

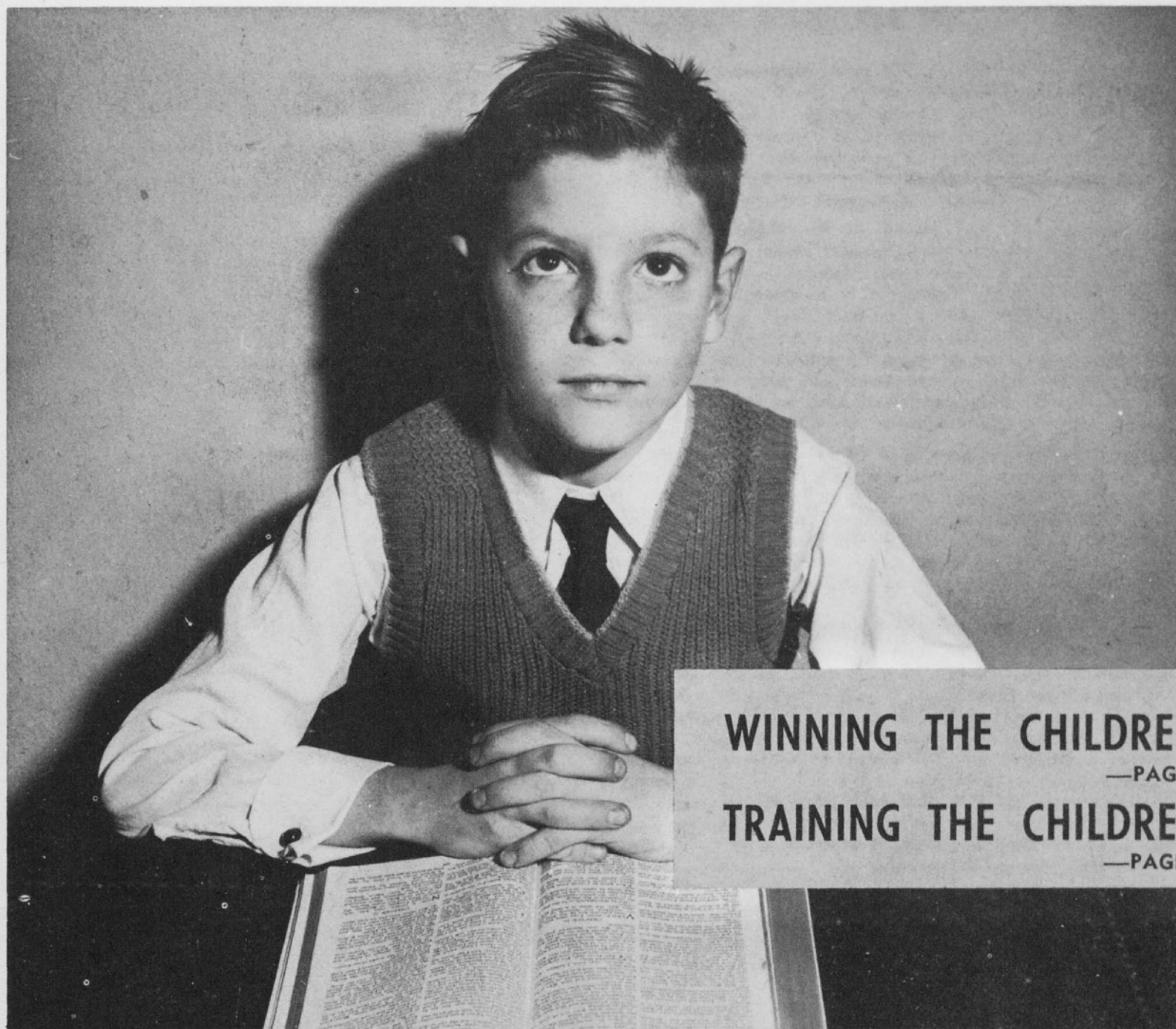
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## He Is Coming Soon!

For a hundred years or more, the Lord has been putting in the hearts of His people a renewed hope in the Second Coming. Especially has this been true in the twentieth century when God has been pouring out His Spirit in Pentecostal power. It is written, "It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy" (Acts 2:17). The outpouring of God's Spirit upon young and old is causing them to prophesy, and with utterance given by the Holy Ghost they are saying, "Jesus is coming soon."

It is not only the Pentecostal people, however, who are embracing this Blessed Hope. It is dear to many other Christians too. Members of various denominations are looking up, and lifting up their heads, realizing that their Redeemer is drawing nigh.

Last November a group from many denominations met in New York for a Prophetic Congress. At this conference the doctrine of Christ's return was expounded by many able teachers, and the Scriptures regarding the Second Coming were compared with world events. It was made clear that the Church may be caught up to meet the Lord at any moment, and that the "times of the Gentiles" have nearly run out.

A minister who was present at this Prophetic Congress writes: "There appears to be, especially among those who were able to attend the Congress, an increased expectation of and desire for the Second Coming. It is as though the midnight cry has already been heard. At least, much prayer is being uttered: 'Even so, come, Lord Jesus.' And why should this not be so among those who know the Scriptures and believe the truth that the Bible reveals about our Lord's return? The Blessed Hope is found again and again in Holy Writ. It is interwoven in the very fabric of the Christian faith."

Not only is He coming soon. He is coming suddenly. At a time when the nations are indulging themselves in the enjoyment of a false peace. At a time perhaps when people are enjoying more comforts and pleasures than ever before. When the public is more taken up with the things of earth than the things of heaven, behold, the saints shall be suddenly removed from the earth and God's wrath shall swiftly fall upon those who are left.

Our Lord's last words to His Church, as recorded in Revelation 22:20, are these: "Surely I come quickly." Some have supposed this means, "Surely I come soon," and they have said: "If Christ spoke these words nineteen centuries ago, why has He not come before now? How soon did He mean?" But "quickly" does not mean "soon." It means "suddenly," as it is written in Malachi 3:1, 2—"The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple. . . . But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap." It is significant that in the last Book of the Old Testament, as in the last Book of the New, we are warned that His return will be sudden. There will be no time to get ready. No warning period. Sinners who wish to be saved must get saved now, before He comes.

Both of the scriptures quoted above refer to His coming to earth with His saints. If that is to be sudden and without warning, His coming for us will be even more so. Therefore, keep looking up. Lift up your heads, for your Redeemer is drawing nigh. Be sure you are ready to meet your Lord. Be sure you are diligent and faithful to the work He has called you to do. He may come at any moment, and He will not come empty-handed. He said, "Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." What reward will He bring you?

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# GOD HAS NO *PUSH-BUTTON REVIVAL*

*Is it not an insult to God—dictating  
the kind of revival we want?*

**L**ET US STOP DICTATING TO THE HOLY Spirit! The times are pregnant with issues immeasurably beneficent, which yet are "powerless to be born."

The Spirit is wounded in the house of His friends. Consequently the Church fails to "bring forth;" and languishes while sinners carelessly go down the broad road to hell.

It is ironical when preachers of the gospel of Jesus Christ boldly declare to their congregations that they long for "old time revival," and congregations tell the Lord that they will pay any price if only He will send them a mighty awakening—while at the same time they are dictating to God. Is this not an insult to God—telling Him the kind of revival to bring? What right has the church to dictate to Him the channels of His movements?

## LET GO AND LET GOD

The trouble is, many of God's people refuse to hand over the reigns of their meetings to the Spirit's control. They will not "let go and let God!" They insist on having complete charge of the gathering. By so doing they presume they are able to "turn on and off" the workings of God as they desire. And they discountenance anything they dislike, or feel is not perfect decorum. They want

a "push-button" revival. Certainly they want a revival, but it must be one of their own liking; a poor, weak, colorless thing that they can organize to death. These kinds of believers have been so accustomed to the natural, that they will suppress all supernatural workings of God.

Again and again the writer has seen the blessed Holy Spirit seeking to "break through" in conventions where believers of one denomination or another have gathered for the express purpose of acknowledging their need of Him. Invariably the Spirit has been frustrated as the chairman keeps everything under his formal control. The man has forgotten that the true chairman of the apostolic conventions was the Holy Spirit Himself. "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost..." (Acts 15:28.)

How familiar the pattern is becoming! A visiting minister, in a quiet conservative manner, tells of some recent mighty workings of God; the hush of the Spirit pervades the gathering of believers—then the chairman's closing remarks throw cold water over it all. He tells the believers that such unusual manifestations of Deity are not to be desired nor expected!

How strange that the very people who

cry for revival are so quick to object when the Holy Spirit provides the answer to their prayers. His greatest battle is to break through the plans and programs of the church, and overrule its carefully calculated pattern of evangelism.

## UNUSUAL MANIFESTATIONS

Some say they are afraid of "wild-fire" and therefore must suppress anything that is not on the planned program. We do not deny the possibility of false manifestations of the flesh, and even of demons, in the heat of revival. And we deplore any cheap play upon the audience's emotions by mere psychology. In the true manifestation of revival the Spirit works mightily upon the consciences and thus upon the emotions of the people, which is vastly different from the planned, calculated evangelistic program. Scenes of emotion and of seeming confusion should never fail to call forth strong protest and criticism. However, witness Jonathan Edwards' brief for the supernatural working of God in his ministry. See Murray McCheyne standing before the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to give an account of the unusual happenings during the revival in his church. Surely men and women can be expected to

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After spending twenty-five years  
in a seventh-day church, she found

# TRUE SABBATH REST

A personal testimony by LILLIAN MIDDLETON, Vienna, Va.

WHEN I WAS SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE, I attended a series of lectures in a seventh-day church. I was seeking rest for my weary soul but found only the added bondage of trying to keep the Old Testament law in my own strength. However, my young heart was honest, and I was willing to do anything—even keep the law—to receive eternal life.



Lillian Middleton

Ignorant and earnest, I accepted the doctrine. Instead of having a real experience with God, I grappled with prophetic doctrines without the Holy Spirit—and apart from Him we have no spiritual discernment. Satan's method of deceiving souls hungry for truth is to sidetrack them into cults which wrest and pervert the Scriptures for their own convenience. I became a blinded follower in a group which taught the works of the law as the way to eternal life.

For twenty-five years I was a member and worker in this church, observing the seventh-day sabbath (Saturday) faithfully. But in all those years I never experienced real joy or assurance of salvation.

I heard testimonies in Salvation Army street meetings which made my heart hungry for a heartfelt religion that would bring a change into my life. I was tired of the dead, dry religion of works, works, works—yet I dared not go elsewhere because I feared I would be departing from "the truth." Many times I wept before the Lord, telling Him that I desired something better.

Then one night as I was walking in my yard, praying in my heart, I looked up into the heavens and saw written across the sky the scripture reference—Jeremiah 33:3. I knew then that God had heard my prayer. A strange peace came into my heart as I read His promise, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." I called unto the Lord with all my heart, trusting Him to lead me.

Within two weeks God led me to a small Assemblies of God church. There I observed true worship and heard the Word preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. I became more hungry for God as those dear people of God began to pray for my salvation.

The following summer I met a lady who had been in a seventh-day church but who had now received the Pentecostal experience. She invited me to go with her to a camp meeting at Falling Waters, West Virginia. While there, I was gloriously saved. The joy of the Lord flooded my soul. The assurance was so real—Jesus Himself appeared to me in the Spirit at the time I was saved. Ephesians 2:8 became clear to me as I saw that salvation is not by works—it is the gift of God.

The following Saturday I went back to the seventh-day church where I held an office, but I no longer had any fellowship with them. I was extremely miserable, feeling as if my soul were surrounded by a dense spiritual fog. I testified to several of my church friends, but when they learned where I had received my experience they said it was of the devil. They warned me about leaving "the truth." I was frequently the subject of their prayer meetings. Since that time I have often been criticized and misunderstood, but the Rock, Christ Jesus, held me fast.

Though I was still young in Christ, I began to see the Scriptures in a new light. The errors of the seventh-day church regarding the millennium, the state of the dead, and the rapture of the Church became quite apparent.

*One of the first things God showed was the difference between His dealings with His unfaithful wife, Israel, and His bride, the Church.*

Under each covenant God has had a distinctive sign between Himself and His people. Under the Noahic covenant He gave the sign of the rainbow (Gen. 9:11-17); under the Abrahamic covenant, the sign of circumcision (Gen. 17:10); under the Mosaic covenant—known as the dispensation of law—the sign of the sabbath (Ex. 31:16, 17). The sabbath was a perpetual weekly reminder to the Jews of their great deliverance from Egypt—

"And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out from thence through a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm: *therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day*" (Deut. 5:15). The sabbath was given to one people only—the Jews. And it was given in one land only—Palestine.

When the Jews, God's chosen people, are gathered back to their land, they will again keep the sabbath (Isa. 66:23). But the sabbath is not for the Gentiles or the Church—it was never given to either. The Church is a New Testament institution. God's new covenant now is to write His law on the fleshly tables of the heart, by filling His people with the precious Holy Spirit, so that we exclaim with the Psalmist, "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart."

In this, the Holy Spirit's dispensation, God has also given us a sign—speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance (1 Cor. 14:22). This is a sign to the unbeliever of the supernatural working of God. It is given to the believer for personal edification (1 Cor. 14:2, 4).

As a member of a seventh-day church I was taught that people who have this sign of speaking in tongues were of the devil, regardless of all the Scriptural evidence in the New Testament concerning it. The reason for that attitude is that they follow the traditions of their prophetess (now deceased) rather than the Spirit of God.

Actually we have no more right to question God's use of the sign of tongues for this dispensation under the New Covenant with the Church, than we have to question His wisdom in using the sign of circumcision with Abraham. Certainly it is folly to deny it and say that His supernatural signs are works of the devil. The devil may try to counterfeit God's sign today, as he did in Moses' day (Ex. 7:10-13), but the very fact that there is a counterfeit proves that there is also a reality.

After God gave me the assurance of salvation, I claimed His promise of the infilling of the Spirit (Luke 11:11, 13). I waited on God for about a year, deter-

mined to receive all that He had for me. Thank God that He is no respecter of persons; He will fill anyone who opens his heart to Him.

One day as I waited upon Him, asking His Spirit to sweep over my soul, Jesus, the mighty Baptizer, completely submerged me in the Holy Spirit. It was as real as the day I was submerged in baptismal water. Out of my innermost being came forth praise to God in a

language I had never spoken before. Billows of His love rolled over my soul. That night I felt as if I were floating on a billowy cloud—I had such restfulness, such peace.

A friend asked me the next day how I rested that night. When I told her, she said, "Sister, you kept your first sabbath last night. You have entered into spiritual rest, of which the Old Testament sabbath was a type or shadow."

This experience took place on a Monday, but in all my twenty-five years of Saturday-keeping I had never known such rest of soul and spirit.

It was then that I realized that God's rest is not found in any specific day, but in Jesus, the Giver of rest. That is why Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you,

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*Salvation's tide is rising—all the earth is being blest. The prophets pointed to this day, but did not live to enjoy it.*

## the *Rising Tide*

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**T**Hese are glorious days! We are privileged to live in days when the river of God's grace is rising to flood proportions.

Jesus declared to the Samaritan woman, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink: thou wouldst have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."

For "whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst," said He; "but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water, springing up unto everlasting life." This spake He of the great salvation promised to Abraham, expounded by the prophets, and now



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realized through the long-awaited Messiah, the Son of Abraham, the Son of God.

The men of Sychar came out in response to the woman's testimony. They heard His gracious words proceeding as from the great heart of God; and they testified, "Now we believe... for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world" (John 4:42). They drank of that living Fountain—and their hearts were satisfied.

Of this great salvation the prophets of old inquired and searched diligently. They prophesied of this grace that should come to us. The Spirit of Christ which was in them signified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. This was the theme of their preaching and writing. They understood that their prophetic message was not for themselves but for us, as the apostle Peter certifies. They ministered, or prophesied, of this gracious and glorious gospel that has been purchased for us through the sufferings of Christ and is still being preached by men filled with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. 1 Peter 1:10-12.

Brother! This gospel is wonderful! Even the angels stand in awe as they behold its glory and power revealed in us.

No wonder the Master rebuked the two Emmaus disciples, saying, "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken" (Luke 24:25). For more than three years He had walked among them, teaching from Moses and the prophets (and the Psalms) concerning Himself (Luke 24:44). His words were confirmed by many miracles and wonders and signs which God did by Him in their midst. The Scriptures were continually before them—yet they did not understand. When the prophecies were fulfilled they did not believe.

We, too, are witnessing the same folly. Never in the world's history has the Book of God, the Bible, been so freely distributed among all people as now. Men have been taught to read and are



able to examine its message for themselves. The Holy Ghost has been poured out in great showers to wash men's eyes and help them to understand the Word. Many miracles and signs and wonders have been done to confirm it. Yet apostasy and gross ignorance covers the earth. A major part of Christendom turns from the Scriptures to "old wives' fables" (1 Timothy 4:7). Only a remnant still contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Nevertheless the prophets have spoken! Their message is being fulfilled. Salvation like an ever-swelling Amazon is flowing o'er the earth. Its tide is mounting higher in spite of human opposition. Do not be mistaken. That which God has spoken He is able to perform. This river of Life is flowing on and on, that all the thirsty and the hungry of believing men may drink its sparkling waters and be satisfied. Yes, and the tide shall continue to rise, until He whose right it is to reign shall return and, with trumpet sound, shall summon His faithful saints to meet Him in the air.

# Winning The Children

Win an adult and you save a soul;  
win a child and you save a life

WHEN JESUS SAID, "FOLLOW ME, AND I will make you fishers of men," He knew that not all the "fish" would be big ones. There are small ones—the children and the youth—who are just as important in God's sight as any other "fish."

Little Mary Paxton lived in Jacksonville, Illinois. One day in Sunday School her superintendent asked each one to bring someone to Sunday School the next Sunday. Mary went home and asked her father to come with her. He was about forty years old and was illiterate, rough in appearance and in his speech. But he loved his little Mary. The following Sunday when she took him by the hand, he did not resist. He went to Sunday School with her, and there he accepted Christ as his Saviour. Soon after this he learned to read and became a Sunday School evangelist. In his ministry he founded fifteen hundred Sunday Schools, into which seventy thousand children gathered, and out of which came one hundred churches. Verily, "a little child shall lead them" (Isa. 11:6).

Many of the greatest men of God were converted in early childhood. For example, Isaac Watts, the well-known hymn writer, was converted at the age of seven. He wrote such familiar songs as "At the Cross," "Joy to the World," "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," among many others that have been a rich blessing.

Matthew Henry, the famous Bible commentator, was saved when he was eleven. Jonathan Edwards, the great revivalist whose sermons shook New England, was seven when he was converted. Henry Ward Beecher at the age of seven was won to the Lord by a faithful colored servant. Richard Baxter, a man who had a world-wide ministry, gave his heart to the Lord when he was six. The great Christian saint and warrior of the first and second centuries, Polycarp, became a Christian when he was nine.

Robert Moffat, the famous missionary to Africa, accepted Christ as a boy and spent his life for God. In old age he

returned to London, where he sought volunteers to take his place—and David Livingstone stepped forward.

The Word of God declares in Deuteronomy 6:6, 7: "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children." All this teaching cannot be given in the Sunday School. It is the parents' responsibility.

It is important to start this job when the child is young, because youth is the age of memory. It is easier for us as adults to remember events that took place when we were six or seven years of age, than it is to remember many events that happened only five or ten years ago.

Youth is the age of habit forming. Ninety per cent of our habits are formed before we reach twenty. Statistics tell us that ninety-eight per cent of the drunkards started drinking before they were twenty-one. How important it is that the children form the habit of going to church and Sunday School, and of associating with Christians.

Training must begin early in life, for

youth is the age of copying. Children are imitators. They believe that whatever they see their parents do is right for them to do. If your child is like you, Dad, Mother, how will he turn out? Are your steps safe for your son or daughter to follow?

The child must be trained when he is young because youth is the age of faith. We hear a great deal today about the atheistic, materialistic, and faith-destroying influences in our colleges and universities, and we are told that many young people drift away from God because of them. I would not underestimate the danger of these forces, but I believe that if parents would plant the feet of their children upon the Rock, Christ Jesus, before they leave home—through proper training—God would keep them on the Rock!

There are a number of forces working against the proper training of children. Among these is the fact that we are living in an age of machinery. In the days of hand work about three-fourths of the population lived in rural districts and one-fourth in the cities. Now it is the other

way—three men in the city to one on the farm. Life on the farm was not so rushed. There was time for a family altar. The family was together for breakfast, dinner, and supper and it was easy to have family prayers. Not so in the city. Life is busy and eating hours are irregular. Tom works on the morning shift, John on the afternoon, and poor Dad on the night shift. Mother goes frantic trying to feed the children and serving meals to the working men at all hours. Seldom is the entire family together at mealtime, and as a result there is no family altar in many homes.

Another serious cause of breakdown in the training of children is working mothers. There is a shortage of manpower, and living costs are high; therefore the mother takes a job. But it is questionable whether the financial gain compensates for the loss that a family suffers when the mother goes out to work. We need to remember that the mother's first duty is to her



family. *The most important task of any mother is to make a Christian home for her children and to train them in the way of the Lord.* Mother, don't neglect your home or you will have to confess before the Lord, "They made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept" (Song of Solomon 1:6).

I am convinced that we cannot begin to train children too early. Proverbs 8:17 says, "Those that seek me early shall find me." This means early in life as well as early in the day. Don't wait until trouble begins, or until adolescence. Begin this training now!

The Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go." Which way? God's way; the Bible way. Jesus said, "I am the way." Point your children to Him. Start them in the narrow way that leads to heaven. We should co-operate with the Lord in saving the souls and lives of our children. We can do this by having a family altar in the home, by giving thanks to God at every meal, and, most of all, by living a consistent Christian life before them and taking them with us to church and Sunday School. God rewards the parents who will wholly follow Him and instruct their children in righteousness.

How would your family remember you if you were soon to pass on? When General MacArthur was leading our fighting men against Japan in the Pacific, his son was six years old. The General said, "When I am gone, I want my son to remember me not as a military man but as the father who after breakfast would read from the Bible, then kneel and lead the family in praying, 'Our Father, which art in heaven.'"

Correct training now will not only deepen a child's appreciation of his parents, but it will also prepare him for this life and the next.

Let me remind you of the words of Jesus in Matthew 7:24, 25: "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock."

A sure foundation, the Rock Christ Jesus, is the only safe place to build in training our children.

"See, Father," said a small boy who was walking with his father by the river, "they are knocking the props from under the bridge. What are they doing that for? Won't the bridge fall?"

"They are knocking them away," said the father, "that the timber may rest more firmly upon the stone piers which are now finished."

God often takes away our earthly things that we may rest more firmly upon Him.

## The Best Preventative for

# Juvenile Delinquency

GOOD HOMES ARE THE KEY TO GOOD CITIZENSHIP

*Dorothy C. Haskin*

Case study after case study of juvenile delinquents indicates that most youngsters become delinquents because of a lack of love in their life. Teen-agers have the twisted idea that if they can attract attention to themselves they will find an adequate substitute for love. Most of the young girls who are arrested have committed a sex offense, and always their excuse is, "I wanted to be loved." How starved girls and boys are for love!

In many cases there is a lack of love in the home. Yet in other cases, the fault was only that the parent did not express his love to the child. Whole nations are known for "not expressing their feelings." People are actually proud when they don't! Yet, the failure of parents to express love warps the lives of their children.

Does your child think that you love him? If you are a father, you defend yourself by saying, "I support him!" A child takes that for granted. There are laws, both moral and legal, which make it obligatory for a man to support his children. The fact of support is not proof that a father loves his children. And mother defends herself by saying, "Think of the hours I spend washing and ironing for them." But keeping a home clean and cooking wholesome meals is not proof to a child that you love him. The child instinctively realizes that you keep the house clean because you prefer it that way—or you cook appetizing meals because it gives you pleasure to serve them.

Love is proved by discipline. True love is not maudlin. That is sentiment, and sentiment is a weak substitute for love. A child who is allowed always to have his own way misses the restraining hand of love. A child respects the strength of no, and responds to the love behind it. God shows His love toward His children by disciplining them, "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth" (Heb. 12:6).

Love is proved when you happily listen to your child. When he was a baby, you slept lightly and were awakened by the faintest cry. When he was a toddler, one cry sent you running to him. You listened to the baby. But the boy or girl needs listening, too. How quickly the retort, "Wait until you're grown up and you'll know real troubles," cuts the child. His troubles are as big as he has capacity to face and so are big to him. Take the time to listen to his problems. God has time to listen to His children. From Genesis to Revelation we are encouraged to pray to Him. He says, "Pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you" (Jer. 29:12).

Love is proved in the sheer delight of being with your child. When the baby first came you couldn't hold him enough. When he was a toddler he followed you about the kitchen as you worked, and you welcomed him. But, too often as he grew older, you pushed him aside. "Go play" was an expression that drove him from you.

If you would show your child that you love him, begin again to spend time with him. Take an interest in the things that interest him. Participate—even if only as a spectator—in the things that he enjoys. Listen to music with him. Read with him. Play games with him. Attend school functions with him. God always has time for His children. He ever promises, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). Give time to your children and you will be richly repaid.

Would you judge of the lawfulness or unlawfulness of a pleasure, take this rule. Whatever impairs in tenderness your consciousness, weakens your reason, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things; whatever increases the authority of your body over your mind—that thing to you is sin.—Susanna Wesley.

*If you want good sheep, take care of the lambs*

# TRAINING the CHILDREN

by ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

**T**HE DICTIONARY GIVES THIS DEFINITION of discipline: "instruction designed to train to proper conduct or action." An apt comparison may be made to a rose-vine trained to grow beautifully on a trellis. There will be necessary trimming, the tying of branches, and arranging—all to the end of symmetry and flowering perfection. A "well-disciplined rosebush" is a joy to all beholders. A properly disciplined child is a joy to its parents, and a delight to all who come in contact with him.

The Bible has some definite things to say on the subject of discipline. Solomon writes: "A child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Proverbs 29:15). And then the words, weighty for all time: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

Earlier than Solomon's day Moses had laid down well-defined rules for successful home conduct, including the all-important matter of discipline. "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates: that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth" (Deuteronomy 11:18-21).

In Paul's excellent advice to Christian households, he writes: "Ye fathers (and, we add, mothers), provoke not your

children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:1-4). Another way of saying, Give them proper discipline—not the impulsive, unreasonable, arbitrary punishment some parents call discipline, given in the heat of temper, but a firm discipline governed by wisdom and love. (Some so-called discipline defeats its own end. "The rod and reproof give wisdom" (Proverbs 29:15), but not in the way some parents use the rod. Such parents would do well to consider the phrase, "Provoke not your children to wrath.")

On the other hand, there is a definite place for punishment, remembering of course that the rod is not the only way to achieve this. There should be a difference made between willful misdemeanors and mistakes or accidents. Punishing for every little thing is not good discipline. Children in the same family are different, and the same course of discipline does not always apply to every case. Parents need to carefully discriminate, asking wisdom from God to handle each child wisely.

## OBEDIENCE AND RESPECT

Two essential points to be regarded seriously in every home are obedience and respect. The neglect of discipline in these two essentials has laid open today's children to evil temptation and the re-

sultant delinquency. Attention here strengthens any child's moral stamina, producing a healthy, happy, well-adjusted youngster. To reach a given destination, a train must have well-laid tracks. To develop stability of character, a child must know the proper restraint that obedience and respect bring.

The word "obedience" plays a major part in the Word of God. Individuals, groups, even the Hebrew nation itself prospered or suffered on the basis of their obedience or disobedience to God and His will. Through disobedience sin entered into this world; and by the obedience of one, even Christ, the work of redemption was accomplished. The importance of learning obedience cannot be taught to any child too early. Many parents have waited too long, for a mere babe quickly knows when its parents expect obedience, and learns the lesson well. Disobedient children are unhappy, poorly regulated children—a liability to themselves and everyone with whom they come in contact.

Most important is the adjustment to God and His program in their lives. Learning obedience to their parents makes obedience to God natural and relatively easy. The promise, "The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land," carries through in every phase of living and for all time. Shall we check again with Paul in Ephesians 6—"Chil-





dren, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honour thy father and thy mother: which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

In the foregoing scripture, see how obedience is tied to respect. There is a close connection between the two, and both have their solid beginning in the home under the tutorship of father and mother. Once established firmly in a child's character, they become evident in all the relationships of life—school, church, play, society in general. Due respect for the house of God, the laws of the land, and old age, will be shown by any child with such training. The lack of these two principles explains the high tide of disrespect for God, parents, nation, law and order. Neglect in the high chair period has led more than one youth to the electric chair.

Dr. Carl Yoder says:

"In a study of dominating and submissive parents' effect upon their children, it is interesting to tabulate the results as reported in first-hand case studies. The children of dominating parents are reported as being courteous, obedient, interested in school, not boastful, generous, polite, self-conscious, do not talk back, have good table manners, regular in school attendance, reliable, responsible and sensitive. The children of submissive parents are disobedient, irresponsible, go in for fads, cannot express themselves effectively, have poor table manners, lack interest in school, are classroom nuisances, frequently late, lazy, selfish, stubborn, sulky, and defy authority. Here is a revelation and a clear call for parents to accept the responsibility and exert authority for the proper training of the child."

J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said:

"For years we have listened to some quack theorists and pseudo-psychologists who have preached that discipline and control were bad for children—that they should be left uninhibited to work out their own life patterns, their own self-discipline. But you do not acquire self-discipline if you never learn what discipline is. Neither can life's problems be worked out without experience, which can be secured only through hard knocks, or by guidance from the experience of others. Now we are reaping the harvest."

#### ONE MOTHER'S SUCCESS

"Mothers," says J. H. Ainsworth, "are guardians of the race, and their influence beggars all measurements . . . wherever a human being goes, there goes the influence of the mother."

Susanna Wesley was that kind of mother. One biographer of John Wesley says:

"It is often said that Methodism be-

gan in the University of Oxford; with more truth it might be said it began in Susanna Wesley's nursery. Much of the education and training of the children (she reared eleven and buried eight others) was left to her, and she began with them in the cradle. Instant obedience was required, and at five years each child was taught his letters in one day or six hours, and the next morning began his first reading lesson in the first chapter of Genesis.

"Feeling that John had a special mission in life, her training of him was especially careful and exact. This conviction came because of his rescue as a babe from death in a burning building."

His biographer continues: "From her he inherited his logical cast of mind, his executive capacity, his inflexibility of will, his union of independence of judgment with respect to authority, his deep religious temper. And all these characteristics were developed and fixed by his

early training. His precision and order, his gift of organization and mastery of details, his notions of education, even some specific rules and customs of his religious societies, can be traced to his mother's discipline."

Mrs. Wesley was an efficient teacher of practical religion, who carefully taught her children Bible truths. She made her teaching personal to the children, giving an hour weekly to each one alone when she held conversation with them on spiritual matters.

When John was in college, years later, he wrote to his mother, begging her to give him an hour of her thought and prayer each Thursday evening. How measureless has been her influence through the years.

This can be true of every father and mother if they are diligent at their task. Character building in children is an all-time business—"line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a

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## I Was a Roman Catholic

I was left an orphan at an early age, and lived with my older sister in Terre Haute, Indiana. She seemed more interested in her business than in me, and sent me to a Catholic boarding school in southern Indiana for two years. There I learned to be an altar boy. After this I returned to my sister's home and attended a local Catholic school until I graduated.

In Terre Haute a priest took an interest in me, and nearly every day he would call me over and encourage me to become a priest. All my school expenses would have been paid—but I wasn't interested. I can see now that God had His hand on me.

After I graduated from school, I began to smoke cigarettes and drink liquor. I married a girl from a Pentecostal family, but still I continued in sin. In 1935 I left Terre Haute and went to Peoria, Ill. Because of my drinking I developed gastric ulcers, which became cancerous. I kept going to the doctors, but the medicine did me little good, for I continued drinking. My doctor then told me to come to the hospital so that he could operate. I refused.

Then one day my wife became very ill and lay in bed for several days. All at once she started having hemorrhages. The doctor said that a blood vessel had burst in her stomach, and he dare not touch her. From Sunday until Tuesday night she had eighteen hemorrhages.

Friends would come to see us and walk out weeping, saying, "We can't stand it." She was black around the eyes and mouth. She couldn't have had much blood left. Her stomach would fill up and then she would vomit up blood. She hadn't eaten anything for nine days.

On the ninth day a voice spoke to me, saying, "I am able if you will serve Me." I was alone with my wife, and I quoted it aloud. I knew it was decision day for both of us. We needed to be healed—but more than that, we needed to be saved.

I was acquainted with a Pentecostal minister, so I got word to him. When this minister came I gave my heart to God and threw my cigarettes in the stove. He prayed for my wife and rebuked death. She was saved and healed instantly. Twenty minutes later she walked to the kitchen and ate some soup we had prepared for her.

This happened on March 9, 1945. Four days after this, some women from the church had a prayer meeting in my home, and I asked them to pray for me. They did, and God definitely healed me. I received my baptism ten days later. The first year after I was saved I gained 50 pounds.

Now I am a Pentecostal preacher, declaring the same gospel which set my wife and me free from sin and sickness.—A. O. Blue, Pastor, Assemblies of God Church, Woodward, Iowa.



This is the building we can secure now for \$4000. It is adequate to house the combined literature offices.

# AN URGENT APPEAL

by Marie Juergensen and

**A** RIPENED HARVEST FIELD IS A BEAUTIFUL thing to see, but an unreaped harvest field allowed to decay is tragic. It is harvest time in Japan! The ripened harvest beckons. After more than forty years of seed-sowing, the harvest is ready. The urgency of the hour compels us to busy ourselves. To neglect it would be the utmost tragedy. Neglect to take advantage at the opportune time in missionary work has cost the church (yes, and the so-called Christian nations) much in the matter of lives and money. God has given us an open and effectual door in Japan—we must press in.

Look at this harvest! New churches

in pioneer areas in Japan are demanding evangelistic literature. Many of the believers, having been baptized in the Holy Spirit and seeing the power of God at work in our Assemblies, ask for teaching literature. Leaders in the Japanese church call upon us to HURRY the publishing of a training course for Sunday School teachers, another course for ministers, and yet another for laymen enrolled in the radio and correspondence courses. "The previous course is completed; we need another one for the 2,000 names on our mailing list," is the word we receive.

Busy pastors and national executives

have volunteered time and strength to get the literature out. But there is still a great lack of suitable literature in the face of the tremendous opportunity now before us. We have within our grasp the power to meet this need. Our desire is to get out the printed witness in abundance and on time.

A fine building used until now by the Bible School is available to us for only \$4000. The Bible School must build an enlarged women's dormitory and will allow us the full use of the present building for less than cost. Advantages are numerous, one being the free use of the lot upon which the building stands. Lots

Sunday School Department—These workers hold quarterlies and correspondence course booklets used by 250 Sunday School teachers, in 80 schools, with an enrollment of over 2000. Sunday School literature has been published regularly since 1951.

Christ's Ambassadors' publication workers editing the monthly magazine, "Born-Again Youth." The editor, Mr. Yamada, on the right, is a consecrated young minister who refused to publish for another group although he was offered a much greater salary by them.



Executive office of the Japan Assemblies of God. The national bookkeeper, Mr. Kashima, third from left, edits the adult monthly newspaper, "Gospel Advance."



Workers in our unified publications effort with some samples of Japanese literature.

## MOVING ONWARD IN NICARAGUA

by R. A. KENSINGER

Another four-month term of Bible Institute for both first- and second-year classes, with eleven national men preparing for the ministry, and a special institute in Sunday School advance for sixteen young women! All this has strengthened the work considerably. A wonderful spirit of prayer and revival prevailed both programs and great things are expected from God.

The general pulse is being quickened also by anticipation of greater evangelistic efforts in the power of the Holy Spirit. At this time in two different cities major projects are beginning with the goal of constructing Evangelistic Centers, as well as a Conference Center in a rural area. The national brethren are taking on the heavier financial part of these projects. Let us help them in this wonderful effort.

## MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bolton have a new address. They have moved to 11 Windermore Rd., Rangoon, Burma.

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A letter received on January 13 tells of the safe arrival of the H. S. Lehmanns in the Gold Coast, West Africa.

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Word comes from Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Grams telling of their safe arrival in Capetown, South Africa. They reached their destination on Christmas Day.

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Robert Aaron was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frivold in Japan on December 8.

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The Raymond Brocks, on furlough from Nigeria, have a little girl, Cynthia Lynn, born December 22.

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## FROM JAPAN

Margaret Carlow

in Tokyo cost as much as buildings, if not more. But we must take advantage of this offer immediately. By doing so, we can take a step forward in the Literature Department, Sunday School Department and also in the Bible School by enabling them to have their proper facilities. Housing for a unified publications department is a necessity for advancement of the entire Japanese Assemblies of God.

Your earnest prayer and support at this time will mean so much to this part of the Lord's vineyard. We trust you will not fail—it is the service of the Master!

Here are workers in the room used at present for editing and storage. The moisture-proof tea chests contain precious gospel literature. There is still a great lack of suitable literature available for distribution in Japan.



Hospital Correspondence and Evangelization committee workers, preparing gift packets of New Testaments and tracts for mailing to patients in 50 hospitals.





## THIS PRESENT WORLD . . . NEWS AND NOTES ON OUR TIMES

### Liquor Signs Removed From City Buses

Church and civic groups in Minneapolis succeeded in getting the Twin City Rapid Transit Company to take the big liquor-advertising signs from the sides of its buses.

### Church Construction in 1955 Set a New Record

The Departments of Commerce and Labor reported that \$736,000,000 worth of new church construction was started in 1955. This was nearly 25 per cent more than the previous high of \$593,000,000 in 1954, and the Government Departments predict that the 1956 figure will go as high as \$850,000,000.

New churches are needed to accommodate the growing numbers of people who attend church on Sunday. A Gallup poll found that approximately 49,600,000 adults went to church in an average week of 1955. This represented an increase of some 2,600,000 over 1954 and an increase of 12,200,000 over 1950.

### Missionaries Said to Do More Good Than UNESCO

Church missionaries are doing more to promote world friendship than UNESCO, according to Dean Francis B. Sayre, Jr., of the Episcopal Cathedral in Washington, D. C.

In a recent sermon, Dean Sayre told of attending one of the conferences of UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization). He said he came away with a "poignant" sense of futility.

"All those missionaries of culture, those emissaries of art and learning and national handicraft . . . were ablaze for the cause of mutual understanding and peace," he said. "But the drawstring that could draw all together was lacking, and all I heard at the end was aimless talk." Dean Sayre said that a generation ago most of the people at the conference would have been missionaries, "but now religion is a word that is strictly taboo at their meetings."

### Anti-Liquor Bills Now Before the U. S. Congress

Church and temperance groups are urging all Christian citizens to write to their Congressmen urging passage of the following bills which are now up for consideration in Washington:

The Langer Bill, S. 923, and the Siler Bill, H. R. 4627, which would prohibit the transportation of alcoholic beverage advertising in interstate media of communication such as television, radio, magazines, and newspapers which cross state lines.

The Thurmond Bill, S. 2845, the Lane Bill, H. R. 7922, and the Williams Bill, H. R. 8000, which would prohibit the serving of alcoholic beverages to air passengers within the continental United States.

Write to your Senator about the Langer and Thurmond bills, and write to your Representative about the Siler, Lane, and Williams bills. (The bills before the Senate are designated by "S." and the bills before the House of Representatives are designated by "H.R.") If you are opposed to liquor advertising and to the serving of alcoholic beverages on air liners, you ought to support all these bills. Your voice, added to the protests of all other Christians could wipe out these two evils.

### County Jurists Hold Court on Sunday

The Harnett County Ministerial Association in North Carolina has criticized Superior Court Judge George Fountain and District Solicitor Jack Hooks for deciding to hold court on Sunday. It said the action sets a dangerous precedent.

### New Constitution Adopted in Guatemala

The new Constitution of Guatemala signals a new day of religious liberty in that country. Churches and religious orders, denied legal status for eighty years, will now have full lawful rights, including the right to own property.

### Opening Home for Deported Gangsters in Italy

A Roman Catholic priest is planning to establish a home in Naples for gangsters deported from the U.S. His scheme to transform the former gangsters into honest workers is being backed by one of the most notorious of them all, Charles ("Lucky") Luciano, who now runs a medical equipment store in Naples.

### Religious Freedom Guaranteed in Egypt

Egypt's new constitution, while proclaiming Islam the State religion, guarantees freedom of worship and religious practices. It holds that "freedom of opinion, freedom of assembly, and freedom of scientific research" are "inalienable rights." It assures equality before the law to all citizens regardless of race, language or faith.

Under the new constitution, a non-Moslem may even become President of the republic, provided he is an Egyptian of Egyptian parents—regardless of his religion.

### Was Henry Ford a "Crackpot"?

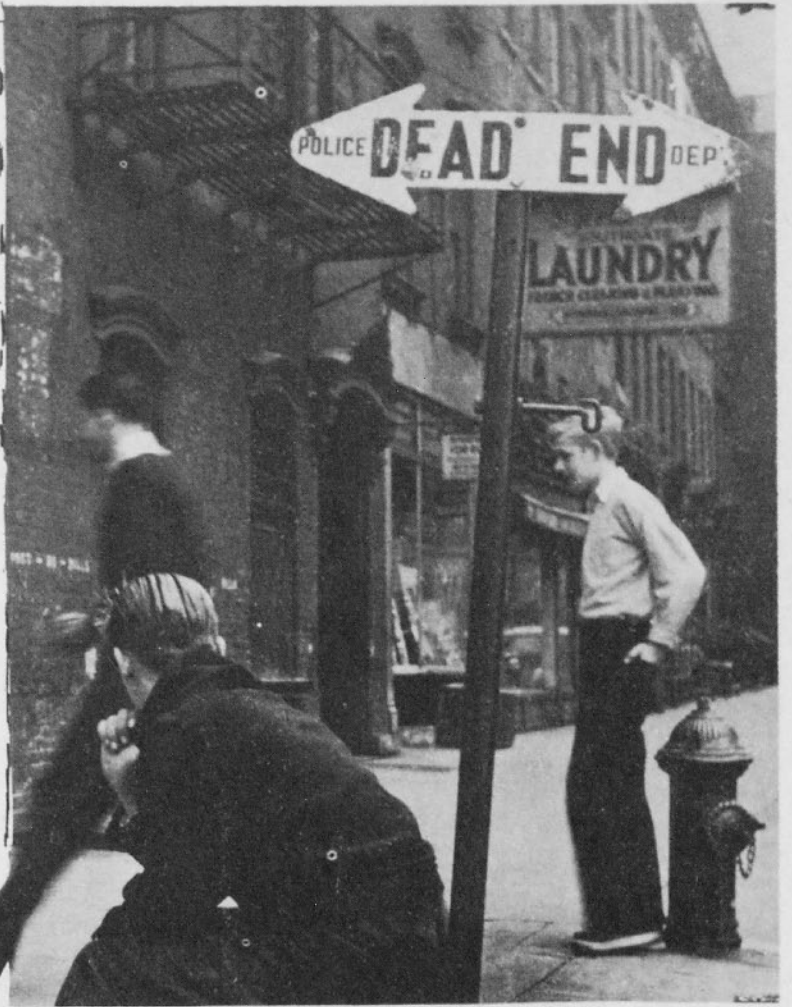
Anyone who thought that television entertainment had become any less worldly than it was in the early days when the taverns owned most of the TV sets must have gotten a jolt one Saturday night in January. The Ford Motor Company presented a play over the CBS network ("Blithe Spirit") that was sprinkled with "hells" and "damns" and off-color lines not fit for any decent family's living room.

According to *Time*, it was the most profane language ever heard on American TV. A reporter questioned the author of the play, Noel Coward, about censorship. Coward said that a "God" and two "Lords" were deleted by the censors but he wouldn't let them take out all of the profanity.

The reporter suggested that much of TV's censorship came from the sponsor's unwillingness to offend a potential customer. Coward replied, "Perhaps you're right, but in that case he should be happy. People who object to the profanity in 'Blithe Spirit' are crackpots, and Mr. Ford should be happy if even one of them doesn't buy his car. They would be a menace on the highway."

Was the late Henry Ford a "crackpot"? He was a religious man who loved his Bible, and he would have been the first to object to any association between his name and a play of this low level. If the Ford Motor Company doesn't apologize for bringing this kind of entertainment into American homes there are a lot of Christian people who will be greatly surprised and disappointed.

# a BARRIER to Juvenile Delinquency —



The youth of America are in search of thrills! They will go to no end—rob, murder, steal, join the neighborhood gang, or do anything else that might come to their mind—all in exploration of a thrill. But there is a different thrill which all of them need to experience—that of meeting with Christ and accepting Him as a personal Saviour.

Juvenile delinquency has been a menace to America, and each year the tide continues to rise higher. The only remedy and barricade against this terrible force of evil is the power of the Word of God. REVIVALTIME has become just such a remedy and barricade, for a great part of the REVIVALTIME mail has been letters from teen-agers.

This full gospel radio broadcast has been a real help to many high-school students and has given them the spiritual stamina which they have so much needed among the evils that confronted them at school. Through hearing REVIVALTIME, some have found the real answer to their problems and others have been led to consecrate their lives to Christ. Here are a few letters from teen-agers who have written to REVIVALTIME:

SHREVEPORT, LA.: "Recently, I was telling several of my friends, including some of the football players of the senior high school I attend, about REVIVALTIME, and now a good percentage of them listen to the program. Listening to this program has become a habit with me. No matter where I am at 10:30 on Sunday nights, I manage to secure a radio to listen to the program, and if anyone else is around, I always invite them to join me."

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.: "I am 16 years old, and for a year and a half I have been a Christian, but during that time I have been in and out of fellowship with God. I wonder sometimes if I have been really saved. I want to know if I'm saved and how to be saved. Pray for me. I need God!"

VILLA PARK, ILL.: "A few years ago I was a juvenile delinquent but my way of thinking has been changed completely. Now I even like church music above any other—and I used to think it was corny."

POMEROY, WASH.: "I am almost 15 years old. I have been in a wheel chair for over four years. I am a Christian and believe God will heal me."

GOLDEN VALLEY, N. DAK.: "I am a senior in high school. I have known the experience of the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ but have gone back on Him. While listening to your program tonight, I have felt the emptiness in my soul."

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.: "Since I have started school, I've drifted somewhat away from the Lord, but your sermons have inspired me more, and now I'm getting back on my two feet again."

By praying for REVIVALTIME, you can become a real help to thousands of American youth. Your support enables REVIVALTIME to minister to their needs, and builds a gospel barricade against JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.

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REVIVALTIME

Springfield, Missouri

## A Faith-Inspiring Article for Today

Noble, heroic, invincible  
are the lives of  
the godly minority  
who rise above  
life's perplexities and  
proclaim the good tidings—

is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" (1 Cor. 9:16).

"Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.

"Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee;  
Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King.

"Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee;  
Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold.

"Take my will and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own!  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

"Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure-store;  
Take myself, and I will be,  
Ever, only, all for Thee."  
—Frances R. Havergal

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith... Thy God reigneth!" The Holy Spirit sweetly revealed to me a hitherto veiled meaning of this scripture—a dynamic, striking, powerful truth! Noble, heroic, invincible, triumphant, profound are the lives of the godly blessed minority, who rise above the smogs and fogs of life, the baffling, frustrating, perplexing experiences, and with a clear and certain sound, proclaim the good tidings—God reigns!

In Switzerland, when the Alpine shepherds lead their sheep down mountain trails in the evening they sing songs of cheer. As one shepherd sings, the song echoes and re-echoes, reverberating through the mountains until the sound finally fades in the distance. Then another shepherd sings his song of encouragement and cheer. It soars out to lift the possible loneliness of another shepherd, until at length the tones vanish and still another shepherd sings out his evening song of the faithfulness of the Good Shepherd. What a lovely custom! In a world where, one by one, the lights are going out, how important that we encourage one another with the song of victory, "GOD REIGNS!" "They helped every one his neighbour; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage" (Isa. 41:6). Fellow pilgrim, it's all important to pass on this good news, the uplifting, revitalizing, comforting news that God reigns!

When Israel was safely and successfully led out of Egypt and across the Red Sea, Moses and all the people sang a song of jubilation. The heart of that song was, "The Lord shall reign for ever and ever" (Ex. 15:18).

The shepherd boy, David, advancing to slay the giant, Goliath, proclaimed, "I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel... This day will the Lord deliver... that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel" (1 Sam. 17:45, 46).

Joshua came forth to reaffirm the good tidings! So strong was his trust, and so confident was his belief that "God reigneth," that even the sun was caused to stand still.

Elijah and 450 prophets of Baal were gathered together for a showdown. The prophets cried loud and long; they cut themselves and continued all day, imploring their heathen god to prove his might and power. No answer was forthcoming. Elijah then prayed a short prayer of less than 100 words, and the fire fell! Everyone said, "The Lord, he is the

# GOD REIGNS

by ESTHER KERR RUSTHOI

**H**OW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, thy God reigneth!" (Isaiah 52:7). This familiar verse of Scripture is usually interpreted to mean, "How heroic, meaningful, useful, noble, and honorable are the lives of ministers, pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and gospel workers, who go into all the world with the good tidings of the gospel!" And what vocation could be greater? Someone has so aptly expressed it, "Why stoop to be a king, when you can be an ambassador of the King of kings?"

In the light of eternity, the worth of the service of the most humble, seemingly insignificant soldier of the cross is far greater than that of even the President of these United States. There is no comparison. One is primarily for time. The other is primarily for eternity. There is no higher or greater calling than to serve Christ. To hear the voice of Jesus say, "Follow me, and I will make you a fisher of men," and to really follow, is to live life at its highest, noblest level. "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity

A distinguished general, leading his division in a mighty attack against the enemy, had his own son under his command as an officer in the field artillery. It was a hard battle; the casualties were many. As the general pressed on toward the enemy, he caught sight of a dead officer. At a glance he saw the fallen officer was his own son. His fatherly impulse was to stop beside the silent form of his boy and give vent to the shocking grief. Duty demanded he press forward! He quickly stooped, kissed his son's brow, then he hurried on, as general, leading his command!

"I spake unto the people in the morning; and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded" (Ezek. 24:18). Complete consecration means "to follow the Lamb" under every and all circumstances. Note the contrast: "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world" (2 Timothy 4:10). Some voice or urge or call, seemingly stronger than God's call, had out-attracted Demas. There is no glory attached to the life of a deserter; Demas was the loser for all eternity.

"I have seen the face of Jesus,  
And for self I cannot live;  
Life is less than useless,  
Till my all I give."

God" (1 Kings 18:39). Elijah knew beforehand that God reigns!

On and on, through the pages of Holy Writ, men and women who saw the mighty hand of God move in power joined the glad hallelujah chorus, "God is; Jehovah reigns." That is the natural

reaction and normal response after one has witnessed supernatural divine manifestations.

There is yet another group whose lives are recorded in the Bible. They, too, passed on the good tidings, "God reigns." "Now it came to pass in the thirtieth

year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives . . . that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God" (Ezek. 1:1). In captivity—a prisoner, but he saw God! The heavens were opened and

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# Changing Seats

by JAMES A. SANAKER



**A** YOUNG MAN HAD BEEN STEALING money from the firm for which he worked. As soon as his employer learned of it he sent for him.

"Yes," confessed the bookkeeper, "I—I did steal, I'm guilty. Better send for the police and get it over right away."

"But I'm not going to have you arrested," said the wealthy man. "I'm going to forgive you. I'm going to let you have one more chance."

"Not even fire me?" gasped the bookkeeper.

"No, not even fire you. If you give me your solemn word not to steal again, I will give you more pay and forget about the money you took."

"Why?" asked the young employee. "Why do you do this?"

The older man sighed heavily. "I did the same once—years ago," he finally replied. "And the man I worked for was so kind, helpful, and forgiving, he gave me another chance. Once I sat over there where you sat. I know what you've been through."

The prophet Ezekiel had a similar experience. God picked him out for a special task, a difficult task. But before he was able to carry out the mission, Ezekiel had to know firsthand what the Israelites were going through. The Spirit of the Lord lifted him up, he said, and took him to the captives who lived by the River Chebar. And he testifies, "I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days" (Ezek. 3:15).

Would the happy, healthy man of affairs be astonished if for seven days he had to sit where the poor man sits every day—the man with little money and much misery? Would the complaining wife be astonished if she followed her husband around for a week and sat where

he sat, heard what he heard, did what he did, worked as he worked?

Would a husband who lacked complete understanding of home problems be more helpful if he changed places for a week with his wife and saw how she had to handle each child and solve every difficulty? Perhaps his attitude would change when he saw her answering the telephone and the front and back doors, while keeping house, washing, baking, ironing, and still trying to have every meal on time.

If we could only exchange jobs, duties, incomes, responsibilities, how much more understanding we would have, how much more sympathy, how much more tolerance!

So it would be a fine thing if in our hearts and in our imaginations we could change seats. The member who criticizes the minister would feel differently if he could sit in the pulpit for a few Sundays, and go visiting the sick, the shut-ins, the old and feeble, the cranky and dissatisfied, the chronic gossipers, the lonely ones, the misfits, the bereaved, the underprivileged.

The preacher, too, could have a better understanding if he lived on little or nothing with ten children to take care of, sickness in the family, an alcoholic or two in the same dwelling, an unbeliever to blaspheme now and then, and constant temptation to forget Christianity and let circumstances take their natural course.

We may sit where others sit, God helping us, for a purpose. We must try to see what others see and feel sorry enough to help them do something about it. Especially, we must implant hope and good cheer in heavy hearts by introducing the unhappy ones to Jesus.

Genuine love for God, sincere desire to do His will, total dependence on Him

—these qualities will overcome all criticism and wipe out all the evils of environment or miserable depths of degradation.

Did not John Newton sink as low as the lowest? And did he not climb to holy heights where he could write the never-to-be-forgotten "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"? When he sat where the pirates sat, where the drinkers and brawlers sat, he saw no hope, no joy, no peace, no escape. But when he sought the God of his mother, and sat where the penitent sinner sits, he became a new creature. Old habits and evil desires fled; he began to sit where saints are seated, and also became a soul winner whose zeal was an inspiration.

Have you ever sat down in the mercy seat? Have you tried to sit near the throne of God and watch the world go by? Has it occurred to you that God is very patient, very kind, longsuffering, merciful, tender-hearted, always eager to help humanity out of their distress and despair?

Ezekiel was willing to suffer. We must do the same. Ezekiel was not too proud to work; not afraid to tell the truth. He had no fear of what man can do. According to tradition he defied a royal prince, and thereby lost his life.

"Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets," cried Moses, when Joshua complained that two young men were making prophecies. We need prophets today—not necessarily to foretell the events of the future, but to lead men to God here and now; to be preachers, soul winners, watchmen; to gaze out on a field ripened and ready for harvest.

If we sit where they sit we shall more surely feel the need of God's grace and know better how to help men and women find the joy of salvation.

—Elim Evangel



Mr. and Mrs. Verne A. Warner and Stevie. The parents are adopted by one WMC group and Stevie by another. Now on furlough, they are missionaries to the Dominican Republic where high duty rates prevail. The WMC groups that have adopted them are planning accordingly—they are supplying now, as much as possible, clothing and other things that will be needed for the term ahead.



*Time, strength, and money are conserved when—*

# WMC's "Adopt"

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**W**HEN GOD CALLS A MISSIONARY, HE calls him to give all he is and all he has. But He does not call him to carry the load alone.

In order for the missionary to be at his best for the work to which he is called, he must be spared the overwork and anxiety that come with having to bear the prayer burden alone and having to shoulder all the material responsibility for his work and his family.

This is the missionary work to which all who stay at home are called. One must go to battle—another must tarry behind—"but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike."

The Women's Missionary Council is dedicated to the cause of missions by its ministry of PRAYING AND PROVIDING. Writes one missionary: "Before there was a WMC, I broke under the load and pressure, and was hospitalized for months. Overworked and ill, I was

detained several months in getting back to my field. Then the WMC's came to our rescue, and the heavy burdens were made light. The things we had done without were provided. Patched old blankets that we had to take along before were replaced with beautiful new ones. The health and strength of the missionaries were spared for the work of the Lord on the field."

This is typical WMC ministry, and it is important that every member of every home and foreign missionary family receive it. The "adoption plan" is de-

signed to insure complete and equitable distribution.

### WHAT IS THE ADOPTION PLAN?

"Every missionary and every missionary child adopted" is the goal, with the following simple standard:

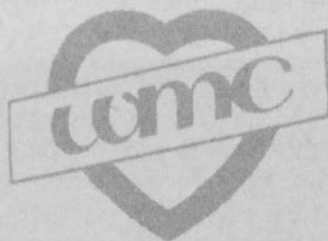
1. WMC groups should keep in close touch with their adopted missionaries by correspondence as they would with a member of the family away from home.
2. They should encourage them to express their personal needs and do their best to supply them.

"Every missionary child adopted" is part of the WMC "adoption program" goal.

Paul Carruthers is being well cared for. Just before Christmas his mother wrote from Hawaii, saying: "The WMC's that adopted Paul are being very faithful to him. A nice box of toys and clothing arrived for his Christmas."



Naomi Franklin is typical of many a missionary teen-ager who remains in this country to attend school while the rest of the family returns to the field. To young people like Naomi, being "adopted" means a great deal. She and her sister Joan are students at Southwestern High School, Waxahachie, Texas. Their parents, one sister, and two brothers are in Guatemala.





Adopted before his birth, Joseph Beckdahl is a typical WMC baby. He found WMC layettes waiting for him when he arrived, and the WMC's also provided his carriage. Now he is growing fast, and his WMC group is busy keeping up with him.

On February 13 Joseph sails for his first term in India with his missionary parents, Sam and Ruth, who have spent most of their lives on the mission field.



Victor Lal is one of the boys in the Nawabganj Boys' School in India. He has been adopted by a WMC group in the U.S. The women pay for his monthly support, send him packages, and pray for him constantly. He is pictured here as a representative of the many children in schools, homes, and orphanages that are adopted by WMC groups.

made from the previous year.

4. Any district with more missionaries than can be cared for adequately should report to the national WMC office so that equitable distribution can be made. Some districts have very few missionaries and ask for some whom they can adopt.

5. The district presidents will be informed of any needs of their missionaries that come to the attention of the national WMC office.

6. The district presidents will also be informed of any announcements received in the national WMC office concerning births in their missionary families.

Most important of all is faithful intercessory prayer in behalf of the adopted missionary. When the members of the parent group take the missionary or child into their hearts as a personal responsibility before the Lord, eternity alone will reveal the results.

Every WMC group, true to its trust, can have a harvest of souls and the joy of sharing with the missionaries in taking Christ to the world.

For further information concerning this missionary adoption plan, write to: The Women's Missionary Council, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, U.S.A.

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3. They should send them birthday and Christmas gifts and remember them on other occasions.

## CO-ORDINATION

1. The district WMC president or secretary should have a record of all the missionaries and their children from the district, and should see that each one is adopted by a WMC group. Unless the group is large, it is recommended that one member of a family be adopted and well cared for, rather than have an entire family inadequately cared for. Mission-

aries to such fields as Alaska, Hawaii, Indian reservations, etc., should be included.

2. Any local group feeling unable to continue an "adoption" responsibility should report immediately to the district WMC office so that other provision can be made.

3. The district WMC office is asked to send the national WMC office a list of their adopted missionaries and children once each year when the annual report is sent. This list should be sent even though no changes have been



Representing our host of missionaries in the various branches of our home missions work are Brother and Sister A. C. Maracle and their sons. They are laboring among the Indians of New York state. Although much WMC assistance is going to home missions, only a few home missionary families have been adopted by WMC groups. Here is an open field of service in which new goals are being set.



# REVIVAL on the RESERVATIONS



Assemblies of God Indian Mission at Gresham, Wisconsin, near the Stockbridge Reservation.



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gordon, saved at Cedar Creek, Arizona.

Ella Duryea, Indian Christian at Cibecue, Arizona.



## CEDAR CREEK, ARIZONA

Just two years ago the Assemblies of God Indian church at Cedar Creek on the Whiteriver (Apache) Reservation consisted of a wick-i-up in which all services were held, and a nine-by-twelve-foot cabin in which the missionaries lived. But our Apache Christians and their missionaries there were not content with those inadequate quarters so they worked together for something better.

Today they have an attractive church building with an apartment for the missionaries which is almost completed and paid for. Missionaries Pearl Foster and Edna Griep have taught their Indian Christians to bring tithes and offerings to the work of the Lord; and although the people's incomes are small, they can testify to the joy and blessings of sacrificial giving.

They have pledged and given enough money in the last two months to put permanent flooring in their new church. The church is finished outside in native pine siding, and inside with wainscoting and knotty pine.

Sister Foster writes: "It has taken much prayer and waiting upon the Lord, along with much labor with our own hands, and courage to trust God to meet us in each step taken toward the building."

The Ajo, Arizona, C. A. group gave the new church a water softener and the local Indians paid for a 550-gallon water storage tank. They are in great need of a windmill to draw water from their 180-foot-deep well.

Many souls have been saved at Cedar Creek, and filled with the precious Holy Spirit. One of the families was brought in through the Lord's healing power. Here is the testimony, as written by the mother:

"On November 18, 1954, when I was washing clothes I got very sick. I hemorrhaged all night. In the morning I got much worse. Everything turned black before me. I fainted, then my husband Arthur went after the Medicine Man. But I wanted the Christians to come and pray for me.

"While the medicine man was still there, my husband went after Sister Alice and Sister Julia who are Christians at the

Assembly of God Indian Church in Cedar Creek. Neither I nor my husband were saved at that time.

"Sister Alice wiped off all the yellow powder that the medicine man put on my mouth. The ambulance came for me. The three strong men could not lift me up on the stretcher. So Sister Alice prayed, and by Jesus' power she lifted me up by herself and put me on the stretcher.

"Sister Alice and Sister Julia went along in the ambulance and prayed all the way to the hospital. Arthur hurried to the church a mile away to ask Sister Foster and the Christians to pray. It was Tuesday morning prayer meeting. They prayed, and Jesus spared my life and raised me up. Today I am well, and I give God the glory.

"Now Arthur and I with our four children serve Jesus. We go to church six times a week besides attending Sunday School with our whole family. Arthur and I with our two oldest children have followed the Lord in water baptism, and we are all seeking the precious baptism of the Holy Ghost.

"Our little Baxter and Phoebe went to Sunday School and church before we were saved. They cried to go to Sunday School. Baxter was saved and baptized almost a year before Arthur and I, and so was David, our oldest son. Now we have had all four of our children dedicated to God, and He has blessed us richly in so many ways. We are truly a happy Apache Indian family."

## GRESHAM, WISCONSIN

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rehwinkel minister to the Indians at Gresham, Wisconsin. Their mission is located near the Stockbridge Reservation where they are reaching many Indians for Christ.

Here is their testimony concerning an Indian man who was saved in recent months:

"Life was rough in the woods and Charlie Wescott was one of the roughest. Drinking and fist fighting were his favorite pastimes, and any occasion for trouble found him ready for a free-for-all. But a disease that seemed to be muscular dystrophy struck him down, and although he could no longer work and fight his way, he continued to drink and

gamble. For seventeen years this went on until he could hardly hobble along leaning upon two canes.

"About a year ago Charlie made up his mind to quit drinking. He was invited to a healing-salvation campaign. Although he had been a Catholic from boyhood, Charlie was so impressed with the reality of Pentecost that he determined to attend the Assembly of God mission at Gresham, Wisconsin. Here he again requested prayer for his body and received renewal of strength.

"Then one day he asked if prayer could release him from the tobacco habit. Upon his statement of desire to be freed, he was prayed for and God delivered him.

"Although the priest claims he is demon possessed, and his old friends call him crazy, Charlie is now a true worker for the Lord and is waging war against sin and unbelief in his community. He has brought out as many as nine at a time to our gospel services.

"Charlie is happy in his new-found love and deliverance from sin. He walks now without the aid of canes and is praising God for healing. Pray for him, that his desire to get the tribe's permis-

sion to hold services in the village may be realized."

#### CIBECUE, ARIZONA

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Parker minister to the Apache Indians at Cibecue on the Fort Apache Reservation. They have also been in a building program and are in need of several hundred dollars to complete their church.

The Parkers report a great harvest of souls. They have recently seen the healing of a medicine man's brother who was afflicted with epilepsy. Here is their report of this healing:

"The man appeared to be slowly dying; he had taken no food or water for three days, and was very weak. If water was even brought to where he could see it he went into a violent spasm. So his niece, one of our first converts, asked us to come and pray for him. She herself prayed all night, and when we arrived the next day she was so hoarse from praying that she could not talk.

"As we prayed together for his deliverance, immediately the work was done. A cup of water was brought to the man and he drank it. Another cup of water, two cups of coffee and a big

meal were taken without ill effects. No more spasm. Only Jesus could do that!"

Ella Duryea, an Apache lady, saved in an early morning prayer meeting at Cibecue, wrote this testimony: "My life had been in darkness, doing unclean things, and having a good time on the wrong side of life. All suddenly, my life was changed, when Jesus came into my heart. He led me out of the darkness into the light of love. I have found joy and happiness in my soul since the darkness is rolled away, and I'm now enjoying life on Jesus' side. He is my personal Saviour now. He did save me with His precious blood. . . ."

When you give to Indian Missions, you are strengthening the hands of our Spirit-filled missionaries to the Indian reservations. You are helping precious Indians to learn of a Saviour who is able to break the chains of habit and bring healing for their sicknesses.

Please designate your offering for "Indian Missions" and send it to

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

434 West Pacific St.

Springfield 1, Missouri



## 50 YEARS of BLESSING

*Fifty years ago on April 9, the Holy Spirit revival began on Azusa Street in Los Angeles. Even though other stirrings of the Pentecostal outpouring had been felt in widely scattered places, Azusa Street has become a symbol of our twentieth-century Pentecostal beginnings.*

### WE CAN ENJOY THE SAME OUTPOURING TODAY!

The Department of Evangelism, feeling that the work of the evangelist depends on the power of the Spirit, is urging our entire constituency to observe the Golden Jubilee of Azusa Street. There can be no more appropriate observance than to seek the Lord again as they did at Azusa Street—and the Upper Room. All Assemblies of God churches are urged to conduct simultaneous revivals ending in a glorious Day of Pentecost, May 20.

The suggested plan is that our churches start the observance with prayer meetings on Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12. Then at least eight days of meetings will follow—from Sunday, May 13, through Pentecost Sunday, May 20. In some areas these can be city-wide or joint services.

Ten days of tarrying brought blessing and power in the first century. God has not changed. This united effort can revitalize our movement. Because of varying circumstances in local churches, all may not be able to follow the suggested pattern. But all can set aside Pentecost Sunday. Join hearts—and prayers—for a Jubilee outpouring. For further information write the Department of Evangelism, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

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BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## DAILY DEVOTIONS

MONDAY, February 13

LAZARUS RAISED FROM THE DEAD—John 11:20-26, 38-44

"Martha . . . heard that Jesus was coming" (v. 20).

The grim reaper had invaded the quiet village of Bethany. Mourners moved through the narrow streets as on innumerable previous occasions. A family circle was broken again, leaving two women bereft of hope for their future happiness and support. Nagging, tormenting questions defied their answering: "Where is our friend Jesus?" "Why did He not respond to our urgent call?"

And then Martha heard that Jesus was coming. But her grief-clouded mind told her that He was too late to do more than sympathize. She sobbed, "If thou hadst been here, my brother had not died!" Majestically, the Master answered, "Thy brother shall rise again."

"Yes, at the last day, far in the future," she lamented. Jesus encouraged her with the pronouncement of hope for all, "I am the resurrection, and the life."

Like a burst of sunlight, faith and hope flooded every crevice of her weary soul. "Mary!" she cried, as she reached her grieving sister's side, "The Master is come." And, in response to their believing, He proved that He was indeed the Master. Jesus Christ is still the Master and He always comes in time.

—D. LEROY SANDERS

TUESDAY, February 14

A SEEMING DELAY—John 11:1-6

"When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still . . ." (v. 6).

Here Jesus seemed to neglect those He dearly loved. When we are puzzled about some seeming delay, let us remember that the last chapter of the story is not yet written. It is said, "There is no high mountain, but by some deep valley." Great acts of God may be preceded by inexplicable steps of preparation.

In our story, the Lord was deliberately preparing the setting for one of His very greatest miracles, the raising of a man after he had lain in the tomb for days. The delay was designed for the great glory of God.

Is our Lord requiring of you, as He did of the puzzled and sorrowing sisters, that you trust in His loving wisdom while His purposes are as yet undisclosed? While we are awaiting the revelation of His holy purposes, do we buckle under, or do we maintain a serene and courageously trusting heart?

Through the ages, the trial of faith has been precious. Joseph's years in the dungeon found great reward, for he

maintained sweetness and personal victory. Abraham walked up the slopes of Mt. Moriah, carrying the fire and the knife in meekness and obedience. The son of promise walked by his side carrying the wood of the burnt offering. This trial of faith was to present an unspeakable blessing to all future ages. Let us maintain a meek, trusting heart, while awaiting the revelation of God's holy purpose.

—ZELMA ARGUE

WEDNESDAY, February 15

QUESTIONING DISCIPLES—John 11:7-19

Jesus had a reason for tarrying two days after He heard that Lazarus was sick. Had He gone immediately He would have healed him. "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died," said Martha. He tarried so that Lazarus might die; for He purposed to raise him from the dead that the disciples might believe, and that others might believe through their testimony. He said, "I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe."

Our Lord's miracles were wrought, not only that suffering might be relieved, but that His divine nature might be recognized; and His signs and wonders have been recorded in the written Word that men may read, and believe, and live. "These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31).

The beginning of a Christian life is a *new birth*. It is also a resurrection from the dead, for the unsaved are "dead in trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2:1). The saved are "risen with Christ" (Col. 3:1). We live because we have been born from above by the Spirit of God, and raised from the dead by the operation of the power of God. We continue to live, because Christ lives. "Because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19).

—J. NARVER GORTNER

BROUGHT TO LIFE, BUT STILL BOUND



THURSDAY, February 16

A WEEPING SAVIOUR—John 11:27-37

When Jesus saw Mary and her friends weeping He "groaned in the spirit, and was troubled." And "Jesus wept." Why was Jesus so moved? The Jews thought His tears were prompted by loss and sympathy with the sisters. But something more than ordinary grief or sympathy caused these tears; it was a distress that could be released only in audible groans.

Jesus groaned because here was a manifestation of the awful darkness between God and His creatures. He wept because He knew what Mary did not seem to understand: that Lazarus was more alive in that tomb than out of it. That God is greater than death and rules over death. That death only releases a believer to greater access to God and eternal life. That Jesus Himself is the Resurrection and the Life. So Jesus could not understand their weeping, but groaned and suffered because they were so blind.

—HATTIE HAMMOND

FRIDAY, February 17

A DEAD CHILD RAISED—2 Kings 4:18-37

"And when Elisha was come... he went in... and shut the door... and prayed unto the Lord" (vv. 32, 33).

The prophet Elisha came in answer to the call of the Shunammite woman. Her son, a gift from God, had suffered a fatal sunstroke. The boy now lay dead on the bed in the room reserved for Elisha's visits.

In her desperation she had journeyed to Elisha, whose keen eyes saw her approaching from afar. Gehazi was quickly sent with a message, and then to the dead child with the prophet's staff. But the grief-stricken mother refused to leave until the man of God came with her. She was not content with the staff. She wanted the presence of the prophet himself.

When Elisha came to the house and into the room where the dead boy lay, he shut the door and prayed to the Lord. Though "methods" had failed, he knew that God still lived. He must make contact with God, for a live stream requires a live channel. God moved in this man of faith, and soon the child's body became warm and the dead child was raised to life.

—ANNA C. BERG

SATURDAY, February 18

THE DEAD SHALL LIVE—1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

"The dead shall live," you say? How do you know? "This we say unto you by the word of the Lord" (v. 15)—that is sufficient proof. His Word—forever settled in heaven, never to pass away, enduring forever—declares it.



## Loneliness Is Everywhere...

As rhythmic as the tramp of marching feet, as relentless as time, as haunting as the hollow calm over a quiet battlefield, is the presence of the soldier's ageless enemy—LONELINESS!

Whether in a cold, muddy bunker in Korea, or under the shadow of the Iron Curtain in Germany—whether aloft in a jet bomber, or aboard a ship at sea—he lives with and endures LONELINESS.

The Servicemen's Division of the Assemblies of God is doing everything possible to help our servicemen fight this dread foe. This agency regularly corresponds with thousands of servicemen around the world; publishes and distributes hundreds of thousands of copies of REVEILLE and other servicemen's literature each year; provides correspondence courses and a number of other services for our servicemen. All this is just a part of the ministry of the Servicemen's Division.

BUT, all of this costs money! The Servicemen's Division is supported entirely by free-will offerings. As persistent as the LONELINESS of the servicemen is the need for funds for the Servicemen's Division.

You can greatly help the Servicemen's Division to lend aid to some lonely serviceman by sending your offerings to:

### SERVICEMEN'S DIVISION

Christ's Ambassadors Department  
434 West Pacific Street  
Springfield 1, Missouri

Do you want additional assurance? "We believe that Jesus died and rose again" (v. 14). There it is. Because He lives we shall live also. "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." His resurrection is the guarantee that the dead shall live.

At the heart of every blessing we enjoy is the death and resurrection of Jesus. Salvation, divine healing, the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the hope of the resurrection—all these are provided through His death and resurrection. His empty tomb is the eternal key that shall unlock the door of death.

So we lay away our loved ones in Christ, confident that we shall see them again "in the morning." Death is robbed of its sting. We gaze, not disconsolately

into the grim grave, but confidently into the clouds of His coming.

We await the Saviour's shout, the archangel's voice, the trumpet reveille.

—W. RALPH HORNBY

### Radio News Flash

REVIVALTIME was released over the following new stations, beginning the week of January 15:

DOYLESTOWN, PA. (WBUX)  
250 watts, 1570 kc. (check newspaper for time)

BUFFALO, N. Y. (WGR)  
Sunday—10:30 p.m. (5,000 watts, 550 kc.)



# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

ST. JOHN, IND.—The Assembly of God here just closed revival meetings with Evangelist Fred Numrick of Springfield, Illinois. God moved in a marvelous way, and many souls were stirred and drawn closer to the Lord.

—Gladston C. Phagan, Pastor

MORGAN CITY-BERWICK, LA.—In recent meetings with Evangelist V. E. Whitmire at the Twin City Gospel Temple, over 50 people came to the altar for salvation, and there were some outstanding miracles of healing. The results were excellent for this community which is almost entirely Catholic.

—S. J. Honderich, Pastor

HUTCHINSON, KANS.—Evangelist David Sandall and family held two and one-half weeks of meetings in the First Assembly of God just prior to Christmas. A number of people were saved and others were reclaimed. The evangelists labored untiringly at the altar to encourage the people to press forward to victory.

—J. L. Boulware, Pastor

CAYUGA, TEX.—God used Evangelist Don Hallford of Bell Gardens, Calif. in the two weeks of revival meetings recently held here. Some were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. There were also definite healings. The Sunday School attendance almost doubled, and the blessing of God continues to abide.

C. G. Fuston, Pastor

ROSWELL, NEW MEX.—On January 1, revival meetings were concluded in the South Side Assembly of God with Youth Evangelist Don George who is a member of the George Evangelistic Team. Some were saved or filled with the Holy Spirit, and a goodly number dedicated themselves for wholehearted service for the Lord in 1956.

—T. J. Howard, Pastor

OZARK, MO.—Evangelist Leslie Strong has just concluded a fine two-week meeting here. Several were saved or reclaimed, and two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Since the revival the church has increased in Sunday School attendance. The average for December was 81. One Sunday in November God raised up a baby who was apparently dead.

—Ray Hundley, Pastor

ST. PETER, MINN.—In the meetings conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Don Tanner of Willmar, in early December, the crowds were very good. In spite of unseasonably cold weather and the approach of the holidays, the average attendance was better than many previous campaigns. Several hands were raised for prayer during the meetings, and much good was done.

—Charles W. Lamson, Pastor

LAMESA, TEX.—For four and one-half weeks the Assembly of God enjoyed a glorious revival under the preaching of Evangelist Almata Benson from San Antonio. Fifteen or more were saved or reclaimed, six filled or re-filled with the Holy Spirit, and the church was blessed and uplifted. The church has recently purchased property in a newer addition of town for a new building.

—J. W. Farmer, Pastor

BONHAM, TEX.—A goodly number were saved and reclaimed and 15 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in recent meetings conducted here by Evangelist Rodney Duron of Freeport, Tex. Each night there was a manifestation of God's Spirit, and the church was greatly edified. The church voted 100% to invite the Durons back next year.

—C. A. Bird, Pastor

BUXTON, N. C.—One of the greatest revival meetings ever conducted on the "Outer Banks" was that recently held by Evangelist H. E. Hardt of York, Pa. The attendance was splendid throughout the two weeks, and numbers were saved. There were many outstanding testimonies of healing. Other churches that co-operated with the meetings were greatly benefited under the anointed ministry of Brother Hardt.

—Ralph Buchanan, Supply Pastor

HAMILTON, ILL.—Evangelist Billy Wolfe of Davenport, Iowa, closed a three-week revival here on Christmas. The power of God fell each night. Sixteen received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, 12 came to the altar for salvation, and several were healed. One young man was saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, and healed. He laid aside his glasses, and is going on with God. There was a particular work done among the young people.

—Maude Deyo, Pastor

ACAPULCO, G. R. O., MEXICO—In early December the first evangelistic campaign in the history of Acapulco was conducted by Evangelist O. G. Ogburn from the United States. All of the evangelical churches in Acapulco co-operated in the campaign.

One woman from northwest of the city, who had been a Christian for six years, came to the meetings. She was prayed for and received instant healing from an internal ailment. She decided that if she went back to her village and told the folk, they would not believe her. She knew that in the town there was a man born deaf; and she reasoned that if he were to be healed, the people would be convinced. Prayer was offered for him and he was gloriously healed. He both heard and spoke for the glory of God. As the days went by, he learned more words each day.

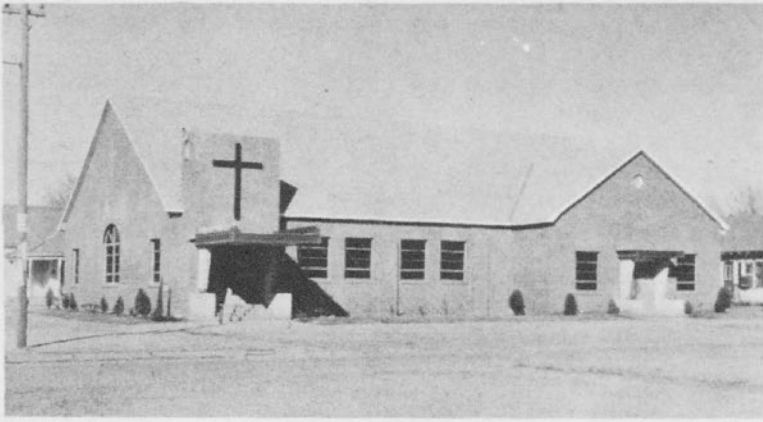
A lady who had not taken a step without crutches in 20 years, stood alone and walked as the power of God touched her. Blind eyes were opened and many received instant deliverance from various kinds of aches and pains.

—John W. Peck, Pastor

FORT WORTH, TEX.—A most glorious revival was recently experienced by the West Side Assembly of God. It was the first meeting in the new and larger auditorium, and was conducted by Evangelist Clarence G. Mitchell. Night after night there was rejoicing in the presence of the Lord. Souls were saved, the sick were healed, and backsliders came back to God. We witnessed the thrilling return of a backslidden preacher. The Sunday School record was broken with 30 above the all-time mark. Brother Mitchell will return for a special follow-up campaign of teaching ministry at his earliest convenience.

—A. J. Stafford, Pastor

GIRARD, OHIO—Evangelist John C. Poteet recently conducted a great meeting in this church. Over 50 people came to the altar for salvation, and many were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many of these were visitors from other denominations. A goodly number testified to healing. One lady was suffering from laryngitis and unable to talk at all, but began



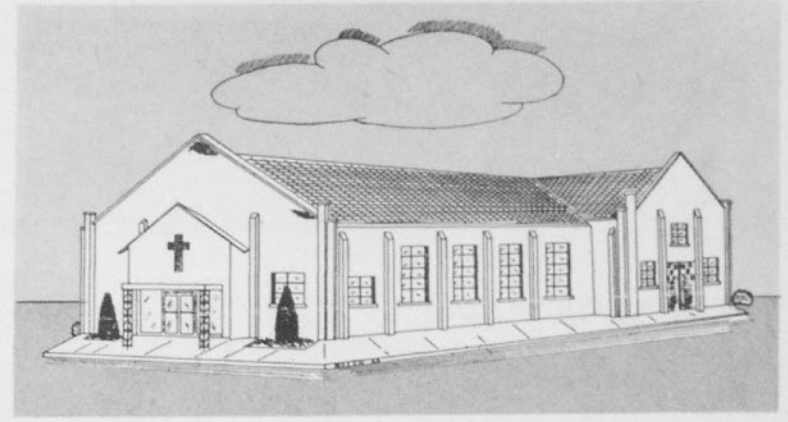
#### NEW CHURCH DEDICATED AT ALTUS, OKLAHOMA

On December 19, Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent, brought the dedicatory message in the new home of the First Assembly of God in Altus. This service was a great blessing to our people, and also the many friends who attended from southwest Oklahoma and northwest Texas. Special music was furnished by the male quartet and J. W. Gladney, pastor of the First Assembly of God in Lawton, Okla.

When we returned to Altus in July, 1953, a building fund had already been started under the able leadership of the former pastor, C. E. Turner, who is now in Council Bluffs, Iowa. In April, 1954, we started to build the Sunday School annex. Sixteen months later, we moved into the new sanctuary and immediately began a meeting with Evangelist D. C. Odgen of Memphis, Tenn.

The main building, 50 x 86, contains a sanctuary, baptistry, two prayer rooms, nursery, pastor's study, foyer, and rest rooms. The two-story Sunday School annex, built in an "L" off the back of the main building, is 36 x 48. There are six classrooms and an assembly room upstairs, and four classrooms, an assembly room, Sunday School office, and rest rooms downstairs. Both assembly rooms and prayer rooms are arranged to be used for classrooms.

The building is of masonry construction and is practically fire-proof. The floors are covered with asphalt tile. According to local real estate appraisers, the church is worth \$85,000. With the help of God and the splendid co-operation of the people, we have completed the building with only \$19,000 indebtedness.—M. Carl McCoy, Pastor.



#### NEW CHURCH ERECTED AT GOSHEN, INDIANA

About four years ago, Mrs. Bayless and I were called to pastor the First Assembly of God here. At that time the people were worshipping in a 40 x 60 tabernacle, which was located in an undesirable section of the city. There were only four Sunday School classrooms. However, approximately 100 people in the church had a vision and a desire to rise above their present surroundings.

In three years and two months, the Lord helped us to erect a building on a main thoroughfare, valued (by the local bank) at \$65,000. Last February Roy Wead, District Superintendent, dedicated it to the Lord. The lot cost almost \$7,000. This was done without any previous building fund and the total mortgage against the church is less than \$10,000. The building is 106 x 60, with a two-story educational building having facilities for approximately 20 classes. The building is finished and completely decorated inside.

The church was greatly benefited by the following evangelists: Bobby Hoskins, Mark Hinman, Wilbur Ogilvie, Harry Hodge, Harold Duncan, Norman Pearsall, W. S. Barham, Morris Cerullo, Paul Paino, and Frank Fortier. We also enjoyed the ministry of the male chorus and mixed choir from Southwestern Bible Institute, under the direction of Leslie Stubbs.

In September, we resigned the church to re-enter evangelistic work. Fletcher Duncan is now the pastor.

Since we have been on the field, we have conducted meetings in Michigan, Arkansas, Louisiana, Indiana, and Missouri.—Robert R. Bayless, 621 Washington St., Covington, Ind.

to shout and praise God in answer to prayer. Some suffering from back injuries, heart trouble, sugar diabetes, crooked feet, etc., were healed by the power of God.

The last Sunday morning Brother Poteet raised \$2,000 in pledges for the completion of the church. The Sunday School record was broken the first Sunday of the revival, and the attendance continued to climb until a peak of 254 was reached several weeks after the revival. Brother Earl Warstler and his people of Calvary Chapel in Hubbard co-operated fully in the meeting, which helped to make a greater impact on the area.  
—D. A. Ross, Pastor

WESTERNPORT, MD.—A very profitable four weeks of meetings were conducted recently by Evangelist and Mrs. L. C. Robie of Union Springs, New York. Souls were saved, backsliders reclaimed, and believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. In addition, many re-dedicated their lives to God. Many chronic ailments were healed in answer to prayer. These included deafness, kidney infections, seizures, and growths. Some took off braces, and others with internal dis-

orders of various kinds received deliverance. Brother Robie very clearly laid before the church the responsibility of soul winning. All expenses were met and the members of the First Assembly of God were greatly pleased with the meetings.

—Ernest W. Welford, Pastor

DETROIT, MICH.—The last two weeks of October were days of real blessing to the congregation of Evangel Assembly of God. Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Wallace, of Old Orchard, Maine, were used of God to stir the hearts of people to prayer and seeking the Lord. Souls were saved and some received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. There was a real move among the young people and children.

There were many testimonies of divine healing. One lady was completely healed of an ulcer. Another was delivered of constant pain in her abdomen. One man was to have undergone an operation, but after prayer the pain left him and he felt completely well. Several others gave witness to the healing power of God upon their bodies.

The church is at present in the midst of a building program.

—Fred Smolchuck, Pastor

FARMERSVILLE, CALIF.—The Farmersville Assembly of God has had most unusual meetings with Evangelist James Cromwell, of Bakersfield. The meetings continued for well over seven weeks. Many were healed of long-time afflictions. Blind eyes were opened, cancers spit up, ruptures healed instantly and we saw many other miracles. Over one hundred were saved and almost as many were filled with the Holy Spirit. This moving of God is a real answer to prayer.

—B. I. Wilkerson, Pastor

#### TAKE TIME

A good woman said that in the rush and hurry of her life she felt in danger of being "jostled out of her spirituality." It is a real danger, this matter of being too busy to be good, of running too fast to keep our torch burning.

There is a beautiful hymn we sometimes sing, "Take time to be holy." It does take time to be holy. We must not live in a rush. We need to take time for meditation and prayer and fellowship with God if we would make any attainment in grace or growth in spiritual insight and character.—G.B.F. Hallock in "Christian Monitor"

# SUNDAY'S LESSON



## LAZARUS RAISED FROM THE DEAD

Lesson for Sunday, February 19, 1956

John 11:20-26, 38-44

The miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead is undoubtedly the greatest miracle which our Lord performed. It is the seventh, and next to the last miracle which John recorded in his Gospel, and it forms a climax to all the miracles related earlier.

The scene is set in the little village of Bethany. There Martha, Mary, and Lazarus lived. And it was to their home that our Lord delighted to go. Their friendship and fellowship was warm and deep. When Lazarus became deathly sick, it was natural for them to turn to Him. Their message was, "Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick." They were confident of His love. So confident were they that they did not make a specific request! It was as though they believed that all they needed to do was to make known the fact of Lazarus' sickness, and His love would impel Him to meet the need.

### THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST'S DELAY (vv. 1-22)

Martha and Mary had not specifically asked the Lord to heal Lazarus, but they were sure that He would! They waited for Him to appear. He did not come. Verse six contains the strangest "therefore" to be found in the ministry of Christ: "When He had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was!"

How can we explain the mystery of this delay? Why did not our Lord hasten to Lazarus' side? If we could fully understand this, then we could explain similar mysteries in our own experience.

Even the Jews that mourned with Martha and Mary were surprised. "And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?" (v. 37). Christ's ability to have prevented Lazarus' death was unquestioned. Why had He not done it?

When Martha learned that Jesus had come, she went out to meet Him. Her human disappointment found expression in the words, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." Later, Mary repeated these same words. G. Campbell Morgan compared these identical statements, and commented, "I think that Martha meant, Why did you not hurry when we sent for you? I think Mary meant, I wish it had been possible for you to be here—the same words with a different emphasis and intention."

There will always be an element of mystery which we cannot explain, because our Lord's sovereign acts are related to His all-encompassing wisdom, and His full love. His sovereignty, His omniscience, and the power of His love are more than our poor finite minds can grasp.

Once a minister was struggling over a point of doctrine which he could not fully explain or understand. In his mental weariness he decided to go to the beach and walk along the seaside. As he walked, he met a little boy busily digging a trench in the sand. "What are you doing, little fellow?" inquired the minister.

"I'm digging a deep hole," answered the boy.

"Yes, I see, but what for?"

"Why, I'm going to put the ocean in the hole, sir!" replied the lad.

The minister smiled, and walked on. And then, the whole incident became to him a parable of his own mental struggle. His attempt to explain and to understand the infinite with his limited finite mind was just as futile as the lad's attempt to contain the ocean in his little trench!

### THE SAVIOUR'S SYMPATHY (vv. 23-37)

It is exceedingly difficult to say just the right word to those who are grief-stricken. But the Lord Jesus knew exactly what to say. J. H. Jowett said, "When the Lord Jesus breaks the silence, He breaks what makes the silence deadly." Jesus said, "Thy brother shall rise again." Simple words, but oh, how they should have stimulated Martha's faith! But Martha was so blinded by her grief that she interpreted His words to be a reference to the great resurrection of the dead. And then our Lord uttered again the majestic name of God, "I AM!" "I am the resurrection, and the life" (v. 25). On two prior occasions He had raised the dead—Jairus' daughter and the widow's son at Nain. But Martha was so immersed in her sorrow that she failed to grasp the significance of what He said.

When Jesus saw Martha, Mary, and the friends who came with them weeping, His own heart of compassion within Him was deeply moved. The shortest and the most deeply meaningful verse in the Bible is recorded, "Jesus wept" (v. 35).

### JESUS THE VICTOR OVER DEATH! (vv. 38-44)

The account of the miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead is amazingly simple and brief. John told in full detail the events and conversations leading up to the miracle. Forty verses are given to these details. The miracle itself is related in four verses.

Christ spoke directly to Lazarus! For Lazarus was not beyond the range of His voice, nor was he beyond the range of His dominion! The loud cry which our Lord uttered was not so much for Lazarus' sake, as for the sake of those who stood by that they might hear.

In every instance where Christ raised the dead, His voice was the voice of authority. In the home of Jairus, Jesus called, "Maid arise" (Luke 8:54). Outside the little village of Nain, Jesus stopped the funeral procession, and He said, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise" (Luke 7:14). Each time His voice sounded out! The voice of authority, of power! Once again, soon, His voice will be heard. "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, . . . and the dead in Christ shall rise first!" Praise God, the dead in Christ are never beyond the range of His voice, nor beyond the range of His dominion!

### FELLOWSHIP IN RESURRECTION LIFE (ch. 12:1, 2)

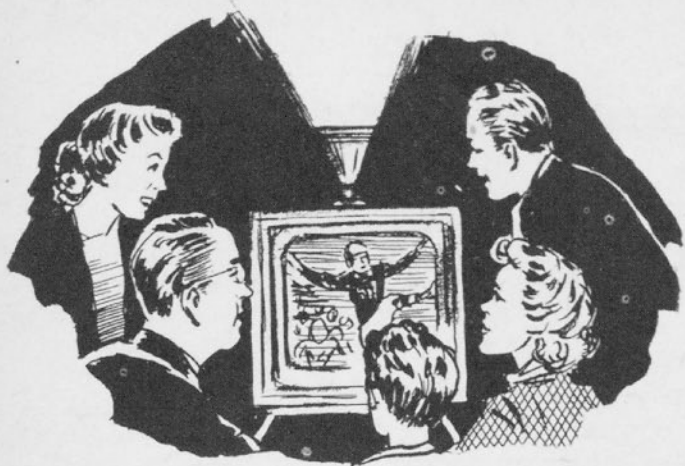
Beautifully the story of Lazarus is continued into the twelfth chapter of John. "And they made him [Jesus] a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him" (John 12:2). Beyond death, rejoicing in resurrection life, Lazarus is seated with Christ in a feast of joy!

This crowning note becomes in itself a beautiful picture of the fellowship in resurrection life we shall all enjoy with our blessed Lord. One day the trumpet shall sound and our Saviour's voice will be heard. The dead in Christ will rise, and all the redeemed will be gathered home. And there will be a feast prepared, the marriage supper of the Lamb. And, like Lazarus, we shall sit at the table with Him!

—EMIL A. BALLIET

"Christlife" Magazine suggests Christian duties and privileges are connoted in the names given to believers: (1) Saints: they are separated ones; (2) Believers: they trust in Christ; (3) Brethren: they are to love each other; (4) Disciples: they are to be learners; (5) Ambassadors: they have a message to give to others.





# ONE CHRISTIAN AND *TELEVISION*

by Esther M. Smith

**T**HE FIRST TELEVISION SET IN OUR home was a small one in an upstairs room, and I would have nothing to do with it. In time, a set was placed in the living room, only to be replaced some months later by a larger and clearer model.

Due to the weakness of an elderly, blind member of the family, following two heart attacks and the flu, it seemed necessary for me to remain as much of the time as possible downstairs, near at hand, during her waking hours. Part-time work that was being done at home was set up in the living room, and all Bible study helps and materials were located there.

Over a period of months, I found my interest in televiewing, which began in a small way, to be increasing, and a number of programs were being followed quite regularly.

Some years before this, by God's wonderful grace, I had yielded myself to the Lord, and, to me, that meant a separation from the world and the things of the world, such as movies, the theater, and the like, unto the Lord. For a number of years He had given me opportunities for service, including teaching, until, four years before the writing of this testimony, He changed my service mainly to that of ministering to the blind shut-in, who had become a member of our household.

The Lord does not storm at us. He speaks gently and lovingly, and presents things to us from different angles, frequently over quite a period of time. I found this to be His way with me in regard to television. Often while viewing a dramatic presentation, the thought came, "How is this any different from attending a movie or the theater?" The liquor and tobacco commercials given at frequent intervals troubled me, for I could discern their tremendous evil potentialities for influencing the young and impressionable. I found the pattern of social life prevailing in most of the productions to be that of the world, where smoking and drinking and the lust of the flesh in its various manifestations were the accepted thing. In programs where

help was given to those in need, and those in which human interest stories were handled in different ways, I found that the modern conception of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man prevailed, and that special guests and exalted personalities on these programs were largely the luminaries of the movie, television, and theatrical world. These things distressed me.

At times during these months, there came to mind the teaching ministry of past days when freely and wholeheartedly I had presented the teachings of God's Word concerning the world, and His expressed will that the Christian be separate from it. At such times I was challenged with the realization that were I then teaching, I could not still do this with any conviction and without hypocrisy, for I myself was partaking of the world through television. As the time approached when the Lord was to bring me to a decision in line with His will, expressions in the Old Testament used in connection with the Nazarites as to the defiling of their separation occurred to me a number of times, and the realization deepened that by partaking as I was of television, I was defiling MY separation unto the Lord. My peace became increasingly disturbed.

One evening my pastor showed me a leaflet stressing the harm of many television programs to juveniles. I read it with conviction, for how could anything fraught with such EVIL for the children and young people be GOOD for me? What right had I, then, to participate in it?

During devotions the following morning, the Holy Spirit—faithful Counselor!—dealt with me in power in the matter. In connection with special services led by a visiting Bible teacher, who was to conclude his ministry to us that day, a group of us women had planned to sing, "Is Your All on the Altar?" My heart was searched with the question as to how I could sing that sincerely unless this matter of television was settled. In addition to these other considerations there was a Spirit-wrought longing in my heart for an

unshadowed, unhindered fellowship with my Lord—to be truly His handmaid, "in His hand for His pleasure." The Lord, blessed be His name forever, won the victory! I decided to take a stand in my home against worldly television presentations.

This decision was not without its problems and difficulties. It meant a greatly curtailed fellowship in the home. It meant that I should have to make arrangements for my part-time work and study materials other than continuing with them in the living room. The next day these things were moved to a small room on the second floor—truly an "upper room" to me. A precious seal to the victory won in the secret place was the morning message by the visiting servant of the Lord—one of the strongest messages I have ever heard, and it had to do mainly with television! My heart rejoiced throughout the message, and virtually SANG repeated "Amen!" The Lord has restored to me the joy of salvation.

As a result of this spiritual exercise regarding television, there has emerged for me this rule: To forego any program on television that I would not, as a Christian separated unto the Lord, attend in person.

Great is His faithfulness in dealings with His loved ones! Great was His faithfulness to me!

—Sunday School Times

## Sermon in a Nutshell

If a man is not willing to go to heaven by the way of Calvary, he cannot go at all. Many men want a religion in which there is no cross, but they cannot enter heaven that way. If we are to be disciples of Jesus Christ, we must deny ourselves, and take up our cross, and follow Him. Do not think you will have no battles if you follow the Nazarene; many battles are before you. But men do not object to a battle, if they are confident that they will have victory; and, than God, every one of us may have the victory if he will. —D. L. Moody.

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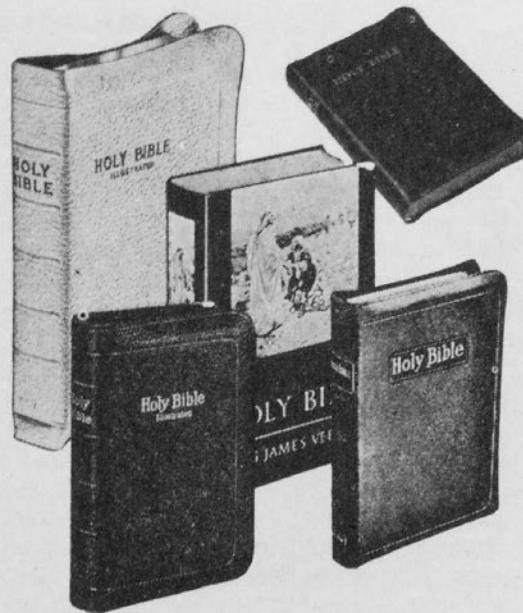
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## "Push-Button Revival"

have their emotions stirred when the Holy Spirit of God is present in an extraordinary manner.

In defense of revival, Jonathan Edwards says: "I do not think this is confusion, or an unhappy interruption, any more than if a company should meet in a field to pray for rain and should be broken off from their exercise by a plentiful shower. Would to God that all the public assemblies in the land were broken off from their public exercises with such confusion as this the next Lord's Day! We need not be sorry for breaking the order of means, by obtaining the end to which that order is directed. He who is going to fetch a treasure need not be sorry if he is stopped by meeting the treasure in the midst of his journey."

### DICTATING TO GOD

Even the saintly Andrew Murray was in grave danger of dictating to God, when surprised by unusual happenings in his own church in the town of Worcester in South Africa. The Holy Spirit had fallen upon an eminently respectable and well-ordered Presbyterian congregation. Here is the account:

One Sunday evening, after the conclusion of public worship, some sixty young people gathered together in a little hall. A hymn was sung, a lesson from the Bible read, and a prayer was offered by the reader. Then three or four other young people led in prayer by turn. Following this, a colored girl arose at the back of the hall and asked to be allowed to lead in prayer. Upon receiving permission, the girl prayed in a most moving way. While she was thus interceding, a sound was heard, as it were, in the distance, and it came nearer and nearer until the very place seemed to be shaken. Instantly, as if a storm had broken loose, the entire group (with one or two exceptions) began to pray simultaneously, the majority in normal tones, others in whispers. The noise made by the concourse was none the less deafening.

An elder of the church happened to be passing the hall, and on witnessing the strange proceedings hastened to call Andrew Murray, who, confronted with the tumultuous scene, took his stand in the center of the hall and in a loud voice called for silence. But the praying continued unabated. Again Mr. Murray cried out, "I am your minister, sent from God—silence!" But the young peo-

ple did not hear their pastor, and the noise did not cease in the least; all continued praying and imploring Almighty God for mercy and pardon. Andrew Murray thereupon sharply confronted the leader of the meeting and, after several vain attempts to start up a hymn, charged: "God is a God of order, and here everything is in disorder." And he left the hall unable to stop the service.

Every evening of that week prayer meetings were held, and the number increased so rapidly that they soon had to move to a larger building.

On the following Saturday evening Andrew Murray himself was the leader of the meeting. He read a portion of Scripture, made a few observations, and, after offering prayer, gave others an opportunity to pray also. Once again the sound was heard in the distance, drawing nearer and nearer; and again, suddenly the entire gathering was praying in unison.

That evening a stranger was standing at the door watching the proceedings. When Andrew Murray summoned the group to be silent, the stranger walked up to him and said, "I think you are the minister of this congregation; be careful what you do, for the Spirit of God is at work here. I have just come from America, and this is precisely what I witnessed there."

In this manner, revival came to Worcester. The normal means made way for God's way. From this village the revival spread.

### A DIGNIFIED REVIVAL

If many believers are honest they will admit that *they want a "dignified" revival, or no revival at all.* They are afraid of hurting someone's feelings, or insulting their so-called sense of orderliness. That blessed man, Duncan Campbell, told me recently how he spoke to a ministerial group concerning the mighty works of God in the Hebrides, and afterward one pastor declared, "If that is revival, I for one do not want it."

What a tragedy! As E. W. Mills has so beautifully stated, "Revival has to do with life and more life—rich life—abundant life—zestful life—spacious, sparkling life—overflowing life—victorious life—colorful life—and many-splendored life." There will be nothing tame or dull when the Spirit of God works. And it will mean good-by to deadness, dullness, boredom, complacency,

sophistication and all the other features of religious mediocrity.

*"The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of My sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious" (Isa. 60:13). "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert" (Isa. 35:5, 6).*

### TRUST THE HOLY SPIRIT

Surely we can trust the Holy Spirit to take care of His own work. In the Book of Acts He restrains as well as constrains. He vindicates His deity by restraining sin in the Church through the death of Ananias and Sapphira. His restraining influence is again seen when He forbade Paul on two occasions to enter fields of his own choosing. We need not be afraid of the Spirit. He has safety-checks of His own. We need not be deceived by false manifestations. First Corinthians 12 and 14 are two neglected chapters. "God is not the author of confusion," but "the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." The Holy Spirit always glorifies Christ (John 16:14).

The writer has come to the conclusion, after pondering on his knees this suppression of revival, that many believers are afraid of anything they do not understand. They fear anything they have not yet experienced. *Having been reared in an atmosphere which lacks revival, they are like an amateur walking a tight rope, who is afraid of the unknown way ahead.*

Why not trust the Holy Spirit? Thank God, when Gypsy Smith and G. Campbell Morgan returned to London after visiting the scenes of revival in Wales a generation ago, they testified that this was a supernatural work of God and that no man dare seek to control it.

Oh, my brother or sister, remember that the symbol of revival is *fire*. We cannot control it, nor keep it to ourselves, or else it will burn us. The Spirit is called "the free Spirit" (Psalm 51:12), and "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (2 Cor. 3:17). If you really want Him to work, then allow Him to work.


Hands off! Let us stop dictating to the Holy Spirit.

**Hear C. M. Ward on REVIVALTIME . . .**

**SHOUTING (Luke 19:37)**

**SERMON SUBJECT FOR FEBRUARY 12**

**SUNDAY 10:30 P.M. ABC NETWORK**



## True Sabbath Rest

and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

After these years of following Jesus, I can now praise God that He still abides with me seven days of the week. Now when the sun sets on Saturday night, I do not feel condemned. No longer am I fearful lest I have transgressed God's law by doing my own pleasure or speaking my own words on the sabbath, as I used to be when I was in bondage to the seventh day. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Rom. 8:1). Now my pleasure is to do His will every moment of the seven days each week. Any sin that would grieve my blessed Lord on Saturday would grieve Him on Tuesday. Sin is sin any day of the week. If I love the things of the world on Monday, what value is there in the sight of God in my trying to shut them out on Saturday?

As I studied the Gospels I found that Jesus was busy about His Father's business every day in the week, including the sabbath day. If there were a need, He put no difference between the days of the week—He met the need. This caused the pious, self-righteous people of His day to doubt His works and authority. In fact, they said He was of the devil. How like the Judaizing teachers of today! They are so blinded by traditions of men concerning the keeping of a day that they fail to recognize and receive the Lord of the sabbath.

My heart goes out to the poor souls who are hungry for truth, who in their groping for light turn to the Bible correspondence courses offered on "The Voice of Prophecy" radio broadcast. The first few studies appear so full of truth. The seventh-day people do know their Bibles and can quote the scriptures, but they pervert them to support their own propaganda. One of their founders taught (and they have never repudiated it) that those Christians who worship on the first day of the week have received the mark of the beast; he taught that Sunday is the mark of the authority of the pope of Rome. They refuse to admit that the first day of the week was an established day of worship two hundred years before there ever was a pope. Many of the early church fathers who were martyrs for the gospel have left on record statements that they no longer kept the seventh-day sabbath, but kept holy the day on which their "Life" arose. The first day of the week became to them a memorial of Christ's redemptive power through His resurrection.

Today when Jewish people accept Christ, the Holy Spirit guides them into the keeping of the Lord's Day, even though they have kept the sabbath all their lives. God reveals this truth to their hearts, and they become flaming evangelists, declaring that if righteousness had come through keeping the law then Christ must have died in vain.

How I praise God for the many times His true "sabbath rest" and peace have flooded my soul—especially in hours of trials and testings.

Some time ago my husband fell from a twelve-foot scaffold and badly injured his hand and arm. I had been working in a department store and was very weary and worn in body; therefore I had anticipated quitting my job a short while after he got this new construction job. But after working only a few days he was injured and from all natural evidences it would be weeks before he could use his hand again.

The burden seemed more than I could bear, but I took it to the great Burden-Bearer. I shall never forget how He carried me away in the Spirit to a place of perfect rest. He lifted every care, gave me new strength and courage, and *healed my husband*. In five days all trace of the infection which had been so apparent was gone; new flesh filled in all the torn and mangled places on his hand and arm. He returned to work the following Monday. Truly the rest wherewith God causes the weary to rest has been mine in many such emergencies.

If you have been confused over this matter of which day to keep, seek earnestly the Lord of the sabbath. His promise to you is, "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jer. 29:13). When you find the Lord real and precious to your heart, you will want to live so close to Him every day that you will do nothing that you would not want to be found doing should He come that day. Thus you will enter into His glorious rest—the only true sabbath rest.

### NOTE

If you desire help on the subject of Sabbath-keeping, we recommend the following items which can be ordered from The Gospel Publishing House, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Kindly mention both the title and the number when ordering.

"Why You Should Not Be a Seventh-Day Adventist," by E. B. Jones. 3 EV 3663, price 50c.

"Seventh-Day Adventism," by W. E. Biedewolf. 3 EV 3587, Price 30c.

"The Answer and the Reasons," by E. B. Jones. 3 EV 3348, price 50c.

"Must Christians Keep the Seventh-Day Sabbath?" by Myer Pearlman. Evangel tract No. 4 EV 4625—20c for 25; 50c for 100.



## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

### NEW CHURCH DEDICATED

SILEX, MO., Jan. 12—With joy we dedicated the Assembly of God here on December 12, 1955. T. E. Gannon, District Superintendent, brought the evening message. Merle White offered the dedicatory prayer.—Reuben B. Melander, Pastor.

### BACK ON EVANGELISTIC FIELD

ADA, OKLA.—I have returned to the evangelistic field after pastoring the First Assembly at Ada since November 1, 1954. I thank the Lord for His blessing during the year of ministry. More than \$7,268 was paid on the church debt. The church benefited by the ministry of a number of fine evangelists during this time.—Billy Keen, Box 1041, Ada, Okla.

### EXPECT 400 AT ANNIVERSARY

TUCSON, ARIZ.—Special anniversary services are planned for February 26 at the Northside Assembly of God, known as the "Friendly Church." This will be our fourth anniversary and we are looking for a great day. At the third anniversary, we had 313 present in Sunday School. This year we expect at least 400. We are now in a building program to provide more room. God has blessed us in a marked way and to Him be all the glory. The daily one-hour radio program is bringing great results.—Spencer A. Weddle, Pastor.

### NEW ASSEMBLY OPENED

SOUTH BEND, IND.—On September 18, 1955, we opened a lovely church in downtown South Bend. We opened in obedience to God's call and burden upon our hearts without the backing of a single individual.

The events leading to the opening of Faith Memorial Church were nothing short of a miracle. The procuring of the beautiful church with its excellent facilities, and the spiritual progress and growth, has amazed us all. We have reached 76 in Sunday School. The greater part of our congregation have never attended a Holiness church before. The Spirit of God has moved in Pentecostal fashion and this has caused a deep hunger among the people.

We had a meeting with the Musical Snodgrasses of Alton, Ill. Five were saved, and a spirit of revival still prevails. James Snodgrass is now serving as our Minister of Music.—D. A. Edwards, Pastor.

### NEW CHURCH OPENED

TAYLOR, ARK., Nov. 25—We started a new church here last month under the leadership of W. L. Dumas. God has blessed in a miraculous way from the beginning. We started services in one room of an old house, which we have now purchased. We have converted two rooms into a small auditorium and use the other two rooms for Sunday School classes.

Rupert Nichols was with us for a week's meeting and we were greatly blessed and encouraged by the anointed preaching. Since our beginning, four have been saved.

There is a great opportunity in this little town which is just across the Louisiana line from the paper mill town of Springhill. We are looking forward to the time when we can build a church on the lot we have bought.—L. O. McCann, Secretary.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DOUBLED IN THREE YEARS

DENISON, TEX.—On the first Sunday of 1953, J. D. Ross, the present pastor here, organized the East Side Assembly of God with 63 present for the first service. For four months, services were held in a public school auditorium. God gave us a continuous growth. While services were being conducted in the school, the members started construction of a new church. With the outside walls up, the first service was held in the new building on June 7, 1953, with A. C. Bates as guest speaker. The structure was completed two months later.

In 1954, a Sunday School annex was added, and in 1955 a parsonage was purchased and remodeled. During these three years, the church membership has doubled and the Sunday School attendance has nearly tripled. There are 186 on the roll and the average for last October was 171.

The following evangelists have contributed greatly to the progress and spiritual growth of the church: Cham and Jerry Livingston of Tulsa, Okla., Gene Allen of Dallas, Tex., David Johnson, and J. C. Hibbard, Jr.

The third anniversary service was held on January 8 with Floyd Poag, District Secretary of Oklahoma, as guest speaker. His ministry was refreshing and deeply appreciated by the congregation.—Mattie Dees, Secretary.

## COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us a month in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 23 days before the date which appears upon it.

ST. CLAIR, MO.—Began Feb. 5 with Evangelist and Mrs. E. L. Hance.—by Manuel Shoults, Pastor.

TIMPSON, TEX.—Homecoming at Assembly of God, Feb. 19. Special music from Southwestern Bible Institute.—by George Rochier, Pastor.

TORRINGTON, WYO.—Began Jan. 29 with Evangelist and Mrs. Wendell Reed, Denver, Colo.—by Clifford Case, Pastor.

ARCADIA, TEX.—Began Feb. 5 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. LeRoy Fleck. (R. Blackburn is Pastor.)

HOUSTON, TEX.—Feb. 5-19 at Central Assembly of God, 501 Quitman and Keene; Evangelist Paul Copeland.—by W. A. Wilkerson, Pastor.

LYONS, KANS.—Feb. 12-26 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. David Sandall and family, Augusta, Kans.—by J. E. Tucker, Pastor.

PANAMA CITY, FLA.—Feb. 12-26 at St. Andrews Assembly; Evangelist and Mrs. H. Syvelle Phillips.—by O. B. Hunnicutt, Pastor.

DRAGERTON, UTAH.—Feb. 19-26 at Assembly of God; Russell J. Cox, District C. A. President.—by Daniel R. Duncan, Pastor.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.—Begins Feb. 19 at First Assembly of God, 3510 Fairmont Blvd.; Evangelist and Mrs. James F. Pepper. (Carl A. Goad is Pastor.)

BEAUMONT, TEX.—Began Jan. 31 at Eleventh Street Assembly; Evangelist Eldon Bryce, Baton Rouge, La. (Hilton Sutton, Sr. is Pastor.)

WORKERS TRAINING COURSE—Feb. 20-24 at First Assembly of God, Portland, Ore. Robert Pirtle, National S. S. Representative, instructor.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Feb. 19-Mar. 11 at Capitol Hill Tabernacle, 3518 S. Harvey St.; McColl-Gerard Trio.—by O. M. Keener, Pastor.

TRIANGLE, VA.—Begins Feb. 14 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Alvin Kyle, Westernport, Md.—by W. C. Blewitt, Pastor.

PAWHUSKA, OKLA.—Begins Feb. 19 at First Assembly of God; Evangelists Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler. (J. Perry Woodell is Pastor.)

MANASSAS, VA.—Begins Feb. 8 at Full Gospel Church, Maple and Quarry Sts.; Evangelist L. K. Dodge, Williamson, N. Y. (R. J. Hancock is Pastor.)

PROVO, UTAH—Begins Feb. 12 at Assembly of God Tabernacle, 790 N. 6th W.; Evangelists Gladys Norwood and Marie Carlquist, Hotchkiss, Colo.—by M. W. Roll, Pastor.

TAMPA, FLA.—Feb. 13-20 at Faith Tabernacle; Evangelist Herbie E. Darnell, Kilgore, Tex. (Philip N. Green is Pastor.)

TEMPLETON, CALIF.—Feb. 21-Mar. 4 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Erling Saxelid, Ceres, Calif. (Thomas Hickerson is Pastor.)

GRANTS PASS, OREG.—Begins Feb. 22 at Assembly of God; Evangelist James Nicholson. (Harry Ayers is Pastor.)

KINGSTON, JAMAICA—Begins Feb. 12; Evangelist Kenneth D. Baker, Sioux City, Iowa. (Cyril Huckerby is Pastor.)

MIAMI, FLA.—Begins Feb. 12 at Evangel Temple; Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Brown, Mobile, Ala. (J. Billy McIntosh is Pastor.)

HAMILTON, MONT.—Feb. 14-Mar. 4 at Assembly of God; Evangelist H. L. Moody, Minneapolis, Minn. (W. R. Leisy is Pastor.)

FARMERSVILLE, CALIF.—Feb. 12-26 at Assembly of God; Evangelist John C. Poteet, Anaheim, Calif. (B. I. Wilkerson is Pastor.)

BILOXI, MISS.—Feb. 12-26 at Central Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Robert R. Bayless. (Douglas Carrell is Pastor.)

MOBILE, ALA.—Feb. 12-26 at the Crichton Assembly of God; the Musical Mathans, Kansas City, Mo. (D. V. Williams is Pastor.)

PRESCOTT, ARK.—Began Jan. 29 at Assembly of God, 3rd and W. Hazel Sts.; Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Ogden, Muldrow, Okla.—by Joe Calabrese, Pastor.

IDA GROVE, IOWA—Began Jan. 30 with Evangelist and Mrs. M. L. Woods, Long Beach, Calif. (Merle Shaver is Pastor.)

MITCHELL, NEBR.—Begins Feb. 12 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Howard Cummings, Edgemont, S. Dak. (Robert Paul is Pastor.)

MILL CITY, PA.—Feb. 7-19 at Pentecostal Church; Evangelist William A. Caldwell, Lancaster, Pa. (Theodore W. Kessler is Pastor.)

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Begins Feb. 6 at First Assembly of God; Hastie-Hanley Evangelistic Team, Springfield, Mo.—by J. L. Schaffer, Pastor.

NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO.—Began Feb. 1 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist Andrew Teuber.—by R. A. McClure, Pastor.

JOHNSVILLE, OHIO—Feb. 14-26 at Assembly of God; the Tanner Team, Willmar, Minn. (Terry Diehl is Pastor.)

ROCKFORD, ILL.—Feb. 7-26 at West Side Assemblies of God Church; Kenneth L. Marshall Evangelistic Party.—by Oda Jones, Pastor.

RANDLE, WASH.—Feb. 7-19 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Edward H. Westerfield, Glead, Wash.—by David R. Westerfield, Pastor.

CHOWCHILLA, CALIF.—Began Feb. 5 with Evangelist Norman Surratt, Taloga, Okla. (H. J. Hays is Pastor.)

DALLAS, TEX.—Began Jan. 29 at Oak Cliff Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. John McDuff, Texas City, Tex. (H. C. Noah is Pastor.)

BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.—Feb. 5-19 at First Assembly of God; Evangelists Okra and Hallie Gaddis, Arkansas City, Kans. (Willie Conrad is Pastor.)

ORANGE, N. J.—Begins Feb. 19 at Faith Tabernacle, 438 Tremont Ave.; Evangelist Hattie Hammond, Hagerstown, Md.—by Victor W. Raspa, Pastor.

RODEO, CALIF.—Begins Feb. 14 at Bethel Tabernacle; 901 Mariposa St.; Evangelist John H. Bostrom, San Gabriel, Calif.—by S. A. Merrill, Pastor.

PHENIX CITY, ALA.—Began Jan. 29 at First Assembly of God; Evangelists Frank and Gladys Lummer, Oceanside, Calif. (Sammy Mizell is Pastor.)

DODGE CITY, KANS.—Begins Feb. 21 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. R. W. Hastie, Springfield, Mo. (Ward Popejoy is Pastor.)

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX.—Feb. 22-Mar. 11 at First Assembly of God, 1559 S. Brownlee; Evangelist W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo.—by Edward Willis, Pastor.

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## Training The Children

little." Parents must give themselves in their training just as did the busy Susanna Wesley. Normal children want to feel they are important enough to their parents to have some special seasons of loving counsel and prayer. This is a part of wise and effective discipline.

From H. C. Potter come these wise words: "I plead with you who are parents to train your children in ways of reverent familiarity with God's Word, God's house and God's day. Let them understand that something higher than your taste or preference makes these things sacred and binding, and constrains you to imbue them with their spirit. And, that you may do this the more effectually, give them, I entreat you, that mightiest teaching—your own consistent and devout example."

(The foregoing article is a chapter from the valuable new book entitled *THE HOME, A DIVINE SANCTUARY*, written by Alice Reynolds Flower. This 185-page cloth-bound volume is a study book in the field of domestic relations. It is ideal for pastors to use among young people. It deals with such practical subjects as, "God's Creative Plan," "Keeping Fit," "Dating," "The Engaged Couple," "Establishing the Home." Order it from The Gospel Publishing House, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Price \$2.25. Ask for book number 2 EV 526. Kindly mention both the number and the title when ordering.)

COLDWATER, KANS.—Feb. 14-26 at Assembly of God; Anspaugh Chord Makers, Naponee, Nebr. (Forrest Farley is Pastor.)

SEATTLE, WASH.—Began Feb. 5 at Fremont Tabernacle, 753 N. 35 St.; Evangelist and Mrs. Oliver Johnson.—By Milton Barfoot, Pastor.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Feb. 12-26 at Grace Assembly of God, 636 N.E. 10th St.; Evangelist and Mrs. Stephen Vandermerwe.—by J. D. Keen, Pastor.

Near UNION CITY, TENN.—Began Feb. 5 at Old Republican Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Jay Alford, Little Rock, Ark.—by George W. Lee, Pastor.

EAST BREWTON, ALA.—Began Jan. 31 at Rock Hill Assembly; Evangelists Bessie L. Fisher and Nell Gaines Check, Memphis, Tenn. (Switzer Lindsey is Pastor.)

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Begins Feb. 19 at Northeast Assembly of God; Evangelists Beauford and Celia Hannum, Oklahoma City, Okla. (F. E. Dollar is Pastor.)

CHICAGO, ILL.—Feb. 21-Mar. 11 at Ebenezer Full Gospel Assembly, Mozart and Wabansia Aves.; Evangelist Walter D. Lascelle, Seattle, Wash. (Paul S. Bredesen is Pastor.)

SOUTH FLORIDA DISTRICT COUNCIL—Feb. 20-22 at Lake Bonny Bible Camp Auditorium, Lakeland, Fla. C. C. Burnett, Vice President of Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., guest speaker. First service at 7:30 Monday night.—by J. W. Collins, District Secretary, Box 428, Lakeland, Fla.

**NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTIONS**—Feb. 20-21 at Central Avenue Assembly of God, Charlotte; Feb. 23-24 at Assembly of God, Elizabeth City. Guest speakers: Phil Wannemacher, National S. S. Representative, and Guy Davidson, Supervisor of Publicity of Nat. S. S. Department, Springfield, Mo.

**CANADIAN REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS**—Five Regional Sunday School Conventions have been planned by the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, as follows: **ONTARIO**, March 21-25 at Evangel Temple, Toronto. Speaker: Paul Copeland, West Palm Beach, Fla. **MARITIME**, April 4-8 at Pentecostal Tabernacle, Bathurst, N. B. Speakers: J. Montgomery and E. C. O'Brien, Toronto. **CENTRAL**, May 16-20 at Bethel Temple, Brandon, Man. Speaker: C. W. Denton, Springfield, Mo. **WESTERN**, May 23-27 at Pentecostal Tabernacle, Calgary, Alta. Speaker: Ray White, Billings, Mont. **PACIFIC**, May 30-June 3 at Broadway Tabernacle, Vancouver, B. C. Speaker: Wayne M. Adams of Oregon. For further information write James Montgomery, 50 Euston Ave., Toronto 6, Ontario, Canada.

### OPEN FOR CALLS

#### EVANGELISTIC OR PASTORAL

R. J. Thompson, Route 3, El Dorado Springs, Mo.  
S/Sgt. William L. Thompson 18316018, 3650th Installation Group, Box 17, Sampson A.F. Base, New York. "Will be discharged in March. Would accept meetings or pastorate in Florida."  
Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Myers, 624 Connally St., Sulphur Springs, Tex.

#### EVANGELISTIC

Walter E. Hochmuth, Leon, Kans.  
The Shull Family, Iberia, Mo. "Five in party; travel in house trailer. Sing and play musical instruments."  
Wallace C. Unruh, 6218A Merle Ave., Norfolk, Va.  
Roberta Norris, 17th and Santa Fe, Leavenworth, Kans. "Also want co-worker to assist in pioneer work."  
Mrs. Richard Gulsvig, 1027 W. 10th St., Cedar Falls, Iowa. "Will also conduct prayer revivals."  
Leslie Strong, 727 W. Poplar, Springfield, Mo.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**NEW ADDRESS**—The Riverside Tabernacle is now located at 429 East Street, Flint 3, Mich.—M. A. Jollay, Pastor.

**WANTED**—Single man to care for tent and drive a truck.—Evangelist B. D. Bennett, Box 581, Lomita, Calif.

**NAME CHANGED**—The name of the Full Gospel Tabernacle, 5th and Peoria, in Tulsa, Okla. has been changed to Central Assembly of God.—J. L. McQueen, Pastor.

**WANTED**—Back-dated literature for English-speaking church in South America. Can use Sunday School papers for all ages, quarterlies, Evangels, etc. Mail postpaid to J. B. E. Chow, P. O. Box 610, Georgetown, British Guiana, South America

**TEACHERS NEEDED**—Individuals who have carried a major through their entire program leading to a master's degree in any of the following fields: Art, Home Economics, Speech, Business Administration (accounting, business education, or general), Music (piano, organ, public school music, theory majors), English, Social Science (preferably in economics or sociology), Psychology, Physical Education, Nursing Education. If you have these qualifications and are interested in teaching at a Christian college, kindly write to the Education Department, Assemblies of God, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

### WITH CHRIST

**FERDINAND EWALD**, 59, went to be forever with the Lord on January 12, 1956, at Miami, Fla. Brother Ewald was a graduate of Bethel Bible Training School in Newark, N. J. He served for a time as missionary in eastern Europe. He was ordained by the Eastern District of the Assemblies of God in 1923 and ministered as a pastor or evangelist in a number of states (including Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New York, and Massachusetts) prior to moving to Florida some eleven years ago. He is survived by his wife, the former Margaret Forsell.

# REVIVALTIME Giving



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4. Ohio	14,594.30	4. Ohio	88.98
5. Southern Missouri	14,515.76	5. Nebraska	83.10
6. Southern California	12,398.88	6. Eastern	82.62
7. Illinois	10,886.74	7. Northwest	78.53
8. Potomac	10,722.69	8. Rocky Mountain	76.44
9. No. Calif.-Nevada	10,548.17	9. Potomac	70.08
10. Michigan	9,944.72	10. Montana	63.77

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## God Reigns

Ezekiel saw such visions of God, that he penned the good tidings—*God reigns!* Captivity or no captivity, God was supreme, omnipotent!

Jeremiah was beaten and thrust into prison, where for many days he occupied a dungeon. He sank in the mire, mud, and slush. But his heart did not sink. The king sent to him secretly, and said, "Is there any word from the Lord? And Jeremiah said, There is." Jeremiah had an ear attuned to heaven, and was in converse with the King of kings! As a younger man, Jeremiah had joyfully affirmed, "The Lord is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king" (Jer. 10:10). "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?" (Jer. 32:27). Under pressure, in the mire of a dungeon, Jeremiah still knew experimentally that *God is King!*

Job proclaimed the good tidings that "*God reigneth.*" Amidst the most crushing experiences the testimony sounded clear and strong, "I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" (Job. 19:25).

Aboard a storm-driven ship, tossed exceedingly, with all hope apparently gone, the Apostle Paul firmly declared, "There stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve... Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God." *Good tidings—God reigns!*

A businessman took a vacation trip, visiting and viewing the wonders wrought by the creative hand of God. As he gazed with awe at the deep canyons, high mountains, and wide expanse of the ocean, he repeatedly said, "God IS; God is wonderful." When he returned home, he learned that during his absence his place of business had burned to the ground. His best earthly friend had died. Shortly thereafter he contracted a very serious disease. But still, from the depth of his heart, he continued to say truthfully, "*God is; God is wonderful.*"

How beautiful are those who bring good tidings, no matter what the passing circumstances of life. *Good tidings—Jehovah reigneth!*

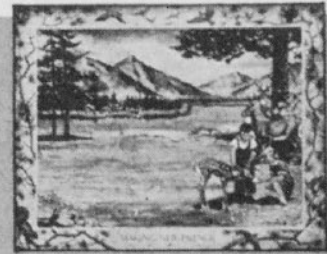
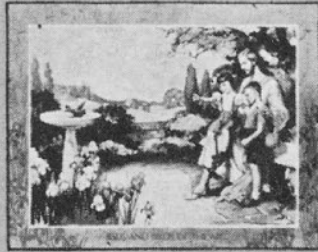
*"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run,  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*"Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud Amen."  
—Isaac Watts*

# ATTENDANCE CARDS and SEALS

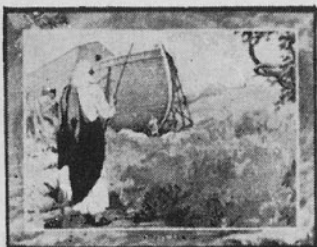
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Never in the history of the world has there been such a great need for REVIVAL. A REVIVAL sent from heaven! A REVIVAL inspired and breathed upon by the Holy Spirit! A genuine PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL that will sweep over the world, driving back godless forces and setting sinners free.

**YOU CAN BE THE SPARK THAT WILL SET THE WORLD AFLAME WITH THIS REVIVAL!**

On the Sunday preceding each REGIONAL WORLD MISSIONS CONVENTION a regional prayer meeting will be held to intercede for WORLD-WIDE REVIVAL. This is an URGENT need. Make your plans now to attend the prayer meeting in YOUR church on that Sunday. **YOU CAN HELP TO SET THE WORLD AFLAME WITH REVIVAL.** Will you do your part?