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## PASSING and PERMANENT <br> news briefs from the christian perspective

## A Mobile Classroom

A "mobile classroom" in the form of a trailer seating 37 pupils is used by the Protestant churches of Plymouth, Indiana, for giving religious instruction to elementary school children. The classes are conducted by a trained teacher whose salary is paid by the churches.

## The Decision in Delaware

The State Board of Education in "Delaware has ruled against having the released-time program of religious education in the public schools. "The members fully recognize the importance of religious education," the Board's ruling states, "but believe that such instruction should be given in the home, the family, and in the institutions of organized religion."

## Lenin's Great Mistake

According to Prophecy magazine, Lenin lived to make the following admission :
"I have made a great mistake. Our main purpose was to give freedom to a multitude of oppressed people. But our method of action has created worse evils and horrible massacres. You know that my deadly nightmare is to feel that I am lost in this ocean of blood coming from innumerable victims. It is too late to turn back now, but in order to save our country, Russia, we should have had ten men like Francis of Assisi. With ten such men we would have saved Russia."

## Curb on Church Construction

Any building project which calls for more than two tons of steel now requires a construction permit from the National Production Authority in Washington, D. C. and a specific allocation of steel. The Government turned down 301 out of 374 applications for construction permits by churches and religious agencies for the first quarter of 1952. It gave priority to construction in defense centers or in areas adjacent to military bases.

Those turned down can appeal to the Construction Appeals Review Board of the N. P. A., and can also re-apply for consideration in subsequent quarters of 1952. However, as long as the defense program remains in full swing, the building of large new churches, schools, and other civilian projects will be sharply curtailed.

## A Royal Example

"One of the few remaining places in London where the custom of family prayers is maintained every morning is Buckingham Palace," a church bulletin said. "This applies whether or not their Majesties are in residence. The service takes place in the private chapel and is conducted by the King's domestic chaplain. It includes a short reading from the Bible. The custom of family prayers at the Palace is a direct link with the reign of Queen Victoria, and nothing is permitted to interfere with it."

## Bibles for Navajo Indians

During World War II, Navajo boys were useful in the transmission of highly secret information since messages in their language constituted a code which the enemy could not crack. Scripture in this difficult language, up to now, has been poorly and only partially translated. Wycliffe Translators, therefore, have been working for six years in Navajo translation, using the government orthography. The American Bible Society has so far published their translations of Matthew, James, the Epistles of Peter, Philippians, and revision of Mark. Translations of seven other New Testament books are proceeding. Other Wycliffe translators are laboring on Scriptures for the Comanche Indians.

## Neutrino Energy

Christian people wonder, sometimes ask, how it was possible for Christ, even in what is called a resurrection body, to go through a wall. Many scoffers have insisted that this is ridiculous and have tried to undermine faith in the resurrection narrative by poking fun at the idea of a person with a body ever going through any solid substance. But Wilbur M. Smith, writing in Our Hope, quotes a recent statement which throws a great deal of light on this.
"An almost unbelievably tiny part of a cosmic ray particle, called a neutrino, has such great energy that it could drive through solid lead for two hundred million million miles. Now this neutrino particle is matter," he says. "If matter can travel with such energy as to penetrate lead for a distance much greater than that between the earth and the sun, certainly there should be no difficulty in believing that our Lord could make a resurrection body that can go through a wall."

## Prayer Room at Paris

A special room for meditation and prayer has been set aside in the Palais de Chaillot where the United Nations General Assembly is holding session. The innovation was made at the suggestion of the American and several other delegations. The prayer room in Paris is like the one at Lake Success, N. Y.a large, bare chamber decorated only with flowers, and completely soundproof.

## New Mystery Chemical

According to Science News Letter, a a mystery chemical under study in New York University promises an effective means of birth control. Scientists are now studying what is the least amount of the chemical necessary to prevent conception. Science Newus Letter prophesies that governments will soon be going in for birth control on a big scale "so that the earth will be able to support its people." The sociological mind might be pleased with the prospect, but the spiritual mind at once contemplates with alarm the illicit use to which such a chemical would be put.

## Dancing in the Spirit (?)

It is reported that the Pasadena (Calif.) Rhythmic Choir recently danced its first public "prayer" to God. One of the interpretations given by the choir in its program at Oneonta Congregational Church in Pasadena was My Faith Looks Up to Thee. Said Mrs. Henry David Gray, choir director and wife of the church's pastor:
"To worship the Supreme Being in dance is universal. It has been done since man first responded to His presence. One of our challenging tasks is to create movements and patterns which are expressive of Christian concepts and ideals in such a way that they are intelligible and meaningful to a lay congregation gathered for worship."

The Bible tells us that David danced before the Lord as an expression of thanksgiving for the ark's return. He exhorts the people of God to "praise Him with the timbrel and dance." He says, "Let them praise His name in the dance." Miriam played the timbrel at the Red Sea and the women danced for joy at Israel's deliverance from the army of Pharaoh, but notice Miriam's words to the women. She said, "Sing ye to the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously." It is Scriptural to dance in the Spirit, and even to leap for joy if we feel led by God to express our thanksgiving and worship in such a fashion; but nowhere in the Bible can one find an exhortation to stage a dance for the benefit of a congregation or to endeavor to teach spiritual truths by organizing a rhythmic choir.

# Building and Battling for God 

Convention Address by J. A. Synan, Chairman Pentecostal Fellowship of North America

We have a battle to fight; we have a building to construct; and the Lord demands our best. He will have no compromisers in His army. He will have no shoddy material in His building.



Except the Lord build the house, they labor in rain that build it: exccpt the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in zain. Psalm 127:1.

YOU WILL see two thoughts in this text: building and battling. The two themes run together throughout the Bible.

If you will observe the development of God's program in the Old Testament, you will see that there was building-building a race of people, building a system of laws, building an order of worship, building a tabernacle and ultimately a beautiful temple for the centralization, dignity, beauty, and stability of that worship. You will see, too, that through all of this program there was the ceaseless interference of the enemy-objecting, obstructing, opposing, seeking to overthrow it. So there had to be a ceaseless warfare with the forces that would defeat God's program and destroy the most worthwhile thing on earth and the noblest work being done among men.

Sometimes the enemy may make inroads and gain advantage because of the defection and failure of God's people. There came a time when the beautiful temple was utterly demolished, the city of Jerusalem broken down and its people carried away into captivity or reduced to poverty. Then after this discipline and correction had proved effective the time came when the program was to be revived, the temple and the walls rebuilt. You remember that in the process of rebuilding, the enemy became so determined to defeat it that the forces of Nehemiah eventually had to carry on their work with a sword in one hand and a trowel in the other, battling with one hand and building with the other. And you can see that dual process all the way through the Bible.

In the New Testament, when Christ had laid the foundations of His king-

[^0]dom and His work, He gathered His clisciples about Him one day in the vicinity of Caesarea Philippi and said to them, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" And they said, "Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets."

He said, "But whom say ye that I am?" Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." To that Jesus replied, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

You see the same idea there-Jesus Duilding His Church, and the forces of hell (symbolized by "the getes of Hades") challenging every step. But He said, "In the face of those forces, I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." We have more to do than to sit back and hope that the Lord will keep the devil from overrunning us. We have a warfare to wage, a battle to fight. We have a building to construct and a capstone to put on it. It takes work, sacrifice, conflict, and determination to do that.

There is a wonderful lesson in Luke 14. After narrating the parable of the great supper, of the excuse makers, of the determination of the Master to have his house filled anyway by those who could be gathered in from the streets and lanes of the cities and from the highways and hedges, Jesus went forth, we are told, and great multitudes followed Him. Drawing the lines more closely, He turned to those multitudes and addressed to them some of the most severe words that He ever spoke to human beings. He saw them following Him, and He said, "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and
come after me, cannot be my disciple."
Now that statement sounds almost tike a reversal of Jesus' teaching on love. But it is the Oriental method of emphasizing truth strongly by way of sharp contrast. He doesn't mean that we should maliciously hate our loved ones, but He means to say, "If you do not love me better than you love the dearest on earth, you cannot be my disciple."
Jesus completely passed over such cheap and common things as automobiles and bank accounts, stocks and bonds, houses and lands. He didn't mention such things as jewelry, jobs, positions of honor, and other things that engage the interests of humanity in general. He started on a level high above those things, and He said in effect, "The things that are nearest and dearest to your heart you must subordinate to your devotion to me. If the time ever comes when the decision must be between your dearest ones and my will, you must trample the warmest and tenderest affections under your feet and walk with me through the shadows and over the rugged ways and through the solitudes, and go with me to my building project, and follow me in my conflict. Love me better than you love anybody or anything on earth."

We can hardly get people to love their wives and husbands and family today, much less the Lord. Today many homes are broken up and the children scattered. Too many homes are built on the foundation of mere physical attraction, without even the kind of human love that Christ recognized in this lesson. No wonder they break up and go down-no family altar, no Bible, no Christ, no sacred and holy thing to bind the hearts of people together around the higher shrine of affection than that of human love. We are living in sad and tragic times. But you know, when people love Christ as they ought to love Him, they can still love their wives and husbands and children and parents as they ought to love them and build fine, Christian homes.
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# Communion Is Conditional 

He who would walk with God must run from sin

Jessie Penn-Lewis

WE MUST deal quickly with failures in our life. It is not easy to go at once to God when conscious of failure. In fact, the battle turns most upon this point. Once we go, we are saved in the very going! The devil, our conscience, our shame, and our regret all combine to keep us away.

But the way of victory in the hour of defeat is to arise at once and go to the Father, saying: "Father, I have sinned," knowing that it is written: "I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto Me . . . only acknowledge thine iniquity. . . ." Jer. 3:7, 13.

It is the immediate, frank confession to God that the devil seeks to keep us from; and as we do not know our Father well in the early days, too often he succeeds, and we stay away from God, until in bitter sorrow we are driven back. "When he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him." Luke 15:20.

Someone may say: "I do go back at once to God when I am conscious of failure, and I do confess, but there is not the immediate restoration of peace, and the consciousness of communion."

There may be one of two reasons for this-
(a) Perhaps we do not know sufficiently the efficacy of the precious Blood to bring us the assurance of peace. It is even possible that we may, unconsciously, be relying more upon our confession than upon the operation of God by the Holy Spirit.

It is not the confession, but the application by the Holy Spirit of the cleansing Blood, that immediately restores the broken fellowship with God. The confession of $\sin$ is the human side, the necessary condition for God to fulfill His part of pardon and cleansing.
(b) When we have sinned against the Lord, and we apply to Him for forgiveness, we must humbly leave ourselves in His hand to deal with us as He sees fit.

The adversary makes it his business to cut communication between the soul
and the Lord. He suits his tactics to the one he is attacking, and he harasses sensitive souls by seeking to keep them in constant condemnation (see his reason in 1 John 3:21,22) over supposed "disobeclience," or "lack of surrender."
Meet all Satan's accusations of "lack of surrender" by definite surrender to the Lord on the particular point in question. Tell Him that He knows you will obey if you can be quite sure of His will, and you may rest in. the faithfulness of your Father to make clear to you the path. He does not expect His child to obey without clear

> The secret of deep living Lies in the secret place,
> Where, time and sense forgotten, We see God face to face; Beyond mere forms and symbols, Beyond mere words and signs,
> Where in that hidden temple The light eternal shines.
> -Max I. Reich

knowledge of the Father's mind. Whenever there is a doubt it is always well to commit the matter to God and wait, assured that He undertakes.

Temptation is not $\sin$. Someone has helpfully defined actual transgression as the "yes" of the will to temptation. If the will at once rejects any evil suggestion, the tempter has been foiled in his attack, though even then it is safest at once to look to the Holy Spirit for the application of the Blood of Christso delicate is the fellowship with God.
It is of greatest importance that we learn to live in the will, and not in the realm of our "feelings." The "will" is the "ego"-the real person-and it is through the central power of the will that God controls us.

In every attack of temptation, however sudden or sharp, keep calm. Even though crowds of terrible thoughts may be pouring through your mind, turn at once to your Lord, and quietly settle before Him your attitude to all these things. "Do I choose or refuse?" "I
refuse"-then, praise God, it is victory ; the enemy is put to flight.

Finally, let us not dishonor our Lord by thinking that every unpleasant thing must be His will. If we are truly surrendered to Him , seeking to do H is will, and walking with Him in fellowship and obedience as far as we know, has He not said: "It is God which worketh in you . . to will . . ." (Phil. 2:13); "I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them" (Heb. 10:16).

So long as in the will we are steadfastly purposed to obey Him, and we rely upon Him moment by moment to keep us from self-seeking and self-indulgence in every form, we may trust Him to "incline our hearts to keep His law."

Thus we shall truly prove that His commandments are not grievous, and find that His yoke is easy, and His burden is light.
"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all" (2 Cor. 13:14).

## NO SUBSTITUTE FOR OBEDIENCE

"TO OBEY is better than sacrifice" ( 1 Sam. $15: 22$ ). This is a great principle, which is repeatedly enforced throughout the Bible. Men have always been apt to divorce religion and morality, and to suppose that a certain tribute of sacrifice to God will be sufficient compensation for notorious evil-doing. But in every age God's servants have protested against the notion, and have insisted, as Samuel did with Saul, that it were better to obey, although there should be no spoil from which to select victims for sacrifice. This was Christ's protest against the Pharisees.

There is a grave fear lest extreme attention to the outward rite may be accompanied by carelessness to the inward temper.

Where the rite takes the place of the soul's devotion, or condones a lax morality, it cannot be too sternly deprecated.

We are apt to make sacrifices of time and money and energy for God, and to comfort ourselves with the reflection that such as we are may be excused if in small lapses of temper, or disposition, we come short of the divine standard. No; it cannot pass muster. One sin mastered, one temptation resisted, one duty performed, is dearer to God than the most costly sacrifices that were ever piled upon the altar.-F. B. Meycr.

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# Marks of Real Faith 

Emil A. Balliet

I WANT you to review with me some of the marks of faith. The heart of our discussion centers not in what faith is, but rather in what faith does. We will observe faith in action: for after all, faith that does not work is worthless.

Dear old Brother Smith Wigglesworth used to say, "Faith is a fact, and faith is an act!" Watching faith in action is an excellent way to check up on your own faith. It's a fine yardstick by which to measure your faith. You can soon determine whether the Lord Jesus would have said to you, "O ye of little faith," or, "Great is thy faith!"
If ever faith was demonstrated, it was demonstrated by the four men who brought the man sick of the palsy to Jesus. Here were four men who were so determined to get their palsied friend to Christ that nothing could stop them. Difficulties only made their determination flame higher. Neither distance, crowds, nor a roof could discourage them. They had carried this sick man to the house where Jesus was, only to find the place jammed with people; then they conceived the idea of going up on the roof and of removing part of it. With mighty zeal, they made an opening in the roof and lowered the man, cot and all, right into the presence of Jesus.

Mark says, "When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." These men had real faith. They proved it by surmounting every obstacle that stood in their way. Real faith, then, is faith that brings every need to Christ and surmounts all obstacles that bar the path to the Lord!
The Syrophoenician woman beautifully illustrates another mark of real faith. You will find her story recorded in the fifteenth chapter of Matthew. This woman was tremendously concerned about her daughter who was being grievously vexed by a demon spirit. She knew that Christ could defeat the powers of darkness, and so she sought Him out and presented her request. But, very surprisingly, "He answered her not a word."

There were several definite reasons why Christ was silent-and believe me, friend, when Christ is silent to your cry, He has a definite reason! In the first place, Christ was silent so that the disciples might veice the sectarianism that was in their hearts. He had been seeking the occasion to deal with
that spirit for some time. Furthermore. He was silent because His silence brought this woman's faith to a glorious fullness and greatness. It takes tons of pressure to bring the piano strings to the beautiful ring of concert pitch, Christian friend, it takes the pressure of discouragement and silence to bring your faith to its brightest and most lustrous glow.

This woman had real faith. She proved it by holding on to Christ in the face of discouragement, silence, and even refusal. The Lord Jesus gave her one of the finest compliments in the Scriptures by saying. "O woman, great is thy, faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt."
Real faith, then, is faith which clings to Christ despite discouragements and silence on His part. Real faith says, "I will not be denied." Thank God, such faith will not and need not be denied.
Abraham is called the Father of the Faithful, and his experience illustrates faith in action. It is written in Hebrews 11:8, "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went." Abraham's faith was d-monstrated in prompt, exact obedience, even though he did not clearly understand God's plan. 9 All Abraham new was that God was leading tim, and he was perfectly satisfied to leave the working out of the details in the Lord's hands. He gave that which real faith demands-prompt, exact obedience.

[^2]It is said that during the dark days of the American Revolution, George Washington decided on a desperate expedient in order to win a certain battle. He prepared a message which stated that on a certain day he would attack on the enemy's left flank. He purposely planned to have the message fall into enemy hands. The young aide who was commissioned to carry the note objected when he was told the route he should take. "But, General Washington," he said, "if I go that way, I'll fall into enemy hands, the message will be intercepted, and the attack will fail."
"Young man," Washington replied. "you are simply expected to obey orders." The young man was caught; the message was intercepted: and the British prepared for an attack on the left flank. Washington took them by surprise: he attacked on the right flank and a victory was won. Though the young man did not realize it, Washington knew what he was doing.

Oh, believe me, friend, God always knows what He is doing. His plan is perfect and will aways work out to our best interests. All you need do is trust Him and obey Him. Real faith is demonstrated by prompt, exact obedience even when we do not know nor understand God's full purpose.

Will you remember these marks of real faith? Real faith brings all needs to Christ, and surmounts every obstacle that bars the path. Real faith holds on to Christ in the face of discouragement and refusal. Real faith responds with prompt, exact obedience even though we may not understand the whole plan of God.

## How to Read Your Bible

1. Study it through. Never begin a day without mastering a verse.
2. Pray it in. Never leave your Bible until the passage you have studied is a part of your very being.
3. Put it down. The thought God gives you, put in the margin of your Bible or your notebook.
4. Work it out. Live the truth you get through all the hours of the day.
5. Pass it on. Seek to tell somebody what you have learned.-J. Wilbur Chapman.

If we were to set ourselves to obey the command of our Lord to the full. we should have such an outpouring of the Spirit, such a Pentecost as the world has not seen since the Spirit was poured out in Jerusalem. God gives His Spirit not to those who long for Him, not to those who pray for Him, nor to those who desire to be filled always; but He does give His Holy Spirit to them that obey Him.-Hudson Taylor.

South African Bible Institute is meeting a real need. The area of South Africa is nearly twice that of Texas. There is a challenge for every kind of gospel work.

As Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armor, "Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the Lord will work for us: for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by $\underset{*}{*} \underset{*}{ }$ "

Through the brief period of its existence the South African Bible Institute has carried on in temporary quarters. In order to meet the reed for trained workers for the large South African field it is now necessary that a permanent site be provided for the Institute. Land was selected a short time ago for the campus. It is estimated that $\$ 20,000$ will be required to erect necessary buildings for dormitories, classrooms, and faculty quarters. Offerings for the need are solicited. They may be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Vandermerwe, who have been engaged in missionary work in Transvaal, South Africa, where the Institute is located and who have been teaching in S. A. B. I., are in the States now in behalf of the school. We trust that churches, individuals and groups will respond freely to their personal appeals for the South African Bible Institute.

## THE STORY OF ITYO

ITYO was an illiterate old Dyimini woman living in the unreached area of the Ivory Coast in French West Africa.
She had become discouraged with the futility of endless sacrifices to the devil and her heart was sore. Then one night a man dressed in white appeared to her in a dream and told her that away to the south there were those who could show her the path of life and tell her about God.
With her bundle on her head, the crippled old crone made her way on foot to Bouake where there was a mission station. She walked into the little chapel as a gospel meeting was in progress.
Before the message was finished, Ityo


## South African Bible Institute

TOP: The graduating class of 1951. The school year ended the last of October.

BOTTOM: The 1951 South African Bible Institute body and part of the faculty. Part-time students are not shown. The school attempts to train only European students. There are more than two million Europeans residing in South Africa. Another school, our African Bible Training Institute, located at Witbank, Transvaal, trains native students.

Staff members shown (front row) are: Pieter Swanepoel; Mrs. John Garlock: John Garlock, principal; Mrs. Stephen Vandermerwe; and Stephen Vapdermerwe, secretary.

## PSALM FOR AIR TRAVELERS

Lonie W. Stokes, missionary to Argentina, South America, recently went by plane from the Eseiza airport of Buenos Aires to Porto Alegre, Brazil, to attend a convention. Three hours were required to make the trip. The same distance by land travel would have required nearly three days at almost the same cost.

While flying over Uruguay, Missionary Stokes made an adaptation of Psalm 23 for air travelers. Are you planning a trip by plane at some time in the future? Perhaps his version will be of comfort to you:

THE Lord is my pilot; I shall not fear. 2. He maketh me to travel safely through the air lanes: he leadeth me above the storm clouds.
3. He calmeth my soul: he guideth me in paths unseen through the skyways. 4. Yea, though I fly above valleys and over hills, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy compass and thy control they comfort me.
5. Thou preparest a glorious landscape below me that I may contempla'e the greatness of Thy creation; my ccurage is renewed.
6. Surely goodness and mercy shall accompany me in every journey: and I will at length safely arrive in the celestial airport, there to abide forever.
shuffled down the aisle, saying, "It is all true and I want it all."
After her conversion, Ityo remained for a time at Bouake to learn some scriptures and hymns, then returned to her own people. One by one her fellow tribesmen accepted the Saviour, and Ityo returned to the mission station to tell about her wonderful experiences. A native evangelist was then instructed to visit the villages described by Ityo and record the names of every profess-
ing Christian. It wasn't long until he came back with more than 400 names in his notebook!
Recently a missionary made a survey trip to the villages of the Dyimini people. In a little cnurch the natives had built he met with the Christians-some 150 in one service. By the light of a crude kerosene lamp they held a glorious service.
But Ityo wasn't there: Ityo was deadpoisoned, the Christian natives reported, by those who objected to her powerful influence and testimony.-Christian Life.

## Spirit Poured Out Upon Students at Hardoi, India

## Edna Wagenknecht, North India

OUR ASSEMBLIES OF GOD Bible Training School for women at Hardoi, U. P., India, opened for the new school year in August with an enrollment of twenty-seven. We had asked the Lord to meet us with an outpouring of His Spirit and He did not fail us.
One evening the students began to seek the Lord during the devotional period. As they continued to wait upon Him, five of the women were filled with the Holy Spirit. Second- and third-year students were refreshed. The older students were a blessing to those who were seeking, praying with them for hours. Now only two of the young women have not received the Baptism. Please pray with us for them.
The students are carrying burdens for their own people. They have been praying for them. We look forward to souls being drawn to Christ as a result.


BEFORE GOING INTO THE WATER
Carl F. Graves, missionary to Ceylon, leading the singing just before a baptismal service in the Mahawela Ganga near Kandy. The baptismal service was held in early fall.

## MISSIONS ABROAD

NEWS OF OUR MISSIONARIES
W. Lawrence Perrault returned to the States a few days ago. He has been stationed in Cuba. Mrs. Perrault has been home from the field for a number of weeks.

Miss Kathryn Schmidt, missionary to North India, has returned home for furlough.


Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Haydus (above) have gone to the Guatemalan field. They formerly were stationed in Costa Rica.

Miss Ada H. Reitz of the Union of South Africa has arrived home for furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustav A. Bergstrom arrived in the States in December. Tisy are missionaries to Brazil.

## Send Foreign Missionary offerings to

NOEL PERKIN, SECRETARY FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
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## THE FIRE OF THE SPIRIT

It is fire that prevails. For fifty days the facts of the gospel were complete, but no conversions were reported. Pentecost registered three thousand souls.
It is the cause which sets men ablaze which wins converts. Gladstone's fiery passion routed Parliaments and slew the giants of oppression. Wesley, Whitefield and General Booth wrought wonders by the fire kindled of the Holy Ghost. Men ablaze are invincible.
Hell trembles when men kindle. Sin, worldliness, unbelief, hell, are proof against everything but fire. The church is powerless without the fire of the Holy Ghost. Destitute of fire, nothing else counts; possessing fire, nothing else really matters.
How we may receive it, where we may find it, by what means we may retain it, are the most vital and urgent questions of our time. One thing we know: it comes only with the presence of the Spirit of God, Himself the Spirit of fire. God alone can send the fire. It is His Pentecostal gift:Chadwick.

# SUNDAY'S LESSON 

A PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LESSON BY E. S. WILLIAMS

## REPENTANCE

## Lesson for January 27

Luke 19:1-10; Colossians 3:5-10

Repentance is the act of man brought about by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, in which he turns from sin to serve God. The Greek word for repentance indicates "a change of mind." It includes this, indeed, but it involves more. I believe it was Finney who defined repentance as "a change of mind, a change of will, involving godly sorrow for $\sin$ and determination to forsake it." In repentance there must be the action of the will.

## 1. The Nature of Repentance

## a. As it touches the intellect.

Jesus indicated the nature of repentance in the parable of the two sons. When the father said to the first son, "Son, go work in my vineyard," the son immeditately said, "I go, sir !" and went not. Here was a son who promised obedience, but did not obey. Concerning the other son, when the father said, "Son, go work in my vineyard," he at first said, "I will not." But afterward he repented, and went (Matt. 21:28-39). The one son gave intellectual consent to the will of the father, but that was all. The other son, who at first was disobedient, felt conviction in his heart, and repented. When he repented he was willing to do his father's bidding. Unless a man has become obedient to the will of God he has not repented.

Repentance results in conversion, a complete turning about. The sinner has been going away from God, doing those things which are an offense against God. When he repents he turns away from those things. This is well illustrated in Paul's commendation of the believers at Thessolonica. "Ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God" (1 Thess. 1:9).

## b. As it touches the emotions

In the parable of the Pharisee and the publican (Luke $18: 9-14$ ), the publican is described as filled with sorrow and humility because of his sins. He felt himself so unworthy that "he would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven." He demonstrated his emotion-"Smote upon his breast." He acknowledged his sinful and undone condition, saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Some good people object to emotionalism, claiming that to expect an emotional experience at conversion is to put salvation on a basis of works, whereas all a man is required to do is to take Christ as his Saviour independent of feeling. There is an element of truth there, for it is true that salvation is by faith without works; but salvation comes only to those who sense that they are lost. There is of necessity some degree of emotion.

When Paul commended the Corinthians for their repentance, he recognized emotions that attended the same - "Ye were made sorry after a godly manner." "Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation" (2 Cor. $7: 9,10$ ). The results of this godly sorrow are mentioned io verse eleven.
c. As it touches the will and disposition Unless our professed repentance brings about a real change, it is not genuine repentance. When the prodigal son "came to himself," he first began to think, "How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger" (Luke $15: 17$ ). The prodigal might have nursed his feelings of regret, and might have died in self-pity without returning home. Self-pity is not repentance. Repentance began in the prodigal when he made the decision to forsake the pigsty and return to his father. In his heart came a longing for forgiveness and a willingness to take even a servant's place. But it was not completed until he arose and went. He was moved intellectually and emotionally, but his zeill had to complete the repentance. It took will power to start home, and when he arrived it took more will power to plead for mercy, and to indicate his consent to do whatever his father might desire, even though it should put him into a servant's place.

## d. As it is evidenced in action

Where there is repentance there is confession and forsaking of $\sin$. The prodigal confessed. The publican confessed. Zacchacus confessed. Zacchaeus did more than confess; He promised to make restitution as far as he was able-"If I have taken anything from any man by false accusation (exacting), I restore him fourfold" (Luke 19:8). True repentance makes a man honest, and an honest man will make amends for his wrongs where he can. When God called Israel to repentance He said, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isa. $55: 7)$.
When the Pharisees went out to John's baptism he said to them, "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for (worthy of) repentance" (Matt. $3: 8)$. They had religion. They thought themselves in covenant relation with God because they were descendants from Abraham, but John said, "Think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father." The man who repents relies on no human goodness, nor on the goodness of others. He turns from evil, putting his
whole hope and trust in Christ for salvation.

## 2. Blessings of Repentance

## a. Rejoicing in heaven

The repentant soul need never doubt that God will forgive him. God loves him who repents. The great purpose of the gospel is to bring men to repentance-"And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations" (Luke 24:47). He who refuses to repent when opportunity is given despises the Lord's goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; "not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth (him) to repentance" (Rom. 2:4). When some men come under conviction for sin they try to run away from God. They feel their exceeding sinfulness. Let them, instead, run to Him, for God loves them and only reveals to them their sinful state in order to draw them to repentance, that they might be saved. All heaven is glad when a sinner repents (Luke 15:7, 10).

## b. Blessing and pardon

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts $3: 19$ ). What takes place when a person repents? He becomes converted. He was living with his back to God; now he turns around and faces God. He was heading for eternal damnation; now he is heading for heaven. He was a sinner; he now becomes a child of God. His past record is all blotted out and he becomes a new creature in Cluist.

## THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Faith (lesson for Sunday, January 20). Lesson text: Hebrews $10: 38$ to $11: 3,23-32$; 12:1, 2.

PRAYER OF POWER



## WINNING THE APACHES TO CHRIST

One morning an Apache medicine man lay sick and hungry in his tepee. Missionary F. William Olson, not far away, felt and obeyed the urge of the Spirit to go to the man with help.
"Where are you going with those eggs?" asked the missionary's puzzled wife. It was the last of their supply, and their five boys had not yet had breakfast. But the missionary hastened to obey the Spirit, and a few minutes later entered the tepee where the old medicine man lay suffering. The gift of the eggs opened the way for prayer, and Jesus came on the scene.
Did it pay? Yes, for a few days later the medicine man stood up in a meeting and testified to the saving and healing power of the Lord Jesus. Here is his testimony: "Most of my life I trusted in yellow powder, and sang and danced for the Indians when they were sick. Sometimes I got pay; sometimes no pay. Then when I got sick no one came to see me. I was very sick and hungry. Brother Olson came, bring me food, tell me about Jesus and pray. Jesus make me well. Now I feel so clean inside and I live for Jesus all the time."

Two years have passed since Brother Steel, the former medicine man was converted. He has lived a consecrated life and has become a real pillar in the Assembly at San Carlos, Arizona. This is just one of the many conversions witnessed by Brother Olson in his work of winning the Apaches to Christ.

## VIRGINIA KRIDLER REPORTS

A recent letter from Sister Virginia Kridler sounds a note of victory from our Indian Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona. She writes:
"I thank the Lord many times over that He ever called me to the Indian work. All one's sacrifices seem so small when we hear such testimonies as we have heard recently.
"An Indian sister who has been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit spoke recently in a service. How it did touch our hearts when she told how that for years she and her family were sitting in darkness. Then God laid it on the hearts of some of His children who were in Ohio to come out here and preach the gospel to the Indians. She continued, 'We poor Indians, who are looked down on, heard the truth, and found out that God loved us, and could save us and could fill us with the wonderful Holy Ghost!'
"When we see their gratitude and hear their praises to the Lord, we really wish we had many lives to give to the Lord.
"Not long ago a new Indian sister was talking to one of our Christian Indians, and she said, 'When I come to your church, and you people sing, it starts bells ringing in my heart.'


Indian boys travel by donkey in Arizona. (Corson photo from A. Devoney, N. Y.)
"I do praise the Lord for the opportunity He has given me to have a class of Indian boys and girls once a week, for religious instruction, at the Salt River Indian Reservation Government School. At present I have thirty-five children enrolled. I love each one, and am doing all I can to reach them for Jesus."

The spirit of self-sacrifice which prompts our Indian missionaries to labor joyfully for these precious souls should inspire us to keep up our own responsibility. They go. Can we not give and pray that their work may be carried on unhindered?

Offerings for Indian work should be so designated, and sent to Home Missions Department (Fred Vogler, Director), 434 West Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

## UNLOCKED

A party of friends went to pay a visit to an old parish church which was of great interest. The sexton gave them the key, saying, "You can unlock the door and go in, and I will come to you directly." They went to the door, put the key into the lock, and tried to open it, but they could not turn the key. They turned and twisted but to no effect, and had just given up in despair when the sexton arrived.
"We cannot make this lock open," said one of the party.
"I beg your pardon," said the sexton, "for giving you so much trouble. I quite forgot to tell you that the door is not locked at all. All you need to do is just lift the latch and walk in."

Many people are like that. They try by their own efforts to unlock the door of salvation. But all their efforts are so much waste of time. Christ long ago unlocked the door, and all we need to do is just lift the latch and by faith walk in.-Youth's Counsellor.


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## GOD'S WORK WAITS ON YOU

The opportunity is before us-millions more can hear our full-gospel radio message but we must wait upon you who read this appeal-you who love the Lord and are anxious to fulfill the great commission of the Master, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

## 1952-

You have begun a new year. It may be your last year to labor. Pray that God will help you to increase your giving, or that He will lay it upon the hearts of others who have not given to this cause as yet, so that we may realize our goal, "Complete world coverage THIS YEAR."

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## HEALED

If God has healed you recently, will you not write out your testimony and let us publish it so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch? Make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mis souri.

## EPILEPSY

I was an epileptic from the time I was eight years old until I was twenty. I had as many as three attacks a day. I chewed my tongue until I stuttered when I taltad The doctors said I would always have these attacks as this was the worst kind of epilepsy.

One night in a small country church I gave my heart to God. Later my pastor preached on faith, and I went home and put my medicine away. Since then I have not had a trace of an attack. God marvelously healed me. No one laid their hands on me and prayed, but God healed me when I started to trust Him. That has been two years ago.
Since then God called me into the ministry. I am in my second year at SouthEastern Bible Institute. God also healed my eyes so that I no longer need my glasses.Albert Baggett, South-Eastern Bible Institute Lakeland, Fla.
(This testimony is endorsed by Mrs. Karl M. Gygax, Matron at South-Eastern Bible Institute, Lakeland, Fla. Sister Gygax writes that Brother Baggett "is completely healed of epilepsy today, and he is an ' $A$ ' student. His eyes which were crossed from the epilepsy are now straight.")

## CRUSHED HAND RESTORED

Robert Lee Daily, a high-school student living at 6601 Vermont Ave., St. Louis, Mo. was a part-time worker at the Wolff Printing Company. He was operating a die cutter and somehow he caught his hand in the machine which exerts thousands of pounds of pressure. When the machine released, his right hand looked like a cross between a pancake and a hamburger. The middle finger was smashed so dreadfully that the bones were pulverized. The index finger was broken in five places, another finger and thumb were broken in two places, and the little finger was doubled under and smashed.
Bob was rushed to the hospital and the specialist decided to take the entire hand off. But Bob and his parents called for the church to pray, and day by day the specialists delayed cutting off the hand. The doctors and nurses testified that it was nothing less than a miracle that life remained in the fingers. The bones began to knit and the flesh to heal, and the swelling in the blackened hand began to subside.

The doctors were amazed and $s t$ ated that if the hand could be saved with all the fingers, it still would have no feeling in it for at least six months. But God answered prayer.
Various X rays were taken during this time revealing the terrible condition of the hand and fingers. These X rays are on file in the
hospital and have been used in a write-up in a medical journal of renown.

God so wonderfully healed Bob's hand that within two and one-half weeks he was back in school. In honor of what God had done, a large group of fellow high-school students came to the South Side Assembly the first Sunday night Bob was able to be out to service.
A month later Bob found a job with the Western Electric where he had to use his right hand continually. The specialists had said it would take five years to gain normal strength in that hand, if ever; but when Bob took a physical examination at his new place of employment they did not notice anything the matter with his hand!-by Harry M. Myers, former Pastor of South Side Assembly of God, St. Louis, Mo. (now Field Secretary for the National Home Missions Department).

## CANCER OF THE STOMACH

On March 2, 1949, I suffered an attack of pleurisy and developed low blood pressure. For the next two years I spent most of the time in bed. I lost weight continually and got so weak I had to use a walking stick to keep my balance.
My family physician finally told me that he had done all he could for me, and sent me to the hospital for further examination and X rays. Then I was sent to a cancer clinic in a nearby city. I was examined by three doctors and was told I had cancer of the stomach. An operation was advised. This was in August, 1951.
My wife and I came home, and we talked it over and decided not to have the operation. The next day our pastor, H. E. Simms, came to see me. We prayed together and the Lord healed me.
I have gained twelve pounds. I can walk fourteen or fifteen blocks without getting very tired. Before I was healed I was a constant smoker, but when the Lord healed me I threw my cigarettes away. I do not have a desire for them at all. I praise the Lord for what He had done for me.-J. R. Miller, 1310 West Ash St., Blytheville, Ark.
(Endorsed by Pastor H. E. Simms, Blytheville, Ark.)

## CANCEROUS SPINAL TUMOR

In March, 1948, I had a terrific pain in my back. After a while I could not lie down in bed but had to sit in a chair to sleep. I went to many different doctors but none of them seemed to know what was wrong. Relief came only when my wife and daughter got on their knees by my chair and called out to God for mercy. All this drew us very close to the Lord and we learned to lean very heavily on Him.
One evening as we were praying my daughter spoke under the anointing of the Spirit saying that God would heal me, but that I must go out into the highways and byways and testify.

In August my condition was so bad that we decided to go to St. Paul, Minn. to a bone specialist. He put me in Bethesda Hospital for a week and gave me thorough examiniations, but he could not find the trouble. Then he called in a nerve specialist, who found a spinal tumor.
By this time my legs had become paralyzed from the waist down. I had no feeling be-
cause of the pressure against the spinal cord. My organs did not function properly because of the paralysis.

On September 20 they operated on me. The doctor found a large cancerous tumor which bled profusely. All he could do was to take out the decayed vertebrae and rib, which left an open space of about two and one-half inches. The doctor told my wife that the cancer would spread through my body so rapidly that I couid not live more than three days.

Our pastor, J. J. Selness, and the people of the church called a special meeting to pray for my healing. Brother Selness came to the hospital, anointed me with oil, according to James $5: 14$, and prayed for me. Praise the Lord, He heard our prayers and I felt His divine touch.

The fourth day seemed to be a turning point. Although my recovery was slow it was steady. When the doctor let me go home, he said that if I ever got over the cancer I would not walk again, as the bone would grow in solid where the vertebrae had been removed. But now I can walk like any normal person.

When I went back to the doctor for a check-up he took an X ray of my back and found it in perfect condition. The vertebrae had grown back in place so perfectly that he had to look at the X-ray twice to find where the vertebrae had been taken out.

The bone specialist told me that during

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the operation he had his fingers around my spinal cord, and he had never known a case like mine that recovered from it. I give all thanks and glory to God.-Arthur Tyler, Route 2, Frederic, Wis.
(Evangelist J. J. Selness of Minneapolis, Minn. states: "It was my privilege to know Brother Tyler during his sickness, and I know his recovery was an outstanding miracle in answer to prayer. Though it was gradual, ample time has passed to assure us that his healing was complete. His health seems to be better now than it was before he was stricken with cancer.")

## UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER

GIPSY SMITH was holding a meeting in Glasgow. He noticed a man who frequently attended the meetings. One night, the man stayed until almost all the people had left. Gipsy Smith went to speak to him and, in his own words, gives this story of what HE learned that night:
"You are concerned about your soul?" I asked.
"I am," he replied, and promptly I said, "You know what you have to do?"
"Yes, I do." This he said with conviction. $I$ urged him to make the surrender.

While talking with him, I discovered a gentleman near us who was listening. He came forward and asked, "Will you let me speak to this brother?"

I answered, "Yes," and he continued.
"I have heard part of the conversation, and I want to read you (turning to my friend in the pew) a text," and he read John $3: 16$. "Do you believe that?" he asked.
"Yes, of course, a Scotchman believes that."
The newcomer then read Romans $10: 9$ : "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shall be saved," and asked again, "Do you believe that?"
"Of course, I believe it."
Next he read from John's Epistle, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," and asked, "You believe that, too?"
"Yes, I believe that."
"Then you are a Christian," said the man.
My friend straightened himself up and, looking at the man with the Bible, said, "You are wrong, my friend."
"Well, but you believe Christ died for you?"
"Yes."
"You believe He rose from the dead for your justification?"
"Yes."
"You believe He is able to save you?"
"Yes, right on the spot."
"Then you are saved."
"No, I am not."
"How do you make that out?"
"Well, you have read three passages; now read Isaiah 55:7." The man with the Bible turned to the passage and read. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord."
"Now stop," said my friend, "I am the wicked man; I am the unrighteous man; and I have to forsake the $\sin$ and the wicked thought, and I must come back from my
own way to God's way. In my heart is a sin. I am hugging it and am not willing to give it up. My own common sense tells me I cannot be saved until I surrender."

Gypsy Smith said, "That is the best sermon I ever heard on repentance in my life." -Selected.

## BUILDING AND BATTLING FOR GOD

## (Continued from page three)

As Jesus laid down these stringent rules, He saw the people shocked and stunned by their severity. So He said in effect, "Well, I have a reason for saying this. I am not making it hard on you just because I want to. For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first and counteth the cost, to see whether he have sufficient to finish it? . . Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?" I know that for many years we have been preaching that this counting the cost is something the unsaved people ought to do before deciding to be Christian. There is a sense in which that is true, but the way they count the cost is not whether they can afford to be Christians, and give up this or that to become such. The only sense in which they could count the cost is to decide, Could we afford not to be Christians and not to serve God in the beanty of holiness and live under the control of His Holy Spirit? The proper answer to that is, "No, we can never afford not'to be Christians."
The One who counts the cost is the Lord Himself. Not you, not I. We are not supposed to count the cost. We are supposed to cut loose from everything, take up the cross daily, and follow Him. We are supposed to place our lives on the altar and let Him have His way with us. He is counting the cost. He says, "I can't afford to use shoddy material and people who are not worthy of my confidence in my building. I'm building something that is going to stand for all eternity. I'm building something that will be the wonder of angels and the admiration of beings in heaven for everlasting ages. I'm building something that will shine on in God's glorious universe when sun and moon and stars burn out. I'm building something that will radiate the perfections of grace and will magnify and adorn the cross of redemption and the atoning blood when ages have rolled on in their ponderous march through eternity. I'm building something that only eternity can realize in its fulness. I can't afford to use selfish, shoddy, unconcerned, half-hearted, indifferent and worldly-minded material in my structure."

Christ has no place for the spirit of compromise that will give up anything to the devil and the world. God gave this Pentecostal movement its birth in a flaming holiness revival. God took us to Pentecost through purity, for the way to power is purity. If we ever reach the place where we compromise to the extent that it doesn't make any difference with us how we live and how our people live and what kind of standards we observe, the Lord will lay us aside and get other material that will meet His standards in building His house.

## SHARE

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## BLESSINGS

A lady in New York writes as follows:
"I praise God that after being a physical and spiritual cripple for over fifty years, God led me into the Pentecostal church nearly four years ago. I have since been healed of arthritis of years standing, and several other serious ailments. Also I received the Baptism of the blessed Holy Spirit last April, and He has changed my life completely.
"I have had the Pentecostal Evangel ever since I started in this Pentecostal way and I love it. I would rather go hungry than be without it. I am sending it to my dear old 91 -year-old mother.

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tions." I know we have, but there are many
people who have greater organizations than
we, and they are dead. We can die, too, if
we want to, or if we prefer we can be liv-
ing stones in the tower that God is building.
He says to us, "I can't use anything cheap.
I'm building a tower and I've got to have
the very best material in it. You must love me
with all of your heart and cut loose from
everything else if I am to use you. I'm
fighting a battle, and I have an army of ten
thousand men. There is an army of twenty
thousand coming against me. I have to figure
out how I can beat that army. I can't do it if
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That is why He said what He did in that last statement-"So likewise . . . " The Revised Version renders it, "So therefore like that translation better, for it puts the proper slant on it-"You want to know why I make these demands? I'll tell you. I'm building a tower. Except the Lord build it, those who build are laboring in vain. I'm the warrior. I'm fighting this battle. Except the Lord defend the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. I'm building something that the gates of hell cannot prevail against, and I'm using the material that I inspect and pass upon. So therefore, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

Now you can be a church member and still go to the movies and to the dance and play cards and chew tobacco and smoke cigarettes. You can be a church member and fix yourself up like a gypsy fortune teller. You can be a church member and tell smutty jokes or laugh at those who do. You can be a church member and take a drink of beer whenever you feel like it. And there are thousands of them who do those things. But you can't be a Christian and serve God and participate in things like that. In the light of God's Word you can't do it. The Lord doesn't need to have this kind of material to build His kingdom, and $H e$ weill not have it.

Then another thing that thrills my soul is that the Lord is building the house, and the Lord is keeping the city. God has made this nation great. Men are trying to spoil it, and some of them are going a long way in that direction. You think of our President appointing an ambassador to the Vatican! You think of all the government scandals
that are coming out ! If the time ever comes when the Lord Himself ceases to build this nation it will be because men have set Him aside. That is why we don't have any success with the United Nations. The peoples of this world are trying to build a United Nations without the Lord. They said, "God can just keep out of this. We are going to run it." And they are running it to the rocks and ruin. Plenty of booze, but no prayer and no God. If the time ever comes when God can't build any more because we don't furnish Him the right kind of material, the nation will rapidly deteriorate. If the time comes when God can't afford, because of the wickedness of this nation, to defend it any more, we may have our radar systems and our watchmen and plane spotters, and they may wake or they may awaken, but it will all be in vain. Oh, how this nation needs God!
Then Christ addied that little remark which, in a sense, may seem disconnected, but which is vitally connected with what He had been saying about discipleship: "Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be seasoned?" Salt in its natural condition with its proper tang will fulfill its purpose without any advertising, without any effort. It will just be good, old-fashioned salty salt, and it will do its work. But if the salt should lose its savor, or to use the old Scottish word, its "tang," wherewith shall it be seasoned? There is nothing more worthless than saltless salt. Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." The salt arrests and holds back the corruption.
If it were not for the good, consecrated, Holy Ghost filled Christians in this land today it would be utterly corrupt. The people of this


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[^3]brought the message from James 1:27-"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this. .." Mrs. David McDowell sang a solo, and the closing prayer was offered by Flem Var Meter, former pastor of Highway Tabernacle.

We were happy to have so many ministers and friends from the Potomac District and the New York and New Jersey District, as well as from the Eastern District.

The business office of we Home is at 19th and Green Streets, Philadelphia 30, Pa -by George B. Waggoner, Vice-President, Highway Home for the Aged.
nation and of other nations don't know how much they owe to the salt that God has planted in their borders. This Pentecostal movement is a salty movement. It has a tang. Don't you like the tang of Pentecost? It seasons things. The service with the Spirit of God in it has the right savor, the right tang. A service without the holiness of God, without the operation of the Holy Spirit, has no tang. I've been in services that were so dead; and I've been in some Pentecostal services also that had lost their tang. Whenever you find a Pentecostal service that has lost its savor, it is just as useless as that salt Jesus was talking about.
But, on the other hand, I don't know of anything more alive than a really Pentecostal service. I like the tang of it. Can we lose it? Oh, yes, we can lose it. He says we are just good for nothing when it happens. Oh, we will still have our institutions and our membership, but what will it be worth?

The spirit of this movement, the purity of this movement, the power of this movement, and the aggressiveness of this movement are the things that please the Lord, and He needs them. This is an age that demands this movement. That is why God raised it up. If we will keep in touch with Him, we shall make an impact upon this age yet that will transcend what has been done. I think there is no other movement on earth that really gets under the skin of the formalists and the worldly-minded, and makes them painfully conscious of its existence, more than this Pentecostal movement. Thank God, it is here and it has a torch it- is holding aloft, and a message. May we preach that message and sing that message and live that message until this world will be conscious of the fire and the power and the savor and the tang and the aggressive power and the victorious power and the building power of this movement under God! Jesus is leading it. As our Commander in Chief, He is leading us on.
During that great battle of Waterloo, the armies of the British were bending and
buckling beneath the impact of the French forces. The great Duke of Wellington came riding up to that point where the line was bending most hopelessly. A British soldier looked up over his shoulder and said, "There comes our Commander in Chief! I would rather see him than an army of ten thousand men." Wellington rode in and shouted words of encouragement to them. They stiffened the line and carried the battle to the foe. It wasn't long until the victory was won and "the Little Corporal," Napoleon, fell with a tremendous thud across the plains of Water100.

During that battle they say that one soldier lost his place and was running around wondering where he fitted in. The great commander saw him and said, "What is the matter?"
"I lost my place. I don't know where I belong."
The Duke said, "Just fall in line anywhere. There is fighting all along the line. Get in there and get to fighting." Somebody wants to know where he fits in? Somebody wants an appointment and a place to preach? If you have this fire burning in your soul you will find that the battle is raging all along the line. You can fight anywhere. If you don't have the fight in you, it doesn't matter where you go. You will be nothing but a target for the enemy, or something to lower the morale of those who want to fight.

They tell me that a French soldier was wounded in the battle of Waterloo and he was about to die. A merciful British surgeon stood over him and undertook to perform an operation to extract a slug from his chest. He was probing and cutting with no anesthetic to relieve the pain. After a whiie that French soldier opened his eyes and looked up into the eyes of his benefactor. He said, "Doctor, cut just a little deeper, and you will see the image of my emperor impressed upon my heart." That was the effect that Napoleon had upon his soldiers. They loved him supremely and that is the reason they fought as they did.


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And I say, if the time ever comes when the enemy gets the chance to cut into my bosom, if he will cut deep enough, he will see the image of the Man of Galilee stamped upon my soul. I love Him today with all of my heart and I have subordinated everything on earth to His will. He is my King, my Commander in Chief, the Chief Architect of the building of which I am a little part and I trust a lively stone. He is the Commander in Chief of an army that is marching on to certain victory. I feel His presence here, and I would rather sense His presence than to have ten thousand people assembled together without that presence. I'm glad in this fight, and I intend to keep fighting until our Commander leads us on into a new order with banners of holiness waving everywhere and a Pentecostal revival that will sweep around the world and get people into the kingdom in multitudes and even millions. This Pentecostal revival is a forerumner of it, and I feel the fire and glory of it burning in my soul! Amen!

## NEWS

## REVIVAL AT SOUTH CENTRAL bible College

HOT SPRINGS, ARK.-Monday, December 3, will long be remembered at South Central Bible College as the beginning of a gracious visiting of the Holy Spirit in our midst. As O. E. Gaugh, our president, closed his chapel message, the searchlight of heaven was turned message, the searchlight of heaven was turned and all went on their knees before God.

Classes were interrupted daily for two weeks, and many consecrations were made and renewed. Some students received calls, either to home or foreign fields. Others were healed of serious foreign fields. Others were were manifestations sicknesses, and daily there
of the Spirit in our midst.

Beginning Tuesday night of the second week night services were added. Although we had several different speakers, including Murray Brown, returned missionary from Africa, and Ralph M. Riggs, Educational Secretary of the General Council, all messages were woven together in one perfect unit. The theme, given of God, was one of deeper life and greater consecration. A high spiritual tide continues in our school.-by N. E. Christian, Registrar, South Central Bible College, Box 1097, Hot Springs, Ark.

## AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

BEND, OREG.-We had a blessed meeting with Evangelist Jack Schaffer of Yakima, Wash. The saints were edified and there were several outstanding healings. One lady was healed of double curvature of the spine.-Albert B. Turner, Pastor.

STEVENSVILLE, MONT.-We had a oneweek meeting under the Holy Ghost anointed ministry of Evangelist C. Eylander of Everett, Wash. Three were saved, four were baptized with the Holy Ghost, one was refilled, and two were healed. All present were strengthened and blessed.-Clayton Nelson, Pastor.

MALVERN, ARK.-We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Clive W. Gregg of Nederland, Texas. Souls were saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Several were healed.-Billy McCarty, Pastor, Cooper Assembly.

HEALDSBURG, CALIF.-We had a tw̄oweek meeting with Evangelist Jennie O'Brien of Sacramento, Calif. Nine were filled with the Holy Spirit, and many were refilled. The assembly was blessed and encouraged.-George Effman, Pastor.

LAKE CITY, ARK., Dec. 20-We are now in a meeting with Evangelist Roy E. Gilliam. The Lord is blessing in the old-time way.-H. E. Wingo, Pastor.
CONRAD, MONT.-Evangelist Philip H. Hawtin of Santa Monica, Calif. was with us for two weeks. Four received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The saints were encouraged and Holy Spirit. The saints were encouraged and
some definite healings took place. We praise some definite healings took place. We praise
God for the victories He has given us.-Kenneth E. Olson, Pastor.

GIDEON, MO.-On October 30 we began a meeting with Evangelists Bob Bryson and Kenney Forman of Beaumont, Tex. Fifty were saved or reclaimed, and 35 were filled with the Holy Ghost.-Ralph Roberts, Pastor.
HERTFORD, N. C.-We had a meeting with Evangelist Wallace P. Odum. One was saved, and three received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We had the largest attendance in Sunday School since 1928 when the church was built. -Alvin W. Price, Pastor.
HAWTHORNE, NEV.-The Lord met us in a wonderful way in a two-week meeting with Evangelist Charles Kerner. Twelve came to the altar for salvation, three were reclaimed, and one was refilled with the Holy Ghost. We praise God for the "showers in the desert." Carl C. Anderson is pastor.-George L. Cunningham, Church Secretary.
CARLSBAD, N. MEX.-We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist Earl Vanzant of Roswell, N. Mex. Five came forward for salvation, three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and some were healed. The Sunday School reached an all-time high of 101 and it is just nine months old.-W. A. Vanzant, Pastor
MONTE VISTA, COLO.-We had a twoweek youth revival with Evangelist Ralph Ennis of Dwyer, Wyoming. A sweet spirit prevailed throughout the meeting. The attendance and interest was good. Six were saved and several testified to healing. All previous attendance records in Sunday School were broken.-James Gitchell, Pastor.

HAINES CITY, FLA.- In November we had a two-week meeting with Evangelist W. H Hildreth of Columbus, Ga. Several sought the Lord for salvation, and the church was blessed by the anointed ministry of Brother Hildreth The testimony of Brother Hildreth's healing when he was in a dying condition, encouraged the people to have faith in the Lord for their healing.-Earl L. Frerking, Pastor.

HOUSTON, ARK.-We have had one of the greatest meetings in the history of this church, with Evangelist Leah Faye Wakefield. Her messages were anointed and used of the Lord There were 62 saved, including 20 men, and 30 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost Twenty-two were saved in one night. A number were healed. The church was greatly benefited by this meeting.-Leslie W. Hoppers, Pastor.

BRENHAM, TEX.-We had a fruitful youth meeting with Evangelist Marlin Maddoux of Beaumont, Tex. Several were saved and many found a new desire to seek God for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Night after night young people rededicated themselves to God. The Sunday School was also blessed. The last Sunday of the meeting we broke all previous attendance records.-R. S. King, Pastor.

NEOSHO, MO.-Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick of Tulsa, Okla, were with us in December. Eleven were saved, including an en tire family of five. The Sunday School reached a high attendance of 109. Everyone enjoyed the ministries of Brother and Sister Krupnick as they preached of Christ's saving power.-A. J. Burk, Pastor.
McKINNEY, TEX.-We have just closed our fifth revival with Evangelists William and Hazel Panos of Ft. Worth, Tex. Brother Panos came to us for his first meeting about three years ago About a month ago Sister Panos was with us for two weeks. A number were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, and several were healed.

During this Christmas meeting the Lord blessed in a special way. Many were saved and a number were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many sick and suffering were healed. One man, deaf in one ear, was instantly healed, and was filled with the Holy Spirit. Over 100 have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit during these meetings.-H. E. Boatright, Pastor.

PIRU, CALIF--We had a four-week meeting with Evangelist John Jacobs of Bakersfield, Calif. God met us in a wonderful way. Thirteen were saved, two were filled with the Holy Ghost, seven were baptized in water, and several were healed. The second Sunday of the meeting were healed. we broke our Sunday School real
present.-Lucy Bishop, Pastor.
PAWNEE, ILL.-We had a meeting with Evangelist D. C. Ogden of Memphis, Tenn. Brother Ogden's ministry was a great blessing to our church and the surrounding community. Dozens attended the meeting who had never been to our church before. Around 25 or 30 were saved or reclaimed, many were healed by the power of God.-D. B. Jaggers, Pastor.

SOQUEL, CALIF.-We had a successful meeting with Evangelist Carolyn Lindblad of Santa Cruz, Calif. Eight came forward for salvation, two received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and six were reclaimed. The young people were encouraged to fully serve the Lord. A Sunday School bus was given to us. On December 9 we baptized seven in water. E. Mehringer, Pastor.

## COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 18 days before the date which appears upon it.

ELECTRA, TEX.-Assembly of God, Jan. 15-; Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick, Tulsa, Okla.-by G. W. Risner, Pastor.

DOTHAN, ALA.-Area-wide Workers Training School, First Assembly, Jan. 21-25; George Davis, National Sunday School Representative.

LAWTON, OKLA.-City-wide Workers' Training School, First Assembly of God, Feb. 4-8; C. W. Denton, National Sunday School Representative.

SHREVEPORT, LA.-Sectional Sunday School Conference, Glad Tidings Assembly, Jan. 28; Raymond White, National Sunday School Representative.

SMACKOVER, ARK.-Sectional Workers' Training School, Jan. 28-Feb. 1; Duane Hurst, Supervisor of Workers' Training, National S. S. Department.

COLUMBUS, GA.-Workers' Training Conference, North Highland Assembly, Jan. $21-$ 25; Victor Trimmer, National Sunday School Representative. (Edgar W. Bethany is Pastor.)
LAS VEGAS, NEV.-Trinity Assembly of God, 116 So. 10th St., Jan. 13-; Evangelist and Mrs. F. Pepper and Fred Henry Family.by Thomas G. Sutton, Pastor.
MOBILE, ALA.-City-wide Workers' Training School, Pritchard Assembly, Jan. 28-Feb. 1; George Davis, National S. S. Representative and Billie Davis, Associate Editor of "Our Sunday School Counsellor."

PHENIX CITY, ALA.-Sectional S. S. Seminar, First Assembly, Feb. 3-10; George Davis, National S. S. Representative and Billie Davis, Associate Editor of "Our Sunday School Counsellor."

TEXAS DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL TOUR-Jan. 7-Feb. 14; Paul Copeland, National S. S. Director and Victor Trimmer, National S. S. Representative. (W. A. McCann is District S. S. Director.)

KELSO, WASH.-Meeting in progress; Evangelists Fulton and Lorraine Buntain. (W. F. Morton is Pastor.)

TARKIO, MO.-Assembly of God, Jan. 13-; Evangelist R. A. McClure, Ft. Collins, Coloby Hilton Griswold, Pastor.

MARSING, IDAHO-Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist Richard Colsen, Hillsboro, Oreg.-by H. I. Friend, Pastor.
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF,-Glad Tidings Temple, 1451 Ellis St., Jan. 13-27; Evangelist and Mrs. Philip A. Magna, San Jose, Calif. (Leland R. Keys is Pastor.)
MOULTRIE, GA.-Assembly of God, Jan. $20-$; the Sunshine Evangelistic Party (Bruce and Ruth Thum and Charles Verness), Covington, Ky. (L. G. Grice is Pastor.)

INDIANA INSTITUTE AND COUNCILLaurel Street Tabernacle, Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 28-30; A. A. Wilson, Kansas City, Mo., guest speaker. This will be a Ministers' Institute and specially called session of the District Council to adjust organization to keep pace with growth.-by Roy H. Wead, District Superintendent.

ARROYO GRANDE, CALIF.-Feb. 10-; Evangelist Bob Bloom.-by M. E. Edmunson, Pastor.

SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBR.-Jan. 20-Feb. 3 or longer; Evangelist Roy S. Barnes, Pomona, Calif.-by M. F. Brandt, Pastor.
ST. FRANCIS, KANS.-Jan. $15-29$ or longer; Evangelist C. M. Smitley.-by James K. Richard, Pastor.

MONETT, MO-Assembly of God, Jan. 16-: Evangelist John D. Williams, Augusta, Ga. (Bill Popejoy is Pastor.)
McMINNVILLE, OREG.-Full Gospel Church, Jan. 6-; Evangelists Frederick and Sarah Byers.-by Thomas H. Fuller, Pastor.

MERCERSBURG, PA.-First Pentecostal Assembly, Jan. 20-Feb. 3; Evangelist Gene Huff, Germantown, Ohio-by E. W. Winand, Pastor.

GILLETT, WYO.-Meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Harry Walker, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. (A. I. Haun is Pastor.)
ST. JOSEPH, MO.-King Hill Assembly, Jan. 28-Feb. 10; Workers' Training Course with James Rider.-by C. B. Roberts, Pastor.

GARVEY, CALIF.-Assembly of God, 2713 N. Jackson Ave., Jan. 6-: Evangelist Roy G. Sapp and party.-by R. W. Culpepper, Pastor.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.-Gospel Tabernacle, 617-32nd St., Jan. 6-; Evangelist Anna B. Lock, Galva, Ill.-by V.' M. Dullabaun, Pastor.

MEXICO, MO.-Assembly of God, Jan, 13-; Evangelist Joe Calabrese and co-worker Oran Duncan, Kansas City, Mo. (Warren LaRose is Pastor.)

WASHINGTON, D. C.-Full Gospel Tabernacle, 915 Massachusetts Ave. N. W., Feb. $10-$ 17 or longer; Evangelist Raymond $T$. Richey, Houston, Tex.-by Lloyd Christiansen, Pastor.

OKMULGEE, OKLA.-Sectional Fellowship meeting and C. A. Rally, First Assembly of God, 5 th and Seminole St., Jan. 25. Wesley R. Steelberg, General Superintendent, guest speaker. Services 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p m. Brother Steelberg also to speak at services Saturday and Sunday.-by William L. Devereaux, Pastor.

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    We praise God for the way He is blessing His people here. We have just closed a wonderful revival meeting in which many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Horace Golden was the evangelist.-by Leon W. Comer, Pastor, West End Assembly of God, Opelika, Alabama.

