

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

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PRAISEFUL PILGRIMS

Wearing Colonial costumes, church people re-enact the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, Mass., in 1620



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Thanksgiving

Heritage from God's Word

WHILE Thanksgiving in its present form is a distinctively American holiday, it did not originate with Governor Bradford in 1621, as some imagine.

The harvest celebration appeared among the Hebrews, as an act of worship to Jehovah.

In Deuteronomy, Moses submitted these directions about the holiday: "Thou shalt keep the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine: And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates. Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the Lord thy God in the place which the Lord shall choose: because the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice".

But the first authentic harvest festival was held by the Pilgrims in 1621. During the winter the little colony had been sorely tried. Only 55 of the 101 settlers remained alive. They had suffered cold, hunger and disease, and, as one of them confesses, they had been terrified by the roar of "lyons," wolves had "sat on their tayles and grinned" at them, while the Indians had proved still more formidable.

"The spring of 1621 opened," one writer expresses it, "and the seed was sown in the fields. They watched with anxiety, for well they knew that their lives depended on that harvest. So the days flew by and the autumn came. Never in Holland nor in Old England had they seen the like. Bounteous Nature, with the pride of a milliner at a fall opening, spread all her treasures before them, and little plats had been blessed by the sunshine and the showers, and round about them were many evidences of the friendliness of the untilled soil."

In *Mourt's Relation* is the following account of America's first harvest festival of Thanksgiving: "Our harvest being gotten in, our Governour sent foure men on fowling, so that we might after a more speciall manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruit of our labours; they foure in one day killed as much fowle, as with a little help beside, served the company almost a weeke, at which time among other recreations, we exercised our armes, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest King Massasoit, with some 90 men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted. And they went out and killed five deere, which they brought to the Plantation and bestowed on our Governour, and upon the Captaine (Standish) and others. And although it be not always so plentifull, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodnesse of God, we are so farre from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plentie."

Perhaps the spirit of the festival has never been more happily expressed than by George Washington in his thanksgiving proclamation of 1789:

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore his protection and favors. And whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint Committees, requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness;

"Now therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the Beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. That we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks, for His kind care and protection of the People of this country, previous to their becoming a Nation; for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of His providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquillity, union and plenty, which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish Constitutions of Government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general, for all the great and various phases, which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

"And, also, that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform and serve their relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all People, by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all Sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us) and to bless them with good governments, peace and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science, among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

"Given under my hand in the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789."

This Is God's Will for You

Always Rejoicing—Always Praying—Always Giving Thanks

by E. M. WADSWORTH

WE ARE DEFINITELY TOLD THAT THE will of God for every believer is to "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks" (1 Thess. 5:16-18, A. S. V.).

Christians need have no doubt as to what God's will for them is; for we have this plain statement from His Word. These three things go together: "Rejoicing, praying, thanksgiving." They are inseparable; they compose one sentence in the American Standard Version; they constitute the perfect will of God for His people. Happy is the man who does God's will: he "abideth for ever" (1 John 2:17).

But how is it possible to "pray without ceasing"? How can one be constantly in a spirit of prayer? With so many things to distract his thoughts, and disturb his heart, and demand his time, how can a Christian fulfill this expressed will of God? "The continuous nature of prayer may well be illustrated by the conversation of intimate friends," writes J. O. Buswell. "Words are not constantly exchanged, but fellowship is not interrupted. We must not only have regular and frequent times of prayer, but whenever there is a break in the occupation of our minds, we ought to revert to conscious communion with God just as involuntarily as we should continue in conversation with a friend near at hand."

Furthermore, it should be borne in mind that in addition to our petitions, there is to be constant rejoicing and thanksgiving as a part of our communion with God. Making our requests known is part of a life of prayer; it is just as important to rejoice in the Lord and praise Him for what He is and what He is doing. This will open the door into the prayer room of our hearts. It matters not what may happen, at any time, at any place, from any source, if only we take it as permitted by God for His glory and our good, thank Him for it, and continue to rejoice in the Lord. We shall then find our hearts going out to God in worship, praise, and supplication.

On the other hand, if we begin to murmur and complain, criticize and find fault, question and doubt, the door into the prayer room of our hearts will involuntarily close. We will soon find ourselves unable to pray. The Holy Spirit will be grieved and quenched. In order

to pray without ceasing, it is necessary to be continually happy in the Lord. Our spirits must rejoice in God our Saviour.

Notice how often praise and thanksgiving are associated with prayer—"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving." "In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Again, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy." And again, "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

But is it possible to rejoice always down here in this vale of tears, disappointment, distresses, afflictions, sorrow, and death? Yes, David said: "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth." It was a matter of his will and not of his feelings. Paul said: "Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice." And again, "Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name."

It is not a question of circumstances. God is far above all our circumstances, surroundings, and perplexities. Therefore we can always rejoice and say with the prophet of old: "For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face

like a flint, and I know I shall not be ashamed." Paul learned to "take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake." The quickest way out of any difficulty or trouble is to praise God for it. That is the way Paul and Silas got out of prison. That is the way the twelve apostles escaped from their enemies: "rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name." Such rejoicing and thanksgiving stimulate prayer and supplication, even for those who are against us.

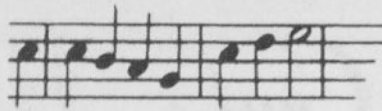
Take heed, therefore, that nothing robs you of that joy which the Lord bequeathed to His own (John 15:11), and without which you will be hindered in prayer. If you are not able to rejoice in the Lord and be grateful for all His benefits, endeavor to find the cause and quickly remove it. It will generally be found in unbelief or in unconfessed sin. Either of these will dispel your joy. "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing," we read in Romans 15:13. Therefore it is necessary to meditate much upon the promises of God; for "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." To neglect your Bible is to lose your joy.

The apostle John wrote his First Epistle in order that "your joy may be full," and again that "ye sin not." Only in this way can we maintain fellowship with the Father and with the Son. The fellowship can easily be marred by the darkness of sin, and then we are unable to rejoice in the Lord. Let us quickly confess every known sin, with a purpose to forsake it, plead the blood of Christ, and believe the promise of God (1 John 1:6-9). Then we shall be able to pray in the Spirit with joy in our heart.

If you find nothing is interfering with your joy, then you should thank God for His love, His grace, His forgiveness, His gentleness, His power, and for all His benefits (Psalm 103:2). "Count your blessings, name them one by one," and soon you will be in the spirit of prayer again. By rejoicing in everything and being thankful for anything, we can "pray without ceasing" anywhere. And "this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" and every member of the body of Christ.



Praise God...



FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

THE PILGRIM FATHERS' VOICES BURST in strain on that first Thanksgiving morn—Gloria.

The hills of old Plymouth, overlooking the cove where the *Mayflower* had anchored, became a voice with echoes, resounding the tidings of the Doxology. Out across the waters, back through the sylvan glade, the melody floated:

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

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The rock on which their feet were first planted on American soil, now enshrined in patriotic memory as Plymouth Rock, was just below the little meeting house. Brave hunters had brought in wild turkeys, tender hands had picked the wild cranberries, the bounteous tables were spread, all heads were uncovered, and gentle pathos mingled with reverent gratitude, as they sang:

"Praise Him all creatures here below."

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That Thanksgiving theme was *Gloria*, and rightly now on another Thanksgiving Day should those stirring sentiments of praise and gratitude move us, their offspring, distant sons of those patriots who in founding a nation loved their God.

Let us in thanksgiving this day join our voices with the ringing anthem of *Gloria*, which from Pilgrim days to the present has been our pean of praise. May we sing with deep-throated melody:

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."

* * *

May we praise Him in His sanctuary, and in the outward realms of His power. Praise Him with voice and heart, on bending knees, and out in the field of labor.

Praise Him for life's blessing—the overflowing cup—opportunities of service—the outstretched and open hand of beneficence. God through the years has been good to our nation. We have fought, but we have never lost a war. We have gone down in the sloughs of despond, but we have also sat on the hilltops of plenty.

The life of David is an example of one who enters into the famed psalm land of thanksgiving and praise. It was natural for him to see blessings and benefits from God's hand midst crying need and heartaches. So should we praise the Almighty.

David was one of the first "pilgrim fathers of the soul" to sanction the establishment of a thanksgiving day. It became so habitual with him that every occasion was one of praise-lifting, that every calamity became a providence, that every season of distress was transmuted by the divine alchemy into an hour of eulogizing Jehovah. What others called a dirge became to this singing poet a doxology. For him dwelling in the soul's psalm land, every act of God became laudatory.

May we saturate our souls with thanksgiving, pilgrims in David's psalm land. Praise is comely, and thanksgiving is the keynote of a grateful life. Let the strains of *Gloria*, thanksgiving's melody, mark every day of the year. Become as firm as Plymouth Rock in giving praise to God.

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The ancestry of thanksgiving is a noble line. Pilgrim fathers lifted their voices and joined in with the swelling choir of the historic Church, blending throughout two thousands of years in an anthem of praise.

The anthem runs back to David and Solomon, Miriam and Moses, yes, back before the universe was born, when the

morning stars sang together and God's sons leaped for joy.

With this pean of praise, rolling from shore line of time to eternity's golden strand, we unite our voices today. All the centuries, all the ages on this another Thanksgiving Day, this season of gratitude, are vocal with the chorus of *Gloria*. The din ascends to heaven as a mighty tide of music, and all ages sing:

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

—BASIL MILLER in *Herald of Holiness*

"A TAVERN IN THE SKY"

William A. Ackerman, director of the World Home Bible League, has written an article entitled, "A Tavern in the Sky." He calls on Christians everywhere to protest the disgraceful practice of serving liquor on commercial airplanes.

The law at present prohibits pilots from drinking in the 24-hour period previous to their flight. There is widespread public sentiment that the law should be extended to prohibit the serving of alcoholic beverages on board the aircraft.

The associations of airline pilots and stewardesses have protested the practice. They have asked that aerial alcohol be banned. But competition has spurred the airlines into a race to outdo each other in serving intoxicants in flight, it seems, and none is willing to give up the practice unless the others do the same.

Congressmen have declared that if the Air Transport Association or the Civil Aeronautics Board does not remedy the situation, they will introduce legislation in January both in the Senate and in the House of Representatives to "dry up" the U. S. airlines.

"The atmosphere of the flying tavern is one that no true Christian can conscientiously tolerate," says Ackerman. "Christians should write to the Civil Aeronautics Administration at 226 W. Jackson, Chicago, Illinois, and protest the serving of alcoholic beverages on commercial flights.

"Christians should also check with travel agents and passenger representatives of the airlines, and inquire whether or not there will be alcoholic beverages served on the flight they plan to use.

"The safest way for the Christian to travel today, as far as the alcohol problem is concerned, is to take Air Tourist, which is cheaper anyway. In the event you cannot take Air Tourist because of a busy schedule, and alcohol is served on your flight, ask the stewardess for a complaint form. Write it out and send it in to the president of the airline in protest."

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Some Day We'll Understand

by J. J. KRIMMER, Lawrence, Kansas

A FEW CHRISTIANS SEEM TO TRAVEL the road of life in story-book style: they enjoy abounding health, good success, placid old age and a peaceful exit. But for most of us life is not quite so ideal. Perplexities, disappointments, and shattered hopes crowd in upon us. There is so much we just can't understand.

How often a minister of the gospel visits a home where tragedy has struck and his heart aches for the dear suffering ones. He goes away muted by the unexplainable mystery of it all.

A broken-hearted father, whose son had just met with a tragic death, said to his pastor, "Where was God when my son was killed?" The kind servant of the Lord answered, "In the same place where He was when His own Son was killed." God hung a curtain of darkness over the earth for three hours to mourn for the death of His own dear Son!

The trouble is that many Christians are not only perplexed but in despair. Let us take a lesson from the apostle Paul who was often in perplexity but never in despair. To the Corinthians he wrote, "We are perplexed, but not in despair" (2 Cor. 4:8).

We are called upon to encounter many situations that we cannot understand. There seems to be no logical answer—but must there be? The child of God can fathom matters with his heart that are too deep for his head. He can adjust himself to painful situations the same way Jesus did, by saying, "Not my will, but Thine, be done."

A fine young preacher is killed in an automobile collision with a drunken driver. The drunken driver escapes unscratched, but the talented preacher dies leaving behind a lonesome wife, fatherless children, and a fruitful ministry. An exceptional young missionary with a bright future is suddenly stricken ill, and a fresh mound appears in the cemetery in a far-off land. Or war breaks out, and young men in their prime are suddenly hurried off to battle, never to return alive.

One could go on and on with these riddles of life. The people of God have wrestled with them from the beginning. Job faced them. So did the prophets. Even John the Baptist was puzzled. Seeing Jesus one day he cried, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world"—the revelation was clear, his faith was strong. But when John found himself in prison he was beset with

doubts. If Jesus was the Christ, why should he be left to languish in jail!

In Matthew 13:11 Jesus informs us that "some things are given us to know," while in Acts 1:7 we are told that "some things are NOT for us to know." Let us not waste precious time trying to search out the unknowable when we could employ it far more profitably in exploring God's knowable. Though perplexed, we need not be in despair. One has wisely said, "The way out is not by explanation but by revelation." How true is the song, "We'll Understand It Better Bye and Bye."

Another writer has said, "It is foolish to assume that what we cannot understand cannot be understood at all." Look at Joseph. He said to his brethren, "Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good" (Genesis 50:20). For long years neither Joseph nor his father Jacob could understand. Ample illustrations of the same truth are found in the lives of Job, Daniel, and the Three Young Hebrews.

Furthermore, because we do not understand now does not mean that we shall never understand. A little lady sadly deformed in body through an affliction said to her pastor, "Tell me, why has God made me so?" To which the pastor replied, "Sister, He hasn't finished making you yet; He is making you NOW." As the apostle John said, "It doth not yet appear what we shall be." Don't criticize the work of the Architect until the House is finished!

God wants us to trust Him regardless of appearances and circumstances. If everything were clear to our understanding, we would need no faith. We would be complacent, self-satisfied, spoiled. Remember that we walk by faith, not by sight. Our heavenly Father permits perplexities to come in order to lift us to a higher spiritual plane.

So, what shall we do in the face of all these perplexities? Shall we grit our teeth and "sweat it out"? Sulk? Murmur? No, there is a better way. When we cannot understand with our heads, we can believe with our hearts. We can lift our voices in praise to God, knowing that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

Thomas wanted to walk by sight, and therefore missed the greater blessing which Christ reserved for those who have not seen and yet have believed. The



THANKSGIVING

Thankful for all life's leanness here below,
For all earth's little heartbreaks and des-
pairs,
For every loss sustained, that I might know
How much, how very much, my Father
cares;
Thankful for every wound unto my pride,
For all ambitions of the flesh that failed,
For poverty and pain, and dreams denied—
To teach me how completely Christ pre-
vailed.

"In everything give thanks" seems hard at
first,
But, oh, it is the gate through which I see,
When men forsake and life has done its
worst,
The Christ of God who hung on Cal-
vary—
And gave me so much to be thankful for.
Though all else fails, how could I ask for
more?

—HELEN FRAZEE BOWER.

Word tells us that faith is much more precious than gold. God only tries us in order to refine our faith, as gold is refined so that it may be more pure, more precious, more pleasing in His sight.

Let us co-operate with our Lord. When Jesus commanded the servants at the wedding in Cana to fill the waterpots with water, they must have been perplexed. But they obeyed, and the miracle took place. Jesus smeared moist clay on the eyes of the blind man and told him to wash it off in the pool of Siloam. It was unreasonable, but the blind man was glad he obeyed. "He went his way therefore and washed, AND CAME SEE-
ING."

Submit to the Lord, trust in His love, keep praising Him. When the trial has accomplished its purpose you shall come forth as pure gold in God's sight. Co-operate with Him. Let Him turn the "water" of your life into "wine." Let Him open the eyes of your soul to His eternal purposes. Look up, and say with Paul of old, "We are perplexed, but NOT in despair."

MEET THE HAPPY MEMBERS OF THE family at the Pinellas Park Home, near St. Petersburg, Florida. They are pioneers of Pentecost, representing the first generation of Full Gospel ministers. They were mature men and women in the days when the Spirit was outpoured in Topeka, Los Angeles, and all around the world. They represent the evangelists who first brought the message of Acts 2:4 to the cities of America, the pastors who stuck it out through thick and thin to establish Pentecostal churches, the first missionaries our struggling Assemblies sponsored on the field.

Step inside the Landis' attractive room. The pictures on the wall take you back twenty-five or thirty years. There also are young people in "gay nineties" attire, and a large group of boys and girls in black stockings, long skirts or knee pants. The tall young man in the high collar and dark suit is Brother Landis—this was his Sunday School before he came into Pentecost.

In other rooms there are pictures of missionaries in convention, natives at the mission church, scenes from foreign lands. Each picture helps to tell the story of a life well spent for God. Stories, for instance, of a little church built back in the mountains of Virginia, or of a little woman named Anna Sanders called of God to work in Mexico when the mission boards said, "Impossible!" Stories of human weakness and divine strength. Stories of great disappointments and glorious victories, deep sorrows and inexpressible joys, all woven together to form the beautiful pattern of God's handiwork.

Now let us meet Sister Beckdahl. Before she went to India forty-five years ago, she carried the Pentecostal message to many European cities. As a young lady evangelist she was often called upon to tell about this "new doctrine" before

awesome gatherings of dignified pastors from the established churches of the city. God confirmed His Word, and many received the Holy Spirit as a result of her ministry. Both she and Sister Schoonmaker reared their children in India and lived to see them return to that land as missionaries.

Sister Hadra arrived in India just in time for a terrible famine. She didn't have opportunity to study the language at all. There were hundreds of famine babies to be rescued and nursed back to life. With only natives to help, she cared for hundreds of little children in various stages of starvation. They came to her from the famine area in cattle cars—sixty and eighty at a time—until she had five hundred. Of these she was able to save 350.

And then, after only six months in India, she suffered a sunstroke, followed by bubonic plague, typhoid fever and smallpox in rapid succession. It seemed that her term of service had come to an end, but the Lord brought her through many months and years of service in the land of her calling.

Sister Gager was a missionary to India, too. She never wanted to come home from the field, but now that she is here she contents herself with the prospect of a return trip during the Millennium to tell the dark-skinned people of India that

the Christ she told them about is reigning in Jerusalem!

Sister Mary Evans would show you a much used Bible. The fragile pages are filled with notes, and underlined verses. Sister Evans spent many of her years in the ministry teaching the book of Revelation and has never tired of its wonderful mysteries.

The members of this unique family are "retired" in name only. They accept the frailties and limitations of age, but do not succumb to them. The quiet, everyday routine of the Home is filled with work for the Lord. Breakfast at eight is followed by morning Bible reading and prayer. Then as soon as rooms are tidied you might see Sister Gager and Sister Irvine crossing the streets to a little park to witness for the Lord. "Many people who pass here every day need God just as badly as the heathen," they would tell you. And so they pass out literature, and talk about the Lord to all who will stop. "We'll meet some of those people in heaven," is their triumphant report.

Hattie Hacker, a veteran missionary from India, has a class of young people at the Pinellas Park Assembly, and Brother Landis teaches a class at First Assembly in St. Petersburg. Frequently in evening devotions some member of the group requests special prayer for a shut-in he has

Meet This Happy

by RUTH NOURSE

Residents and workers are served in the dining room and on the adjoining sunporch. Seated at REAR TABLE (left to right) are: Brother and Sister Hunter, Mrs. Hazeliff, Dora Irvine. FRONT TABLE: Anna Sanders (who went to be with the Lord last month at the age of 86), Minnie Baer, Mary Evans, Clara Kennedy, Violet

Schoonmaker, Bessie Gager, Agnes Beckdahl. SUNPORCH TABLE: Mrs. Glasgow (the cook), Martha Hadra, Miss Frye (the nurse), a former worker (unidentified), Harry Landis, Sister Landis, Miss Bliss (a maid), Hattie Hacker.



Family!

visited during the day. Any delivery man who comes to the Home is a subject for personal evangelism. The milk man, the vegetable man, and the bread man are regularly remembered in prayer. At Christmas they saw prayer answered as a helper in the Home gave her heart to Christ at the breakfast table. Now the milk man has become very interested, and goes home to share with his wife and family the things he hears. It is apparent that prayer is being answered in his behalf, too.

Nearly three years of service as Superintendent and Matron of the Pinellas Park Home have proved Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Hunter are peculiarly endowed with God-given gifts for this place of ministry. Their sacrificial service makes Pinellas Park Home a **home** indeed.



Anna Sanders, a veteran of thirty years' ministry in Mexico, corresponded with her native converts and with friends in America in behalf of her beloved field until shortly before her death last month. She had been frail for some time, but was quite active for her 86 years.

Volumes would be needed to tell the stories of these lives spent, and being spent, in the work of the Lord. And the residents at our Assemblies of God Retirement Home are but a small handful of the generation of aged pioneers who still live to tell of the mighty acts of God in the early days of our great Movement. Many of them are living quietly to themselves, attending their local Assemblies and working for Jesus as limited strength permits. They too have stories to tell that would thrill our hearts and challenge us to a new consecration to live every moment for God so that old age will find us still faithfully serving the King.

Should these mothers and fathers in the faith be forgotten by the present generation which has benefited so richly from their ministry? God forbid! Sunday, November 20, has been set aside in our churches as a time to honor the aged ministers, missionaries, and their widows. Remember them in prayer, visit them if you can, and give in the special offering at your Assembly as the Lord has prospered you. By this you will let them know that you have not forgotten their labor of love.

Offerings designated for the Old Age Assistance Fund should be mailed to the DEPARTMENT OF BENEVOLENCE, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

The Praise Life

by D. WESLEY MYLAND

"WHOSO OFFERETH PRAISE GLORIFIETH me"—these were the inspired words of David (Psalm 50:23). Here is a sure way of glorifying God: why then do we not engage in it more frequently? We are too slow in rendering praise to our God. He has done so much for us; as we approach again our annual Thanksgiving Day, let us renew our spirit of praise and then keep it going "the whole year round."

David says again, in Psalm 34:1, "His praise shall continually be in my mouth." The praise life helps toward a fuller testimony, verse 2 shows us; "My soul shall make her boast in the Lord." It also exalts God (v. 3), and brings answers to prayers, (v. 4): "He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." But, best of all, it makes the life "radiant" (v. 5, lit.

trans.). Then the life of praise secures for us protection and deliverance (v. 7).

Our Lord must be praised! Did not Jesus say, "If these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out"? So often our lips are silent when they should be giving praise to God, and thus we fail to perform one of our most important "vows" to the Lord (Psa. 65: 1). But the Psalmist states, "Unto thee shall the vow be performed." Yes, and this is in accord with the exhortation of Psalm 50:14; where offering thanksgiving is said to be paying our vows unto the Most High.

GROWTH IN GRACE

The praise life leads us into a stronger faith life, and sinks us into deeper trust in God. Beloved, let us yield our whole soul in praising our God. The daily practice of praise would spoil us for all criticism of others—the praise life will wear out the "self-life." If we praise Jesus in all conditions and circumstances, we shall truly grow in grace and wisdom, and love will show itself to those whom we have not loved, or thought we could not love.

The persistent praise life will bring us *health in body*. By praising Him, we may be healed of all our diseases. As we say, "Praise the Lord," we are made strong in the Lord, for "the joy of the Lord is our strength." And as we grow in the "divine nature" we feel strength and "life more abundantly." This practice and experience gives us the abiding life. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you," said Jesus, "ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Having the praise life established, we may command in Jesus' name all demon power and all disease to depart, "and it shall be done."

NEW VISION

The praise life anoints our spiritual eyes. We are made to see "the king in his beauty" and "the land that is very far off." We get up on our "Pisgahs," and "Carmels," and "Mount Tabors," where we can see spiritual things in their true value.

Do not forget that when you are praising God you are *pleasing* God—for "praise is comely [good looking] for the upright." When you retire at night, praise Him till you fall asleep, trusting the blood of Christ to protect you. When you awake in the morning, continue praising Him. Follow the example of David, who said, "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord."

Beloved, let your whole life be a life of praise. Oh, how happy, how restful, how contented, how peaceful, how victorious is this life of praise! "Praise ye the Lord." "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee."

PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Denominational Statistics

The 1956 volume of the Yearbook of American Churches is filled with statistics concerning the religious denominations in the U. S. Members of the Assemblies of God will be interested in the box on this page that shows how their denomination ranks among the others.

There are 7,320 Assemblies of God churches in the U. S. and some 5,000 abroad. Membership in the U. S. is only 400,000 but enrollment in Sunday School is over 775,000 including more than 80,000 Sunday School workers.

In the past ten years, membership in the Assemblies of God has increased 65 per cent while the number of ordained ministers has increased 70 per cent. The number of ordained ministers increased from 5,061 to 8,650. (The denomination also has some 5,000 other ministers in the U. S. holding exhorter's credentials or license to preach, bringing the total number of ministers to more than 14,000.)

The Assemblies of God have 743 missionaries under appointment to 69 foreign lands. In addition to the American missionaries there are more than 5,000 national ministers serving on the various foreign mission fields.

Radio Growing More Popular

Don't think that radio is fading out in favor of television, or that gospel radio ministry is less effective today than it used to be. On the contrary, the radio industry is thriving and growing, even in areas of direct TV competition, and radio receiving sets are being made by the million.

Harold E. Fellows, President of the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters, said that more radio stations (over a hundred) went on the air in 1954 than television stations. He said that radio is "a healthy and growing industry which has not yet reached its peak of physical facilities."

Protestant Workers in Prison

Thirty-two Protestant pastors and church workers are still in East German prisons or in camps in the Soviet Union, according to a report from the Evangelical Church in Berlin. Most of them are clergymen sentenced in the Soviet Zone of Germany during the anti-church campaign of three years ago. At the peak of this campaign, which was relaxed in June, 1953, more than fifty Evangelical clergymen were imprisoned by the Communist regime.

1955 Harvest Sets New Record

There is abundant reason to give thanks to the Lord of the harvest, according to reports issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The October survey showed that, in spite of slim crops in certain areas, the overall volume of farm production (crops plus livestock products) will be the largest in history for American agriculture.

New Search for Noah's Ark

Noah's Ark is the objective of a new trek up Mount Ararat in Turkey by an expedition led by John Libi of San Francisco.

During last year's climb he sighted a promising 500-foot-long mound about 1,000 feet below Ararat's 19,946-foot peak, he said, but he had to quit because of illness and other complications. This year he plans to chop through ice and snow to see what's in the mound, even if the ice and snow is fifty feet deep.

"I figure the petrified remains of the ark must be up there," he says, "and I'd like to find it. It would be a great discovery for Christians all over the world."

Other post-war searches for the ark by

American and French expeditions have been fruitless. Ararat, on the Turkish-Russian frontier, is in the general area north of the Tigris and Euphrates River basins, believed to be the site of the Garden of Eden.

Invading God's Universe

Larry T. Cramer read in a local paper about the U. S. government's plan to launch a satellite moon into space. This presented a special problem to his mind, so he wrote a letter to the editor. This is how it read, as printed in the *Beacon Journal* of Akron, Ohio:

"Man may fly to the moon and Mars in the near future, but to what avail?

"What will he take with him to another planet? His pride, egotism, selfishness, envy, avarice? His religious divisions, his racial strife, his puny political schemes, his strained social theories, his crumbling institutions? His fears?

"Will God allow one planet's sins to be transferred to another, perhaps unblemished, planet in His universe? Are we near the end of time, when our invasion of God's universe will not be allowed?

"I just don't know. I have no fear, but I have faith. . . ."

Church Door Painted Red

A church in Culver, Indiana, that is "in the red" has painted its doors red to remind church-goers of the financial problem. The pastor says that when the last payment has been made the doors will be painted green.



How the Assemblies of God Ranks

- 9th in number of churches
- 27th in church membership
- 8th in number of ministers
- 8th in number of Sunday Schools
- 11th in Sunday School enrollment
- 7th in number of Sunday School workers

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DO YOU LIKE IT?

Do you like this Thanksgiving issue of the EVANGEL? We have doubled the size of this particular issue in order to give you a taste of the added blessings you will find in the new, bigger EVANGEL which we plan to publish regularly in 1956.

President Calls for Thanksgiving

President Eisenhower called upon all Americans to offer "special prayers of gratitude for the abundance of our endowments" on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24. At the same time he urged everyone to remember "those less fortunate" and "share with them to alleviate their need."

The President signed his annual Thanksgiving Day proclamation from his sickbed at Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, where he is recovering from a heart attack.

He said the nation should offer prayers of thanks not only for its abundance, both material and spiritual, but for "the preservation of our way of life, in its richness and fullness, and for the religious faith which has wielded such a beneficent influence upon our destiny."

From his hospital room he also sent a request that all Americans should observe Wednesday, October 26, as a National Day of Prayer for peace. That was the day before the Big Four foreign ministers conference opened in Geneva.

Crime Problem a Youth Problem

J. Edgar Hoover says that America's crime problem is essentially a youth problem. Approximately one-half of all the persons arrested last year for burglary, larceny and auto theft were under 18 years of age, he said.

"Law enforcement and the entire community must concentrate more and more on the problem of the juvenile," he told the International Association of Chiefs of Police last month at Washington.

The FBI Director stated that the cost of crime, when all factors are considered is almost twenty billion dollars a year. This is fourteen times as much as is given to churches, he pointed out.

Luther's Writings in English

In the past two years there has been a tremendous upsurge of public interest in the life and work of Martin Luther, the foremost leader of the Protestant Reformation. As a result, U. S. publishers have undertaken the publication of an English edition of his writings. It will take fifteen years to complete all 55 volumes in the set. The first volume was published on October 31 by the Concordia Publishing House in St. Louis, Mo.

Worldwide Bible Reading to Begin Thursday, November 24

The Worldwide Bible Reading, sponsored by the American Bible Society, will begin on Thanksgiving Day and continue until December 31, with a well-known passage of Scripture suggested for each day. The plan will enable many millions of Christians all over the world to join in reading the same Bible chapter from day to day, thus uniting the whole Christian church around the Word of God.

The theme for this year "Take—Read" is based on the story of Augustine's conversion. One day when Augustine was deeply disturbed over mental and spiritual perplexities, he happened to overhear some boys playing nearby who were calling in Latin, over and over, "Take, read." He took this as a suggestion from God. Immediately he went to his room, where he opened the Scriptures and read until the direction of his life was changed, and he became a man of tremendous spiritual influence.

The entire life of any individual will be changed for the better if they will "take" their Bible and "read" it with an open heart. The list of passages for the Worldwide Bible Reading are given on this page. We suggest you clip it and keep it in your Bible for daily reference.

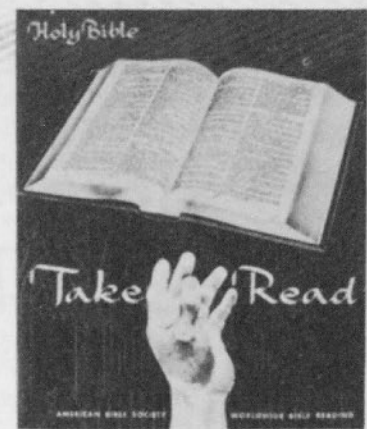
Winning Youth for Christ

At the completion of seven years of service as president of Youth for Christ International, Dr. Bob Cook paused to look back over the phenomenal growth of the movement and made the following statement:

"God seems to have brought Youth for Christ into existence at this time to serve as a right arm of the church in reaching a delinquent generation of young people. You can hide your head in the sand like an ostrich and run away from the sorry mess if you will, but the facts are there: if we do not reach this generation of youth for Christ NOW we will face an even greater problem in years to come.

"Bluntly, this generation is on a landslide to hell. Youth for Christ is devoting its complete energy and strength to stop that downward trend and turn millions of teen-agers to a positive faith in God. Thank God we have met with some success, and the future is as bright as the promises of God."

At present, he said, the organization is concentrating on its High School Bible Clubs. It has established Bible Clubs in 1,956 high schools and there is an average of 32 young people attending the weekly meetings in each of these high schools. The goal is to reach seven million American high-school students through the Bible Clubs during the next twelve months.



12th Annual

WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING

This year millions of Americans of all faiths will join in daily Bible reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas in the twelfth annual observance of Worldwide Bible Reading, sponsored by the American Bible Society.

The program, which began when a U. S. marine on Guadalcanal wrote his mother asking that the family join him in reading the same passages of Scripture each day, has spread in scope to the peoples of more than forty nations.

The readings are without note or comment, and one may use whatever version of the Bible he prefers.

Below are the readings for each day, in the theme of personal faith as selected by numerous people from many denominations.

NOVEMBER

24 Thanksgiving . . .	Psalms 23:1-6
25	Psalms 46:1-11
26	Psalms 100:1-5
27 Sunday	Matthew 5:1-26
28	Matthew 5:27-48
29	Matthew 6:1-15
30	Matthew 6:16-34

DECEMBER

1	Matthew 7:1-29
2	Matthew 18:1-14
3	Matthew 18:15-35
4 Sunday	Matthew 22:1-22
5	Matthew 25:1-30
6	Matthew 25:31-46
7	Mark 12:18-44
8	Luke 7:31-50
9	Luke 14:1-14
10	Luke 14:15-35
11 Universal Bible	
Sunday . . .	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
12	Luke 10:25-42
13	Luke 15:1-10
14	Luke 15:11-32
15	John 3:1-17
16	John 14:1-14
17	John 14:15-31
18 Sunday	Romans 8:14-39
19	Romans 12:1-21
20	1 John 4:1-21
21	Isaiah 9:2-7
22	Isaiah 11:1-9
23	Isaiah 53:1-12
24	John 1:1-18
25 Christmas . . .	Matthew 2:1-11

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"The Lord Healed Me"

God promised physical healing to His people, saying, "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26). Here are personal testimonies from some who have proved the promise marvelously true.

HEALED OF POLIO

We wish to give our testimony of God's goodness in healing our little daughter of polio.

Elizabeth Ann took sick on June 30, 1955, with a headache, a high fever, and pain in her neck and back. The doctor examined her and pronounced it polio. He wanted us to take her to Little Rock for further examination.

By this time Elizabeth's neck had become so stiff she could not bend her head down. We took her to the Assembly of God in Bauxite, where we attend church, and prayer was offered for her. God instantly healed her, and all of the pain and stiffness left her body.

The doctor examined our daughter again on July 11 and said she was just fine. We are giving God the glory for His wonderful healing power.—Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Davis, Route 1, Box 389 C, Benton, Ark.

(Endorsed by Pastor William L. Lewis, Bauxite, Ark.)

HEART AND EYES MADE NORMAL THROUGH PRAYER

I had been in ill health since childhood. For many years I was under the care of physicians, who tried every known medicine and treatment without success. For eleven years I took strong nerve medicines, but instead of improving I grew gradually worse until I had a nervous breakdown and was confined to bed for four years. During that time I had three major operations, which caused further complications. As a result I developed a weakened heart muscle and an enlarged heart. Being discouraged and worried I decided to go to work to get my mind off my trouble.

I had worn glasses for more than thirty years. During this time of illness my eyes were gradually getting worse. I consulted several eye specialists, who diagnosed my trouble as glaucoma and

advised an operation to relieve the pain and tension. But they said I would have to use medication for the rest of my life. One specialist frankly told me that this condition eventually leads to blindness.

All in all, my various ailments gradually grew worse until the last few years my heart condition was so serious that I could hardly do my work. I was in constant pain and sometimes a slight exertion would cause an attack. These attacks not only left me in a weakened condition but were getting so numerous and the pain so excruciating I often prayed it would be the last attack.

Brother Teuber was conducting a tent revival in Michigan City, and I attended the meetings. On June 13, 1954, he prayed for me and the Lord marvelously healed me instantly of all my afflictions. The pain and tension in my eyes has gone. No longer do I have to wear glasses. The constant pain in my heart and the nervous exhaustion has all disappeared and now I can do my work without tiring.

I praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power and for all He has done for me.—Alma Schilf, Michigan City, Ind.

(Endorsed by Pastor Stewart H. Robinson, 104 Dunlap Street, Michigan City, Ind.)

SKULL FRACTURE HEALED

The day before Thanksgiving 1947 our girl Phyllis (then 3½ years old) fell from the car and fractured her skull. Dr. Boersma of Vancouver told us there was little hope for her recovery, because she hemorrhaged from the brain and spinal cord for three days. Even if she lived, the doctor said, in all probability she would be deaf and cross-eyed, and she would be unable to walk or even know her name.

After the six-week checkup it was discovered that the bones had not knitted. The doctor felt that a silver plate would

be necessary if the next checkup showed no further improvement.

In the spring of 1948, Evangelist Tom B. Myers was holding meetings in Tillamook, while we lived and pastored at Hebo. Phyllis was prayed for, and the bones were healed. Even the doctor was amazed at the result.

Seven years have elapsed since then, and Phyllis is still well. Her ears and eyes are normal, and her school record is above average. We give God the glory, for His healing power is the same today as ever.—L. E. Gould, Mehama, Oreg.

(Endorsed by Harold E. Beaty, Pastor, Assembly of God, Stayton, Oreg.)

DELIVERED FROM ANEMIA

I want to give glory to God for healing my body during the L. C. Robie meeting in Williamsport, Maryland.

I had pernicious anemia of long standing, but by taking medicine I had been able to work. When Brother Robie and Brother Miles prayed for me, God wonderfully healed me. Now I am free from medicine and from the bondage of affliction. God has been good to me, and I want to glorify my precious Saviour, so that others might trust Him too.—Mrs. Esther Martin, 1704 Pennsylvania Ave., Hagerstown, Md.

(Endorsed by V. W. Miles, Pastor, Pentecostal Assembly of God, Williamsport, Md.)

NO LONGER CRIPPLED

Our baby was born with her right hip grown outward. As a result, her right leg and knee were twisted terribly, and her foot was turned completely to the right.

She was unable to stand with both her feet flat on the floor. Her right leg was shorter. She could not step with it. When she sat in the high chair, her leg would draw up beneath her. She could not dangle her leg from the chair as she sat.

We took our daughter to two orthopedic surgeons. They both prescribed shoe braces until her hip should grow normally, which would have made our daughter a semi-invalid.

We bought the braces, and were just waiting to get them fitted, when a campaign of salvation-healing meetings began at our church (November, 1954). John and Olive Kellner were the evangelists. We decided we would ask the evangelists to pray for our daughter before having the shoe braces fitted.

When Sister Kellner prayed, our girl's leg straightened and lengthened instantly. She was able to stand flat on her foot! She can now step normally, stand nor-

mally, and sit normally with her leg dangling over the seat of her chair.

Now when I tell people about the miracle, I stand her up and ask them to guess which leg God straightened. Usually they pick the left leg, and when I tell them it was the right leg they agree that the Lord did a good job of healing it.

I took her to the doctor and he asked me what had happened. He said her leg is normal now.—Mrs. William J. Madden, Route 3, Chapin Road, New Castle, Pa.

(Endorsed by S. W. Brewer, Pastor First Pentecostal Church, New Castle, Pa.)

IT BRINGS MIRACLES

by ZELMA ARGUE, Los Angeles, Calif.

DO YOU WANT TO SEE MIRACLES TAKE place? Do you want God to be glorified? Do you long for the glory of God to come down? Barred doors to be opened? Bands to fall off? Sinners to inquire eagerly, "What must I do to be saved?" Whole families to be converted?

Then I want to point you to a Bible pattern which will bring all these things to pass: *enter a life of fervent praise to God*. Therein God is glorified—"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me" (Psa. 50:23). The glory of God will surely come down when we praise Him, for He inhabits the praises of His people (Psa. 22:3). Praise gives evidence that we are really alive unto God—"The living, he shall praise thee" (Isa. 38:19).

We all desire closed doors to be opened. We all want fetters to fall off and bands to be broken. We are concerned to see families converted and sinners eagerly inquiring, "What must I do to be saved?" Then let us give ourselves to praise.

Let me take you back 1900 years and show you the inner prison of the jail at Philippi (Acts 16). Two gospel ministers were held there in stocks. Their clothing was rent and torn. Their backs were lashed and bleeding. Naturally, the circumstances seemed most discouraging and gloomy. But these men were not complainers or quitters. They were not embittered. At midnight we hear them praying, and then singing praise to God aloud. They prayed, but that was not all. They had a hallelujah praise meeting. They sang aloud their praises to God. The prisoners heard them and wondered what it meant. God heard them also and was so pleased with their sacrifices of praise that He came down and provided the bass accompaniment by sending an

earthquake.

Miraculous and immediate results took place. Great changes transpired as the God who inhabits the praises of His own people came down to inhabit theirs. Prison foundations were shaken. All the doors were opened. Fetters fell off. Chains were broken. Everyone's bands were loosed.

Praise God right now, my friend, and bands will be loosed. Closed doors will be opened miraculously by the power of God. Fill the atmosphere with mighty shouts of praise, and sinners will begin to tremble and call for the light. Spiritual earthquakes will occur, bringing strange upheavals.

Fill the atmosphere with songs of praise, and sinners will begin to inquire, "What must I do to be saved?" (v. 30). Gospel preaching will become more forceful (vv. 31, 32). Whole families will be found turning to the Lord (v. 34). Don't waver. It takes strong faith to sing under most adverse conditions, but miracles will surely come.

How can we attain this place of praise? By resolving to keep our thoughts on channels of praise (Phil. 4:8). How were Paul and Silas able to praise God? By deliberately taking their thoughts off discouraging circumstances, such as the prison, their stocks, the soreness of their lashed backs, their loneliness. So we must guard our thoughts. If Paul and Silas had given way to self-pity, no prison doors would have opened for them, and no one's bands would have been loosed. Nor would the jailer and his household have been converted.

May this attitude of faith become a life habit for us. We have made a beginning. May our stand of praise be strengthened. Let us say with David, "His praise

shall continually be in my mouth" (Psa. 34:1); "I . . . will yet praise thee more and more" (Psa. 71:14).

Recently a precious testimony came to my notice, confirming this stand. It was related to me by Brother and Sister Jens Jensen, now retired, formerly pastors in Iowa. It happened many years ago when they were opening a new work in Linn Grove, Iowa. It was my privilege to be helping them and to be staying in their home at the time.

One afternoon all three of us were seated in the living room, talking of the things of God and worshipping Him in our conversation with praiseful hearts. In the same room with us, in a wheel chair, sat Esther, the young daughter of the Jensens. For two years she had been afflicted with tuberculosis of the bone. There were open sores from ankle to thigh, from which the mother extracted splinters of bone when she cleansed the sores.

As we communed on the things of the Lord and praised Him together, a wonderful spirit of unity and power settled down upon us. We walked around the room with hands uplifted, talking in other tongues. Then without planning to do so, we were led to approach the wheel chair and place our hands on Esther's head. The presence of the Lord was so real. We were not concerned primarily with the girl's great affliction—though she had been in bed for over a year, was often delirious, and had sores in places all over her body—but we were overwhelmed with the preciousness of the Lord Himself, and we were praising Him.

From that day there was a change. God undertook for Esther's healing. From that time the sores began to heal. The scars of the sores are still there. Today Esther is a healthy, happy wife and the mother of a fine girl and boy. This family attends the Assembly of God in Centralia, Washington, where A. W. Nelson is pastor. Esther's parents still melt before the Lord as they relate this work of God.

Yes, chains still fall off when we praise our Lord. It is still true that prison doors open and that God works in His miraculous way as we employ all our powers to raise praises to His worthy Name. There is real Pentecostal power in Pentecostal praise.

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MONDAY, November 21

PAUL ON TRIAL—Acts 24:10-25

"Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee" (v. 25).

Luke possessed great skill in describing the court scenes in which Paul was on trial. On this particular occasion Paul had responded to the charges set against him by the lawyer. In addition to a flat denial of the charges, Paul called attention to two weaknesses in the prosecution. First, the lawyer had no real witnesses on hand. Second, Paul had appeared before the supreme court of his nation, and that body had proffered no charges against him. The president of that court, the high priest himself, was now before Felix and must make this admission.

Felix thought that his wife or some of his associates might have favorable information about the Nazarenes and therefore send the Sanhedrin leaders and their lawyers away disappointed. It is evident that both Felix and his wife were interested in the gospel which Paul preached. They called for a personal interview and "heard him concerning the faith in Christ." The truth presented evidently was that Jesus Christ will judge men, and that to prepare for this judgment one must accept Him as Lord. Since Felix had not done this, his dark memories stirred his conscience and forced him to an abrupt end of the interview. In so doing, he failed to pass through the open door of salvation and never enjoyed the experience of Paul—"a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men."

—C. W. DENTON

TUESDAY, November 22

PAUL IS FALSELY ACCUSED—Acts 25:1-12

"The Jews... laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove" (v. 7).

Jesus said that the disciple is not above his master, and since our Lord was falsely accused it is no wonder if we, His disciples, are evil spoken of. In fact, it is strange if we have not known this onslaught of the enemy.

Since false accusation is the common experience of the believer, what should be our attitude toward it? Jesus gave the answer when He said, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad." When we are accused for His sake, we can smile and sing praises and refuse any thought of retaliation. Moreover, we do not need to fear the effects of false accusation, for these effects are only temporal. Though our immediate prosperity may be hindered and we may lose some cherished possessions, yet our most priceless treasure, and that which is eternal—a godly character—can never be touched.

—MARIE E. BROWN

PAUL IN PRISON—Acts 26:1-21

"I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision" (v. 19).

Yes, in bonds for preaching Christ! The preachers of the first century not only preached the Cross, but willingly took up their cross to follow Christ. Paul had been warned by the Holy Spirit that bonds awaited him in Jerusalem. This did not deter him. He knew it was God's will for him to go to Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit warned him of dangers ahead so that he would be prepared. Paul may never have had opportunity to witness to King Agrippa about Jesus Christ apart from his bonds. The Apostle had learned not only how to abound, but also how to be abased; he knew that God had a plan in every circumstance. Paul's bonds opened the door to witness before Governor Felix and King Agrippa. Sometimes we become so taken up with our circumstances that we fail to see God's plan.

Paul "was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." On the Damascus road he had cried, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" His life was spent in submitting to the One whom he loved and served. He witnessed of Jesus Christ to all. Are we neglecting to witness to "rulers" today? I mean not only political or governmental rulers, but rulers in the business and social worlds as well. Behind many a seat of authority there is an empty and hungry heart which only Christ can satisfy. May each of us be "obedient to the heavenly vision."

—O. L. HARRUP

THURSDAY, November 24

"ALMOST PERSUADED—NOW TO BELIEVE"—Acts 26:24-32

"Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian" (v. 28).

The most important battle in the world is that which is

WHO'S REALLY ON TRIAL?



being fought between faith and unbelief in the minds of men. Sinners know that they should believe, but they realize this would entail the surrender of their wills to the will of God—and they do not want to surrender!

One night a pastor friend of mine was praying for a traveling salesman who was very ill. Suddenly the Lord gave the pastor a vision of the salesman. He saw him dying—while Satan and a band of devils waited to receive his soul whenever it should leave his body. As the soul was released from the body, its first feeling was one of relief. Then the devils seized him.

The man fought hard and tried to escape their grasp, but the devil only laughed at him. "You are too late," he said. "You should have resisted us while you were in the body. The other night the Holy Spirit and I were fighting for your soul. You preferred my arguments and my enticements to the pleadings of the Holy Spirit. You made your choice then, and you cannot revoke it now. Come! Follow!"

As they led the man away, the pastor saw the most terrible and abject look of despair upon the man's face; for the salesman realized that he had been almost persuaded to believe, but at the crucial moment had chosen death instead of life.

—ROBERT W. CUMMINGS

FRIDAY, November 25

"ALL THINGS"—Romans 8:28-39

"All things work together for good to them that love God" (v. 28). "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (v. 32)

To prove his point that God is not only able but also willing to give us all things, Paul refers to the fact that God gave us His own Son, the most precious Gift He could give. If He would not withhold from us the most treasured

Come, let us join our cheerful songs,
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.

"Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,
"To be exalted thus!"
"Worthy the Lamb!" our hearts reply:
"For He was slain for us."

Jesus is worthy to receive
Honor and power divine;
And blessings, more than we can give,
Be, Lord forever Thine!

Let all that dwell above the sky,
And air, and earth, and seas,
Conspire to lift Thy glories high,
And speak Thine endless praise.

The whole creation join in one
To bless the sacred name
Of Him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb.

—I. Watts

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November 20 has been set aside for a special offering. Unless your church gives monthly offerings to the Old Age Assistance Fund, we hope you will give liberally in this special Thanksgiving offering.



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and priceless Jewel of heaven, surely He will not withhold needed spiritual blessings, physical health, financial and material needs, or any other good thing. If those who love God believe this truth, they may have whatsoever they desire. Those who love God will not desire evil things.

Sometimes it seems that God is not giving us the thing for which we ask, but often He gives us something else first to prepare us for the thing which we desire. Or perhaps, although the thing which we desire is good, God may want to give us something better. Also, let us not forget that "whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth" (Heb. 12:6). Because we are His children, sometimes through love He is compelled to chasten us to make us better and more obedient children. But "ALL THINGS work together for good to them that love God."

—NOAH P. WHITE

SATURDAY, November 26

GOING FORTH IN SPITE OF DIFFICULTIES
—Luke 10:1-12

"The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few" (v. 2).

These words were often upon the lips of Jesus. In Galilee the sight of the fainting multitude wrung from His compassionate heart these same plaintive words.

And again by Jacob's well He pleaded with His disciples, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." Such yearning to impart this passion to His own should stir our hearts. Oh that a new urgency might grip the Church in our day to pray for laborers to reap and glean in the whitened fields until the summer is past!

Jesus was careful to point out the hazards and difficulties that would lie in the pathway of those who would respond to the call for laborers. "Behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves." But the frightful aspects of this meaningful figure of speech are completely altered as we take into account the further fact that "When he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them." Though hostility and tribulation befall us in the way of faith, we have nothing to fear, for we are following in the footsteps of Him who has promised us ultimate security and triumph.

—W. T. GASTON

Sunday School lesson for November 27, 1955—
"Paul on Trial" (Acts 24:10-25).

The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers; let him not leave us, nor forsake us: that he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers (1 Kings 8:57, 58).



George Kim and Henry Song holding samples of their songbooks



Vacation Bible School students at West Side Assembly, Seoul



Group of Koreans attending Sochang Assembly in Sochang

THANKSGIVING FOR RESULTS IN KOREA

by JOHN STETZ, Missionary to Korea

THE THOUGHT OF KOREA MAY NOT stimulate thanksgiving in the hearts of some; but when one views the joys and triumphs of missionary labor, thanks and praise well up in the Christian's heart to God for His gracious work in that land.

Our present students and graduates from our Assemblies of God Bible School in Seoul systematically conducted Vacation Bible Schools all over South Korea this past summer. Some of the more qualified students conducted such schools in more than one assembly with the recruited help of the young people in those churches. For instance, in the First Assembly of God in Kwangju four or five of our students and fifteen more of the Spirit-filled young people taught the 400 children who were divided into eight classes.

Most of the schools were held for only seven days, yet full effort was devoted to reach and teach the children. Usually two services were held daily at each church. In some churches three serv-

ices were conducted each day—the early morning worship service, the forenoon Bible classes, and the evening revival services. It may seem strange to most American Christians to know that these early morning prayer services were conducted between 5 and 6 a.m. We did not insist upon a set pattern for V.B.S. in this oriental country; nevertheless, in their schedules they included the essentials such as music, handwork, Bible story, memory work and a character story.

Vacation Bible Schools were held in nearly all of our assemblies, but reports are late in coming in. At hand we have figures from about half of our churches and total average attendance was 2,100 with the total peak attendance reaching nearly 3,000. When all of the reports are in, we expect to find the peak attendance exceeded 4,000. With such zealous endeavors it is no wonder that 465 accepted Christ as their Saviour and that six were filled with the Holy Spirit. This is indeed most gratifying to us, because it

was our privilege to teach Child Evangelism to these students and to inspire their hearts with a vision for children's work.

In one country town, where school was continued for ten days, the students in charge received permission from the police to put up posters all over town to advertise the special children's meetings. The average Sunday School attendance at the church has been around 120, but as many as 230 came the last day. Classes started at 8 a.m. and continued until 3 p.m.

In one new city where services were being held in the pastor's home, the space was too small to accommodate the children. The energetic student in charge pitched a tent for the Vacation Bible School. Because of very few teachers, the age limit was set at nine years and up; but even so, seventy children attended daily.

Before closing this report, I wish to tell about something else that thrilled our

Happy youngsters at V.B.S., Southside Assembly, Seoul



Group outside tent where meetings were held, Suwon



hearts. Two ambitious boys from among our second-year students took upon themselves the task of publishing a children's songbook for V.B.S. and Sunday School work. First, they selected songs from the few such Korean books in print and then added to their chosen songs many Pentecostal choruses which had been translated by our brother Yoo, our interpreter and faculty member. Out of the 131 songs and choruses which these two compiled

and hand-printed by themselves, many were taken from the Gospel Publishing House Primary Quarterly. As far as possible, each composer was acknowledged, as for instance, several choruses bearing the name of A. Adele Flower. Some of the songs were written by our students of music. Enough of these illustrated and professional-like songbooks were printed so that each assembly could have several copies.

A SEASONAL CHAT

by NOEL PERKIN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Foreign Missions Department



THE CALENDAR ADVISES US IT IS TIME to think of Christmas—at least as far as our missionaries are concerned.

We cannot help but react to this joyous season of the year when we realize the meaning of our heavenly Father's gift to us! What a change came to this old world when the Babe of Bethlehem was born! Despair turned into hope, sorrow turned into joy, bondage of sin turned into freedom of worship and fellowship, because of our salvation through Jesus Christ.

Yes, Christmastime is a wonderful part of the year—and a time when home and loved ones naturally fill our vision. Stores gaily lighted, with tempting articles of every description; music that fills the air and causes the heart to glow with the real thought of the blessed season; and the pleasure and excitement of prettily wrapped gifts being hidden away until the right time, and then opened with that thrill of expectancy. All this inspires happiness and thoughtfulness one for another.

Those of us in the Foreign Missions Department cannot help but think of our great family abroad who will not be able to enjoy what we in this country will have. The lonely missionaries in some distant foreign land must also think of loved ones at this time, while memories of Christmas at home flood their minds. How different are the surroundings of many of them. No cool breezes, or flurries of snow and sparkle of frost. Instead, blazing heat, dust, flies, sounds and odors

so foreign to our homeland. No, they do not complain—they are serving God and are trying to walk worthy of the vocation to which they are called, but there must be longings in their hearts for sight or sound of loved ones, especially at Christmastime.

Can you visualize the extra thrill these dear servants of the Lord have when they are remembered by those at home? Picture a little missionary group gathering on Christmas Eve and rejoicing in the fact of God's gift to them and those to whom they minister. They have not been able to visit stores as we have, but they have the same joy of suspense as they view unopened packages sent from the homeland. Soon they will be opened! The missionaries' children are impatient but happy. Missionaries' allowances are usually small in comparison to salaries in America, and they are not able to provide as they would like to—but others have come to the rescue. To visit a scene like this would make Christmas more enjoyable than ever, for giving to others always carries great recompense of reward.

We earnestly desire to send each of our missionaries something additional in their monthly check at Christmas. Imagine the warm thrill in the heart of these warriors for Christ as they realize they are not forgotten, and realize also that Christ, whose birth we celebrate, is not forgotten, for, as the Scripture says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Will you not share this joy by sending your gift marked, "A Christmas Offering for the Missionaries"? We will then divide among them the money received, seeking to send something for each child as well as mother and dad. Single missionaries must also be remembered. We are trusting each church and individual will be able to send in a little extra this month. Put this in your list, but act NOW. Address it to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo. God bless you for all your faithfulness toward His missionaries.

MONTHLY REPORT Foreign Missions Department

September, 1955
CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 2,183.29	Northwest	22,389.90
Appalachian	679.49	Ohio	11,587.21
Arizona	2,484.31	Oklahoma	11,255.04
Arkansas	3,326.59	Oregon	11,866.64
Eastern	12,725.56	Polish Br.	69.00
Georgia	2,583.45	Potomac	6,663.36
German Br.	662.01	Rocky Mtn.	5,887.97
Greek Br.	121.72	Russian Br.	136.99
Hungarian Br. ..	768.38	S. Calif.	28,848.36
Illinois	8,957.45	South Carolina ..	402.38
Indiana	4,745.21	South Dakota ..	1,607.43
Italian Br.	165.00	South Florida ..	4,270.15
Kansas	7,547.02	South Idaho	1,027.09
Kentucky	432.35	S. Missouri	11,218.69
Lat. Amer. Br. ..	892.15	South Texas	6,019.82
Louisiana	2,064.30	Tennessee	1,635.58
Michigan	11,357.28	Texas	11,550.59
Minnesota	10,208.60	Ukrainian Br.	52.67
Mississippi	859.57	West Central	4,279.59
Montana	606.32	West Florida	3,439.89
Nebraska	3,942.63	West Texas	2,430.06
New England	2,447.30	Wisc.-N. Mich. ..	5,556.53
New Jersey	8,336.27	Wyoming	470.37
New Mexico	1,299.16	Alaska	177.15
New York	8,959.75	Canada	95.25
N. Calif.-Nev. ..	14,684.55	Hawaii	130.00
North Carolina ..	1,204.48	Miscellaneous ..	1,771.30
North Dakota	3,075.60	Legacies	759.41

Total Amount Reported	\$298,175.68
District Funds	\$19,013.10
National Home Missions	4,496.12
Office Expense	5,437.30
Given Direct to Missionaries	30,385.65
	\$59,332.17

Received for Council Missionaries	\$238,843.51
Received for Non-Council Missionaries	3,592.31
Missionary Offerings not Allocated to Any State	25,257.47
	\$267,693.29

DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$100,517.57
Missionary Equipment	37,018.62
Missionary Work	45,535.71
National Workers Abroad	9,868.15
Deputational Returns	187.51
Buildings on Foreign Fields	14,619.02
Missionary Transportation	35,430.73
	\$243,177.31
Disbursed to "Hold" Accounts	24,515.98
Total Receipts	\$267,693.29

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"All Tribes Welcome"

—by ELVA JOHNSON



"All Tribes Welcome," says the sign on the window of the Assemblies of God Indian Evangelistic Center in Gallup, New Mexico, where Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Smith are ministering. And God's people everywhere agree heartily with the principle that all 280 tribes of Indians in the United States are indeed welcome to the blessings of Christianity.

But, knowing that it is not enough merely to say they are welcome without making provision for them to have the Good News, more than 100 Assemblies of God home missionaries are representing the gospel to the Indian people.

At this Thanksgiving season our Indian missionaries pause to give thanks for the harvest God has given them.

Rowena Chaves and Jewel Barnett of Winslow, Arizona write: "We praise God for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon hungry hearts, and for souls who were set free from habits of sin during the four-week tent revival with Evangelist Gladys Pearson and the David family. Sixteen Indians, both Navajo and Hopi, were filled and re-filled with the Holy Spirit. One young Hopi girl received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit the last night of the revival as they were getting ready to take the tent down. She had never been in a full gospel meeting before. She is from one of the villages in Hopiland where the snake dances are performed. Some of her own family take part in these dances. In the services here at the mission since the revival, she spends much time interceding in prayer for her people.

"Three Navajo women and three small children started hitch-hiking twenty-seven miles in order to come to the revival. Two of the women gave their hearts to the Lord, one of them a medicine man's wife. When she returned to the reservation her husband forced her to leave home because of her stand for Christ.

"From this same reservation a young man who is a cripple received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. He has to walk with two crutches, but since the revival has closed he hitch-hikes the twenty-seven miles each Thursday evening to attend Bible study here. Each Saturday he comes again so he can be here on Sunday to attend all the services. Then he goes back to his reservation to preach to his people.

"Missionaries came from three different parts of the reservation and brought Indians to the meeting. They stayed in the mission with us, and we had great

times together enjoying the blessings of God.

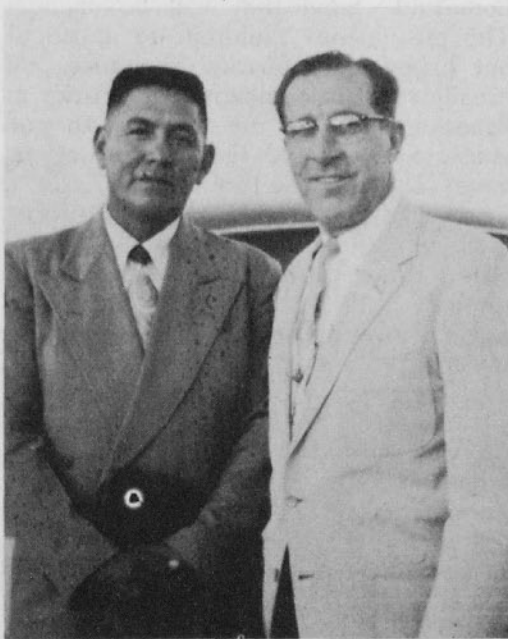
"One missionary drove two hundred miles each way to attend the services. They would bring all the people their pick-up truck would hold and stay several days, then go back and bring a new group. They did this three times, bringing a total of twenty-five Navajos to the meeting. Out of this group several were saved, and a young girl and her mother received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit."

Missionaries Lyle and Etta Wolverton, who made the 200-mile trip in order to be in the revival meeting, wrote: "On our first trip, seventeen people rode in our half ton pick-up, along with their camping equipment, bedding, food and cooking utensils. This was the first Pentecostal meeting any of these Navajos had been in. The second night Edith Jerry, one of our Navajo women, received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. She has a great burden for her people now, giving her testimony to everyone including the medicine men."

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Kennedy of Tucson, Arizona, are praising God for baptizing their own two daughters in the Holy Spirit.

In September, 1954, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Smith went to Gallup, New Mexico which is known as the Indian capital

Brother Jones, interpreter for the Navajos in the Gallup revival, and Herbert Bruhn, Field Representative for the National Home Missions Department.



Two Navajos from Shonto Trading Post who received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in Winslow during the tent revival. The older woman plans to serve as interpreter for the Wolvertons.

of the world. The Smiths found ample opportunity for working among the Indians within the city as well as on the Navajo Reservation north of Gallup.

A number of fine Indian people have found the Lord in services conducted in small hogans on the reservation.

In June, 1955 David Uttz, pastor of the local white Assembly in Gallup, called Jack Brock to conduct evangelistic meetings in that church. Brother Brock was originally from Gallup and had a burden for the city.

During the second week of the meetings an Indian child six or seven years of age, who had been unable to talk, was instantly healed in answer to prayer. This miracle caused a great stir among the Indians, and soon they were attending the revival in great numbers, as many as seventy attending a single service. Brother Jones, a fine Navajo Indian, contributed greatly to the success of the services by his splendid and anointed interpreting for the Navajo people. Many were saved and some fourteen or fifteen baptized in the Holy Spirit. Toward the close of these meetings three all-Indian services were conducted.

About this time Herbert Bruhn, Field Representative of the National Home Missions Department, visited the Smiths

and assisted in services on the reservation. Again God poured out His Spirit, saving souls and filling with the Holy Spirit.

As a result of the remarkable move of God in Gallup, the Indians were stirred to rent a building and seek to reach more of their own people in the city.

A hall which had previously been used by an interdenominational group was rented, and services are being held there now.

The splendid co-operation of the local Assembly in this Indian revival proved that they, too, desired to make "all tribes welcome" at the table of the Lord.

Let us rejoice with these laborers in the Indian harvest field over the precious souls already garnered for the Master. Let us join with them in prayer and practical support that this work may go forward till Jesus comes.

It is not enough to say, "All tribes welcome." We must do something to show it. If you would like to share in this great work, send your offering for "Indian Missions" to

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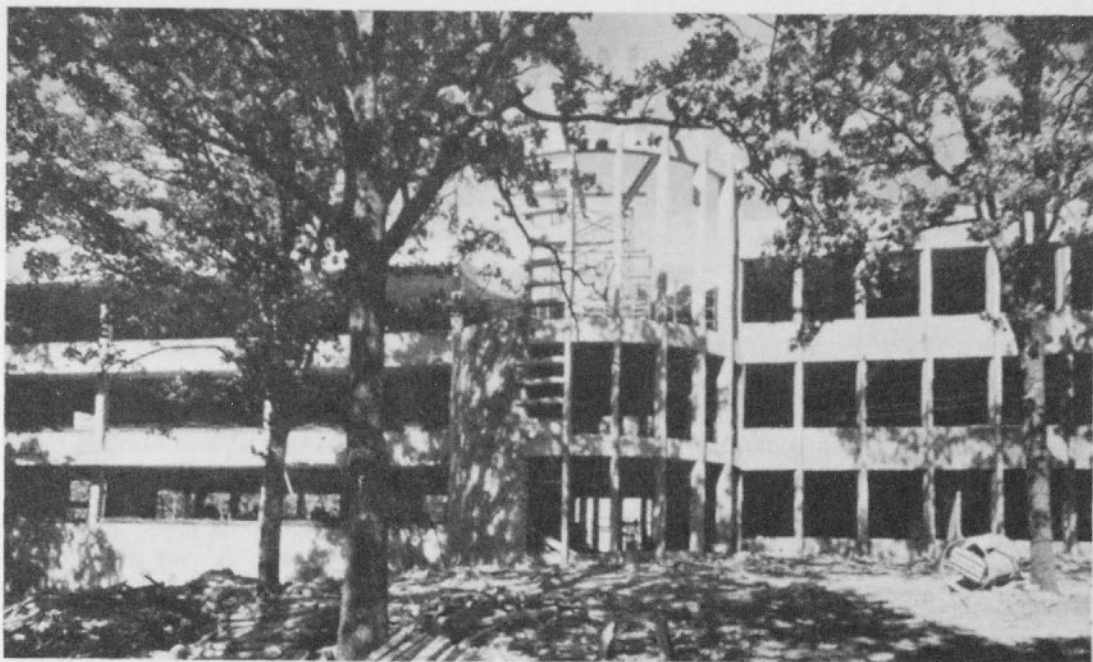
Work Progressing On Evans Hall

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, October 24—Great progress is being made on the construction of the new W. I. Evans Hall at Central Bible Institute. All the concrete, with the exception of walks, has been poured and much of the brick has been laid. Work is going steadily forward according to plan and it is believed that this spacious new unit will be finished soon after Christmas and ready for use by the beginning of the spring semester on January 20, 1956.

Cornerstone laying ceremonies were conducted with great rejoicing on Sunday afternoon, September 11, with some 1,000 friends in attendance. The occasion was a high day in the history of Central Bible Institute. W. I. Evans Hall marks the first major permanent improvement on the campus of Central Bible Institute since 1939 when the large auditorium now used for chapel was erected.

Ralph M. Riggs presented the cornerstone message. Bartlett Peterson, assisted by C. C. Burnett, performed the actual ceremony of laying the cornerstone.

W. I. Evans Hall is located immediately west of the present administration building and is of contemporary design. The skeleton of the building is formed concrete reinforced with structural steel. The outside is a beautiful blend of polished



W. I. Evans Hall—new education building at Central Bible Institute

cement shafts, Roman brick, and glass. The inside is very modern with durable, fireproof design.

God has especially blessed in the planning of this great building. It contains nineteen classrooms with a combined capacity of more than nine hundred students. The Pearlman Memorial Library and reading room will be housed on the third floor, with space for 30,000 volumes. Provision has been made to house all the administrative offices in a block on the ground floor. Spacious halls, faculty offices and lounges round out the many important services this building is designed to furnish.

The entire faculty, staff and student body of more than six hundred are looking forward with keen anticipation to the

dedication and opening of W. I. Evans Hall in January 1956.

There has been a steady interest manifested in the financing of this construction by friends of Central Bible Institute. Faculty, students, alumni and friends are rallying, both with gifts and pledges, and in the purchase of mortgage bonds. Those who take advantage of this opportunity to invest their money in this worthy cause will not only be paid a liberal interest return but also will be rewarded hereafter for helping to train ministers and missionaries to spread the gospel light.

A prospectus giving detailed information regarding the bond issue may be secured from the Office of the General Treasurer, Assemblies of God, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

Laying of the cornerstone at Central Bible Institute. FRONT ROW—C. C. Burnett, Vice-President; Bartlett Peterson, President; William Kretzer, Contractor; Richard Stahl, Architect. BACK ROW—school officers and board members: Fred Lessten, Ottie Gaugh, T. A. Kessel, G. F. Lewis, R. C. Cunningham, J. R. Flower, T. F. Zimmerman, J. R. Ashcroft, J. O. Savell, George Sample, Noel Perkin, R. M. Riggs.





Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

Compiled by the Department of Evangelism, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

CHESTERTOWN, INDIANA—Evangelist and Mrs. Bill Sharp of Dallas, Texas recently concluded two weeks of special meetings here. The attendance was good throughout the services and a number of people came forward for salvation and renewed consecration. The evangelists ably used art and music as an auxiliary to the good preaching. Among some who received physical healing was a young woman who had not been able to see from her left eye for fifteen years. After prayer the sight was restored to the eye, and at this writing she can still see well with it.

—B. E. Potter, Pastor

MUNCIE, INDIANA—The Northside Assembly of God recently sponsored a three-week tent campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Brown. In the eyes of many, this was the best revival the church has experienced in a long time. Several were saved and are continuing on with the Lord. The entire church rejoiced on the last night of the campaign when a young man was saved for whom they had been praying many years.

—Charles E. Fussell, Pastor

HAMBURG, ARKANSAS—Splendid results followed the ministry of Evangelist C. L. Dixon of Covina, California in a recent revival campaign. A total of 16 were saved, 6 were filled with the Holy Ghost, and 9 baptized in water. Nine of the converts affiliated with the church.

—Mark Spencer, Pastor

FRUITLAND, IDAHO—The Assembly of God has just had a fine meeting with 20-year-old Evangelist Carl Johnson, Jr. of Jerome, Idaho. Many outsiders and folk from other churches attended the meetings. Sinners were saved and backsliders were restored.

—Russell King, Pastor

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA—Recently Evangelist and Mrs. Rodney Duron of Beaumont, Texas returned to the Calvary Assembly of God for their second revival campaign. During the two series of services more than thirty received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and as many were saved. Several were reclaimed and refilled. As a result, twenty-six were baptized in water and twenty-five persons joined the church.

—Ira M. Bryce, Pastor

GREAT BEND, KANSAS—The newly established Crescent Park Assembly of God experienced a great revival under the leadership of Evangelist and Mrs. Clarence Lambert of Oklahoma. Ten were saved and four were filled with the Holy Ghost. The Sunday School was just started August 7 and the record attendance thus far is 68. Because of growing pains a new building program is anticipated.

—Anthony Benigas, Pastor

MIAMI, FLORIDA—Evangelists Dee Huff of Saginaw, Michigan and Connie Allen of Miami, Florida teamed up to conduct a successful revival recently in the Evangelistic Center here. The revival attracted large crowds and many were saved.

—Joseph W. Price, Pastor

BRIDGEPORT, TEXAS—Twenty souls were saved in the three weeks of evangelistic meetings conducted by Paul Emerson, Jacksonville, Texas. The revival spirit still prevails in the church.

—James and Winnie Barnes, Pastor

NAPLES, FLORIDA—Evangelist J. D. Lacey conducted a wonderful meeting here in recent weeks. A goodly number were saved and healed, and six received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The whole church was stirred for God.

—A. P. Jenson, Pastor

VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA—A great revival was conducted in the First Assembly of God by the Latin American evangelist, Robert F. Fierro. Night after night hearts were moved by the dynamic and sincere preaching. Sinners and saints wept together around the altar. On the closing night, the largest crowd to hear any of our evangelists was present.

—Keetah Jones, Pastor

ST. PETER, MINNESOTA—Evangelist Grant Wacker of Springfield, Missouri has just concluded a three-week evangelistic campaign in the city. Many folk who had not previously attended the church came regularly to the meetings. We know that these meetings will mark a milestone in the history of the Assembly.

—Charles W. Lamson, Pastor

FIRST REVIVAL IN KANSAS CITY CHURCH REBUILT AFTER FLOOD

This picture shows the opening service of the dedication revival in the new Victoria Tabernacle, Kansas City, Kansas. Standing at the upper right are the pastor, H. W. Barnett, and the evangelist, Velmer Gardner. The Sunday School attendance was 755 that morning and there were almost a hundred at the altar that same evening.

In 1951 Victoria Tabernacle was destroyed by flood, and there was no insurance to cover the loss. More than a hundred members of the congregation also lost their homes. Their faith, courage, and consecration are attested by the beautiful new church they have erected. It is 80 by 120 feet in size and has three stories. The total seating capacity of the auditorium is 1500. The building cost \$300,000 but it was dedicated with a debt of only \$60,000.

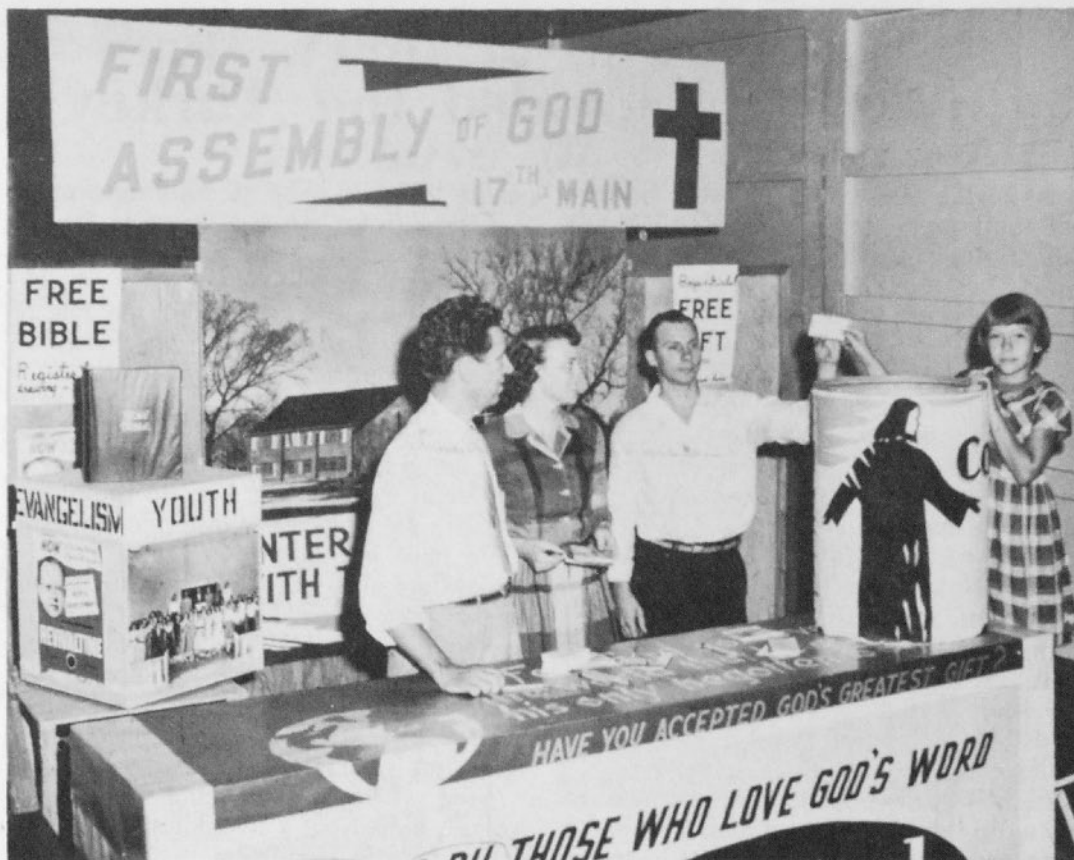


A Witness for Christ at Kansas State Fair

The First Assembly of God in Hutchinson, Kansas, discovered a unique avenue of ministry to thousands by having a booth at the Kansas State Fair in their city. Since between 250,000 and 500,000 people attend the fair each year, Pastor J. L. Boulware and his people determined to reach many of these individuals with gospel literature.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sanders were appointed to head the committee. An attractive booth was built and decorated with appropriate verses of Scripture. In the background was a large picture of the church with its name and location. A rotating box displayed pictures of the Sunday School, Christ's Ambassadors, orchestra, choir, and a large REVIVALTIME poster.

Aside from the literature distributed, a beautiful family Bible was given away the last night. Passers-by were urged to register for the free Bible. They were asked for their name and address and an answer to the question, "Do you attend Sunday School regularly?" A total of 7,260 people registered for the Bible. Many of them were from other parts of the state, or regularly attended services locally. Of the local people, 385 indicated they did not attend Sunday School. This group was marked for special attention. Each person received a letter from the pastor, a brochure about the church, and a special invitation to attend the services. Follow-up continues with a personal call being made upon each one, at which time an enlargement issue of THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL will be given. The winner of the Bible was Mrs.



The booth of the First Assembly of God, Hutchinson, at the 1955 Kansas State Fair. Left to right: Pastor and Mrs. J. L. Boulware, C. A. President Arthur Cole, and Janie Boulware.

Ben Vogt. Upon receiving it she wrote:

"Dear Rev. Boulware and members of your church:

"I wish to thank you again for the beautiful Holy Bible I received at your booth at the State Fair. It has such nice large print, lovely pictures, and interesting facts. It is a Bible I wish could be in every home. Thank you for putting

some Christian spirit in the State Fair. May God bless each and every one."

The entire cost for the booth and literature amounted to \$200, but the church felt it was money well spent. The couples who worked in four-hour shifts have received a greater enthusiasm to thoroughly evangelize their area. Plans are already under way for a bigger effort at the State Fair next year in the hope of making 10,000 contacts.

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA—The Ferry Pass Assembly of God recently had special meetings for two and one-half weeks under the leadership of Evangelist and Mrs. John Broxson. Twelve individuals were saved and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. There were also some remarkable healings. During the meetings a new Sunday School attendance record was established.

—Herbert H. Winslow, Pastor

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI—The Sheffield Assembly of God was happy to sponsor five weeks of evangelistic meetings in a big gospel tent in which Bob Bryson and Kenny Foreman were the evangelists. More than 200 entered the prayer tent for salvation and miracles of healing were wrought in Jesus' name. The Sunday School record was broken twice during the meeting with a top mark of 657. Because of the crowded conditions in the church, Brother Foreman felt led on the last Sunday morning to raise money for the new addition. Almost nine thousand dollars was pledged and given in

cash. At the conclusion of the meetings, forty-five were baptized in water and a number added to the membership of the church. Since the evangelists have gone, crowds and interest continue to be good. The smallest number in attendance in Sunday School since the meeting has been 546 which is approximately 200 more than the attendance was running last year.

—C. W. Quattlebaum, Pastor

WATERTOWN, NEW YORK—Several assemblies in this north country worked together in a united evangelistic campaign which is the greatest this area has ever experienced. The meetings were held in Strand Theater in Watertown with Evangelist William A. Caldwell as the speaker. Pastors and congregations of Depauville, Carthage, Edwards and Watertown cooperated and other people came from as far as eighty miles to attend the services. There were unusual results in the line of physical healing. Blind eyes were made to see, ears unstopped, crippled spines and limbs straightened.

Diseases of the stomach, heart, lungs, pains in head, and other evil conditions disappeared instantly as the people stood or sat in their seats. Tentative plans are made for another such campaign with the same evangelist in the future.

—William H. Dickinson, Presbyterian

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Unusual blessing attended the three weeks of special meetings conducted in the Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle by Evangelist Hildreth Ethridge of Tulsa, Okla. There were eight definite conversions and three backsliders were restored to the joy of the Lord. Many others reconsecrated or were refilled. Six individuals received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit including three thirsty Baptists. The sick were prayed for in each service and many were healed. Sister Ethridge was delivered from a mental and nervous breakdown five years ago last June, and her experience helped her in building the faith of others. Sunday School attendance reached 199 with many new friends attending.

—Harry V. Schaeffer, Pastor

How God Provided the Turkey

MY WIFE SAID TO ME, "I HAVE INVITED the fourteen members of the Ortiz family and Mother Ogden and her two boarders to dinner on Thanksgiving Day, and I have faith for a turkey!"

I scratched my head and wondered how we were going to manage it. I was just a poor young preacher whose offerings never amounted to more than six or seven dollars a week; and after paying my tithes, and giving my offerings, and paying the rent, and buying necessary food, fuel and clothing for the three of us, there was not a great deal left over for entertaining.

But my wife delighted in a life of faith, and since she had faith to believe that the Lord would supply all that was necessary, I thought within myself: "Now it will be interesting to see how the Lord provides."

Shortly after this, there came a message over the telephone from a man who had a large ranch about ten miles out of town: "I wonder if you could find Fred! He went to town about five days ago, and we suppose he is having one of his drunken sprees again. Do you think you could locate him? We need him out here on the ranch."

Poor Fred! He was a wonderful workman, but when he had a little money he would gravitate towards the saloon. There he was encouraged to spend everything he had on liquor. When he had gotten into a condition of drunken stupor, he would be carried to a room above the saloon

where he could sleep off his drunkenness.

I set off for what I knew to be his favorite saloon, walked upstairs, and found him in a room. He was bleary-eyed. He said, "I wish you would get me out of this hole!" I said, "Come on, Fred, we can find room for you in our home."

Our home was just a tiny shack with not a superabundance of room. I brought him home and he lay down on the couch. I thought we could fix him up there, but my wife drew me off to one side and said, "We have just got to find him a room somewhere else. I cannot stand the stench of that poor fellow!"

I thought for a minute. Here we were inviting a lot of folks for dinner on Thanksgiving Day, and how was I going to pay this fellow's room rent on top! But then we had a surprise.

Fred sat up, put his hand deep in his pocket, pulled out a five-dollar gold piece (they were in circulation in those days), threw it over to my wife, and said: "Say, sister, I need feeding up. Get me some eggs and some bacon and coffee." That five-dollar gold piece surely looked good to both my wife and me. She whispered to me, "We'll have something over from this five dollars for our Thanksgiving dinner!"

Well, I found a room where Fred could sleep that night, and then went to "church." It was just a store building, but it was a place where the presence of the Lord was constantly with us, and the



birthplace of many precious souls.

That night there strolled into the meeting a man who was much the worse for liquor. At the close of the service he dipped into his pocket and pulled out a letter of introduction from Mrs. Carrie Judd Montgomery of Oakland, explaining that, "Jim has been quite a drunkard but now he has changed his ways."

But alas, Jim had met a few of his old "friends" that day and they had treated him to several drinks, and then these friends kindly relieved him of all the filthy lucre he had. They also relieved him of his kit of tools, for he had brought his carpenter's kit with him.

I wanted to do the best I could for the poor fellow, especially as he was a friend of Carrie Judd Montgomery, so I found him a room that night. In the morning Fred and Jim were our guests for break-

Oregon Superintendent To Be General Treasurer

Atwood Foster, Oregon District Superintendent, will be the new General Treasurer of the Assemblies of God. As such he will be one of the twelve Executive Presbyters who carry the prime responsibility for leadership in our General Council fellowship.

The office of General Treasurer, made vacant in September by the passing of Wilfred A. Brown, is being filled on a temporary basis by the General Secretary, J. R. Flower.

Due to the fact that there will not be another regular election of officers until the next General Council, in 1957, it was necessary for the Executive Presbyters to fill the office by appointment. They looked to the Lord for definite guidance and were led to select Atwood Foster. Their choice was approved by the General

Presbyters without one dissenting vote.

Brother Foster was saved as a young boy kneeling at his mother's chair. He was introduced to a deeper spiritual experience during his last year in high school, and began attending the Pentecostal meetings in Salem, Oregon. His hunger for more of God led him to enter Bible School. He graduated from Glad Tidings Bible Institute, San Francisco, in 1930 and received license to preach that same spring. Immediately he entered the evangelistic field in the capacity of song leader. In 1931 he became pastor of the church in Tenino, Washington. A year later he moved to Cottage Grove, Oregon, where he was pastor for ten years. He was ordained by the Northwest District Council in 1933.

When Oregon withdrew from the Northwest District in 1937 and became a separate District, Brother Foster was elected to be the first District Secretary. For five years he continued to pastor in Cottage Grove, while serving also as District Secretary. Then in 1942 he was chosen to be District Superintendent,

and he has devoted his full time to this office until the present date.

Mrs. Foster is the former Dorothy Gutekunst. She and her husband attended high school in Salem, Oregon, at the same time. They have two children: Judy, age thirteen, and David, age eight. Sister Foster has always shared very actively in her husband's ministry. As pastor's wife she kept very busy teaching, visiting, and playing the piano in the meetings. She is an accomplished pianist, a number of her piano compositions having been published.

Since its inception in 1937, the Oregon District has grown from 70 churches to 192 churches, and Brother Foster has had an active part in this advance, first as Secretary and then as Superintendent. In the past five years the District, under his leadership, has developed a system of church construction called Church Extension Plan which now has gross assets of a million dollars. The plan has been officially adopted by eight districts. It is being utilized by approximately a hundred churches at the present time. This work

fast. I remembered that the rancher who had phoned me to look for Fred was going to have some carpenter work done on his ranch, so I phoned to ask if I could send Jim out to him. His sister answered the phone and said, "My brother has gone into town. If you will go to our house in town you will find him there, and you can ask him about the carpenter work that has to be done out here."

So I went to this rancher's town house, took Jim with me, and he got a job on the ranch. Then the rancher said to me, "Say, could you do with a turkey? I asked the folks on a ranch of mine in the San Joaquin valley to send me over some turkeys. They sent me too many, and I don't know what to do with them."

I thought of my wife's words, "I have faith for a turkey," and I said: "My wife has invited seventeen folk for Thanksgiving dinner, and I am quite sure she will shout Hallelujah if I bring her home a turkey." And so he gave me what I believe was the biggest one he had, and loaded me up with about twelve pounds of raisins as well.

As I carried that turkey triumphantly into the home, we had a glorious praise service together. In addition to the seventeen we had already invited, we also asked Fred and Jim to join us!

The Lord graciously provided everything else that was needed for that feast, and as we sat down to the loaded table we sent up our united thanksgiving to God. And He has done that kind of thing so many times that I want my life to be one of thanksgiving from January 1 to December 31, every year.

—NOBUD E. MUCH

has given Brother Foster an insight into financial matters that helps to fit him for his new post as General Treasurer of the Assemblies of God.

He plans to take up residence in Springfield, Missouri, in the early part of 1956.

Atwood Foster



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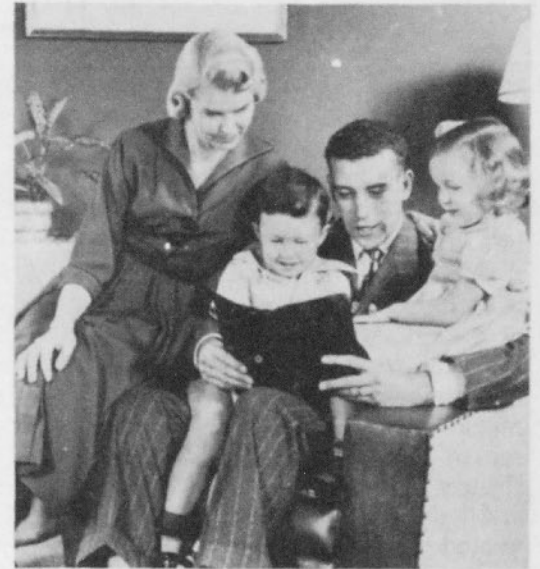
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It will be a REAL THANKSGIVING this year in homes like these:

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From California: "God answered prayer for me. My wife and I are back together."

A friend in North Carolina writes: "My husband has lived with another woman as his wife for the past four years. As each year passed he grew more tired of her, but could not seem to get free. I believed God would move when your prayer band prayed, and each day I looked for my answer. On Friday night, as I was coming in from church, a car stopped as I walked into my yard. Someone was walking toward me, and in the shadows I could see it was my husband. He had come back! He looked tired, whipped and worn. I couldn't believe my



eyes, Brother Ward! I felt like the little maid who went to open the door, and there stood Peter, for whom they had prayed that God would loose him out of prison. God had answered and for a moment I couldn't believe it! He said he had packed his car to go to Denver, Colorado, and he didn't know why he came home. He didn't know, but I did! I still love the children's Daddy and he said he still loved me. We have failed each other and our children. We both realize this now. We want to correct our mistakes and try to make it up to the children."

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LOOKING BACK

I called upon the superintendent of a rescue mission, and noticed a picture directly over his desk. It was not exactly a picture; it was just a postcard showing a city street, but I noticed that a small "X" had been marked at one of the street corners.

I asked about the picture. He smiled wistfully and said, "It was on that corner where I first met my Saviour. Some thirty-five years ago, now, some people were conducting a gospel meeting at that street corner..." and his eyes misted in remembrance.

"Every morning, as I come into this office to take up this work which He has given me, I look at this picture and recall how it all began. You see, my brother, I need the reminder. It keeps me humble and gives the fresh view of Calvary. . . ."

Do you have a picture like that—in your mind, if not on the wall? Can you recall the hour when you knelt at the Cross and received cleansing from all your sins? It is good to "look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged" (Isaiah 51:1). It will give you the "fresh view of Calvary," and make the sweetness of your salvation as fresh and as wonderful as it was that day.

—Edwin Raymond Anderson

LAST THINGS

by H. L. HASTINGS

THE CHILD BY THE BROOKSIDE FLINGS his bright flowers upon the rippling current one by one, and weeps in sorrow when the last is gone. The spendthrift wastes his hundreds and his thousands, but "the last dollar," as it goes, awakes a sigh as he remembers his prodigality and folly. The glutton eats regardless of a morrow, but when his riotous living has brought him down to his last crust, he remembers with regret the sinful revelings of days gone by. The pleasure seeker toils to kill the idle moment, but shrinks with anguish from his final hour, and offers all his wealth to regain one wasted day. And so the whole careless multitude of men will run the rounds of mirth and sin, squander the hours of grace and opportunities of salvation, till their mirth shall be turned to wailing, and their glory to despair, when "the last day" shall burst in all its majesty upon a sinful world.

But who believes these things? who realizes them? The spendthrift hopes for constant wealth. The sensualist dreams of years of health and joy. The glutton says, "Tomorrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant." And the scoffer, walking after his own lusts, says, "Where is the promise of His coming?" But the spendthrift will come to poverty, the glutton to want, the pleasure seeker to his deathbed, and the scoffing world to "the judgment seat of Christ."

All things earthly have an end. Righteousness tendeth to life while "sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." The broad road "leadeth to destruction." But dreadful as the last step is, the first step is the step of danger. The right stopping place is at the beginning. The time to do right is all the time. Each moment is precious—the first as well as the last. But men do not see this, nor feel it, nor realize it, even though they may admit that it is true.

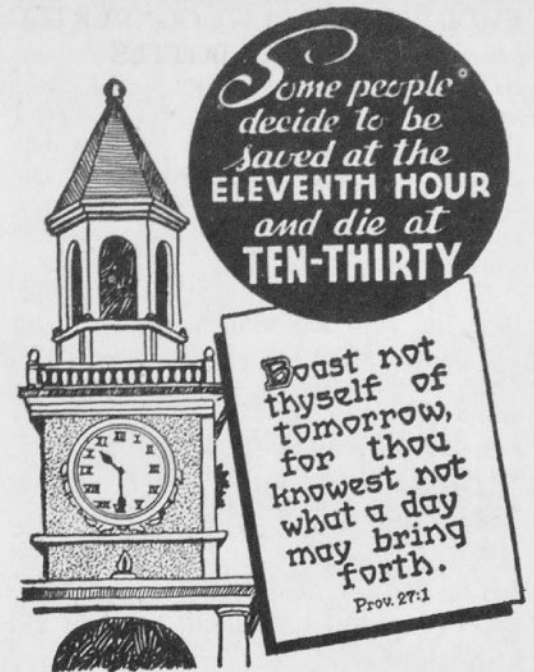
But whether men admit it or deny it, they will know it and see it all at last; they will understand it when it is too late. For the last things will be the present things ere long. There will be for every sinner a last Sunday, a last sermon, a last exhortation, a last entreaty, a last invitation, a last warning, a last appeal. There will be a last hesitation, a last struggle, a last decision, a last refusal to heed the gracious call. There will be a last rejection of the offers of mercy, a last neglect of the great salvation, a

last despising of the riches of God's longsuffering, a last resisting of the Holy Ghost, a last trampling underfoot of the Son of God, a last hiding of the deep-drawn sigh, a last gay smile to veil the anguish of a burdened heart, a last light answer to the solemn question of eternity, a last saying, "Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee." There will be a last opening of the Book of God, a last contemptuous closing of its pages, a last careless glance at the promises of pardon and salvation, a last scoff at the tears and prayers of the saints of God, a last rebellious rejection of the rule of Christ, a last refusal to confess Him as the Lord of all, a last day of mercy to a godless world. The last tear will be shed by those who go forth weeping, bearing precious seed; and the last sheaf will be gathered for the garner of the Lord.

Some faithful minister, some praying church, some godly father, some pious mother, some believing brother, some pleading sister, will have gathered the last soul in. Some earnest appeal, some burning exhortation, some tender invitation, some tearful entreaty, some cottage testimony, some scattered tract, some wayside word, will have won to the Saviour's cross that repentant rebel for whom the last crown of glory is prepared. What a prize! Two thousand million brows, and only one more crown! Only one vacant place in the shining ranks of the redeemed; only one royal seat at Christ's right hand; only one more diadem of glory which shall shine through all the coming ages of the incomprehensible existence of God!

The last soul in the ark, and the flood will come. The last lingerer hurried from earth's Sodom plain, and then the fiery storm will burst. The last wise virgin gathered to the marriage feast, and then the door will be shut. The last sinner saved, and he that is unjust shall be unjust still.

Men will not know the last opportunity when it comes. Men will not believe it is the last until it is gone. They will spend that day as carelessly as they have the days before it. They will dream and idle, they will jest and trifle, they will riot and indulge, they will please themselves and forget their Maker. They will banish from their minds the intrusive thoughts of God, and death, and judgment, and eternity. They will steel their



hearts against the voice of mercy and the call of grace. They will walk boldly toward perdition across the crimsoned soil of Calvary. They will tread beneath their feet the broken body of the Son of God. They will count the Blood of the eternal covenant an unholy thing; they will do despite to the Spirit of grace. They will stop their ears to the Divine entreaty, "Turn ye, turn ye; . . . for why will ye die?" and they will dream of hope and pardon and salvation until they wake in terrible surprise to find that all is over and that they are lost at last. Then those who have been warned in vain will be doomed without remedy. To them the gates of life are closed for ever. They will have broken through the last barrier that mercy planted in their deathward way, and gone beyond the reach of that peace-speaking Blood which cleanses from all sin. Unconsciously they will have passed the "unseen line."

*"There is a line by us unseen
That crosses every path;
The hidden boundary between
God's patience and His wrath."*

and then they shall "mourn at the last," when mourning is without avail. Then the night has closed, and there is no star to light it and no morn to break its gloom. The day of grace is gone, and there remains only the fearful looking for of judgment, the hopeless deathbed, the parting hour, the dark despair, the sullen gloom, the solemn trump, the descending Lord, the day of judgment, the eternal doom, the dread award, the lake of fire, the second death.

Reader, ponder these things. Today may be your last day. This may be your last warning. Christ's last call to you may reach your ears today. "Now is the accepted time." "Watch: . . . for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

BUDDHIST STUDENT CONVERTED BY WHISKY BOTTLE

Timothy Nakamura, 21, a student at Highland College in Pasadena, Calif., was converted to Christianity by a whisky bottle.

Raised a Buddhist in Japan, he served as translator for an American missionary, but he shrugged off Christianity. Then one evening, walking along the beach, he noticed a whisky bottle on the sand. He picked it up and found some Christian tracts inside. He read them and was converted.

That was in October, 1952. The bottle had been thrown into Puget Sound, off Tacoma, Wash., in 1948 by a group that specialized in sending out tracts by sea in bottles. Strange as it may seem, the man who threw the bottle into the sea in 1948 was an acquaintance of the missionary for whom young Nakamura was working as a translator in 1952.

The young Japanese changed his first name from Shoichi to Timothy, and became deeply interested in his new faith. Through the help of Christian friends he came to America and began studying for full-time gospel work.

Meanwhile he takes great delight in witnessing to all comers concerning the whisky bottle incident, which he calls a "miracle of the Lord."

18,000 WORDS A DAY

According to *Survey Bulletin*, the average person spends at least thirteen years of his or her life talking. On a normal day something like 18,000 words are likely to be used, roughly equivalent to a book of fifty-four pages. In a single year, one's words would fill sixty-six books, each containing 800 pages. How would your "library of words" read?

We are stewards of time, money, talents, all these—yes, and of words, too. How wisely do you use them? A word fitly spoken, how good it is; but thoughtless words can send a soul to hell.

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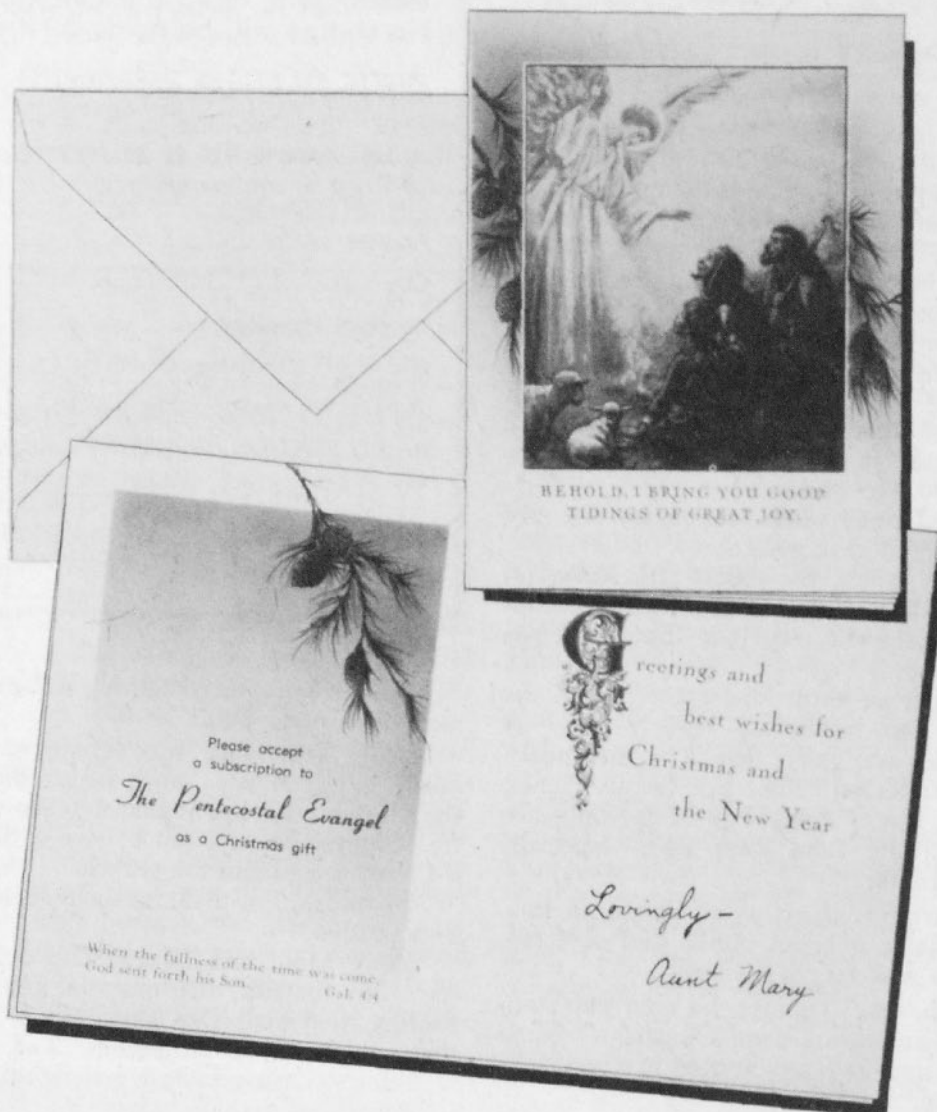
A Law Enforcement Institute on youth and crime was begun recently at New York University. Many assistant district attorneys, police officials, probation officers, parole officials, and others were present. Anna M. Kross, city correction commissioner, presided over the first session. She tore into the agenda—not for what was there, but for what was left out; namely religion. She made this challenging statement: "I know of no area in human living where religion can have a more important effect than in crime prevention and rehabilitation.

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"O give thanks unto the Lord (1 Chron. 16:34)

Dad put his fork on his empty pie plate and leaned back in his chair. He glanced toward his wife and murmured, "Mom, you sure put out the good meals. The Ritz has nothing on you."

Mom's weary face lighted with a smile and she answered, "It's work, but I enjoy getting a fancy meal once in a while. It's like wearing your best clothes."

"Yeah, it was grand, Mom," twelve-year-old Ted nodded.

"And now, what do you say we give thanks," Dad suggested.

Mary Ellen, the oldest girl, looked at her father with a slight frown on her pretty face and objected, "But, Dad, you said grace."

"Sure, an extra long grace," Bud, the oldest boy, reminded.

"That was grace, thanks for this meal," Dad corrected. "But this being Thanksgiving Day, I thought all of us would like to tell the Lord what we're especially thankful for."

"Isn't Thanksgiving an American holiday, not a religious one?" Bud objected, with a wise toss of his head.

"Oh, that's because the men who started Thanksgiving were Christians," Mom spoke up, "and they wanted to give thanks to God."

"Sure, sure," Ted agreed.

"Okay, now," Dad said in his best head-of-the-house tone. "Let's say what we're thankful for. Mary Ellen, we'll begin with you."

Mary Ellen hesitated as if she were thinking and then slowly she said, "I think mostly I'm thankful that I'm normal. I'm certainly not beautiful like Roma Turner, or smart like Isabel Winters, but I'm pretty enough to get by, and my grades are all right, so I'm thankful I'm average."

Dad smiled, "You're what our modern psychologists would call a well-adjusted young girl. Okay, Bud, what are you thankful for?"

Three deep lines appeared in Bud's forehead as he said, "I'm thankful that I live in an interesting age of electronics, not the old horse-and-buggy days."

Dad laughed, "Well you are typical of your age, self-satisfied! But I guess, as

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Mary Ellen said, it's something to be normal. And now, Ted?"

Young Ted's face was serious as he said, "Well, as you know, I just joined the church, and I'm thankful I live in a free country where I can believe in Jesus if I want to and join the church."

"Of course, I'm thankful for that, too," Bud nodded.

"Yes," Mom said, "that's how I feel, too. I'm thankful that my children are healthy, that your Dad has a steady job, that our country is prosperous. Too, I'm thankful to have a Saviour and to be able to bring my children up in a free country."

Dad's face grew serious as he said, "Yes, we do have a holiday that is a mixture of religion and patriotism, because ours is a free country. I'm thankful it is; but most of all, I'm just plain thankful that I have the Saviour and His Word to show me what to do. I know that on Thanksgiving Day we're following a principle that is rooted in the Bible which says, 'Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men' (Psalm 107:8)."

Always Thankful

"And when he had given thanks" (John 6:11; Mark 14:23)

THE GIVING OF THANKS FOR DAILY FOOD was the custom of the Lord Jesus. He had learned to do so in the humble home in Nazareth, and His tender heart was always grateful for the provision made by His Father in heaven. As illustrative of His practice, it is recorded twice of our Lord that as He broke bread for others to eat, He gave thanks first.

He was thankful for the five loaves and two small fishes. He had seen the need of the multitude who had listened all day to His words of grace. He could not send them away hungry, lest they faint in the way. "They need not depart; give ye them to eat," was His word to the disciples. As the lunch of the lad was yielded to our Lord, He was thankful that therein lay provision for the need of the multitude. He was thankful that they were to be satisfied.

He was thankful for the Passover bread

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GODLINESS WITH CONTENTMENT (1 Tim. 6:6)

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and cup on that last night with His disciples. He knew the meaning of the bread—it represented His own body, soon to be wounded by the minions of Caiaphas, mistreated by the frenzied mob, mangled by the mania of the pitiless soldiery in the guardroom of Pilate, and nailed in nameless anguish to the tree. The red wine spoke of His life's blood, warm within His veins, soon to be mingled with sweat beneath the olive trees of Gethsemane, to drip from His head beneath the crown of thorns and from His hands and feet on the cross. He saw all of that, more intensively than you or I can ever imagine; and yet He gave thanks. He was thankful that from His broken

body and spilt blood there would be forgiveness of sins for needy sinners.

We are thankful when someone helps us, or we should be. Are we as thankful that we can help them, by sharing something with them, even though we get little or nothing for ourselves? Beyond that, can we look steadily and steadfastly at personal sacrifice and loss, and be thankful for them, because in them we can glorify Him who was thankful in the very shadow and symbol of Golgotha?

Let us be thankful for sweetness of service to others and for sorrow of sacrifice that makes us partakers of His sufferings. In everything we are to give thanks.

—V. RAYMOND EDMAN

It Pays to Praise

FOUR TIMES IN PSALM 107 DAVID CRIES out, "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works of the children of men!" And in many other scriptures, too, men are exhorted to praise God. "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord" (Psa. 150:6). The way to seek the Lord is to praise Him (Psa. 22:26). Even David did not get hold of God until he changed his praying into praising.

Do you want God's presence to be with you continually? Then you must enter God's courts with praise, for praise is the passport into His presence. If we lift up these everlasting gates of praise, the King of glory shall come in (Psa. 24:7), and He will bring His glory with Him. How many times God would have visited us,

but the praise gates were closed and He had to pass us by. Another verse tells us that God inhabits praises—dwells in them. How greatly we need God's presence all the time.

Men and women spend a great deal of time making themselves attractive to other people. God says that praise is comely. Do we not wish to look beautiful to God all the time? His eye is always upon us. There is nothing so good and so beautiful as to glorify the King of kings and Lord of lords, and every time we praise Him we glorify Him.

Do you long for God to answer your prayers? Hebrews 13:15 tells us to praise Him continually; if we praise Him only occasionally we are disobedient children—and it is those who obey God who get answers to their prayers. Praise glorifies Him, and because we glorify Him He will delight to answer our prayers. When we praise God continually we are doing His will on earth as it is done in heaven.

The angels in heaven never cease to praise Him.

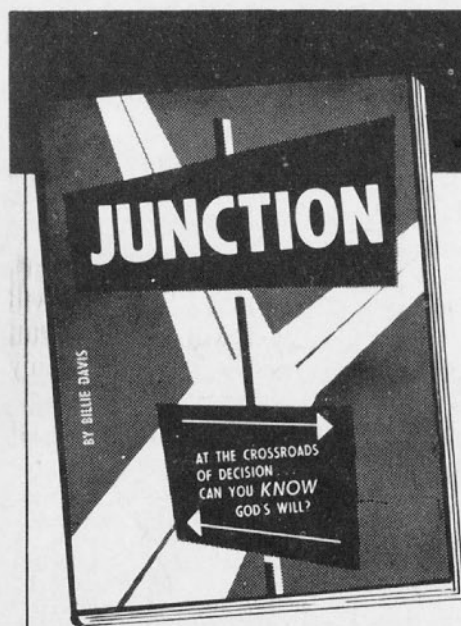
Every earnest Christian wants to be fruitful for his Master. God Himself has said that He has saved us that we may bear "much fruit," and that when we bear fruit we glorify God. Many kinds of fruit can grow only at special times and under most favorable conditions. But we can give Him the "fruit of our lips" at all times, in all places, and under all circumstances.

Praise helps us to keep our minds stayed on God and to have perfect peace. Our minds often wander and get on so many things when we pray—so God says that we must gird up our minds if we are to concentrate on Him. The girder we must use is praise. We cannot praise God without thinking of Him, and if we praise Him all the time our minds are stayed upon Him. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

Praise helps us to live not for self but for God. It keeps the bridle on our tongues and the girdle on our minds so that we may become like God.

If we spend time praising God, concentrating in worship, thinking about Him, we will become more like God—"as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Praise will give us victory over Satan and cause him to flee, for he hates praises to God. How can we afford not to praise God all the time? When David praised God continually he testified that God poured such a blessing upon him that he was unable to contain it all—his cup was so full that it had to run over. God will do the same for us if we are faithful in praising Him.

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"Ye Shall Receive Power"

by ROBERT CHANDLER DALTON, Dallas, Texas

PEOPLE EVERYWHERE ARE TALKING about power. This is the age of power. The atomic age has arrived, and it has affected our thinking in all phases of life. A few days ago the scientists announced the discovery of the anti-proton, with which they expect to release vast new stores of power hitherto hoarded up in the tiny atom. But it is still true that the greatest unused force in the universe is that which Jesus referred to when He said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you"—or, as the marginal translation reads, "Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you" (Acts 1:8).

The words of Christ offer unlimited possibilities for Christians everywhere to move out with the power of God in order to accomplish the work of God. Down through nearly two thousand years of church history this promise of a great potential of spiritual power has been almost unnoticed, yet this power is essential in order to perform the divine will. This power belongs to every church. It belongs to every believer. This power is the potential heritage of all God's people.

This wonderful promise, "Ye shall receive power," was spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ just previous to His ascension. It was His last bequest to His followers. It meant (1) that His disciples were not to begin the work of evangelism at once, but (2) that they were to wait in Jerusalem for the fulfillment of a special promise of the Father previously related to them; also (3) they were to receive a definite baptism with the Holy Spirit; and (4) they were not to be concerned with the prophetic timetable in connection with an earthly kingdom for Israel. This baptism with the Holy Spirit, this endowment with heavenly power, was essential for the task that they had been called to accomplish.

What was this power that they were to receive? It was not personal magnetism, nor great eloquence in preaching and teaching. Nor was it a special endowment of learning. In fact, it had nothing to do with human attainment. It was a divine gift. It was a special dispensation from God in order that believers might have something of God in them to act as God's representatives on earth.

In the Bible all persons who were called to some special service actually functioned for God as His representatives.

In other words, when they did certain things in the name of God it was as though God Himself were doing them. Exodus shows us that when Moses opened up the Red Sea for the children of Israel to cross dry-shod, it was God who did it. It was Moses' arm and Moses' rod, and yet it was God's arm and God's rod. In reality, it was God working through a man. Power in the churches depends on having God in the churches. Power in the individual depends on having God in the individual.

Christendom is suffering from a misconception of the meaning of power. The groups who ought to know the most about the endowment with power are suffering from a lack of knowledge concerning the very potential that they possess. God baptized His people with the Holy Spirit in order to put Pentecostal power in them and in the churches. Lack of an understanding of what this power really is, and how it operates, is unquestionably causing great confusion, even among those who have received the Pentecostal experience.

The Pentecostal movement is at the crossroads. We can either move on with

God, or we can bog down and be just another segment of the Christian church. We cannot halt long between two opinions. We cannot serve God and Baal. Neither can we worship the true God through the "golden calves" of Dan and Bethel. *The God who answers by fire* is the true God! He and He alone must reign in the heart of the believer; and if He does reign in the heart, He will rule the thoughts, words, and deeds of the individual. The world needs not self-controlled men, and not Satan-controlled men, but God-controlled men. The world is waiting to see God in the lives of Christians. This will bring a true representation of God on earth; and this is revival, the kind of revival that will bring lasting results.

Pentecostal people have long underestimated their possession. At regeneration the Christian is clothed with righteousness; at the Baptism, with glory; but he is only endued with power from heaven by availing himself day by day of the spiritual potential that lies in the Holy One who has taken up residence in his heart and life. Oh, that there might be a new manifestation of power in our lives such as we have never known before! This kind of power (1) gives us a concern not only for the souls of men but also for all their needs, no matter what they may be; (2) it brings us into a spiritual relationship with God where we know Him as a Father and a Friend; and (3) it moves us to action for God and for man, under the direction of the Holy Spirit. This is the kind of

MOTHER'S PRAYER

A MOTHER'S PRAYERS ARE INCALCULABLE. R. A. Torrey was one of the great evangelists of the world, who brought thousands to Christ. When Dr. Torrey was a young man, he was deep in sin. He had no faith in God, the Bible, heaven, or hell. But his mother was an earnest Christian and she prayed for him. She pleaded with him to turn to God for forgiveness.

Finally, he said to his mother, "I'm tired of it all. I'm going to leave home and not bother you any more! You will not see me any more." The mother followed him to the door, and to the gate, pleading, praying, loving, and weeping. At the gate she said, "Son, when you come to the darkest hour of all, when everything seems lost and gone, if you will earnestly call on your mother's God and seek Him, you will get help."

After he left home, Torrey went deeper and deeper into the ways of sin. Finally, one night in a hotel room, he was unable

to sleep. He was wearied with his sins, and weary of life. He decided, "I will get out of this bed. I will take the gun over there on the dresser, and end my life!"

As he got out of his bed to do that awful thing, his mother's words came back to him, "Son, when the darkest hour of all comes and everything seems lost, if you will earnestly call on your mother's God, you will get help!" Young Torrey fell on his knees beside his bed. He cried out, "Oh, God of my mother, if there be such a Being, I want help, I want light. If you will give it to me, I will follow You!"

In a moment, his dark soul was filled with light. He knew that God was his Helper. He knew that Christ was his Saviour! He hastened home. When his mother saw him, she exclaimed, "Oh, my boy, I knew you were coming back! You have found the Lord! God has told me so!"—*Gospel Herald*.

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JESUS NEVER FAILS

"He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

Spiritual Indolence

by Evangelist A. L. TODD, Joplin, Mo.

WHEN ELISHA WAS SICK, JOASH THE king of Israel paid him a visit (2 Kings 13). It was at a time when Israel was being much oppressed by Syria. Patriotic Elisha desired that his country be delivered from this oppression.

The prophet asked the king to shoot an arrow out the east window, and as Joash obeyed, he said, "The arrow of the Lord's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians. . . ." As the next step in this vivid object lesson, Elisha told the king to take some arrows and smite the ground with them. He did so, but only three times. Elisha wanted him to smite five or six times. He told him if he had smitten the ground five or six times the enemy would have been consumed, but since he smote the ground only three times it meant that there would be just a partial victory. The man of God looked with much disdain upon the indolence, indifference, complacency, negligence, and halfheartedness of this king.

Many times churches and individuals become like this king—self-satisfied, contented to rest on past accomplishments and present achievements. Some years

ago a pastor announced that on a certain date the church would launch a revival effort. After the service a member of the church went to his pastor and asked, "Why are we going to have a revival? Your salary is being met, and so are the bills of the church. If we have a revival some people might get saved and want to join our church, and they might cause trouble—and we are such a happy family now." This good man was satisfied; he had no burden and no vision.

In a parable in the eleventh chapter of Luke we read about a man who was far from being like king Joash. A friend of his paid him a midnight visit, and he did not have any bread to offer his guest. But he had a friend who had plenty of bread. When he arrived at his neighbor's house the lights were out, and all was quiet. He knocked on the door, telling his friend that he needed three loaves, but his friend inside replied, "Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee."

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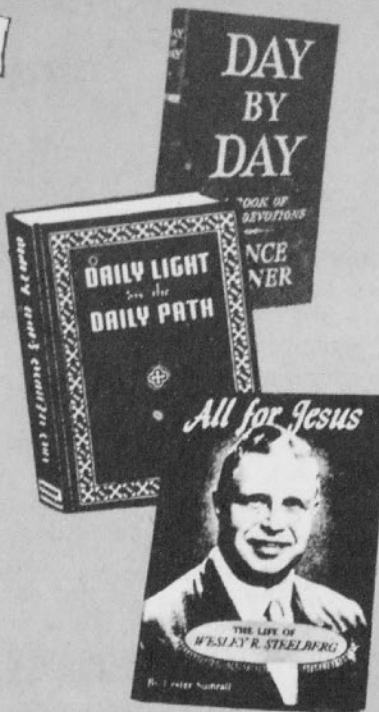
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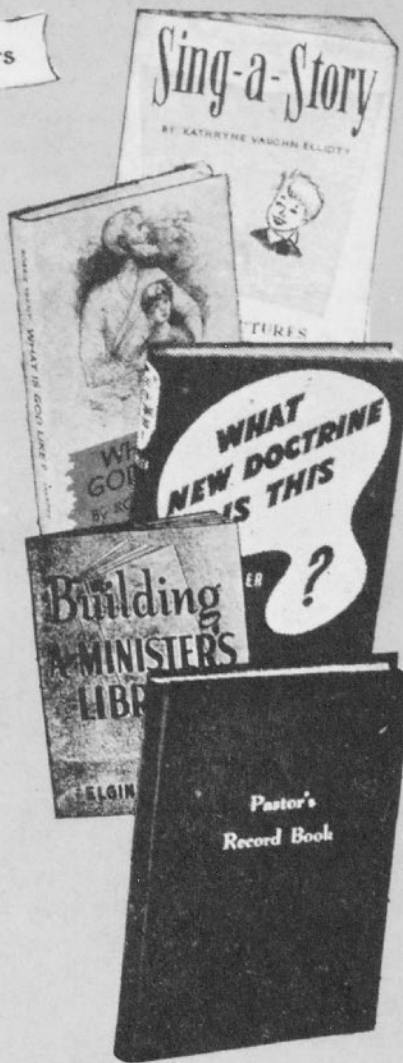
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reason, "I'm going to have to get up and give him the bread, or else buy a new door—for he is going to get bread or tear my door down." So he got up and gave him all the bread he needed—not because he was his friend, but because of his importunity. Had this man been indolent and complacent he would not have received any bread.

In Matthew 11:12 Christ said, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." The Centenary translation by Helen Montgomery says, "The violent take it by storm." I like the way Weymouth's translation gives it: "But from the time of John the Baptist till now, the kingdom of heaven has been enduring violent assault, and the violent have been seizing it by force." In these last days we need to storm the gates of heaven so that more will be saved, filled, healed, and reclaimed. Indolent, complacent, satisfied saints do not pray souls into the kingdom. The Church needs more Christians who will permit God to stir them with a burden for lost souls and lead them deeper into the garden of prayer; it is these who accomplish things for God.

Some years ago while I was pastoring a church in Virginia, a little boy disappeared as he walked along the highway ten miles from town. As far as I know he

was never found. The people in the town and countryside were greatly stirred over it. Men formed search parties and combed the mountains and valleys. Afterwards I thought: A little boy was lost, and people were moved, as they should be—but in that same town there were thousands of people, old and young, who were lost in sin and needed God. Where were those who would spend whole nights in prayer for them? Not many were losing any sleep or putting themselves out very much over the fact that thousands were on their way to a Christless eternity. If my child were lost in the mountains I would want people to be stirred and to help find her. Many Christian parents have sons and daughters who are lost in sin, but, sad to say, some of them are not stirred about it. God help us to be concerned and to help them find Christ.

The prophet said, "As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children" (Isaiah 66:8). The need is great today for saints who will hold on and travail in prayer until the "heavens open" and God comes on the scene to do great and mighty things in the midst of His people. In Psalm 142:4 David said, "There was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul." If I were lost in sin today I would hate to have to rely upon the prayers of some folk to get me into the Kingdom. I heard

a district presbyter say recently, "It is a good thing some of us got the Baptism when we did; it might not be so easy today." What he meant was that today the saints are in too big a hurry; they will not tarry and pray with folk who are seeking to be filled with the Spirit of God. If it took several days for the 120 to be filled in the Upper Room, it is surely going to take us more than five or ten minutes to be filled today.

As Syria was oppressing the people of God in the days of Joash and Elisha, so is Satan oppressing and afflicting the souls and bodies of men today. Surely Jesus wants us to tell others of the deliverance He came to bring them. May we not fail Him and those all around us who need Him. May we do our work well by His help. Then on that day when we stand before our Lord many will rise up and call us blessed because we took an interest in their souls, and Christ Himself will say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."



VETERAN MISSIONARY DIES

Alice E. Luce, a worker among the Latin American people for many years, went to be with the Lord October 22, 1955. Miss Luce, who made her home in Los Angeles, Calif., was quite active until a short time before her homegoing, in spite of her 82 years.

She was born in Cheltenham, England, and converted in 1883 at the age of ten. She sailed for India in 1896 under the Episcopal Missionary Society; and in 1910, while still in India, she was baptized with the Holy Spirit. She returned to England in 1912 because of jungle fever. She worked three years longer for the same Board, part of the time at their headquarters in London and part in Canada.



Alice E. Luce

In 1915, Sister Luce was ordained with the Assemblies of God and began to work with the Mexican people in Texas. She went to Monterey, Mexico, in 1917 as a missionary, and the following year she went to California to work with Mexicans there.

She established the Latin American Bible Institute in 1926. The school was first located in San Diego, Calif. and moved to Puente, Calif. where it is now located. Down through the years she worked untiringly to train Spanish-speaking ministers of the gospel. While serving devotedly as spiritual leader of the school she also poured much time and strength into the raising of funds for its support.

In addition to her oral teaching ministry Sister Luce also had a writing ministry through which she was a blessing to many. Her articles often appeared in THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL. She wrote a number of books which were printed both in English and in Spanish. For many years she wrote the lesson comments for the Senior-Intermediate Teachers Quarterly published by the Gospel Publishing House. She prepared a correspondence course in Spanish which was the only Pentecostal Bible study course our Spanish-speaking people had for years.



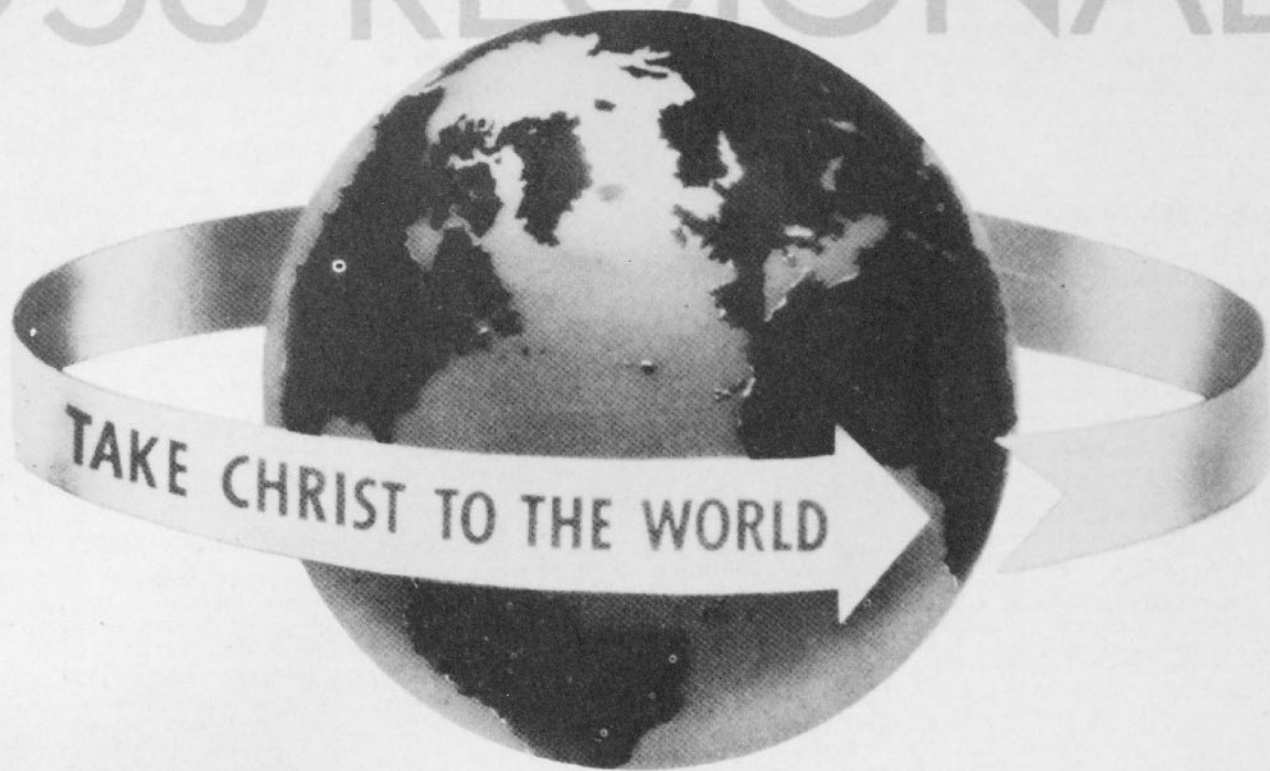
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The church was started twenty-three years ago by H. H. Wray, who remained as pastor for four-

teen years. Brother Wray was succeeded by H. P. Park and T. S. Scott. Brother Marcontell was called to be pastor in 1948. The following year a construction program was launched. First the frame building in which the people were worshipping was moved 60 feet and put down on a good foundation. Then the new auditorium was built adjoining it, and the old building was remodelled for Sunday School use. Brother Marcontell has resigned to become pastor at Hereford, Texas.

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AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

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HOUSTON, TEX.—The beautiful new Evangelistic Temple, 2000 W. 11th St., was dedicated on September 25. A. A. Wilson, pastor of the First Assembly of God in Kansas City, Mo., was the main speaker at all three services. Other speakers were Kermit A. Reneau, District Superintendent of South Texas; William S. Graham and Lonnie Bowlen, District Presbyters; and several out-of-state Christian business men. Many ministers from Houston and nearby cities attended these services including N. L. White, presbyter of the Houston section. Special revival services continued through the week, closing October 2.—Raymond T. Richey, Pastor.

NEWCASTLE, TEX.—During the three years and two months that we pastored this church, many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. There were also a number of outstanding healings. A man who had a heart attack, and was given only ten minutes to live, was healed. Today he is saved, filled with the Spirit, and serves as the Sunday School superintendent. A lady was healed of a cancer on her nose. Last Easter Sunday we broke the Sunday School attendance record with 187 present. We had a number of evangelists who assisted in the growth and development of the church: Alfred Trotter, L. C. Eldridge, Thomas H. Neal, Peterson Evangelistic Party of Texas, and the Schaeffer Party.

I preached my farewell message on August 28, and took up my new work as pastor of the First Assembly of God in Auburn, N. Y. on September 4.—Jack R. Cleeton, 101 North St., Auburn, N. Y.

EVANGELISM CONVENTION

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COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 19 days before the date which appears upon it. In the case of this particular issue the editors had to close the column several days earlier than usual.

AKRON, OHIO—Nov. 1-20 at Krumroy Assembly of God; Evangelists Andrew G. and Anna Basell.—by Robert E. Roop, Pastor.

LISBON, OHIO—Nov. 16-27 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist Eddie Roush. (V. L. Griffin is Pastor.)

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HOPE, ARK.—Nov. 15-27 at Hope Gospel Tabernacle, 321 N. Main; Evangelist and Mrs. Carl E. Perry, Winter Haven, Fla.—by W. C. Land, Pastor.

DETROIT LAKES, MINN.—Nov. 22-Dec. 4 at Assembly of God; Evangelist H. L. Moody, Minneapolis, Minn. (Claude Bratvold is Pastor.)

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MONROE, LA.—Nov. 27-Dec. 11 at Central Assembly of God, Hall at Calypso; Evangelist and Mrs. Stephen Vandermerwe.—by G. E. Chambers, Pastor.

MURDO, S. DAK.—Nov. 27-Dec. 11 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. A. J. Wells. (Leo Bankson is Pastor.)

FRESNO, CALIF.—Begins Nov. 20 at Full Gospel Tabernacle, 2530 Divisadero; Evangelist Bill Lewis.—by Robert B. Thomas, Pastor.

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FOND DU LAC, WIS.—Nov. 29-Dec. 11 at Assembly of God, Cor. 3rd and Marr Sts.; Evangelist and Mrs. Joel R. Palmer. (O. W. Apple is Pastor.)

CADILLAC, MICH.—Missionary Convention, Nov. 22-25. Speakers: John Garlock, Anthony Giordano, James Baker, and John Jackson.—by Alton C. Smith, Pastor.

MURCHISON, TEX.—Annual Homecoming at Barton's Chapel, Route 1; Dec. 4. All-day services with lunch on the grounds. All former pastors and members urged to attend.—by Cora Voyles, Church Secretary. (Curtis Brandon is Pastor.)

SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.—Dedication of Hill-top Heights Assembly of God, 15th and Cloudas, Nov. 20-21. District officials taking part in afternoon and evening services. Evangelist Joe Johnson, speaker for evening of Nov. 21, and for the next two weeks.—by Claude L. and Genevieve B. Conklin, Pastors.

MISCELLANEOUS

NAME CHANGED—The name of the Full Gospel Tabernacle, Delphos, Ohio, has been changed to First Assembly of God.—Anthony De Polo, Pastor.

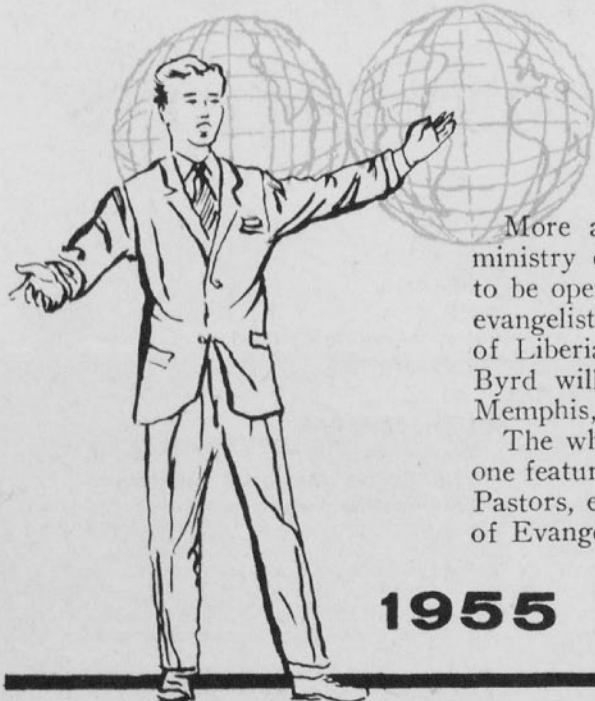
CONTACTS WANTED—We have opened the Beacon Chapel Assembly of God in Punta Gorda, Fla. Please send us the names and addresses of your friends in this area.—Leslie R. Clevenger, Pastor, Box 153, Punta Gorda, Fla.

CONTACTS WANTED—We are in a new work at Columbia, La. on the Columbia-Grayson blacktop. If you have friends in this area, please send me their names and addresses.—Peggy Ketchell, 108 Pelican Dr., West Monroe, La.

WANTED—Young married man for pastor's assistant. For information write Pastor A. A. Buntentbach, 415 W. Fulliam Ave., Muscatine, Iowa.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS—Since October 2 the people of Berea Tabernacle, Detroit, Mich., have been worshipping in the lower level of their new Sunday School building at 13400 Schaefer Road. The new building is still under construction, but it was necessary to vacate the old building so the congregation moved into the finished portion.—Theodore E. Ness, Pastor.

What about overseas evangelism?



**IS THERE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU?
HOW IS IT RELATED TO FOREIGN MISSIONS?
IS IT REALLY WORTHWHILE?**

More and more startling reports are being received of the revival-blest ministry of our evangelists abroad. A whole new avenue of service seems to be opening. For example, Ralph Byrd, who has recently returned from an evangelistic tour of the Philippine Islands, has been invited by the President of Liberia to come to that country in January for special meetings. Brother Byrd will be a featured speaker at the 1955 EVANGELISM CONVENTION in Memphis, December 13-15.

The whole vital field of overseas evangelism will be explored. This is just one feature of the Convention—an unusual convention, with a revival emphasis. Pastors, evangelists, and lay workers are all invited. Write to the Department of Evangelism, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, for details.

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