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MEMORIALS

GEORGE JOSEPH BERTSCHE

George Joseph Bertsche was born on August 25, 1926, in Woodburn, Indiana. He was born again at the age of eighteen and became a member of the Evangelical Mennonite Church in Woodburn. After high-school graduation in 1946, George ran the family farm for a year because of his father's illness. He also had a knack for repairing radios and other electronic equipment.

After two years of engineering studies at Purdue University's extension in Fort Wayne, George transferred to the main campus and graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering in 1951. In the summers he worked for International Telephone and Telegraph.

George was drafted into the United States Army and served for two years during the Korean War. He was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he taught radio.

George met his future wife, Mary Jacqueline Bergstedt, at an InterVarsity conference at Camp Shakamac in Indiana. They were married on August 30, 1953, at the First Missionary Church in Fort Wayne. Mary was a teacher.

George then attended Dallas Theological Seminary where he received his Master of Theology degree in 1957. George and Mary had hoped to be missionaries, but for health reasons that was not possible. George had diabetes, a thyroid deficiency, and cataracts. He eventually underwent a four-way heart bypass operation in 1983. Their son Kirk was also very sick at his birth in July of 1957.

George returned to Indiana with his young family, where he worked for Varo Corporation, then again for ITT. He earned several patents for the firm, including one for airplane radar. George served as teacher, Sunday-school superintendent and occasional preacher in the Mennonite Church. In 1963 he helped found the Calvary Bible Church in nearby Paulding, Ohio, where he served as an elder and did extensive preaching over the years. He retired in 1988.

George was a member of the American Scientific Affiliation and had been a member of ETS for forty-two years. He and Mary often attended the annual meetings together. George died shortly after heart surgery on June 18, 1997, at the New Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is buried in the Woodburn Mennonite Cemetery next to his parents. He lived seventy years, nine months and twenty-four days.

George is survived by his wife. They were married nearly forty-four years and had three children. Son Kirk Joseph Bertsche lives in California and uses his Ph.D. degree in physics to do research and development. Daughter Karen Elizabeth has a B.S. degree from Purdue in mechanical engineering and lives with her husband Kimball Callis in Plymouth, Minnesota. They

have had five children: Kitrick, Kiersten, Kameron, Kassidy (who died in infancy) and Keagan. Daughter Jennifer Ann is a nurse and is married to David R. Moore, pastor of St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Their two children are Timothy and Jessica.

PAUL EDGAR BEST

Paul Edgar Best was born in Whittier, California, on December 4, 1928. As a child he suffered a near fatal illness. He was an active member of the Whittier Church of the Nazarene. Upon graduation with honors from Whittier Union High School in 1946 Paul entered Pasadena College, studying religion and philosophy in preparation for the pastoral ministry he felt God leading him to. Paul was a good singer and toured with The Crusaders Quartet, a foretaste of God's desire to use his musical abilities in later ministry. During college days Paul met Marjorie Earlene Highley. After a year's courtship they were married on December 11, 1948, at the Chapel of Roses in Pasadena. The Crusaders Quartet served as Paul's groomsmen.

Paul graduated from Pasadena College (now Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego) in 1950 with high honors. He then pursued graduate studies in religion at Pasadena College while serving as minister of music for the Hawthorne and Bellflower Nazarene congregations. Two sons were born during these early days of ministry: David Michael in 1950, and Dale Warren in 1952. Robin Elizabeth completed their quiver two years later.

Paul enrolled at Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City in 1952 but soon had to postpone his studies to return to southern California to care for his growing family and his aging parents. He briefly pastored the Spring Valley Church of the Nazarene before taking graduate courses in business and accounting, which led to owning and operating a bookkeeping business in Monrovia. Paul returned to fulltime pastoring in Thousand Oaks in 1967. Later he took an associate position in Lompoc.

Several years later Paul and Marjorie moved to Dallas where he completed his seminary studies, earning his Master of Theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1977. During seminary days Paul was an associate pastor of the Dallas Central Church of the Nazarene. After graduation he pastored the Church of the Nazarene in North Hollywood, California, followed by a seven-year ministry at the Grace Memorial Church of San Jacinto. He then took the pastorate of the Bible Church of Buena Park. He also served as regional vice-president of the Independent Fundamental Churches of America and was a professor at Chafer Theological Seminary.

Paul's last sermon was preached just one week before he received his final promotion. He passed into glory on July 7, 1996, at the West Anaheim Medical Center and is buried at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. He lived sixty-seven years, seven months and three days.

Paul had become a member of ETS just a few days before his death. He was very excited to be a part of the Society.

Paul Best is survived by his wife; a son, David Michael Best, and his wife Marilyn of Manhattan, New York, where David serves the Church of the Nazarene as a consultant for cross-cultural and urban ministries; a son, Dale Warren Best, and his wife Debora of San Dimas, California, where Dale is a certified public accountant; a daughter, Robin Elizabeth Shere, and her husband David of Garden Grove, where Robin is in her fifteenth year as a home-schooling mother; and five grandchildren, Josh and Chris Best of San Dimas, and Emily, Sarah and Adam Shere of Garden Grove.

CHARLES WEBSTER CARTER

Charles Webster Carter was born at South Port, Indiana, on May 14, 1905, the seventh of ten children. When he was six years old his family moved to a farm near Ida Grove, Iowa. There was little religion in the home, and Charles quit school and left home at the age of fourteen. Because he was big for his age he got a job on a farm for the next several years, living apart from God and in sin. He moved around, working in the Kansas wheatfields, on a Colorado ranch, and in the Minnesota lumber camps before ending up in Brookings, South Dakota. There at the age of eighteen, in March, 1923, Charles was converted in meetings he attended at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Charles' life immediately changed. He soon felt God's call to fulltime service and began to preach Christ and do personal evangelistic work. Two years later he realized his need for formal training and moved to Cincinnati to enter God's Bible School. He received a diploma in 1928 and also a wife: On June 6 he married Elizabeth Hutchinson of Canton, Ohio, who was also a student at God's Bible School.

Finishing a student pastorate, Charles and his new bride sailed in September for Sierra Leone, Africa, to serve with the Wesleyan Methodist Mission. They arrived in October 1928 and served there for eighteen years, punctuated only by furloughs. Son Don was born in Sierra Leone in 1929.

The depression of the 1930s gripped America during their first furlough. Since no money was available for their return to Africa, Charles pastored and took more education. He completed the final two years of his college studies and was graduated with a Bachelor of Theology degree from Marion College in 1933. He did additional work and soon received a Master of Arts degree in theology from Winona Lake School of Theology. He was ordained on August 11, 1934.

In the fall of 1934 the Carters returned to Sierra Leone for a second term. Their second son, Norman, was born shortly after they arrived back in Africa. Charles was selected general superintendent of the mission's operations and served as principal and professor of Clarke Memorial Biblical Seminary as well as being engaged in translation work. On their second furlough he pastored again for three years, started a Wesleyan Church in Saginaw, Michigan, and wrote several books, one being a history of the Wesleyan mission

in Sierra Leone. World War II prevented the Carters from reaching Africa for a third term until 1943.

After two more years they returned to the United States to care for their two sons' education and to be together as a family. They purchased a home in Marion, Indiana, which remained home for the next fifty years. Charles taught at Marion College from 1946 to 1957 as chair of the department of religion. He enrolled at Asbury Theological Seminary and finished a Bachelor of Divinity degree at the top of his class in 1949. He also received his Master of Arts degree in philosophy and psychology from Butler University that same year and then completed his Master of Theology degree from Butler's Graduate School of Religion in 1950.

Charles became the 85th person to gain charter membership in the Evangelical Theological Society on March 10, 1950. He served on the editorial committee for some time and was an active member of the Society for over forty-six years.

In 1959, after completing some editorial work, Charles joined the faculty of Taylor University, just thirteen miles away from Marion, and continued there as chairman of the philosophy department for twelve years from 1959 to 1971. In addition he served as the general editor of the six-volume *Wesleyan Bible Commentary* and either edited or wrote over thirty volumes during his lengthy ministry.

During and following their tenure at Taylor University, Charles and Elizabeth Carter traveled widely around the world and ministered extensively in some fourteen different countries, often teaching for months at a time, especially in Taiwan, Japan, Australia, Hong Kong, the Philippines and India.

In 1974, after his retirement from Taylor, Charles returned to Marion College where he continued to teach for the next seventeen years until 1991, when he retired a second time. He retired to heaven from the Marion General Hospital on October 21, 1996, when he suffered a massive heart attack.

Charles Carter lived ninety-one years, six months and seven days. He is survived by his wife of sixty-eight years; a sister, Leona Orcutt, of Prineville, Oregon; two sons, Donald of Muskego, Wisconsin, and Norman of Jonesboro, Indiana; six grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, a great-great-grandchild, three step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

ROBERT JOHN DUNZWEILER

Robert John Dunzweiler was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 12, 1931. He trusted Christ's finished work on Calvary for his eternal salvation while a teenager. Up until the time of his salvation Robert wanted to be an engineer. Christ changed his goals.

Robert received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Bob Jones University in 1953 and then returned to the north where he studied at Faith Theological Seminary in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. After finishing his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1956, Robert served Christ in several capacities. He was ordained in the Bible Presbyterian Church in Villanova and was pastor of the

West Philadelphia Bible Presbyterian Church from 1957 to 1960. He was an instructor and then an assistant professor at Faith Theological Seminary from 1956 to 1971. During those years he worked on his Master of Sacred Theology degree and was again graduated from Faith in 1969.

For an additional twenty-five years, from 1971 until his death in 1996, Robert served as associate professor of systematic theology and apologetics at Biblical Theological Seminary in Hatfield. He was interim pastor of the Graterford Bible Fellowship Church and the Royersford Bible Fellowship Church and preached the Word regularly as pulpit supply in numerous churches. Robert was also active in Bible conference work, guest lectureships, and a writing ministry that included more than twenty-five articles in various publications. He was the editor and annotator of a publication of John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion.*

Robert served as the acting dean of Biblical Theological Seminary in 1973–74 and then as dean from 1974 to 1987. Beginning in 1988 he was chair of the division of historical and theological studies there.

Robert married Ruth Eunice Franks at the First Baptist Church of Flushing, New York, on June 30, 1962. He had met Ruth's sister earlier while serving on one of Faith Seminary's gospel teams in California. This sister was married, but Robert told her it was a shame she did not have a twin sister. As it turned out, she did. Ruth's parents were childless for eighteen years, and then God blessed them with twin daughters. Ruth was an elementary teacher with a degree from Barrington Bible College and an M.Ed. degree from the State University in New York.

The Dunzweilers made their home in the gatehouse on the Elkins Park campus for nine years before moving to Lansdale to serve at Biblical Seminary. Three daughters—Katherine Grace, Patricia Ann and Deborah Ruth—were born to Robert and Ruth between 1968 and 1971. Patricia and Deborah are single. Katherine is married to James Sanders of Harleysville and has three daughters: Erin, Sara and Rachel.

Robert was a member of the Interdisciplinary Biblical Research Institute and ETS. The latter association spanned more than ten years.

During Dunzweiler's teaching ministry his specialty was systematic theology and apologetics. He taught a course entitled God and Human Suffering that had a great impact on his students. During 1996 the Lord allowed him to live out what he taught. He was diagnosed as having liver cancer in January. Robert gave the commencement address at Biblical Theological Seminary on May 25, completing forty years of teaching. In December he entered Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia, and just seven days later, on December 17, 1996, he entered into the presence of his Savior in glory. Robert Dunzweiler lived sixty-five years, six months and six days.

ALLAN ALEXANDER MACRAE

Allan MacRae was born on February 11, 1902, in Calumet, Michigan, where his father was a medical doctor. Allan came to Christ as a young boy

and soon read the Bible from cover to cover. When he was nine years old, the family spent nine months in Italy for the benefit of his father's health. There Allan attended school in the mornings and visited the sites of Rome each afternoon, thus kindling a desire to travel. On their return from Italy the MacRae family moved to Los Angeles, a warmer climate necessary for his father's health.

Allan was graduated from Franklin High School at the age of sixteen and enrolled in Occidental College in Los Angeles. Four years later, in 1922, he was Phi Beta Kappa valedictorian of his graduation class. He had been editor of the school paper and a member of the debate team. He then spent one year studying Bible under R. A. Torrey at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. Upon Torrey's advice he entered Princeton Theological Seminary in 1924, studying under Robert Dick Wilson and J. Gresham Machen. By 1927 Allan completed his Bachelor of Theology degree at Princeton Theological Seminary and concurrently was graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Semitic philology from Princeton University.

Awarded a doctoral fellowship, Allan entered the University of Berlin to study Babylonian cuneiform, Egyptian hieroglyphics, Arabic and Syriac. He also became proficient in German. During his second year abroad he traveled to Palestine, where he met Sir Flinders Petrie and studied for four months under William F. Albright at the American Schools of Oriental Research.

In 1929 he was asked by Robert Dick Wilson to help in the founding of a new seminary, necessitated by the liberalization of Princeton. After some hesitancy he accepted the position of instructor in Semitic philology and Old Testament criticism at Westminster Theological Seminary. The next year he was promoted to assistant professor of Old Testament and continued at Westminster for a total of eight years. During this time he resumed his doctoral studies and was graduated with the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1936.

In the summer of 1937 MacRae joined with Carl McIntire and others to found Faith Theological Seminary. They met at the First Independent Church of Wilmington, Delaware, with twenty-five students, who included Vernon Grounds and Jack Murray.

On May 22, 1944, Allan was married to Grace E. Sanderson of Baltimore, Maryland, in the backyard of his home in Wilmington. four years later their only child, John, was born. John now pastors the Faith Reformed Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Quarryville, Pennsylvania.

MacRae continued as president of Faith Theological Seminary for thirty-four years until 1971. Then, at the age of sixty-nine, he felt the need to begin another school, so Biblical Theological Seminary was started in Hatfield, Pennsylvania. MacRae served as president until he retired in 1983 and then continued to serve as chancellor.

Allan's writing and translation work were extensive. He was one of the editors of the *New Scofield Reference Bible* and a translator of the *New International Version*. He penned books on Isaiah and Daniel and wrote countless articles that appeared in scholarly journals, Bible encyclopedias and

dictionaries, and laymen's magazines. He encouraged many younger scholars and counted among his many students such men as Francis Schaeffer, Joseph Bayly, Kenneth Kantzer, Arthur Glasser, G. Douglas Young, Samuel Schultz, Jack Murray and R. Laird Harris.

MacRae was a vice-president of the American Scientific Affiliation and a charter member of ETS, joining in 1950. He served as vice-president of the Society in 1959 and as president in 1960.

In June of 1991 Allan and Grace MacRae moved to the Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community. Grace went to be with the Lord in September, 1995, and Allan joined her two years later on September 27, 1997. Allan MacRae's life spanned ninety-five years, seven months and sixteen days. He is survived by his son, John, and his wife Signe Mentgen MacRae and their two children: Betsy, age fifteen, and Doug, age twelve.