

NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



## PASSING and PERMANENT

#### NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

#### **Candidates and Their Creeds**

A reader has asked us to publish the religious faiths of the candidates of the two largest political parties. Bascom N. Timmons recently reported in the *Nashville Tennessean* as follows:

General Dwight D. Eisenhower considers himself an Episcopalian, because he was married in that church. Governor Adlai Stevenson follows in the Unitarian faith of his father. Senator Nixon is a Quaker, and Senator Sparkman is a Methodist.

#### **Pre-Election Prayer**

The Great Commission Prayer League, with headquarters at 808 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill., has issued a call to the Christians of all denominations in America to make Wednesday, October 29, a day of prayer. Posters bearing this pre-election Call to Prayer can be obtained from the League and placed in the lobbies of churches. Certainly we need to be very much in prayer as we approach this Presidential election, for the future course of America's history may hinge upon the nation's decision at this time.

#### General MacArthur Thanks God For His New Position

Following the Republican National Convention, the President of Remington Rand, Inc. extended to General Douglas MacArthur for the third time an invitation to become Chairman of the Board, and this time the General accepted. In accepting his new position, he said: "It is peculiarly agreeable that on this late day of my life I can pass from a profession of destruction to another of construction—to build rather than destroy. I think it is a gift of God that permits an old soldier to end that way."

#### **Pious Politicians Criticized**

The Christian Century is a liberal magazine and usually we cannot agree with its editorial slant, but recently it had a timely article regarding pious politicians. It charged that many politicians, observing the increased interest in religion, have begun to talk about God though they seldom darken the door of a church. In both parties, the magazine asserted, "the politicians, who are always looking around for a coattail on which to ride into office, are leaping in platoons for the training garments of Divinity."

#### Air Force Needs Chaplains

There is a shortage of 250 chaplains in the U. S. Air Force, and this number is expected to double after the release of those called in since Korea. The Air Force therefore has decided to develop its own chaplains through the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps program. It will endeavor to train 150 to 200 chaplains a year under the new system, which goes into effect this fall. Those entering the training program this year will enter active service in 1955.

#### A Change in the Princess

Close friends of Princess Margaret, sister of the Queen of England, report there has been a change in the once-gay Princess since the death of her father, the late King George VI. It seems that her grief is leading her to God. Since the King died in February, the former "dancing princess" has frequently attended church services in London and Windsor, sometimes unannounced and accompanied only by her lady-in-waiting, and she has had long talks with leading ministers of the Church of England.

#### **Religious TV Stations**

Religious groups are eligible to apply for television stations on either a commercial or non-commercial basis, according to Chairman Paul A. Walker of the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D. C. He reports that three religious institutions have applied for commerical television stations up to the present time. They are: the Loyala University, New Orleans, La. (Roman Catholic); the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, Clayton, Mo.; and the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Corpus Christi, Tex.

#### You Are Worth 84 Billions!

Some years ago a scientific wit announced that the chemical elements in a human body had a market value of only 98 cents. But times have changed. Today researchers tell us that the atoms in a human body have an energy potential of 11,400,000 killowatt hours per pound, worth 560 million dollars, or a total of 84 billion dollars for a man weighing 150 pounds.

In the sight of God you are worth far more than that. God set such an incalculably high price on your soul that He parted with His only begotten Son and let Him endure unspeakable suffering in order to buy you and make you His. He loves you with an everlasting love and longs for you with an immeasurable longing; yet you cannot be His apart from an act of your own will. Have you made your decision yet?

#### Valuable Rushes in Israel

Cultivation of wild rushes growing in the Negev, Israel, may provide the government with a new forty-milliondollar export item and a windfall for the paper industry. Experiments in England indicated that the rushes, which are of the Juncus family, are exceptionally rich in chemical properties required for cellulose production, and suitable as raw material for paper manufacture.

#### Jewish Gifts to Religion

The average Jewish family in the U. S. A. spends more than twice as much for religious purposes as the average American family. The average American family gives \$97.00 whereas the average Jewish family spends from \$200.00 to \$250.00 per year. Forty per cent goes to Jewish overseas projects, such as the settling of Jewish immigrants in Israel.

#### **On Eagles' Wings**

The Jewish Observer published in Israel reported recently that delegates to the Sixth General Assembly of the International Civil Aviation organization were told that the use of the airplane to take thousands of immigrants to Israel had been in fulfillment of Bible prophecy. One speaker pointed out that the Jews in Yemen who are extremely religious and live rigidly by the Old Testament, had never seen an airplane before; and yet they piled into planes without fear because, as they said, they were returning to Israel as the prophecies foretold, "on eagles' wings" (Exodus 19:4).

#### Jewish City Rebuilt

According to the Jerusalem Post, the new township of Ascalon was dedicated on June 9, 1952. It has risen out of the ruins and sand dunes of old Ashkelon; and it has nearly 4,000 years of recorded history of everchanging rulers and of vanished civilizations.

A first group of 67 immigrant families were to take possession of their homes in the first section of this great housing scheme immediately. In its initial stage it has 600 units. It was carefully designed on the lines of a modern garden city with basic industries.

The *Post* stated that probably few people are "aware that this is the fulfillment of Zephaniah's prophecy that the remnant of Judah shall redeem the desolation of Ascalon" (Zephaniah 2:7).



Grain from Cyprus arrives in Sidon's ancient man-made harbor

# A Pilgrim Visits the Holy Land

AN OVERNIGHT flight from London or Paris brings one to Beirut, the capital of Lebanon. A short time before landing at the Beirut airport the plane flies over the island of Cyprus. The barrenness of its mountains, the brown sands of its shoreline, the white waves of its surf and the indigo blue of the surrounding Mediterranean Sea present a picture of contrasts. A freighter swings lazily at its anchor just off shore from one of the villages which dot the island here and there.

Barnabas, the companion of Paul, was "of the country of Cyprus." Having been sent forth from the church at Antioch, it was to this island that Paul and Barnabas came. With what courage and assurance they must have ministered there, knowing that they had been "sent forth by the Holy Ghost."

It was on the island of Cyprus that these witnesses for Christ were withstood by Elymas, the sorcerer, who sought to turn away the deputy, Sergius Paulus, from the truth. Paul, full of the Holy Ghost, rebuked him; blindness came upon him, and he went about seeking some one to lead him. The deputy, seeing what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

#### LEBANON

But now the plane has landed and we find ourselves in a strange land, indeed. Just off the airport a short dis-

#### Leland R. Keys

tance lies the Mediterranean Sea. Some tall palm trees along the sandy shore remind us that we have left the temperate zone of Europe. The hot sun in a cloudless sky beats mercilessly down upon this arid region. Swarthy-faced officers speaking a strange-sounding language quickly and efficiently pass us through Customs, and we are on our way to visit the lands made famous by the patriarchs and by our Lord and the apostles.

The Holy Land comprises that area which lies between the Euphrates and the Nile Rivers. It is described in Deuteronomy 11:11, 12—"But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven: a land which the Lord thy God careth for: for the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year."

Lebanon has been called "the Switzerland of the Near East." Its high mountain peaks beckon to people from all over the Middle East to escape the heat of the valleys. A grove of the *cedars of Lebanon* grows on one of the mountains to the north. These trees are beautiful, whether seen in their evergreen verdure in the summer, or laden with snow in the winter. In Psalm 92:12 we read, "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon."

Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, is a city of contrasts between the ancient and the modern in relation to the buildings of the city and the customs and dress of the people. Several languages are spoken, including Armenian, French, Turkish, German, and English. Arabic, however, is the language most used.

As the traveler is whisked through the streets in the automobile he is impressed by the large number of small open-front shops of every description. This is a busy city, and an important one. Modern streamlined buildings intermingle with ancient buildings which have stood for hundreds of years.

Many of the men of Lebanon still wear the white or colored cloth headpiece which covers the head and flows down to the shoulders. A great many of the Moslem women still wear the black veil over the face. An increasing number of both men and women are dressing as Europeans and Americans.

Reaching the higher altitude of the rural area one is relieved of the oppressive heat of sea-level. Contrasts are much in evidence. A farmer in a native dress may be seen ploughing in one field with a wooden plough and two oxen, while in the next field the latest model tractor is used for the same purpose.

Walking along the road are women, carrying water-pots upon their heads. Off the road in the surrounding fields are shepherds, tending their flocks as did the shepherd David.

Men are seen digging wells in the fields as did the servants of Abraham and Isaac. New houses are being built of native materials, mostly of stone. Each house has its flat roof. There the

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This is the first in a series of five articles in which Brother Keys will tell of his recent trip to Israel.



# Fix Your Gaze on Calvary!

#### **Robert W. Cummings**

GOD DESIRES that all men should be saved, so He has provided a full and free salvation for all. That salvation, however, can only be received through faith; and that faith can only come through the operation of the Word of God. It is the purpose of the Word to arrest our attention and direct it to God. If we will only give Him our serious attention and do as He says, it will be the most rewarding act of our lives, because it will produce in us a living, saving faith.

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world !" came the Word of God to a young lad in London when he was only fifteen.

"Young man," said the preacher, "God says, 'Look. Look at the Lamb of God.' Look at the Christ who bears your sins on the tree. Look at God's great sacrifice for your sin." That young man looked. He fixed his gaze on Calvary. He saw his Saviour whom he had pierced. He believed, and was saved that very hour.

So rewarding was that look and the faith it produced, and so precious were the treasures he discovered in the object of his gaze, that the young lad of fifteen was transformed into a mighty preacher. His writing and preaching of the glorious gospel enriched countless thousands by bringing the unsearchable riches of Christ into their lives.

What God did for Charles Haddon Spurgeon that day He can do for anyone who will fix his gaze on Calvary.

The greatest Christian of all times, the one whom God chose to be the great teacher of the Church, was himself transfixed by the sight of his Lord crucified. "God forbid," said this man who

A radio talk given recently on the regular broadcast of Glad Tidings Tabernacle, New York City.

knew how to boast and glory-"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which I am crucified to the world, and the world is crucified to me." Writing to the Corinthian church, he said, "When I first came among you I determined to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified." To the Galatians he wrote; "O foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was openly set forth crucified !"

After Paul saw Christ crucified, he could see nothing else; and he was astonished that the Galatians, who had seen the same crucified Lord, could forget the sight and turn their eyes to any other object of faith.

Could we ask Paul why he had so unalterably concentrated his attention upon the cross, he would say: "What first shocked me into attention was the realization that when I looked upon the crucified Jesus of Nazareth, I was in very fact looking upon my own Messiah and Lord. I realized that it was my world-the world of my friends, my religion, my culture, and I as a part of that world-it was we who had crucified our own King, to whom we ought to have given allegiance and devotion! What revelation could be more shocking than this? I awoke to the knowledge that my Creator and God had come to this earth, to live among His own, and that we who were His own had not only refused to recognize Him and despised Him but had condemned Him to death upon a cruel Roman cross."

"Yes, Paul," we would say, "that must have been a terribly shocking discovery. No wonder you could not forget it. But, Brother Paul, all your life you have kept gazing upon the cross. What do you see in it that you keep looking at it so intently and talking about it so constantly?"

"Look to Jesus and be saved; See Him hanging on the tree; Guilty art thou, and enslaved, But He bares thy guilt for thee, "Look, till thou canst see thy sin In His body crucified; All the lusts that lurked within, All thy wilfulness and pride. "Look to Jesus, look and live; He has died thy death for thee; Look, and trust, and love, and give All thou art, His prize to be. "Look with awe till wondering love Melts thy heart and dims thine eyes; Till with prostrate saints above Lost in praise thy spirit lies."

He would answer, "That is easily explained. In the cross I see everything in its right perspective. When I get away from the cross, things become distorted. It was at the cross that I first saw what sin was. The cross tore the false face from sin. I saw that sin was red-handed mutiny against my King and Creator. I saw that it was the deadliest of poisons. In the person of my Lord who became God's Lamb, my Substitute, I saw that sin had made be a robber, a murderer, a rebel against my own King. At the cross I realized what sin would do to me unless in some way I could be loosed from its power. It was there I realized for the first time the true seriousness of transgressing the law of God and setting my will against His will. I saw the justice and reasonableness of God's wrath against sinsin that is so cruel and destructive and debasing that it would try to destroy God if it were possible.

"I saw, too, that sin did not exist except in a sinner, and that a sinner is responsible for his acts of disobedience and rebellion against the authority of the Almighty. And as a sinner I saw my utterly hopeless and awful doom, for at the cross I stood revealed as the crucifier of my own God and King. Then it was that I knew the terror of the Lord.

"I had thought Sinai was the place that revealed the terror of the Almighty; whenever I contemplated that awful mount with its lightnings and thunderings, and the voice of Jehovah God reverberating from its cliffs, strik-

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A Ten-Minute Sermon Heard in London during the World Pentecostal Conference

# The Church Behind Closed Doors

#### by G. R. Wessels, South Africa

PENTECOSTAL CHRISTIANITY is on the march, more aggressive than ever before. From the foundation of the Church until this present challenging hour the people of God have marched forward. Their tread has not always been mighty but it has always been onward.

From a little group of humble men and women they have become an exceeding great army, changed by the power of God and challenged by the cross of Jesus Christ. They have given their all for their Saviour. Many of them have said good-by to their families and friends; some have even given their lives. They have been bound and burned; they have been thrown to the beasts; they have been beheaded or crucified—but Christianity is marching on. God is still with us.

What is this power that makes Pentecostal Christians so potent in the world? What is this that makes men and women willing to forsake all for Jesus Christ? What is it that puts the drive and the "go" into this Pentecostal movement? It can all be summed up in one word *Pentecost*. Pentecost! Hallelujah! The Spirit of God came upon the Church on the day of Pentecost. He is the divine Dynamite in the world today.

A certain brother attending a conference of ministers was asked, "Are you evangelical?" He answered, "No, I am evangelistic."

"Do you really think there is a difference between being evangelical and being evangelistic?" he was asked.

"Yes," he said, "I think there is. If you are evangelical you have the truth, all right, but you may have it on ice. If you are evangelistic you have the truth but you have it on fire."

We are Pentecostal and we are evangelistic. No wonder we are here from many parts of the world with a shout in our hearts. Onward, in the name of Jesus Christ! Pentecost is the experience of power. Pentecost means power in the individual life, power in the church, power in Christian service. There is no defeat in the Holy Ghost. There is no indifference, no laziness, in the Holy Ghost—only activity, aggressiveness, and accomplishment. Brethren, let us be Pentecostal. Let us be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Look at the humble little church in the beginning. What a fearful, doubtfilled company they were. In John 20:19 we read of them being assembled together on the first Easter evening for fear of the Jews, the doors being shut, and they met behind closed doors from the Crucifixion until the day of Pentecost, almost ready to give up.

Look at them for a moment. Thomas stayed away from church because he thought nothing would happen. Peter decided he had better go back to his fishing nets. The church in those dark days was behind closed doors-the closed door of defeat, the closed door of fear, the closed door of discouragement, the closed door of disappointment. As far as we know, there were no converts between the Crucifixion and the day of Pentecost. We do not read of Andrew making any effort to bring in an unconverted brother. We do not hear of Peter preaching any sermons, nor of John teaching anybody about the love of God. We do not find a soul being added to the Church. When they did have a meeting it seemed nothing was accomplished. In fact, the Church was at a deadly standstill.

Too bad, you say. Yes, let us consider the situation. These men walked with Jesus Christ for more than three years. They heard Him speak the matchless sermon on the mount. They heard Him say, "Let not your heart be troubled." They heard Him pray the

Brother Wessels is Vice-President of the Apostolic Faith Mission of South Africa. This

is the oldest and largest Pentecostal work in the Union of South Africa; it has no connection with any other "Apostolic" movement elsewhere.

ment elsewhere. At present Brother Wessels is visiting the U.S.A. and he plans to remain in this country until October 31st. He is now on the West Coast, but he plans to be back in the East toward the end of the month. Any pastor wishing to invite him to preach in his assembly may write to Brother Wessels in care of the Evangel. High Priestly prayer of John 17. They heard Him say to the dead man, "Lazarus, come forth." They heard Him say to a stormy sea, "Peace, be still." They heard Him say, "Take up thy cross, and follow Me." They even heard Him say on the cross, "It is finished." They heard all this and more, and yet they were behind closed doors.

Not only that, but they saw the Holy Ghost descended on Jesus in the river Jordan. They saw Him break up a funeral at Nain. They saw Him change water into wine. They saw Him keep the last Passover and the first Lord's Supper. They saw Him appear through closed doors, eat food, and disappear again—but still they were behind closed doors.

What, then, would it take to get the Church out from behind closed doors? The Sermon on the Mount did not do it. Parables and miracles did not do it. The Lord's Supper did not do it. Even the Resurrection did not do it.

One thing will bring the Church from behind closed doors, and only one— Pentecost. For we read in Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Then we read that "Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice...." There is the secret, dear brothers and sisters. For nearly two months there was a spiritual drought, and then came a mighty outpouring from heaven. No converts before Pentecost for fifty days—then three thousand converts in a single day. What a difference! What a transformation!

But let us think on the Church today. Again many churches are behind closed doors. Even some Pentecostal churches, we are sorry to say! They are behind the closed door of indifference. They have built their tabernacle on the mountain (Matthew 17:4) and they are enjoying their spiritual blessings while the multitudes are going to hell. (Matthew 17:14). Other churches are behind the closed door of selfishness. They spend thousands of dollars on themselves and only give pennies and dimes to God's work among the heathen. Many a church is behind the closed door of self-seeking, and that is the cause of most of its troubles. Self-seeking is the cause of split churches, backslidden preachers, lazy members, lukewarm meetings, dwindling attendance and shrunken budgets. Nothing can solve the problem but a mighty baptism in the Holy Ghost.

Many an assembly has become a field of evangelism instead of a force of evangelism. That was the state of the pre-Pentecostal church. It took all their strength and time to keep themselves

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G. R. Wessels

# "Adelante Venezuela!"

(Forward, Venezuela!)

#### Henry C. Ball Field Secretary for Latin America

OUR WORK is going forward in Venezuela, the homeland of the great South American liberator, Simon Bolivar. This was evident from reports given during the Seventh Annual Convention of the Assemblies of God in Venezuela and from the large attendance at the services.

Venezuela's Seventh Annual Convention was held in August at the Templo Evangelico in the capital city of Caracas. The four-day event was followed by a three-day meeting of the Caribbean Fellowship.

Under the leadership of Missionary E. Yngve Olson, now in the States on furlough, Templo Evangelico had been enlarged for the two gatherings. Sunday School rooms had been opened so as to allow more than one thousand persons to be in the building. Loudspeakers carried the messages to every corner of the building and even to the outside.

Convention sessions of the day were given to teaching and to business; night sessions were evangelistic. Fifty persons accepted Christ as Saviour during the period and a number claimed bodily healing.

Among those saved was a director of a national restaurant and his wife. Restaurants are maintained by the Venezuelan government to provide substantial food for the working class who, otherwise, would be undernourished because of the high prices of foods. Our two conventions used the nearest national restaurant.

Upon entering the restaurant the first time we were surprised to see the Yenezuelan flag in the southwest corner of the building and just above it the words, "DIOS ES AMOR; PAZ A VOSOTROS" (God is love; peace to you). On Sunday when the restaurant was not open to the public we were permitted to install loud-speakers and to sing, pray and have a message while the Christians were served. Those in charge of the house were so impressed by the behavior of the believers that several from the restaurant ventured to the services. Thus it was that we reached the director and his wife.

Our Venezuelan pastors are aggressive in their work. There are close to fifty workers with credentials and about the same number of churches. The Christians total 2,000. During the convention Exeario Sosa was elected superintendent of the Venezuelan field, Clarence W. Ollson was elected assistant superintendent, and Pastor Cobos was elected secretary.

Juan Orozco of Mexico was elected superintendent of the Caribbean Fellowship. He replaces Hugh P. Jeter. Other officers elected were: Demetrio Bazan of El Paso, Texas, assistant superintendent; and Brother Rios of Puerto Rico, secretary.

Our Central Bible Institute, located in the city of Barquisimeto, is training young people to carry the gospel to the people of the Republic. The Institute is housed in an old building, the walls of which have been cracked by earthquakes. A severe quake would bring the walls to the ground; therefore, it will be impossible to stay in the present quarters indefinitely. Land in Venezuela is high, but near Maracay a tract has been offered to us at a reasonable price. The church in Maracay has agreed to help with the labor on new buildings if the Bible Institute is moved to that city. There is more rainfall in Maracay and a stream runs through the land offered to us. The stream would make irrigation possible during the six-month dry season. If we can secure clear title to the land it seems possible that Maracay will be the future home of Venezuela's Central Bible Institute.

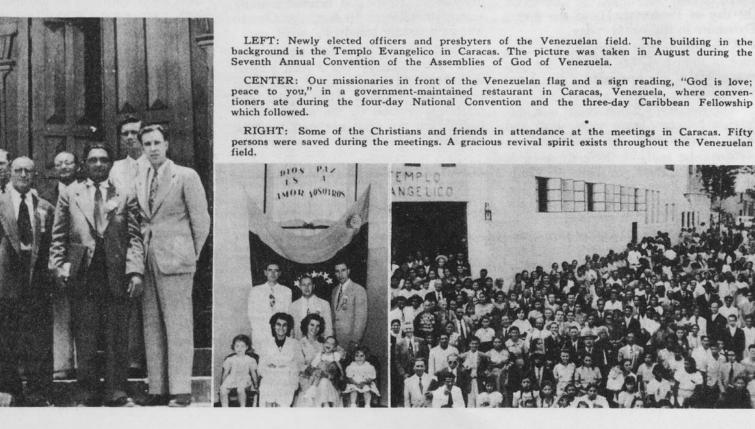
Our missionary staff in Venezuela is composed of Mrs. Elsie F. Blattner, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Stepp, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Ollson, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Sims, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Yngve Olson.

## God Is Working

#### Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hodges, El Salvador

SOME REAL VICTORIES have been won in Santa Ana. Last Sunday thirteen persons accepted Christ as Saviour. About three weeks ago a man came to the church tormented by evil spirits. He said that a voice told him to come, but that another voice told him that if he did he would die on the way. As prayer was offered the evil spirits threw him into convulsions. Some of the believers fasted and prayed and the third day he was delivered. The man returned home to find that his brother had become possessed with evil spirits in the same way that he had been. In the name of Jesus he commanded the demons to leave his brother, and his brother was delivered immediately.

At one place in El Salvador where God has been blessing in a special way in evangelistic services, the Christians have been persecuted severely. Stones have hammered the building and broken the tiles. The doors have been marred by machete blows. Several determined attempts have been made to destroy the church. Once the enemies of the gospel surrounded the place. The lights were



put out. One of the men decided to enter from the rear. In the dark he met one of his companions who had entered by the front door. Thinking that the companion was one of the believers trying to escape, the man slashed away with his machete and cut off one of his companion's hands. So God confounded and judged them!



Word has been received that Patricia Ann, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Verne A. Warner, missionaries to the Dominican Republic, went to be with the Lord on August 17. Patricia Ann came into the Warner home on July 5, 1951.

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Bernice S. Procter, who has been engaged in missionary work in Hawaii, returned to the States a short time ago for a short furlough. She has reservations to return to the Islands on November 1. Mrs. Procter can be reached % Bethel Modesto Church, Fifteenth and G. Streets, Modesto, California, during the remainder of her stay.

\* \* \* Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tucker reached New York on August 13 aboard the MS. Bastogne. They have been stationed at Gombari, Kibali Ituri, Belgian Congo. \* \* \*.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Greenaway are now at home for furlough. They arrived the middle of August. In one week just before they left the field nine young men of Natitingou, Dahomey, where they were stationed the latter part of their term, received the Baptism. \* \* \*

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin G. Ziemann sailed for Gold Coast, West Africa, August 28 on the SS. Secondi.

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Mrs. Elsie F. Blattner, who spent the summer in Springfield with her son, has returned to missionary duties in Venezuela. \* \* \*

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Farrand, new appointees to Ceylon, sailed for the field aboard the SS. City of Bristol on September 10. The Farrands are from the Michigan District.



Edwin G. Ziemann Gold Coast



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Mrs. E. G. Ziemann Gold Coast

Lee Roy Ward received appointment to Liberia the first of August. He sailed from New York for Monrovia, Liberia, on August 29. \* \* \*

Mr. and Mrs. E. William Mincey expect to sail soon for Japan where they will engage in special missionary work. They will seek to establish Christian centers for servicemen. Brother Mincey has been connected with Christian service centers in California.

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Bronnie E. Stroud, missionary to Gold Coast, West Africa, tells of a woman being restored to life in the village of Tanga, Gold Coast: "We also visited Tanga. The people had a wonderful story to tell us. At seven o'clock that morning a woman had died. Two hours later her grave was being dug; meanwhile, the husband had called the Christians to pray. They prayed for about an hour and a half when warmth began to return to the body and the woman asked for a drink. She now is able to do her own work. Her husband has repented, along with the rest of the household; also another man of the village has given his heart to the Lord. Pastor Abewin confirms the story of the woman's being brought back to life." \*

#### Mrs. Nettie Juergensen writes from 7-3 Chome, Amatsuka Cho, Nishi-Ku, Nagoya, Japan: "We are looking to the Lord for an accordion to use in our outstation and street work. It is difficult to sing and to hold the interest of the people without a musical instrument. Please pray with us for this need, and should the Lord lay it upon your heart to help us in the matter, send your offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, designated "Nettie Juergensen, accordion."

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zona	1,173.26	Indiana	4,003.71
ansas	2.601.06	Iowa	2,492.93
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Lee Roy Ward Liberia

Elsie F. Blattner

Venezuela

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Missouri	7,803.14	Tennessee	833.80
Montana	2,421.87	Texas	
Nebraska	2,961.33	Ukrainian Br	184.64
Nevada	97.45	Utah	67.00
New Hampshire	89.69	Vermont	5.00
New Jersey	1,986.74	Virginia	1,149.26
New Mexico	705.67	Washington	
New York	5,520,14	West Virginia	4,597.78
North Carolina	356.01	Wisconsin	
North Dakota	3,135.14	Wyoming	814.50
Ohio	7,803,33	Alaska	267.49
Oklahoma	7,270.51	Canada	595.41
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Received for Council Foreign Missions .....\$153,499.63 Received for Non-Council Foreign Missions 3,456.40 Missionary Offerings not Allocated to Any State 38.578.61

Total Receipts for Foreign Missions ... \$195,534,64

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS

Belgian Congo \$1	6.893.98	Chile	3,529,43
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Liberia	8,358.32	Paraguay	330.00
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A PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LESSON BY E. S. WILLIAMS

#### DAVID, THE SINGING PROPHET

#### Lesson for October 12

#### I Samuel 16:18-23; 2 Samuel 22:1-4

The Scriptures provided for our lesson (2 Samuel 22:1-51; 23:1-7; Psalms 2, 23) reach much farther than to David alone. While they were expressions of his own heart as it was quickened by the Holy Spirit, they had also a prophetic meaning. God used him as His mouthpiece to reveal another, His own Greater Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### 1. The Young Musician

I was raised among a people who disapproved of the use of music in worship, and there are still those who do. Such scriptures as Amos 6:5 are interpreted as a rebuke to music in worship—"that chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of music, like David." This is a rebuke only of the mis-use of music. Those rebuked were "they that are at ease in Zion . . . but are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph" (vv. 1, 6). Where worshippers are insincere, carnal, or worldly, the heart of God is grieved. And, methinks, His heart is grieved at some of the novelty, non-worshipful music that is heard in church services in the present day. The Old Testa-ment is full of the use of music in worship. Note the use of music associated with blessing the Lord God .of Israel. "And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals . . . and with musical instruments of God" (1 Chron. 16:36, 42).

David, "a man after God's own heart," learned to play and to sing in the days of his youth, possibly doing much of his practicing while alone watching his father's sheep. Even after being made king, when the ark of the covenant was returned. "David and all the house of Israel played before the Lord on all manner of instruments" (2 Sam. 6:5).

The blessing of music is revealed in 1 Samuel 16. "And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well" (v. 17). Then David's name was given him with the saying, "He is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man" (v. 18). David's playing soothed the troubled soul of Saul (v. 23). Notice also that it was as "the minstrel played" that the hand of the Lord came upon Elisha, giving him God's message for Israel (2 Kings 3:14, 15). Let all our youth who play, pray that they may play in such a manner as will bring peace to troubled souls and will inspire worship and draw people near to God.

#### 2. A Song of Praise

As we examine the song prepared by David, recorded in 2 Samuel 22, we have a good example of Christian worship and praise.

It is a psalm of thanksgiving (v. 1) with a sense of appreciation for God as a Rock, a Fortress, a Deliverer (v. 2). It is to God who is worthy to be praised (v. 4), who had derivered him in his distress (v. 7). Space forbids commenting on all that is in this psalm, but what an example it sets before us. I have listened at times to a certain religious broadcast. The music and singing are very good, but the speaker, while brilliant in words, lacks the heart touch that comes with depth of spirituality and that results from experiences with God. How different is song and sermon that come from the heart. What people want is that which comes from the heart, the fruit of love and devotion and worship and admiration for God. God give us singing, playing, and preaching inspired by the Holy Spirit.

As David sang, his heart bubbled. His spirit climbed the heights to the eternal. To him God "bowed the heavens and came down; He rode upon a cherub and did fly; nature was affected; the strong enemy was defeated; the servant of the Lord was brought forth into a large place; so divinely quickened that he exclaimed, 'By Thee I have run through a troop; by my God have I leaped over a wall' (v. 30)." Would that we could appreciate the value of spiritual worship and spiritual song so deeply that the Church of Jesus would never again resort to that which is superficial and would no longer imitate in religion that which is found in shallow sections of the world. Holy Spirit, teach us to sing, to play, to worship in spirit and in truth.

#### 3. A Song of the Future

While David, worshipping in the Spirit, expressed the sentiments of his own heart, the words which he spoke

went further than his own personal experience. Included in his words were predictive experiences that would find their complete fulfillment in our Lord Jesus Christ, David's Greater Son. The earth did not literally shake and tremble in behalf of David (v. 8), but it did when the Son of God was crucified (Matt. 27:51). It is Jesus who, in the fullest sense, was brought forth into a large place and delivered because God delighted in Him (v. 20). Note the description in Isa. 53:10-12. "When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days . . . He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great." This takes us to Calvary and the glory that should follow.

In Psalm 2 we see Christ in His final triumph. In this psalm He is first revealed as the One rejected—"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed" (v. 2). The Church, soon after Pentecost, knew this prophecy referred to Christ and quoted it as foundational to the great prayer which they offered for power and boldness (Acts 4:25-27).

But the prophecy does not end there. It embraces all the time that man shall seek to destroy the work of Christ. But "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision" (v. 4). The Spirit then reveals that the hour is coming when "He shall speak unto them (the nations) in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure" (v. 5). This probably points to the coming tribulation when the cup of the world's iniquity shall be full.

Then God assures us in the psalm that Christ shall reign—"Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion" (v. 6). Christ will reign, and, when He does, the Scripture indicates there will be a great gathering unto Him from the uttermost parts of earth; for the Father says to Christ, "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession" (v. 8). Christ will reign over restored Israel as the Son of David, but His reign shall also extend over all the earth. There are times when it might appear that the kingdom of God will fail, but it shall never fail. God is Sovereign. Christ shall reign.

#### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Moses, the Prophet Who Talked With God (lesson for Sunday, October 5). Lesson text: Exodus 24:1, 2, 9-18.



# A Ministry That Is Different

#### Paul W. Carlstrom

I was born into the home of a Presbyterian minister in Goliad, Texas. Shortly before I was born my mother was in an auto accident. Doctors said she could not live, but she learned then to believe in divine healing and took the Lord as her physician. He healed her.

Once as a small boy I wanted to imitate a carpenter I had watched as he took bites from his chewing tobacco. Being unable to obtain chewing tobacco, I found a brown bottle containing poison, and drank from it. My parents did not call a doctor, but once more Mother called upon the Lord as her physician in my behalf, and I recovered quickly.

A few years later we moved to California and my parents received the Pentecostal experience while attending the F. E. Yokum meetings at Pisgah Home. Here they had a genuine continuation of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which began on old Azusa Street.

In 1921, when I was nine years old, I had a prolonged illness which left me totally deaf. But the Lord did not permit me to become deaf until my childish mind had received a lasting impression of what true Pentecost is. In my memory will always live the thrilling sound of "Hallelujah," "Praise the Lord," and the speaking in other tongues. I was too young to understand all that it meant; I only knew the Lord was there. But the sounds and sights, especially the sounds, left upon my memory many precious impressions so indelible that it seems to have happened only vesterday.

A few months before I became deaf an evangelist came to San Diego, which was to be my home for the next thirty years. Her pulpit was a boxing ring in a large arena. I attended the meetings almost nightly and learned to sing many of the songs which have become so dear to the hearts of all true believers on the Lord as their Saviour and Physician. Although I can no longer sing, some of those Gospel songs still live in my heart.

It was in those meetings that I first witnessed the saving power of our Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour of both soul and body. In recalling those meetings, I am impressed by the fact that no deaf person can fully appreciate what the Lord can do-and does -for those who trust in Him as Saviour and Physician. For the deaf cannot hear the ringing testimonies, the happy shouts of joy and praise from people once fettered by Satan but now suddenly released from his awful power. I have not forgotten these impressions even after many years of deafness. I remember that the noise those people made (and I with them) as we lifted our voices in praise to our Redeemer made me look up at the rafters, wondering what kept them from falling down.

Although I graduated from a high school

for hearing people, for many years I was unable to avail myself of the spiritual help which hearing people receive in their churches. I could understand neither the preaching nor the singing. All I could do was to watch the motion. I would have become indifferent to spiritual things, but the Lord gave me a mother who has exerted great influence upon my life. I thank Him for a godly, praying mother. She has been my spiritual counsellor and guide.

Many times when Satan's power threatened to come in like a flood to overwhelm me with oppression (for many of the deaf are peculiarly susceptible to oppression) my mother's prayers followed me. She has succeeded in teaching me spiritual lessons as very few deaf people have been taught.

In 1948 I went to Los Angeles and began to learn the sign language from deaf friends. Between lip reading and the sign language, I was soon able to understand sermons preached in a church for the deaf. The next



#### INTRODUCING OUR SECRETARY OF THE DEAF WORK

The work of the National Home Missions Department in reaching the deaf in the United States has grown until it has become necessary to appoint a secretary for this work. In the providence of God, Paul W. Carlstrom has come to work with the National Home Missions Department in this capacity.

Brother Carlstrom, himself totally deaf since he was nine years of age, studied the sign language in Central Bible Institute along with the regular theological course. This year approximately thirty students are enrolled in Central Bible Institute's sign language class.

#### POLICY CONCERNING OFFERINGS FOR HOME MISSIONS

#### A Statement by the Director

The National Home Missions Department would like to clarify in the minds of our people its policies concerning designated offerings. Most of our Home Missionaries do not receive a guaranteed allowance from the National Department because of insufficient funds.

There are two categories of workers who receive offerings through our Department:

1. Workers who do not receive any guaranteed allowance from our Department, but for whom designated offerings are received in our office from the field. These offerings are forwarded 100% as designated, at the end of each month, regardless of amount.

2. Workers who are guaranteed a stipulated amount each month through the National Home Missions Department, according to the particular circumstances or need in their field.

When an offering for a worker whose allowance is underwritten by the Department comes in, unless it is definitely stated that it is to be over and above the guaranteed amount, it is placed to the credit of that worker, and used to help make up the amount promised the worker. If the offerings sent in are insufficient to meet the stipulated amount, the Department makes up the difference from undesignated funds

Those wishing their offering to be a special contribution to the worker, over and above the guaranteed amount, should so state, and it will be forwarded to the worker as such.

-FRED VOGLER

year I attended Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Missouri, where an able instructor (Lottie Riekehof) trains students desiring to learn the sign language. I enrolled in the sign language class, mastering the sign language while at the same time taking my theological course. Students who had learned the sign language prior to my coming to school interpreted for me in all my classes.

In 1951, after graduating from CBI, I became engaged in the deaf work in Los Angeles, co-operating with a pastor to the deaf. The Lord has blessed me in this work, and I now have many deaf friends all over America. I sympathize with my deaf brethren in their handicap and I understand the difficulty they have in grasping the gospel.

I praise God for the way He has led me in this ministry. My parents dedicated me to the Lord before I was born, then again when I was just an infant. Then after I had taken poison, and was healed, I was once again dedicated to the Lord. Mother prayed that I might be a minister of the gospel, "different from others." I seems her prayer is answered.

In serving as Secretary of the Deaf Work under the National Home Missions Department, I am trusting the Lord to use me, His servant. It is my heart's desire to help my deaf brethren in every way possible to learn God's Word, and to help win many more for Christ before He comes.

The Deaf Division of the National Home Missions Department will publish a newsletter at least once a month, entitled "The Silent Ambassador." This will be mailed regularly to all who ask to be placed on our maining list. We expect also to prepare a correspondence course especially adapted for the deaf. The Division will place increasing stress on the importance of well trained workers in the deaf field. Every effort will be made to improve their educational facilities.

Later we hope to publish special tracts and other literature for them. Correspondence will be carried on with the deaf, with workers among the deaf, and with those making inquiries concerning the deaf work.

All correspondence pertaining to the ministry to the deaf should be directed to Paul W. Carlstrom, Deaf Division, National Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

#### A PILGRIM VISITS THE HOLY LAND

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family wash may be hung; there also the family may sit after the heat of the day and enjoy the cool breeze of the evening. This may also be used as a summertime sleeping room.

Off in the distance, silhouetted against the sky, is a caravan of camels with their Arabian drivers. One asks himself, Is this the twentieth century, the century of nuclear fission and the fourth dimension, or is it the first century, the century of Christ and the apostles, or even earlier—the days of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? So far as our surroundings are concerned, at this particular place in our journey, it could well be 1900 B. C., or A.D. 33.

Along our route are reapers in the fields, reaping their grain in primitive manner as did their fathers before them for untold generations. One is reminded of the field of Boaz in which Ruth gleaned.

#### SYRIA

Arriving at Damascus in Syria, one finds what is said to be "the oldest existing town still inhabited." Damascus is the capital of Syria. It is a bustling, industrious city. It is the market place of the Near East.

The business section of Damascus is composed of hundreds of small shops, many of which are open to the street. All kinds of goods are made and sold. In the bazaars are to be found lovely silks and hand-woven brocades of exquisite beauty. There are also brass and copper vessels with inlays of silver. Boxes and chests of every size and description, with lovely inlaid work of mother-ofpearl, are there in abundance. Artistic furniture and luxurious oriental rugs complete the picture. Much of the work is done by hand, using only the simplest of tools.

At the Mohammedan hour of prayer, a devout Moslem was observed laying aside his tools and his work, and taking his posture of prayer, and praying, bending his body again and again until his face touched the ground. It did not matter that hundreds of people were continually passing in front of his shop that was open to the street; nor did it matter that the work in which he had been so industriously engaged must be temporarily laid aside; the hour of prayer had come and therefore he must pray.

Would God that every Christian believer might have an "hour of prayer" when all else would be laid aside in order that he might seek the face of God.

It is said that there are 350 Mohammedan mosques in Damascus. One, the





L. R. Keys is Pastor of Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco. He and a number of other ministers visited Israel this summer after attending the World Pentecostal Conference.

The accompanying article gives an up-to-date description of the ancient lands of Cyprus, Lebanon, and Syria. Next week Brother Keys will tell us about the Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan and the Old City of Jerusalem.

Omayas Mosque, is fully a city block in length and one third as wide. Those who would enter to pray and to meditate must wash their hands and feet before entering. The main room of this mosque is completely covered with oriental rugs.

This is the only mosque where women are allowed to enter and to pray; otherwise they must pray in their homes.

At the appointed hour the call to prayer is made from the minarets of the mosques; on the busy street the call is taken up relayed to others who, in turn, do the same thing.

On the outskirts of Damascus large beautiful detached houses are being built in the latest design and complete with all modern conveniences.

The student of Scripture will recall that it was near Damascus where a light from heaven shined round about Saul of Tarsus as he was on his way to the city with the express purpose of persecuting any Chris-



#### HOUSEWIVES IN SYRIA BAKING BREAD

Many Syrian women still bake the family bread in this traditional manner. The worker at right, using flour and water and a bit of leaven mixed into a thick dough, rolls out a thin wafer about a foot wide, which the woman at left bakes quickly on a circular sheet of metal set over a charcoal fire. In the center looms a stack of the wafers, ready for the family's "bread box."

#### POTTER IN LEBANON WORKING AT HIS WHEEL

This handsome young potter is turning out clay water bottles on the old foot-power potter's wheel after the ancient method. He obligingly stopped his wheel so that the photographer might take a good picture of the process. At left there stands a completely turned bottle of moist yellow clay ready to be baked into the required hardness at an open-air oven. tian believers whom he might find there. The trembling Saul cried out, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" The Lord said, "Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do." To a disciple within the city the Lord said, "Ananias, arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth. . . . He is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel."

Obeying the voice of the Lord, Ananias found Saul and addressed him, saying, "Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared to thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost."

The newly converted Saul remained for a few days with the disciples in the city and then set out to preach Christ in the synagogues. He "confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is the very Christ." The Jews of the city took counsel to kill him, but the Jewish plot being discovered, the disciples took him by night and let him down by the wall in a basket.

The Pilgrim to Damascus may walk down this Biblical street called Straight and may also see the ancient wall by which Paul made his escape.

Paul, in recounting his experiences in receiving God's revelation, said, "I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter." Doubtless it was in this part of Arabia where Paul received the full revelation of the gospel, and especially the revelation concerning the church, the body of Christ.

En route to the country of Jordan one is again impressed by the presence of the old and the new, often side by side. There are donkeys by the thousands which are used both for the transportation of goods and for riding. At the same time, on the same well-paved highway, late-model automobiles and trucks whiz by, leaving the donkeys and their burdens far behind.

Stones are in great abundance wherever you go. There are whole villages of houses and other buildings which are completely made of stone.

The soil is very fertile and will produce good crops provided one can get water to it. The country receives two heavy rains a year, the "early" and the "latter" cain. The expression "the early and the latter rain" does not mean that there are two seasons of rainfall with no rain in between. It refers to the beginning and the end of the rainy season.

We are told that if it were not for the "early" rain it would be impossible to plough or to sow the ground, and without the "latter" rain there would be no harvest. The "early" rain begins about the end of September or the first part of October, and the rainy season comes to an end in March or April. The rain that falls at the close of the season is called the "latter" rain.

The prophet Joel describes the blessing of those coming days when once again the chosen people and the chosen land shall enjoy the smile of God: "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil, . . . and ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and shall praise the name of the Lord your God that hath dealt wondrously with you" (Joel 2:23, 24, 26).



THE PINES OF LEBANON

Where once the famous cedars of Lebanon flourished, these umbrella pines frame vistas of peasant homes set in their terraced gardens of mulberry trees and grape vines. (Photo by Adelbert Bartlett)

## Future Fisherman



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#### ON THE COVER PAGE

Berea Temple, a church affiliated with the Assemblies of God, is located on the southwest corner of Compton Avenue and Russell Boulevard in the heart of St. Louis, Missouri. James D. Cockman is Pastor, and Robert Gene Putnam is Assistant Pastor. The church began fif-



teen years ago when Paul Byerly conducted a prayer meeting in a home. The infant church moved shortly into a mission hall, and fater into a converted school house property of its own.

J. D. Cockman J. D. Cockman ther Cockman became pastor and it soon became

evident that additional space would be needed. Accordingly a large lot was purchased and construction of the new church began. It was dedicated on January 2, 1950.

It is of brick and stone construction, size 112 by 45 feet, and has over ten thousand feet of floor space including basement and balcony. The main auditorium has a large baptistry, choir area, and organ. It seats 650, including the balcony. There are six smaller auditoriums, including one for the C.A.'s. The building also contains a church office, prayer room, nursery, choir room, kitchen, Sunday school office, and class rooms.

Attendance at Sunday School and church is running between 250 and 300 at present, and it is on the increase. The members of Berea Temple have faith that it will keep on growing. They have another building in the planning and a complete landscaping project.

Ninety feet west of the church they have built a modern brick parsonage with seven rooms and full basement.

Those who visit this friendly church find three outstanding characteristics: (1) It is a youthful church—it has a large number of young people. (2) It is a Pentecostal church —less than a dozen people in the entire congregation are without the experience of being baptized in the Holy Spirit. (3) It is a missionary church. The offerings for World Missions in 1952 are running three times as large as last year, and the church has sent several young ministers into the great whitened harvest fields to reap for God.

#### FIX YOUR GAZE ON CALVARY

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ing terror into the hearts of my forefathers who beheld as well as heard, I was stirred to my soul at the majesty of God and the awfulness of sinning against such a great Creator. But when I came to the Cross and saw my sin, and found myself exposed as the crucifier of my own Messiah, what horror it brought to my heart and what fear of the just wrath of the Almighty!

"Then I saw that He had intentionally come as the Lamb, to take my place. Oh, what a glorious revelation! I saw that God the Father had made Him, who knew no sin, to become sin in my stead, that I might be entirely freed from the hold of sin and might become righteous in the sight of God. Yes, I saw my Messiah wounded for my transgressions, bruised for my iniquities; chastised for my iniquities, and slain to pay the debt of my crime in breaking God's law. I saw Him take the cup of the wrath of the Almighty that I ought to have drunk. I saw Him take every ordinance that was against me and nail it to the cross, putting it out of my way so that I might be free. I saw that all this He did from love, in order that He might show me the true nature of God and might win my heart.

"All this I see in the cross—and much, much more, but that will have to wait until some other time."

Dear sinner friend, listen to the testimony of a sinner upon whom God has had special mercy. The Lamb of God will take away your sin, if you will look to Him in faith.

My sick friend! Look unto Him who bore your sicknesses and your infirmities, by whose stripes you were healed. Look unto Him. Look past the brother who is praying for your healing. Look past the sister who is ministering to you. Look past the evangelist who is bringing you the gospel of healing. Look to Him who healed all who came to Him.

Are you living under a curse? Look unto Him who became a curse for you by being hanged on a tree, that the blessing of the Holy Spirit might come into your life and home. "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth," is the Lord's universal call.

Dear troubled heart! Are the storms too violent for your frail vessel? Look unto Him whom we have pierced. "They shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, says the Word of God. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him. He has made peace through the blood of His cross, and that peace is the only true peace. Even in this world of sin, the blood of Jesus can whisper peace within. That is what we need—the real peace, that goes into the depths of the soul when the God who has made atonement for our sin whispers that peace deep within.

Jesus said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up," that in the same way as the children of Israel who were bitten by the fiery serpents in the desert might look upon that brass serpent and live, even so might we, sinful men and women though we be, look unto the crucified Son of God and be delivered from the fiery poison of sin.

"Oh, why was He there as the bearer of sin, If on Jesus thy guilt was not laid?

Oh, why from His side flowed the sin-cleansing blood,

If His dying thy debt has not paid?

Look! Look! Look, and live!

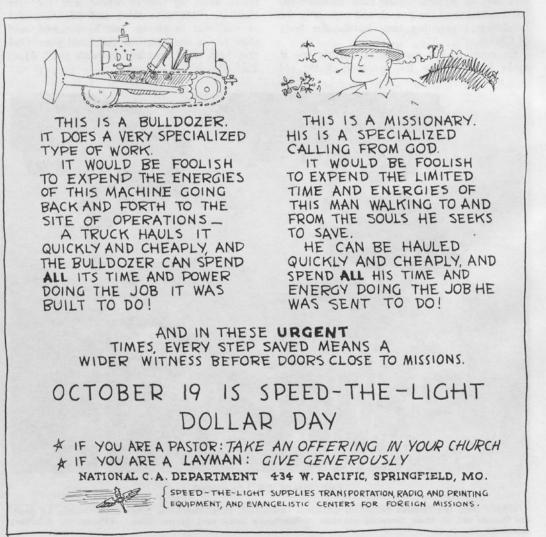
There's life for a look at the Crucified One;

There's life at this moment for thee."

#### THE CHURCH BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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saved. Doubting Thomas had to be convinced, and denying Peter had to be made



stable again. They all forsook Christ and fled, and now they had to be restored. The Church was behind closed doors trying to save themselves and they made a very poor job of it.

Then came Pentecost. Oh, hallelujah. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." That is the only solution to most of our problems. Pentecost came and then the clouds cleared away, the birds began to sing, prayers began to be answered, and sighing turned into singing. Thank God for Pentecost! Suddenly there came a sound 'from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. Immediately the Church of Jesus Christ burst open the doors of that upper room, and came out like hungry South African lions. They came out from behind the closed doors. Ordinary men became extraordinary personalities. They stirred the whole city, the whole world-and still the same Spirit is falling, the same Fire is burning.

Brethren, the condition of the world today is sad and heart-breaking. It is either Christ or chaos. Men must turn to Christ, the Rock of Ages, or they will be back in the dark ages. Would to God that Pentecostal people would weep before the Lord over the state of their cities and villages and countries. Jesus is coming soon. We ought to pray, plan, and work as never before. The apostle Paul says to us, "Ye are not your own." We belong to Christ—our hearts, our wills, our bodies, our time, our talents, our money, it is all His. Have we consecrated it all to Him?

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ner as a potential saint. He wants our ears so that we may be sensitive to every cry for spiritual help. Jesus heard the voice of Bartimaeus above the noise of the crowd and He was filled with compassion and healed him. Can you hear the cries of a lost, sinblinded world? The Lord wants your lips to bear His message. He wants to speak through you, that again it might be said, "Never man spake like this man." Why? Because it is Jesus speaking through you. He wants your mind to be His mind, your hands His hands, your feet His feet. You are not your own; you are bought with a price, the precious blood of Christ. He has bought you out, from roof to cellar. Turn over all the keys to Him and say, "Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee."

Thank God for this Pentecostal movement which is founded on the Word of God and the Blood of the Lamb. Let us be evangelistic, and not merely evangelical. Let us go forth into all the world, preaching the gospel with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, keeping the fire ever burning in our hearts, and watching daily for our Lord's return.

#### 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.

BRADENVILLE, PA.—Oct. 7—19; Evangelist Eva V. Hagans, Stoystown, Pa. (F. J. Papiernik is Pastor.)

DETROIT, MICH.—Revival Tabernacle, Oct. 5—19; Evangelist Fleming May, Seattle, Wash. —by Orie Robinson, Pastor.

MOOSIC, PA.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Oct. 5 -; Evangelist Stanley Karol, Philadelphia, Pa. by John E. Jenkins, Pastor.

CAMP POINT, ILL.—Assembly of God, Sept. 21—; Evangelist Lelia B. Haycook, Columbia, Mo.—by James L. Watkins, Pastor.

LEVELLAND, TEX.—Assembly of God, Sept. 24—; Evangelist George Hayes.—by Kenneth D. Barney, Pastor.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Canal Street Assembly, Sept. 28—Oct. 12; Evangelist Velmer Gardner, Springfield, Mo.—by T. Horace Clark Pastor.

DALLAS, TEX.—Homecoming, Boulevard Assembly of God, Oct. 5.—by Harvey L. Rose, Pastor.

Near STRAFFORD, MO.—Potter Assembly of God, Sept. 21—; Evangelist T. J. Lemons, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by Dorman Buttram, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Oct. 12—26; Evangelist Christian Hild, Fargo, N. Dak.—by Lloyd Christiansen, Pastor.

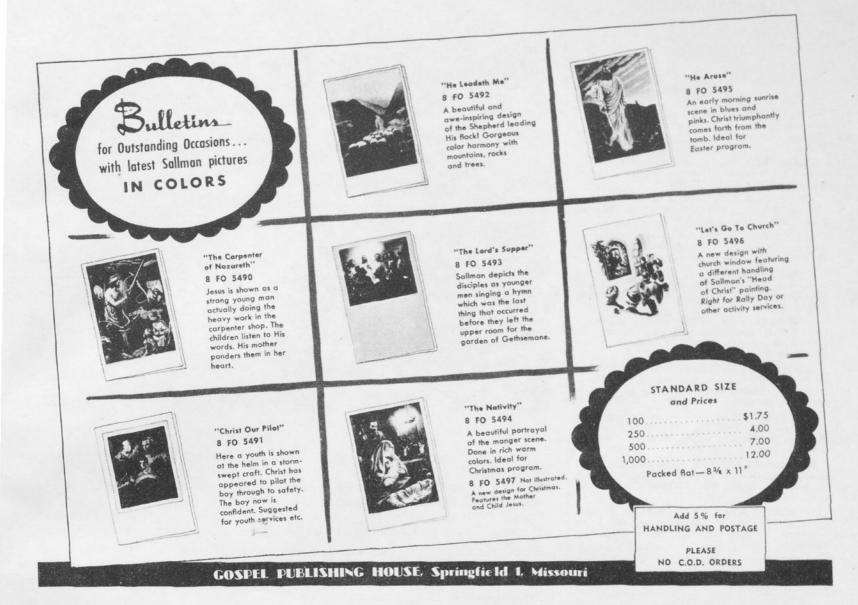
GREEN BAY, WIS.—Gospel Tabernacle, Oct. 12—Nov. 2; Evangelist and Mrs. Earle L. Cleveland, Seattle, Wash. (Edwin A. Beck is Pastor.)

McCRACKEN, KANS.—Oct. 14—Nov. 2; Evangelist and Mrs. O. E. Gaddis. (James Colburn is Pastor.)

CLEVELAND, OHIO—First Pentecostal Church, Sept. 28—; Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Reb, Dallas, Tex.—by Thomas F. Zimmerman, Pastor.

LEBANON, OREG.—Oct. 5—; Evangelist Eugene Smith, Cheyenne, Wyo. (H. D. Robeson is Pastor.)

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COUNCIL—District Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Okla. (4½ miles north of Capitol Building), Oct. 6—9; Ralph M. Riggs, Springfield, Mo., guest speaker. For information write V. H. Ray, Secretary-Treasurer, or Robert E. Goggin, Superintendent, Box 1341, Oklahoma City, Okla.



PRATT, KANS.—Assembly of God, Sept. 30 —Oct. 19; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Ferguson, Canton, Ohio. (Russell Rexroat is Pastor.)

DES MOINES, IOWA—First Assembly of God, Oct. 1—12; Evangelist Bennie R. Harris, Loveland, Colo. (Z. E. Miles is Pastor.)

SHELBY, MONT.—Assembly of God, Oct. 5—19; Evangelist Harry Walker, Couer d'Alene, Idaho.—by Dennis Finch, Pastor.

DES MOINES, IOWA—Berean Chapel Assembly, Sept. 28—; Evangelist L. V. Coons. —by Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Mason, Pastors.

FLUSHING, N. Y.—Free Gospel Church, until Oct. 12; Evangelist Christian Hild.—by Charles R. Shuss, Pastor.

AUSTIN, TEX.—East Austin Assembly of God, Sept. 21—Oct. 12 or longer; Evangelist Carl C. Haas.—by Norman McCutchen, Pastor.

MEDICAL LAKE, WASH.—Assembly of God, Oct. 5—19; Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Mattson. (C. C. Hutchcroft is Pastor.)

PERRY, IOWA—Assembly of God, Oct. 1—; Evangelist A. M. Selness, Revere, N. Dak.—by Arnold H. Folden, Pastor.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Trinity Tabernacle (First Assembly of God), Oct. 5—26; Evangelist James O. Johnson.—by Fred Lohmann, Pastor.

BOKOSHE, OKLA.—Oct. 5—; Evangelist James T. Anderson, Indianapolis, Ind.—by J. E. Mangum, Pastor.

MIDDLETOWN, OHIO—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Oct. 12—; Evangelist and Mrs. Pete Saleskey, Keyser, W. Va.—by C. W. Trenum, Pastor.

WICHITA, KANS.—Bethel Assembly of God, Sept. 28—Oct. 19; Evangelist Ralph W. Hillegas.—by Taylor H. Davis, Pastor. HANFORD, CALIF.—Glad Tidings Assembly, Sept. 28—Oct. 12; Evangelist Bobby Clark. —by Coy Nicholson, Pastor.

SIKESTON, MO.—First Assembly of God, Oct. 5—19; Evangelist and Mrs. R. L. Kay, Jr., Chandler, Ariz. (Jesse E. Smith is Pastor.)

KINGSTON, WASH.—Kingston Tabernacle, Sept. 28—Oct. 12 or longer; Evangelist William Andrews.—by L. B. Dickson, Jr., Pastor.

SAN MARCOS, TEX.—Oct. 5—; Evangelist Willie C. DeMerchant.—by Tommy Ruth Zarnow and Eulma Lee Cunningham, Co-Pastors.

BEAUMONT, CALIF.—Sept. 28—Oct. 12; Evangelist H. Ralph Love, Elsinore, Calif.—by P. A. Zimmerman, Pastor.

GLENDALE, CALIF.—Missionary Rally at Bethel Assembly of God, Oct. 7—12; Kenneth Short, speaker.—by Arthur Slater, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEX.—Lindale Assembly of God, Oct. 1—19; Evangelists Ernest and Virginia Berquist, Canfield, Ohio. (James McKeehan is Pastor.)

PETERBORO, ONT., CANADA—Full Gospel Pentecostal Church, Oct. 5—26; Evangelists Robert and Lillian Watters. (Fred H. Parlee is Pastor.

WACO, TEX.—18th and Pine Assembly of God, Oct. 7—19 or longer; Evangelists Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler.—by Hardie G. Weathers, Pastor.

MINNESOTA S. S. TOUR—Oct. 8—25; C. W. Denton, National S. S. Representative, speaker. (E. B. Adamson is District S. S. Director.)

WATSONVILLE, CALIF.—Full Gospel Church of Pajaro, Sept. 21—; Evangelist A. N. Burns, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by C. J. Coffey, Pastor. LORAIN, OHIO—Gospel Tabernacle, Sept. 28—Oct. 12 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Emerald Wray, Newcastle, Tex.—by Earl J. Hance, Pastor.

Hance, Pastor. BARABOO, WIS.—2nd Annual Missionary Convention, Oct. 9—12; Mr. and Mrs. David Wakefield, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Goudie, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cornelius, speakers.—by V. N. Hillestad, Pastor.

MUSCATINE, IOWA—First Assembly of God, Fellowship Meeting, Oct. 13; T. E. Gannon, District Superintendent, speaker. Services 2:30, 6:30 (C. A. service), and 7:30 p.m. by Roy E. Kristianson, Pastor.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA MIS-SIONARY SEMINAR presenting "A Workable Missionary Program for the Local Assembly," at First Assembly of God, Long Beach, Calif., Oct. 6 and 7. Speakers: Noel Perkin, E. J. Robison, C. M. Ward, L. H. Hauff. For information write T. C. Cunningham, 2147 Purdue, Los Angeles 25, Calif.

FORT WORTH, TEX.—Bethel Temple, Sept. 28—Oct. 12; Evangelist Robert Fierro.—by Charles R. Jones, Pastor.

DALLAS, OREG.—Assembly of God, Oct. 5—; Evangelist G. W. Hocker, Cottage Grove, Oreg.—by Alfred R. Brown, Pastor.

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, Children's revival, Oct. 7—12; Evangelist and Mrs. Virgil C. Warens. Oct. 14—; Evangelist and Mrs. W. S. Barham.—by Raymond P. Murray, Pastor.

ILLINOIS FALL S. S. CONVENTIONS— Sept. 29—Oct. 11. Olive Branch, Sept. 29; Harrisburg, Sept. 30; Odin, Oct. 1; Belleville, Oct. 2; St. Elmo, Oct. 3; Woodriver, Oct. 4; Mason City, Oct. 6; Danville, Oct. 7; Pekin, Oct. 8; Aledo, Oct. 9; Zion, Oct. 10; and Rock Falls, Oct. 11. H. Paul Holdridge, speaker. Services 2 and 7 p.m. at each location.—by E. S. Henning, District S. S. Director. TEXARKANA, ARK.—Central Assembly, Oct. 5—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Mc-Cutchen, Austin, Tex. (A. C. McGaugh is Pastor.)

PLAINVIEW, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Oct. 8—; Evangelist George Hayes, Houston, Tex.—by Louie Shultz, Pastor.

KENTUCKY DISTRICT S. S. TOUR-Oct. 13-19; Paul Copeland, Director of National S. S. Department, speaker.

MEDFORD, OREG.—Area-wide Workers' Training School, Oct. 6—10; George H. Davis, National S. S. Representative, teacher.

TAMPA, FLA.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Sept. 21—Oct. 12; Evangelists Jack and Elta Pope, Dallas, Tex.—by Marvin L. Smith, Pastor.

LANCASTER, PA.—First Pentecostal Church, Oct. 5—19; Evangelist and Mrs. Stanley P. MacPherson, Lyons, Kans.—by Paul B. Franklin, Pastor.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT S. S. TOUR—Oct. 8—25; C. W. Denton, National S. S. Representative, speaker. (E. B. Adamson is District S. S. Director.)

GREENVILLE, S. C.—First Assembly of God, Sept. 30—Oct. 12; Evangelists Roy and Pauline Harthern, London, England. (G. E. Gould is Pastor.)

RICHLAND CENTER, WIS.—Sept. 30—; Evangelists Delbert R. and Beatrice (Best) Bucher, Springfield, Mo. (Walter C. Anderson is Pastor.)

WRIGHTSVILLE, PA.—Assembly of God, Sept. 30—Oct. 12 or longer; Evangelist J. B. Woolums, Carlisle, Pa.—by George Hatchner, Pastor.

MISSOULA, MONT.—First Assembly of God, Sept. 23—Oct. 12; Evangelists Fulton and Lorraine Buntain of Canada.—by Eugene A. Born, Pastor.

EAST BAY WORLD MISSIONS CONVEN-TION—Auditorium Theatre, 12th and Fallon, Oakland, Calif., Oct. 13—14; Kenneth Short, main speaker. Other missionaries participating.

MACOMB, ILL.—Assembly of God, Oct. 5, Homecoming Rally, celebrating 10th anniversary as pastor; Raymond T. Richey, main speaker. Also beginning meeting with Evangelists Smith and Rogers.—by F. H. Toliver, Pastor.

AKRON, OHIO—The Pentecostal Church, N. Howard and York Sts., Oct. 10—12; homecoming and dedication of remodelled church building; H. C. McKinney, J. O. Savell, and James Van Meter, former pastors, will speak. All former members invited.—by Tom Johnstone, Pastor.

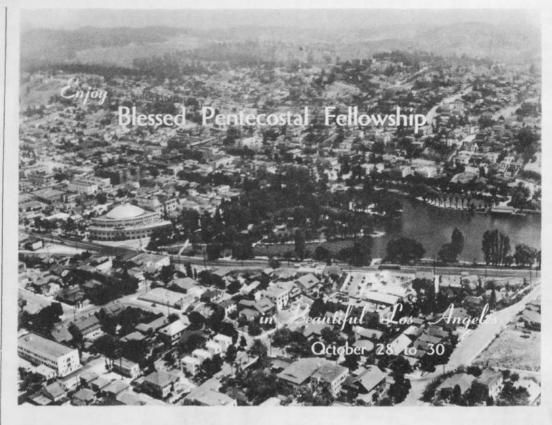
INDIAN WORKERS' CONFERENCE—Indian Assembly of God, 4123 E. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona, Oct. 20—23; Gayle F. Lewis, General Superintendent, and Fred Vogler, National Home Missions Director, guest speakers. Services Mon. at 7:30 p.m.; Tues. and Wed. at 10 a.m., 2 and 7:30 p.m.

#### MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NOTICE—After serving as pastor of the West Prestonsburg Assembly in Kentucky for many years, I have resigned to enter new fields of service for the Lord,—G. R. Fannin.

WANTED—Pentecostal Christians to work, cook, and do practical nursing.—by Chris Klinger, owner and operator of Philadelphia Home, 1212 "E" Street, Aurora, Nebr.

TELEVISION program, The Eskelin Family, over WDSU-TV, Channel 6, New Orleans, La., Monday through Friday at 3 p.m. Services conducted temporarily in Metairie High School until new church is completed.—by E. G. Eskelin, Pastor, Box 1557, New Orleans, La.



The fifth annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America will provide another opportunity for many of God's people to enjoy blessed fellowship in the Holy Spirit. All meetings of the convention will be in Angelus Temple, 1100 Glendale Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. It will open on Tuesday evening, October 28, with a great youth rally at which R. O. Corvin will speak. There will be three services on Wednesday and three on Thursday.

The convention will close with a great evangelistic rally on Thursday night, October 30, at which E. Elsworth Krogstad will be the speaker. Business sessions will be held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. All other meetings will be devotional or evangelistic in nature.

The announced speakers also include J. A. Synan, H. L. Chesser, Harold Jeffries, T. A. Melton, E. J. Fulton, and Luther Gibson.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America is stated thus:

"To give expression to the inherent principles of spiritual unity and fellowship of Pentecostal believers, leaving inviolate the existing forms of church government adopted by its members; and recognizing that every freedom and privilege enjoyed by any church or group of churches shall remain their undisturbed possession."

#### OBJECTIVES

1. To provide a vehicle of expression and co-ordination of effort in matters common to all member bodies, including missionary and evangelistic effort throughout the world.

2. To demonstrate to the world the essential unity of Spirit-baptized believers, fulfilling the prayer of the Lord Jesus "that they all may be one" (John 17:21).

3. To provide services to its constituents which will enable them to accomplish more quickly and efficiently their responsibility for the speedy evangelization of the world.

4. To encourage the principles of comity for the nurture of the body of Christ, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit until we all come to the unity of the faith.

SEMINAR FOR YOUTH LEADERS-OCT. 27 & 28-IN THE TEMPLE

For information regarding the Youth Seminar, write to: H. D. Chalfant, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles 26, Calif.

For room reservations, write to: L. B. Lewis, 2333 Golden Avenue, Long Beach 6, Calif.; or Arthur Slater, 704 E. Acacia Street, Glendale 5, Calif.

If you desire a reply, kindly enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope. All delegates and visitors will register in the main lobby of Angelus Temple.

This will be the first convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America to be held on the West Coast, and a record attendance is expected.