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"These hath God married,  
And no man shall part:  
Dust on the Bible  
And drought in the heart."



Holy Bible

# PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

## King-Size Audacity

With one tobacco company after another advertising "king-size" cigarettes, competition grew so keen that one firm seized upon the trademark "king of kings!" It even tried to copyright the phrase so that it would apply exclusively to its particular brand of cigarettes! Someone who knew his Bible quickly squelched this attempt by quoting Revelation 19:16.

## Million Copies of Well-Known Bible Story Book Sold

The millionth copy of Egermeier's Bible Story Book came off the press last month. The well-known book, published by the Gospel Trumpet Company at Anderson, Ind., first appeared thirty years ago. The author, Miss Elsie Egermeier, now lives in Oklahoma City. She said that when she wrote the 234 Bible stories in 1923 she thought the book might sell "a few hundred, or possibly a thousand, copies, but no one even dreamed it would ever reach a million."

## New Mormon Temple

Not all the new church buildings are being built by evangelicals, by any means. Modernists, Catholics, Jews, and various cults are all building bigger and finer houses of worship. The Mormons recently laid the cornerstone in a new four-million-dollar temple in West Los Angeles, Calif. All of the Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints were present for the ceremony except Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture, and Legrand Richards, now on a missionary tour. It will be the largest Mormon temple ever built.

## The Bible in Egypt's Schools

Bible lessons and Christian ethics will be introduced soon in the government-run schools of Moslem Egypt. In the past, only Islam has been taught. Under the new policy, all Christian students will receive Christian instruction during the same period when Moslem pupils are studying their own religion. Textbooks for the Christian classes will be provided by the government.

## Parents Seek National Board To Censor Comic Books

The Philadelphia Home and School Council, representing parent groups in 216 public schools, has suggested the creation of a national Comic Review Board with "power to disapprove comic books that keynote crime and violence."

The Council, addressing the U. S. Senate Sub-committee on Juvenile Delinquency, said that such books "create a pervasive atmosphere of deceit, trickery, cruelty, sadism and violence; contribute to juvenile delinquency; and adversely affect children."

## Worker-Priests in France

The Roman Catholic Church in France has been experimenting with the idea of sending priests into the industrial world without their clerical garb. It sent eighty priests in working clothes to work alongside the laboring men in French factories and win them back from Communism—but the plan backfired to some extent. Certain priests, instead of winning the Communists over to their Church, were won over to Marxist thought themselves! Hereafter the worker-priests will operate on a different basis. They will be more carefully selected and trained for their mission. They will only work in the factories on a part-time basis, and will maintain a connection with a community of priests, and not give up all their priestly duties.

## Importance of Rural Churches

It is said that two-thirds of the rural population of the United States (forty million people) do not belong to any church or denomination. There are states where the proportion of rural people attached to a church is as low as 10 and 12 per cent. Throughout rural America, thirteen million children and young people of school age receive no religious instruction.

Protestant churches of various denominations are becoming concerned over this situation and are taking steps to strengthen their rural work. The Southern Baptists, for example, are instituting a series of annual conferences for rural pastors. Their first national rural church conference will be held in Decatur, Ga., in May.

## A Roman Holiday?

Once a year, the ancient Romans observed a day in honor of Bacchus, their god of wine. It was a day given over to revelry, drunkenness and debauchery. Judging by the pre-Christmas advertising of alcoholic beverages it would appear that the liquor people would like to turn Christmas into that kind of a Roman holiday. *Life Magazine*, for example, doubled its amount of liquor ads for six weeks. Usually it has an income of \$196,000 per issue from its liquor ads, but for six issues preceding Christmas it had an average income of over \$400,000 per issue.

Christ and Bacchus have nothing in common. What the traffickers in alcoholic liquors are bringing into the American Christmas is foreign to everything Christ came to do.

## No Bottles of Liquor to Be Sold at U. S. Army Bases

The Defense Department has reversed its policy concerning the sale of liquor by the bottle at military posts, in deference to protests from church groups, temperance organizations, and retail liquor interests.

The revised policy prohibits such sales at commissioned and non-commissioned officers' messes in the U. S., although sale by the drink is still permitted.

## An Ancient Relic

An ancient scarab, apparently lost by the commander of the Philistines when he was defeated by King David, has been found in the Vale of Rephaim. Israeli scholars say the well-preserved object, once used as a seal, may be the earliest relic ever discovered in this Biblical battleground outside of Jerusalem. It is engraven with designs of an Egyptian pharaoh of the twentieth dynasty.

## Catholics in North Carolina Make Bid for the Entire State

Roman Catholics recently conducted a well-organized campaign to reach all the people of North Carolina with their propaganda. Their lay members went from door to door, handing out Catholic literature and inviting people to look into the Catholic faith. At the same time, a series of Catholic ads was run simultaneously in selected newspapers throughout the state, and public lectures were announced in each community.

The Catholics said it was the first campaign of its kind ever conducted on a state-wide basis. They claimed they succeeded in giving a personal invitation to "the great majority of people in North Carolina." What are we evangelicals doing to acquaint the public with our message? Are we as zealous and as thorough in our evangelistic work as these Catholic laymen?

## Holdup Attempt Foiled

A service station attendant in Houston, Tex., foiled a holdup attempt December 18 and won the would-be robber to Christ.

Willie Hargrave, 19, said the man entered the service station at 9:45 p.m. and began a conversation. Hargrave noticed a bottle of whisky in the man's pocket and began preaching to him on the evils of alcohol. He said he suspected the man intended to hold him up. Hargrave's "sermon" so moved the man that he went outside, broke the whisky bottle, and returned to kneel in the service station and pray to God for forgiveness of his sins.

Through his tears the repentant man said, "I came in to hold you up, but now I can't do it." He explained that he had decided to stage a holdup because his wife had spent all their money buying Christmas presents. He failed to get the money he had intended to steal, but instead he received something better—the gift of eternal life—and he said, "This is the best Christmas present I ever got."

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# Why Did the Church Grow?

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OUR SAVIOUR likened the kingdom of God to a mustard seed planted in the earth, tiny but mighty. The seed was less than all the seeds in the earth, but it grew into the greatest of all the herbs.

The Book of Acts is a marvelous commentary on this parable of Jesus, for in that Book the phenomenal growth of the early Church is constantly emphasized. On the Day of Pentecost about three thousand souls were saved (Acts 2:41). The Sanhedrin tried to stop the activity of the Church, but in spite of persecution another five thousand believed on the Lord (4:4). Even Jewish priests were converted (6:7). Such large numbers were added to the Church that Luke was able to say that the Word of God multiplied (12:24) and prevailed (19:20).

Why did the Church grow so rapidly? If we can discover the reasons, perhaps we can see the same results in our day. We may be assured of the blessing of the Holy Spirit if we practice those methods of the early Church which brought her unusual increase.

Edward Gibbon in *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* names five reasons for this growth.

## I

*The inflexible zeal of the Christians, derived from the Jewish religion, but purified from the narrow and unsocial spirit, which had deterred the Gentiles from embracing the law of Moses.*

The Jews were very zealous for their religion (Matt. 23:15). Their devotion is well expressed in Psalm 137:4-6: "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy."

Despite their zeal, however, the Jews had never been able to win many Gentile proselytes to their religion. Their ranks were kept stable largely through their birth rate. This lack of interest resulted, in part, from the Jews' hypocritical habits of prayer (Matt. 6:5) and their intolerant attitudes concerning traditions (ch. 15:3). But of all the barriers which confronted the heathen, circumcision was apparently the greatest.

The Hebrew religion provided the background for Christianity, and the greatest number of converts were Jewish. When these Jews embraced the teachings of Jesus, it was quite natural for them to cling to their traditional zeal.

But Pentecost brought both vision and devotion to the early Church. Their new experience in the Lord Jesus Christ was so real that nothing could deter them from carrying out His commission. To the urgency of the divine command was added the inner impulse of the Spirit, making them willing to do anything for the cause of Christ.

Oh, that the Church today might have that same inflexible zeal for the Kingdom of God! If we did, nothing could hinder us from accomplishing God's work. Die-hard Communists keep only enough money from their wages to provide themselves a meager living—the rest they give for propagating their beliefs. They openly devote all their spare time to spreading their doctrine of hate. Can we, dare we, as Christians do less for the cause which is our very life?

## II

*The doctrine of a future life, improved by every additional circumstance which could give weight and efficacy to that important truth.*

There were many heathen religions in the days of the early Church, each of them claiming to be right. But they were all based on mythology and none of them offered any certain hope of a future life. Even in Judaism the Pharisees and Sadducees were divided over this great issue.

But the early Church held the certainty of a future life as one of its chief doc-

trines. And they had proof for their beliefs in the resurrection of Jesus. In spite of the Roman guard at the tomb, the stone had been rolled away, and Christ had come forth, victorious over death! An angel informed the amazed disciples that their Lord had risen as He had promised.

Nevertheless, the skeptics challenged the doctrine of the resurrection. But their bold attacks could not make the loyal Christians doubt what they had witnessed with their own eyes. In fact, more than five hundred Christians had seen the resurrected Christ at one time. They had a living evidence of the resurrection and went everywhere proclaiming it with an unprecedented zeal. The assurance of the resurrection is invaluable, for it brings great comfort to those who have prepared for it. Many questions about the future occupy the minds of those on the western slope of life, those with the sun setting full in their face. The memory of the past may not be pleasant, but to face the future would be even more dreadful—were it not for Christ's presence. If He is with us we have the assurance of the future life which the early Church taught.

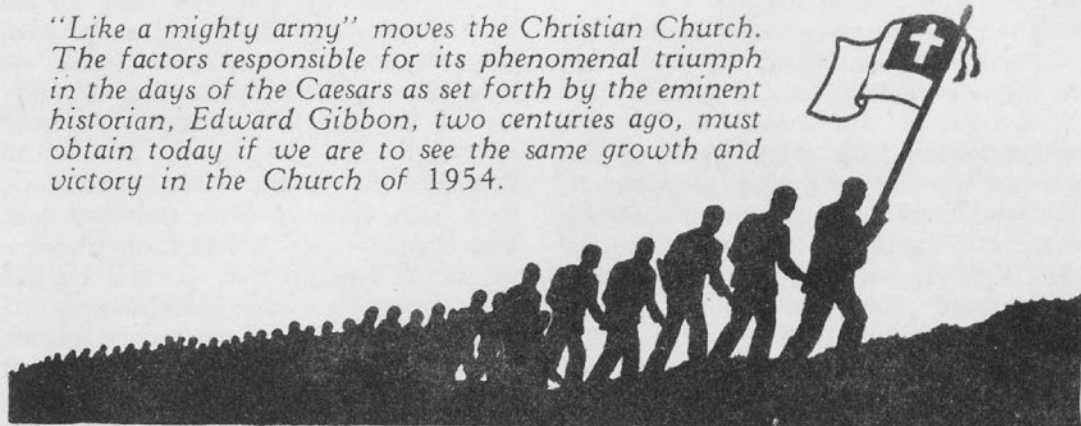
## III

*The miraculous powers ascribed to the Christian Church.*

The same power whereby Jesus Christ performed miracles was vested in His followers. Everywhere the Christians preached and witnessed in the power of His name they saw great "signs and wonders" take place. The purpose of this power was to attract the unsaved to Jesus (John 20:30, 31).

Contrary to popular belief, miracles

*"Like a mighty army" moves the Christian Church. The factors responsible for its phenomenal triumph in the days of the Caesars as set forth by the eminent historian, Edward Gibbon, two centuries ago, must obtain today if we are to see the same growth and victory in the Church of 1954.*



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did not end with the passing of the apostles. Dodwell concludes that there were even more miracles during the second century than in the first. It should not have been otherwise, for the Church was still growing in numbers and carrying its message to more distant places. It was not uncommon, after seasons of fasting and prayer, for the Church to see the dead raised to life. "The persons thus restored . . . lived afterwards among them many years," says Gibbon. What a glowing testimony to the faithfulness of God and the allegiance of the Christians!

#### IV

*The pure and austere morals of the Christians.*

The morality of the Christians was more persuasive than any other characteristic of their lives. They sought out the worst sinners, even criminals, and worked with them patiently to lead them into salvation. Some of their most devout saints were former criminals. The new converts were taught two simple rules: complete repentance of sin, and loyalty to the new faith they had embraced as a result of their salvation.

The desire for perfection became the ruling passion of their souls. This desire may have led the Christians to some extremes, but it also served to unite them. In an effort, then, to please their Lord they formed their exclusive society. They found joy and complete satisfaction in the association of one another, apart from the questionable habits of the world. In those days the masses in the Roman Empire engaged in every known sin, and no one questioned their practice before the coming of Christianity. The Christians' godly lives stood out in sharp contrast, and they became at once the object of attack as well as of admiration. So faithfully did the early Church abide by the teachings of their leaders that Tertullian was able to say that very few Christians had been executed, except because of their religion.

#### V

*The union and discipline of the Christian Church, which gradually formed an independent and increasing state in the heart of the Roman Empire.*

The early Christians were dead to the business and pleasures of the world; and as they devoted themselves to the spread of the gospel, countless thousands were added to the faith. The impact of this increase was felt greatly in heathen Rome. Far and near new groups of believers came into existence. It soon became evident that some form of relationship must be honored among them if their society was to be preserved. The groups which were formed in the cities of the Roman Empire were previously united only by the ties of faith and charity. Each group

was sovereign and independent, though part of the great body of Christ.

Gibbon says that the ministry of teaching and discipline at first was supplied by prophets, called without regard for their age or sex. They simply felt a divine impulse to minister and so poured forth their messages. But a train of disorders followed the abuse of these gifts, until it appeared unwise to endorse the office of prophet any longer. Then the offices of bishop and presbyter came into prominence. The term presbyter was expressive of age and wisdom, while bishop denoted inspection over the faith and manners of the Christians. Before the end of the first century, the humble office of presbyter was abolished in preference for the loftier title of bishop, which the majority of the churches adopted.

It is evident from the Scriptures that

God honored these five factors in the early Church—an inflexible zeal; the doctrine of a future life; miracles; upright Christian living; and Church discipline. They certainly helped the Church to grow.

Even in this late hour we consider these principles as fundamentals. We must never compromise with the world and the sinister forces which constantly beset the path of the Church of Jesus Christ, if we want the Church's influence to increase. The need of the hour is for us to remain loyal to "those things which are most surely believed among us." Let us "earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints." The divine injunction to God's people is still, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

## Enriched in Him

Evangelist David Leigh

A New York City newspaper once reported the death of an elderly man, emphasizing that for many months he had lived in abject poverty. A few months later this paper published a second report, stating that after printing of the death notice it was discovered that the man's relatives had been trying unsuccessfully to find him for two years. A wealthy uncle had left him a large sum of money, and they wanted to tell him about it.

As I read that second report, my heart was stirred. Why, that man could have lived in luxury the rest of his life if he had just known about the money that had been left to him! Moreover, I thought of the thousands of God's chosen people who are living in spiritual poverty, simply because they do not know about the great and glorious inheritance which is theirs, here and now, IN HIM. "Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich" (2 Cor. 8:9).

We are not the insignificant folk many people think we are. We have an inheritance; we are rich beyond comparison. But, alas, we do not know it—we are going around like paupers when in reality we are princes. "Now are we the sons of God," says the apostle John. And Paul adds the glorious truth, "If children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ. . . ." Wonder of wonders, we are SONS, HEIRS, JOINT HEIRS—all because we abide IN HIM!

Shortly after we arrived on this planet, each of us made an awful discovery: that we, by our first birth, were in ADAM, and as a consequence were heirs to sick-

ness, pain, sorrow, and death. But, glory to God, since we have been born again from above, we are in Christ; and we have become the heirs of all the joy, peace, life, victory, and power that are His.

At first, the older brother in Luke 15 complained about the way his father received the Prodigal—his father had never given him a kid! The older son failed to realize that all the kids in his father's flock were his; he could have had one every day of the week if he had wished! And we can reach into our Father's rich storehouse and partake of His good things, for they are ours in Him. "All things are yours, . . . and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's" (1 Cor. 3:21, 22).

IN HIM, we have the same acceptance with the Father as Jesus Christ has, for we are "accepted in the beloved." We have the same exalted position—Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father, and we sit together in heavenly places in Him. We have the same relationship to God as He—"Now are we the sons of God." His possessions are ours: Jesus is heir of all things (Heb. 1:2), and we are heirs through Christ (Gal. 4:7).

No wonder the apostle John cried exultantly, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!" Let us therefore rise from the dust of the old creation to the heights and glory of the new. Let us manifest the glorious benefits of the inheritance that is ours through the death, resurrection, ascension, and intercession of Him who loves us and gave Himself for us.

# The Holy Spirit in Genesis

Donald Gee

SOMEONE HAS aptly described the book of Genesis as the "Seed-plot" of the whole Bible. That is to say, every important line of truth and revelation is found in germ form in this great Book of Beginnings. This is found to be true of the Bible doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

There are just three references to the Spirit of God in Genesis. Taken together they constitute a remarkably accurate and illuminating foreshadow of the work of the Holy Spirit in later human experience. Let us turn to them.

## 1. The Spirit "Moving Upon" the Waters (Gen. 1:2)

All was chaos, and darkness was upon the face of the deep, and then "the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." The word used here for the Spirit's *moving* is singularly beautiful. Literally, it is "fluttering." The same Hebrew word is found in Deut. 32:11—"As an eagle . . . fluttereth over her young. . . ." The thought is that of a mother bird fluttering and brooding over her nest, instinct with life and love. The passage in Gen. 1:2 can be rendered, "And the Spirit of God hovered upon the face of

the waters." Although there is darkness, there is hope. The life-giving Spirit is there, operating with the Word of God, and thus fulfilling the eternal will of the Godhead.

It will immediately be seen how perfectly this prefigures the spiritual experience of the soul of man in the new creation which is in Christ Jesus. When all is dark and chaotic in the unregenerate heart, there is given by saving grace the brooding presence of the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Life-Giver. And it is by the work of that Blessed Spirit, in conjunction with the Word of God, that we are born anew.

For that reason we Pentecostal people and all Christians who have understanding of these things long and pray for the brooding presence of the Spirit of God at all times, but especially over our evangelistic efforts. There can be no substitute. All our zeal, all our organizing, all our preaching, all our music, all our reasoning, all our own striving can never be an effective substitute for that brooding presence when "God is drawing strangely near." It is that hovering over our souls of the love of God in Christ by the Spirit that produces conviction of sin, hunger after God, and readiness to accept Him by faith. It is all of grace. Therefore, for the brooding presence of the Spirit of God we especially intercede.

Meetings of believers that are rich with the sense of the Spirit's presence are like the gate of heaven to our souls. We feel that anything can happen—as indeed it may. At such hours we are melted, subdued, thrilled, quickened, inspired and blessed beyond words. Once we have

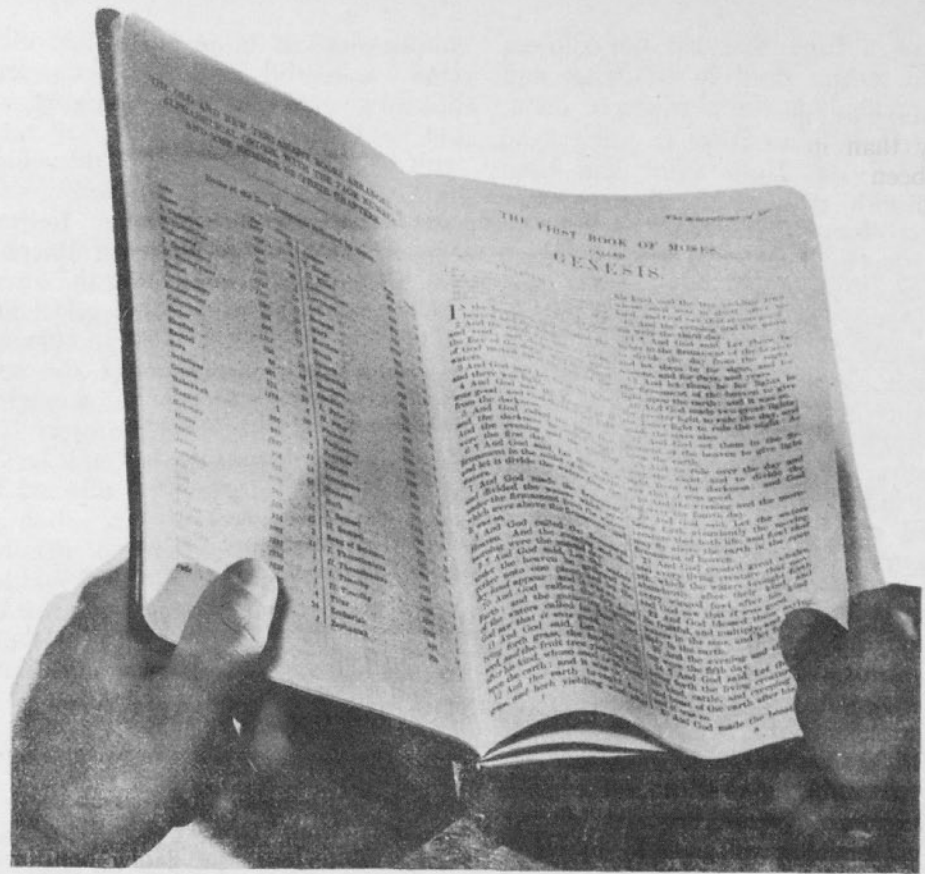
tasted such blessing, we can never again be satisfied with the emptiness of the merely outward show of religion, whether in carnal formalism or in carnal emotionalism.

Spiritual gifts, rightly exercised, are particularly the divine method for making us feel that God is among us of a truth. The collective experience in a truly Pentecostal meeting is shared even by the unbelievers who may be present (1 Cor. 14:23-25). This over-arching sense of the hovering presence of the very Spirit of God is the supreme, distinctive glory of a Pentecostal meeting. It is difficult to find any better words to describe it than those of the second verse of the Bible; it is the Spirit of God "moving upon" every heart.

## 2. The Spirit "Striving With" Man (Gen. 6:3)

The word used here is a vast change from the "fluttering" of a mother-bird over her young. This is the striving of a determined wrestler. There is struggle, conflict, unrest, effort, contention.

Between the first reference in Genesis and this reference we read of the fall of man by voluntary transgression, and now the human race is in a state of miserable and depraved rebellion. The "Love that wilt not let me go" has to be manifested by a Creator who has been grieved at His heart (v. 6) and whose Spirit is striving with those utterly unwilling for fellowship and obedience to His will. The translation "strive with" seems an adequate and correct expression consistent with all later experience. The Holy Spirit of God does strive with rebellious souls, and men have either hated



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or adored a Love that has not allowed them to remain dead in trespasses and sins, particularly in the pleasures of them.

The classic illustration is surely Saul of Tarsus. The Holy Spirit had been striving with that proud Pharisee since the martyrdom of Stephen, and perhaps before. One manifestation was that Saul had been "exceedingly mad" (his own words, Acts 26:11) against the followers of Jesus of Nazareth. There are many today who have known something like that, when under the convicting grace of the Spirit of God. And there are many intercessors who dare to find strange comfort in the irritability and unhappiness of loved ones for whose salvation they are praying. It is the striving of God. The Holy Spirit is doing His own promised work of convincing of sin.

The Spirit strives with believers, too, when they resist His efforts to lead them into all truth. Well do I remember the battle in my own life forty-two years ago when God was speaking to me about water baptism. I watched the baptizing of by mother, and one of the deacons came up to me after the service and said very kindly, "Young man, you must be happy this evening that your mother has taken this step of obedience; and I suppose you will be next." I confess I wanted to knock him headlong right there in church! I was furious. The battle was raging within. But later I submitted.

Perhaps just because of that battle over baptism in water I had little personal inward conflict over accepting the truth of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. But I have always had great sympathy with those who do enter Pentecostal blessing only after many strivings. Even the Christian can lose all joy and peace for a time, when he ceases "believing" and is consciously or even subconsciously resisting the Holy Ghost.

God's Spirit will not always strive with us. His long-suffering is wonderful, but there comes an end when rebellion is hardened into stubbornness. The flood in Noah's day was the tragic sequel to the strivings of the Spirit that ultimately became in vain. Let us, for our warning, remember that there is an unpardonable sin—and it is against the Holy Ghost.

### 3. The Spirit "Dwelling Within" (Gen. 41:28)

It seems singularly beautiful and satisfying that the third reference to the Spirit in the Book of Genesis is to His indwelling a man of God. "Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?" was Pharaoh's comment upon Joseph's life. The consummation of the Divine purpose for human experience of the Holy Spirit lies in His indwelling. "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy

Ghost which is in you" (1 Cor. 6:19)? How wonderful—the Spirit no longer brooding over, no longer striving with, but finally at rest within, bearing witness with our spirits that we are the children of God.

It is noteworthy that the testimony concerning the indwelling of Joseph by the Spirit of God came from the heathen potentate, a man of the world. Something in Joseph compelled the admission. It was the manifestation of the supernatural in Joseph, first of all through his interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams (Gen. 41:25-32), followed by an equally God-given word of wisdom that directed Pharaoh for the saving of the nation (vv. 33-36). Powerfully exercised manifestations of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:7-11) are God's Pentecostal evidence that the Holy Spirit is dwelling both within the individual believer and in the Church, which is the body of Christ.

It seems to me that the finest expression of the gratitude and admiration of the people of Egypt for the signal services that Joseph rendered them in the good providence of God lay in the new name that they gave to their Hebrew deliverer—*Zaphnath Paaneah*. The margin of my Newberry Bible gives the significance of this name as "Saviour of the world"; and in a very practical sense Joseph's Spirit-inspired administration did "save" their little world. In our own dispensation it is God's wider providence in Christ that His Spirit-filled disciples should be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Therefore, the perfection of the ultimate doctrine of the Spirit revealed in seed-form in the Book of Genesis is the possibility of "rivers of living water" flowing out in saving blessing to others from the innermost being of a man of God conspicuous for purity, love, and power.

## God's Gracious Gifts

Evangelist Mae Eleanor Frey

THE GREAT heart of God overflows with love for His children. He has given us "richly all things to enjoy" and has withheld nothing from us that will be for our good and for His glory. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Eph. 1:3).

Yes, He has blessed us: we need only to accept what He is holding out to us. We are forever praying, "O Lord, bless me," when He has already blessed us and is waiting for us to take what He freely offers in love to us.

The greatest gift that ever came out of heaven to this poor lost world was Jesus our Saviour. God SO loved that He gave His only begotten Son to die for us. The Father robbed heaven of its brightest glory when He sent Jesus to this earth. And Jesus loved us so much that He willingly left the bosom of the Father. When He saw our lost condition, He said, "Lo, I come . . . to do Thy will, O God."

It must have been a sad day in heaven when Jesus left the glory. The angels, archangels, and all the mighty host above must have watched in wonder and amazement when the only Begotten of the Father left the royal courts above, laid aside His glory, and came to this lost world. The angels inquired, desiring to know the wonders of this salvation that Jesus was bringing to fallen humanity.

But oh, what a glad day it was for miserable sinners when the Lamb of God came

to give His life a ransom for us. His life was so beautiful; He was continually giving to others until the very last when He paid the fearful price, shedding His own blood to redeem us from sin. Wonderful Gift from heaven—the adorable Son of God!

And now the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, has come; the Gift and Promise of the Father has come to abide with us forever. Jesus went away, but the blessed Holy Ghost has come.

Do we know Him, or are we like the Ephesians who said, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost"? Did we think that when the Father gave His Son He ceased giving? O friend, if you believe that, you have not known the fullness of the Father's great love.

The Holy Ghost came to the waiting disciples in the upper room, and He still comes to all believers who will wait for Him. The Father is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him than earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children. How my heart rejoices that I did not refuse the Father's gifts! When I was a sinner I came to Jesus, and He forgave me and cleansed my heart from all its sin. Later, when my heart was thirsting for cooling, satisfying springs of water, I asked the Father to give me His Holy Spirit, and He granted my heart's desire.

When I was in Oakland at the Home of Peace, a lady came from New York

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to spend a few days. She was a bit afraid of Pentecost and had decided not to get "mixed up with it." One morning at family worship the Lord's power fell, and one dear sister received the Baptism of the Spirit, speaking in other tongues as the disciples did in the upper room. "Oh, is that it?" asked the lady from New York.

"No," I said, "that is not IT. This is that! This is the Comforter, the personal Holy Spirit. He has come to take up His abode in this woman's heart."

"Then I want Him, too," she decided.

Oh, the wonder of it all—our Father will give the Holy Spirit to all who really seek Him. So many people seem to think that God has a few favored ones—such as pastors, missionaries, and evangelists—upon whom He bestows this gift. Not so; the Holy Spirit is for everyone. Friend, if you are a true child of God, the gift of the Holy Spirit is for you.

Someone says, "But I am so weak that I cannot testify or work for Him. I cannot teach a Sunday School class. I believe Jesus saves me, but I have never had any victory in my life."

I have the best kind of news for you, then: the Holy Spirit is for the very

weakest, the most needy children of God. We read in Acts 2:39, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

Yes, hungry heart, the Holy Spirit is for you. We need not struggle or cry or agonize for this gift. We need but ask. For in Matthew 7:7 Jesus said, "Ask, and it shall be given you. . . ."

A Christian lady once came to my hotel room at Vancouver. "Do you really believe, Mrs. Frey," she asked, "that I could receive the Holy Spirit? Why, I don't know anything about Him. I have been a member of a Presbyterian church for years, but I never heard about the Holy Spirit until I came to your meetings."

For a few minutes we turned to one scripture after another, showing her in God's Word the precious doctrine of the Holy Ghost. "Now, Sister," we said, "just ask the Lord to baptize you."

There were three of us in the room. All of us knelt down and began to lift our hearts in prayer and praise. This sister raised her hands and prayed, "Jesus, You said the Father was more willing to give the Holy Spirit to us than earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children. And You have said, 'Ask.' I do now ask Thee for the Baptism, and I believe Thou wilt give me the Spirit, and I thank Thee."

Instantly the room was filled with glory, and we were filled with unspeakable joy. Then He came, flooding this sister with His own divine presence, taking her lips and tongue and witnessing to the fact that the Comforter had come.

It is so simple to receive if we only will reach out and believe God. We must have the Holy Spirit if we are to be real witnesses for Jesus.

When the Spirit of God possesses us, we find that our prayer life means much more. We are able to pray the real prayer of intercession that reaches the throne of God and brings blessing down to this weary, thirsty world. In answer to our prayers God will convict people of sin, lost souls will come to Father's house, backsliders will return, and the Church all over the world will be quickened.

Friend, you may be unsatisfied and discouraged, but there is meat in the Father's storehouse for you. What a feast He will spread for you, how your heart will rejoice!

The Holy Spirit came down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variableness or shadow of turning. He has been sent forth by our Lord Jesus Christ, and He comes to indwell all who will open the door of their hearts to Him.

But someone says, "I have asked and He has not come." Then tarry until He does come. Our Father will never disappoint an honest, seeking soul.

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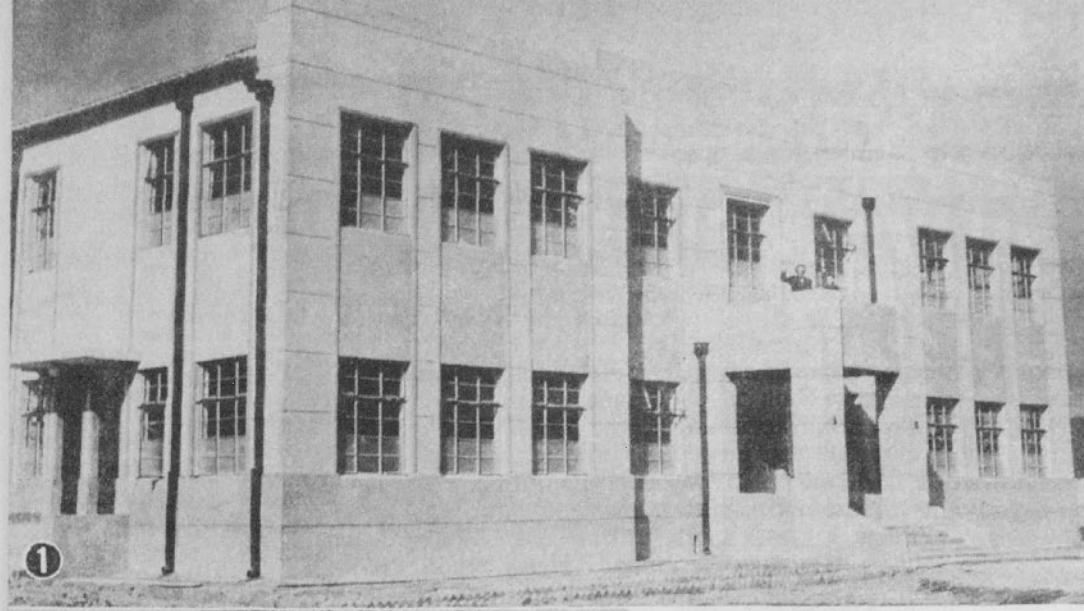
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## NEW BIBLE SCHOOL

- (1) Main building of the new Taikuang Bible Institute, Taipei, Formosa completed and dedicated November 16, 1953.
- (2) Missionaries are shown surrounding a pile of bricks on the Bible School lot, prior to building.
- (3) The building is well under way here with the superstructure and walls erected. Note the solid masonry construction.
- (4) Putting the finishing touches on the landscaping in front of building.
- (5) The interior class rooms are bright, modern and expansive. Matthew Lee stands with Principal Baker to left of the class.



# BUILDING FOR GOD IN FORMOSA

From the beautiful island of Formosa, 200 miles off the eastern coast of China in the Pacific Ocean, comes a glowing report of victory in our Assemblies of God work.

Principal James Baker writes that the new Taikuang Bible Institute was dedicated and opened on schedule. Following the opening on November 16, Evangelist Bob McAlister held services morning and evening for seven days at which time several students received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. These meetings gave the school a good start, affecting the students greatly so that already regular prayer habits have been developed. To date ten students have been filled with the Holy Spirit and the remainder are seeking God for their personal Pentecost.

Brother Baker and staff wish to thank those in the homeland who have helped to lift the burden. As he says, "There are always many unfinished details which could drive us to distraction at times, but we hope to get into smooth running order soon..."

This is a wonderful victory for our work in Formosa, when we consider that scarcely six short years ago the Assemblies of God work was opened by missionaries J. Philip Hogan and Garland Benintendi.

In those six years God so blessed the work that it necessitated the opening of a Bible school. Brother and Sister Baker were appointed to Formosa last year to establish the school. They went forth in faith and commenced construction work immediately—and God has honored their faith, to Him be all glory!

Let it be known to the readers that the missionaries would not wish to receive the credit for this wonderful enterprise. For instance, the lot upon which the building stands was purchased by contributions from the students at Central

Bible Institute about one year ago. This is commendable, and the missionaries send their heart-felt thanks to those who contributed.

The island of Formosa is situated in the Pacific south of Japan and north of the Philippines. It is very thickly populated with 9,000,000 people, the greater portion having never heard the gospel. Some 150,000 of the inhabitants are aborigines living in the mountains. Six millions are the original stock from the mainland around the region of Amoy. Three millions are refugees from Communist China who are loyally supporting Chiang Kai Shek in his crusade for freedom.

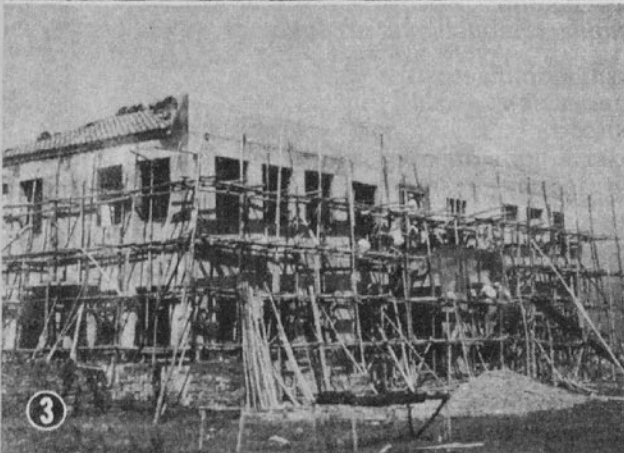
Because the gospel has unhindered liberty in Formosa, the erection of the Taikuang Bible Institute will give the Assemblies of God an outstanding advantage in sending the gospel light throughout the island from Taipei, the capital city.

Nothing would delight the hearts of these faithful missionaries more than to have this wonderful enterprise go over the top financially. With a united effort among our U.S.A. churches we can raise enough money to wipe off the remaining debt of \$19,000.

Who will help lift this load from the missionaries' shoulders? They are depending on you! Give them your right hand of fellowship in this matter, making certain that something is enclosed inside that hand. We know the missionaries will say, "God bless you for helping us win souls in Formosa!"

## BULLETIN

GOD HAS WONDERFULLY SUPPLIED \$10,000 ALREADY, LEAVING \$9,000 YET NEEDED FOR THE NEW BUILDING IN FORMOSA.





This is a project for you or your church group. Send offerings designated: Formosa Bible Institute, c/o Foreign Missions Dept., 434 West Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo., U.S.A.

## MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cavaness and family sailed for Singapore, Malaya, December 8.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Elliott and family recently returned to North India for another term of service.

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Mr. and Mrs. Vivan Smith sailed for Upper Volta, French West Africa, November 29 to take up their work in the Mossi Bible School.

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Elsie Marialke sailed for Pakistan on November 30 for another term of service.

### BLESSINGS IN EL SALVADOR

Sterling Stewart writes from Santa Ana, El Salvador: "God has been visiting the men's Bible Institute in a glorious way. Every student has been touched. They will leave school different men from what they were when they came, because of God's wonderful blessings.

"As one young man rose to testify, my mind went back to his first day of school. He appeared very conspicuous because of a red handkerchief tied under his chin and around his head. This is the custom when one is sick. He testified that when he left his wife she said, 'You don't love your family or you wouldn't leave us.' But he had resolved to come to school.

"I saw the light shine on a long-healed scar on his throat. I shuddered as I realized that at some time he had been dangerously struck with a machete or long knife, before he had become a Christian. Again he said, 'I didn't care if I went blind—I meant to get to the Institute.' And he did.

"Recently he was filled with the Holy Spirit, along with eight others. I have never seen such fervency in seeking God.

He sought God for hours and hours, and so intensely.

"Since the first of the year there has been a 25% increase in outstations. Six new churches have been organized and many new workers are going out."

### GOD'S GRACE IN UPPER VOLTA

Gene and Betty Bascue write from Yako, Upper Volta, French West Africa: "Ofttimes our people out here are exceedingly slow to make a decision for Christ. They must generally think the matter over for days before coming to the native preacher's yard to 'ask pardon' (as they put it) for their sins. After they are truly born again they must boldly take their stand before all the village as a testimony of their newly found faith in the Son of God. Our newly converted always face real persecution. Often they are cursed and beaten and driven from their homes. Poisons are sometimes used and we have had several Christians who have died in this manner for the cause of Christ! It is seldom easy for them, but we have witnessed many times God's wondrous grace and power in delivering His people from every foe! Remember them often in prayer, dear friends at home."

## C. A. Convention in Venezuela

Clarence W. Ollson

BRIGHT STARS in a clear tropical sky twinkled through tall waving coconut palms. Rolling waves from Lake Maracaibo could be heard dashing upon the sandy beach a few yards away. Two large boats under repairs were lying nearby casting a ghostly shadow over the sandy beach. The natives had gathered from every direction—250 of them—and had formed a wide circle around the fire that was already flaming furiously.

"We are Christ's Ambassadors" they sang in Spanish, and their voices echoed across the water to the sounds of a trumpet, trombone, some tamborines and maracas. The song sounded all the more

beautiful to the missionary, who was listening in the shadows, because they were singing in the Spanish tongue.

Soon the picture changed. A young man stepped forward into the full light of the fire, and told of God's goodness to him in the brief span of his Christian life. He had been saved less than a year ago, he said; now his heart was aglow with the love of God.

Hearts were stirred as his message continued: He was going to commit suicide, but had deceived his wife into believing that he would be going away; he couldn't tell her where, but only that he would never return again. He had purposed to find a lonely spot along the wild, rugged lake-front where no one would be able to find his body...

One day he left his house and made his way to the lonely spot along the lake shore. Passing by an Assemblies of God church, he heard singing. He paused just long enough to feel the peaceful spirit of the music, and his soul was stirred. Instead of going farther, he entered the church slowly, and sat down to listen and think a while. Something happened to him in that church that changed the whole course of his life. When he came out he was happy and joyous. His burden was gone! Someone had led him to the Lord inside the church that day... He had become a Christian.

The dancing flames cast lights and shadows over the serious faces of the listeners. The young man's testimony had left everyone in a thoughtful mood. No one stirred.

Then the call was given for unsaved young people to surrender their hearts to Jesus. Almost instantly eight young people broke through the large circle toward the slowly burning fire in the center. God had spoken to them! The Spirit of God was moving upon their hearts! There they stood, their heads bowed; and in the light of the bonfire the missionary saw that they were weeping tears of repentance. Right then and there God saved them.

There followed a time of rejoicing, a few more testimonies, some choruses, and then the service was over. It was over all too soon for most of the young people, for never before had such a Christ's Ambassadors meeting been known in that region.

It was a glorious climax to the annual Christ's Ambassadors convention in Venezuela, South America.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cavaness  
Singapore, Malaya



Mr. and Mrs. Vivan Smith  
Upper Volta



Mr. and Mrs. Leon Elliott  
North India



Elsie Marialke  
Pakistan



# SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

## JESUS, FRIEND AND SAVIOUR

### Lesson for January 24

Mark 2:13-22

Walking by the Sea of Galilee once more, Jesus called another disciple. This was Levi the son of Alphaeus, also known as Matthew. Though a Jew, Levi was employed by the Roman government as a tax-collector. These "publicans," as the Jews called them, were detested by the other Jews because they were paid servants of the hated Romans.

The fact that Jesus chose disciples from various walks of life teaches us that there is no respect of persons with God. He invited all to follow Him—whether unlearned fishermen, despised tax-collectors, or sinful Gentiles.

#### 1. JESUS, FRIEND OF ALL

a. *Jesus' Ministry to Multitudes.* Wherever Jesus went, He preached "the gospel of the kingdom of God." Often He taught in the synagogue, and sometimes in the home; now we find Him teaching a multitude by the seaside. What a lesson to us! We miss many opportunities if we look upon the house of worship as the only place where we can serve God. But when we get on fire for God, we find places to preach everywhere.

b. *The Calling of Levi.* In connection with this great meeting at the seashore, Jesus called Levi to be one of His disciples. While God calls some today to leave secular pursuits and enter the ministry, all are called to be saved and to be a witness. Both are needed—the godly layman and the devoted minister. Each will be rewarded according to his faithfulness. Therefore, let us serve God earnestly, whatever our calling in life may be.

c. *The Publicans and Sinners.* The phrase "publicans and sinners" shows what the Jews thought of those employed by Rome to collect taxes from their own people. The Jews regarded them as traitors because they served an alien power. Though the "sinners" in this lesson were undoubtedly lost souls, the real meaning is that they were Gentiles, or heathen.

In definite violation of the tradition of the Jews, Jesus and His few disciples ate with Levi in his home. This association of Jesus with Gentiles and tax-collectors brought against Him the accusation, "a friend of publicans and sinners." In character Jesus was sinless, but He withdrew from no one; He had come to save the lost, whether they be Jews or Gentiles.

d. *The Scribes and Pharisees.* Though some of these men were very sincere, they were greatly misled. They had been reared according to Jewish custom, which required them to withdraw themselves from any fellowship with publicans and Gentile sinners. To see Jesus, a Jew, associating with such, yet claiming to have a message from God, gave them great concern. Unable to understand this, they asked His disciples, "How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?"

#### 2. JESUS, SAVIOUR OF ALL

a. *Love for the Sinner.* Hearing the questioning of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus explained that the sick, not the healthy, needed a physician; and He had come to call the sinner, not the righteous, to repentance. Jesus came to save those who needed His ministry—the spiritually and morally sick. So great was His love for sinners that He "made himself of no reputation" for their sake. There was no human pride in Jesus to keep Him from manifesting His saving love.

b. *Rebuke for the Self-Righteous.* While expressing love to the sinner who needed His ministry, Jesus rebuked the self-righteous who substituted observance of outward customs for inward righteousness. On another occasion, Jesus showed that the repentant publican in the temple was accepted with God rather than the self-righteous Pharisee who paraded all his good works.

Sometimes even Christians become self-righteous in their attitudes. After living a godly life, they feel that God owes them special consideration because they are better than others. But none of us would ever be anything except by the grace of God; no flesh can glory in His presence.

#### 3. JESUS, THE HEAVENLY BRIDEGROOM

a. *The Bridegroom Seeking a Bride.* Affirming John's declaration of Him, Jesus calls Himself the Bridegroom. The great purpose of the Christian dispensation is that the Church might be called and prepared to become the Bride of the Lamb (2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:25-32).

b. *The Purpose of Fasting.* The fact that the disciples did not practice fasting perplexed the Jews, for they fasted often (Luke 5:33). But Jesus defended the disciples by saying that they had the Bridegroom with them; they could not help but be joyful in His presence. Jesus

knew that He would return to the Father when He had finished His work on earth. Then the burdens of life and the necessity of walking by faith would bring to His believers a greater consciousness of need. Then they would fast.

c. *The Gospel Distinct from Judaism.* Jesus shows that He had not come to patch up Judaism or to put New Testament blessing into Old Testament wine-skins. The New Covenant was to be distinct from the Old Covenant, not merely an appendage of the old. "Ye are not under the law, but under grace" (Rom. 6:14). "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us" (Gal. 3:13). Therefore, the gospel is to all people, and the Gentiles may accept Him as freely as the Jews.

#### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Jesus Forgiving Sins (lesson for Sunday, January 17). Lesson text: Mark 2:1-12.

#### ISRAEL'S AILING IMMIGRANTS

The Hadassah Medical organization recently reported that about 50 per cent of the population in Israel is composed of immigrants who arrived "riddled with physical and emotional ailments—ailments that can be a menace to the remainder of the population." How different from the redeemed nation which the Lord will gather back to the land; then the inhabitants "shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity" (Isa. 33:24).

#### MANY TEACHERS BUT ONLY ONE SAVIOR



## MISSIONS AT HOME

New Works . . . Industrial Chaplaincy  
Alaska . . . Jews . . . Deaf . . . Prisoners  
Indians . . . Foreign-Language Groups

### NEW ASSEMBLY IN UTAH

Master Sergeant Edwin C. Larson of the U. S. Army, who is stationed near Tooele, Utah, writes the following letter regarding a new Assembly of God Church there:

"I would like to tell you about our new work in Tooele, Utah. Dale E. Waldemer, our pastor, felt the call to come down to us a few months ago while he was in Idaho. Tooele is thirty-five miles from Salt Lake City where the nearest Assembly of God is, so it was with rejoicing in our hearts we learned a work was to start so near to our homes.

"The Lord answered our prayers and a good hall was opened up to us for Sunday morning and evening services. In addition, we can hold mid-week services there if the hall is not being used for other purposes. Although Tooele, like other Utah cities, is predominantly Mormon, there is a wonderful opportunity among the large defense installations in the area. We are serving Tooele Ordnance Depot, a distance of three miles, Desert Chemical Depot, a distance of 17 miles, and Dugway Proving Grounds, 40 miles away. So any families who have sons assigned to these installations are now assured of an Assembly close by.

"Although our group is yet small, we know that God will bless our labors for Him. There is a need for the gospel on all sides. We are praying for souls."

### TRAGEDY IN OHIO

James Van Meter, District Superintendent of Ohio, has sent us the following account of an explosion which killed one of their Home Missions workers:

"Brother and Sister Earle Danzey, of Canada, came into our district a few months ago to establish a new church in Shelby, Ohio. We had built a church and they were carrying on the work there, trying to get things started. The prospects for a good church seemed to be most promising.

"On November 1, the Danzeys were visited by her parents and other relatives. As they started to light the oil heater in their house trailer, which was parked beside the church, the heater exploded; and all the family were hospitalized. Brother Danzey was burned so badly that he died twelve hours later. Sister Danzey was in a serious condition, as well as the other members of the family.

"To add to the sting of this tragedy, Mrs. Danzey expects to give birth to their first child very shortly. The whole Ohio district was stunned by this tragedy and have tried to help Sister Danzey in every way possible. Our people have given over



The new congregation at Tooele, Utah, where Dale E. Waldemer is ministering both to civilians and to servicemen.

\$1,500 as a token of our sympathy in her hour of need. The sacrifice of these home missionaries is as great as that of any workers anywhere, and if our people could only see that we have the consecrated workers who are willing to give their all, I feel they would give more of their finances to our Extension Program."

### PIONEERING IN INDIANA

Roy H. Wead, District Superintendent of Indiana, sends the following report: "Shelbyville, Indiana, is a city that for a long time has been marked on my office map of Indiana as a good prospect for a new church. Brother and Sister George Welch, a fine young couple from Bloomington, Indiana, moved there and secured work with the thought of helping anyone starting an Assembly there. Then this fall after camp meeting, Wayne Koble took a little old camp supply tent (army surplus), stretched it out, added to it, built up some nice signs, and opened meetings with Elias Zarro as evangelist.

"In just a few weeks, the blessing of God resulted in a fine little congregation (see picture). We are borrowing a thousand dollars for them in order to make it possible for them to get a building suitable for services, with a nice apartment in the rear. This will assure permanent quarters for the congregation and living accommodations for the pastor.

"There are any number of grand opportunities in Indiana where, under our present program, we could arrange for the purchase of property with just the help of an additional thousand dollars cash. On this basis we could enable the new congregations to have a good place of worship and to continue as a permanent, self-supporting Assembly of God church."

### THEY CAUGHT THE VISION

After reading an article in THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL concerning a church which a young couple opened in the Indiana District in 1952, a man and his wife felt led of the Lord to send



The Assembly in Shelbyville, Indiana, was started in this small army supply tent. They have a permanent building now.

\$1,000 to the National Home Missions Department for the opening of other new churches in Indiana. To date this one couple has sent a total of \$4,000 to us for the opening of new churches in this District. We praise God for their great vision and willingness to share in this matter of winning souls through the establishing of new Assemblies.

While we know that not all of our readers can send large amounts like this, still we pray that others will catch the vision of the tremendous need of lost souls in the homeland, and will send offerings, large and small, designated for the opening of new churches, either in some particular district, or simply designated "New Assemblies," so that we may place it where there is a particular need.

With more than 300 new churches opened in 1953, and a great Expansion Program planned for 1954, our districts are in great need of designated funds for new Assemblies. Our workers are sacrificing. Let us give at least one special offering for this great Home Harvest.

You may send your offering directly to your district office, or to the National Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri. Offerings will receive missionary credit, and will be forwarded as designated.

### IS GOD DEAD?

On one occasion Martin Luther had been praying and fasting for days. He was in great distress of mind. There seemed to be a cloud over him which would not lift. In the midst of this great distress Luther's wife came into the room dressed in mourning. The great preacher was much surprised, and remarked: "Wife, what do you mean wearing the dress of mourning?" Mrs. Luther replied, "God is dead and off His throne, and I have come in to help you mourn over Him." This was sufficient to break the spell. Instead of the sad countenance, a smile lit up his face, and the joy bells began to ring in his heart.—J. C. McPheeters.

# The Lord—My Shepherd

A. A. Wilson, Kansas City, Mo.

SUPPOSE WE take a stroll together into God's precious Word, and find a quiet place where we can rest and behold the marvelous provision made for every believing child of God. Can you think of one place that would supply the demand of everyone of us more than the Twenty-third Psalm?"

This is the Pearl of Psalms, whose soft and pure radiance delights every eye, and the sweetness and spirituality of its song is unsurpassed. It is placed between the suffering and the glory of Christ. He could not have been our Shepherd, without first dying to become our Saviour.

This Psalm contains only six verses, 118 words, but it is a ladder with six golden steps, that leads from man's weakness to God's greatest strength. As a river beyond a brook—an orchard beyond a twig in fruit bearing—the noonday sun beyond that of an ordinary candle, so this Psalm stands out in God's Word, as a refuge in the time of a storm. It has been said that what the nightingale is among birds, this divine Ode is among the Psalms, for it has been sung sweetly in the ear of many a mourner in his night of weeping, and has bidden him hope for a morning of joy. It has been compared also to the lark, which sings as it mounts, and mounts as it sings, until it is out of sight, and even then is not out of hearing.

This Psalm opens with the greatest words in all the Bible—"The Lord," which means "Jehovah," the Eternal and self-existent God, the one who provides our righteousness, our peace, our victory—and ends with, "I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Let us think of this eternal abiding place that the Psalmist mentions here. Paul writing of it said, "But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city." In Revelation, chapters 21 and 22, we are given a very beautiful word picture of our future home. One thing in particular that concerns all of us is that there will be no sorrow, no pain, no sickness, sighing, or death, for God shall wipe all tears from our eyes.

Note the difference between the temporal city and the eternal. Men build cities that rest on the earth. This city will rest in the air. It is a city so filled with light, that sunshine will seem a shadow in the presence of its splendor. It is beautiful as a bride adorned—no sin shall mar it—no evil may enter it. It

is the abode of God and those whom He by grace has made free from all sin.

The city was whiter than all the glittering pearls and more brilliant than a million suns shining at high noon. The city filled with the glory of God as John saw it. Someone has said:

"It is a city without  
Griefs or graves,  
Sins or sorrow,  
Births or burials,  
Marriages or mourning.

"A city that glories in having  
Jesus for its King,  
Saints for its citizens,  
Angels for its guards;  
Whose walls are salvation,  
Whose gates are praise!"

Just think of

"Stepping on a shore and finding it  
Heaven.  
Of taking hold of a hand and finding  
it God's hand.  
Of breathing new air, and finding it  
celestial air.



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Of feeling invigorated, and finding it  
immortality.

Of passing from storm and tempest  
to unbroken calm.

Of waking up and finding it HOME!"

Friends, let us live in the 23rd Psalm  
here, that we may dwell in that city with  
Him eternally.

## QUESTIONS

ANSWERED BY FRANK M. BOYD

If you have questions concerning the Scriptures,  
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### OUR IDENTITY IN HEAVEN

Do you think we will recognize our de-  
parted loved ones when we see them in  
heaven?

Certainly. Anything else would be a  
travesty on the most wonderful faculty  
God has given us through redemption—  
"fellowship," first with Himself and then  
with those we love. If the Moses and Eli-  
jah who appeared on the Mount of Trans-  
figuration with Christ (Matt. 17:1-3)  
were not the same Moses and Elijah who  
had lived before on this earth, who were  
they? If those who rose from the dead at  
the time of the resurrection of Christ and  
"appeared unto many" were not identifi-  
able with individuals who had lived here  
on earth before, who were they? And what  
would be the value of the sign and evi-  
dence of their appearing, if they were not  
so identified?

The next life will not be a complete  
cutting off from the fellowships of this  
life, nor will everything good of this  
present life be banished to oblivion. Scrip-  
ture indicates that the wonderful fellow-  
ships we have enjoyed here will be en-  
larged, beautified, and continued forever  
on a higher plane.

The resurrection appearance of Christ  
to the disciples (Luke 24:36-47) demon-  
strated His fellowship with the disciples  
in His now glorified body as the same  
Jesus with whom they had walked and  
talked before His crucifixion. At first they  
thought He had gone from them forever;  
later they were so overwhelmed with joy  
over all that the resurrection meant that  
they hesitated to believe such good news.  
They wondered whether there could be  
any fellowship or bond between this Risen  
Christ and them in their bodies. It was  
to remove this question that the Saviour  
now partook before them of broiled fish,  
thus establishing with them true fellow-  
ship as of old. He linked Himself as the  
post-resurrection Jesus with the Jesus they  
knew before Calvary.

# Watch for Scorpions!

A True Story  
by Elizabeth Bowman

I HAD never seen a scorpion, but I had heard the older missionaries in Tain- ingfu, China, talking about them. I learned that the mother scorpion often kills her mate and eats him. She hatches several little scorpions, which ride around on her back for about a week. It is not uncommon for them to kill their mother and eat her, after they become strong enough. The missionaries also told me that Chinese boys love to put two scorpions in a glass bottle and watch them fight until both are mortally wounded.

One missionary lady had been stung by a scorpion and she suffered such excruciating agony that she almost died. When she told me her story, she finished by warning, "It is now the season for scorpions, and you newcomers must watch for them."

I watched carefully, but didn't see any. Eventually I forgot all about them. But one night as I was praying, the thought came to me very clearly, "Pray for protection against scorpions." I very definitely prayed that the Lord would graciously protect me from them, and I held my petition before the Lord until I felt assured that He had granted my request.

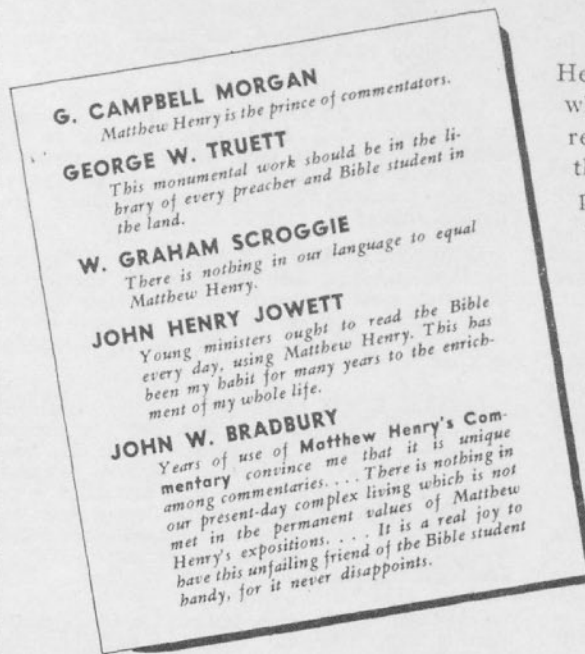
That night it was very warm in my bedroom. So I pulled my cot over in front of the casement windows and left the windows open a few inches so that I could sleep in the cool breeze. In the middle of the night there came a sudden gust of wind and the windows blew wide open with a bang! I jumped out of bed, took only one step, closed the windows and hopped back into bed. I slept soundly until morning.

Upon arising, I was amazed to find that I had stepped on a large scorpion when I had closed the window. I had knocked it over sideways and crushed it flat on the bare floor. Its stinger was circled over its back, ready for attack.

When I made up my bed, I found two large scorpions under the lower sheet. I had lain on them and mashed them flat! How did they manage to get under the lower sheet when it was carefully tucked around the mattress? And why did they not get between the sheets, where I was sleeping? Simply because God had answered my prayers and protected me.

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"Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and SCORPIONS, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke 10:19). The Lord had fulfilled this wonderful promise to me. I had stepped on one scorpion with my bare foot, and had slept soundly on two others!

"Nothing shall by any means hurt you," is God's promise for us if we are His faithful children. No atomic bombs, hydrogen bombs, nor any other devastating invention of man need bring fear to the heart of one who knows and believes this promise.

GERMANS DEFY RED BOSSES

The Protestant Church of Eastern Germany has told the Communist bosses that they will not last even as long as Hitler. This bold message appeared in the official bulletin box of the Marienkirche in Berlin's Russian section, signed by Dean Heinrich Gruber, representative of the Protestant churches to the East German Government:

"Perhaps even greater sacrifices will be demanded of pastors and congregations than in the first church fight (with the Nazis). We know that we will win, and that this time it will not last twelve years."

**AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES**

**LAKE FORK, IDAHO**—We had a profitable two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. C. A. Beebe and son Dean, of Nampa, Idaho. These services were a great blessing to the church.—J. E. Little, Pastor.

**RIPLEY, TENN.**—We enjoyed a refreshing time of revival with Evangelist D. C. Ogden of Memphis, Tenn. The meeting began November 15 and continued for three weeks. Many were saved and the church was blessed and uplifted. Brother Ogden's drawings were of special interest and blessing.—O. R. Ball, Pastor.

**ELLSINORE, MO.**—We had a three-week meeting with Evangelists N. A. Haynes of Campbell, Mo. and Jack Crawford of Malden, Mo. The presence of the Lord was manifest each night. Forty-four were saved and eight received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—J. C. Morgan, Pastor

**OVERLAND, MO.**—On December 13 we closed a meeting with Evangelist Clyde Gunter of St. Louis, Mo. A number of new people attended the meeting. The last night of the meeting a young married couple were saved. Each Sunday night extra chairs were brought in to accommodate the crowd.—Glen Gilder, Pastor, Faith Assembly.

**MANNFORD, OKLA.**—The joy bells are ringing in the hearts of our people for the Lord is moving among us in a wonderful way. We are enjoying a continuous revival and Pentecostal blessings. A goodly number have been saved or reclaimed the past few months. There is unity among the people and we admire their willingness to work. The Sunday School is growing and we are looking forward to greater things this year.—George E. Smith, Pastor.

**FOSTORIA, OHIO**—From November 24 to December 20 we enjoyed a blessed revival with Evangelist Leon Frank of Eaton, Ohio. Six were baptized with the Holy Spirit and six were refilled. On one Sunday night seven backsliders came to the altar. The gifts of the Spirit were in operation and numerous healings took place. The Sunday School nights on Fridays were marked with seven conversions. The Sunday School climbed to its highest attendance for the year, except for Easter. The revival closed with the annual Christmas program and we had the largest attendance of the year. We sincerely thank God for this meeting.—Joseph Ferrante, Pastor.

**PLAINS, TEX.**—In December we had a three-week meeting with Evangelist Glen H. Lester of Briscoe, Tex. There were 23 saved, 12 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and some received outstanding healings.—G. L. Huffman, Pastor.

**NORTH BERGEN, N. J.**—Evangelist Levi Storms of Sherburne N. Y. was with us for two and a half weeks. Several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the saints were greatly enriched in God.—Guy W. Duty, Pastor, Gospel Tabernacle.

**HOUSTON, TEX.**—Evangelist W. T. Holcomb recently conducted a two-week meeting at the Lindale Assembly of God. Many were saved as a result of this meeting. The depth and power of the preaching was outstanding.—James McKeehan, Pastor.

**DOWNEY, CALIF.**—Evangelist W. S. Barham of Houston, Tex. was with us for six nights. Seventeen were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Our people received a great spiritual uplift.—John H. Bostrom, Pastor, Downey Assembly of God.

**LITTLE ROCK, ARK.**—We had a wonderful meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen of Austin, Texas. They were with us for two weeks (Nov. 23 to Dec. 6). Several accepted Christ as their Saviour and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. A number were drawn closer to the Lord and several received outstanding healings. A spirit of revival remains in our midst.—L. A. Kessinger, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

**DALLAS, TEX.**—We had a two-week youth meeting with Evangelist Conrad Barrett of Cullasaja, N. C. The Lord blessed in a precious way throughout the meeting. A number testified that they received bodily healing. We were drawn closer to the Lord and the entire church was lifted to a higher spiritual plane.—Nina Rowland, Church Editor, Boulevard Assembly of God, (Harvey L. Rose is Pastor.)

**SASKATOON, SASK., CANADA**—Evangelist William Devereaux of Los Angeles, Calif., was with us for three weeks and it was a time of real blessing to this assembly. Eleven received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, eight were saved, and several healed in body. A special Sunday School Rally was held during these meetings and we reached the attendance of 301. The ministry of Brother Devereaux was certainly appreciated and we praise God for all that was accomplished.—D. H. Waggoner, Pastor, Elim Tabernacle.

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**DUNN, N. C.**—The Spirit of God moved in a gracious way in November during a three-week meeting with Evangelists Stanley and Ethel MacPherson. Each night some one was saved or received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We are still enjoying the spirit of revival in our church.—A. A. Amerine, Pastor, Glad Tidings Church.

**PHELHAM, GA.**—On November 29, Evangelist Sammy Mizell began a meeting with us. God blessed in a remarkable way and the attendance was very good. Five were definitely saved and five were filled with the Holy Ghost. On the last Sunday of the meeting the Sunday School record attendance of 133 was broken with 179 present. Many people attended our church for the first time during Brother Mizell's meetings.—R. B. Palmer, Pastor.

**MT. HOOD, OREG.**—We recently closed a meeting with Evangelist E. S. Murray and family, from Southern California. Ten prayed through to a knowledge of salvation and two received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Twice we had to move in extra seats to accommodate the crowds. We thank God for the way He is working in this community and for the co-operation of the entire church. We are in the process of building a new three-bedroom parsonage.—Forrest A. Murray, Pastor.

**KANSAS CITY, MO.**—K. H. Lawson, District Superintendent, recently dedicated our new church. C. B. Roberts of St. Joseph, Mo. and Evangelist and Mrs. James Booth also spoke. Following the dedication, Evangelists Ronald Piedmonte and Louie Mattuizzo conducted a successful revival. Many were saved, and a number received outstanding healings. The church has grown and the Sunday School has reached an all-time high in attendance.—Robert L. Oney, Pastor, Fairmount Assembly of God.

**WAYNE, MICH.**—The meeting with the Musical Vander Ploegs of Toledo, Ohio, was mightily blessed of the Lord. As the meeting progressed the attendance and spirituality increased. We had the largest crowds during the fourth week. Between 150 and 200 people attended the church for the first time. Fifty people knelt at the altar to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. There were several outstanding healings.

A number of people fasted and prayed during the four-week meeting. Things were accomplished in the lives of the saints that only God could do. I believe that the Vander Ploegs came to us in God's time.—E. W. Raimer, Pastor.

**COMING MEETINGS**

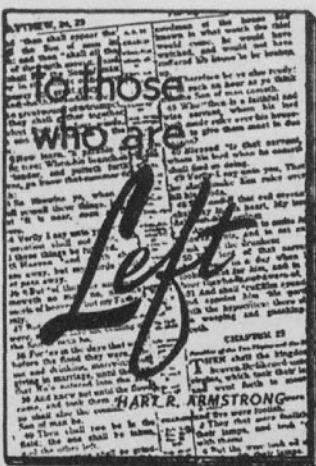
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**BASTROP, LA.**—Assembly of God, Jan. 3—31; Evangelist W. V. Grant and party. Neighboring assemblies co-operating.—by J. E. Allen, Pastor.

**SAN BENITO, TEX.**—Assembly of God, Jan. 17—31; Evangelist and Mrs. Norman McCutchen, Austin, Tex.—by W. E. Moran, Pastor.

**BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.**—Gospel Gleaners Assembly of God, Jan. 10—; Evangelist Oran E. Duncan, Delta, Colo.—by L. D. Krause, Pastor.

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CISCO, TEXAS—Jan. 3—; Mrs. W. F. Mercer, Fort Worth, Tex.—by H. W. Dunlap, Sunday School Superintendent. (Maurine Short is Pastor.)

LEE MONT, VA.—Jan. 26—Feb. 14; Evangelist and Mrs. Alvin Kyle, Luke, Md.—by Paul E. Boyce, Pastor.

ALTON, MO.—Assembly of God, Jan. 31—Feb. 14 or longer; Evangelist Wayne Brashear, Tulsa, Okla.—by R. C. Pickney, Pastor.

TAMPA, FLA.—Area-wide Workers' Training Course, Jan. 25—29; D. V. Hurst, Springfield, Mo., in charge.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.—Quint-city Fellowship Workers' Training Course, Bethel Church, Jan. 25—29; George H. Davis, National S. S. Representative, in charge.

RACINE, WIS.—Assembly of God, Jan. 25—Feb. 7; Evangelists Joel and Esther Palmer, Lake Wales, Fla. (W. E. Wood is Pastor.)

MONROE, LA.—Central Assembly, Jan. 9—; Surratt Brothers Evangelistic Party. (G. E. Chambers is Pastor.)

LYNWOOD, CALIF.—Full Gospel Assembly of God, Workers' Training Course, Jan. 18—24; Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens. (J. E. Austell is Pastor.)

MANSFIELD, OHIO—Assembly of God, Jan. 31—Feb. 14 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Douglas L. Hoke, Palestine, Tex. (A. J. Jensen is Pastor.)

ALLENTOWN, PA.—Emmanuel Home Mission, Jan. 20—Feb. 1; Evangelist and Mrs. S. G. Clutter, East Liverpool, Ohio.—by Robert S. Beisel, Pastor.

RICHLAND, WASH.—Jan. 20—31; Evangelist Christian Hild.—by W. A. Buck, Pastor.

LEVELLAND, TEX.—Jan. 10—; Evangelist Paul R. McGeachie, Cortez, Colo.—by Kenneth D. Barney, Pastor.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.—Bethel Assembly of God, Jan. 6—; Evangelist and Mrs. Earl Kelly, Corydon, Iowa.—by G. P. Hertweck, Pastor.

ELKHART, KANS.—Assembly of God, Jan. 3—; Evangelist and Mrs. James Colburn, Houston, Tex. (Gordon Nelson is Pastor.)

O'NEILL, NEBR.—Jan. 24—Feb. 7; Evangelist and Mrs. C. A. Beebe and Dean, Nampa, Idaho. (Wayne Hall is Pastor.)

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Jan. 17—; Evangelists R. H. and Louise Bishop, Denver, Colo. (H. A. Wallace is Pastor.)

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 25—Feb. 14; Evangelist Philip N. Green.—by B. F. Hickman, Pastor.

POMONA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, month of January; Evangelist Arne Vick.—by Elton G. Hill, Pastor.

HASKELL, OKLA.—Assembly of God, Jan. 10—; Evangelist Lyndal M. Bullock, Bixby, Okla.—by Lester S. Black, Pastor.

WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT MINISTERS' INSTITUTE—Marianna, Fla., Jan. 18—21. Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent, speaker. Free accommodations as far as possible.—by Wiley T. Davis, District Superintendent.

TERRE HAUTE, IND.—First Assembly of God, 2210 N. 13th St., Jan. 24—31; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob L. Sheran, Hollywood, Calif.—by D. Leroy Sanders, Pastor.

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Sunnyslope Assembly of God, Jan. 5—; Evangelist and Mrs. John C. Poteet, Fullerton, Calif. (Delbert Gribbling is Pastor.)

WINTERS, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Jan. 17—31; Evangelist and Mrs. Fred Bowers, Carmichael, Calif. Following this meeting Ruby Noble will conduct a course in Personal Evangelism.—by R. J. Hackett, Pastor.

INDIANA MINISTERS' INSTITUTE—Assembly of God, 4410 Central Ave., East Gary, Ind., Jan. 25—27; D. P. Holloway, speaker. Denver L. Baker is host pastor. For reservations write Anthony Vigna, 612 W. 44th, Gary, Ind.—by Roy H. Wead, District Superintendent.

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT MINISTERS' INSTITUTE—First Pentecostal Church of God, 733 Church St., Ottumwa, Iowa, Jan. 26—28. J. O. Savell, main speaker. Other speakers are: B. B. Compton, G. A. Renick, A. M. Alber, R. A. McClure, and Roy E. Scott. William B. Friend is host pastor.—by T. E. Gannon, District Superintendent.

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Pastor Maxwell Cloud, 820 Crestwood St., Jacksonville, Fla.

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NOTICE—On January 1 a new church was opened at Philadelphia, Pa. known as the Frankford Full Gospel Church, located at 4923 Darrah St. Services every Sunday at 7:45 p.m. and Thursday at 8 p.m.—Frank Sharp, Pastor.

#### WITH CHRIST

SEVERO L. MENCHACA, 73, of Dallas, Texas, went to be with the Lord December 3, 1953. Brother Menchaca was ordained in 1941 with the Latin American District.

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