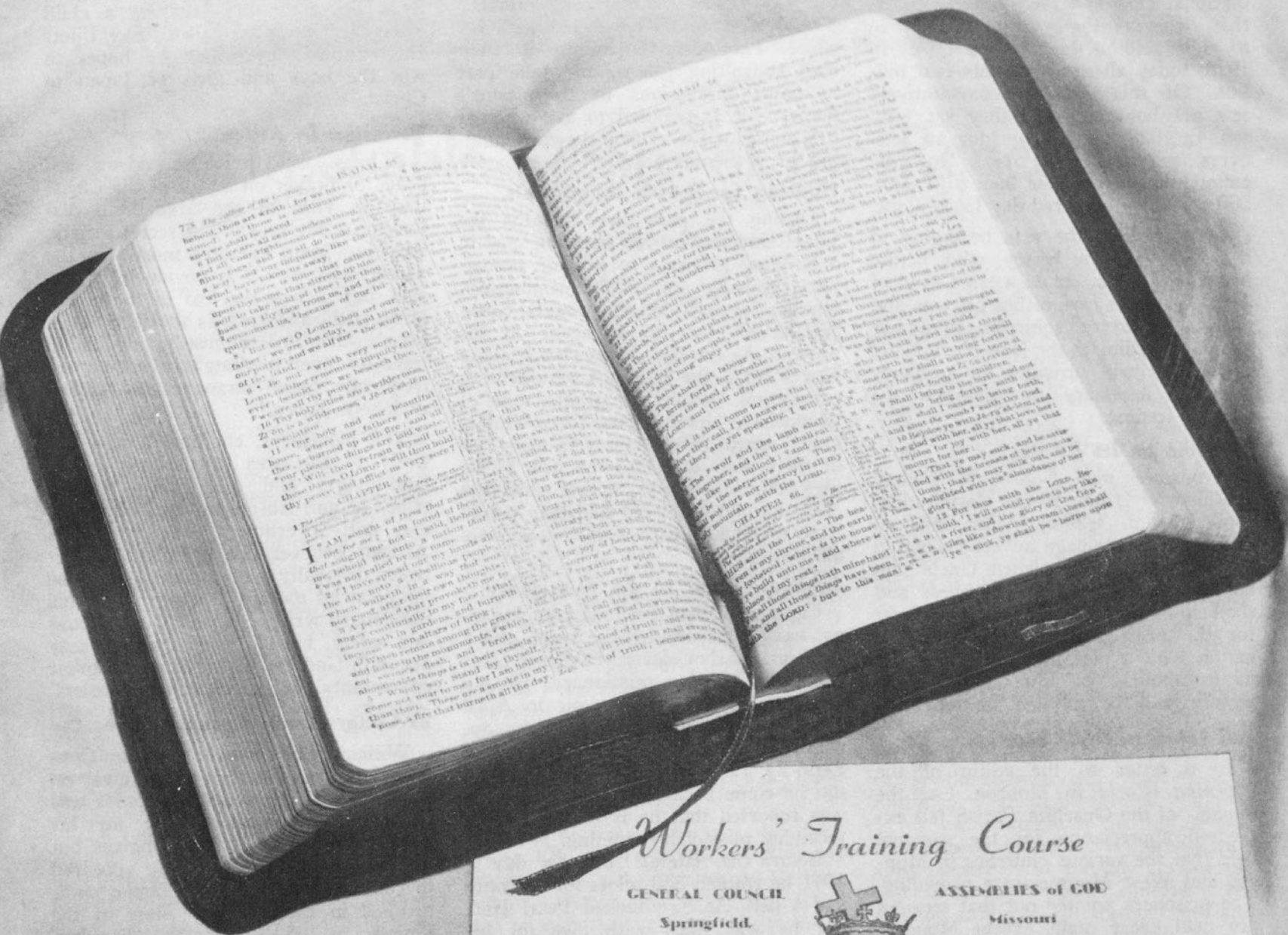


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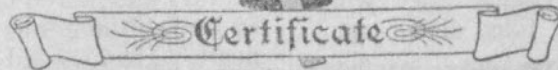
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# PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

## Pets Fare Better Than People

The pets in American households fare better than many children and grown people in some foreign lands where the population is dense and the food is scarce.

Consider the American dogs. The National Dog Welfare Council reports that, whereas there were only seven to eight million dogs in the U. S. in 1928, today there are twenty-two million. Of this number, comparatively few are homeless—and they eat well, too. In 1928, the average dog ate leftovers from the family meal. Now the country spends no less than \$175,000,000 a year on prepared dog foods alone.

Consider also the pets belonging to a woman in New Jersey, who, before her recent death, set up a trust fund of \$15,000 for the care of her pet cats and parrots, and to feed squirrels around her home. According to the *New York Daily News*, her will provides for property sales, if necessary, to maintain the animal feeding.

## America on Its Knees

A business man, Conrad N. Hilton, president of Hilton Hotels Corporation, reportedly is spending thousands of dollars in whole-page advertisements in leading magazines to picture Uncle Sam on his knees pleading forgiveness and the help of Almighty God. It is a prayer for the protection and peace of our nation with a plea that He will "save us from ourselves." Let us hope the picture will be fulfilled in real life.

## Jail Inmates Enjoy Services

In a letter to the editor of the *Morning World* in Monroe, La., the inmates of the Ouachita Parish jail expressed appreciation for the spiritual help that the various churches in Monroe and West Monroe were providing. The prisoners pointed out that services are held every night except Monday, and said that if possible they would like to see that date filled also.

## Catholic Lawyers Warned

Bishop Russell J. McVinney, Providence, R. I., has ruled that, unless Catholic lawyers in that city receive his permission, they are forbidden "under pain of mortal sin" to represent plaintiffs in suits for divorce, separation, or annulment that involve Catholic and church marriages, according to the *United Press*.

## Salvation by Psychiatry?

City Temple in London, England, destroyed during the war, is to be rebuilt at a cost of \$600,000. It is reported that the new building will have not only church halls, but also offices for the psychiatric clinic which the pastor, Dr. Leslie Weatherhead, conducts. Ten physicians are connected with the clinic. They receive patients in their own consulting rooms, and take part in panel discussions in the pastor's home. One is tempted to ask whether it is a spiritual workshop they are building or a mental hospital!

## Housing for Jewish Immigrants

During the past three months the Israel Government has been engaged in a building program to provide permanent housing for 50,000 immigrant families formerly lodged in tents. Some \$50,000,000 was to be spent on the project. As the first rains struck about November 1, the buildings were nearing completion. Weary immigrants, some of whom have already spent three winters under canvas, were hoping to move out of their tents and into the new buildings before the worst weather came, but other immigrants were told they would have to remain in their canvas shelters all winter.

## Japanese Pilot to Be Missionary

Captain Mitsuo Fuchida, the Japanese navy pilot who led the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor eleven years ago, plans to be a Christian missionary. He accepted Christ as his Saviour in April 1950 and his personal testimony appeared in *The Pentecostal Evangel* of Sept. 23, 1950, but not until last month did he come back in the news when it was reported that he is in the U.S.A. receiving missionary training.

Before that fateful December day in 1941 he trained 360 pilots for a month and a half. As he attacked Pearl Harbor he was filled with love for his country and hatred of Americans. "But," he says, "there was no real joy in my heart." He also led an attack on Darwin, Australia, and another on Ceylon. He was preparing to take part in a suicide raid on Guam when the war ended.

Captain Fuchida was tried as a war criminal, and acquitted, but his life was empty. His mind was wrestling with the problems of world peace when a pamphlet fell into his hands containing the testimony of Jacob DeShazer. The

pamphlet told how DeShazer, one of the Doolittle raiders who first bombed Tokyo, was shot down, captured by the Japanese, and cruelly tortured; but how, during the long months of captivity, a Bible fell into his hands, through the reading of which his heart was changed and he was led to love his cruelest enemies. Captain Fuchida decided that any Book that could conquer hatred and cause individuals to love their enemies was the secret of world peace, so he began to read the Bible. As a result he was converted.

Now he is in America learning to fly a helicopter and studying a child evangelism program called "Sky Pilots International" by which he hopes to win the boys and girls of Japan to Christ.

## Terrorism in Africa

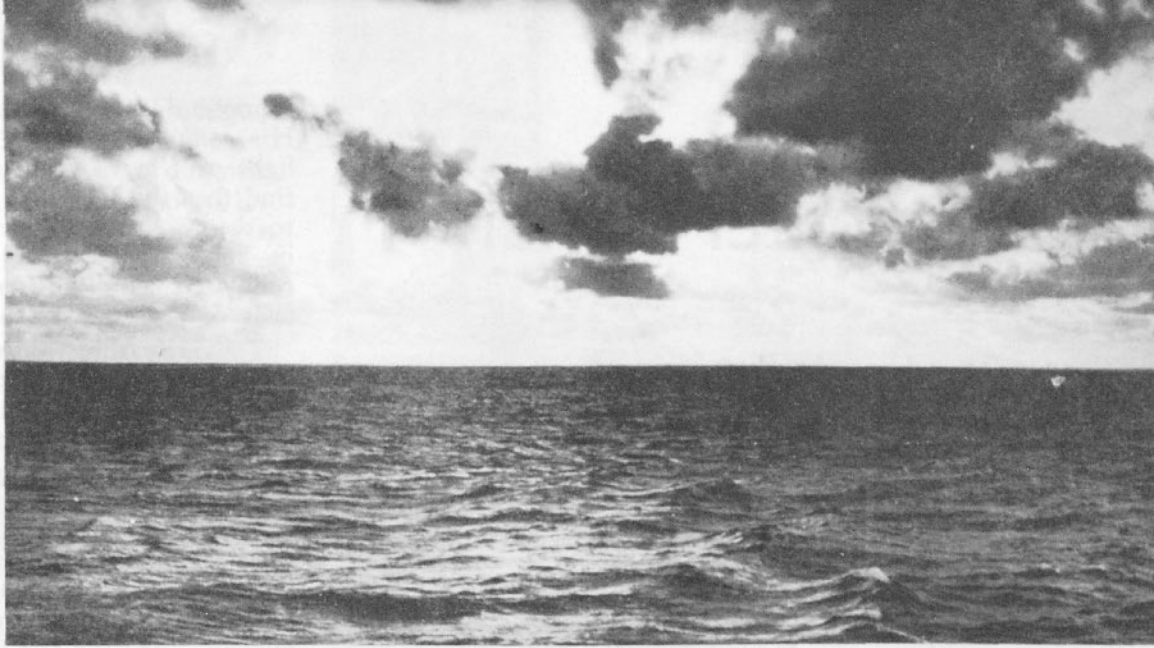
A missionary in Kenya, Africa, appeals for prayer on behalf of the Christians in view of the Mau Mau disturbances. He says: "The secret society, the Mau Mau, operates mostly in the native reserves. It is obviously organized, but such is the fear of the power of an oath, and such is the fear of reprisals, that it is almost impossible to trace its inner working. Informers are frequently found strangled or stabbed in lonely places."

The movement, confined almost entirely to the area of the desperately land-hungry and disgruntled Kikuyu tribe, is anti-European, anti-Christian, and anti-Government, he says. The African believers have to choose between disloyalty and possible death. The missionaries too are in danger, but this missionary writes: "Don't worry about our safety, but do pray that we may not fail God in these times of great opportunity for the church of Christ."

## Ex-Congressman Upshaw Passes On

William D. Upshaw, former Congressman from Georgia, passed away on November 21 at the age of 86. He was nationally known, not only for his eight years in the U. S. Congress but for his lectures to youth. He appeared in churches, colleges, and public auditoriums in nearly every State of the Union. In 1932 he was the Presidential Candidate of the Prohibition Party.

Due to an injury in youth he was bedridden for seven years, then spent five years in a wheel chair, and fifty-nine years on crutches. But on February 8, 1951, he received a marvelous healing from God. He discarded his crutches and traveled across the country telling what great things God had done for him. His testimony was a means of blessing to many. He was one of the speakers at the World Pentecostal Conference in London last summer.



# The Insatiable Desire of the Redeemed

John Wright Follette

## IDENTIFICATION

*I am a flame born of celestial fire.  
I bear a name, Insatiable Desire.  
I wear in heart an image all divine,  
Past human art, not traced by mortal  
line.*

*I hear God call to taste His heavenly  
power:*

*I give my all to burn life's single hour.  
So let me burn through fetters that  
would bind;*

*Thus will I learn and freedom will I  
find.*

*I shall return to Love's eternal fire,  
There shall I burn—a satisfied desire.*

MAY I offer, along with the above poem, a few notes or suggestions for those who wish to share in its message. These thoughts may be scattered and only hint at lines of thought which issue from the larger theme suggested by the title of the poem.

The question of identification—who we are, and why we are thus caught up in an arrangement so divine as the new creation—is not usually considered sufficiently to give a Christian very substantial ground for his thought processes and ventures in faith. His whole life, no doubt, would take on deeper significance and spiritual color had he a clearer vision to follow. If I am not sure what I am, there is endless confusion in life since I fail to reckon or count myself to be the creature God says I am, and make the mistake of thinking I am what I was before I became a partaker of the divine nature. If I fail to know why I am, then my objectives for living probably are quite foreign to

God's purpose, or so much less than the ultimate which He has for me that my life is lost in endless technical habits and side processes. All may be very good but they get me nowhere.

To discover a basic fact of one's being and to use that as a premise from which to *live* or "*work out your own salvation with fear and trembling*" is of paramount value. Let us remember that man is essentially spirit. People often confuse themselves with their bodies. My body is not I. I am more than my body. My body is merely a medium of expression, the house in which I live this earthly life. When we recognize even this fact and work from it, ordering our lives so as to lay the emphasis on spiritual, invisible, eternal issues where it belongs, we begin to get adjustments in the new life which are vital and necessary. Bear this in mind as you read the poem.

I liken my new being to a flame. In Psalm 104:4 we read that God makes His ministers a flaming fire. In Deuteronomy 4:24 we read, "The Lord thy God is a consuming fire." He revealed Himself to Isaiah, Ezekiel, and John in the midst of fire. Since I am born of God and thus have become a partaker of His divine nature (2 Peter 1:4) I like to think of myself as a flame of celestial origin and one with God, since the heavenly fire not only has touched me but is ministering now in my whole being, making me daily more and more like Him. As new creatures we are born from above—born of God, who is fire—and so we share now in that nature.

By the strange miracle of a spiritual rebirth, the first I that was found in nature has been changed forever into a new I, a new creature or creation in Christ. God sees us thus, if we are truly "born again," and He continually reckons with us and for us as a new being. All the life in the spiritual realm is working toward this goal. That is why we are born of the Spirit—to give us natures which are perfectly adapted to the new order of life. All the laws and principles of the spiritual life are made for this. As new creatures we are fitted for the finest and highest that heaven can afford. Christ has paid a tremendous price to make this possible, so we "beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."

My name, Insatiable Desire, is rather a character name. That is, it carries the characteristic mood or tenor of the new creation—*insatiable desire*. When we use the term "desire" we find ourselves in a field of very broad horizons. Desire is at the root of all life and conduct, and may be considered the starting point for all natural urges and drives common to the human nature. We will not here discuss the fundamental urges—though they are God-given and surely to be recognized if we venture very far in the development of character and the building up of a new creation in Christ. Let us merely observe, in passing, that all the basic urges and hungers in life are according to God's creative scheme and belong to the plan for human life. Through sin and failure they may lose all sense of relation

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# A Cause Greater Than I

Convention Address by R. O. Corvin

A DELEGATION of Greeks went to the big Passover festival in Jerusalem to worship. While there, for some reason, they contacted Philip and made a most famous request, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." John 12:21. I have often wondered what the motive was behind their expressing such a desire. Was it that Philip could station them where their natural eyes could behold Him more clearly? Was it a yearning to satisfy the peculiar demands of idle curiosity? Was it to test Him with hard questions as the Queen of Sheba did Solomon? Was it to secure His attitude toward the outlying districts of the dominion of Messianic reign? Had they found in Him what they could not find in Judaism, a satisfaction for divinely awakened longings? Probably none of these reveal accurately their motive. And this we conclude because of the response Jesus gave when confronted with the proposition.

He said, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Verily, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. . . . Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour; but for this cause came I unto this hour." The answer Jesus gave indicates that both the Greeks and Jesus were in dead earnest, but their purposes were crossed. The Greeks wanted one thing for Jesus: He wanted another. They would take Him away from the battle, away from the cross, away from the Jews, and in so doing they would take Him away from the great cause for which He lived.

Though the Greeks may not have meant it as such, yet they hurled a temptation at Jesus paralleled by Satan when he took Jesus to a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them; at which

time Satan said to Jesus, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

The same type of temptation came to Jesus again. This time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Him and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you."

Satan would divert Jesus from His major purpose in life by causing Him to accept a temporal empire which one day would crumble beneath His feet. Peter would have Him refuse the bitter cup and fulfill the requirements of a Jewish Messiah. But Jesus rebuked them both and pursued the cause which He considered of greater value than Himself.

No person, young or old, ever finds the real essence and joy of life until he first discovers a cause of unlimited value which he considers to be greater than himself, and to which he wholly gives himself. Jesus discovered this cause and allowed neither friend nor foe to tear Him from it. He could say, "For this cause came I unto this hour."

Tonight may we march in quest for a cause greater than ourselves and to which we can wholly give ourselves. First, we shall seek for this cause in a philosophy of life; then in a system of theology; and finally, in a historical Person whom we call Jesus Christ.

I

Every normal human being on earth is directed in his decisions and in his destiny by an over-all aim, or a philosophy of life. Tell me what a man desires most, and I will tell you his philosophy of life. There are those who believe the getting of wisdom to be man's major purpose in life; others, the getting of wealth, or the work of a man's hands, or the enjoyment of pleasure. However, Solomon indicated that man's

supreme duty was to fear God and keep His commandments. To do this in the light of New Testament teachings, we find that the Christian in his approach to the problems of life moves forward in reverse, when his techniques are compared with the materialistic standards of present day thinking.

To verify this we submit the teachings of our Lord. He said, "If there be any great among you, let him be the servant of all. If a man sue thee at the law and take away thy coat, give him thy cloke also. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to him who begs of you and do not refuse him who would borrow from you." Jesus teaches us to love our enemies, pray for our persecutors, bless those who curse us, and do good to them who mistreat us.

It is amazing what Jesus taught, and yet His teachings are the most profound in existence. The only real way up is to step down and lift others up. The only way to keep an eternal robe is to give both coat and cloke. The way to complete the journey to the Celestial City is to go the second mile when forced to go the first. The only way to gain is by giving. The only way to live is by dying. The only way to win is by losing. The only way to climb is by falling.

Experience has taught me that these principles of our Lord are not fanciful thinking or merely theoretical, but practical and applicable to the problems of everyday living. During 1941 I was both pastoring a church and attending the University in Columbia, South Carolina. In the library, one afternoon, I had studied for hours on the techniques of education as advocated by Pestalozzi and Rousseau. About four o'clock in the afternoon the pinch of hunger reminded me that I had not eaten lunch.

Deciding to eat a bit, I dashed from the University library through drizzling rain to my seven-year-old Chevrolet, and driving to the corner, I almost stopped at the stop sign. But being in a hurry, I looked in only one direction. A boy driving his father's new Ford crashed into my old car. When the policeman made a check of the wreck, he asked if I had stopped. I informed him that I *almost* stopped. "Then you are to blame," he said.

The boy's father arrived about that time and discovered his new car with

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the right front fender, the headlights, and the wheels smashed. The man's temper, along with his disappointment, quickly reached the boiling point, and I caught the steam from his scorching reprimands. He informed me that I should be "beneath" the jail and he would see to it that damages in full would be paid for his car as well as for the loss of his time. He proceeded to make arrangements for a trial for the following morning.

I was dazed from the shock of the wreck and stunned by the fury of his speech, but managed to secure an appointment at his home for seven o'clock that evening. In the meantime I had an opportunity to go to my secret place of prayer for wisdom, strength, and courage. Since he had mentioned taking me before the courts, the Scripture came into my mind, "If a man sue thee at the law and take away thy coat, give him thy cloke also." The Spirit impressed me to see if it would work.

That evening I arrived at his home five minutes before seven. His youngest son was there. We talked of school and religion. Finally the man and his wife arrived. I stood, as he entered, and spoke. Both of them, seeing me, turned their heads and brushed by without speaking. In the adjoining room I heard him make sharp and cutting remarks, and inform his wife that court proceedings would begin the following morning. She heartily agreed that a brute like me should be handled with the severest penalties.

After a season he entered the room to inform me of his decisions. In the meantime he again lost control of his temper and his tongue was loosed with fiery darts. I could not answer, nor did I desire to do so until he had finished speaking. Then came my turn.

"My neighbor, you have been injured and the police inform me that I was to blame. You may proceed with your court trial if you like. However, I will pay the damages. I have no money. I have an old car, which is now wrecked. It is of little value, but this I will give to you. I have a dresser, a bed, a studio couch, a table, a stove. I will give you the dresser, the studio couch; and if you will let me keep the springs and mattress for my wife and baby, I will give you the bed. I have two suits and two pairs of shoes. I will give you my best suit. I will give you my best pair of shoes. If this will not meet the obligation, I will pay further."

By this time a change had taken place. His wife clutched at the lapel of his coat. With tears streaming down her cheeks, and pointing a long finger



Angelus Temple in Los Angeles was practically filled on Tuesday night, October 28, for the Youth Rally which opened the annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America. The speaker of the evening was R. O. Corvin, President of the Southwestern Pentecostal Holiness College at Oklahoma City, whose message is given on these pages.

into his face, she said, "You will not turn this boy into the street. You will not!" He was shaken with emotion and evidently touched by the spirit of the hour. He looked to his right and to his left with a pale face, and finally whispered, "No, I cannot do that." Without saying a word more, he went to his telephone, called the judge, canceled the court proceedings, and returning, said, "If you will pay \$50, the insurance company will take care of the rest."

This experience taught me that though the philosophy of life taught by Jesus moves forward in reverse, yet it is practical and sound. If we can take hold of these principles and put them into practice in our daily lives, we have gone far in our quest for a cause greater than ourselves.

## II

The second field where we find a cause greater than self is in a system of theology. The Apostles' Creed is an introduction to such a system:

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

"I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen."

One who believes this creed has a hold upon and a faith in God. However, it is amazing how few people have a real faith in God. Let us secure an array

of testimonies, and see for ourselves what men believe about God.

Mr. Agnostic, tell us, what do you believe about God? And he answers, "What do I believe about God? Well, I'll just have to frankly confess, I don't know, and I really don't believe anyone else knows or can know." Now let us secure the testimony of Mr. Atheist. Tell us, sir, what do you believe about God? And he answers, "I do not believe that God's exists, therefore I do not believe." Mr. Realist, tell us what do you believe about God? He answers, "As far as I am concerned, the universe is governed by natural laws and God is not necessary." Let us call Mr. Pragmatist. And here is what he says, "I cannot see God. I cannot experience Him. I cannot understand His working. Therefore, why worry?"

Let us have Mr. Hedonist witness: "As far as God is concerned, I am not much interested. Let me eat, drink, and be merry, for the greatest in life comes now." Mr. Idealist says, "Man has innate qualities of greatness which he dignifies, and these become his deity." The Pantheist says, "All is God and God is All." The Polytheist says, "God? Yes, I believe in God, or rather in gods—in fact, many gods." And the Dualist indicates, "Of course, there are two powerful supreme opposing forces, the good and the evil."

And now, let us take our faith to the battle between the modernist and the fundamentalist. For a while may I robe myself with the garment of the modernist and tell you of the modernist's faith? As for the Genesis account of the Creation, these reports are

antiquated and should be harmonized with the latest scientific data. The plagues in Egypt were mere products of imagination flowing from a bitter and oppressed people. Instead of the Law of Moses being penciled by the finger of God on tablets of stone, this was a mere improvement by Moses upon ancient laws which he studied from the archives of Egypt. As for Joshua's commanding the sun to stand still over the hill of Gibeon, this is only a poetical statement for the purpose of presenting beauty rather than truth. The book of Ruth was written as an Oriental tale to promote diplomatical relations between two small nations. The book of Ecclesiastes is morbid pessimism and should be pen-knifed from the Biblical record. David's conquering Goliath is a children's story of hero worship told to develop appreciation for a Hebrew monarch. Old Testament prophecies were not predictions, but natural circumstances to which readers attach some future event.

In the New Testament, the Virgin birth of Jesus was a scientific impossibility. When Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, he became a great opportunist working with a person who had a fever which quickly came and quickly went, and when Jesus appeared it was time for the fever to depart. His followers interpreted it as a great miracle of healing. The ten lepers who stood by the highway side, crying, "Unclean!" had a functional psychosis in which mind, warped and delusioned, had power over matter, and thus they developed a skin disease commonly called leprosy. Here Jesus proved to be a great psychiatric counselor. When he corrected the malady of their minds, it automatically corrected their functional psychosis. So-called miracles of Jesus were products of overly zealous disciples who were spurred with emotional exaggerations. As far as the second coming of Christ is concerned, this teaching is one of the many segments of mythology which were so prevalent in the Oriental and Semitic thinking.

Now, don't you enjoy the teaching of the modernist? I say, "Yes, as much as one enjoys the sting of a scorpion, the bite of a serpent, or a slap in the face."

But, brother, I believe that the Genesis record of the Old Testament is inspired and infallible truth which gives a more plausible answer to the question of beginnings than any science or philosophy existing. I believe that the plagues in Egypt were actual products of divine justice rightly bestowed on the wicked nation of Egypt. I believe the Ten Commandments were written by the finger of God on the tablets of stone and by them Israel was to be governed through centuries.

I believe the sun stood still over Gibeon and the moon over the valley of Ajalon when Joshua gave commandment. I believe the book of Ruth is an inspired writing to portray decision, service, rest, and reward, as well as the fact of a Gentile ancestry of our Lord. I believe the book of Ecclesiastes was written to explode heathen philosophies which are still prevalent to this date, and to present the truth of God which shows man his greatest duty. I believe that David stepped into the valley of Elah and marched to meet roaring Goliath with a faith in God that brought the giant to defeat. I believe the Old Testament prophecies were inspired

declarations of God's will for that day and God's predictions for future days. I believe the virgin birth of our Lord was a divine reality and that nothing is impossible with God. He established the laws; He has power to break them. I believe the hands of Jesus were laid upon the fevered brow of Peter's mother-in-law and from these hands flowed virtue which expelled the power of her fever. I believe the spoken word of the Son of God loosed the fangs of incurable leprosy and sent men on their way rejoicing because of perfect healing. I believe miracles are events of divine origin contrary to and divergent from existing laws in nature, and that the miraculous with Christ was as natural as the natural law is to us. I believe the second coming of Christ one day will become a reality, when the dead in Christ shall rise to meet Him as He girdles the globe and we believers who are alive and remain shall not be left behind.

These things, my friends, I believe, and in these and other truths revealed in the Bible we discover a cause which is greater than ourselves.

### III

And last, we discover this cause in a historical Person, whom we know as Jesus Christ. God in ages past revealed His will by a still small voice, by a rod of correction, by a miracle of judgment or mercy, by a fleece, or a dream, by the thundering voice of a prophet. But when Jesus came, a light sprang out of darkness and God made known to man His highest will by this Person.

We believe that this historical Person was incarnate in human flesh, took upon Himself the form of man, and became subject to His Father's will, even unto death. Before His birth Gabriel announced, "His name shall be called Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." At His birth angelic hosts sang, "Glory to God in the Highest, and peace on earth toward men of good will!" While He lay in the manger, shepherds from the hillsides came to worship. Before He left Bethlehem, wise magi from the East came with gold, frankincense, and myrrh to give their Gentile homage. While He was in Egypt, Herod full of jealousy and rage, sought His life and produced the first martyrs for His cause.

He grew up as a tender plant out of dry ground, living in an obscure town. At the age of twelve He astonished the doctors. At the age of thirty He was baptized of John, driven by the Spirit into the wilderness, suffered temptation of Satan, entered the ministry, soon collected a nucleus of disciples and thus He sowed the small seed of the Kingdom which would become great and permanent. He came to bind up the broken-hearted, to loose the chains of the bound, to heal the sick, to unstop the ears of the deaf, to open the eyes of the blind, to be a friend to the friendless, to give hope to the benighted and courage to the struggling. He lived a life of servitude and humility; and though He was the Son of God, yet learned He obedience through sufferings. He was shamefully treated, and in the hour of His greatest need He was denied by His chief apostle, betrayed by Judas, rejected by the masses, condemned by the priests and crucified by the Romans. His portion was a rugged cross, a crown of

thorns, nail-pierced hands, a crucifixion by the wicked, a grave with the rich. But, thank God, death could not hold Him! He shattered the gates of hell. He conquered the forces of death. He led the righteous captives from Paradise to the heights above. He gave gifts to men. He proved with many infallible proofs that He was the Monarch of the ages, the Victor over devils, the Conqueror of diseases, the Master of nature, the Forgiver of sins, the Giver of life, the Consolation of the human race.

Think of it! We are permitted to be His disciples, recognized and blessed by His presence and redeemed by His blood. I shall never forget the night that He saved my soul. A holiness preacher was conducting a revival in an abandoned country church. Two families, including the one to which I belonged and our neighbors, rode seven miles across the sandy, black-jack lined roads of Oklahoma to this revival. The preacher told every person present all the meanness I had recently done. It made me wonder who had been talking to him. I felt as though he were speaking only to me and had forgotten that others were present. I did not go to service that night primarily to become a Christian, and when he had finished his message I felt that I must scurry away, but something got hold of me. Before I knew it, I had staggered almost blindly to the front of the church.

A recently converted friend placed his arm around my neck, and said, "R. O., wouldn't you like to be a Christian?" And that is what I wanted more than anything else in the world. We bowed at the old-fashioned altar bench. One friend said, "Hold on!" Another said, "Let go!" I didn't know exactly which to do, and finally decided to do both. I let go of the world and held on to God. And God for Christ's sake forgave my sins. A burst of laughter started in the bottom of my stomach. It came up through my heart and out on my face. I laughed and shouted and praised God for thirty minutes.

And then through the back door came one of our community boys and reported that the team had run away with the wagon! As far as I was concerned, it made little difference. A neighbor took our families home, and another boy and I borrowed two horses on which we rode while searching for the run-away team. We rode from one section-line corner to another in the beautiful moonlight in quest of the lost animals. The team was not found until the next morning, but during the search, it seemed to me that the entire world had changed. The sound from the horses' hoofs seemed to say, "Hallelujah!" and looking to the moon I caught a new view of the man up there. As I thought, "Man in the moon, I love you," it seemed to me that he smiled and nodded his head. Everything was changed. As we rode on I bent over, caught the old horse around the neck, and said, "God bless you, I love you, too!"

It was that night that I discovered a historical Person who lives as the crowned King of my spiritual dominion, and from that day till this I have rejoiced in His blessings and given homage to His name. In Him I have found a Person whom I love better than myself, a cause greater than I.

# The "West Point" of the Sunday School

D. V. Hurst\*

IN HIS book *My Message to Sunday School Workers* Marion Lawrance called Workers' Training the "West Point" of the Sunday School. No greater call to arms was ever issued than the call Jesus gave, "Follow me" (Matthew 4:19). Jesus' call was clear in meaning and plain in purpose—the disciples were to be the personal representatives of Christ in winning men to Him; they were to fight a good fight; they were to be soldiers of the Cross. They were to protect themselves with "the shield of faith," "the helmet of salvation," and "the breastplate of righteousness." Most important, they were to arm themselves with "the Sword of the Spirit"—the Word of God.

In calling His disciples to follow Him, Jesus set out to conduct His own "West Point." He purposed to train them for the task ahead, to "make" Christian leaders. Almost three and one-half years were spent



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in this personal training course. The shores of Galilee and the streets of Jerusalem were the classrooms; the hillsides of Palestine formed a visual aid backdrop, and the common experiences of life served as object lessons. In instruction and example Jesus carefully trained His followers in order that they, in turn, might win new recruits, and train those new recruits for battle. After the disciples had completed the course at Jesus' personal "West Point," He said to them, "Go ye therefore, and teach [disciple] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching [indoctrinating] them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:19, 20).

In this spiritual warfare, they were not to use carnal weapons, such as swords, bows and arrows, guns and planes. Their weapon was "the Sword of the Spirit" and through the *ministry of teaching*—a ministry Jesus personally exalted—they were to win men to Christ and indoctrinate them "to observe all things" that He had commanded.

Jesus' followers learned their lessons well. As Jesus had taught "daily in the temple," they too "daily in the temple, and in every house, . . . ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ" (Acts 5:42). We read that Paul and Barnabas taught in Antioch a

whole year, after which they were sent forth to the mission field. Remaining behind were "certain teachers" who had been trained under Paul and Barnabas in their "West Point" and who were able to step into their places and continue their teaching.

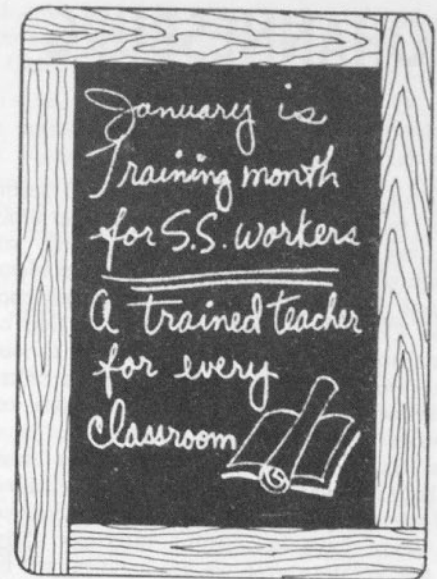
If the Sunday School today is to be the teaching force it can and should be, it needs a "West Point." Sending teachers into Sunday School classes without adequate preparation and training is like sending a group of raw recruits to the front lines before sending them to boot camp. Proper training makes a soldier—proper training makes a teacher.

1. *A trained worker knows the value of the Holy Spirit in his life.* Jesus emphasized the value and necessity of the Holy Spirit by commanding, "Tarry until. . . ." In other words, He told them to do no teaching and no preaching until the Holy Spirit came. If Jesus' followers who had been trained by Him personally needed the Holy Spirit, do not His followers today also need the Holy Spirit in their lives in order to effectively work for Him? Every Pentecostal Workers' Training Course should and does emphasize the value of the Holy Spirit's in-filling in the life of the Sunday School worker.

2. *A trained worker knows the importance of his work.* He knows why he is teaching. He knows the value of being on time, the value of an adequately prepared lesson, the value of a well-taught lesson, and the importance of dealing with the pupils individually. He knows that within his grasp is the opportunity to influence every one of his pupils for Christ and eternity. He knows the necessity of contacting the missing pupil, the straying sheep. A trained worker considers his Sunday School work the most important thing he does.

3. *A trained worker knows his textbook—the Bible.* He knows what to teach. Talking only about "turkeys" at Thanksgiving time, or "gifts" at Christmas time, or "rabbits" at Easter time will not satisfy him. He must teach Christ, the message of the Bible, the message of salvation. A trained worker has the Word in his heart, and as he teaches the Word goes from his heart to the pupil's heart.

4. *A trained worker knows how to teach.* A desire to teach and a knowledge of what to teach are not enough. A teacher must know *how* to teach. He must know the laws of learning, the laws of the mind. He must know how to study and prepare a lesson. He must know how to hold the attention of the pupil, how to illustrate truth and how to ask questions. Most important of all, he must know how to lead the pupil through the Word to Christ so that the pupil's decision



to serve Christ will be grounded on the Word.

5. *A trained worker knows whom to teach.* He knows the pupil—the object of his teaching. He studies the age characteristics of the pupil. He knows why the adult is set in his ways and he knows how to influence that adult. He knows why the young person is "up and down" and how to help that young person. He knows why the child is so full of energy and how to use that energy.

Not only does he know the age characteristics of his particular class, but he knows the value of studying each pupil individually. His desire to study each of his pupils individually will take him to each pupil's home to see his environment and his home life, to know him better, to befriend him. Then, and not until then, can he relate the lesson to each of his pupils' needs.

6. *A trained worker is inspired to do the work.* Studying this most important task with others who are performing the same task inspires the worker. Reports from others, experiences of others and help from others "spurs" him to do his work better. A training course brings new enthusiasm to the workers because they review the call to teaching, the reasons for teaching, the ways of teaching, and the rewards for teaching.

A revival of interest and a desire to work for God results from a Training Course. A worker in one church wrote that as a result of a Training Course, a revival had broken out in their Sunday School and at the time of writing was continuing into the fifth week. Others have written of revised plans, reorganized Sunday Schools and revitalized teaching because of a Training Course.

A Sunday School needs a "West Point." New workers need to be enlisted and trained as the Sunday School grows. Regular workers need "refresher" courses; they need continually to train themselves. All too often raw recruits are sent to the front lines in Sunday Schools today. When Sunday School leaders follow Jesus' example and adequately train their workers, they can be assured that Christ's command to "make disciples" and to "indoctrinate" is being carried out in their Sunday Schools.

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# JOHANNESBURG TIDINGS

Violet Wilcox

One of the spotlights of the world seems to be focused on South Africa. Certainly there are anti-God forces taking full advantage of the situation. Staggering problems confront us, threatening the very existence of the Christian church. The rising tide of nationalism might become a menace to our gospel work. Then too, the racial problem is very acute. There is also a noticeable return to animistic worship.

For six weeks, continuous meetings have been held in several Assemblies. In Alexandra, at Western Native Township and at Sophiatown there have been three meetings daily.

In the Western area we are handicapped by lack of a suitable place to worship. The only space available is a lean-to shack at the back of the pastor's two-room house. Poles covered with sacking constitute the walls. The floor is mud, and during the rains the place is most undesirable.

In spite of all this the people come for miles around to attend the early morning prayer meeting. A grant of land has been obtained from the Municipality for a church building. The stipulation has been made, however, that we must build within two years or forfeit the land.

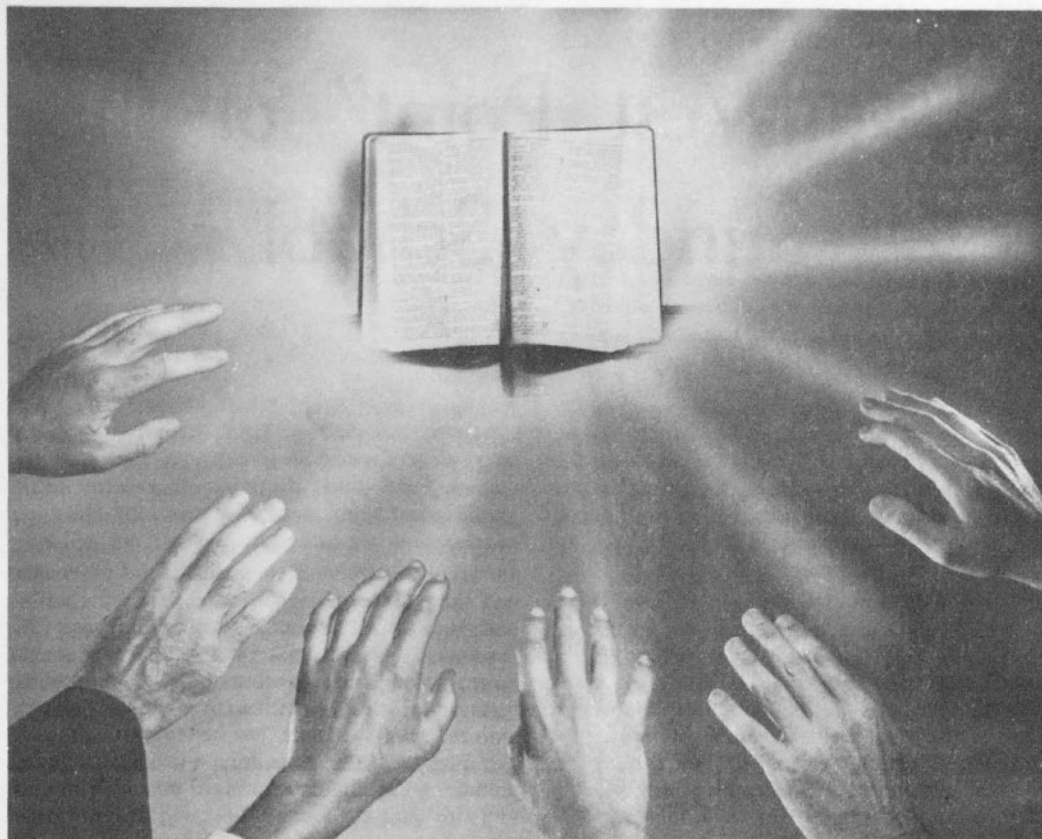
In Sophiatown we are able to meet in a rented building. This town is greatly overpopulated—there are 50,000 people in just a little more than a square mile! Filth, disease and all manner of wickedness are to be found here. It is not considered a safe place for a white person. I conduct a teachers' training class and a personal workers' class also in this place. We have no lights so must use candles.

Our evangelist at Alexandra Township was awakened the other night to find a gun pointed at him! Thieves stole all that he possessed, even the bedclothes. Fortunately they overlooked one blanket. He wrapped himself in this and went as usual to conduct his church services the next day.

Recently we held our annual Sunday School Day. On this occasion instead of the usual classes we had all of our Sunday School children march in a parade. This was made a great evangelistic effort as well, and thousands were reached with the gospel message. The children carried banners and we had various floats. At the very end of the procession came my car, loaded with our Sunday School children from the Tuberculosis Hospital. As a result of the parade many of the parents came to our afternoon service. We found the loud-speaker most helpful in this meeting; the crowds which were unable to get inside the building were nevertheless able to hear the message.

Our greatest recent venture has been the tent meetings in the Western area.

We rented an empty lot in a centrally located and easily accessible spot. My 300-watt lighting plant was not adequate. The Lord saw our need and arranged for us to have fluorescent lights. Through the gifts of the Africans and the white people all the financial needs were met. Hundreds attended, and when the appeal to accept Christ was



## UNIVERSAL BIBLE SUNDAY—DECEMBER 14

THE SCRIPTURES in the languages of the people are the missionaries' sharpest tool for evangelism. Millions of copies have already been distributed; billions are needed.

The AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY has made large grants of Scriptures to many departments of the work of the Assemblies of God—to various mission fields, both at home and abroad, and to our servicemen as well. The Bible in Braille or on phonograph records is available for the blind at a very nominal sum.

Hungry hearts are eager to receive the Bible. Its message alone gives abiding satisfaction. It brings comfort and peace to lonely hearts everywhere. To our men in the service it is the messenger of courage and hope. To those who in far-off lands are bound by fetters of superstition and sin, it brings release and pardon.

There are countless men and women who have never heard the Word, not even once. Some of our own missionaries

are giving unstintingly of their time and strength to translation work so that millions more may read.

Will you not pray and give that the Bible may continue to send its rays of light to every dark corner of the earth? Sunday, December 15 is Universal Bible Sunday. Offerings sent to the Foreign Missions Department and designated for the American Bible Society will be forwarded to that organization and missionary credit will be given to your Assembly.

Hands are outstretched to receive that which it is in our power to give.

"Shall we whose souls are lighted  
With wisdom from on high,  
Shall we, to men benighted,  
The Lamp of Life deny?"

Foreign Missions Secretary

made they moved forward in one great body. Drunkards, harlots, robbers, murderers and self-righteous church-goers' came forward in great numbers to Him who alone could satisfy the longing of their souls. Dozens of young terrorists threw away their knives and daggers to follow Jesus. Night after night they stood for two hours like a wall around the tent as there were not sufficient seats.

The people themselves said, "This is holy ground." In this country of strained race relations there was a remarkable melting together of the various nationalities. Hindus, Moslems, Chinese, Zulus, Basutos, Nyasas, and members of other tribes all met together in the name of Him who is the

Prince of Peace.

Despite the fact that it was bitterly cold the crowds grew until we had as many as 1500 in that small tent. They were packed in—right up to the feet of the speaker! We had three meetings each day. We also prayed for the sick, and God graciously healed many who came to Him.

There is an URGENT need for a revival center in Johannesburg. No adequate buildings can be rented anywhere. The land on which we erected the tent could be purchased. Under existing circumstances it was thought advisable to rent the land for a year and to erect a portable building. This could be done for about \$3,000. We covet an interest in your prayers that God may supply this need.



# Dahomey Buildings Demolished by Rains

FOUR YEARS ago in Natitingou, French Dahomey, West Africa, we established a much needed Bible School. Because funds were not available for erecting permanent buildings, we constructed eight mud huts in which to house our students. Recent torrential storms caused three of these huts to collapse. The remaining ones are only 8 by 8 feet, and numerous "patches" have already been applied.

At present we have 17 students. Our new year begins March first, and 34 students have thus far applied for admission. We must have additional facilities to house them.

God has already set His seal of approval on the school by sending a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Nineteen students have received the Baptism! When one realizes that only a short time ago these men were among the most illiterate and uncivilized peoples of Africa we are convinced that God is no respecter of persons. This revival has reached the outstations

as well. Where Brother and Sister Vernon Metz are working 21 souls were recently saved. Many other stations are reaping a similar harvest.

Within the past month three Roman Catholic catechists came to us, asking for admission to our Bible School. These men are willing to give up their good salaries and forsake all in order to follow Christ and be taught the true way of salvation.

This is a fruitful corner of His vineyard. Last Easter when Brother Garlock was in Africa he baptized in water a man of the Somba tribe. This man has now become the first of the tribe to enter our Bible School. God has signally blessed our efforts in this area and we feel that these unlettered, primitive people who have shown such a response to the gospel, should have the Word of Life given to them. In order to do this task effectively we must have a permanent Bible School.

Funds are URGENTLY needed! Will you not help us to erect some durable structures that will be able to withstand the tropical rains? A cement house with a metal roof can be built to replace a mud hut with a thatched roof, for \$100 (see photo). For \$3,000 we could build a permanent dormitory. Please send all contributions to Noel Perkin, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri and designate them for "Dahomey Bible School."

here, thankful hearts are lifted in praise and worship to God as our thoughts center afresh on the Babe of Bethlehem—the Christ of Galilee.

There are gifts for all! How thrilled are young and old alike when they discover the contents of their gay colored packages. Some much needed garment, fruit, candy, toys—all are produced in due course from an improvised Christmas tree. Sometimes we all share a common meal of delicious curry and rice served on banyan leaves. What could be more palatable? And no dishes to wash!

We in the homeland want to do our part in making Christmas a happy occasion for our missionaries and for those with whom they share the joys of this blessed season.

The Foreign Missions Department endeavors to send a gift to each missionary family. Would you like to help make this possible? Please send your contribution at once to Noel Perkin, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Your gift should be marked, "Christmas Missionary Offering."



## Christmas in India

"Bará din mubárah ho!" (*may your big day be blessed*) is the Christmas greeting commonly exchanged in North India. It is a big day and it is a blessed day. Our Christian boys and girls as well as the grownups thoroughly enjoy rising in the wee hours of the morning to herald the glorious event by singing the carols that are so much a part of Christmas.

On our various mission stations we have a special Christmas service in the church. Brilliant poinsettias are used for decoration. Tiny flags made of colored tissue paper are strung about in various places and lend a festive air to the building. As we gather

UPPER LEFT: Student hut in Dahomey after the rains. MIDDLE LEFT: H. G. Garlock, our Field Secretary, with first member of Somba tribe to enter Dahomey Bible School. LOWER LEFT: Baptizing at Dahomey last Easter. LOWER RIGHT: Some of our missionaries in Dahomey.

Misses Tomaseck, Flint, and Wagenknecht who sailed November 6 for India are back in the U. S. A. after a terrific storm at sea. They will not be able to sail until mid-December.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Mattox of Upper Volta, French West Africa, announce the arrival of their second son on November 3. He has been named Frederick James.

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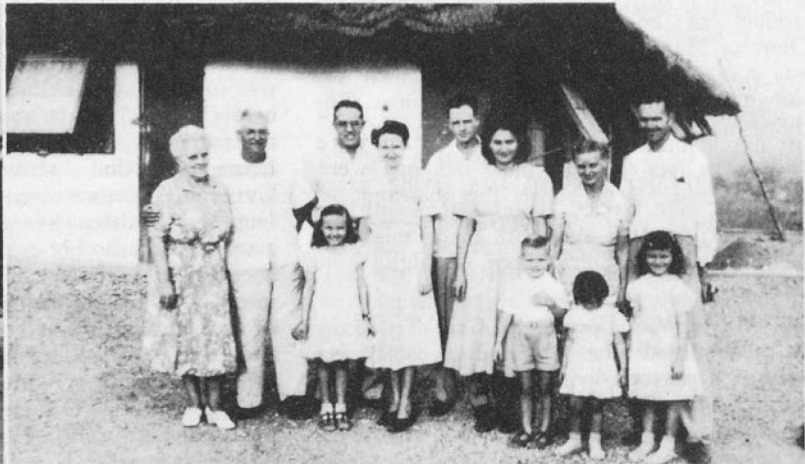
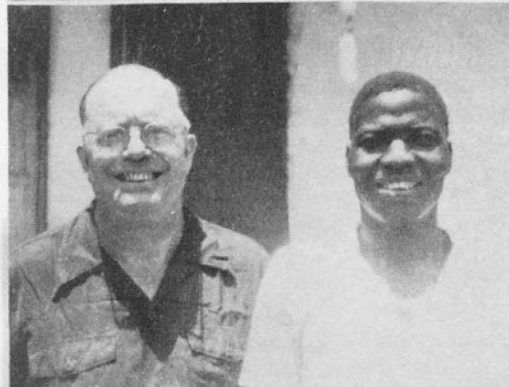
Missionary credit cannot be given after December 31 on Relief clothing. Credit will continue to be given, however, on money paid for postage and freight.

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A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jeter on November 17. She received a warm welcome from her four brothers.

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The McGrew family and Walter Erickson arrived in Springfield November 18. They will be spending several days in Mission Village.



# SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

## THE BIRTH OF THE KING

Lesson for December 21

Luke 1:26-33; 2:4-11

The mother of Jesus must have been a woman of a quiet tongue since the Scripture says concerning her, "But Mary kept these things, and pondered them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). Many were the things which she might ponder: the manner in which she became a mother; the visit of the shepherds at the birth of Jesus; and the rapturous worship of the angels (Luke 2:10-18).

This pondering (weighing) in her heart concerned all that was involved in the birth of her son. The angel Gabriel had said that she was to become the mother of Messiah, and she knew this was to be brought about by the supernatural act of God, but she could not fully grasp it all. When the child was born and the angels sang, she was reassured, yet unable to comprehend. There are many things we cannot understand. Take, for an example, the Scriptural statement, "The just shall live by faith." We know when God meets our hearts; we know the reality of God's grace; but if we take time to consider this wonderful truth we find it has elements in it beyond our ability to explain.

Mary did not tell even her espoused husband that she was to become the mother of the Lord. Joseph had to make the discovery for himself and, having made it, he planned to put Mary away secretly. Then God intervened—"The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream" and explained that "that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 1:20).

### 1. The Message to Mary

**a. Mary Was Not the Mother of God.** It was never promised to Mary that she should be "the mother of God." The teaching that she was the mother of God, and that she is now bodily in heaven, acting as mediatrix between her Son and man, is the product of an idolatrous and untruthful Church. Mary did not produce God. She was merely the vehicle through which the human body of our Lord was to come. The divine nature of God's Son already existed. "God sent forth His Son, made of a woman" (Gal. 4:4). Mary needed His saving grace as others. She tarried at Jerusalem with the other disciples that she, with them, might be endued with the Spirit from on high. Acts 1:14.

**b. Mary Was Chosen of God.** To Mary was committed the outstanding honor of being the person divinely chosen to be the mother of the Saviour of the world: "Blessed art thou among women" (Luke 1:28); "for thou hast found favor with God" (v. 30);

"thou shalt bring forth a son" (v. 31). This Son "shall be called the Son of God" (v. 35). But the message concerning Mary's place ends in the angel's message, once he has finished telling of the birth. The angel then takes up the quality and purpose of the Son—"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest" (Luke 1:32); "His name shall be called Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21); "His name shall be Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (v. 23). In Him God was to be "manifest in the flesh" (1 Tim. 3:16).

**c. Mary's Son Was Born a King.** In this age of grace, we give special emphasis to Mary's Son as the Saviour. But there is a further prophecy which has yet to be fulfilled—"And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David" (Luke 1:32). When He obtains the throne "He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever." Since the promises concerning the first coming of Christ were literally fulfilled, what valid reason is there for believing that the promises related to His second coming, when He shall reign as "King of kings and Lord of lords," shall not be literally fulfilled? Satan will be bound. Christ shall reign.

### 2. The Birth of Jesus

**a. God Has a Plan.** God had a plan for Jesus; He has a plan for each of our lives. As we yield to His will, He will fulfill that plan in us. Yielding to His will does not mean that we shall at all times understand the reason for our experiences. God may lead us into paths and circumstances that may seem strange and unpleasant, but if we have committed ourselves to His guidance we may be assured that we are doing His will unless He makes clear to us that He wishes us to change our course.

**b. God's Plan May Seem Mysterious.** It probably seemed an unreasonable thing to Mary, soon to become a mother, that she should have to travel all the way from Nazareth to Bethlehem, just to be enrolled for the census. Why could she not enroll at Nazareth instead, under the circumstances? But God had a reason. His workings were beyond her human reasonings. She was to be the mother of the Lord, and the Lord was to be born at Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). It was therefore in the providence of God that Cyrenius, in time past, had decreed that every man should go to his own ancestral city for enrollment—and Joseph, being of David's line, must go to Bethlehem. How many ordinary events of life are arranged by God as the means by which He is working out His will

in our lives! Do not despise the circumstances of daily life. Pray over them and trust God to make all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28).

### 3. The Majesty Concealed

**a. Born in a Stable.** Arriving at Bethlehem, Joseph sought a lodging in some place where Mary might properly be cared for, but stern circumstances drove them to the place where the animals were kept. Well might they now question God, but it seems they did not complain. They accepted the strange situation as God's will—and how wondrously they were rewarded. As they cared for the infant Christ, angels sang His praises. An angel announced His birth to the shepherds. A star appeared over the distant hills. The Wise Men started on their journey. And though the Majesty of the new-born king was concealed in lowly surroundings at His birth, chosen individuals were informed that "a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord," had been given.

**b. Cradled in a Manger.** The manger was a humiliating place in which to be laid. It was humiliating to the mother and humiliating to her Child. But it was not humiliating to God, nor to the angels sent from God. With joy the angel announced to the shepherds, "And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger" (Luke 2:12). May the lesson teach us to be content with the will of God. After all, it is not our standing in this world but our standing with God that really counts.

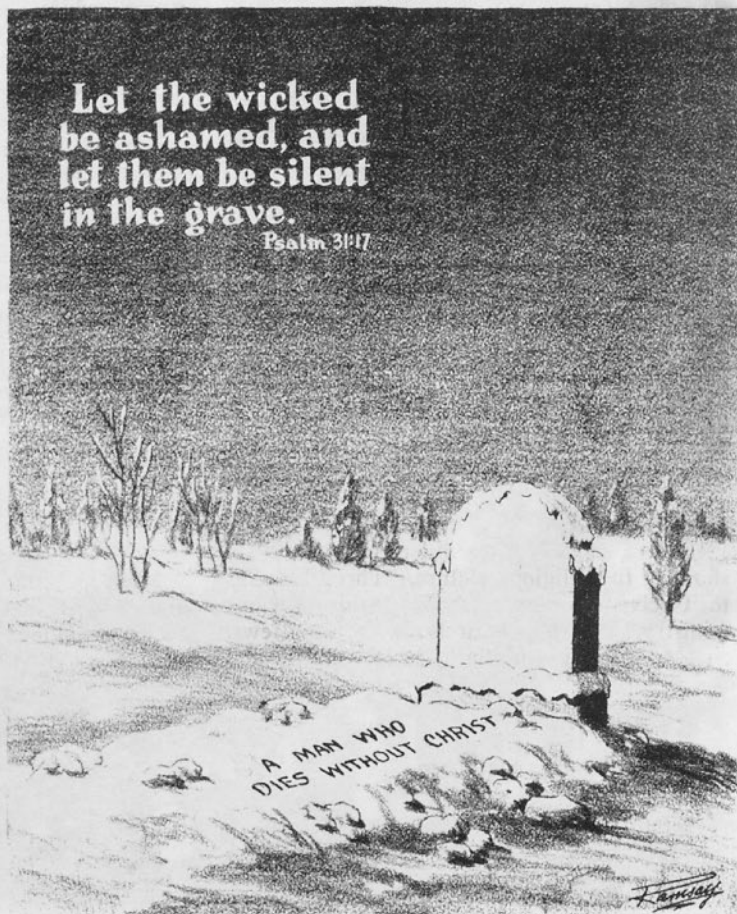
### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Jesus, the Prophet of God (lesson for Sunday, December 14). Lesson text: Mark 13: 1-8, 24-27.

### SILENT NIGHT

Let the wicked  
be ashamed, and  
let them be silent  
in the grave.

Psalms 34:17



# MISSIONS AT HOME

New Fields . . . Deaf Mutes . . . Prisoners  
Jews . . . American Indians . . . Alaska  
Foreign Language Groups in U.S.A.

## NEWS FROM OUR FRONTIERS

### ALASKA TERRITORY DIVISION

Mrs. Olive Halsey, faithful Christian schoolteacher and worker in the Petersburg church, went to be with the Lord on November 11. . . . Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Petersburg churches are building additions. . . . The new church being built in Wasilla is near enough to completion to be used for services this winter. . . . We have some Gold Crown Sunday Schools in Alaska this year!

### DEAF DIVISION

A new class for the deaf is being established in our Assembly in Fort Wayne, Indiana. . . . A periodical, entitled *The Silent Ambassador*, is now being edited by our Secretary of the Deaf Division, Paul Carlstrom, for the benefit of workers among the deaf. . . . A Workers' Seminar for those ministering to the deaf is being planned for next spring. . . . Over 100 students are learning the sign language in three of our Bible Schools. . . . Our Field Representative, Earl Walpole, is itinerating in Texas at present.

### FOREIGN-LANGUAGE GROUPS

More new churches are being established in Texas for Mexicans. . . . A report from Latin American Bible Institute in Ysleta, Texas, says there are 59 students attending this semester and that there is need of financial help. . . . Progress is reported by nearly all our foreign-language groups.

### INDIAN DIVISION

A new piece of property has been purchased in Hogansburg, New York, near St. Regis (Iroquois) Reservation and already 35 are attending Sunday School. . . . An Indian Conference was held in Phoenix, Arizona, where one of our largest Indian churches is located. . . . A new church building for the Apaches is being erected at Bylas, Arizona.

### INDUSTRIAL CHAPLAINCY DIVISION

The work of our Industrial Chaplain Charlie Martin of Tulsa, Oklahoma, received national publicity with a feature article carried by the Associated Press. The article made quite an impression in business circles.

### JEWISH DIVISION

A meeting of the Board of our Hebrew Mission in Chicago was held recently. . . . Herman Pencovic, after itinerating for a year showing the religious picture, "Three Minutes to Twelve," is now returning to his previous ministry, working entirely with the Jews. . . . A Hebrew-Christian couple, Charles and Jeanette Apton, are visiting many of our Assemblies in behalf of Jewish evangelism.

### NEW WORKS DIVISION

We are averaging better than one new church a day during 1952 in marching toward our goal of 10,000 Assemblies by the end of 1957. . . . Pioneer works are being started in virtually every district. . . . New goals for each district for 1953 may be found in

the January issue of *The Missionary Challenge*. . . . An army of enthusiastic Bible School students are engaging in regular prayer meetings for the various needs along the Home Front and on Foreign Mission fields.

### PRISON DIVISION

Our National Prison Representative, Arvid Ohnell, is now visiting many prisons, jails, churches, and schools throughout the Northwest. . . . Good reports are being received regarding services held November 9th, National Prison Sunday. . . . The special *Liberty* Evangeleaf and the new Prison tract were well received.

## THE INSATIABLE DESIRE OF THE REDEEMED

(Continued from page three)

and proportion, and be abused, misused and misdirected. But the wonderful Christ who knows and understands us perfectly can take a poor, distracted personality and cleanse it of sin, fill it with His own powerful and beautiful life, and cause an integration of all the essential elements of our makeup. He centers them upon His own supreme being and builds us anew. He does not destroy; rather, He cleanses and unifies the personality, and causes it to function normally and perfectly for God's glory.

The question of desire has long been debated, and in many lines of philosophic thought it has become a problem. All are conscious of the human urges. Though these urges take various forms, expressions and tones of emphasis they remain with us. Back of all the forms of outer expression we find desire, for without this they are meaningless. This unique quality in our makeup is God-given and is one of the marks which lifts man above the animal kingdom.

It is not possible for us to do all the things we would like to do, nor to become all that we would like to be, but God sees our desire if it is there. Remember what Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 8:12 concerning giving: "If there be first a willing mind [desire], it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." It is in the field of desire that God sees us, and it is here that He longs to work with us and help us. But man is so used to the external, tangible world in conduct that often he completely fails because he does not deal directly with the desire question. He gets into conflict, failure or frustration in his outer life because he ignores or is ignorant of the fact that outer conduct is but a reflection of the real man inside.

Most religions have something to say and do with this question, since it is common to all mankind. Hinduism would get rid of it by a process and technique designed to bring the personality to a desireless Brahman. Buddhism offers a different solution—strike it with death and kill all desire for life (a strange and subtle delusion) and so enter Nirvana. But Jesus has the true solution. He recognizes desire as a very necessary part of life, not only on the natural plane but also in the realm of our spirits, and instead of condemning it He

## Our Faithful Home Missionaries

—will welcome an extra check at Christmas time as a small token of our appreciation for them. We must also remember those in our Children's Homes and at Pinellas Park. Your offering may answer

## The Heartfelt Prayer

—of some home missionary, or perhaps that of a tiny tot in one of our Children's Homes. Only eternity will reveal the whole story. Kindly address your offering to the

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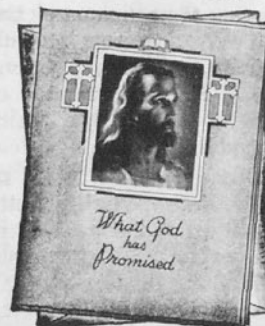
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He is not telling them to go and *do* something. He wants them to *become* something. It is easier to do than to be. He presents the blueprint and then tells them to carry it out to completion in their lives. His words were both a challenge and a command. He was not telling them (in the sermon on the Mount) to be perfect in the sense of being holy and sinless. Nevertheless, the Bible does command us to be holy. See 1 Peter 1:16; 1 Peter 2:9; Ephesians 1:4; 1 Corinthians 7:34, etc. The word used here is *hagios*, meaning sacred, or morally blameless. We are told to be holy. We are also told to "go on to perfection" (*teleios*); that is, to completeness, to the consummation, to the fulfillment of God's purpose for the new man. We are to *grow*. This is the end toward which God is working. Read Romans 8:29. The Word does not say that God has predestinated us to go to heaven. It does say that He has predestinated us to be conformed to the image of His Son.

Now let us go back to our theme of desire. Desire rules. Jesus recognized this and therefore He demanded a surrender of life in all of its meanings to Himself. We submit our lives to Him in a full surrender, even unto death. This death is the very means by which He releases us from all the hidden dangers that still lurk in the realm of natural life. We reckon ourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, and this very necessary act brings desire up and out upon a spiritual level where it can move freely in God. It becomes sane, safe, holy and amazing in its outreaches. Here nothing upon earth can ever satisfy it. The desire while we tarry here is insatiable; He wants it so. He and He alone is the answer, the center, the source to which the hungry heart ever looks for satisfaction. O matchless Christ! The One solitary grandeur of the world!

"I wear in heart an image all divine." This refers, of course, to the creative act of God. We are created in the image and likeness of God—not a corporeal likeness, but a moral and spiritual likeness, as mentioned in Ephesians 4:23, 24 and Colossians 3:10. The process going on now in the new creation is the restoration of the image of the Son, and our conforming thereto.

"I hear God call to taste His heavenly power." Paul says that we are called "unto a fellowship" (1 Corinthians 1:9). As a rule, people think of God's call as merely

## NEW EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER



**J. O. Savell, former Texas District Superintendent, is now a member of the Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God. He is taking up his new duties at the national headquarters at Springfield, Missouri, this month.**

**Brother Savell was chosen during the annual meeting of the General Presbyters in September to serve as an Assistant General Superintendent and to be Director of Publications at the Gospel Publishing House.**

**M. B. Netzel, Assistant Superintendent of the Texas District, is assuming the duties of Texas District Superintendent. Remember to pray for these good brethren as they take up their new responsibilities.**

a call to heaven, but here we find a call to a fellowship which precedes heaven. This fellowship is a phase of life right here and now on earth, and is for a specific and necessary reason. It is a relationship established by God and it deepens and comes into maturity as one yields to the demands and requirements laid down for its realization. It reaches past the external life of sense.

Many hear God call them from sin and from the world, but I am not now speaking of that call. I speak of a call that comes more definitely to the Christian after the initial steps of salvation, of water baptism, and of baptism with the Spirit. It reaches the ocean floor of the heart—the seat of desire and motives and the veiled recesses of selfhood. This call reaches the more subtle form of the ego. It gets at the real person. God longs to bring the soul into a conscious relationship with Himself as *fire*. Fire does so many things—it cleanses, frees, reduces, refines. The fire is heavenly and must be so, since no natural force or process planned by man can accomplish the necessary miracle. It demands *all* of life.

"I give my all to burn life's single hour." When I think of the eternal ages ahead and

know I am born for them, then this earthly life seems but a single little hour. Oh, but what an important hour! Here and now I must settle and plan the issues which project themselves on into eternity. Christ knew that, and in His teaching concerning the deeper and fuller life He let His followers know it was no easy matter. He did not say, "Now just confess your sins and accept Christ and all things are yours." Instead He made very stringent and searching demands of those who wish to enter fully into all that He has for us. We must deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow Him (Luke 9:23). Instead of loving our life we must lose it for His sake (Matthew 10:39). We must love Him more than we love our father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters (Luke 14:26).

And why? one may ask. Oh, friends, a miracle awaits the one who thus dares to yield all to God. "So let me burn through fetters that would bind." The fire frees and releases the soul. One finds freedom from earthly bondage and the soul experiences a rich spiritual illumination. The fetters of tradition, old forms, religious habits (religious but not born of the Spirit), unscriptural dogmatism and so much of natural setup in the religious life, are burned off. All this and more is consumed in the fire of God.

This flame is like the Word of God—the lovely Truth which now has a ministry in the inner life. As surely as the Blood cleanses us from sin, so does the Truth, this heavenly Fire, cleanse and set free the soul from hindering and binding things which would keep us from entering into that fuller understanding of His glorious purpose for us. "Thus will I learn and freedom will I find." This is the true liberty which God has for those who will pay the price. The Christian life is a series of crises and cycles of growth.

There is a deep and glorious spiritual evolution for those who meet the demands God requires. The new life becomes a schooling and a divine process of becoming. Here we are disentangled and extricated from the old, Adamic setup. Life becomes a series of divinely planned experiences in which God is faithfully working to release us and adjust us to a life in Himself.

How our hearts thrill at the thought of the ultimate victory. For this all creation is waiting and toward it all creation is moving. The heart once set on fire and illuminated in this fellowship can never, never rest in any form or pattern of earthly life. An insatiable desire, a divine discontent, a heavenly restlessness is its holy obsession. Here and now we may give birth to (but not fully realize) the character qualities we desire to possess in the ages to come. We find all these noble and ideal qualities in Christ. He is the embodiment of all perfection, the personification of all truth.

Oh, marvelous and wonderful Christ, we adore and love Him. We are changed as we behold Him. All that our souls desire is found in Him. Our deepest desires shall yet be realized for,

"I shall return to Love's eternal fire,  
There shall I burn—a satisfied desire."

We shall return! We are homeward bound!  
Again, again this restless heart shall melt

and move in God. We shall not lose our identity of personalities. Each unique personality will persist through the ages. But we shall find a oneness such as Christ prayed for. His prayer shall yet be answered. We shall find in Him that completion for which we were given a new birth.

Yes, we shall continue to burn, glow, and move in God—a satisfied desire!

## PUT THE CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS

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Of all mankind, but still we find that people often say,

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*Chorus:*

But won't you put the Christ back into Christmas,

Won't you let this holiday be His;

If you've never thought it over, won't you make the start

To put the Christ-child in the very center of your heart?

They've taken out the name of Christ and put an "X" instead,

They had no time for Him, no room in Bethlehem's inn;

This world of care may have its share of worry and of strife,

But Christ was sent to help you, so give to Him your life.

(The above song was written by the wife of an Assemblies of God pastor, in response to a request of the "Put Christ Back Into Christmas" Committee in the Calumet region of northern Indiana and Illinois. It is available in sheet music at 25 cents a copy. Please order direct from the author, Mrs. Paul H. Cox, 2431 168th Street, Hammond, Indiana.)

## NEWS

### REVIVALTIME GOES ON STRONG CLEAR-CHANNEL STATION IN CHICAGO

The Radio Department has added the largest station on the REVIVALTIME list to its radio log. REVIVALTIME is being released now on WENR, Chicago's 50,000-watt clear-channel station, located at 890 on the radio dial. The program is heard between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m. each Sunday evening. This is the time when the listening audience is at its peak. From 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. on Sunday evening is Class A time. This is the highest priced time because listener surveys have shown that the listening audience is the greatest during these hours.

Since REVIVALTIME is strictly a missionary project with its purpose of reaching men, women, boys and girls who are outside the Assemblies of God church and who perhaps would never come, the Radio Department feels this is one of the greatest opportunities it has ever met. It reaches (according to BMB, which is a conservative report), 5,658,000 radio

homes which is the night-time listening audience for WENR.

E. M. Clark, director of the Radio Department, says: "A careful study of the listening habits of the people in our country has shown that most people tune their radios to a good station, one that is carefully programmed, and keep it tuned in all day. This is the reason we feel we are so fortunate in putting REVIVALTIME on this station. This is just before the ten o'clock news and millions of people will be tuned in at this hour. REVIVALTIME is winning souls wherever it is released, and we have faith to believe that from the millions of those who hear REVIVALTIME on WENR each Sunday evening there will be those who will accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

"We urge ministers to include the announcement of REVIVALTIME'S release on WENR at 9:30 to 10:00 each Sunday, 890 kilocycles, in your church notes in your local paper. This will link the program to your local work and will draw attention to your church.

"Pray with us for a great harvest of souls. Radio will go behind closed doors that you and I cannot enter. It will find an entrance into hearts that are closed to our testimony. We trust that this added outlet for REVIVALTIME will hasten the coming of our Lord by getting the news to millions more."

### JOSEPH NEELY JOINS "REVIVALTIME" STAFF AS FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Joseph Neely, Wyoming District Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, has accepted an invitation to join the national Radio Department and to serve as Field Representative for "Revivaltime."

Brother Neely is well known throughout our Fellowship, having preached in nearly every State. After a number of years on the evangelistic field, he engaged in pastoral ministry at Casper, Wyoming. Then when Wyoming became a separate District in 1949 he was elected to serve as Superintendent of the new District, and he resigned his church to give his whole effort to building up the work throughout the State. In this endeavor he achieved real success, for in three years the number of assemblies grew from eleven to thirty under his leadership.

Beginning around January 1, Brother Neely will present the challenge of the radio ministry of "Revivaltime" in the assemblies throughout the country. Any pastor desiring a visit from the new Field Representative should write to the Radio Department, P. O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.

There is a thrilling story to tell regarding the past accomplishments of the radio ministry, as well as the future opportunities. Various projects, new plans for adding more stations in this country and abroad, golden opportunities for reaching the unreached with the message of full salvation—these are some of the challenging parts in the story that Brother Neely will bring to the various assemblies. He will have a stirring message for all who love the cause of world evangelization.

### AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

OAKLAND, CALIF.—We recently closed a very inspiring four-week meeting with Evangelist Lorne J. Case of Kitchener, Ont., Canada. Many of the older members say that it was one of the best meetings we have had. Brother Case preaches the Word with unction and has a wonderful testimony.—F. A. Sturgeon, Pastor, First Assemblies of God Church.

PLAINFIELD, WIS.—We had 13 nights of meetings with Evangelists Marc Conley and Wayne Conklin. Our hearts were stirred from night to night. Several were healed, 14 came forward for salvation, and one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Sunday School attendance increased. We are praising God for the wonderful way He met with us.—Irvin E. Bowers, Pastor.

SIoux CITY, IOWA—We enjoyed a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Dan Kricorian. The attendance was excellent. About 25 knelt for salvation.—S. E. Johnson, Pastor.

CHRISTINE, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. T. S. Miles of Kenedy, Texas, were with us in a meeting. Our people were encouraged and drawn closer to the Lord. Several testified to healing.—E. J. Ford, Pastor.

CHATTAROY, W. VA.—On November 2 we closed a five-week meeting with Evangelist G. R. Fannin. Eleven were saved, seven received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and many were healed.—D. B. Watson, Pastor.

PALMYRA, MO.—Night after night the glory of God came down in the old-fashioned way during the meeting with Evangelist Otis Runyon of Loveland, Colo. Several knelt at the altar for salvation and 22 were baptized with the Holy Ghost.—Ivan R. Loy, Pastor.

LONGVIEW, TEX.—Evangelist B. D. Bennett of California was with us for five days and our church was greatly helped. One received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, several came to the altar for salvation, and a number testified to healing.—J. L. McKinley, Pastor, Oak Grove Assembly.

MIAMI, FLA.—We have experienced a gracious visitation from the Lord under the anointed leadership of Evangelist John M. Wilkerson. A number were saved, reclaimed, or baptized with the Holy Ghost. We are rejoicing in God for His blessings.—Fred H. Neubauer, Pastor, Christian Assembly.

ENGLAND, ARK.—On October 14 we closed a successful meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Pettitt of Parlier, Calif. Twenty were saved, two were filled with the Holy Ghost, and 14 were baptized in water. Brother Pettitt's soul-stirring messages revived and blessed our people.—H. C. Ezell, Pastor.

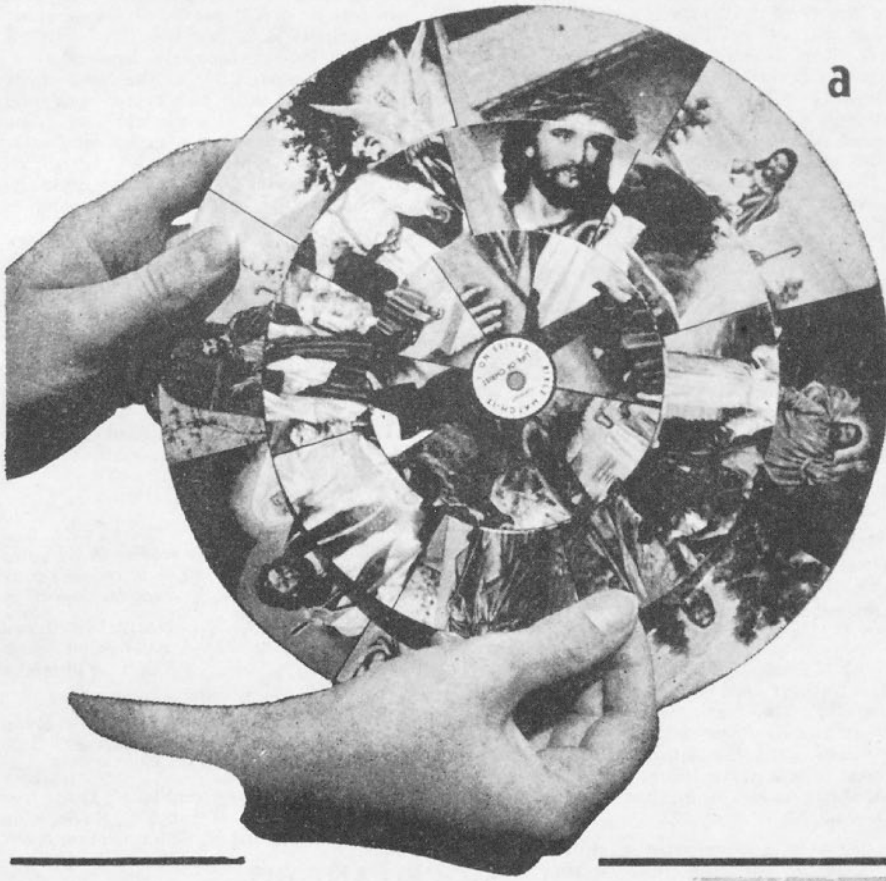
LINEVILLE, IOWA—We recently closed a two-week meeting with Evangelist Howard Hannah of Kansas City, Mo. We appreciated the Spirit-anointed messages of Brother Hannah. Many new contacts were made, and many new people attended the church. On the closing Sunday, all previous attendance records were broken with 207 present.—C. A. Weaver, Pastor.

LEBANON, OREG.—We thank God for the Pentecostal messages presented from night to night by Evangelist Eugene Smith of Cheyenne, Wyo. under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. God moved in a wonderful way. Souls were saved, 21 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and a number were healed. This was Brother Smith's second meeting with us in two years.—H. D. Robeson, Pastor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—God has been blessing our church and our people have been strengthened and encouraged. During a recent three-week meeting, 14 confessed Christ as their Saviour, and two were saved in their homes. The Sunday School is continuing to press forward.—Burton Lancaster, Glad Tidings Assembly of God.

DIXON, ILL.—Our entire church was blessed under the preaching of Evangelist Herbert W. Totten of Waxahachie, Tex. Many new faces were seen in the services and there were several outstanding healings. A young married woman was healed of a long standing spinal injury, and another of a blood infection. One lady received the baptism of the Holy Ghost when hands were laid on her for healing.—A. J. Wells, Pastor.

LUBBOCK, TEX.—The North Side Assembly of God was blessed and encouraged through the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. W. H. Magee and daughter, Billie, of Dallas, Tex. Several backsliders returned to God, and the entire church was stirred and edified. Over 15 testified that they had received a refilling of the Holy Spirit. There were some remarkable healings. God has given us a new vision for missions and the offering has more than doubled.—Scott F. Mitchell, Pastor.



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**MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA**—We were privileged to have Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Vanderploeg with us for five nights Oct. 15-19. Six came to the altar to seek the Lord, and 32 new people attended our church during the meeting.

We have a wonderful group of people here who have a mind to labor for the Lord. Next year, if Jesus tarries, we hope to have the Vanderploegs back for a meeting in our beautiful church which will be completed in the early part of the year.—M. E. Parlotz, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

**WEST LOS ANGELES, CALIF.**—We have just concluded a most refreshing meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Bob L. Sheran of Hollywood, Calif. The anointed preaching on the second coming of Christ stirred our people to move forward for God before it is too late. We have been made to realize the nearness of His coming. Sister Sheran's unusual manner of praising God in song was a blessing to all who heard her. Among the number who were saved were three Catholic friends. The Lord brought them out of darkness into His wonderful light.—T. C. Cunningham, Pastor, Faith Tabernacle.

**DIBOLL, TEX.**—In 1942, I was suffering severely with a broken back. I promised God that if He would heal me I would be a yielded servant for Him. He healed me and took me at my word. I made some benches, placed them under a shade tree beside Highway 59, and began preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. After this, the Lord gave us a tent in which to worship. The Sunday School attendance reached 75 while we were in the tent.

In the spring of 1951, God enabled us to secure a lot and we started to build a church. On July 13, 1951, the church was completed and dedicated to the Lord. We thank the Lord for this beautiful little church. In our first revival in the new church several were saved or reclaimed, 15 were filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, and many others were refilled.—A. K. Johnson, Pastor.

**BETHPAGE, L. I., N. Y.**—On November 2 we finished a two-week campaign with Evangelist Morris Cerullo of Newburgh, N. Y. From the first night the Lord was with us in an unusual way.

We came here to pastor this church about eight weeks ago. We felt that the Lord had definitely led us and we were assured that He was going to work in our midst. The average Sunday School attendance was around 50. The first week of the meeting we broke all records with 87 present. The second Sunday we had 93. The meetings grew to such proportions that we had to bring in extra chairs and had the children sit all around the altar. The people were stirred to work for the Lord.

Now we are in a building program, and Brother Cerullo got behind it. He raised funds for the building, and stirred the enthusiasm of the people so that they are ready to work and give. We praise God for Brother Cerullo's ministry. We hope he will come back when our church, which will seat 450, is completed.—W. A. Radawski, Pastor, Bethpage Assembly of God.

**GALESBURG, ILL.**—It has been our happy privilege to have the Grafner-White Evangelistic Party with us for two weeks. From the beginning every service was blessed with the presence of the Lord. Under the anointed ministry of Evangelist Dorothy White and the inspiring music of Edith and Gerry Grafner, 23 were saved or reclaimed. The meetings were made more precious to us because of the marked earnestness of these three young people. Attendance increased night after night, and many attended our church for the first time. We believe we will continue to benefit from this meeting.—George W. Clark, Pastor, Calvary Pentecostal Church.

**WILLIAMSPORT, PA.**—We enjoyed a profitable meeting with Evangelist John Higginbotham of Cleveland, Ohio. Eight or ten came to the altar for salvation, and two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in a very precious way.

One man, who had been unable to raise his arm above his shoulder for many years, received instant, definite healing. Others also testified to being healed.

Nearly all of our young people were refilled with the Spirit and have a greater zeal to work for God. We appreciated Brother Higginbotham's messages from God's Word, which were brought in the power and demonstration of the Spirit.—Theodore B. Terry, Pastor.

**RICHLAND CENTER, WIS.**—For three weeks Evangelists Delbert and Beatrice (Best) Bucher of Springfield, Mo. were with us in a meeting. Souls were saved, others reclaimed, and a number were filled with the Spirit. Several testified to healing. There were many times of rejoicing and worship around the altar as the people sought the Lord.

We recently purchased a lovely brick church and parsonage. During the meeting Brother Bucher raised \$1100 dollars toward the building fund and \$700 of this amount was paid in cash.

Evangelist and Mrs. Bucher were a blessing in our radio work. Their musical ability and consecrated ministry became a benefit to the whole community.—Walter C. Anderson, Pastor.

**ST. LOUIS, MO.**—After spending two years on the evangelistic field, we have taken charge of the Evangelistic Center, 1601 N. 19th St. at Howard, which was formerly known as the Pentecostal Full Gospel Church. We have started a continuous revival with a service each night at 8 p.m. God is meeting us in this effort and we are looking forward to a great soul-saving station where people will be saved, filled with the Spirit, and healed of their afflictions.—Powhattan Huffman, Evangelist and Pastor.

**ST. CLOUD, MINN.**—Evangelist and Mrs. W. R. Hurst Sr. conducted special meetings for two weeks with the Christians desiring a deeper walk with God. After the meetings closed the Hursts supplied as pastor until the newly elected pastor, Martin Gerdes, arrived. The church was benefited by Brother Hurst's ministry, and his teaching on prophecy made us more conscious of the nearness of the Lord's coming. The Hursts left St. Cloud to fill in at Grenada, Minn.—Mark Cole, Church Secretary, Gospel Tabernacle Assembly.

## 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.

**FORT WORTH, TEX.**—Northside Evangelistic Tabernacle, Dec. 21—; Evangelist W. L. Miles, Kansas City, Mo. (Jacob Filbert is Pastor.)


**SANTA MARIA, CALIF.**—Dec. 31—; Evangelists R. H. and Louise Bishop, Denver, Colo. (James W. Dollins is Pastor.)

**CHARITON, IOWA**—Assembly of God, Dec. 9—; Evangelist and Mrs. Ralph Houghton, Confidence, Iowa.—by Merlin N. Steen, Pastor.


## MISCELLANEOUS

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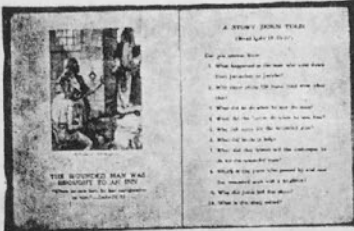
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