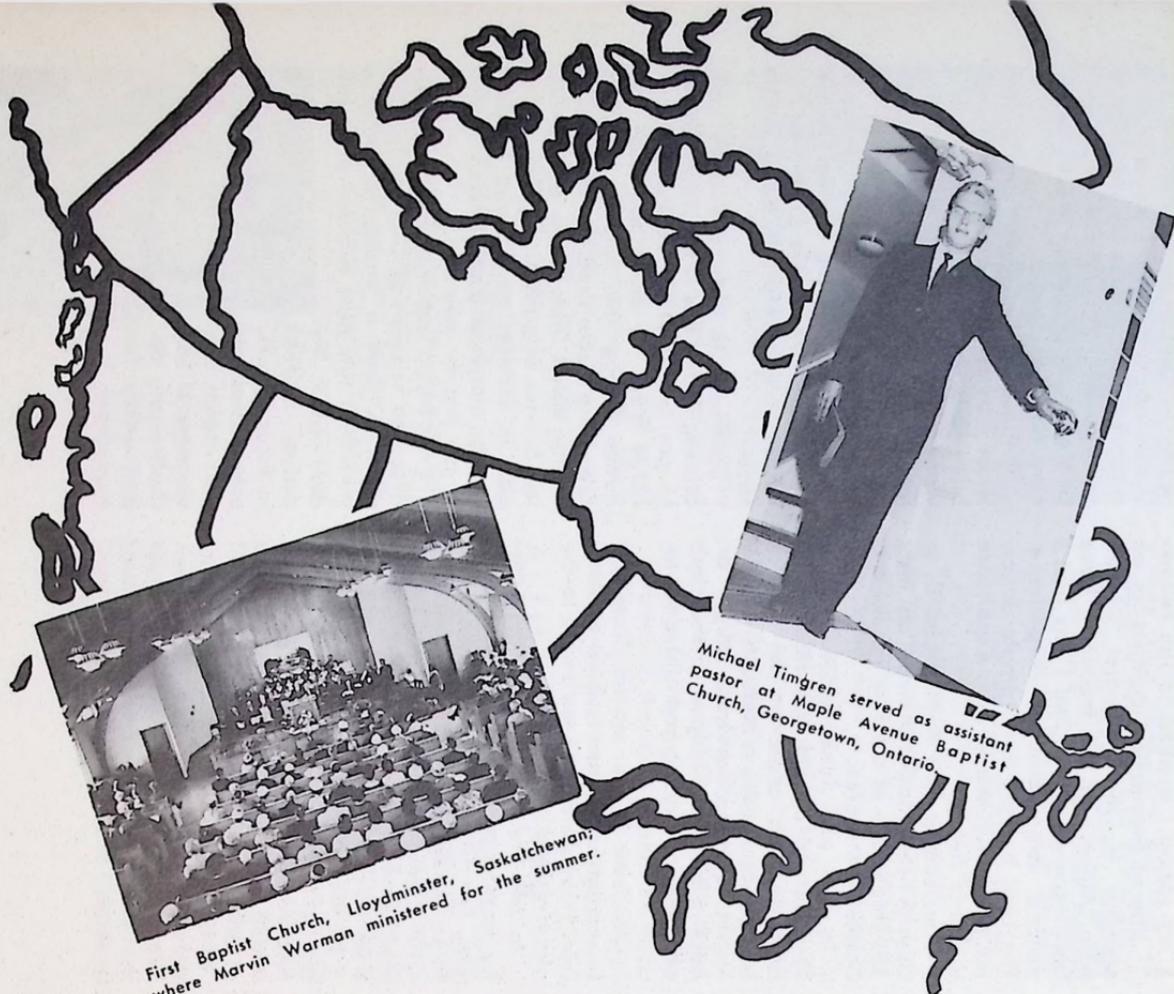


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First Baptist Church, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan;  
where Marvin Warman ministered for the summer.

Michael Timgren served as assistant  
pastor at Maple Avenue Baptist  
Church, Georgetown, Ontario.

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## LCBM Students Give Their Summer for Service

Twenty-three LCBM students are working in full-time Christian Service during the summer. Two of them tell of the blessings received in summer pastorates.

Last spring I applied to the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptists for an opening in their summer student plan. Along with the training I have been receiving at LCBM, I felt that I needed some practical experience. The Lord has provided ample opportunity this summer to gain experience in many fields.

I arrived at First Baptist Church in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan on May 15. This is one of the few gospel witnesses in the area.

In May and June, as assistant to Rev. Donald Dinnick, my responsibilities were to assist in the regular services and radio broadcasts. I spoke in the evening services, taught an adult Bible class, helped in the choir and special music, and did door-to-door visitation.

On June 9 we moved from the basement to the newly built auditorium. It was a day of testimony to the glory of God.

In July we moved out to the nearby camp operated by our church. I was sports and music director for three weeks as well as counsellor with a tent of boys. I was able to lead some of them to know Christ as their Saviour.

In August Pastor Dinnick went on his holidays and I was left with the responsibility of the church program, which included an unexpected funeral and a two-week DVBS.

I believe as I have laboured in His strength that my life has been strengthened and enriched. I trust that the Lord has enriched the lives of those I was called to minister to.

Marvin Warman '64

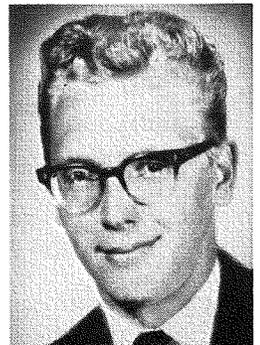
Spiritual growth and practical experience sums up my summer as a student pastor. It was my privilege to serve under Rev. Bruce Woods at Georgetown for sixteen weeks beginning early in May.

Without delay I was thrust into what was to be my major responsibility—a canvass of the town. After a week of tutelage by the pastor I was left on my own. Never before had I realized so forcibly the need for thrusting myself on God for strength. But what joy flooded my soul when the opportunities came for a word of witness and comfort to many needy souls.

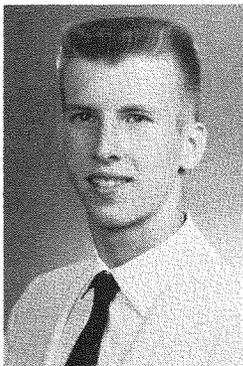
Speaking to different ones concerning Christ has given me occasion to put into practice valuable knowledge from my study at LCBM. My duties during the summer included preaching (from time to time), teaching an adult Bible class, and Christian Service Brigade as well as taking part in services and Young Peoples. For the month of August I had charge of the prayer meetings.

I can't help but rejoice in the goodness and wisdom of God for leading me into such a wonderful venture with Him this past summer as a student pastor. My prayer is that in future years, other students will take advantage of this challenging opportunity for experience.

Michael Timgren '65



# Music Department Faculty Is Increased



Ezra B. Watkins, a 1963 graduate of Houghton College, has been appointed lecturer in the music department. He joined the faculty in August.

Mr. Watkins was graduated from Houghton College with a bachelor of music degree in applied piano. During his time at Houghton he served as student conductor of the Houghton College Choir. He was a member of the a cappella choir for four years as well as the Oratorio Society and the Music Education Club. He also served as church organist and pianist at Woodbourne, New York.

Mr. Watkins who is a native of Scranton, Pennsylvania, will teach theory and piano at LCBM. He will also play a major part in the Saturday School of Music.

- For the provision of a new faculty member for the music department. Mr. Watkins will direct the Saturday School of Music.
- For God's provision of Violet Totten to replace Dianne Palmer '63 in the business office. Dianne will attend London Teachers' College.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that God will continue to speak to the hearts of His children concerning their investment in His work here. Five thousand dollars is needed for the month of September.
- Pray for the new students that they may quickly adjust to school life.
- Pray for returning students that they may be prepared to begin another year of study. Pray that they may be able to accept changes in school routine.
- Pray for the dining hall staff as they must serve the increased number of students.
- Pray for the faculty as they begin another year of teaching that God will give them strength to carry the increased teaching load.
- Pray for the provision of a second tenor for the male quartette.

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## ALUMNI CORNER

There has been much activity among the Alumni members this summer. Many of those who have been on furlough have returned to their fields of service. Among these are: Muriel Davis '50, Winnifred Price '49, Bill Wright '45, Fledda Veals '46. Allan '52 and Mary '53 McLeod will return to France in October. Elaine Davis '62 expects to leave for Singapore in September for her first term.

We extend a warm welcome to those who have recently returned from the field. These include Gladys Lee '43 and Pearl '58 and Clarence '57 Shelly.

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## FALL CONFERENCE

Plan now to attend the annual Fall Conference, November 11-15. The speaker will be Rev. Arthur P. Lee, pastor of Calvary Church, Toronto.

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## PRAISE THEMES

- For the time of spiritual and physical refreshment experienced by the faculty at their annual retreat in August.
- For the new students whom God led to become part of our school family.



## IX—SALVATION

Salvation covers not only what we have done, but also what we are. It is not because we commit sins that we are sinners. It is because we are sinners that we commit sins. To have our sins forgiven is indeed wonderful, but if we are not changed, the value of forgiveness is, to say the least, greatly diminished. Indeed one questions the moral possibility of a forgiveness which is not accompanied by such a change.

This change we call regeneration. It is more than a new outlook, or an improved attitude, or a better code of ethics, or a fresh motivation, although all these things are involved. It is being born again, born from above, born of the Spirit, born "not of bloods, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:13).

Of course one may object that these are figurative expressions. At least we can answer that the change is so radical that no other phrase, unless it be "a new creature," can adequately describe it. To those who have known this passing from death into life, with its accompanying emancipation from the power of sin, being born again is more than a figurative, theological expression. It is the first reality.

The new birth is associated with our new relation to God. We are now His dear children. There is indeed the "adoption of sons," an act of God which secures for us the full rights of sonship, but to assure that this is not just an outward, legal transaction, He sends the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, so that by a divine instinct we call God, "Abba, Father."

All this is the work of the Holy

Spirit. It cannot be effected by carnal means, but is a miracle of grace. The appointed instrument is the Word of God. "Being born again . . . by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (I Peter 1:23). It is a sovereign act of God the Holy Ghost, even as James declares: "Of His own will begat He us by the word of truth" (James 1:18). We can force a profession of faith, and it will turn out to be spurious, but we cannot force the new birth.

At what instant the new birth takes place may be difficult to determine. The strong Calvinist view is that it is accomplished before the act of faith in Christ, making possible an exercise of faith which is utterly beyond the ability of the unregenerate person. Others hold that the new birth takes place contemporaneously with the act of faith, or following the act of faith as an immediate result of it. While the theologians disagree on the order, the clear fact remains that "all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God."

Two thoughts remain to be expressed. First, the absolute necessity of the new birth. "Ye **must** be born again" (John 3:7). Second, the new birth calls for expression in fervent love for all who share this miracle of God. "See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently; being born again" (I Peter 1:22,23).