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

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Contented

If the wren can cling
To a spray a-swing
In the stormy wind,
And sing and sing,
As if she'd burst for joy—
Why cannot I
Contented lie
In His quiet arms,
Beneath His sky,
Unmoved by life's annoy?

—*Author Unknown*

Do We Measure Up?

In every phase of life there are certain standards to which all must conform. Much as we love our individual liberties, there are certain common standards to which we are bound to adhere if we would have harmony and understanding in our relationships one with another. For example, there are standard weights and measures which are indispensable to proper business operations. The scales your butcher uses to weigh your meat are carefully checked by local authorities, who compare them with accurate weights which, in turn, are compared at intervals with the official weight standards as adopted by the U. S. Government.

Before there was any official standard of measurement, men measured distance by the foot—that is, the human foot. If a real estate man were selling a piece of land he would simply pace off the length and breadth and that would be the measurement. If his feet were small, it was the buyer's misfortune. But if they were large, the buyer got a bargain.

Men grew weary of such haphazard methods of measurement. They decided that an official standard would save a lot of argument, so each nation adopted its own standard of measurement. Finally the various nations met in conference and decided upon an international standard, which the U. S. adopted officially in 1893. This international standard of measurement is kept at the International Bureau of Weights and Measures in Sevres, France. The U. S. National Bureau of Standards has a prototype of the international standard—a platinum-iridium bar known as the National Standard of Length. The distance between two parallel lines engraved on this bar is the primary standard meter (39.37 inches) for all measurements of length in the United States.

In the spiritual life, too, there is an "official standard." We find it in the Bible. God did not want us to measure our character by our own "feet," as it were. He did not want us to compare ourselves with other people, or to think that if we measured up to worldly standards we would be safe. The apostle Paul wrote of people who "measure themselves by themselves" and "compare themselves among themselves," but he said they "are not wise." (2 Corinthians 10:12). We needed a higher standard than men can produce—a standard that is dependable, constant, and acceptable to God. Therefore He gave us just such a standard in the Holy Scriptures. Whether our problem be one of church doctrine, personal conduct, or moral principle we will find the answer in the Bible for it is the official measuring-stick by which God deals with man.

An open enemy of C. H. Spurgeon once made a remark which he intended as a slur, but Spurgeon considered it to be the highest compliment ever paid him as a gospel preacher. The enemy said: "Here is a man who has not moved an inch forward in all his ministry, and at the close of the nineteenth century is teaching the theology of the first century, and is proclaiming the doctrine of Nazareth and Jerusalem current eighteen hundred years ago." May this be the kind of "slur" they cast at us!

All men have sinned and come short of God's standard of righteousness. Therefore all must come to Christ for pardon, cleansing, and regeneration—and then, having obtained mercy, we must endeavor to live up to God's standard for the common good. This we cannot do by self-effort, but we can do it through Christ who strengthens us. We must trust His grace. Christ will live out His life of righteousness through us if we will yield ourselves fully to Him from day to day.

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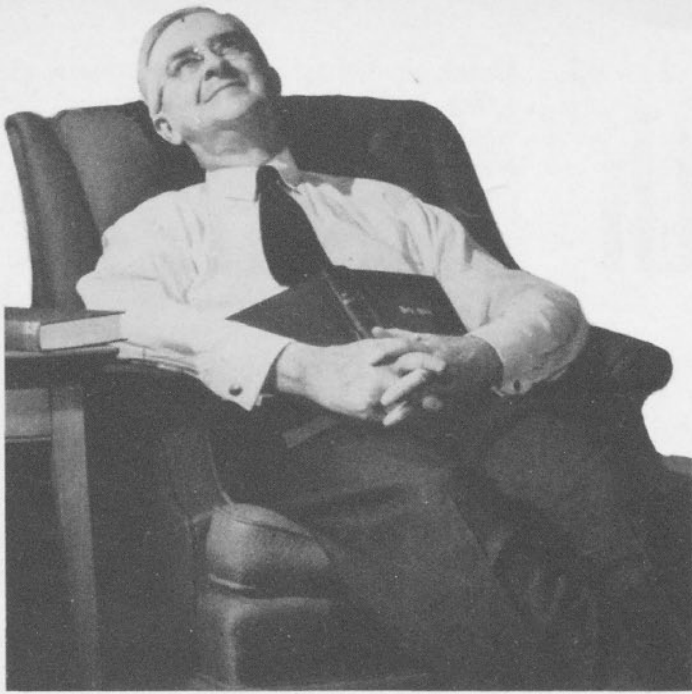
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Mental Health, the Bible Way

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AN EVER-INCREASING CAUSE FOR wonder is the way the Bible answers every perplexity of life. In the person of God's own beloved Son we find the remedy, and every promise becomes a golden avenue of blessing! Viewing even the alarming increase of mental illness from this vantage point, we find ourselves looking up, not down—out, not in—and longing to lend a hand.

Let us take a quick glance at the mental health picture as drawn from scientific research. More than 700,000 patients crowd our mental hospitals. Many more need this type of care. Some of these disorders are caused by physical diseases and still others by a certain type of severe nutritional deficiency. Many of the cases in these two classifications have been successfully treated and cured.

Psychiatry has aided some harassed persons to make a better adjustment in their lives. Other patients have been helped temporarily, but the great majority admittedly lie outside the realm of medical knowledge and skill. Their prognosis is one of pathetic hopelessness!

Some of these tragic conditions have invaded the ranks of born-again Christians. Fortunately, the percentage of severely deranged cases is small. But there is a great host of our people who are suffering from depression, oppression, and/or obsession. Still more are reacting to the pressure of present-day living and testings with fear that they cannot longer endure the strain. The enemy loves to exaggerate and torment.

He makes life miserable wherever he can cause people to fear the worst. But, blessed be the Name of our Lord, there is a cure for any condition that disturbs the peace and efficiency of God's children, and there is a means for preventing such a condition and for maintaining the well being of the whole man.

Since each of us is affected in some way by this problem, let us gird up the loins of our mind, search the Scriptures, and obey our heavenly Father's instructions! All of heaven will come to our aid as we reach out for God's best in our own lives and for help for those more needy than ourselves.

First, let us consider the most severe cases. By the gifts of the Spirit, some would be found to be demon possession. What does the Word of God say? "These signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils . . ." (Mark 16:15). May God help us as believers to accept not only our privileges, but also our responsibilities, toward those who need our ministry!

Next, for those disorders caused by illness or injury: "They [the believers] shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17). Also there is a ministry through blest cloths recorded in Acts 19:12.

Now, for the multitude of those depressed and oppressed by fear, worry, dread, terror, etc., and those obsessed, we shall quote a few of the many, many God-given promises that apply to them. There is certain victory for all who will steadfastly refuse to listen to

the thoughts of the devil and start meditating and taking their stand upon the Word of God!

"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he . . ." (Proverbs 23:7). The more one meditates upon this statement, the more profound and all-inclusive it becomes. From the very beginning, God gave man not only the power to think, and the power to reason, but also the power of choice. Also from the beginning, man has persistently failed to recognize, hate and resist the devil in all his machinations, and still falls prey to his subtle influence. Once we realize that we live in a hostile and vitiated atmosphere we will surely strive to be on guard at all times. Science has proven conclusively that certain habits of thought have a destructive influence on the functioning of the human body. Psychiatry has long taught that wrong thinking is devastating to the mind and the emotions. Most of those with spiritual insight are well aware of the effect of such thinking upon our spiritual being. Now, we are in no wise recommending some sort of "thought cure." Benefits of "right thinking" alone would be temporary, at best. But obedience to the Word of God concerning this vital issue will bring about better health for the entire man.

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God (Romans 12:2).

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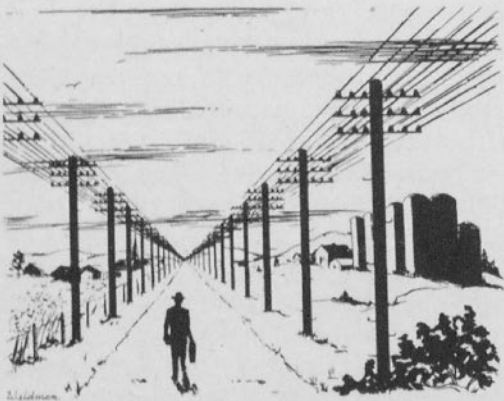
The Life of Faith

A further account of Lights and Shadows
on the Pilgrim Way, proving that God is able to meet
every need of His children in every circumstance

by A. G. WARD, Toronto, Canada

THE "PILGRIM WAY"—THAT IS AN old-fashioned term, but then, I am an old-fashioned believer. I have gambled everything on my faith in the old-fashioned gospel—"Christ died for me." I am told there are *other* "ways" to heaven, but the only one I am absolutely sure of is the "Pilgrim Way," the blood-stained Way, the Way of the Man of Calvary.

The Pilgrim Way is not a soft-cushioned way. It is not an easy way over which spiritual armies may travel without opposition. It is often rugged



and steep and calls for all the courage and determination we can command. It is a way which appeals to men with a fighting spirit, to folk who are not afraid to meet difficulties "head-on," and who are willing to put everything they have into proving that "God is able."

It has been my pleasure to walk this way for many long years, and now with life's day fast drawing to a close, I am delighted to bear testimony to the real satisfaction I have experienced in putting first things first, and following in the "footsteps of the flock."

I had not been long in this way until I believed God was calling me very def-

initely to a life of faith. This was no mere fancy of a young man's mind, but an inwrought conviction, a "call" as clear as the call to preach—a "must," if I wanted to realize what God had in store for me in this life. My answer was, "I will go with this Man."

I knew I must renounce all others and cleave only to my living Lord, that I must rely wholly upon Him, and be willing to follow, even when I might not be able to *see* one step ahead. All this seems easy now, but in those early days of my pilgrim journey it was different.

I was a young preacher with lofty ambitions; I wanted to be a success, I greatly desired "to go places." The Pilgrim Way was alluring, but at times it was frightening.

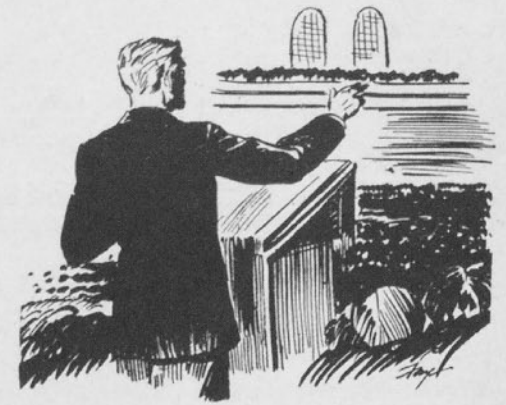
I soon learned that God wanted me to depend upon Him for everything, to tell Him all my needs, and then wait quietly until He saw fit to meet them. There was to be no appeal to sympathetic friends, no "sob-stories" of hard times, no sly ways of trying to "get ahead of God," but only patient waiting "until," staying put, and simply believing that what God had promised, He would do.

I began by deciding I would discontinue all appeals for personal offerings and henceforth receive only what God sent my way. Little, much, or nothing—I would be satisfied. If others fared better than I, still I would be content with my wages and would never turn aside to any questionable method of relieving my situation.

All this may sound easy "on paper," but putting it into practice and being true to my call was not at all times equally easy. At first I would think of certain individuals whom I knew were especially interested in me. Often I had a feeling that in all probability the

next time they shook hands with me they would leave some money in my hand, but usually they did not and I was disappointed.

Then the Lord spoke to my heart, and told me that the way of faith meant dismissing from my mind all my friends, and forgetting all the persons whom I thought might give me money, and relying wholly upon my unseen Lord. He assured me that if I would do this He



would never fail me, but I must "learn to be content in whatsoever state" I found myself, and there must be no confiding even to my dearest friends when the way became "pressing."

Then I was called to a Pentecostal convention a considerable distance away. In those days nothing was said about traveling expenses. I succeeded in getting there, and preached several times during the convention. At the close I was told the people had enjoyed my preaching and that I was invited to return, but no one gave me even one cent.

I visited a small assembly in a town some distance from my home, and the dear people seemed to get help under our ministry. Of course, nothing was said about how I got there or how I was to get away. The church treasurer did ask me how two dollars would do, and I replied, "It would be quite all right with me." I was certain God would provide.

I attended, as an invited speaker, a "Commencement" in one of our Bible schools in the early days of our Movement. Had I remained in my home city for that week end, I could have filled the pulpit in one of our churches and would have received, probably, twenty-five dollars. When it came time for me to leave the school, no one said good-bye, no one thanked me for my services, and no one offered me anything even for my expenses, but away down in my heart I had a feeling of deep satisfaction and rest. I was certain I was moving in God's will and learning much-

needed lessons in the life of true faith.

A living faith in our living Lord is a wonderful asset in one's life. It may not be very strong at the beginning, but if properly exercised it will grow; and by means of it, eternal things become very real, and we prove that God is not trifling with us when He says, "If ye ask . . . I will do." God's throne is established on faithfulness, and faithfulness encircles His throne. He cannot and will not fail any who dare to put His word to the test, "Fear not, only believe."

Living from "hand to mouth" is a worth-while experience. I mean from God's hand to our mouth. God's ravens are not all dead, and in His book He has the name and address of every one of His believing children. Do not get impatient if the ravens don't call at your house today. *They will come*, and in the meantime it may prove excellent spiritual exercise to fast and pray.

My first pastorate in the Pentecostal Movement was a village church in a very prosperous country district. There I learned many precious and much-needed lessons in faith. The Assembly paid us as high as nine dollars per month, sometimes seven or eight—and then, one month, nothing at all. It was wonderful to stand by and see God work in our behalf. He is not dependent upon any particular group of people. His resources are unlimited. He can do "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

I was much in need of a new suit. In those days one could get a good suit made to order for forty-five dollars, but that was a lot of money. I did not have it, nor did I have the slightest idea how I could obtain it. The phone rang and a poor widow asked me to meet her at a certain place. I did so, wondering just what her need might be. When we met she handed me fifty dollars, the price of a new suit, plus the tithe.

My wife and I needed to have dental

work done. The bill was one hundred dollars. A brother minister from Richmond, Virginia, was in our city conducting meetings, and came to visit us. When leaving he put an envelope in my hand. It contained fifteen dollars. A day or two later I was walking through an office in our city, when a young woman, who was working there *just for that one day*, rose from her desk and came toward me. She put something in my hand and said, "Don't lose that." It was a ten dollar bill.

A few days later a strange woman drove up to our home in her car. Coming to the door, she handed an envelope to my wife and said, "Don't ask any questions. I was requested to bring this



to you." The envelope contained five crisp ten dollar bills. The brother from Richmond returned to his home and sent me a letter with a check for fifteen dollars. A few days later another brother minister in a distant city wrote to me and enclosed ten dollars. So the bill was met.

Someone says, "All that just happened." My answer is: That was something that never would have happened, if by His grace I had not been living where it could happen; that is, in the Will of God, and walking the Pilgrim Way.

It is always safe to trust Jesus, but trusting the Lord does not mean publishing your personal needs all over the land, while you pretend to be looking to the Lord alone to meet them. Many years ago I was assisting a brother minister in a series of meetings. He conducted the services and did some singing, but I did most of the preaching. One evening he told of his devotion to the Lord. He said the suit he was wearing was the only one he possessed and that when he wanted it pressed he went to bed until his wife pressed it. But, he added, if he never got a new suit, he was determined to be true to God. The

next day the congregation presented him with a new suit. I never have believed in "faith stunts" like that.

During my convention days, when I traveled across the country again and again, a report was circulated that no one need give me any money. It was said that I had a private income which made me quite independent. I learned of this while speaking at a large convention in New Jersey. I told the convention what I had heard, and acknowledged the report to be true. I said, "When my Father made his will He included me in it and provided that I be taken care of all my days." The people seemed much interested, until I told them that the "will" was public property, and that where I was included in it was in Philip- pians 4:19, "My God shall supply *all* your *need* according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." What more could one ask than this?

He "giveth us richly all things to enjoy." No earthly lover ever received so much pleasure from springing a surprise upon the woman of his choice, as our Eternal Lover Lord receives from springing surprises upon all who really put their trust in Him, and who are perfectly content to have Him take over and manage *all* their affairs for them.

I am not suggesting that all who travel the Pilgrim Way must take the course I have been writing about. I recognize that God deals with us as individuals, and that He has a plan for each individual life, and that His plan for your life, fellow pilgrim, may be entirely different from the way He led me. But if you should hear the call to a life of simple, childlike faith—a life of trusting the Lord completely and entirely, never confiding in anyone else concerning your temporal needs, perfectly satisfied with what He sends, whether it be little, much or nothing—then I beg of you, don't hesitate to obey the call.

Living such a life is one of thrilling adventure. It is a life which makes God wondrously real; and it is a joyous discovery to find that an omnipotent God is your heavenly Father, interested in every detail of your life and willing to help you even in the smallest matters.

This is the most perfect answer to the unbelief of our day—an answer which no critic or atheist can gainsay or successfully contradict. It is the most romantic life one can live. Remember, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence [the proving or the putting to the test] of things not seen [out of sight]."



Sacrifice Through

It is the motive behind our sacrifices

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ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL, DYNAMIC principles which should govern the life of every Christian is *sacrifice*. Of course this is self-evident to those who are followers of the Lamb, who is the symbol of sacrifice. However, we need to consider what sacrifice really is. Literally the word means "to make sacred." *Sacer ficare* are two Latin words which, linked together, have that meaning. God asks us to devote something, to make it sacred, to set it apart for Him. All this is involved in the thought of sacrifice.

The Scriptures present the subject of false sacrifice in the familiar words of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (ch. 13)—"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity [love], it profiteth me nothing." No man can understand the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ in His atonement for man, unless he perceives the love that motivated it.

But sacrifice looms so large in Christ's life and in the lives of most of our heroes that we assume it to be an end in itself—something toward which we should strive. It was such thinking that resulted in the "Dark Ages," that period in which asceticism was so widely practiced. There are many people today who will sacrifice, fast, and pray because they think that fasting is an end

in itself, but we need to avoid any such conceptions. Usually such sacrifice is self-imposed and consequently is not productive of any good. It only breeds a "martyr" spirit. It may win men's approval, but not God's.

Sometimes missionaries come home from their fields of labor and tell people how much they have suffered. They like to get credit for the deprivations they endure. They wish people to know the hardships that they have undergone. Such workers have their reward from men, but they have no reward from their heavenly Father. Sacrifice that is pleasing to the Lord Jesus Christ is born of fellowship with Him.

In this connection let us consider the first ordination service, as recorded in Mark 3:13, 14. Christ went up into a mountain and chose those whom He would. They came to Him, and He ordained twelve "that they should be *with Him*." God give us more missionaries and witnesses who have had that type of ordination! Further we read, ". . . and that he might send them forth to preach." The subject of the verb "should be with" is "they." Christ gave *them* the responsibility of keeping close to Him. The subject of "should send them forth to preach" is "He." Christ *Himself* undertook the responsibility of sending them out to preach. We reverse this order so that *we* send workers forth to preach and ask *Him* to be with them, instead of charging them that their primary responsibility is to be with Him.

If we would ordain our ministers to be *with Him* and would give Him the responsibility of sending them forth to preach, perhaps we would experience less heartache in our mission fields and in our assemblies in the homeland. We would see more of His will accomplished in the world. When we come to know Him and walk with Him, will we men-

Love

that gives them value

tion our hardships? When we see the nail scars in His hands, will we mention the calluses on our hands? Can we look at His thorn-crowned brow and talk about our sacrifices? But if we have not been close to Him, if we have not been *with* this first Missionary, we may yield to the temptation of the martyr spirit and talk about the hardships that we have endured. This is not the spirit of sacrifice that the Lord wants to see in us.

There is no finer presentation of the spirit that actuated the Lord Jesus Christ than is found in Philippians 2:5. We are exhorted (to use modern phraseology), "Have this spirit in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, existing in the form of God, thought it not a prize to be tightly grasped to be equal with God." Would you readily give up being an American? Would you be willing to become a citizen of some foreign land? Jesus existed in the form (the very essence) of God, but He did not consider being equal with God something to be held in His grasp. Yet we hold on to being Americans! How we value the privileges of American citizenship! We appreciate its advantages, the comforts and luxuries it affords. We consider being an American a priceless possession, especially when we are residing in other countries. But my Lord did not consider being equal with God something to hold in His grasp, but emptied Himself, taking the form (the very existence-mode) of a servant. What a missionary program! It rather makes us feel ashamed of some of the missionary programs that we inaugurate.

Taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, "being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him." And we know the reason why the Lord Jesus

Christ made that supreme sacrifice and all the succeeding ones that our redemption demanded—it was His great love for us. He never told people what He gave up to become a Jew, and to be born in a manger. He never tried to impress us with the magnitude of His sufferings. The world did not even know who Jesus was. But we know! And we also know that He loved us and gave Himself for us.

Love should be the motive behind all the principles that govern the life of any child of God. Love is the only power that begets true sacrifice. Mother-love never thinks of its sacrifice. My father never thought of the sacrifice that he and Mother made that we children might get a college education. He loved us and wanted us to have the very best. When Jesus said to His disciples, "With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer," it was the voice of Divine love, that fountain from which all human love springs. And what did He desire to give them? His broken body, His poured-out blood. He wanted them to have life that was life indeed. So supremely did He want them to have that which He came to give them, that He was about to have His body broken for them. There was no other way for them to have bread that was bread indeed.

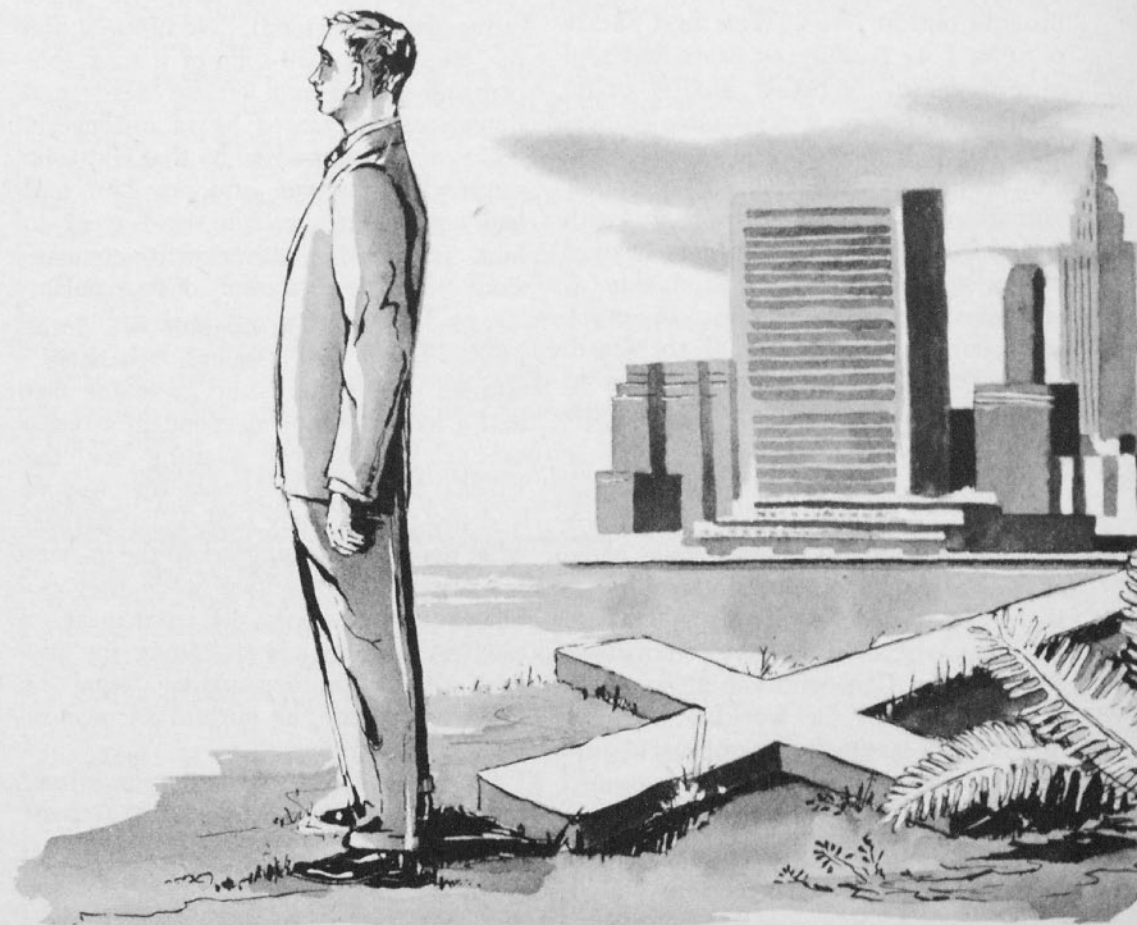
The only means by which they might have living water—drink that was drink indeed—was the Cross. It was not the nails, nor the Roman power, nor any

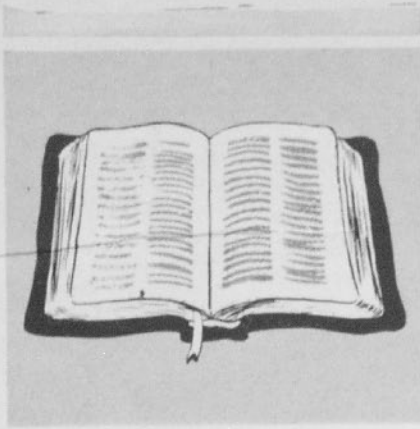
other force that impelled that sacrifice—it was the fact that "*having loved his own* which were in the world, *he loved them* unto the end [uttermost]." Love demanded sacrifice. That love could not reach us any other way, except to bridge the gulf between us and a holy God.

God would impart that love to us, that it might find expression through us. There are times—when we are in the presence of the crucified One—when we would die for souls if we could. When His Spirit possesses us, we would give up anything if our people would only know Him and accept His salvation.

We need the same spirit of sacrifice that the Son of God had when He said, "Father, I *must* go down to earth in order that men might not perish." You cannot learn that spirit of sacrifice from a book, or from earthly teachers. But if you are *with Him* when He weeps over Jerusalem; if you are *with Him* when He looks out with compassion over the multitudes that are distressed in India, Africa, and other lands; if you are *with Him* as He prays for others, you catch the power of His sacrificial love. You can't be *with Him* and not catch that flame. We love Him dearly, and when we see how much the heathen mean to Him, how precious the souls of men throughout the world are to Him, we cease to call our service for Him sacrifice. When we walk with Jesus who did not consider being equal with

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Bible Evangelism

**Our task is simply to bring people to Jesus—
whether by one's and two's or by the thousands**

by BERT WEBB

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ONE OF THE MOST INTIMATE PERSONAL stories related to the ministry of our Lord is found in the first chapter of John's Gospel. Immediately after the baptism of Christ, accompanied with the supernatural confirmation of the coming upon Him of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove, the public ministry of Jesus began. His first ministry was not to a great throng, but rather to two men, one of whom was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. This unpretentious man, Andrew, took the news of his discovery home to his own brother and said to him, "We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ." Then significantly we find the writer of the Gospel declaring, "And he brought him to Jesus." This first phrase of John 1:42 is the very heart and soul of evangelism. Whether singly, or in small groups, or in a great mass gathering, the business of evangelism is to simply and positively bring the individual to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. An evangelist is a bringer of the gospel of Christ, and this at once becomes the business of every truly born-again follower of the Lord. It is the responsibility of each one to bring another to Jesus Christ the Saviour.

Christ Himself commanded in Matthew 28, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Also in Mark 16 the urgent imperative of our Lord is again set forth, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel

to every creature." Great promises of blessing and divine enablement are given, and dire results of judgments are pronounced. The only cure is the saving gospel of Jesus Christ which we, His followers, must bring to a needy world.

The Scriptures emphasize a divine urgency in this business of winning the lost. Jesus said, "I *must* be about my Father's business." And again He declared, "I *must* work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." In Isaiah 55:6 we read, "Seek ye the Lord *while* he may be found, call ye upon him *while* he is near." The direct inference is that there will be a time when it will be too late to call on the name of the Lord. *Today* is the day for salvation. A divine "must" should characterize all our efforts to bring souls to Christ.

As indicated in our text, true Bible evangelism is personal, "He brought him to Jesus." Luke 10 tells of a man robbed and beaten and left for dead; and though others passed by in unconcern, there came a Samaritan by that way who came where he was, and saw him, and had compassion on him, and went to him. Jesus was "moved with compassion"—He is our example of evangelism.

John declares, in chapter 4, "Jesus needs must go through Samaria." Known only to our Lord was the fact that a lonely, sinful, despondent woman sat at Jacob's well waiting for the Eternal Son of God to pass that way to minister to her needy soul. What pathos, what depth of meaning lay in the answer Jesus gave His disciples when they returned from the city, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." Inner joy and soul satisfaction are to be found in the truest sense in faithful service in personal testimony.

On another occasion a despised Jew, turned tax gatherer for the hated Roman

conqueror, is singled out by our Lord. He invited himself to the man's home for dinner, and there personally forgave the man his sins, and he became a follower of the Lord from that day forward.

One of the most striking facts of the life and ministry of Christ is that He constantly responded to personal human need. This quality seems to have been ever present in the ministry of the disciples as well. The gospel is a personal gospel. Each individual for himself must repent and turn to God.

Even a casual perusal of Scripture will immediately reveal that mass evangelism is Scriptural. On one occasion Jesus fed five thousand men besides women and children, and in Matthew 3, verses 5 and 6, we read, "Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins." And in Acts 2:41, "The same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

In the glowing account of the marvelous revival at Samaria we find this statement, "Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them . . . the people with one accord gave heed . . . and there was great joy in that city." It seemed that almost the whole city was moved to turn to God under the ministry of this anointed deacon.

We dare not limit God. Nothing is too hard for the Almighty. We must expect great things for "all things are possible." While it is true that each for himself must turn to God, yet the history of the Christian church is that repeatedly multitudes have been moved by the power of conviction through the Holy Ghost and on some occasions even thousands have been known to turn to God in a single day. We owe to the

world such a powerful gospel, such a demonstration of the Holy Ghost.

True evangelism is Bible-centered. Paul declared, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation." The very heart and soul of the great Samaritan revival seems to be that "Philip went down to Samaria and preached Christ," the living Word of God. Paul admonished Timothy, "Preach the Word." And again we read, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my pathway." The Word of God quickened by the Holy Spirit is indeed the strength of lasting evangelism. Whether in private or in public, God's eternal Word becomes the power of God unto salvation to all who will believe. We need no exaggerated claims, no pretense of supposed results. A statement of fact, a testimony of experience, coupled with the anointing of the Spirit upon God's Word, has always produced marvelous, tangible, lasting results. Souls are saved, people miraculously healed, believers supernaturally filled with the Spirit, churches spring into existence when God's Word, preached in power, becomes operative to the confusion of the enemy and the blessing and eternal salvation of the souls of men. It is our business, responsibility and privilege to bring the lost to Christ.

Finally, the entire Book of Acts is a running account of ordinary people anointed with the Holy Ghost going about doing the work of evangelism. We may have all of the attributes and requirements, but there remains the one absolute, demanding imperative and that is that we be activated and anointed with the Holy Ghost and fire if we are to accomplish our mission. Time after time church history records that men "full of the Holy Ghost" went about accomplishing miraculous things. Needs were met, longings satisfied and the work of the Lord advanced exactly in proportion to the measure of supernatural anointing which came upon them. We need to obey the command in Ephesians 5:18, "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit," and evangelize in the power of that infilling.

Every Christian should use his Bible as a full-length mirror, with this motto before him: "Before you go out and tell anybody that you represent Christ and the Church, look yourself over and see whether you do or not."

—*The Brethren Missionary Herald*

July 15, 1956



EVEN THOUGH THEY CAN'T READ THEM—

Figures mean a lot to young Joey and Dewey

It was just a lark for them when they were allowed to work the adding machine while the photographer took this picture. There was no connection at all in their bright little minds between the food they eat, the loving Christian care that surrounds them daily—and the adding machine.

But back at the Department of Benevolences this past month the adding machines have been totaling up some grim figures that bear a vital relationship to the bread and butter, and the roof over the heads of Joey, Dewey, and some seventy other boys and girls like them.

These youngsters are all cared for by our National Children's Home at Hot Springs, Arkansas. This is *the* national home for children, sponsored by the Assemblies of God. Children come to it from all over the nation.

The needs of the Home are of two kinds:—day-to-day operating expenses, and repair and expansion. Funds to meet these needs are raised by monthly contacts with interested friends through the pages of *DOWN HOME**, a leaflet describing life there; and through an annual appeal on Children's Day—June 10 this year. The small response to the 1956 annual appeal prompts this article.

A generous response would have cleared up a standing obligation for past major improvements. It now appears that funds will fall far short of this. Although there are repairs and additions which require immediate attention, it is impossible to extend the indebtedness without taking care of past contracts first.

We present this need again through the *EVANGEL* because we believe some of our friends might like to reconsider. Or perhaps failure to help was due to oversight rather than deliberate decision.

Joey and Dewey may never know your name or see your face. But some day they will know that when their own families no longer could or would care for them, friends of the Assemblies of God, in the name of Jesus, fed them and clothed them and taught them right from wrong.

God will honor your love.

Dept. of Benevolences—434 W. Pacific St.—Springfield 1, Mo.

* YOU CAN RECEIVE **DOWN HOME** WITHOUT CHARGE. SEND YOUR REQUEST TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS



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

Gideon Bibles May Be Placed in College Dorm

Attorney Gerald Don Eastvold recently ruled that Gideon Bibles may be placed in dormitory rooms of Washington State College if the students request them.

No Increase in Mail Rates for Religious Periodicals

The House Post Office and Civil Service Committee approved a bill raising mail rates for second-class publications but leaving the rate for religious and other non-profit publications unchanged.

U. S. Archeologists Hunt for Gibeon

A team of U.S. archeologists is spending the summer in Jordan, excavating in search of the ancient city of Gibeon. This city, mentioned 43 times in the Scripture, is described in the Bible as "a great city."

Nyack Institute Changes Its Name

The Missionary Training Institute, Nyack, New York, America's first Bible institute, is now officially known as Nyack Missionary College. It is one of the four regional schools of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Russia Permits Rabbis to Visit There

The Soviet Union has granted permission for five orthodox rabbis from the U. S. to visit Russia and "meet with representatives of the Jewish community" there—the first time since 1917 that such permission has been granted.

Egypt Expels Two Protestant Mission Teachers

Two British Protestant mission school teachers were ordered expelled from Egypt for teaching Christianity to Moslem students. They were charged with violating a law passed last December forbidding pupils in any private or government school to be taught a religion other than that practiced by their parents.

Pope Wants New Dogma About Mary

According to a report from Rome, Pope Pius XII has instructed three committees of theologians to study a new dogma concerning the Virgin Mary. The Pope desires a dogma which will be defined as "Mary's Universal Mediation." Such a dogma would direct that all prayers must reach God through the Virgin Mary only.

Opera Star Becomes Active Gospel Worker

Jerome Hines, bass soloist of the New York Metropolitan Opera Company, has become an active gospel worker. For two years Mr. Hines worked on an original Life of Christ opera before he yielded his own heart to the Saviour. Now both he and his wife regularly join Salvation Army workers, singing and witnessing for Christ in New York's Bowery area.

Brewery Doesn't Trust Own Product

The *American Issue* reports that a large brewery in England employs only teetotalers for its transport work, dismissing immediately any driver who is not a total abstainer.

Communism Vs. Democracy

According to the *Survey Bulletin*, since the Communists came to power, Russia has extended her dominion over 732 million people in five million square miles of 17 countries. On the other hand, Western nations since 1900 have given independence to 694 million people in nine million square miles of 22 countries.

Undoubtedly one of the major reasons behind these vast differences is the Christian principle of the worth of the individual.

Phone System Promotes Prayers for Sick

The *United Brethren* magazine reports that members of a church in Scotland use a prayer-by-telephone system to fight disease and death. When their pastor learns about a person who is critically ill, he contacts his 100-member congregation by phone. Regardless of the hour, they all begin to pray.

This Scottish congregation has found one good way to fulfill a scriptural command—"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Arabs Hunt Buried Treasure

Whole tribes of Arabs are starting a search for ancient treasure said to be buried along the Israel-Jordan border just west of the Dead Sea. An announcement from scholars at the University of Manchester in England, who had examined two copper scrolls found near the Dead Sea, touched off the treasure hunt. They said the scrolls gave information concerning 200 tons of gold and silver hidden in the area, but the scholars expressed doubt whether such treasure actually exists. They said, however, that the treasure hunt may uncover other ancient scrolls of great value.

120,000 Children March in Sunday School Parade

About 120,000 Protestant children and their teachers marched in the 127th Anniversary Day parade in Brooklyn, New York, last month celebrating the founding of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union in 1816. Public elementary schools were closed for the day. The huge Sunday School parades in Brooklyn have been taking place every year since 1829. The theme of this year's observance was "Christ, the Word of God." The motto was inscribed on paper shoulder bands worn by the youngsters, and also appeared on many of the floats that accompanied the marchers.

Norwegian Parliament Approves Women Clergy

The lower chamber of the Norwegian Parliament, by a vote of 80 to 20, passed a bill to give women "full and unrestricted rights" to serve as pastors in the State Lutheran Church.

Indiana OK's Released-Time Religious Education

Indiana Attorney General Edwin K. Steers recently ruled that the released-time religious instruction program does not violate the constitution. The state superintendent of public instruction then said that he thought Indiana pupils will be given more time off during school hours next year for religious training.

BBC Links Livingstone With Champagne

The British Broadcasting Company, only recently recovered from its embarrassment for saying Peter was the first Pope (EVANGEL, April 15), came up with another historical error. In a children's television program showing the meeting of Stanley and Livingstone in Africa, BBC had the two men celebrating the occasion with champagne. This certainly is a false view of the famous missionary explorer, David Livingstone.

Gospel "Air Armada" to Fly to South America

An "air armada" of private planes, owned and operated by Christian pilots, will fly to South America around August 1 to take part in the Pan-American Congress of Youth Evangelism in Caracas, Venezuela. After this meeting they will scatter to various points in the Caribbean area for evangelistic meetings. The "air armada" is being organized by Paul C. Hartford, director of Youth for Christ work in the Caribbean area.

Ask Candidates Take Stand on Liquor Problem

Four ministerial groups representing virtually all of Greater Miami's Protestant pastors have voiced a demand that all candidates who aspire to the high office of the President of the U. S. take a public stand on the liquor problem. The groups charged that "liquor is a grave threat to our security" and asked the candidates, "What remedies do you propose to rid our land of alcoholic beverages?" Their demand, which will probably go unheeded because of political expediency, appeared in the Miami *Herald*.

Religious Teaching Increases in Public Schools

Dr. John C. Mayne, an official of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, says that Protestants as well as Roman Catholics are "increasing pressure for favorable tax treatment for the teaching of religious dogma." Noting that religious teaching in public schools is rapidly increasing throughout the nation, Dr. Mayne added, "Some Protestant groups are sending their Bible instructors into public schools, while robed sisters and nuns are teaching in more than 300 public schools."

Governor Autographs Bibles for Prisoners

Tennessee Governor Frank G. Clement spent eight hours at the state prison in Nashville autographing Bibles for the 1500 inmates who wanted a copy. It was the first action of its kind by a Tennessee governor.

The state recently purchased 3600 Protestant and 300 Catholic Bibles for presentation to prisoners. This is but the first allotment, for the governor announced that plans for similar presentations to inmates of all the state's penal institutions are being formulated.

The governor reported that no effort was made to persuade any inmate to take a Bible if he did not desire to do so, but he said the response was "terrific."

Churches Gave \$46 Million For Relief Last Year

Protestant, Anglican, and Orthodox churches over the world contributed \$46 million in cash, food, medicine, and other supplies for relief purposes last year. The director of the World Council of Churches' Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees pointed out that in 1950 the value of similar contributions was only \$10 million.

Mayor Pledges to Wipe Out Prostitution

The mayor of Danville, Illinois, a city of 40,000, pledged recently that he would do all within his power "to enforce the ordinances of the city on prostitution and sale of liquor to minors." His statement came as the result of urging by the Danville Ministerial Association. Previously, the commander of the Chanute Air Force Base, 35 miles from Danville, had charged that vice was "rampant" in that city.

Honored for 60 Years Sunday School Attendance

President Eisenhower was among the worshipers at National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D. C., who paid tribute to Miss Ethel E. Wakefield for her 60-year Sunday School attendance record.

Miss Wakefield has received a perfect attendance award every year since 1896. Her record was almost broken seven years ago when she entered the hospital for a knee operation, but on that occasion her minister and classmates came to the hospital and held Sunday School in her room.

Not long ago *This Week*, the nation's largest supplement to Sunday newspapers, asked for the names of all who had a perfect Sunday School attendance for 21 years or more. They obtained a list of 43 persons who have such a record—five of them with a longer record than Miss Wakefield. The five are: Miss Jennie Culbertson Powers of Germantown, Pennsylvania, 80 years; Mrs. Martha Henderson of Maryville, Oklahoma, 66 years; Miss Amelia Grimm, Franklin, Pennsylvania, 64 years; Mr. William E. Selser, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, 63 years; and Mr. J. W. Farris, Austin, Texas, 62 years. No doubt Miss Powers, now 84, is the grand champion. She has been attending every Sunday since she was four years old.

Sunday Observance Campaign Is Spreading

Across the country there is an ever-increasing demand that all nonessential businesses be closed on Sundays. Here are a few recent developments:

In Cleveland, Ohio, Police Prosecutor Bernard Conway is now arresting presidents of firms that do business on Sunday in violation of the state law. Previously the police had arrested the cashiers or clerks of offending stores, but Mr. Conway decided that "the only way to stop these violations is to charge the person who causes the store to be opened."

In Akron, Ohio, Law Director Edward O. Erickson asked a 43-member Sunday Observance Committee—which includes representatives of Protestants, Catholics, labor unions, and merchants organizations—to formulate a policy to guide his office in pursuing the course of strict enforcement requested by the group.

Meanwhile, clergymen in Toledo, Ohio, were campaigning against business on Sunday. Protestant clergymen in Racine, Wisconsin, preached sermons against desecrating the Lord's Day not only with business but with parades, sports events, etc. And at South Holland, Illinois, the citizens went to the polls and decided, by a vote of 1345 to 173, to adopt an ordinance that will require all motels, restaurants, service stations, and drug stores to be closed on Sundays.



New Churches in Tennessee

by C. C. CRACE

Tennessee District Superintendent

TENNESSEE WITH ITS 3,300,000 POPULATION and its 743 cities and communities offers a real challenge to consecrated workers to help establish churches in our state. There are 90 Assemblies of God churches in Tennessee, with a Sunday School enrollment of 10,522 members.

We have churches in approximately 65 cities, leaving the number of unreached communities at over 650. Among these are cities which range in population from 1,000 to 40,000.

We have made slow progress in the past few years. However, in ten months we have opened ten new works and many of these are showing real growth. Souls are being saved and Sunday Schools are on the increase. Young people from many of our Bible Schools have heard the call of God and responded, but there is much yet to do.

The district officials and the Home Missions Department are doing much to help us. We are encouraging all our churches to co-operate with the World Missions program. We have inaugurated a Church Extension Fund and built our first church. We have set our goal to help at least one new church a year from this Extension Fund. Recently on a district tour we received enough in pledges and cash to start another church this year.

Here are reports from some of our newer churches.

MAYNARDVILLE

In October of 1955, Louis C. Kota with his family came to Tennessee to fulfill the call that God had laid on their hearts some time before. Mr. Kota graduated from South-Eastern Bible Institute in Lakeland, Florida, and came directly to Tennessee.

The Lord led them to Maynardville where they held prayer meetings throughout the winter. In January this year the people purchased five acres of land on the main highway leading into Maynardville.

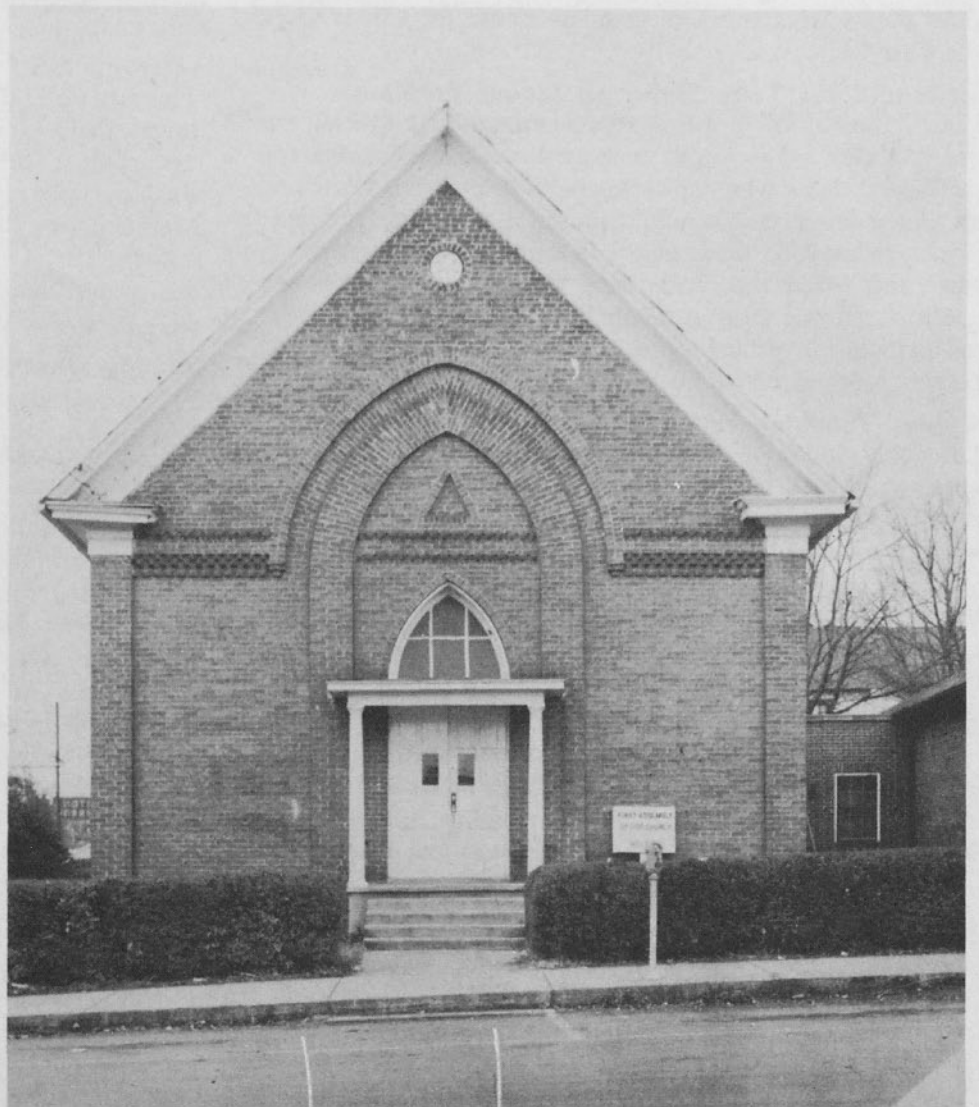
A portable tabernacle owned by the Knoxville Section of this district was moved to the property. This tabernacle, which is 32 by 48 feet, is complete with platform, benches, oil heaters, piano and altars. Two loads of shavings were put down for flooring and Sunday School was started. The first Sunday they had an attendance of twenty-five and by the end of February the Sunday

School average was thirty-three.

Services were held only on weekends at first but now they have a mid-week service, regular Sunday services and Sunday School. Several have given their hearts to the Lord and God is wonderfully blessing. All the needs are being met and the people are looking to God for greater things.

MANCHESTER

It was around May 1, 1954, that D. L. Jolley, pastor of the Assembly of God at Smartt Station, Tennessee, came to Manchester to conduct a prayer meeting in the home of W. H. Cook who had



Temporary home of the Manchester (Tennessee) Assembly, started in 1954

moved here from Georgia. Brother Jolley continued these prayer meetings for about six weeks on nights when it did not interfere with his pastoral work. They were temporarily stopped because of Boys and Girls camp. Brother Jolley went to camp with the prayer in his heart that God would direct him to someone who would come to Manchester on a full-time basis. Robert Webb was approached about coming, and God seemed to direct him and Mrs. Webb to this field of labor.

The tent owned by the section was erected and services got under way July 11, 1954. These services continued (without Sunday School) until October 1 when the group rented a vacant funeral home building. The Sunday School was begun in October, 1954.

Mr. Webb remained as pastor of the church until August 1, 1955, and the church showed marked growth under his able leadership.

Jerry Jones became the new pastor, and just prior to his coming the congregation moved to a church building vacated by Baptists. The Sunday School averaged 41 the first year, and boasts an average of 52 for the first five months of the new Sunday School year. The church is self-supporting and efforts are being made to obtain property on which to erect their own church.

MURFREESBORO

Accompanying this article is a picture of the first unit of construction of the Full Gospel Assembly in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where L. M. Hadler is pastor. This is the first church to be built with a loan (\$2,500) from the newly formed Tennessee District Extension Fund plan for the construction of home

missions churches in this state. The Extension Fund is operated in much the same way as the national mission U. S. A. Share Plan Loan Fund, only on a district basis.

It was possible to begin construction much sooner because of the loan received from this fund. In fact, had not such a loan been available, the Murfreesboro Full Gospel Assembly probably would still be in the planning stage rather than actually under construction.

The local congregation has raised approximately \$2,400 to add to the amount received from the district. By the time you read this, the congregation should be in its new quarters. The loan will be repaid in monthly installments to the Extension Fund so that other home missions churches can be built.

The churches of the Nashville section and the Tennessee District have helped in many ways. Tennessee is trying hard to do its share in the national 1,000-Church Crusade.

JOHNSON CITY

Fred D. McDaniel writes: "In August, 1955, we began a new church in Johnson City. Upon arriving here we found about eight or nine people interested in the building of a new work.

"We began by having prayer meetings in homes which we continued for about ten weeks. At that time we were able to start the basement for the church in an excellent location within the city limits. We had Sunday School in a home for three weeks prior to the time of moving into the new basement church. Now we are in the church, which is very nicely decorated, and the Lord is blessing.

"The church is growing. We had an



New Assembly at Moynardville, Tennessee

average of 24 the first month (November) and for the month of January we had an average of 41 which we consider good for that time of year.

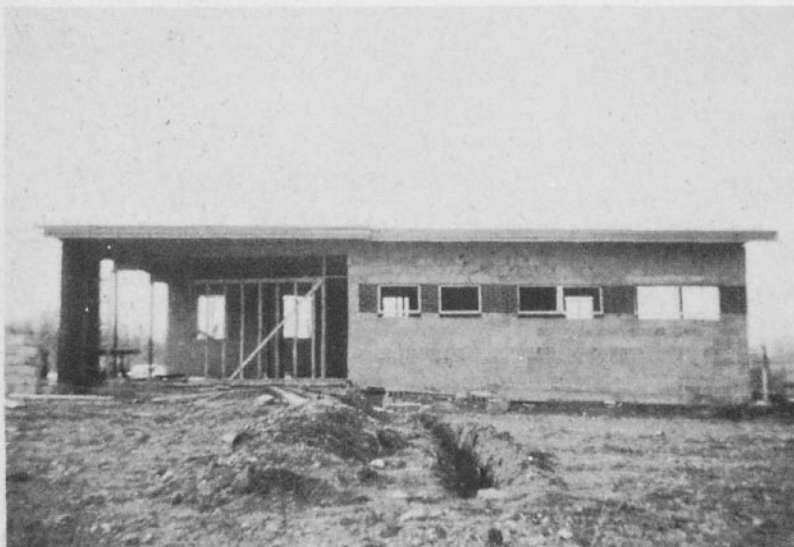
"On December 23 we had a fire which completely destroyed the piano and all the window glass, and we had much water damage as a result of the fire. But through the help of the Lord and the Tennessee District we have kept going on for God.

"We are looking forward to completing our church. The Lord is working and souls are being saved for which we give Him all the praise."

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Any minister interested in pioneering in the Tennessee District should first contact the District Superintendent, C. C. Crace, Box 7122, Nashville 10, Tennessee.

Offering for the Tennessee Church Extension Fund should be sent to the above address also, or if sent to the National Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, they will be forwarded.



First unit of the Full Gospel Assembly, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. This church was begun with a loan from the District Church Extension Loan Fund



Congregation at Johnson City, Tennessee, where the new Assembly was started in August 1955. The church suffered heavy damage in a fire in December, but is being repaired.

Young Mothers

OH, THE JOY OF HOLDING A TINY baby in one's arms! Young mothers and mothers of the young! How beautiful it is to see a young mother with her baby!

The experience of motherhood always does something for a woman. It deepens and broadens her character and brings out the lovelight in her face.

Brown, yellow, black or white—how precious are babies the world over! Someone has written a very fitting description: A baby is an alimentary canal with a loud noise on one end and no sense of responsibility on the other. This, every mother knows.

Have you ever heard a little boy or girl, aged about half past two or three, ask the blessing at the table? Or have you ever listened to baby lips saying their evening prayers? If you haven't you have no idea what you have missed! Children are so smart and so much quicker to grasp and understand than parents realize.

Jesus said: "Suffer [allow, permit] the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not. . . ." You would be surprised how many parents refuse

to allow their children to go to Sunday School, or to child evangelism classes. But it is true; we receive letters from the children telling us so. Jesus said: "Forbid them not. . . ." He knew that they would love Him for they would be able to understand. He also said: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." He meant the children, too.

In the first year of a baby's life more things are learned than during all the rest of his life. He learns to see, to feel, to taste, to talk. What a thrill that first "Mama" or "Dada" is! Then come the questions! The first ones are not so hard; but when they begin to ask about God, and where is Heaven—where are the answers found? They are found in the Word of God, the Bible—the answers for the mother and the answers for the children. Bring the questions to Jesus, for He is the living Word.

Mothers are the architects of character for future generations. Mothers, take heed how you build! For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Christ Jesus.



The first commandment, with a promise given in God's Word, is in Deuteronomy 5:16 and in Ephesians 6:1-3: *Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor 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. And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*

In talking with many of the teen-

Our Family Altar

MONDAY

JULY 16

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:1-11

TODAY'S GEM: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matt. 5:6).

FOR THE PARENT: Suggest that each family member memorize these verses. Discuss briefly the meaning of each verse and the promises for those who qualify.

QUESTION TIME: What is the familiar name of the passage? (The Beatitudes.) What shall be the reward of the pure in heart? (v. 8); of the merciful? (v. 7); of the persecuted? (v. 12.) How may we obtain God's blessings? (By meeting the conditions He has set forth in each promise.)

TUESDAY

JULY 17

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 148

TODAY'S GEM: "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord" (Psa. 150:6a).

FOR THE PARENT: Yesterday's discussion of the Beatitudes revealed some ways to receive God's blessings. Stress (1) these blessings should result in praise to God; (2) God wants us to praise Him always.

QUESTION TIME: How do the sun, moon, and stars praise God? (By being obedient to Him and reminding us of God's power.) Who should praise the Lord? (vv. 11, 12.) Have you thanked the Lord for all His blessings?

PRAYER TIME: Have a special time of praise to God for His love and mercy.

WEDNESDAY

JULY 18

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 12:1-7

TODAY'S GEM: "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed" (Heb. 11:8).

FOR THE PARENT: Emphasize (1) it was a step of faith for Abraham to do what he did; (2) he knew he could rely on God's Word, and therefore he obeyed God.

QUESTION TIME: What did Abraham do when God appeared to him? (v. 7.) What was the final reward of Abraham's faith and obedience? (Heb. 11:16.)

PRAY that we will have a greater faith in God which will result in obedience.

agers and youngsters today, we find that there has been no spiritual foundation laid. Many have never heard the wonderful words of John 3:16. They are two or three generations removed from any spiritual influence whatever. They have questions and they want to know the answers.

Education without Christianity is the greatest tragedy of our world today—yes, and of our beloved America. The courts and juvenile halls are proof of this. Why? Because the children have not been taught. "Whom shall He teach knowledge—and whom shall He make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts." "And that their children which have not known anything, may hear and learn to fear the Lord, your God" (Isa. 28:9 and Deut. 31:13).

In this supposedly Christian nation our children and our young people are being cheated of a personal knowledge of Christ. As they grow into school and high-school age and as they are thrown in contact with new companions, new influences, without a knowledge of God's Word, they have no measuring rod for conduct, no clear definition of good or evil. So, fears, frustrations, inhibitions and complexes are the result of uncertainties. If the foundation of a child's character is laid on Christ, the solid Rock, the future choices of his or her life will be influenced by a love for Christ and the Word of God. *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for re-*

Code Message . . . for our junior readers

There is an important message for you, but it is in code. To de-code it, give each number the letter that appears directly after it in the code.

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(To check your answer, look up Proverbs 15:1)

proof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. Young mother, if you do not know Jesus as your own personal Saviour, come to Him now, and bring your little children. Find that peace and assurance that only God can give. As your children grow into adulthood, you will be able to say as the apostle Paul did to Timothy: "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 3:14).

When Jesus was on earth they brought the babes to Him, that He might touch them. And clasping them in His arms, He placed His hands on them in benediction. Little Mother, have you brought your little ones to Jesus?

—"Mrs. First Mate Bob" (selected)

IN PRIVATE PRAYER

When you are praying, let there be intervals of silence, reverent stillness of soul, in which you yield yourself to God, in case He may have aught He wishes to teach you or to work in you.

Waiting on Him will become the most blessed part of prayer, and the blessing thus obtained will be doubly precious as the fruit of such fellowship with the Holy One.—Andrew Murray.

ALONE WITH GOD

It requires much courage to be alone with God. It is then that all of self, all subtle egotism, is searched and hunted out of the soul.

Selfishness cannot live in His presence.

The praise of men becomes as dust beneath the feet, and the soul trembles even to receive any honor of men or to be recognized in this world as of any worth. —Amy Carmichael

THURSDAY

JULY 19

SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 20:20-30

TODAY'S GEM: "The battle is not yours, but God's" (2 Chron. 20:15c).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the story of Jehoshaphat (see Sunday's Lesson page). Emphasize that (1) we should pray to God when we need help; (2) faith coupled with praise brings sure victory in every time of trial.

QUESTION TIME: What was King Jehoshaphat's advice to his people before the battle? (v. 20.) How did the Israelites go out to battle? (vv. 21, 22.) How were their enemies destroyed? (vv. 23, 24.)

PRAY that we will have a greater trust in God, believing Him to meet all our needs.

FRIDAY

JULY 20

SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:21-45 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors).

TODAY'S GEM: "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Ex. 15:26b).

FOR THE PARENT: Stress that (1) much of Jesus' ministry on earth was healing the sick; (2) Jesus still heals today; (3) Jesus heals us because of His love for us, and to bring glory to God (v. 37).

QUESTION TIME: What did the leper ask Jesus to do? (v. 40.) What was Jesus' reaction and answer? (v. 41.) What was the result? (vv. 42, 45.) Why does Jesus heal today? (See above.)

PRAY that those who are sick will be healed so that God will be glorified.

SATURDAY

JULY 21

SCRIPTURE: John 12:1-11 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries).

TODAY'S GEM: "She hath done what she could" (Mark 14:8a).

FOR THE PARENT: By anointing Jesus, Mary showed her love for Him. We should show our love for Jesus by our actions. Also point out that Judas criticized Mary because of his selfishness (v. 6).

QUESTION TIME: What had Jesus done for the Lazarus mentioned in this story? (v. 1.) What did Mary do for Jesus? (v. 3.) What did this action of Mary's show? (Her love for Jesus.)

PRAY that our actions will always be right and will show our love for Jesus.



Paul Evans signs the Guest Book. Left to right: Richard Stahl, architect; Bartlett Peterson, President; Wm. Kretzer, General contractor; R. M. Riggs, General Superintendent; J. R. Flower, General Secretary; C. C. Burnett, Vice-President; Paul Evans, son of the late-W. I. Evans.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, WAS A DAY OF triumph at Central Bible Institute, our Assemblies of God Bible College located at Springfield, Missouri, for it marked the formal dedication of the beautiful new \$400,000 W. I. Evans Hall which is shown on this page.

The new building houses 19 modern classrooms, and the Myer Pearlman Memorial Library with capacity for 30,000 volumes, besides the administration offices of the Institute. It is situated in the heart of a beautiful oak-shaded campus—just west of the former administration building and south of the men's dormitory, the John Welch Hall.

Erected to the glory of God and the memory of W. I. Evans, the new struc-

ture is truly a "building built on faith." It is the result of vision, faith and much prayer on the part of Central Bible Institute's administrative staff, student body, and alumni. Contributions from many sources, coupled with a \$250,000 bond issue, were God's means of transforming vision and faith into a massive work of brick, stone, and steel.

The dedication service was set in the midst of commencement week activities in order that many former students and friends might be present. Special music for the occasion was presented by the C. B. I. Concert Band and the combined touring choirs of the school. The Mayor, City Manager, Superintendent of Schools, and other guests of honor from

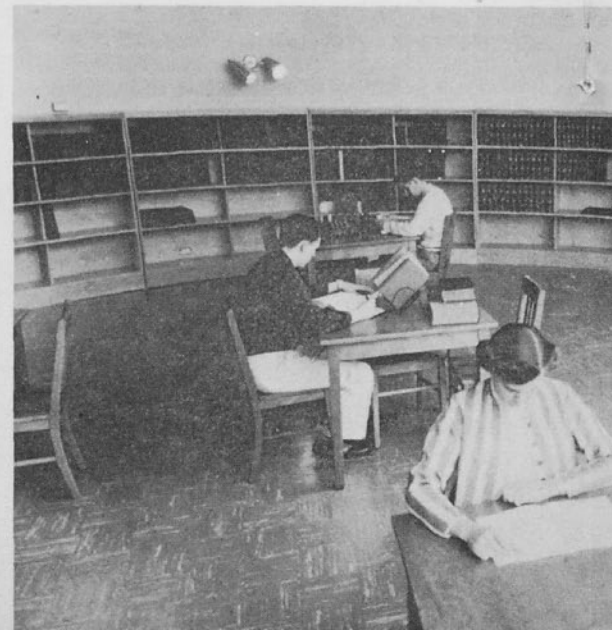
W. I. Evans Hall At Central Bible Institute

the city of Springfield were present. Ralph M. Riggs, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, gave the dedicatory address, relating some of the history of the school and emphasizing the dominant role of W. I. Evans who served as Principal and Dean for twenty-five years. William Kretzer of New York City, the contractor who supervised the construction, showed pictures of the progress of building from the ground-

Ernest S. Williams instructs a class in Systematic Theology.



Tower Reading Room, in





President Peterson informs Mother Bowie of the tribute to her.

Hall Dedicated Bible Institute

breaking in May, 1954, to the ribbon-cutting ceremony in February, 1956. At this point the congregation vacated the auditorium and marched to the north entrance of Evans Hall for the prayer of dedication.

Paul Evans, Assistant Superintendent of the Indiana District and son of the late Dean for whom the building was named, gave a beautiful tribute to the memory of his father, who passed away

in May, 1954, a few days before the groundbreaking ceremony. Although he did not live to see the building erected, the late Dean knew his colleagues intended to name the building after him in order to perpetuate his life and ministry. E. S. Williams, former General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, offered the dedicatory prayer in the midst of a sudden downpour of rain—an incident that we hope is prophetic of the Latter Rain which shall continue to fall at Central Bible Institute.

An added feature of the dedication ceremonies was a surprise announcement by Bartlett Peterson concerning a new name to be given to the former administration building which will now be used

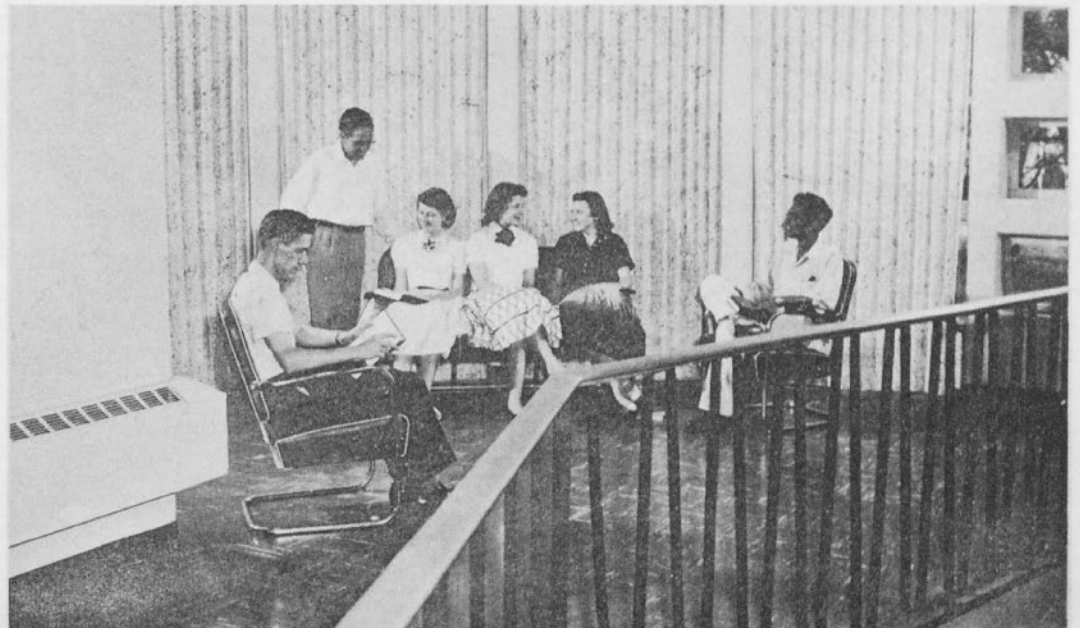
exclusively as the women's dormitory. Brother Peterson introduced Eleanor Bowie to the congregation (better known to thousands of former students as "Mother" Bowie) and announced that the building would henceforth be called the Eleanor Bowie Hall, a tribute to "Mother" Bowie's faithful service as Dean of Women for better than nineteen years.

The erection of W. I. Evans Hall is another step in the expansion and increased usefulness of Central Bible Institute. Those who have invested funds in its erection have invested in the future of our Pentecostal youth. (Further information concerning gifts or bonds for Evans Hall may be obtained from C. C. Burnett, Vice-President, Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri.)

Room, in library.



Lloyd Prepara, Ceylonese student, joins other students in the second-floor lounge.



A FAMILY AFFAIR

At the heart of "The Lord's Prayer" is the idea of a Father gathering with His family in communion

by LON WOODRUM

THROUGH A HAPPY CIRCUMSTANCE I once visited a celebrity whose name and face were familiar to millions. He was a difficult man to reach. But as I sat in his home a small boy came bouncing into the room and ran to the great man, calling, "Papa!" And the man smiled and took the boy up on his knee. Immediately there flashed to my mind a scene from the New Testament.

When the disciples asked Jesus about prayer he told them to say, "Our Father." What warmth of relationship is given in that word! God is a Creator who writes His signature in circling suns—but not when we pray! He is the cosmic Artist who draws His brush for a million miles around the canvas of the sky—but not when we pray! He is the Commander who heads angelic legions—but not when we pray! When we pray He is a *Father!*

Our Father, which art in heaven

The king may awe his subjects with his majesty. But when his son comes to sit on his lap he seems like any common man. The scientist may confound us with his wisdom of mathematics; but when his little girl puts her arms about his neck he is just a parent! The mighty industrialist, the great labor leader, the empire builder—all these relax their serious faces in the presence of the children that smile upon them!

Jesus does not say we should come to God with ponderous titles on our tongue. We approach Him as a Parent. That is, if He is our Father! We must not overlook the importance of this personal relationship. Only in a creative sense is He Father to all men. There is a particular, intimate way in which He becomes a Father to the disciples, those who come to Him through the grace of His Son. Those who come in such manner are "born from above." They have received "the adoption of sons." "God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into their hearts, crying, 'Abba, Father.'" They are "the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ."

The Church is more than an organization, more than a fellowship. *It is a family!*

This idea that Christianity is a "family affair" in the disciples' relationship to God is extended throughout the prayer Jesus taught us to pray. In fact, it is borne out in all the New Testament. Let us look at the prayer in this light.

Hallowed be Thy name.

Is it not natural for a child to praise his parents—if they be parents worthy of the name? A child that could not brag on his mother and father has lost something he can never regain; so have the mother and father! How can we help but praise someone dear to us, and whom we love? Let Christians be not too quick to surrender the "old-fashioned" idea of praising God! His praises are like a thousand bells throughout the pages of the New Testament.

A friend told me he was sitting in his home office when his little girl came in and stood gazing at him. He said, "What do you want, honey?" She said, "I just want to look at you—you look so nice!" Well! Is there a Christian who doesn't want to "look" at his Father, noting how wonderful He is? Let us hallow His dear Name.



Thy will be done.

What child does not recognize the authority of a true father? Any boy expects to be disciplined by his parents. Real parents know that discipline is necessary for true training of their children. It gives a child great pleasure when he pleases his father and mother. There are two things every child needs: love and discipline. When Billy Graham's mother thought she might have "taken Billy to the woodshed" too often, Billy was the first to remonstrate! It was good for him, he said! Discipline, as the writer of Hebrews states, is not pleasurable when it is happening, but *afterwards* it brings forth good fruit! And if you suffer no chastisement, says the same writer, you are not God's son! To have God's love we must also expect His discipline.

Give us this day our daily bread.

The boys and girls who sit at a table and look at their parent are aware that he has provided them with food. They expect this from him, though they are grateful, if they be worthy children. To be a parent is to pledge support and protection for one's own. This is the way of life, even among most birds and beasts. There is nothing strange about God looking after His children!

It is possible to carry this idea into absurdity. There is often a trend to make God a part of "good business"! Christ gave no pledge that Christians should have Cadillacs or mink coats. He promised *bread!* A good father does not make a spendthrift out of his boy; neither does God make one of His son!

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

When little Johnny and Mary do wrong they must ask forgiveness. It has been said that until we know forgiveness we cannot love. There is no strong affection between a man and his child when the latter has not asked for and received forgiveness for a wrong. We do not truly love God until we are conscious He has forgiven us our sins.

But it is not enough that Johnny ask forgiveness of his daddy. If he has harmed Mary he must make amends to her, too. And she must forgive him. Else the family cannot remain intact. Is there anything more embarrassing to us than to have children that fuss and brawl? Is it not also embarrassing to God to have a bickering and quarreling Church?

It is not enough that we ask the Father to forgive our debts. There is something more. The spirit of our brother mocks us till we are reconciled to him, even as we stand with our gifts for the Father in our hands.

Deliver us from evil.

We cannot escape tests. Life itself is a series of tests. Be happy, said the Apostle, if you are tested for Christ's sake. If the tests are too great, said another Apostle, God will also make a way of escape. Jesus Himself was tempted like as we are. And He was God's unique Son. Parents stand watchful when baby begins to walk, to sustain him if he stumbles and falls. But later when he can walk alone they are less watchful. Ah, but let the son or daughter come to great grief or danger, even after the years have passed, and the parents will run to their aid! The eternal Father will not be less considerate of His own.

In answer to the request of the disciples that Christ teach them to pray, He gave them this masterpiece, this great prayer. And at the heart of it is the idea of a Father gathering with His family in communion. All the aspects of God's awful power, His earth-shaking judgments, His mysterious Personality, stand back from this gentle scene; and we are lost in the tenderness of His love. As a child lifts a trusting face to his parent, so we lift our hearts to Him in prayer.

MORE PRAYER NEEDED!

It is no loss of time to pray. Many think it chiefly or wholly lost time. They are so full of business, they say, and assume that prayer will spoil their business. I tell you that your business, if it be of such sort as ought to be done at all, will go all the better for much prayer.

Are you studying? It is no loss of time to pray, as I know very well by my own experience. If I am to preach, with only two hours for preparation, I give one hour to prayer.—*Charles G. Finney.*

Why Christians Love To Sing

by ARNOLD B. CHEYNEY, Canton, Ohio

TRUE CHRISTIANS LOVE TO SING. ALL do not have beautiful voices, but they love to praise the Almighty in a melodic way. And Christians *do* have something to sing about.

The Bible has much to say about singing. Earthly music had its inception some six thousand years ago with Jubal, "the father of all such as handle the harp and organ" (Gen. 4:21). It is interesting to note in passing that the name "Jubal" is synonymous in sonority, if not in fact, with the word "jubilee" in our language. What would a jubilee be without music? A jubilee to the Jews was a time of festivity. Every fifty years they celebrated a jubilee in commemoration of the deliverance of their forefathers from Egyptian bondage.

One of the most poignant and touching scenes of hymn-singing is implied in Mark 14:26. Jesus had just instituted the Lord's Supper; the bread had been broken and eaten, and the fruit of the vine had been poured, and all had drunk from the cup. "And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives." What Psalm they sang must be only a matter of conjecture, but quite possibly it was one of gratitude.

The Psalms are filled with injunctions for the believer to sing praises to God. The Psalmist entreats us to "sing forth the honour of His name" (Psa. 66:2). And he declares, "I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people: and I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations" (Psa. 108:3).

One verse in the Psalms is particularly interesting to me: "Sing unto Him a new song" (Psa. 33:3). How is it possible to sing a "new" song to God? Most often we are bound by our hymnals, which we love very much; and although the songs never seem to lose their appeal we cannot truthfully say in every sense of the word that they are "new." But, Christian, right after your conversion, didn't the hymns begin to take on an added, fuller meaning?

When you came to Christ, didn't the Scriptures seem to be "new" to you? "If any man be in Christ, he is a *new* creature" (2 Cor. 5:17).

Christ is able to put a "new" song into your heart, Friend. Then singing will not be a chore on the Lord's Day—not a dry ritual to be endured but a spiritual exercise to be greatly enjoyed.

We find David and all Israel singing, shouting, and making music as they bring the Ark of the Covenant home (1 Chron. 13:8; 15:28). Well might we wonder why they would be having such a festivity over the wooden box that held the mercy seat. The reason for this happiness was that God dwelt in the Ark of the Covenant which was in their midst. Each year the high priest would enter the Holy of Holies, with the bells on his ephod tinkling clearly. In the holiest place he would sprinkle the blood of the sacrifice of atonement on the mercy seat to atone for the sins of the Israelites. When the high priest had made the offering he would turn to leave. Outside, the children of Israel would listen breathlessly for the tinkling of the bells. Then praises and songs would leap from their lips as the priest came through the veil that separated the Ark from them. Israel had a right to sing, because their sins were covered by the blood on the mercy seat.

How much more ought we to praise God, since He sent His Son to be "a propitiation through faith in his blood" (Rom. 3:25)! Christ gave His blood as the complete, redemptive sacrifice on Calvary. The veil has been rent so that we may enter into the Holy of Holies as kings and priests unto God.

What a song can be ours through a greater realization of the Calvary experience in our lives! Our inner beings can be Spirit-filled, as Paul exhorted the Ephesians, so that we will be speaking to ourselves "in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody" in our hearts to the Lord.

The Christian

DELEGATION from RUSSIA

by ERNEST C. SUMRALL, Pastor, Stone Church, Chicago

ON MONDAY JUNE 4, 1956, I HAD the privilege of a personal interview with the Russian delegation from the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians—Baptists. Leading the group was Jakov Zhidkov, president of the Council. The other members were Nikolai Levindanto, vice president, Ilya Ivanov, treasurer, Alexander Karev, and Miss Klaudia Tyrova, a youth worker in the Baptist church in Moscow.

I must admit that I did not know just what to expect from this group because of preconceived ideas from reading the papers and hearsay. I was amazed at the fervent Christian love that flowed so freely from these friends. It was like meeting with friends you had loved dearly and had not seen for a while. They made one to know immediately that Jesus was real to them and that the fire was burning in their hearts.

The reason for this interview was to inquire concerning our Pentecostal brethren in Russia. Some years ago it was necessary for our brethren to unite with the Baptists and other evangelicals. Brother Zhidkov told me that at the time they united, there were two groups of Pentecostals that came in with them. One of these groups practiced foot washing, while the other did not. He assured me that our brethren were loved and appreciated and are given equal privileges in the church. Brother Ponomarchuk, who is Pentecostal, is on their board of administration. They plan soon to expand this board so that the brethren of our faith may have a full representation on this governing board.

To be with these brethren and hear them speak is to know that our Pentecostal brethren have had a great influence. In fact, I heard one of their group speaking in a Baptist church tell the congregation they needed to be

“immersed or baptized in the Holy Spirit just as they were immersed or baptized in water.” They also mentioned in the open meeting, with a feeling of joy, that the Pentecostals had united with them.

They told me that there is no way to really determine how many Pentecostal people there are in Russia. They are fully united with the Baptists in every way. They have no separate organization of their own. Our brethren who are pastors and evangelists have equal rights and privileges with the other ministers. They pastor churches and fill the pulpit just as the other brethren do. In other words, our Pentecostal churches are known and operate as Baptist churches. They have no separate organization within the Baptist group.

As to whether any of our brethren might visit the churches in Russia, I was told that this is a comparatively easy matter now. It would be best to go as a tourist, they said. Cook's Travel Agency of Chicago has already booked passage for many Christians who are going as tourists this summer for the purpose of visiting the Christians and the churches in Russia. The president, Brother Jakov Zhidkov, made me to know that our Pentecostal brethren from America would be warmly received by the Baptists.

In their churches they have five services each week with a minimum of two sermons; often there are five sermons in one service which usually lasts for five hours. They have 520,000 baptized members and are increasing their membership at an average rate of from 10,000 to 12,000 each year. They have 5,000 pastors. However, they have no Bible schools nor seminaries. It is left up to each individual church to train and prepare new ministers.

No one is baptized in water under the age of eighteen. They have no Sunday Schools in which to teach the children and young people. I was told, however, that the pastor is permitted to go into the individual homes and teach the children and, of course, the parents have the privilege of teaching the children concerning the Lord at home.

Their churches are filled beyond capacity. One of them made the statement that “if you dropped an apple anywhere in the building, it would surely hit someone.” Another said, “Our building is filled from wall to wall. We have no aisle space.” They spoke of revival in Russia and their lives expressed the spirit of revival. Their young people are very zealous for the Lord, witnessing everywhere. Some are entering the field of higher education in order that they might have the opportunity to witness for Christ among their associates. The young people are very active with the choir and music. To quote one delegate, “Jesus means everything to them.” Another interesting fact is that the young people correspond very freely with each other to encourage each other in the Lord. I was assured that correspondence from us here in America would be welcomed.

WHEN ONE DOOR CLOSSES

When one door closes, another opens. But we often look so long and so regretfully at the closed door that we do not see the one that has opened for us.

—Alexander Graham Bell

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The Assembly at Kuldge

AN APPEAL FROM CHINA—

A Russian Refugee's Letter

by CONSTANTINE SHEVCHENKO, Shanghai

PEACE BE TO YOU, DEAR BRETHREN, and sisters in Christ! I send greetings from a group of twenty-five families, 160 souls in all, who are Pentecostal believers from Russia now in the refugee camps in Tiensen in the city of Kuldge. We are farmers and tradesmen who long to emigrate to your fair land. However, this is impossible at the present time.

I was born in the Ukraina (USSR) in 1926. My family moved across the border into China in 1933 and settled in Kuldge, where we have lived for twenty-three years. My father was a Christian having been saved in his early youth. He went to be with the Lord in 1946. Like him, I found the Lord in my youth, praise God!

For the past two years I have lived in Shanghai, where I went to find work. Being a carpenter, I found it most difficult to get work as it is impossible to do any building unless one belongs to the ruling party.

This situation makes it very hard for us. Poverty and hunger met us on our arrival. Among the twenty-five families of us, there is not sufficient to rent a room in which to make our children warm and comfortable. Truly our condition is desperate and grows worse each day. In our desperation we are turning to you for financial help. Perhaps you could help us through Shtumna [an organization through which help can be channeled]. We have not received any help through this organization yet, though others, who arrived before we did, have done so.

We ask that you help us materially and spiritually. Do pray for us, your brethren in the Lord. You can also help by sending spiritual literature to us. It will mean much to young and old. We will be glad to pass such literature around here in Shanghai.

In the accompanying picture you see the Assembly in Kuldge. That is where we came from and where we were born of the Spirit. All shown in the picture are refugees without a country and without citizenship.

A number of refugees returned to the USSR. The Baptists among us also returned so that only the Pentecostal believers remain. Whatever Christian literature you can send us will help so much in the teaching of the believers. We would appreciate Russian periodicals put out by the Russian Branch of the Assemblies of God, and other good tracts and books which you think would help us.

Whatever is sent should be sent to me at Shanghai and I will forward it to the other Christians. The church in Kuldge has received no literature from any source as there was no channel through which it could be sent. The young people, having no Christian literature, have been reading worldly material. We did receive Bibles from Argentina, which I gave to the church, but no literature other than that has come from there.

Brother Kolb in Australia sent twenty-five songbooks which were gratefully received. Whenever I receive the

address of a believer, I write for some spiritual literature.

I wish we could send you money for Bibles and literature, but we haven't any to send. The believers in Kuldge did manage to send twenty rubles for Bibles. But we can do no more.

If you can help us financially we shall be so grateful. Some of our brethren find it necessary to beg in order to live, begging from one person this week and from another the next week. The need is great, to which God is our witness.

Please do not leave our petition unheeded. Answer us soon!

Your brother in Christ,
Constantine Shevchenko

(The above letter was translated by G. Kinderman who adds this note: "Since the above letter was received, we have had further news that the number of refugee believers in Shanghai has increased to 612. Appeals are being made to the governments of U. S. A., Canada, Australia and Japan for an open door for these unfortunate people. Your prayers and financial help will be greatly appreciated.")

Designate contributions to "Russian Refugees," c/o Foreign Missions Department, Springfield 1, Missouri.

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Breusch of India are the proud parents of Richard, born May 21 in Springfield, Missouri.

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Miss Edith Dutton, who returned from India in April, is at the present time suffering with a bad case of shingles. She is therefore unable to write or visit her many friends who have stood by her so faithfully during the years she spent in India. She would appreciate the prayers of all. She is located at 2901-82 Ave., Oakland 5, California.

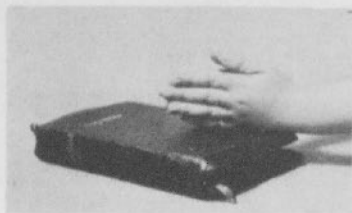
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Miss Helen Rye returned from Jamaica early in June. She can be reached at Route 2, Box 106-A, Sonora, California.

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The E. M. Brengles of the Philippines have arrived in the States. Their address is 1216 E. Parker Street, Lakeland, Florida.

SUNDAY'S LESSON



A KING WHO TRUSTED GOD

Sunday School Lesson for July 22, 1956

1 KINGS 15:24; 22:2-33, 41-50; 2 CHRONICLES 17, 18, 19, 20

Our lesson, an incident from the life of good King Jehoshaphat, is a wonderful illustration of the principles and actions by which all of us can win spiritual victories today.

The Opportunity for Victory (2 Chron. 20:1, 2). "There cometh a great multitude against thee." This an opportunity for victory? Indeed so! Trial and trouble are permitted of God not for the purpose of discouraging us or causing us pain, but in order to bring us spiritual enlargement and blessing and experimental knowledge of God's all-sufficiency. This means that trouble becomes our servant and not our master.

The Prayer of Victory (2 Chron. 20:3-12). "Jehoshaphat feared." Fear which paralyzes faith and produces doubt is to be avoided; but fear which drives us to God in faith is a very wholesome thing!

"Jehoshaphat... set himself to seek the Lord." Wise Jehoshaphat! Instead of making prayer his last resort, he put it first. Why are we so slow to do likewise? Jehoshaphat also enlisted the nation in united fasting and prayer. Today we deplore the extremes to which some have gone in their teaching on fasting; but do we not likewise err and miss God because many of us ignore it entirely?

There is a great deal of difference in the way people pray. Observe how Jehoshaphat went about it:

- (1) His prayer recognized God's power and sovereignty.
- (2) His prayer recognized his relationship to God. "Thou art OUR God." And this was the basis of his faith!
- (3) His prayer recalled God's covenant-promises to His people. God has entered into a "better covenant" with us through Christ. By the terms of that covenant we have been promised deliverance for the soul, mind, spirit, and body.
- (4) His prayer contained awareness of human inability. "We have no might against this great company." With all our modern means of assistance in gospel work—organization, better methods, radio, television, and so on—we do well to remember our own human helplessness!
- (5) His prayer confessed lack of knowledge. "Neither know we what to do." Happy admission! Nothing here of carnal dependence upon one's own intelligence or ingenuity! In these days of religious confusion, deception, and complexity, we need definitely to seek the Lord for the wisdom from above which He waits to bestow.
- (6) His prayer was focused on God alone. "But our eyes are upon thee." Here is the source of faith—God Himself! The only faith which accomplishes anything in the spiritual realm is a faith which is centered in God through Jesus Christ His Son! "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith," is the abiding prescription for the faith which wins victories and does exploits!

The Promise of Victory (2 Chron. 20:13-17). Here's a Pentecostal meeting in the Old Testament. In response to the prayers of the king and the nation, the Holy Spirit moved upon one of the worshipers and he broke forth in a most encouraging prophetic utterance! God was on Judah's side. They were not to fear. Furthermore, God Himself would rout the enemy.

The Holy Spirit still ministers in necessary manifestations in response to earnest, believing prayer. We have the privilege of committing all our difficulties, tests, and trials to the Lord, knowing He desires to fight our battles for us. Do we not only aggravate and multiply our troubles when we take matters into our own hands and fight with carnal weapons? If we stand still, God will vindicate us, defend us, fight for us.

The Procession in Victory (2 Chron. 20:20, 21). Never did an army go forth to battle in such a peculiar way! Instead of swords and shields, their armor was faith; their ammunition was songs of praise; their front line was a choir! This reminds us that we do not war after the flesh nor use carnal methods or weapons!

The Manifestation of Victory (2 Chron. 20:22-24). Never did an army suffer defeat in such a peculiar way as did the armies of the enemy! God so confused the enemy nations that they turned on each other. What a lesson, too, concerning the power of praise. Observe, however, that the praise offered on this occasion was (1) entirely sincere; (2) thoroughly intelligent; (3) based on God's Word; (4) offered in prompt obedience; (5) an evidence of implicit faith.

—by J. Bashford Bishop

THE CHRISTIAN'S BEST WEAPONS

AND WHEN THEY BEGAN TO SING AND TO PRAISE, THE LORD SET AMBUSHMENTS AGAINST THE CHILDREN OF AMMON... AND THEY WERE SMITTEN. 2 CHRON. 20:22



Sacrifice Through Love

(Continued from page seven)

God something to hold in His grasp, we never think of sacrifice. We want to know—"What can I do, Lord? Give me wisdom to know what to do, what to give up."

Sometimes God deals with us concerning very unusual things. When my wife and I went to India we found that we knew very little of the realities of Christianity. We didn't know there were Pentecostal people then, but we discovered in the Bible that God had given His Spirit that He might take the things of Christ and make them real to us, and that He might glorify Christ in us. We set ourselves to seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Then God began to deal with us about our "Isaacs." He wanted us to know Calvary. But we could not understand Mt. Moriah or Calvary unless we took our "Isaac" there (spiritually speaking). "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, . . . and offer him . . . for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of." You can't understand that Mount unless you take *your only son*, as it were—because God gave *His* only Son. How can you understand a Father who cares so much that He gave His perfect, wonderful Son, the glorious King of kings and Lord of lords, to go through Gethsemane and Calvary for you—how can you know what sacrifice is, if you don't bring your dearest love to Mount Moriah?

We don't understand at first, because we don't know ourselves. Why should God have wanted me to give up tennis? That's what He dealt with me about. Why should God have wanted my wife to surrender her beautiful new clothes from America? Surely God would not ask anyone to give up tennis! Or to give up a dress! But He had a reason. These things were our Isaac.

You've heard about the little fellow whose father and mother insisted that he eat his spinach. He just did not want to do it; he stoutly refused. The parents did not believe in bodily punishment, so they tried their best to persuade him. But he would not be persuaded. Finally his mother said, "God will be angry if you don't eat that spinach." Even that argument did not avail.

That night when the family was asleep there came a very severe thunderstorm. It woke them all up, including Junior. Mother heard Junior get out of bed, as the rumbling and the thunder continued. He started toward the kitchen and she followed him. He went over to the refrigerator, opened the door, and reached for the spinach. Just as he took the first mouthful there was a terrific crash of thunder and she heard him say, "What a lot of fuss over a little bit of spinach!" That's how we, too, feel sometimes.

But that little bit of "spinach" represents our stubborn wills. Our delight, our joy, our Isaac may be something that seems so harmless, like tennis. We cling to it, instead of being on fire to do the will of God. But when we "die"—when God's fire upon the altar of our hearts is set aflame—then all our ambitions, plans, and wishes are consumed. We surrender our tennis, or our dress, or whatever our Isaac may be, and we get a glimpse of what the Father gave when He did not spare His Son, a glimpse of Calvary love poured out for us.

Oh, how we would spare that *son*, that love of ours! You who are fathers and mothers—you would spare your child anything. But the most glorious Son a Father ever had, the Son in whom all perfection dwelt—that Son cried out,

"Father, I cannot drink this cup. Let this loathsome cup pass away." Yet, you hear the Father saying, "Yes, if you wish! But if you don't drink the cup, the souls we are seeking cannot escape the wine press of divine wrath. You must go through Gethsemane and drink the cup, if they are to escape the awful judgment of sin."

When you see the love wherewith He loved you, the love that made the Father cause His Son to go through Gethsemane, the love that made the Son turn back again to that cup of iniquity and of the wrath of God; when you see the sinless One made sin because of His love for you; then your sacrifice for Him becomes as nothing. What can we understand of the horror of His sacrifice in the light of the fact that He who knew no sin was made sin in our behalf, "that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Cor. 5:21)? His sacrifice looms so large that ours merits no mention at all.

No! Sacrifice is not learned, except at Calvary—in vital touch with the Lover of our souls, Christ crucified; in vital touch with the Father who spared not His Son. And we Christians are carrying on the plan begun by the Father who so loved the world that He gave His only Son to be the first Missionary. How necessary, then, that His spirit of sacrifice characterize our lives! How we should pray that the Holy Spirit may shed abroad in our hearts the love of God so mightily that, as true spiritual parents, we will fill up that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His sheep, and never think of our service as sacrifice because of the great love with which we love our spiritual children.

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Revivaltime Launches Summertime CRUSADE FOR SOULS

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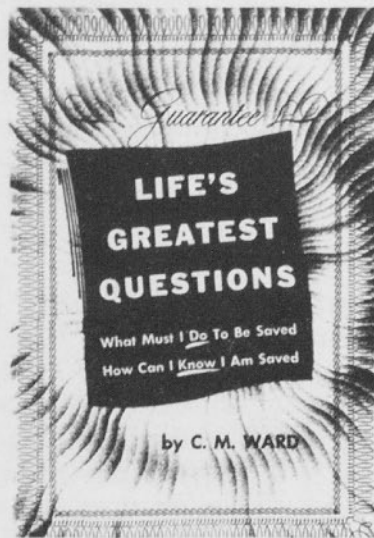
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Letters such as these have come by the hundreds during the past year. People are hungry for *salvation*. They want that assurance of *knowing* they are saved.

During the months of July and August, REVIVALTIME is launching its second annual summer crusade for souls. SUMMERTIME IS SOUL-WINNING TIME. More people will be on vacations, picnics and outings than any other time of the year. Summer is the time when people have more time to relax and think—*what will they think about?* Many will try to escape their thoughts by getting away from it all. But regardless of where they go, they are going to have time to think.

Thousands will be on the road traveling in their cars and will be listening to their radios. Another great multitude will be taking their portable radios to the beaches and vacation spots, since they will not be able to depend on their television sets for pleasure and entertainment.

To the Christian this is a tremendous challenge to do something for the Lord this summer. Just inside this open door may be one of the greatest blessings you have ever experienced. Why not step inside and accept the challenge that summertime presents! First of all, you can remind your unsaved friends to tune in to REVIVALTIME while they are traveling or vacationing. Secondly, you can give them a tract, a book, an *Evangel*, or some other Christian periodical which may be the means of winning them to Christ. People like to read when they are relaxed.



During these summer months, REVIVALTIME is urging every Christian to witness to at least one unsaved person. To each person who writes and pledges to witness to at least one unsaved person, REVIVALTIME is going to send one copy of C. M. Ward's book, "LIFE'S GREATEST QUESTIONS." This book in turn can be handed to an unsaved person.

The book answers the two greatest questions asked by the American public today: "What must I *do* to be saved?" and "How can I *know* I am saved?" Thousands of pieces of similar literature were distributed during the REVIVALTIME summer crusade last year. Hundreds of letters came in with reports of how God helped our people to witness to their neighbors, friends or loved ones, and the thrilling part of it all was that hundreds of them received Christ as their Saviour.

This summer will not be an exception! As people pray and witness, God is going to deal with hearts. Souls will be saved! REVIVALTIME is asking each *Evangel* reader to join in this great soul-winning effort. Write to REVIVALTIME and let us know that you want to join with thousands of others in winning souls this summer. Upon receipt of your letter and pledge, REVIVALTIME will send you one copy of C. M. Ward's book, LIFE'S GREATEST QUESTION, so that you may hand it to an unsaved friend as you strive to win him to the Lord. The address is: REVIVALTIME, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.

We are energized by our tasks. Our muscle is made by our resistances. Therefore you will find that the seasons of commanding difficulties have ever been the seasons of the Church's exuberant health.

—John Henry Jowett

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TAKE UP THY BED AND WALK (Matthew 9:6)

SERMON SUBJECT FOR JULY 15

SUNDAY 10:30 P.M. ABC NETWORK



Mental Health

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Let us take inventory of our habitual thinking, our conversation and that of our Christian associates. More than likely we will find that much of it is dominated by natural (carnal) reasoning, background, tradition, public opinion, environment, feelings and moods. It is difficult for us to grasp the vision of the high place to which God has raised us in Christ Jesus. We are no longer of the earth, earthy. Our ancestry is no excuse for bad temper or wrong action. We have an inheritance in Him and He in us! Feelings and moods must not dominate. They may change, but the Word of our God shall stand forever! He would have us measuring and reasoning all things by the Scripture.

He tells us that His strength is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9). He also promises that *as our days, so shall our strength be* (Deuteronomy 33:25). He will forgive all our iniquities, heal all our diseases, and redeem our lives from destruction (Psalm 103:3, 4). He will supply all our needs according to His riches in glory (Philippians 4:19). We live and move in an entirely new realm. Our citizenship is in heaven, and we are commanded to mind heavenly things. We are the body of Christ; bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. Let us place our trust firmly in the love and faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us think as He thought. All the fear will then have to go, because fear is simply faith in reverse; faith in the wrong thing.

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). The mind is a great spiritual battleground. The devil has increased his attacks upon it in these last days. He brings certain thoughts and impressions to our minds, emphasizing that which will serve him best. If we would allow it, he would rule our thinking, but the wise immediately refuse to entertain any thought that is contrary to the Word of God. (Resisting the devil means more than timidly saying, "I resist you, Satan." It means repelling him with one's whole being!) The history of the world would have been vastly different if Eve had an-

swered the devil's subtle insinuation, "Hath God said?" with a firm "Yea! He hath said!" Jesus met and conquered him with the declaration "It is written!"

Glance again at James 4:7. So often the first part of the verse is omitted from this quotation, but it is the key to the rest of the commandment. This is the condition to be fulfilled: "Submit yourselves therefore to God." Many people have little resistance against the devil because their submission to God is incomplete or sporadic. An army that is in rebellion against its Commander-in-Chief is easy prey for the enemy. Here it is well for us to take inventory. Is our all laid on the altar of sacrifice? Is our property at God's disposal? Our bank account? Our loved ones? The time to lay each treasured possession down at the Master's feet is when all is going well. Then if God should choose to take any or all of that which is His, we will not in any wise become embittered. (Having given back to Him that which is rightfully His, we cannot resent His doing with it as He will.) Consecration and committal in themselves will solve many of our problems.

Let us look at Jesus' life for a moment. Did ever mortal lay aside so much to do the Father's will? He made Himself of no reputation. Much of our difficulty lies in trying to be someone, or struggling for recognition. We are unwilling to be overlooked. Jesus *was* someone, but He *chose* to humble Himself. God Himself resists the proud. Few realize that self-pity is a form of pride. The truly humble will never cry "Why did thus and thus happen to me?" Why not? In our flesh dwelleth no good thing and in ourselves we deserve no good thing. How wonderful it is when God, in His mercy, pours His blessings on His unworthy children,

and how equally wonderful when He puts us through the tests and trials necessary to perfect us and make us ready for that fair land and eternal companionship with Him!

"Be careful [anxious] for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6, 7). Let us take a quick glance in the mirror. What do we see? Would we be selected out of a crowd as radiant, joyful, peaceful Christians? If not, why not? If we find lines of tension in our faces we are going to be tempted to justify ourselves. We have prayed much over our problems. We have asked others to pray. We have searched the Scriptures for fitting promises and have tried to take our stand. Perhaps we have waited upon God until the Spirit has prayed through us with groanings that cannot be uttered. But the answer has not yet come, and the tension has not yet gone, and we are almost beside ourselves. What is the difficulty? We have left out the first portion of this promise, "Be anxious for nothing." In other words, we've prayed and worshiped and praised as God asked us to do, but we're worrying for fear God won't do what He said He would do! It's not only pathetic but it's a ridiculous situation. If we can't trust God, whom can we trust? Our whole lives are built upon the God-given faculty of faith. Even moving a little finger proves we had the faith to do so. There is nothing mysterious about faith; it is as much a part of us as breathing. Actually, when we doubt, we are subconsciously still seeking for a solution. Let us stop looking. God *has* the answer! God *is* the answer! And God *will* answer! If we but keep the lifeline open by prayer, worship and praise (and if we hold fast to Him in full committal and trust) we can rely on God to do His part. Let us ask Him to teach us how to stay our minds on Him so that we may be kept in perfect peace.

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son" (Colossians 1:13). God, through the sacrifice of His dear Son on the Cross of Calvary, led captivity captive and gave good gifts to men. The Son was

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manifested in the flesh to destroy the works of the enemy and He plainly tells us that the enemy has no power over us. So, evidently it is only as we listen to the devil's false claims, or give him the advantage through sin (doubt and unbelief are sins) that we become entrapped. Now, some may cite instances that seem to refute this, but it is plainly God's Word. The things we cannot explain we must leave to Him. As one young evangelist expressed it, we are not preaching the exception, we are preaching the rule! It is true that great beauty of character has often come out of great suffering. God will turn everything into good if we will let Him, and He would have us constantly manifest and evidence the righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost that make up His Kingdom, regardless of our circumstances. Once we take our stand against the enemy and he sees that we know he has no power over us, we can resist him in the name of Jesus and he will have to go. Even the trials and afflictions allowed in the permissive will of God are not meant to last forever.

One thing we Christians will have to accept as our lot in this life is persecution for righteousness' sake. The apostle Paul was severely persecuted, but did he have a nervous collapse? Did he lose his mind? Did he give up and go back? No, far from it. He counted it a precious privilege to partake of Christ's sufferings. He kept his con-

secration and maintained his spiritual sense of values. Christ was still the prize that was worth anything to obtain. When we read the sixth chapter of second Corinthians, we realize that by comparison we are bowled over by so little! God can give us grace even to forgive those who might stone us to death, as Stephen did, or to pray as Jesus did, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8). Right thoughts are extremely important; therefore the Word becomes very specific. It shows that truth alone is not a sufficient test to apply to a mental suggestion. Meditating solely upon something *true* could lead us into avenues of horrible and depressive thinking. But if the subject is not only *true* but also *honest, just, pure, and lovely* we may meditate upon it with profit. Thoughts that are pure and lovely will protect us from the unholy things that bombard us from the billboards, magazines, television and radio. They will establish us in a pureness of heart that will some day enable us to see God! Proper thinking will reach back into memory's casket for precious and beautiful mementos of the past; it will beautify the present; and it will inspire us to face

the future with joyous anticipation. We are to think of those things that "are of good report" — to think the kind of thoughts we could divulge without shame. "If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." That kind of thinking will stop us from making snap judgments and cure us of unkind criticism.

But someone may say, It is *natural* to notice what is wrong in others, and to brood upon that which hurts us, and to be impressed by something wicked. Beloved, we are no longer just "natural" beings. We are born again. We are bought with a price and called to be saints. Royal hearts beat in our breasts. We are princes and princesses, children of the King. We are in training for the royal life of ruling and reigning with Christ. We must learn to rule our own spirits before we can rule others.

Perfect trust brings perfect peace. Surely if we can trust our never-dying souls to His keeping we can trust our lives to His care for time's short span! We are persuaded that He will carry us safely across the chilly waters of Jordan; or, if He comes before we die, He will rebuke the law of gravity and gather us unto Himself. We know He will hold us in the hollow of His hand when heaven and earth shall pass away, and keep us through all eternity. Then certainly we can trust Him to protect us now, and can rest in the blessed assurance that He will bring us through every test and deliver us from all that plagues us in this present day.

A Voice at the Door

by Bess A. Olson

On Sunday morning, May 21, 1738, a young Englishman lay sick in bed. He tossed and turned, gripped by doubts and fears. If he should die, would he be saved? How could he be sure of salvation? He tried to pray. He tried

to read his Bible. Was it true, as people had told him, and as the Bible seemed to assure him, that salvation was by faith and not, as he had always believed, by works?

In another room a woman prayed for the young man—for his body and for his soul. Suddenly she rose in agitation and walked about as the voice of the Lord spoke in her soul.

"I can't! Oh, I can't!" she objected. "How can I speak to him? He is a scholar—a clergyman, and I, just a woman. Nevertheless—"

Timidly, she went to the door of the gentleman's room. As strength from above filled her, she opened her mouth and spoke: "In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, arise and believe, and thou

shalt be healed of all thine infirmities."

To the young man the words seemed to be spoken by God Himself. Faith took hold in his heart. He believed. He was healed. Peace flooded his heart and he went forth with a new ringing message—salvation through faith!

Today the whole world knows of the mighty revival that swept England through the preaching of Charles Wesley (and his brother, John). Charles Wesley's hymns are sung in every denomination. Historians, however, are not even agreed as to the name of the woman who spoke the faith-inspiring words to him. She was but an obedient instrument in the Master's hand, a voice at the door!

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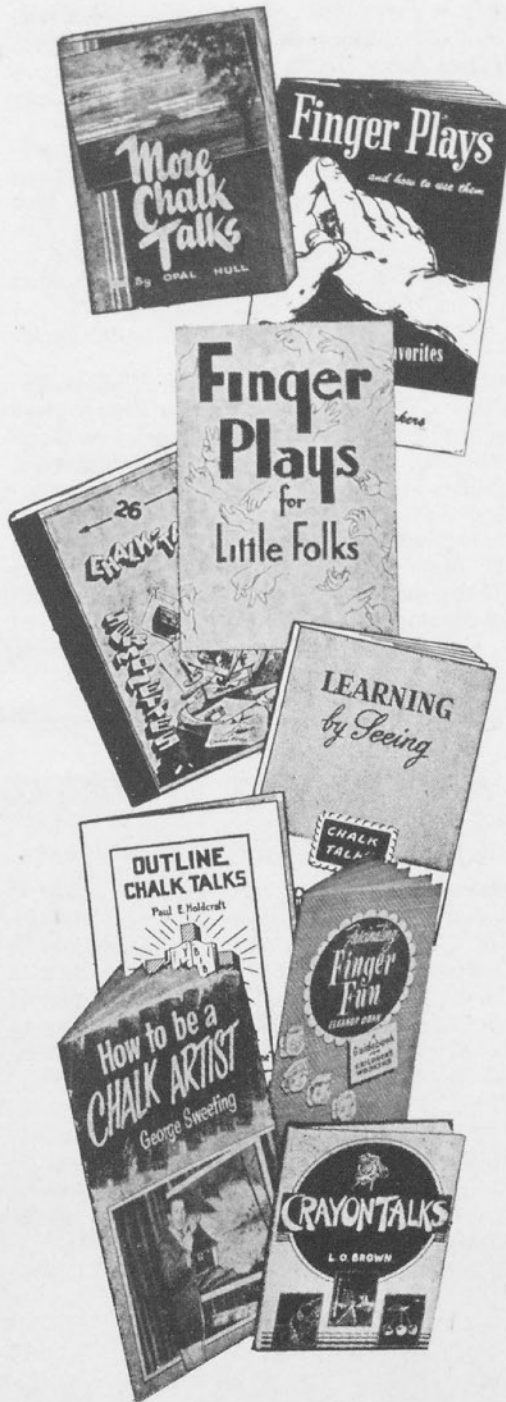
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Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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►ASH FLAT, ARK.—The Evening Shade Assembly of God has recently had meetings with James S. Bass of California. There were 12 saved and two outstanding healings. The church is new but progressing nicely.

—John and Lizzie Bullard, Pastors

►LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEX.—Two fine evangelists recently conducted special meetings here. The services went on for two and a half weeks with Roy Stewart of Clovis, New Mex. speaking the first four days and Bob McCutchen of Austin, Tex. the rest of the time. Several were saved and filled, and many were healed. This was a wonderful revival.

—J. G. Crittenden, Pastor

►TOMAHAWK, WIS.—Very profitable meetings were held here recently by G. J. Unruh, Evangelist and Bible teacher, of Great Bend, Kans. Brother Unruh gave a unique presentation of Christ illustrated with film slides on "The Tabernacle in the Wilderness." The entire church was strengthened and blessed through the meeting. In the past year several have been saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. A new Sunday School annex has been built which is the first step toward a new church building.

—N. L. Shotwell, Pastor

►LONGVIEW, WASH.—The Assembly of God here has been veritably transformed by a recent Pentecostal outpouring in a revival meeting commemorating the outpouring at Azusa Street. The evangelists were Carl and Edna Goodwin of Pomona, Calif. Thirty hungry believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. The church has only been affiliated with the Assemblies of God a year and a half. Many earnest believers thought they possessed all they needed from the Lord, but in these meetings started seeking God for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Some with Alliance and Baptist backgrounds were filled. The first brother to receive such an infilling was an earnest seeker who had come from the Lutheran church.

The revival has completely transformed teachers on the Sunday School staff who realize they cannot properly teach without the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Seekers came during their lunch periods to seek God. Morning meetings were conducted and many were filled at that time.

The church has been in a building program since last December. It is most unusual for such a visitation to come during a building program. The constructive ministry of the Goodwins has been invaluable. The former pastor had done a patient work here, and the results are now forthcoming. A new era of ministry has come to the Longview Assembly. The church has entered into its Pentecostal heritage.

—William and Dorothy Kirschke, Pastors

►ALTURAS, FLA.—The Assembly of God here enjoyed a successful revival meeting with Evangelist Marvin L. Smith of Coral Gables, Fla. Twenty or more were saved or reclaimed.

—J. H. Powell, Pastor

►ASHLAND, OHIO—The church here was greatly edified under the excellent ministry of Evangelist John Higginbotham of Cleveland, Ohio. Many souls were saved and sick bodies were healed.

—Roy T. McClellan, Pastor

►SAN BENITO, TEX.—The First Assembly of God here recently concluded three weeks of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Clarence G. Mitchell of Fort Worth, Tex. Several were saved and reclaimed during the meeting. The church was blessed by Brother Mitchell's anointed preaching.

—William E. Moran, Pastor

►TORRANCE, CALIF.—The First Assembly of God enjoyed a refreshing shower from heaven for two weeks with Evangelists Ramsey and Nelva Williams of Wilmington, Calif. The meetings began on Easter Sunday. Two were saved, and two definitely healed, and five were gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit. The meetings were a part of the united revivals urged by the Department of Evangelism.

—Wm. T. Holcomb, Pastor

►ROARING SPRING, PA.—During late March and early April Evangelist Ann Scirmont and Olga Obymako of New York City conducted meetings in the Faith Assembly of God here. God moved in a definite and marvelous way which was evidenced by the results. Some were saved and healed and 15 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The revival spirit continues in the church. Steady progress has been enjoyed by the church in recent years, and several new families joined the congregation. The Sunday School averages about 100 at present.

—D. L. Weyandt, Pastor

►SHADE GAP, PA.—One of the best revival services in recent years was held at the Fair Ridge Assembly of God by Evangelist and Mrs. Nelson White of Fort Myers, Fla. The attendance was exceptional from the very first service. Souls were saved, healed, and filled with the Spirit in response to the clear presentation of God's Word. The anointed vocal and instrumental music was also a blessing. A very fruitful harvest of souls was reaped in the special children's revival conducted before the regular evening service. The church has now begun a three-story addition to the building which will add two auditoriums, seven classrooms, rest rooms and a church office.

—Belvy C. White, Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

STATE	CITY	CHURCH	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Dothan	First	July 15-29	Nelson White & wife	Max McNab
	New Brockton	A of G	July 23-Aug. 5	Joel Palmer & wife	Douglas Stone
Ark.	El Dorado	A of G	July 18—	Clifford Truit & wife	Kenneth Turner
Calif.	Downey	A of G	July 18-29	Westbrook Family	R. F. Curtis
Ga.	Columbus	E. Highland A/G	July 15-29	Robert Bayless	Jesse Smith
	Columbus	N. Highland A/G	July 12-24	Eskelin Family	Edgar Bethany
	Marietta	*A of G	July 24-Aug. 5	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	Jack Jewell
Ill.	Carbondale	*Union revival	July 17-31	Bill Sharp	H. L. Crowell, Chm.
La.	Bastrop	Log Cabin A/G	July 22-Aug. 5	Gene Jackson & wife	Vashti Smith
	Baton Rouge	Calvary A/G	July 15-29	D. L. Bullock & wife	Ira Bryce
Miss.	Brookhaven	First	July 15—	Leon Hennesy	S. H. Balias
	Natchez	First	July 22-Aug. 5	Earl Irby	J. W. Grisbee
N. J.	Woodbury	*A of G	July 6-31	Clyde F. DeArmitt	James Donald
N. Y.	Oneonta	Reviv. Cent. A/G	July 3-15	Chas. Duncombe & wife	Morris Williams
Ohio	Cincinnati	1st Christ. A/G	July 3—	Eskelin Family	D. LeRoy Sanders
	Fostoria	A of G	July 8-22	Harold May, Jr.	Joseph Ferrante
Oreg.	Medford	Bethel A of G	July 15-29	Hildreth Ethridge	Lawrence Krause
	Scappoose	A of G	July 15—	Lloyd Portin	Clyde Icenogle
Tex.	Alto	A of G	July 22-Aug. 5	Glenn Montgomery	W. W. McClure
	Timpson	*A of G	July 22-Aug. 5	W. F. (Bill) Taylor	George Rochier
Wash.	St. John	A of G	July 17-22	**Mel Johnson	Orville Phillips

* Tent revival

** Children's Evangelist

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►BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—During the month of May two evangelists ministered in the Church of the Four Fold Gospel. We enjoyed a week of Bible teaching by Evangelist John F. Brodie. He used his own illustrated chart in beautiful colors and electrically lighted. Following that, the Musical Vanns of Toledo, Ohio, carried on. Several were saved and two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. About 50 individuals visited the church for the first time. Both evangelists contributed much to the spiritual life of the church.

—E. A. Manley, Pastor

►N. KANSAS CITY, MO.—The Avondale Assembly of God rejoices over a successful revival with Evangelists Arnold and Anita Segesman of Berlin Center, Ohio. Several were saved, members of the congregation were built up in the faith, and the Sunday School attendance reached an all-time high. Over 75 people attended the services for the first time. The entire church was blessed by the anointed ministry in song and preaching, as well as the chalk drawings of Mrs. Segesman.

—Robert F. Cunningham, Pastor

COUNCIL NEWS

ILLINOIS DISTRICT COUNCIL SETS NEW ATTENDANCE RECORD

ROCKFORD, ILL.—A new record in the number of ministers and delegates present was set at the thirty-first annual Illinois District Council. Secretary-Treasurer T. M. Kimberlin reported that 211 ministers and delegates were registered at the meeting.

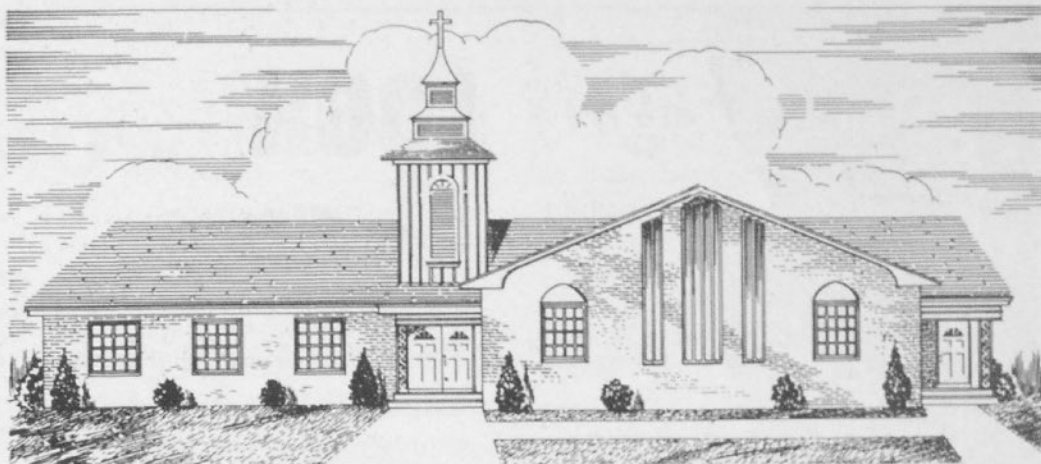
District Superintendent W. R. Williamson and Assistant Superintendent V. D. Gibson were returned to office on the nominating ballot.

Speaker for the Council was U. S. Grant from Kansas City, Kansas. The spiritual tide of the meetings was high and Brother Grant's ministry was appreciated by all.

Atwood Foster, General Treasurer of the Assemblies of God, presented the Church Extension Plan which he inaugurated while Superintendent of the Oregon District. Illinois became the twelfth district to join this plan. Also present from Springfield was J. O. Harrell, General Manager of the Gospel Publishing House. He spoke to the delegates on how to expedite the flow of literature and supplies to the churches. Delegates also learned that the new District Office Building is in the process of construction at Springfield, Illinois.

GEORGIA DISTRICT COUNCIL TERMED "BEST YET"

AUGUSTA, GA.—The twenty-third annual Georgia District Council which convened here was termed by one minister who has attended all of Georgia's District Councils as "the best yet." A spirit of unity prevailed in the business sessions as all major officers were re-elected on the nominating ballot. S. J. Westbury will continue to serve as Assistant Superintendent; George Klarman as Secretary-



NEW CHURCH DEDICATED IN McGEHEE, ARKANSAS

Above is the architect's conception of the new Assemblies of God Church in McGehee, Arkansas. Valued at \$75,000, the church was constructed through sacrificial giving and faith on the part of the congregation and their pastor, C. B. Anderson.

In the summer of 1951, Brother and Sister Anderson came to McGehee. On their first Sunday, there were 75 in Sunday School. Brother Anderson having built several churches in Arkansas and Mississippi, went to work with the people of McGehee who had already started a building fund. In 1954 a well-equipped educational building, 40 by 86 feet, was erected. Then in 1956, the 40 by 70 foot auditorium was completed, and the dedication service was conducted by Arkansas District Superintendent G. W. Hardcastle. Sunday School attendance on April 15 of this year reached 270.

God has blessed abundantly in McGehee. There have been several encouraging revivals since the building program began—two of them with the late James O. Johnson as evangelist. In April, 1955, there were twelve saved and seventeen filled with the Spirit; and in April, 1956, there were seven saved and eighteen filled with the Spirit in his meetings. "We are grateful for what God has done in McGehee," says Brother Anderson.

Treasurer; Ralph Byrd and Jesse Smith as General Presbyters. (Ernest Pruett continues to serve as District Superintendent.)

Council speaker was A. A. Wilson from Kansas City, Missouri. He was at his best in the services and greatly endeared himself to the hearts of the people of Georgia. Each morning he spoke especially to the ministers and their wives.

Reports showed good progress in almost every department of the District program.

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT PROGRAM AIMS TO "DOUBLE BY '60"

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Delegates to the second annual New Jersey District Council May 7-10 were presented with a four-year advance program aimed at doubling the District's present strength by 1960. Enthusiasm mounted as the various department heads presented the plan designated to double the constituency and number of Assemblies in the District as well as double the District's budget for world evangelism.

District Superintendent Richard J. Bergstrom and Assistant Superintendent Frederick H. Huber were returned to office on the nominating ballot. The District's by-laws were amended to provide for separation of the offices of General Presbyter and Secretary-Treasurer. Allan Swift, pastor of Trinity Church, Elizabeth, was elected as General Presbyter; and William Belden, pastor at Hommonton, was elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

Edgar Bethany from Columbus, Georgia, with his anointed preaching, brought a revival atmosphere to every service of the Council.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED IN TENNESSEE DISTRICT

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The thirty-first annual Tennessee District Council was held here May 8-10. J. O. Savell, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, was the challenging council speaker.

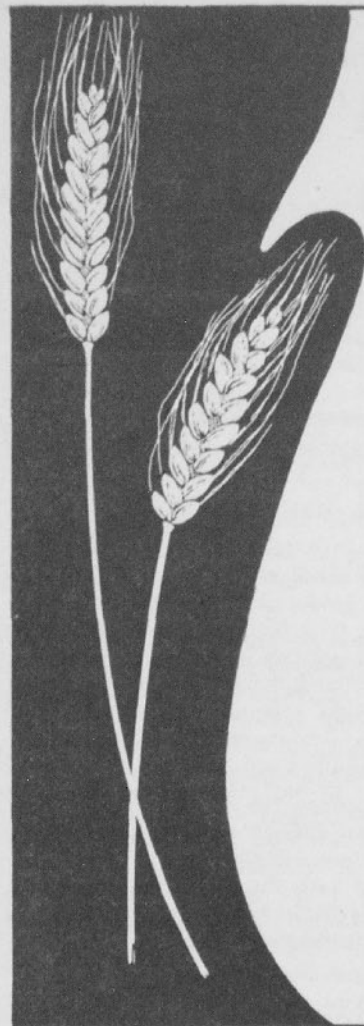
It was not the election year for the District Superintendent C. C. Crace, or for the two General Presbyters. E. W. Weech, pastor at Dyersburg, was re-elected on the nominating ballot to serve as Assistant Superintendent. The District Board re-appointed E. R. Driver, pastor of Woodhue Assembly, Nashville, to serve as Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year.

VOTE TO RE-LOCATE SOUTH DAKOTA CAMP GROUNDS

HURON, S. D.—Some of the main business at the twenty-first annual South Dakota District Council was related to the Black Hills Bible Camp and the District Home and Office. The Council in session voted to sell the Camp at Rapid City and re-locate in the near future. Delegates also decided to build a new District Home and Offices as soon as possible.

Silas S. Rexroat was returned to the office of District Superintendent for another three-year term. Assistant Superintendent D. J. Geist and B. C. Heinze were elected as General Presbyters. Delegates also approved a full-time secretary and elected Wesley F. Reichelt to this office for a two-year term.

A. N. Trotter, Minneapolis, was guest speaker for the council. His rich ministry was appreciated by all who attended.



LOOK on the FIELDS

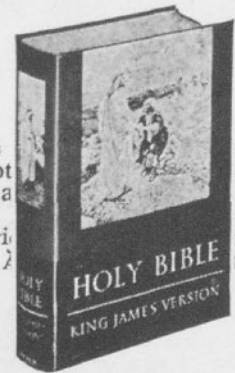
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The Shadow on the Wall

by John Thompson

A JOURNALIST FRIEND OF MINE WAS in the habit of visiting an indoor swimming pool each Thursday night. There was a certain man he met at the pool who always amused and intrigued him. This man would come out of his cubicle with his bathing suit on, go straight to the edge of the water and dip his big toe into the pool, and then smartly climb right up to the highest diving board, make a wonderful dive, and swim up and down the pool with splendid form.

It was difficult for my friend to understand why such an expert swimmer and diver should resort to a novice habit of sticking his toe into the water before entering. He plucked up courage one night and asked him why he did it.

He smiled and answered, "I suppose it is just force of habit; however, there is a reason and I shall tell you."

He used to be an instructor in a large college for men. His job was to teach them to swim and dive. He was in the swimming pool nearly every day and knew every inch of the place. One night he could not sleep and decided to slip into the swimming pool and have a swim, thinking the exercise would induce sleep.

"I did not put on the lights in the pool," he continued, "for I knew every inch of the place and the roof was made of glass. The moon shone through, throwing the shadow of my body on the wall at the other end. My body and

arms made a perfect sign of the cross. I cannot explain to you why I did not dive at that moment; I had no premonition of danger of any kind.

"As I stood looking at the shadow of the cross, I began to think of the cross of Christ and its meaning. I was not a Christian. I found myself repeating the words of a hymn I had learned as a boy, 'He died that we might be forgiven, He died to make us good, that we might go at last to heaven, saved by His precious blood.'

"I cannot tell you how long I stood poised on the diving board, or why I did not dive. I came down from the board and walked along the pool to the steps that I knew led to the bottom of the pool and began to descend. I reached the bottom and my feet touched the cold smooth bottom of the pool. The night before, the caretaker had drained the pool dry and I knew nothing about it. I realized, then, that had I dived I would have dived to my death.

"The cross on the wall," he added, "saved me that night. I was so thankful to God for His mercy in sparing my life that I knelt on the cold bricks and asked the Christ of the cross to save my soul. I experienced a two-fold deliverance that night. That, sir, is why I always put my toe into the water before diving." —Selected

A Bag of Oatmeal

FAMINE AND DEATH STALKED HAND in hand across the moors of Scotland. Potato crop failures year after year left bare the meager rocky fields of the hard-working Scotch. Thousands abandoned their homes and died pauper deaths.

Years later a number of Christians were gathered at the estate of a prominent lady who frequently invited guests to join in Scripture reading, prayer, and discussion. As they were speaking of the kindness of God in times of trial, the hostess asked if anyone could tell of an experience in his own life to prove God's faithfulness.

A saintly old man stood up and told this story:

"Years ago, during the time of stark famine, we too faced starvation in our humble home. The last bit of food had been taken from the shelf, and we knew

not where to get more. My poor, faithful wife came to me one day, with tears in her eyes.

"'What shall we do?' she asked. 'All our food is gone.'

"We bowed in prayer before our Father in heaven, asking Him to give us oatmeal to keep us from starving.

"Even while we were praying, we heard a sound outside. Rising from my knees, I opened the door, but no one was there. I was about to close it again when I noticed a sack on the step.

"Rushing to the road, I looked in every direction, but saw no one, and could hear only the retreating gallop of a horse. When I returned to the house we opened the bag and found—oatmeal, the oatmeal we had prayed for. God had answered our pleadings."

No sooner had this weathered man of God taken his chair than the generous lady of the house rose to her feet. Fighting back tears of gratitude, she began to tell the other half of the same story.

"I remember very clearly that great famine. Our family always had plenty,

but one night I was sorely distressed. I could not sleep, thinking that perhaps some of the neighbors were hungry. So deeply did it disturb me that I called a servant, and told him to take a sack of meal to someone at that late hour of the night.

"He protested that he did not know where to go. 'Take the horse,' I told him, 'put the sack on his back, and let him go by himself. Wherever he stops, put down the sack at the door and come home.'

"As soon as he left I put the whole matter before the Lord and asked Him to guide the horse to some needy family, just as He led the kine when the Philistines sent away the ark, and as He led the ravens to His prophet Elijah.

"After some time the servant returned, telling me that he had left the sack, as I had directed, at a small cottage some distance away. Now I know God was answering the trusting prayers of my friends who were starving. How thankful I am that He answered my prayers and guided the horse to their home." —Miracles and Melodies

Are You Confused?



by NATHANAEL OLSON

THERE'S A STORY TOLD ABOUT A MAN who wore an unusual lapel button. It had three letters on it: "B.I.K."

"What does B.I.K. represent?" asked a friend.

"It stands for 'Boy, am I confused,'" the man replied.

"But *confused* doesn't begin with 'K,'" the friend argued.

"Well, that just shows how confused I am," replied the nerve-wracked man.

Are you confused? Do perplexing problems and different opinions blur your picture of life? If so, let's diagnose your confused condition.

THE CAUSE: Confusion results from differing opinions. Opinions are as varied as people are. Every person has a "mind of his own." It is impossible for people always to see "eye-to-eye."

People are confused about today, and worried about tomorrow. According to *Saturday Evening Post* there are 80,000 full-time fortune-tellers in the United States. The Better Business Bureau estimates that Americans spend \$200,000,000 a year to "know" the future.

But you need not be confused, for here is **THE CURE:** The only sure

cure for your confusion is a complete trust in Christ and His Word, the Bible. David said, "In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion" (Psalm 71:1).

Confusion is a bewildered mental condition that can be changed only by peaceful believing in our Creator, God. "Thou [God] wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Isa. 26:3). Friend change your believing! Have faith instead of fear! "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace" (1 Cor. 14:33). Peace is from God! Confusion is from Satan! Confusion may ring your doorbell, but it's your fault if you invite him in!

Perhaps you're confused because of personal, financial, or spiritual problems. You may have sent many an "S.O.S." but have received no help for your distressed vessel. But you are willing to try God's cure for confusion. Follow these instructions, backed by God's unconditional guarantee, His holy Word.

1. Solve your spiritual problem. You can do this easily, quickly, and sincerely, by believing that Jesus is "the way, the

truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Jesus is the only way to eternal life. No church, no ritual, no creed is the way. That should save a lot of confusion! Commit your soul to Him for time and eternity!

2. Solve your financial problem. As a "son of God" you have the right to ask your Heavenly Father to help you in your financial needs. Here's the promise: "My God shall supply ALL your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). The God who prospered Colgate, Wanamaker, Kraft, Le Tourneau and other God-fearing men, can and will meet your need!

3. Solve your personal problems. Do what Paul did. He said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). This promise is *personal*: "I." It is *possible*: "can . . . through Christ." It is *powerful*: "which strengtheneth me." Believe and practice this dynamic truth. It will work wonders for you every day you live!

Get rid of your confusion—*now*. Christ is the cure for your confusion. Therefore, receive Him, obey His Word—**TODAY!**