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## —Editorials—

### BETHANY SUNDAY — FEBRUARY 11

Do you have a car? Yes! A washing machine? Yes!  
A refrigerator? Yes! A stove and a telephone? Yes! Do  
you have brooms, mops, tables, chairs, rugs, floor lamps?  
Of course! In other words, you have the things which  
you need to operate your home. This is true, with few  
exceptions. You would not consider, even for a minute,  
trying to get by without at least most of these essentials.

The same ought to be true of Bethany Bible College  
—yes, and to a greater degree! Under ideal conditions,  
it is no small assignment to operate a School for seventy-  
five students. The regular routine is heavy enough. But  
with inadequate staff and with limited facilities, the task  
is next to impossible.

Bethany's President, Rev. C. E. Stairs, has appealed  
through the Highway for a number of urgent needs (not  
luxuries!) which have been approved by the Board of  
Trustees. Some of these are an immediate "must." Bethany  
Sunday is our opportunity to raise the money to provide  
them.

High commendation is in order for the Administration  
and Staff of Bethany Bible College. Those who labour at  
the School do so at personal sacrifice. The denomination  
as a whole reaps the benefit of those who give their best  
years to train our future ministers, missionaries, and  
laymen.

February 11 is Bethany Sunday. A record, budget-plus  
offering from every church is the order of the day. A  
genuine vote of confidence in the program and the progress  
of the School is overdue.

Pastor, what is your plan for Bethany Sunday?

### SPIRITUAL ADVENTURING

"The worship of God is not a rule of safety—it is an  
adventure of the spirit . . . The death of religion comes  
with the repression of the high home of adventure." So  
said Alfred North Whitehead, British-American philosopher  
and late professor of philosophy at Harvard University.

"Adventure" is the word here that stands out. Defined  
by Unabridged Webster, the word adventure has several  
meanings: (1) hazard, risk, chance (2) a bold under-  
taking (3) a remarkable occurrence in one's personal  
history. There are other meanings. But these suffice to  
suggest our purpose here, namely, to call us to "spiritual  
adventuring" in this coming year.

It has been observed, we believe correctly, that the  
deadest times in Church History have been when a pat  
orthodoxy chained the human spirit to forms, rituals,  
rites, and ceremonies which had lost their original glow  
and glory and which hindered the reaching out of the  
naturally creative human spirit.

The call here is not to heresy, any more than was  
the call of Jesus in his day, the call of Paul in his day,  
or the calls of Luther and Wesley in their days. They  
were not calls to heresy. Indeed they were the very oppo-  
site, for they called men to creative adventure in the art  
and practice of Christian living according to the gospel of  
Jesus Christ. Our call, then, is for us to make some new  
discoveries, to experience some new insights, and to enter  
some realms of grace where we have never been before.

Th Church has not survived simply by being orthodox.  
It has survived, rather, on revival, on a new vision of an  
old truth, on a fresh awakening of the human spirit by  
the mighty outpourings of the Holy Ghost, until men were  
literally consumed with the "new thing" that God had  
done within them.

Our peril today is not heresy. But it is dead orthodoxy.  
It is possible to fight for truth, even to die for it, and  
yet to be so cold, so lifeless, and so dead in our spirit  
that we have forgotten the last time that our eyes wept  
tears of joy or our hearts throbbed with holy blessing.

There is wondrous adventure in the life of the Spirit!  
There is adventure in studying the Word of God, for lo!  
—as we study and meditate, out of a familiar passage  
"leaps" a new thought that we never dreamed was there.  
We cry in delight! There is adventure in prayer, in  
passionate prayer, for as our spirit reaches Godward, we  
soar into heavenly places. Spirit transcends space and  
time and communes with celestial beings. High adventure,  
yes! There is adventure, thrilling adventure, in the per-  
sonal witness of faith to an eternal soul, one who does  
not know God but who by the co-operation of human con-  
cern and divine conviction can be added to the family of  
Saints.

Oh that we had the spirit of adventure!

It would lead us to undertake some difficult assign-  
ments. It would lead us to do some daring things for  
God. It would produce a revival in our soul and a small  
riot in the Church. May it happen in '62!

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### FROM THE HIGHWAY —TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO!

by F. A. Dunlop

May I remind you once again that there is a section  
of country in the southern part of South Africa that God,  
in His good providences, has given to the people known  
as Reformed Baptists. In the early days of our denom-  
ination there was a desire born in the souls of our fathers  
to have a part in carrying the glad news of an utter-  
most salvation to the unchristianized parts of the earth.

While some offered themselves as workers and others  
were ready to bear the heavy expenses involved in such  
an enterprise, God led to the place above mentioned and  
we seem to hear Him say, "You have asked for a part in  
this great work. Here it is. These souls I entrust to your  
care. This is your field of labour. Occupy till I come."

We stand responsible before God and the souls in  
Africa, who our work affects, to render service satisfactory  
to the Lord or else tell Him that we are ready to release  
our claims and clear the fields for others who would take  
our place.

I feel to say with the Psalmist, "What shall we render  
to God for all His benefits?" This ought we to do—pledge  
ourselves in renewed service in the great harvest fields of  
the world.

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