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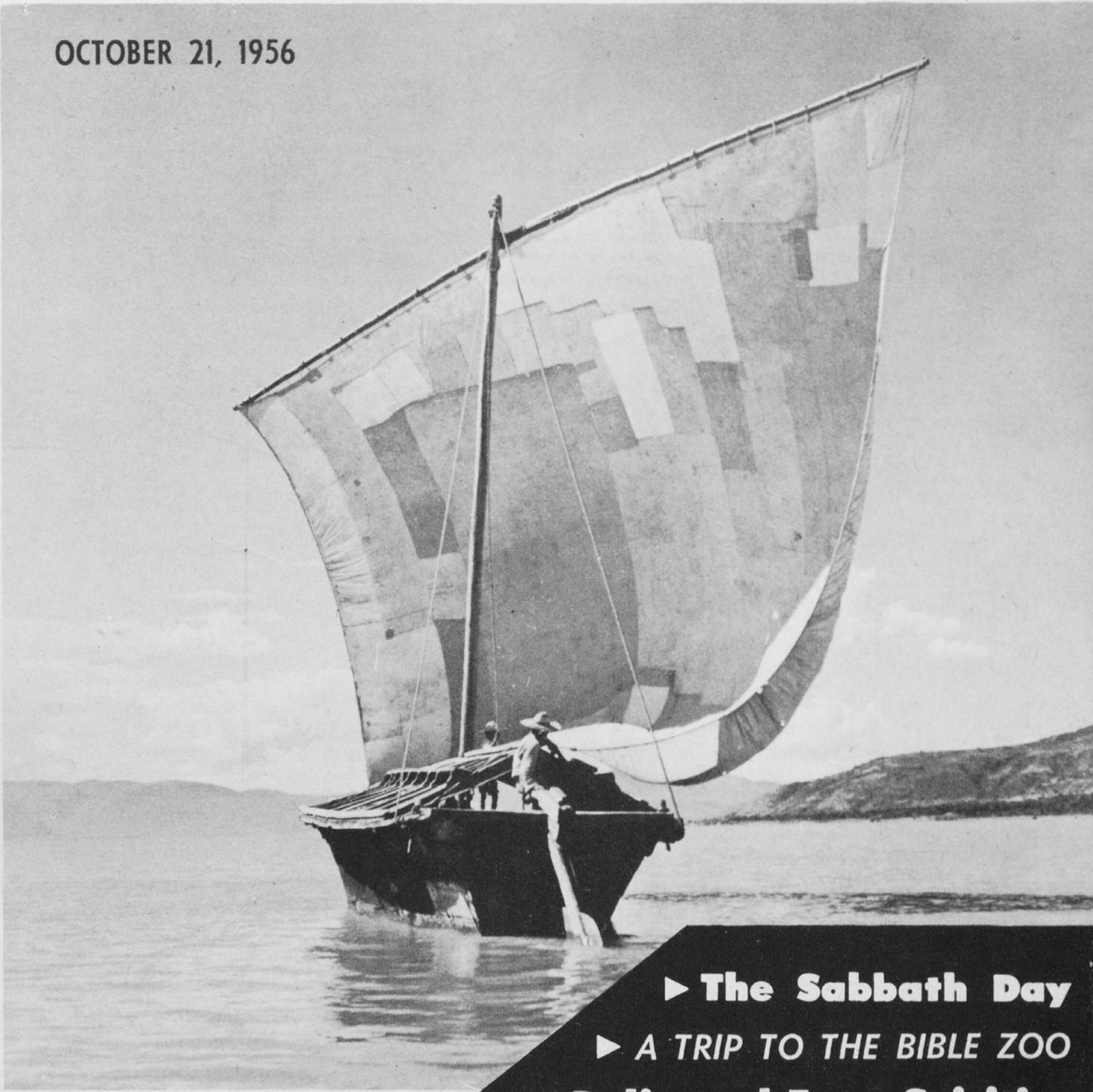
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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A typical Chinese-style fishing boat on Lake Chapala in Mexico

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Startling Facts on Crime

The United States is in the midst of one of the worst crime waves in its history. According to the FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover, the number of crimes recorded in the first half of this year was up 14.4 per cent as compared with the same period of 1955.

Every day, an average of 37 people are slain, 260 are assaulted, and 55 women are raped. Every twenty-four hours there are 164 armed robberies, 1463 burglaries, 4377 larcenies—and 738 automobiles are stolen, somewhere in America.

Commenting on the abrupt rise in crime this year, Mr. Hoover said that unless the present trend is reversed, 1956 will set a new record for lawlessness. It will be the first year in which the total crimes have reached the 2,500,000 mark. There were 1,291,120 crimes in the first six months of this year, as compared with 1,128,350 in the same period of 1955. Every 12.2 seconds a major crime was committed. Every 4.1 minutes there was a murder, manslaughter, rape, or assault with intent to kill.

It is a sordid situation. Well might our souls be shocked and our hearts tremble within us as we think what these statistics mean. Think of the lives that are snuffed out, the hearts that are broken, the homes that are shattered by these awful deeds. Worst of all, think of the many never-dying souls that are at stake. Hell must enlarge itself to receive all who are responsible for these sins against God and man.

What shall our attitude be? Shall we merely deplore the sad state of affairs? Shall we shut up our hearts and just hope the crime wave doesn't touch us or our loved ones? Shall we put it all down to a fulfillment of prophecy and say that the increase in sin is inevitable as we approach the time of Christ's return?

No doubt it is true that we are living in "the last days." And the apostle Paul said, "In the last days, perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful unholy . . ." (2 Timothy 3:1, 2). In the same chapter he warned that conditions would get worse, not better, as the end of the age draws near. "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse," he said. Universal sin always brings universal judgment. The Lord Jesus said that His coming would be "as it was in the days of Noah" (Luke 17:26) and in those days the earth was filled with wickedness, corruption, and violence.

But did He not say that we are the salt of the earth, to retard the process of moral corruption? Did He not tell us we are the light of the world, to shine brightly for Him when all is dark and foreboding? Let us not be like Lot who seemed only to shrug his shoulders as the people of Sodom plunged downward into hell. It is true that Lot was a righteous man, and that the filthy conduct of his fellow-citizens vexed his soul (2 Peter 2:8). But Lot didn't do very much to improve the moral situation. After living in Sodom for a number of years he could not point to one soul that he had won to God and holiness. He had not even succeeded in winning his own sons-in-law. Had he and his wife and three daughters only won a convert each there would have been ten righteous people and the city could have been spared (Genesis 18:32). God save us from a pessimistic attitude in these evil days. God deliver us from unconcern and complacency. May our hearts be stirred to realize that the gospel of Christ is still the power of God unto salvation, and that the day of judgment for a wicked generation can be postponed by a praying, believing, soul-winning Church.

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When a person becomes a child of God, the inhabitants of three worlds see the evidences of his sonship.

NOT ALL MEN ARE CHILDREN OF GOD. The present-day teaching of the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God is a doctrine of devils and is clearly contrary to the teachings of Scripture. Jesus, while speaking one day to a band of contentious Jews, said, "Ye are of your father the devil" (John 8:44), and John, in writing his first Epistle, declared, "In this the children of God are manifest and the children of the devil . . ." (1 John 3:10).

The problem then presents itself: *Can one know whether or not he is a son of God; and if so, how?* Does the Bible have an answer to this question which has vexed and perplexed so many?

We hasten to say the Bible does have an answer. The Bible gives a number of clearly defined signs of sonship. When John the Beloved had nearly completed his Gospel he made a plain declaration of his reason for writing it. "But these things are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through His name" (John 20:31). Then, later on, when he was engaged in writing his first Epistle, he again paused when it was nearly finished to declare his purpose for writing it—"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life . . ." (1 John 5:13). The key word in first John is "know" and the chief object is to give the believer assurance of his sonship. There are also other portions of Scripture which deal with the signs of sonship and they shall also be brought to our attention.

1. FAMILY RESEMBLANCE

The similarity which is often observed in the appearance of a father and a son is a sign of sonship. Jesus Himself said, ". . . he that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). When one truly becomes a son of God he is a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17), and as such becomes a "partaker of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4). This new nature expresses itself in a manner similar to the way that same "divine nature" expressed itself in Christ. "He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked" (1 John 2:6). Thus we see that the sons

of God walk as the Son of God walked. Whereas they once walked in the ways of sin and self-pleasing, now they walk in the way of righteousness and seek to please God.

Many years ago my father was converted and genuinely born again while all alone in a field on his farm. Before he was able to bear testimony to what had happened the neighbors began to say, "Brandt has got religion." Why did they speak that way? Because he had begun to walk as Christ walked, and the change was so great that it was apparent immediately to all who knew him.

2. RIGHTEOUSNESS

"In this the children of God are manifest and the children of the devil; whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother" (1 John 3:10). Righteousness may be defined as simple obedience to the commands of God. It involves refraining from what God has forbidden, on the one hand, and doing what He has commanded, on the other hand. "And

hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments" (1 John 2:3). It is a definite sign of our sonship if the direction of our walk is toward doing those things which please Him. Our steps may falter occasionally but the direction of our walk will never change.

3. LOVE

"We know we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren" (1 John 3:14a). "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (1 John 13:35). This love is not some mere sentimental feeling which we may express with our mouths. Rather it is that which expresses itself in a practical way. "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18). When we love our brethren to the point of action in their behalf, it is a sign of our sonship.

4. CHASTISEMENT

Many of God's dear children have been greatly troubled when sufferings of one kind or another have beset them, thinking that surely it is a sign they are not God's children. Actually the opposite is often true. "For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth" (Hebrews 12:6). "If ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards [illegitimate] and not sons" (Hebrews 12:8). If one is really a child of God he will find God continually dealing with him and correcting him, for God is interested in our eternal well-being.

5. THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

"And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us" (1 John 3:24). "Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit" (1 John 4:13). Every true child of God has received of His Spirit, even though he may not have been actually baptized with the Holy Ghost. "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Romans 8:9b). It is also true that the infilling with the Holy Ghost brings much assurance to the soul. Some have had great struggles

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Seven Signs of Sonship

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A Supplemental Bible Study

THE WAYS OF THE LORD

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AN ARTICLE OF MINE ENTITLED, "The Ways of the Lord," appeared in a recent issue of the *Evangel*, and in it I noted the fact that the expression, "the ways of the Lord," is of frequent occurrence in the Scriptures. I listed seven of those ways: the way of faith, the way of peace, the way of obedience, the way of righteousness, the way of patience and perseverance, the way of sacrifice and service, and the way of victory.

The object of this article is to set forth five additional ways that are "ways of the Lord," and then to suggest that the twelve ways may be regarded as one way, the *narrow way* that we read of in Matthew 7:14 and that our Lord summed up in Himself when He said to Thomas, "I am the Way" (John 14:6). Here are the five ways:

1. THE WAY OF WISDOM

David was a many-sided man, a teacher, a prophet, a soldier, a statesman, a poet and a king. It was revealed to him that Solomon was to succeed him on the throne; so he instructed Solomon in "the way of wisdom." Solomon tells us about it in Proverbs, the fourth chapter. He tells us that David had said to him, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. . . . I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths" (Proverbs 4:7, 11). Fortunate indeed are those children who have a father who teaches them in "the way of wisdom." Wisdom's ways, Solomon tells

us, are "ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace" (Proverbs 3:17). But we must remember what wisdom is, for all that passes as wisdom is not wisdom. Paul makes it clear that "the world by wisdom knew not God" (1 Corinthians 1:21), and that God "has made foolish the wisdom of this world" (1 Corinthians 3:19). The true wisdom is Christ—"Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness"—yes, a stumbling block and foolishness to many *now*, as *then*—"but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 1:21-24). He it is who "of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30).

A good definition of wisdom is found in James 3:17. I quote the lucid rendering of J. B. Phillips: "The wisdom that comes from God is first utterly pure, then peace-loving, gentle, approachable, full of tolerant thoughts and kindly actions, with no breath of favoritism or hint of hypocrisy." Analyze this passage, meditate upon it, and then ask yourself the question, "Do I possess it? Am I walking in the way of wisdom?" It is a way of the Lord, for this wisdom can come only from God.

2. THE WAY OF TRUTH

Pilate asked, "What is truth?" Jesus gave him no answer. I think our Lord looked at Pilate in such a way that if Pilate had been a man of a discerning spirit, capable of reading the expression on our Lord's face, he would have known that He who was standing before him to be judged was none other than the very incarnation of truth: for Jesus was indeed *the* truth (John 14:6).

Joseph Parker once said, "Men who speak the truth in any department of life, of art, of science, speak God's truth, for all truth is God's." And that of course is true. All truth is indeed God's. But truth is something that we should not only speak but live; and the truth that the Scriptures particularly set forth is the truth concerning redemption, truth that is capable of regenerating human hearts and making sinners into saints and fitting them to spend eternity with God. This is the truth that we should know. Our Lord said to the Jews, "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house forever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:34-36). The way of truth is a way of the Lord. Blessed is the man who can say with the Psalmist, "I have chosen the way of truth" (Psalm 119:30).

3. THE WAY OF HOLINESS

In the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah we have a most inspiring word picture of conditions as they will be on the earth after our Lord shall have come at His second advent and shall have filled it with His glory. Paul who wrote of the coming of the Lord (the secret of the rapture to precede the revelation having been made known to him) spoke of the resurrection of the saints who had died, and of the rapture of the living saints, and then exhorted the Thessalonians to "comfort one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:18). And away back in Isaiah's day there were those who needed similar comfort, and while the revelation that had been made to Isaiah was a limited revelation there was enough in it to afford comfort and encouragement to despairing hearts. The prophet, God's spokesman,

cried, "Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; He will come and save you." Then he told them—and tells us—what the earth will be like after our Lord shall have wrought the transformation that will be wrought at His coming—the *second* stage of His coming.

Mark verse 18, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called, The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it, for *He shall be with them*, walking in the way, and fools shall not err." I have introduced the marginal rendering of the Newberry Bible into the text. Other versions justify this marginal rendering. Rotherham, for instance, renders it, "There shall not pass over it one who is unclean; but *He Himself* shall be one of them, traveling the road."

What a glorious prospect has been unfolded before us! We have something to look forward to, not only in the Father's house of many mansions to which our Lord has gone to prepare a place for us, but right here upon the earth. Paul makes it clear that the whole creation is to share ultimately in God's redemption (Romans 8:21). But we do not have to wait for the advent of the kingdom in order that we may have a way of holiness to walk in, and fellowship with God as we walk in it. God has provided such a way for us even *now*. We are exhorted to "follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14).

4. THE WAY OF DUTY

Wordsworth, one of my favorite poets, in his *Ode to Duty*, addresses it as "Stern Daughter of the Voice of God," and he seems to identify it with God Himself, for he says,

"... thou dost wear
The Godhead's most benignant grace;
Nor know we anything so fair
As is the smile upon thy face
Flowers laugh before thee on their beds,
And fragrance in thy footsteps treads;
Thou dost preserve the stars from wrong,
And the most ancient heavens, through thee,
are fresh and strong."

What is duty? Here are two simple definitions that we can all understand.
(1) Duty is what is required of us.
(2) Duty is what we ought to do.

Turning to Micah 6:8 we read, "He

hath showed thee, O man, what is good: and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" So we see that when we do justly, and love mercy, and walk humbly with our God we are in the way of duty.

Our Lord told the scribes and Pharisees that they paid "tithes of mint and rue and all manner of herbs," and then He said, "These ought ye to have done" (Luke 11:42). So we see that our Lord put His stamp of approval upon tithing, and made it a duty under the new dispensation as it had been under the old. So we ought to pay tithes. It is God's financial plan. Let us hearken to and heed this mandate of the "Daughter of the Voice of God."

Paul wrote, "Ye ought to walk and to please God" (1 Thessalonians 4:1). Enoch thus walked, and "he had this testimony, that he pleased God" (Hebrews 11:5). His was the exalted privilege of being translated in the days that preceded the flood. Thus he became a type of the saints who will be taken out of the world before the storm of the tribulation shall burst upon the



PROSPECT

The "ways of the Lord"
Lead home to bliss,
At the close of life's busy day.
If we walk in the counsels
Of Him who said
That He is the Life and Way:
The Way, the Truth and the Life,
He said
Are all to be found in Him,
And the light we shall find
If we go His way
Will never through life grow dim.

The path of the just
Is a shining light,
That shineth more and more,
Till after a while
At the end of the way
We shall reach that farther shore,
And there with the saints
Who are safe above
Beyond every trial and care,
We shall see the face
Of the Lord of Life,
And dwell in His presence there.

—by J. Narver Gortner



earth-dwellers. We can please God by doing His will, so yielding unto Him that He can conform us unto the image of His Son, or, in other words, make us like Jesus. Are we thus yielding and pleasing God?

It is when we are in the way of duty that God leads us. The servant of Abraham was doing his master's bidding, and he said, "I *being in the way*, the Lord led me" (Genesis 24:27).

It should be said here that when we "walk in love as Christ also loved us," duty does not cease to be duty, as some would have us believe, but it becomes a privilege and a joy. We perform duties cheerfully as unto Christ, glad that God has honored us by permitting us to perform them.

5. THE WAY OF ALL THE EARTH

When Joshua was "old and stricken in age" he called the people together to give them his farewell address, and he said, "Behold, this day I am going *the way of all the earth*" (Joshua 23:14). Centuries afterwards, David, approaching the end of his eventful career, seems to have borrowed the expression from Joshua, for we read that "when the days of David drew nigh that he should die, he charged Solomon his son, saying, I go *the way of all the earth*: be thou strong therefore, and show thyself a man" (1 Kings 2:1, 2).

Death is a divine appointment; so it is one of the ways of the Lord. "It is appointed unto men once to die" (Hebrews 9:27). At the beginning of human history God said to Adam, concerning the tree of knowledge of good and of evil, "In the day of thine eating of it, dying, thou dost die" (Genesis 2:17, Young's Literal Translation). Evidently what God meant was this, "In the day that you eat of this forbidden fruit you will die spiritually, and as a result of your dying spiritually you will become subject to physical death, and ultimately you will die physically, for your body was made out of dust, and to the dust it will return." Man sinned, and God made good His word, as He always does. Adam died spiritually the day he sinned, and although he lived on physically until he was nine hundred and thirty years old, he finally died, as God had said he would if he sinned.

Sooner or later, all lives "come to an end; our days are like a cobweb wiped away" (Psalm 90:9—Goodspeed). How

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GOD'S TRANSFORMING PRESENCE

JACOB SAID, "SURELY THE LORD IS in this place; and I knew it not" (Genesis 28:16).

Most of us, at times, find ourselves in affinity with Jacob. His nature was so complex; it had such high possibilities, yet manifested such lapses that we feel, "Here is a man like me." Then, too, most of us at one time or another get into circumstances that are disagreeable, unwanted and not understood, from which we would like quickly to escape. It is not always easy to accept the fact that God is not only with us *in this place* but has a purpose in allowing us to pass this way.

After a day of flight through unknown country Jacob could go no farther. The satisfaction of having astutely secured the birthright and blessing from his elder brother seemed much less, now that he knew Esau was nursing thoughts of revenge and murder. As he flung his weary body down on the

ground, the thoughts which hammered incessantly in his throbbing mind were terrifying. It was a place of *fear*.

The sun dropped suddenly behind the horizon and unrelieved darkness quickly fell. The lights of home seemed to belong to another land. A depression settled down on Jacob's spirit and it was night in his soul. It was a place of *darkness*.

As he tried to make himself comfortable on the hard ground, drawing his clothes around him against the cold night air, Jacob remembered this was his first night away from home. Always before, a tent had covered him at night, and at least a few human and animal sounds had been heard; but now the mysterious quiet was dreadful, eerie, menacing. An upsurge of homesickness choked him as, perhaps, it does the schoolboy, student, apprentice or serviceman on his first night in strange surroundings. It was certainly a place of *loneliness*.

Jacob may have wished it might be all over in one night so that he could return home tomorrow. But, tomorrow was uncertain, unpredictable. Some men might revel in the challenge of the situation, but not Jacob. The suspense was more than he cared for. He was nervously apprehensive. It was, indeed, a place of *uncertainty*.

Yet, God had not abandoned this man and, while the wanderer seemed to choose his resting place at random, it was really a place appointed by God—a *certain place* (Gen. 28:11). In this dreadful, inhospitable, lonely place Jacob was to make a great discovery: *Jehovah was there*. Of course, we know that God is with us in our extremities, but how prone we are to forget to look for His presence. Yet, in the trying places we need Him most.

In the place of fear Jacob found that God was there to protect him—the *Lord stood by him* (Gen. 28:13, R.V.). It is encouraging to perceive the nearness

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of our Lord when our path leads us over the sunny uplands of life and we can sing as we travel along, but what comfort it is to know that "standing somewhere *in the shadows*" we can find Jesus.

The place of darkness was made bright with myriads of shining angels who ascended and descended the ladder. To those who are oppressed by mental or spiritual darkness comes a promise from the Lord: "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness and hath no light? Let Him trust in the name of the Lord and stay upon his God" (Isa. 50:10).

Moreover, that place of homesickness and utter loneliness was transformed into Bethel, the House of God. Scattered and lonely children of God have found that the absence of human friendship can produce a greater sense of the overshadowing presence of God. It can be so for you.

The place of uncertainty became the land of promise as God declared "the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed." God had brought Jacob to this very place to meet him and opened to him the very gate of heaven. Have you prayed for doors to open? Remember, they often open in most unlikely places.

This may be read by some tried soul who longs for deliverance from present circumstances, or by a faithful worker for Christ who is baffled by the way things have turned. Nothing is easier than to overlook God's hand at such a time, and then to miss His plan and His power. Life may seem to have fallen to pieces and to have lost its purpose, but there is One who holds the secret and can transform everything.

A busy father, in order to keep his young son quiet, took a map, cut it into pieces, shuffled them and then gave them to his lad to re-arrange accurately. He imagined it would keep the boy occupied for a considerable time. To his surprise the map was re-arranged in a few minutes.

"How have you finished it so quickly?" the father asked.

"Oh, it was easy," said the boy. "I found there was a picture of a man on the back of the map, and when I got him right, the map came right, too."

If we look for and find God in the most upset circumstances of life we shall find them transformed. Wit's-end Corner will soon become Thanksgiving Street.

I Can't but He Can

by Anne Sandberg

FOR SOME DAYS MY SOUL HAD BEEN in a turmoil over vain attempts to exercise faith in a certain prayer, which desperately needed an answer. During the morning quiet hour I wrestled and argued with the Lord about this matter. My sleeves were rolled up, spiritually speaking, and I was vigorously wielding the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. But the answer did not come, and my soul became bedraggled and battle-wearied.

The Lord quietly waited until I was inwardly exhausted. "I'm not giving up the fight, Lord," I determinedly explained, as I laid down my weapons. "I'm just tired of the futile battle and am resting a while." I didn't know what more to say or do, so I just sat in my accustomed place of prayer and helplessly looked to Him.

Then He spoke—not audibly, but so clearly in my soul that I was able afterwards to remember every illuminating word:

"You can't believe! What made you think that you, by your struggling, could believe? How can you manufacture faith and trust, or patience, or love, or humility, or any other heavenly virtue? How can flesh produce anything of spiritual value? Humans are able to do only natural, earthly, carnal things. How can flesh, then, perform spiritual works? Only God can produce that which is godly.

"It is impossible for mere flesh to have faith and to believe. As in all virtues, God must do it within you.

God must believe in you and for you and through you. Is He not dwelling within? And will He not believe within you, and exercise faith and restful trust through you? Yes, *He* will do it. He is the only One who can produce faith.

"'Have the faith of God' means just that. It does not mean faith must emanate from you. You are not expected to work up faith within, and somehow or other induce yourself to believe. You are not asked to convince and persuade yourself by your intellect to believe. You are to manifest God-given faith, not your own.

"Faith is not exercised by the mind or intellect, but by your spirit. It is an act of God who dwells *WITHIN* you, working out that virtue. To have faith means to altogether cease trying to believe and to get out of the way and let *HIM* do the work of trusting and believing within you. That is the gospel. That is the simplicity of the life in God. That is rest and joy and peace. There should be no struggle, no striving, but simply an allowing, a letting go and letting God do and be in you all that He requires of man.

"God will believe in you. He will lay hold upon the promises for you and within you. He will steadfastly hold on and claim and take and believe within you; He will produce in you the restfulness of faith. All that you so vainly have been attempting, He wants to do. How long will you strive to do it yourself? How long will you try to perform in the flesh what only God can do? How long before you take your hands off the ark to try to steady it? It is not for flesh to work the works of God.

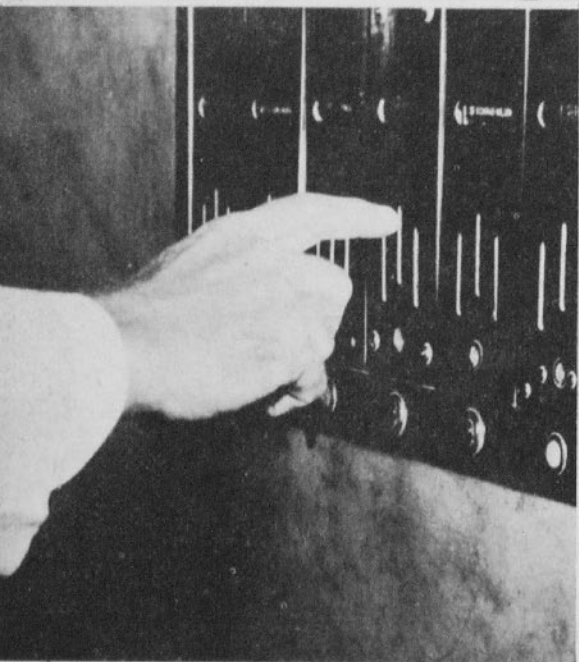
"If you could not save yourself from sin, how do you think you can live the life of faith? If your salvation came by an act of God, apart from works, do you suppose that your Christian life could continue by your own efforts? Stop your ceaseless striving to be and to do!

"Your only task is to abide in the Vine, as a branch, and let the life of the Vine flow into you and through you and out from you. You are not to strive to believe, but simply to abide in the Vine. Abide in Christ and let His words abide in you. Then He will do the rest—graciously, easily, restfully. God's will is that you should take your proper place of *nothingness* and He should take His place as *All in All*. Let Him be the Author and Finisher of your faith."



That They

"CHRIST FOR THE BLIND"



TWENTY MILLION MEN, WOMEN, boys, and girls live in a sightless world, with darkness as their constant companion. Some 300,000 of these blind people live in these United States. Many of them are without the gospel. For some, there is no one who thinks to invite them to church or to make the necessary effort to see that they are taken to and from the services.

Some are overlooked because they are considered in a class apart, and not thought of as souls that can be won to Christ. His inability to read the printed page makes it all the more probable that the blind person in your community may have only a very limited knowledge of the gospel. This is particularly true of those who have been blind for a good part of their lives.

Jesus said, "When thou makest a feast, call . . . the blind." What better time than the Thanksgiving season for us to express appreciation to God for the most precious of physical gifts by seeking out those who have been denied it.

This year evangelical Christians everywhere are urged to observe "Christ for the Blind" Week, beginning November 18, the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

TOP: Dorothy Lyman has been blind since she was in the ninth grade. She started attending the Assembly of God in Bedford, Ohio, after the C.A.'s caroled her at Christmastime in 1951. She was converted two months later and has received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. She has a Braille Bible, purchased from the American Bible Society, and a Braille copy of *Assembly Songs*, transcribed for her by the Cleveland Division of the Red Cross. Dorothy is a happy Christian, working each day at the confection stand at the Polyclinic Hospital. She is shown selling some cakes to a customer.

CENTER: Many blind folk are shut-ins. The very emptiness of their lives is your opportunity. Would they welcome free Braille gospel literature? Send their names to the Home Missions Department.

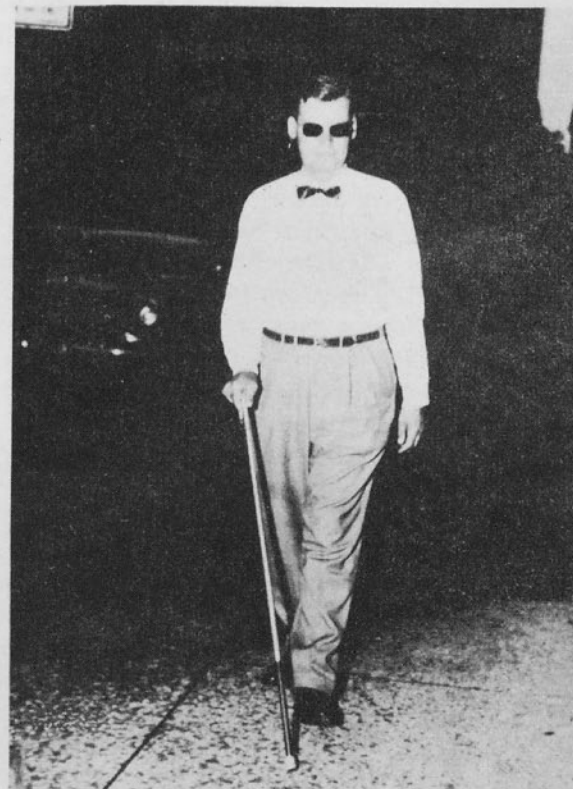
BOTTOM: Be on the lookout for openings to win the blind to Christ. Leading this man across the street could be the means of leading him to Christ.

The Gospel Association for the Blind, headed by Ralph Montanus, who is totally blind himself, has launched an effective program of reaching the blind for Christ. Through two radio stations, monthly Braille magazines for adults and children, phonograph records, Sunday School lesson helps, sermon aids, Braille music, tracts, and Bible Correspondence Courses, the Gospel Association for the Blind carries on its soul-winning efforts.

Ralph Montanus was at first bewildered and discouraged by the complete blindness which struck him in young manhood. Then one day while studying Braille with hundreds of others at a local agency, Montanus felt a tug on his sleeve. Some clown was playing a guessing game, he thought.

Then a third person explained that

This blind man represents a field of 20,000,000 people, less than 1% of whom have been reached by the gospel.



Might See

" SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

THANK YOU!

The children and workers of the VALDEZ ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHILDREN'S HOME in Valdez, Alaska, join with the Home Missions Department in sending a hearty "thank you" to all who responded to the need for a heating unit for the Home.

Your gifts, large and small, have combined to meet this need, and the furnace has been installed.

If any designated offerings are received for the heating unit after it is paid for, they will be used to meet other urgent needs in completing the building at Valdez.

the tugs had come from a blind deaf-mute who wanted to "talk." The triple-handicapped man (there are 6,000 in the U.S.) spelled out words with his fingers in another's palm. In his first conversation with Montanus, he spelled out slowly, "I'd just as well be dead."

His heart pounding, Montanus wrote back that even though blind, he fully expected to see Christ one day. He indicated that the despairing man could have the same hope. The message struck home, and it told Montanus why God had permitted his sight to fail.

When they investigated, Montanus and his wife found very little gospel literature for the blind. They felt that this was the field in which they could contribute most to the evangelization of the blind.

Now, after ten years, they have taken the gospel via Braille page and the Talking Book to the blind of 48 states and 32 countries.

The Gospel Association for the Blind is co-operating with the Assemblies of God in our efforts to reach the blind for Christ. They will provide free Talking Book machines and records of the Bible to the blind. (See coupon.)

Plans are also under way to publish

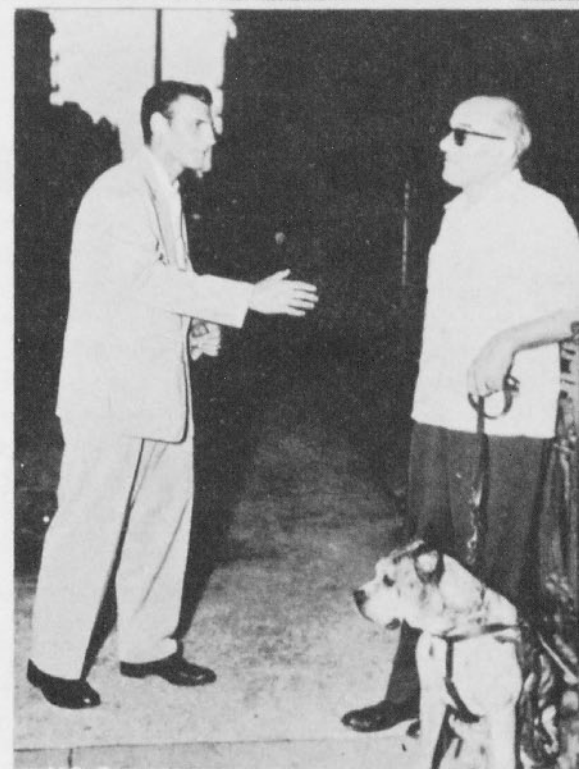
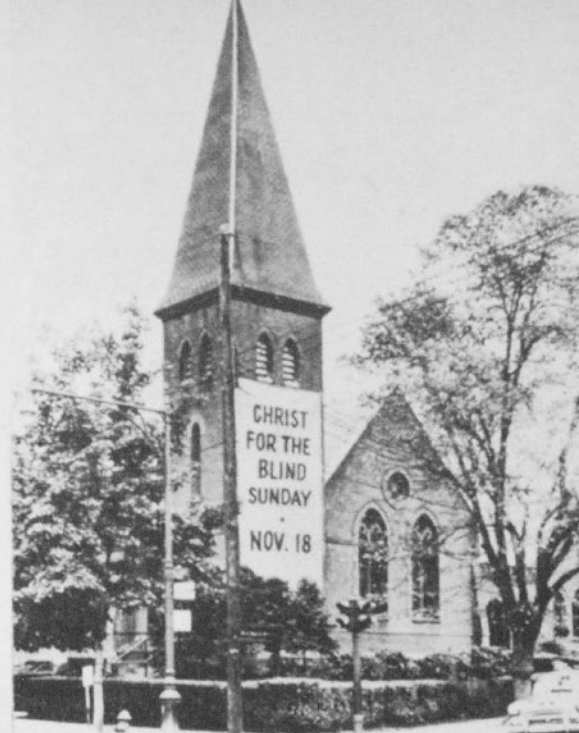
TOP: Christ's words, "When thou makest a feast, call . . . the blind," suggest the Sunday before Thanksgiving as a particularly appropriate time to present the challenge of this field.

BOTTOM: Don't be afraid to take the initiative. It may lead to an opening to win this man to Christ.

our EVANGEL SONGS in Braille through the facilities of the Gospel Association for the Blind. Offerings for these projects should be designated for "Ministry to the Blind" and sent to the Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

In the Assemblies of God, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Whitney are producing a limited quantity of Pentecostal literature in Braille. "The Pentecostal Digest" goes to 150 blind persons, and our own Sunday School lessons are produced for the blind on the Adult, Junior, and Primary levels.

Do you know a blind person who needs Christ or is a Christian but would appreciate gospel literature? Please use the coupon below to put us in touch with him.



HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
434 WEST PACIFIC STREET, SPRINGFIELD 1, MISSOURI

Mr.
Mrs.
Miss _____, a blind person

residing at _____
ADDRESS

_____ CITY STATE

- is a Christian. reads Braille and would like free Braille gospel literature.
- needs Christ. would like a free Talking Book Machine and records of the Bible.

My name is _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

For fifteen years Mrs. Bronson was deceived by these "lying spirits." She was caught in the web of a devilish doctrine that would have damned her soul.



ILLUSTRATED BY
L. N. PEARSALL

I Was Delivered From

THE DARKNESS OF SPIRITISM

BY FLORENCE M. BRONSON

I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR THE LIGHT OF the gospel; *spiritism is so dark*. For fifteen years I was bound by this false cult which holds thousands in its spell today. Remembering the command of Jesus in Mark 5:19, "Go . . . tell . . . how great things the Lord hath done for thee," I give my testimony. My sincere hope is that others who are blinded as I was may come out of the error of darkness into the light of the truth.

I was raised in a Christian home. From earliest childhood I loved the house of the Lord. My parents were regular attendants, and I always went with them. At the age of twelve, in a revival meeting, I accepted Christ as my Saviour and knew the joy of being "born again."

Some years later my parents met with financial reverses. Through a close friend they came in contact with a spiritist medium—she was quite well known for the advice and the apparent comfort and consolation she brought to many people in the community. Consultation

with her was known as a "spiritual reading," and all information which she gave us was supposed to have been given her by our own departed loved ones.

The test or proof of their survival and ability to return to earth was so amazing that my parents were thoroughly convinced of the phenomena of spiritism. The entity who claimed to be my brother (who had passed away twenty-six years before) told a step-by-step story of his life and his death at the age of fifteen. While on earth, he had desired to be a minister of the gospel. This spirit who claimed to be my brother said he had looked everywhere to find a medium through whom he could work so that he might contact his people. Having found this one, he began a "ministry" through her which lasted sixteen years—until the medium's death.

The exhortations to Christian living given by this demon impersonating my brother were outstanding. People came from distant cities to hear him. When it was in control of the medium, she spoke with a distinctly masculine voice.

One of its greatest deceptions, however, was the description of the future life. It declared with emphasis, "There is no hell." This is but one of the false doctrines of spiritism, and certainly it is contrary to God's Word. In Luke 16:23 we find these words: "And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments." In 2 Peter 2:4 we are told: "God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment." Many other scriptures refer to hell; Jesus Himself often referred to it. Spiritism's teaching, therefore, is directly opposed to the teaching of the Bible and is anti-Christian. Had it been my brother speaking, he would have told the truth; now I know that it was a lying demon!

But in spite of our Christian training, this delusion caused us to accept this false teaching concerning the life hereafter. The condition of my parents and myself at that time is accurately given in 1 Timothy 4:1, which says: "Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."

The false teaching about the life hereafter is but one of the errors of this cult. Here are a few others:

The first principle in their Declaration of Principles declares: "We believe in Infinite Intelligence." But our God certainly is more than "Infinite Intelligence." He is a Person, not merely an

From -- SPIRITISM

Intelligence. He is Love, Light, Life, Truth, Wisdom, Righteousness — and much more.

Speaking of Christ, the spiritists affirm: "He was a Medium!" This is blasphemy. Christ is not a Medium between living people and dead people. He is the Mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5).

The fifth principle of the spiritists states: "We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism."

Actually, nothing is proved by this deceptive phenomena, since Satan, the enemy of our souls, can imitate and counterfeit the manifestations of God's Spirit.

Our medium was not a singer, yet she could sing when under the power of demons. She could not draw, but under Satanic influence she produced beautiful pictures. Through automatic writing, where the spirit controls the hand of the medium, many messages were given out. I received dozens of letters that were supposed to be from my departed mother. Her handwriting was perfectly imitated—showing how far Satan can and will go.

In the realm of healing, the power of Christ was imitated. Many persons testified to receiving healing and deliverance from pain and sickness. How much this reminds me of Revelation 16:14: "For they are the spirits of

devils, working miracles."

Were it possible to communicate with the dead, those who love the Lord would not try to do so. The Bible forbids such a thing in Isaiah 8:19, Deuteronomy 18:1-12, and Leviticus 19:26, 31. The reason? God knew that these "familiar spirits" are lying demons that seek to deceive the very elect. Actually it is impossible to contact the dead, for in Job 7:9 we read: "He that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more." The voices heard in any séance room are not the voices of departed loved ones but those of impersonating demons.

The eighth principle of the Declaration of Principles of the spiritists states: "We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul here or hereafter." This is another of their doctrines that is diametrically opposed to the teachings of the Bible. Second Corinthians 6:2 states: "Now is the day of salvation." Ecclesiastes 11:3 says: "Where the tree falleth, there it shall be" (and throughout the Bible trees are often used as symbols of humanity). But perhaps the scripture that best refutes this error is Hebrews 9:27: "It is appointed unto men once to die, *but after this the judgment.*" There is no second chance after death.

While in spiritism we were taught that there are twelve planes of progression on the other side of life. If we have done wrong on earth, we must "work out" our salvation over there, we were told. If we did not care to advance to higher planes here nor seek forgiveness of misdeeds done on earth, then we merely remained in lower planes of spirit life. What a contrast this was to Paul's teaching, recorded in Ephesians 2:8, 9: "For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." In Hebrews 9:22 we find this statement: "And without shedding of blood is no remission [of sin]." First John 1:7 tells us: "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Only in Christ is there salvation—only through faith in Him and His finished work at Calvary. And that salvation is available to us only before death!

After I had spent fifteen years in these meetings, my husband passed away, and soon afterwards I left the city where I had lived. About a year

and a half later I returned to this city for a visit, still interested in spiritism, but to a lesser degree. Eventually I remarried, and went to the church my husband was attending. That was the beginning of my deliverance from this cult, for never again did I attend any spiritist meetings.

However, in my husband's denomination I felt I was not receiving all the spiritual food I needed. Then the Lord, in His own miraculous way, directed me to an Assemblies of God Church not far from my home. From the very first time I entered this Assembly, I felt the peace of God. I knew that at last I had found a place of worship that was going to mean very much to me. I heard the pastor, Sister Thayza Young, preach in the power of the Holy Spirit; I heard the people testify of the Lord's power to deliver from sin and sickness; I heard them praise His matchless name in English and also in "other tongues." Since that first visit I have observed many of the gifts of the Spirit (as described in 1 Corinthians 12) in operation in this Assembly and have personally witnessed mighty miracles of healing.

If there were even a shred of my former belief left within me, it was cast out when Sister Young presented a Biblical exposé of the devilish doctrine of spiritism. How I thank God for bringing me out into the full light of the glorious gospel. It is my earnest desire that He will use this testimony for His glory. I pray that deliverance may come to the many souls yet caught in the web of this terrible cult—a cult devised by Satan to deceive men and women and finally damn their souls.

The deliverance that I have found can be yours, too. Whether or not you have been deceived by this cult of spiritism, you need to know the joy of being *born again* into the family of God. In Acts 2:21 you will find this promise: "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

October is
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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Protests Free Bus Rides for Parochial Students

A taxpayer in Juneau, Alaska, has filed a brief with a Circuit Court of Appeals at San Francisco arguing that an Alaskan law providing free bus rides for parochial school pupils is a law "respecting an establishment of religion" and therefore, he claims, is unconstitutional.

Speaker Rayburn Joins Baptist Church

Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives, was received into the Primitive Baptist Church at Tioga, Grayson County, Texas last month. Mr. Rayburn, who had never been affiliated with any church before, was baptized in the presence of a small group of friends rather than before the entire congregation.

Canadian Church Told of Building Needs

Delegates attending the General Council of the United Church of Canada in Windsor, Ontario, were told that their denomination will need at least 1,000 new churches by 1975 if it is to keep pace with the country's soaring population. Experts expect Canada's population to rise by ten million in the next twenty years.

American Liberty Threatened?

Chicago police have informed leaders of an evangelical church in that city that permits must now be secured for making religious surveys, according to *Action*, news magazine of the National Association of Evangelicals. The report said that members on a survey project were stopped by police, but later resumed their work when the Midwest Regional Office of the N. A. E. intervened in their behalf.

Name New Head of Famed Rescue Mission

Leroy C. Swift of Erie, Pennsylvania, has been named superintendent of the famous McAuley Cremorne Mission in New York City. Mr. Swift will leave an executive position of considerable responsibility with the General Electric Company to take over his new duties. Of course, he is doing this at a great financial sacrifice, but he feels he has "an obligation to the Lord" to do so. The reason? Mr. Swift is a rescue mission convert himself.

Switch Stand on Church Membership

In a surprising about-face, the official Communist organ of East Germany told its readers that a church member could join the party. Not only that—it also said that church members were welcome in the party. The paper went on to say that the "Socialist workers' movement" and "upright Christendom" have quite a few social, ethical, and moral points of contact. The paper inferred, however, that any church member who joined the party could expect plenty of pressure to be brought to induce him to change his views in favor of "Marxism-Leninism, based on a dialectical and historical materialism."

Israel-Produced Steel Bridge Spans Jordan River

The first steel bridge manufactured in Israel now spans the Jordan River near Amir in upper Galilee, and has recently been opened to traffic. The bridge is named "*Gesher Yosef*" (Joseph Bridge) in honor of two men, each having the first name of "Joseph," who fell during the War of Liberation.

North African Jews at Mercy of Arabs

The conflict between the Jews and Arabs, a continuation of the strife between Isaac and Ishmael, is being felt especially in North Africa. Independence in Tunisia has deprived 180,000 Jews of French protection against the overwhelming Arab majority. The Jews are leaving Tunisia at the rate of 300 a week to settle in Israel.

In Morocco, the government is trying to prevent the mass exodus of Jews, since this would be a serious strain on the economy of the nation. Most of the Jews there, too, would like to emigrate to Israel.

Israel Erecting Signposts on Biblical Sites

If you should be one of the fortunate persons to visit Israel, the land of the Bible, you will now find it easier to make associations between present-day locations and Biblical happenings. The Israeli government is erecting hundreds of signposts to mark Biblical and historical sites throughout the country. They are designed to aid tourists and link the modern Israeli state with the ancient kingdom of Israel. The markers, six feet high, are lettered in English and Hebrew.

First sign to go up was on the shore of the Dead Sea pointing out Sodom, the city of infamy. Another was erected in a valley along the Jerusalem-Beersheba highway marking the site where David slew Goliath.

"The Parched Ground Shall Become a Pool"

Work has begun on a huge water reservoir in the Gilboa region, at the east end of the Jezreel Valley, in Israel. Reports from Jerusalem indicate that the reservoir will have a capacity of 1,600,000 cubic meters. Next summer farms are to be irrigated with water from this reservoir—water that ordinarily would be wasted.

The Book of Isaiah contains several prophecies about the productivity of the land of Israel being restored—prophecies such as: "the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose" (35:1); "in the wilderness shall waters break out" (35:6); "the Lord . . . will make [Zion's] wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord" (51:3).

While undoubtedly these prophecies will be fulfilled in some supernatural way during the Millennium, it is interesting to note how God is blessing the Jews in their own land, and how these prophecies seem to be having a token fulfillment right before our eyes.

New Chinese Magazine Being Published

The second issue of "Lighthouse," a new magazine in the Chinese language, is making its appearance on bookstands in various countries of the Far East. Published by the Christian Witness Press, literature arm of the China Inland Mission, the magazine has a full-color cover and is designed to reach the non-Christian masses wherever Chinese is spoken.

World-Wide Bible Reading Program Founder Retires

Dr. George G. Dilworth, Philadelphia, has retired at the age of 73 from his position as Atlantic District Secretary of the American Bible Society. The Society said that he was "primarily responsible" for its World-wide Bible Reading Program which is held from Thanksgiving to Christmas each year. The program, scheduled to be repeated this year, will carry the theme, "The Bible Speaks Today."

What About the Children of Divorce?

We Americans are concerned about the 30,000 children struck by polio each year and the 30,000 who become semi-invalids with rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease annually. Yet, each year the emotional structures of more than 150,000 American children are injured by divorce. According to the *Survey Bulletin*, there are now five million such children under eighteen years of age in this country.

"Christian Magnifier" Aids Failing Eyesight

People whose eyesight "isn't what it used to be" can put away their magnifying glasses when *The Christian Magnifier* makes its appearance.

This devotional magazine, published by the Lutheran Braille Evangelism Association, is printed in large 18-point Cairo bold type. A person with normal vision can read the type from a distance of eight or ten feet away.

A large percentage of the magazine's readers are shut-ins and residents of rest homes.

More School Trouble in Egypt

Egypt's feud with mission schools in that country has taken a new turn. The Egyptian Passports Administration has ordered all Egyptian consulates abroad to obtain approval from the Department of Foreign Schools in the Ministry of Education before granting an entry visa to a foreign teacher. The new measure apparently is aimed at restricting the entrance of foreign teachers for Christian mission schools in that country.

Among those affected were hundreds of teachers returning to Egypt after summer vacations. This means that some mission schools will be unable to open as scheduled. Reports indicate that a number of teachers already have been refused re-entry visas.

Egypt Further Restricts Protestant Churches

Reports from Beirut, Lebanon, indicate that the Egyptian government has taken new steps to restrict the activities of Christian missions and congregations in that country. It has banned all meetings of worship, prayer, or revivals unless they are held in government-licensed churches. And it also ordered that all Sunday sermons in Protestant churches must be approved before they are delivered.

The ban on religious meetings outside churches affects many congregations which worshiped in homes, rented buildings, or outdoors. It also affects several evangelists who went from town to town in Upper Egypt, where there is a large Christian population, to hold services.

Because of the ban, a Church of God mission in Cairo

has discontinued its operations. The group had been meeting in a rented downtown apartment. The American missionaries in charge were told not to meet until they obtained a license to build a church.

Meanwhile, pastors of 37 Protestant groups will be affected by the ruling on sermons. Under the new order, they must present the topics for each sermon, and the time and place of its delivery, to the Ministry of Social Affairs for approval several days in advance.

Our churches in Egypt need special prayer in these days of turmoil that God's presence shall undergird and protect them and that the work of God may yet go forward.

Links Suez Crisis to Islamic Expansion

A Church of England official thinks that President Nasser of Egypt is acting as "the paladin of Islam" in the "Suez Canal episode." Canon Max Warren, general secretary of the Church Missionary Society, wrote as follows in his C.M.S. newsletter: "Behind Colonel Nasser's protestation of independence lies all the emotional drive of the Arab renaissance of the past thirty years. And with this must be seen a widespread effort to promote a revival of Islam as a religious force which can unite the Muslim peoples of the world in a political bloc able to negotiate from strength."

"Islam is most certainly on the march."

Canon Warren says that Egypt is trying to take the leadership in the Islamic revival movement. He feels that the Suez situation is part of a larger pattern embracing the whole Arab world, and calls for a cautious and understanding attitude.

Social Drinkers and Alcoholism

The National Committee on Alcoholism was recently told by Dr. R. E. McGill that one out of every sixteen "social drinkers" (he estimates there are close to 70 million of these in the U.S.) will become an alcoholic after ten to fifteen years of drinking. Dr. McGill is administrator of the Huey P. Long Charity Hospital of Pineville, Louisiana.

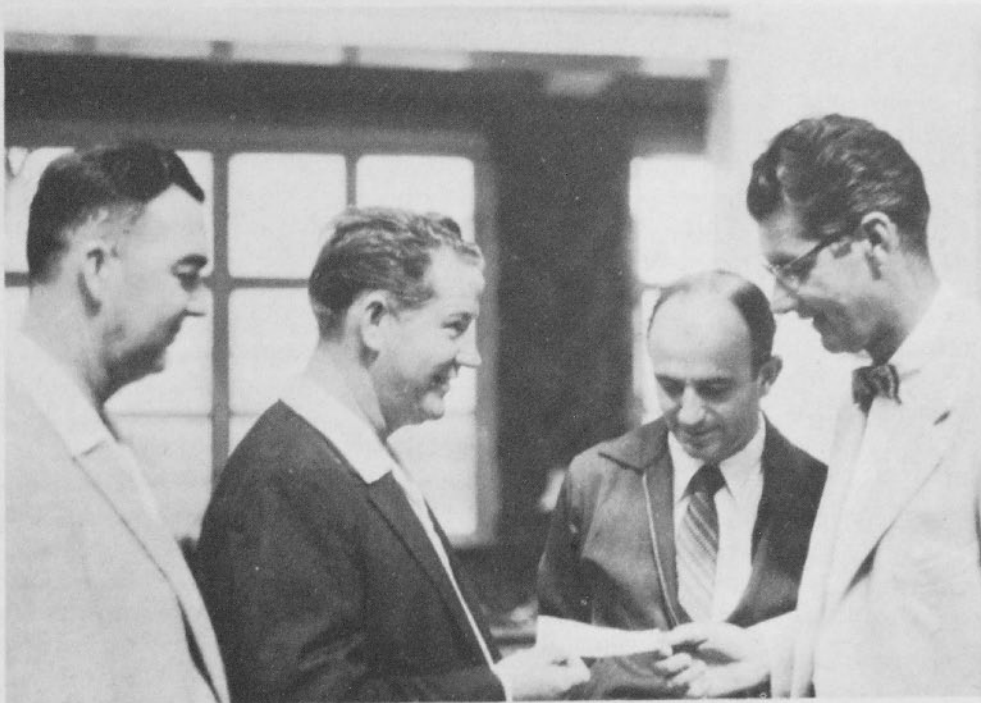
With such a prospect for the "social drinker," it is time that someone presented the "finished product" of alcoholism to the American public. The "men of distinction"—as the liquor industry calls these "social drinkers"—look quite different when they end up as drunken derelicts on some Skid Row!

Says Government Not Publishing Liquor Statistics

The government has quit publishing statistics on the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages for fear of public reaction. This charge was made recently by Mrs. Glenn G. Hays, president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Mrs. Hays said the Office of Business Economics, Department of Commerce, "admits, but only if asked for the information," that Americans spent \$10,090,000,000 for drink last year, the highest amount in history.

"Similarly 'buried' statistics of the same agency," Mrs. Hays added, "show alcoholic beverage consumption to have totaled 200 million gallons of hard liquor, 144 million gallons of wine, and 85 million barrels of beer. This is more hard liquor than for any year except 1946 since repeal, more wine than in any previous year, and more beer than for any year except 1952."

"The 4,500,000 alcoholics currently reported in the United States," she continued, "are a 30 per cent increase in number in the last eight years, a tragic price to pay for challengeable personal liberty."



Fred Moseley gives a check for \$1,500 to Walter Haydus, Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Guatemala, to begin preconstruction "revolving fund." Mr. Weathers and Mr. Shortes are witnessing the transaction.

Guatemalan Ministers Meet

BY MIRIAM HAYDUS

July 23-27 was "Heaven on Earth" week. We refer to the gathering of more than 100 Guatemalan ministers and lay workers for their mid-year retreat. Our theme was, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord. The big red letters over the platform were a constant challenge to us. A number of 'chronic seekers' were gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit.

One who had sought for years went back to his church so on fire that he reports twenty-seven have received the Holy Spirit. Another announced a week

of prayer and seventeen experienced Acts 2:4 personally.

Hardy Weathers of Waco, Texas, was the conference speaker. We feel many received because he personally stressed the need of the Spirit-filled life in all his messages. Also he prayed and dealt individually with the seekers.

The Fred Moseley family, also of Waco, honored us with their presence. Brother Moseley, a consecrated businessman, has formed a corporation called Central American Missions. This corporation gave \$1,000 toward the Bible

Ministers Retreat in Guatemala City



School building fund and also overjoyed our hearts with an offering of \$1,500 to start the Guatemalan revolving fund. This has been the prayer of our hearts for three years. Lots and church buildings can be purchased and started with a small loan, and then paid back into the fund. Our prayers have been answered.

The Bible School building is going up. The weather has been most favorable; there have been no rains. But the funds are fast diminishing. If you wish to help us train worthy, consecrated Guatemalans for ministry to their own people, please send your offering to Noel Perkin, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri designated "Guatemala Bible School."



Penny offering in Bishop, California

PENNIES!

Members of the Neighborhood church of Bishop, Calif., have been saving their pennies for missionaries. In a short time a 2½-gallon jar was filled and found to contain \$126.00. An additional offering of \$55.00 was added to it and the total of \$181.00 was presented to L. M. McNutt of French West Africa who was holding missionary services in the church.

The presentation is shown here as Elwayne L. Clement hands the offering to Missionary McNutt. Also shown are Mrs. McNutt and daughter Gayle.

Send Foreign Missionary offerings to
NOEL PERKIN, SECRETARY
FOREIGN MISSIONS
DEPARTMENT
 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

A GOOD TESTIMONY FROM VALDIVIA, CHILE

Five years ago the Valdivia Sunday School had an average of 85 in attendance and now at the close of this Sunday School year the average is 314. The building is much too small to accommodate the Sunday night crowds, and those who come late have to remain standing.

Because of the economic backwardness, poverty, and vice, there exists in the southern states a skid-row condition. Liquor has ruined many lives, but many of the derelicts have been delivered from the destructive demon that was destroying them physically as well as spiritually.

Six months ago a converted communist snatched another of these brands from the burning. Although she is only

twenty-two years of age, Marina had been away from her home for six years and had not even written to her parents during this time. She had drifted from one town to another, living with this man and that, working and singing in the beer parlors to earn her drinks. Marina has a beautiful contralto voice, and since the Lord saved her and filled her with the Holy Spirit, she is using her voice for His glory. Her delight is to go to street meetings right in front of her previous haunts of sin. The anointing of the Lord rests mightily upon her as she sings and gives her testimony. She is a living witness to the gospel of deliverance. The congregation is moved to tears as she sings

that soul-stirring hymn, "Then Jesus Came." She has secured a job as maid in a doctor's home and is able to attend all the services.

After these many years of sin, she has renewed contact with her parents and they are so happy to hear that their wayward daughter has been found. They are Catholics, but in the last letter the mother told Marina she did not think it would be long until they too would be in the "same religion." There is no full gospel work in the town where they live, so she hopes to go home at Christmas time and give her testimony personally. You won't forget to pray for her, will you?

—by *Lowell and Virla Dowdy*

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mrs. Alberta Daniels and her daughter, Elaine, wish to announce a change of address. They are now living at Casilla de Correo 1617, Montevideo, Uruguay.

Wesley R. Hurst and family, who recently returned from Tanganyika, can be reached at Box 994, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

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ON FURLOUGH

The following missionaries have recently returned home on furlough:

Mrs. Wayne Turner and the two sons from West Africa. Their address is c/o Mrs. Agnes Thiessen, 516 Villa Street, Bakersfield, California.

Ruth E. Johnson of South Africa. She is making her home at 38 Evelyn Place, Nutley 10, New Jersey.

Harry G. Downey and wife from the Belgian Congo. They can be reached at P.O. Box 73, New Plymouth, Idaho.

Marie Juergensen and mother from Japan. Their address is P.O. Box 503-M, Pasadena, California.

Julius O. Olson and family from Brazil. They can be reached in care of David Gobel, Whitney, Nebraska.

These Missionaries Have Returned to the Field



Lillian Hogan to Belgium for language study; then to Belgian Congo



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McDearmid and family, India



Miss Constance Eady
Trinidad, British W. Indies



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hutsell and family
Costa Rica



Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pettenger
South Africa



Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy and family
Sierra Leone, Africa



This photograph of the king of beasts shows also some of the scenery surrounding the unique Biblical Zoo, a zoo where the descendants of animals of the Bible help make the Bible more real.



The "eagle" of the Bible is thought to be the Griffon Vulture. It is described by a verse from Ezekiel (17:3).

A trip to the

BIBBLE ZOO

In Jerusalem there is a zoo where Noah's Ark comes to life, and where every animal is identified by a Bible verse.

MOST LARGE CITIES HAVE THEIR OWN zoos, but in Israel there is a zoo that is based on Noah's Ark. This zoo is known as the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, and it is located in a tree-shaded suburb of the famous city.

In the Biblical Zoo there are a number of animals, birds, reptiles, and insects whose ancestors are mentioned in the Bible.

If you were to visit this zoo, you would be able to meet the descendants of the raven that fed Elijah in the wilderness (1 Kings 27:6); and of the lion such as the powerful Samson smote (Judges 24:5); and even of the dove that Noah sent from the Ark to seek dry land (Genesis 8:8).

FOR YOUNGER READERS

This interesting zoo was founded in 1941 by Dr. A. Shulow, on Mount Scopus. But during the war of liberation, when Israel became an independent nation, many of the animals were casualties of the fighting. Of the original 400, only 19 remained in 1950.

Then in 1951 the zoo was moved to a suburb of Jerusalem. Today there are more than 400 birds, animals, and reptiles in it.

One of the unique things about this zoo is that the animals are identified by Bible verses written both in Hebrew and in English. These "identification plaques," as they are called, bear some of the best-known quotations from the Bible.

For instance, on the cage of the red-coated fox you will read: "Take us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the

vines." That quotation is taken from Song of Solomon 2:15.

The cage of the slender gazelle is identified with another quotation from the Song of Solomon (2:7): "I adjure you, O daughter of Jerusalem, by the gazelles [roes] and hinds of the field."

The "eagle" of the Bible, thought to be the Griffon Vulture, is described by a verse from Ezekiel: "A great eagle with great wings and long pinions, full of feathers, which had divers colours" (Ezekiel 17:3).

The king of beasts has this verse on his cage: "The lion, which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any" (Proverbs 30:30).

And, of course, there are many other animals, birds, and reptiles in the zoo, each in a cage with an appropriate Bible verse.

Even the trees have a Bible quotation on them. On the fig tree, for example, is this verse: "Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof" (Proverbs 27:18).

Jerusalem's Biblical Zoo reminds us that the men and women of Bible days

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A red-coated fox playfully jumps over the sign in cage. The verse is in Song of Solomon 2:15.

learned much from the animals. They could say with the patriarch Job, "But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee; or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee; and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these things that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this? in whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind" (Job 12:7-10).

The officials of the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo hope that eventually they will have a representative of every animal, bird, reptile, and insect that is mentioned in the Bible.

A group of children enjoy listening to the roar of the lion. Proverbs 30:30 is the Bible verse on his sign.



Our Family Altar

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 1:1-20

TODAY'S GEM: "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matt. 21:22).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the story of the events that took place before the birth of Samuel, stressing especially Hannah's prayer. Encourage the family to take every need—no matter how large or small—to the Lord in prayer, believing Him to answer.

QUESTION TIME: What did Hannah promise God she would do if He gave her a son? (v. 11) What did Eli, the priest, think was wrong with Hannah as she prayed? (v. 13) Why did Hannah call her son "Samuel"? (v. 20)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 1:21-28

TODAY'S GEM: "As long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord" (1 Sam. 1:28).

FOR THE PARENT: After God answered Hannah's prayer and gave her a son, she did not forget the promise she made to God. Stress the importance of keeping the promises we make to God and to others. (But never keep a promise if doing so would cause you to sin.)

QUESTION TIME: Why didn't Hannah make her usual yearly trip to the temple? (vv. 21,22) How did she pay her vow to the Lord? (v. 28) What was her husband's reaction to this? (v. 23) What was Eli's reaction? (v. 28)

PRAY that we will keep our promises.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 2:1-11

TODAY'S GEM: "My heart rejoiceth in the Lord" (1 Sam. 2:1).

FOR THE PARENT: There was great joy in Hannah's heart when she fulfilled her promise to God. That joy is expressed in these verses. Stress that (1) when we do God's will, we will be very happy; (2) real happiness is only found in doing God's will.

QUESTION TIME: How did Hannah feel when she gave her son Samuel to the Lord? (v. 1) What do you think is meant by the promise to the saints (God's children) in verse 9?

PRAY for a greater joy and happiness in God as we do His will.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

SCRIPTURE: Daniel 1:8-17; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

TODAY'S GEM: "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things" (1 Cor. 9:25)

FOR THE PARENT: (See also Sunday's Lesson page—"The Mark of Self-Control.") Stress (1) Daniel's decision not to defile himself; (2) Paul's teaching on temperance, using an athletic match as an illustration. We need to exercise self-control in every part of our lives—eating, sleeping, social times, recreation, etc. Self-control also calls for abstaining from harmful things such as alcoholic beverages and tobacco.

PRAY for more self-control in our lives.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:7; 18:21-35 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

TODAY'S GEM: "The merciful man doeth good to his own soul" (Prov. 11:7).

FOR THE PARENT: Stress Peter's question on forgiveness (Matt. 18:21), and then Christ's answer, including the parable. Point out the mercy of the master (v. 27), and the lack of mercy for the servant (vv. 29,30). If we expect God to show mercy to us, then we must show mercy and kindness to others.

QUESTION TIME: How often did Jesus say we are to forgive someone who sins against us? (v. 22) What spiritual lesson did Jesus draw from this parable? (v. 35)

PRAY that we will have a forgiving spirit.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 4:1-16 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

TODAY'S GEM: "Thou shalt not kill" (Ex. 20:13).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the story of Cain and Abel, their offerings to God (Cain's offering was not accepted by God, for it took the shedding of blood to atone for sin), and of the first murder. Point out that Cain was severely punished for his sin—and that all sin must be punished.

QUESTION TIME: What were the occupations of Cain and Abel? (v. 2) Why was Cain's offering not acceptable to God? (see above) What did Cain do to Abel because of this? (v. 8)

SUNDAY'S LESSON



THE MARK OF SELF-CONTROL

Sunday School Lesson for October 28

DANIEL 1:8-12,15-17; 1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

Self-control has always been considered one of the chief marks of true manhood. And it is certainly essential to the Christian life and the development of Christian character. However, the Christian has a great advantage over the non-Christian. For the Christian, self-control means God-control—allowing God by the Holy Spirit to control, use, and energize all the faculties of one's being!

DANIEL'S EXAMPLE (Daniel 1)

Consider the subtlety of Daniel's circumstances! Only about eighteen years of age. Surrounded by all the seductive influences of a heathen king's court. Intended by the king to become one of his counselors, and therefore expected to partake of the finest foods from the royal kitchens.

Consider the self-control Daniel exhibited under these circumstances. The king's bill of fare evidently included certain foods which, by the Law, were forbidden to the Jews. Daniel had no control over circumstances in which he found himself, but he did have control of his own heart and appetites, and he purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself.

PAUL'S TEACHING (1 Cor. 9:24-27)

Paul borrows two illustrations from the world of sports—foot racing and boxing—to throw out a stirring challenge to the Christian concerning self-control. "Any man who enters an athletic contest practices rigid self-control in training" (Williams' Translation). How right Paul was! Even now hundreds of young men and women all over the world are subjecting themselves to strenuous and rigid training in preparation for the 1956 Olympic Games. They deny themselves many kinds of foods and put their bodies through grueling exercise and practice. They deny themselves friends and social life in order to devote the necessary time to training.

Why do they do it? "Only to win a wreath that withers," answers Paul (according to Williams). The Roman prize in Paul's day was a laurel wreath which perished in a few days. Today's athletes often win a good deal more—money, fame, popularity, worldly applause—yet all are fading wreaths.

Paul's challenge may be paraphrased thus: "If these worldly athletes are willing to practice such rigid self-control and self-denial for the sake of a prize which lasts only for a short time, how much more ought the Christian practice these virtues, seeing that he is striving for a reward that shall last for all eternity!" And Paul himself was an example of this virtue: (See Phil. 3:7, 8, 13); 1 Cor. 9:26, 27; 2 Cor. 11:23-33; 2 Tim. 4:7, 8.)

THE SPHERES OF SELF-CONTROL

Self-control is essential in every area of life and in every part of man's being. Many Christians sin against their own bodies by over-indulgence in food, thus committing the sin of gluttony (See Prov. 23:1-3).

Self-control in one's use of time. There are forms of recreation, amusements, hobbies, and pleasures which are legitimate for a Christian. If, however, we give these things more time than their importance justifies, we sin.

Self-control in reading. It is possible to spend so much time in secular reading that one neglects the Bible and literature which has real spiritual value.

Self-control in disposition. Anger, irritability, and temper are forms of intemperance which probably do more damage than alcohol (see Proverbs 16:32 and 25:28).

Self-control in speech. James tells us in his Epistle that the tongue is the most difficult member of the body to control—and that it is most damaging in its influence! It is probable that more damage has been done by the tongue, more lives ruined, and more hearts broken, than has been done by all the wars in history!

HOW TO HAVE SELF-CONTROL

Some may say, "Ah, I should love to have self-control as Paul and Daniel did, but I have such a weak will." Listen, Fearful One: remember that the self-control of which we have been speaking is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:23, Revised Version), and therefore available to all! It is "through the Spirit" that we mortify the deeds of the flesh. It is "through Christ" who dwells within us that we can do "all things," which, of course, includes exercising self-control! Therefore the weakest saint may manifest the overcoming strength and self-denying grace of Christ because *HIS* strength is made perfect in weakness.

—by J. Bashford Bishop

HELP THE CHURCH GIANT TO WAKE UP!



The True Meaning of THE SABBATH

BY JOHN WATTS

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF CONFUSION these days concerning the true meaning and keeping of the Sabbath, and some of our Pentecostal people are finding their minds unsettled by arguments that on the surface sound both Scriptural and plausible. It is usually those whose supreme desire is to please God in all that they do and say who are exploited by our subtle enemy, who works assiduously to bring them once more into the legalism from which Spirit-filled people, thank God, have escaped by His Power. It is in no spirit of controversy that we approach this subject, but with an honest, open mind, seeking to know what the Spirit of God has to say to His people with regard to this matter.

In the Old Testament men were under the LAW. Until our Lord's atoning work was finished they were in no position to receive the Spirit of holiness and power, save in some exceptional cases. Something had to be done to teach unspiritual minds the blighting effect of sin, so the Mosaic code of laws was drawn up, the equal of which the world has never seen. To every impartial mind, these laws reveal their divine origin, by the supreme wisdom, justice and fairness embodied in them.

In spite of the holy nature of the law, however, the failure of its system soon became apparent, for legal enactments, at best, could only communicate the outward form of the mind of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit was of necessity limited by the inadequacy of human speech. Take, for instance, the command, "Thou shalt not kill." Our Lord took occasion to teach the Jews that they understood only the outward form of that command, and that they had entirely missed the mind of the Spirit behind it. (See Matthew 5:21-22.) He showed them also the true meaning of the Spirit behind the command, "Thou shalt not commit adultery" (Matthew 5:27, 28).

Again, the outward form of the command could never convey the spirit of

the command—the desire to obey it. Legal commands had to resort to sanctions (rewards and punishments), and rarely can they exact from man unwilling compliance (Acts 15:10). *The Spirit supplies the motive now*, for the indwelling Spirit of Christ in the believer answers to the voice of the Word of God, "I delight to do Thy will, O God," and "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me." There is now a community of spirit between the believer and God, for the Spirit that indwelt Christ and made Him such a willing servant now indwells us. Now we can say with Him, "I do always those things which please Him."

There is no doubt whatever that men are still under probation, and that much of the law of Moses is part of the unwritten moral law that binds men in all ages and under all conditions; but the Spirit of God has been very careful to make known to us just which commandments are part of the universal code of right and wrong, and which commandments have no more binding force upon men. We must not forget, however, that our attitude toward the revealed will of God is now changed, so that we should no longer find His commandments a burden. (Galatians 5:1.)

The principle underlying each of the ten commandments has been brought forward from the Old to the New Testament with the single exception of the law regarding the keeping of the Sabbath. *There is no commandment in the New Testament concerning the Sabbath.* The first and second commandments are set forth in Colossians 3:5. The third in Matthew 5:33-35. The fifth in Ephesians 6:2, 3. The sixth in Matthew 5:31, 22. The seventh in Ephesians 4:15. The tenth in Colossians 3:5. Where is any mention of the keeping of the Sabbath? Instead we definitely hear this law repealed in Colossians 2:16.

Actually the word "Sabbath" means cessation or *rest*. In the second chapter of Genesis we read, "And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested (Sabbathed) on the seventh day from all His work which He had made." The idea of a Sabbath is here connected with the finished work of God in regard to the old creation. This Sabbath was enjoined upon Israel, but was never enforced upon the Gentiles. This Sabbath was in force during the period when the people of God were under laws and ordinances, due to the dullness of their spiritual understanding, for once a principle is clearly understood and loved there is no further need of law enforcement.

Even during that period God was getting His people ready to understand the true meaning of rest. In Psalm 95:11 we read of the *rest* of the FATHER "Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my *rest*." Again we read in Isaiah 11:10 of the *rest* of the SON—"And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people, to it shall the Gentiles seek, and His *rest* shall be glorious." Then in Isaiah 28:12 we read of the *rest* of the SPIRIT—"This is the *rest* wherewith He may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not hear." Surely these verses speak of a REST which Israel never realized.

On the first day of the week, after His three days in the tomb, our Lord came forth to announce the completion of His atoning work. So thorough was it that He could *sit down* at the right hand of the Majesty on High, His work finished. In the Old Testament temple and tabernacle there was no seat provided for the Priest, for his work was never done. In other words there was at that time no true Sabbath rest, for the "Priest standeth daily ministering and offering often times the same sacrifices

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Professor Receives His "Pentecost"

THROUGH REVIVALTIME

THE PENTECOSTAL MESSAGE AS preached on REVIVALTIME has penetrated many hearts and homes across the nation and in other countries of the world. Behind the doors of prisons, hospitals, colleges and homes goes this glorious message of salvation and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Robert Frost and his family is an illustration of how hearts are made hungry for the fullness of the Spirit as they listen to REVIVALTIME'S Spirit-Anointed messages.

Mr. Frost was a professor of anatomy at Baylor University School of Medicine in Houston, Texas, when he first began listening to REVIVALTIME. But let us listen as he tells his story:

"As a boy, I was raised in a Full Gospel home and came to know the full blessing of the Lord in my heart and life. During my college days I gradually drifted away from the Lord, and His presence was no longer the reality it should have been. As a result, the atheistic and agnostic atmosphere to which I was subjected literally shook the foundations of my faith. The blessed Holy Spirit, however, continued faithfully to minister to a restless heart and mind, and during the course of my graduate studies at the Rice Institute in Houston, Texas, He drew me back once more into a living relationship with the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Following our marriage, my wife and I became interested in the study of God's Word. After some time, however, there arose within our hearts a desire for more than just an intellectual understanding of the Holy Scriptures—we longed for a heart-felt reality. At this time, we began listening every Sunday night to REVIVALTIME and sensed a Spirit-born warmth and witness which made a deep impression upon our hearts.

"God continued to direct circumstances in such a way that there soon

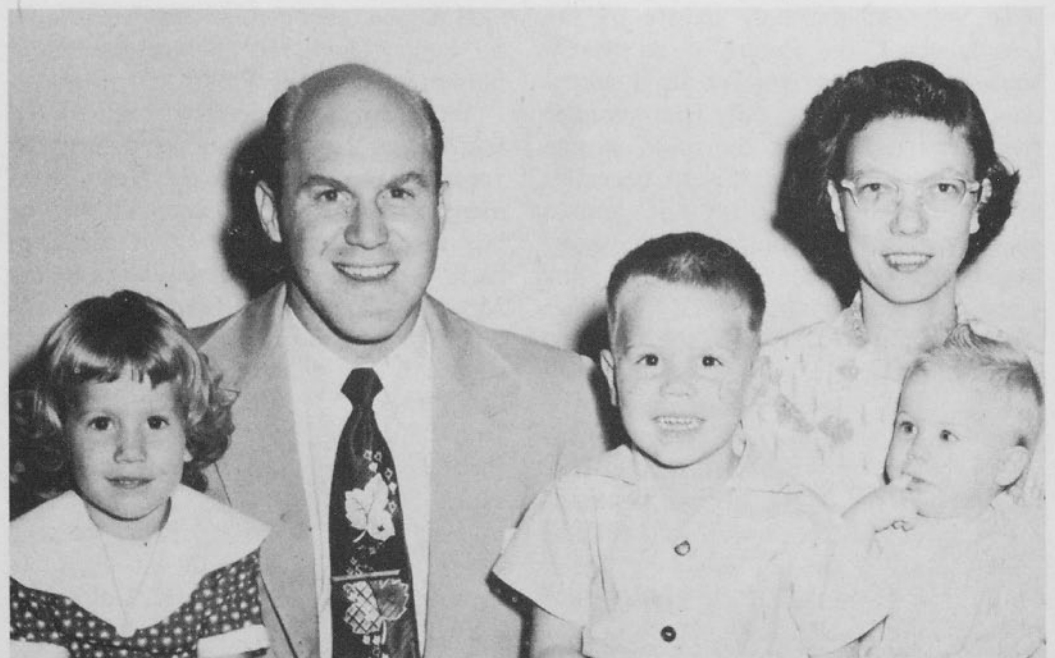
came a time when I felt I must have a definite assurance concerning His leading and presence in our lives. I was impressed to write to the REVIVALTIME evangelist, Brother Ward, and share with him our spiritual need. My own heart responded to his gracious reply and, as a consequence, there was initiated a series of events, directed of God, which literally thrilled our hearts. It was my privilege to have fellowship with Spirit-filled men in the field of Christian education at Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri. This was a means of breaking down many barriers and reservations in my mind with respect to the Full Gospel message as it was to apply to my wife and me. Further counsel was graciously extended by one of the local Assemblies of God pastors. As a result, I began to seek the fullness of the Lord in earnest.

"One noon, while I was home alone with the children, I told God that I just could not go on without His presence definitely being confirmed in my life.

God, who never will mock an honest heart, began to make the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ so real to me, that it literally melted my soul. As I half-laughed and half-wept before Him, I found myself praising and glorifying our Saviour in a heavenly language.

"My wife rejoiced with me when she learned that I had been filled with the Holy Spirit in accordance with the New Testament Pentecostal pattern, but because of her religious background she viewed with some reservation the possibility that God might have the same blessing in store for her. Again, however, the gracious Holy Spirit tenderly dealt in such a way that restraint was replaced by desire. One Saturday evening, in the face of seemingly impossible circumstances, the Lord definitely led us to a prayer meeting being held in the home of a Full Gospel businessman and his wife. That night, my wife, along with three others, were filled with the blessed Holy Spirit. How we do rejoice in His faithfulness.

Robert Frost, professor at Evangel College, with his family



"The Lord has now given us courage to take our stand for His truth regardless of what others may say or think or do. We have joined the fellowship of a local Assembly of God and are going forward in our new-found faith. We do not feel that we have 'arrived' in our Christian experience, but that it has just begun, and we look forward with expectation for His continued guidance and blessing. It is our desire that the Lord Jesus Christ may be honored and glorified in our lives as never before, for truly He and He alone is worthy of our praise.

"As we look back upon His leading in our lives during these past two months, we most assuredly agree that it is 'not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.' May the Lord continue to bless the ministry of REVIVALTIME as the fullness of Christ is presented in the power of the Holy Spirit to those who likewise need Him so desperately in their hearts and lives."

Several months have elapsed since this letter was written to REVIVALTIME and this story has not ended yet. An uncle of Mrs. Frost was dying with cancer when REVIVALTIME was holding its last great prayer meeting for the unsaved. She sent his name to be added on that prayer meeting list and he was gloriously saved. The day before he died, he and his wife both accepted Christ as their personal Saviour.

Unsatisfied with just a teaching profession, Mr. Frost felt there was a greater ministry to which the Lord was leading and directing his life. He has now moved on the campus of Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri, to pursue his teaching vocation. He is helping to train Christian young people in an established Christian life and preparing them for their life's work.

Just as surely as the Holy Spirit has directed Robert Frost and his family through the instrumentality of the REVIVALTIME ministry, we know He will deal with others who are just as hungry for God. Your prayers will be a most effective instrument in helping REVIVALTIME to reach more people with our Pentecostal message.

A true and faithful Christian does not make holy living an accidental thing. It is his great concern. As the business of the soldier is to fight, so the business of the Christian is to be like Christ.

—Jonathan Edwards

FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFICIAL TO BE CONVENTION SPEAKER

Wade H. Horton, one of the outstanding preachers in the Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.), will be the night speaker on Thursday, November 30, at the Pentecostal convention in Atlanta, Georgia.



Wade H. Horton

The convention, sponsored annually by the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, will be held in Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Atlanta. Other speakers previously announced include: E. J. Fulton, Open Bible Standard Churches; Laurie Price, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada; L. Sigsbee Miller, International

Pentecostal Assemblies; Hugh P. Robinson, Pentecostal Holiness Church; and E. L. Cyrus, Pentecostal Church of Christ.

Each speaker has a long, rich experience in the Pentecostal ministry. Brother Horton, for example, has been a pastor for twenty years and a Foreign Missions official of his denomination for several years. He has traveled around the world twice, visiting 76 countries, and is well acquainted with the world situation as it relates to Pentecostal missions.

The convention will open with a youth rally on Tuesday night, October 30. There will be services all day Wednesday and all day Thursday—morning, afternoon, and night. All are invited to participate in these gatherings.

THE WAYS OF THE LORD

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important that from our hearts we pray the prayer Moses prayed. "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Death does not end all. These bodies go into the earth, but our immortal spirits live on. "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it" (Ecclesiastes 12:7). Death to the saint of God means an entrance into glory, and continued enjoyment of uprightness, and progress in perfection. Mark what we read in Isaiah 57:1, 2. There we are told that "the righteous is taken away from the evil to come," and we read, "He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds," that is, their bodies shall rest in their graves; but *mark the words that follow*, "each one walking in his uprightness." Marvelous passage! Encouraging and inspiring, especially to those of us who have grown old in service and must soon go.

The "way of all the earth" is indeed a way of the Lord, but, thank God, our Lord has "brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel," and so we can receive Christ as Saviour and Lord, and be accounted righteous, and after death "enter into peace," a peace that is simply an extension and a perfecting of the peace that we enter into here when we are "justified by faith."

I have spoken of twelve ways, each of which is a way of the Lord. These twelve ways may be regarded as one way. There were twelve tribes of Israel, but the twelve tribes constituted one nation, and although the nation became divided through sin God always looked upon Israel as one in His plan and purpose. Elijah on Mount Carmel "took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob unto whom the word of the Lord came, saying, Israel shall be thy name, and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord" (1 Kings 18:31, 32). The kingdom was divided at the time, but God still regarded Israel as one, *twelve* tribes but *one* nation. In Revelation we read that the new Jerusalem has "twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel" (Rev. 21:12). But there is only one way to get into the city, and that way, in a single word, is CHRIST. In Christ Jesus we must sum up all "the ways of the Lord," for He said to Thomas, and He says to us, "I AM THE WAY."

"Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for *the ways of the Lord* are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein."

General Presbyters Study Annual Reports

By C. W. Ringness

REPRESENTATIVES FROM EVERY District Council, the Foreign Language Branches, and the Foreign Missions Department met in Springfield, Missouri, September 5-7, for the annual meeting of the General Presbytery.

R. M. Riggs, General Superintendent, presided over the sessions which convened in the Revivaltime Auditorium on the campus of Central Bible Institute. He reported that encouraging advances were made by every department of the Assemblies of God during the past year.

Devotional services were conducted by Ernest S. Williams and Fred Vogler each morning. The Presbyters were made conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit throughout the three days of deliberations.

Touching tributes were paid in memory of Wilfred A. Brown, former General Treasurer, and W. T. Gaston, late Superintendent of the Northern California and Nevada District and a former General Superintendent, as well as others of the General Presbytery who had been called to their eternal reward during the year.

The Executive Directors of the various departments of the General Council presented reports pertaining to departmental functions and objectives.

One New Church Per Day

G. F. Lewis, Assistant General Superintendent and Executive Director of the Home Missions Department, announced that the 1,000 Church Crusade launched in January 1955 was well on the way toward its goal. There were 477 new congregations formed in 1955 and new churches are being added daily. During the last five years the growth has been equivalent to one new church for every day, making a present total of 7,771 Assemblies of God churches in the United States.

The Home Missions Department has set up a Church Building and Planning Commission which is producing building plans and blueprints for pioneer churches.

It was further reported that there are now 192 appointed Home Missionaries serving in ministry to the Indians, the Jews, the Deaf and in the Territory of Alaska.

WMC Gifts Near Million Mark

Brother Lewis stated that the Women's Missionary Council is organized in all 43 of the District Councils and the Latin American Branch. There are 4,007 local units with a total membership of 54,492. During the past year their contributions to missions, benevolences, and to district, local church and community interests amounted to \$967,892.36.

An outstanding achievement during the year was the launching of a missionary program for teen-age girls, called Missionettes. This auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Council is designed to encourage girls between the ages of twelve and seventeen years to take an active part in helping missionaries through suggested projects. In the first four months 143 Missionette clubs were organized and affiliated with the national office.

Unprecedented Growth Abroad

Noel Perkin, Executive Director of the Foreign Missions Department, reported that there are now 743 missionaries and ministers serving in 67 foreign countries. Of this number 622 are missionaries in active service and 66 are ministers who, though not under appointment, are serving in foreign lands.

There are more than fifty Assemblies of God Bible Schools in foreign lands. The unprecedented growth and expansion in many fields is attributed to the efforts of national ministers who were

trained in these Bible schools.

Senegal, in French West Africa, has only recently been opened to Assemblies of God missions. For several years efforts were made to establish missionaries among their three million people. Government permission has now been granted to enter this field of opportunity and challenge.

Brother Perkin observed that it seems almost certain that the Italian Government will soon recognize the Assemblies of God of Italy as an authorized religious body. This recognition will exempt its church buildings from taxation and grant other privileges. In the face of persecution the work in Italy has experienced blessed revival and growth.

In summing up his report, the Missions Director said, "In spite of the limitations of finance and staff our missionary program is definitely advancing. God is using both missionaries and nationals as instruments in bringing blessing, revival and the establishing of new churches."

New Printing Equipment Installed

J. O. Savell, Assistant General Superintendent and Executive Director of Publications, brought an interesting report of the progress and expansion of the Gospel Publishing House. The growth in volume of publications has been outstanding. In 1955 over 1,300 tons of literature were printed. Dated literature totaled more than 103,020,000 pieces. The combined circulation of periodicals per issue is well over the two-million mark. It is interesting to note that about nine million copies of *The Pentecostal Evangel* are printed in a year.

A Webendorfer press was installed during the past year primarily to produce the new enlarged *Evangel*. This is a two-unit roll-fed press capable of printing and folding up to 16,000 thirty-two-page magazines an hour.

Other equipment has of necessity been installed such as an automatic stitching machine, a new Comet Linotype and Teletypesetter keyboards. The keyboards, assigned to two of the Linotype machines, operate the machine automatically from a punch tape. Another venture has been the installation of a new plate-making division. All of this has increased efficiency and speeded up the production of good gospel literature.

The General Presbytery recommended that consideration be given to the pos-

sibility of establishing foreign branches of the Gospel Publishing House, as well as making provision for expansion in the U.S. It was pointed out that the demand for Pentecostal literature never has been as great as it is today.

Evangelism Convention to Be Dec. 18-20

Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent and Executive Director of the Departments of Evangelism and Sunday School, stated that the Evangelism Department is now publishing an annual directory of evangelists and a bimonthly bulletin called *The Evangelist*, which is a restricted publication for active evangelists only. The Directory lists more than 315 active full-time Assemblies of God evangelists.

Brother Webb announced that the Third National Evangelism Convention will be held in the Tulsa Municipal Theatre, Tulsa, Oklahoma, December 18-20, 1956.

30,082 Added to Sunday Schools

The Sunday School Department reported an enrollment increase of 30,082 during the past year. This increase makes the total enrollment in Assemblies of God Sunday Schools in the United States 805,182. It was said that there is every indication that the goal of one million enrolled in our Sunday Schools will be realized by 1960.

The General Presbytery authorized the promotion of an international Sunday School Convention in 1960. This convention will be jointly promoted by the Sunday School and Foreign Missions Departments.

C. A. Membership Now 82,452

The report of the Christ's Ambassador Department was given by T. F. Zimmerman, Assistant General Superintendent and Executive Director. He said that there are now 4,837 active Christ's Ambassador groups with a total membership of 82,452.

The C. A. groups distributed over 600,000 tracts during the One-Eight Crusade last year. This tract emphasis program is now a regular annual feature on the young people's calendar.

A record \$259,411.22 was given last year for Speed-the-Light, the missionary program of the Christ's Ambassadors. The first half of 1956 has already reached a total of \$131,072.42 and gives promise of an even greater year than last.

Brother Zimmerman said that the C. A. Department is continuing to operate the Servicemen's Division with more than 7,000 military personnel on the mailing list. Some 75,000 copies of *Reveille* and 116,000 gospel tracts were distributed to servicemen last year free of charge.

The Campus Ambassador program has proved to be a blessing to Assemblies of God young people attending secular colleges and universities. Well over a thousand names are carried on the mailing list and receive a bimonthly magazine free of charge as well as personal correspondence to encourage them spiritually.

475 Ministerial Students Graduated

J. R. Flower, General Secretary and Executive Director of Education, presented an interesting summary of progress for the Department of Education. Last year 2,483 students were enrolled in the nine theological schools of the Assemblies of God, with 475 graduating last spring.

Evangel College completed its first year successfully and now enters the

second year with an enrollment approaching the two-hundred mark. A spiritual revival pervaded the campus of Evangel College during its first year and in one service ten were filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit.

Local MF Chapters Increasing

Brother Zimmerman, Executive Director of the Department of Men's Fellowship, reported that there are now 915 local chapters of Men's Fellowship. He said that good reports have come to the national office telling of such groups being a great asset and blessing to the churches.

Team, the official organ of the Men's Fellowship, already has a circulation of 5,000 copies quarterly. It was pointed out that the goal of this new department is to enlist and challenge the manpower of the constituency to serve in advancing the entire program of the Assemblies of God.

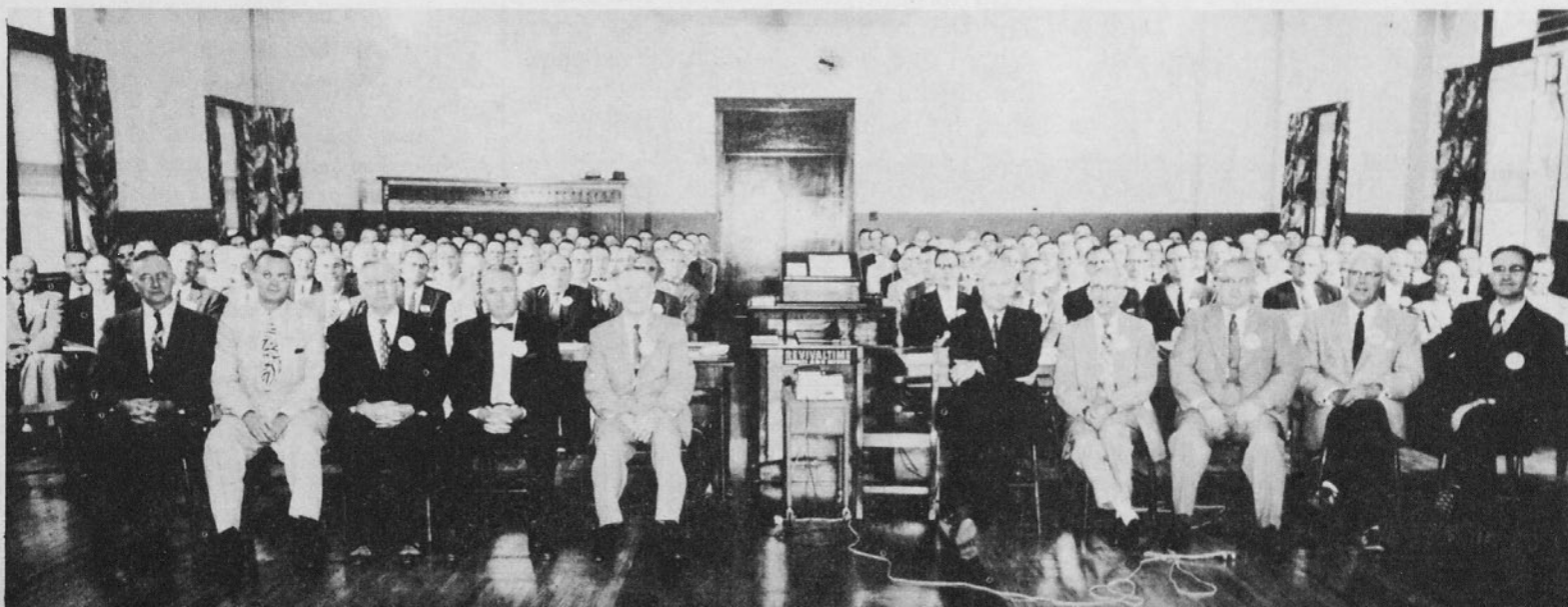
Revivaltime Sets New Records

A radio log of 360 stations, 20 of which are outside the borders of the United States, now carry "Revivaltime," the radio voice of the Assemblies of God. The Radio Department reported that the spiritual effectiveness of "Revivaltime" is better than it has been since the broadcast started. More testimonies are being received through the mails than at any other time in the history of Assemblies of God radio broadcasting.

The General Presbyters carefully considered the program and objectives of each Department of the fellowship. There was general agreement that the Assemblies of God is facing greater opportunities than ever in its program to evangelize the world before Jesus comes.

The sessions ended with a season of worship and prayer.

The General Presbyters, in session in Springfield, Missouri, September 5-7



Last Thoughts at Night

There are no more important minutes in all the day than those last five minutes before one goes to sleep at night. When the conscious mind lets go, the sub-conscious takes over, and those last few minutes furnish the suggestions upon which the sub-conscious mind works throughout the night. If those last few minutes have been filled with thoughts of fear, bitter memories, resentments, trouble, the sub-conscious mind will take these suggestions and dwell upon them throughout the hours of sleep, with obvious physical effects.

If, on the other hand, the last waking thoughts are confident and peaceful, the night's sleep will prove refreshing and invigorating—and how necessary this is for the health of the body and mind.

Here is a list of Scripture passages which are especially suitable for memorizing and feeding the mind during those last moments before dropping off to sleep. Try them out, next time you find it difficult to dismiss the fears and worries that threaten to disturb your sleep.

"When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid; yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet" (Proverbs 3:24).

"He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings thou shalt trust; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day" (Psalm 91:4-5).

"What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee" (Psalm 56:3).

"I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety" (Psalm 4:8).

"The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1).

"He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee will not slumber. . . . The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore" (Psalm 121:3, 8).

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee" (Isaiah 62:3).

"He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord" (Psalm 112:7). —*Christian Advocate*

THE TRUE MEANING OF THE SABBATH

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which can never take away sins." See also Hebrews 10:1-10. The RESTLESSNESS of the Old Testament legal system is apparent, for there was continual offering of sacrifices which could not take away sin. Just as the original Sabbath was associated with the completion of the first creation, so the blessed REST of believers is connected with the completion of the work of the new creation.

Before the advent of sin into the world Adam's work was effortless. Such was the harmony between his work and God's will that all he did was carried in the power which God bestowed, and without any physical strain or effort. Adam, before he sinned knew neither fatigue nor exhaustion. As soon as sin entered, however, he had to earn his bread by the "sweat of his brow," because the original harmony was destroyed. Complete rest, therefore, became impossible, and even God's beneficent provision in the law of the Sabbath only reminded man that he had lost his rest. Through God's Redeemer, however, the restoration of that perfect rest was fully assured to man, and set forth as God's final objective for His redeemed people. Israel, God's Old Testament people, never realized this absolute REST; Christian believers enjoy but a foretaste of it.

In the study of the Old Testament feasts (and God's Old Testament word-pictures are amazingly accurate), we have this truth set forth in type. The offering of the first fruits always fell on the first day of the week; and its fulfillment, the resurrection of our Lord from the grave, occurred on that day. The Day of Pentecost fell on the first day of the week, and its fulfillment, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, came upon the waiting disciples on that day. The Feast of Vintage, the last day of the Feast of the Tabernacles, always occurred on the first day of the week, and it speaks of the great ingathering of the spiritual fruit of the earth.

Here then is the true meaning of REST. Again it should be emphasized that our rest is utterly dependent upon the completion of the work of the new creation by our Lord Jesus Christ. He arose on the first day of the week,

a glorious manifestation of the new creation. If the law of the Sabbath had been perfect He would have arisen on the seventh day. Instead He arose on the first day of a new week which speaks of an uninterrupted and eternal rest. There is therefore now no need in type to keep a seventh day of rest as representing the end of the week, for a new order of endless rest has been instituted, the resurrection of our Lord on the first day being its symbol. Then the Holy Spirit of promise descended on the first day of the week to reveal to our hearts the full meaning of the work of our Lord, and to apply to them the rest with which He causes the weary to rest. There remaineth, however, an experience in the future which will come to the people of God when they will realize perfectly the glorious rest into which Jesus brings us. This is represented in type by the Feast of Vintage which speaks of the gathering in of all God's children to enjoy, with Him, perfect rest.

Our Lord, to teach His disciples the connection between His work and the true Sabbath, met with them after the

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"ASSIGNMENT: FOLLOW UP"



October 28

"ASSIGNMENT: WIN"

"Know thy opportunities." Those whom you have found and contacted during the past weeks of the Enlargement Campaign are anxious for spiritual help. NOW is the golden opportunity to WIN them for the Lord! Set aside next Sunday for a special decision day in Sunday School.

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resurrection on the first day of the week, when He again appeared unto them, and to Thomas. It is evident that after this lesson the disciples at once adopted the custom of meeting together on the first day of the week. See 1 Corinthians 16:2, and Acts 20:7. The fact that Paul, in dealing with the Jews, met with them in their synagogues and public gatherings on the seventh day of the week, had nothing to do with this matter. He merely chose, through necessity, the seventh day because it was the day when blind Israel, still staggering under her burdens, met for the legal observance of the Sabbath.

This is not the first time that God had changed times and seasons for His covenant people. Hear Him in Exodus 12:2, "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you." Remember that Israel already had a calendar when this was spoken. Is it at all strange, then, that God should change it again after the appearance of the Great Antitype of the Passover Lamb to put away sin for ever?

Let no one think, however, that the spirit of the Sabbath is no longer essential to the welfare of man and the glory of God, and that men can do as they please on that day. Man is still under the physical necessity of observing a day of rest, and his spirit requires a refreshing of a day set aside for worship. The first day was observed by the early Church and should be carefully kept by every devout follower of our Lord, because the Lord Jesus Christ is the "Lord of the Sabbath." This observance carries with it the commemoration of the glorious resurrection day when our Lord arose from the dead, and looks forward to the eternal Sabbath rest. The Lord's day is to be set apart for praise and worship of the Blessed Redeemer who has brought us into such glorious rest.

Every great enemy of the Church has tried to abolish the Sabbath because when the day appointed for worship goes, worship will go with it. Let us hold fast to this blessed day (the Lord's Day) and spend our time in His courts, worshipping Him. Let us, however, do it, not in the spirit of bondage as those under law, but in a spirit of joy as those who love to do the will of the Lord; for to keep the Sabbath as a solemn duty is burdensome, and is a direct violation of the spirit of the Sabbath.



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Did Adam have eternal life before he fell? If so, why did he need to eat? God said he could eat of every tree in the garden, except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

It is interesting to speculate what might have happened if Adam and Eve had not sinned. Augustine gives an opinion as follows: "In my opinion Adam was supplied with sustenance against decay from the fruit of the various trees, and security against old age from the tree of life." If Augustine is correct (and we see no reason to think otherwise) then Adam's material existence was dependent upon his making proper use of that which God had provided for him.

If this is true concerning his material existence, is it not also true that his spiritual life was dependent upon his contact with God? The Lord provided not only material food for Adam, but also spiritual life through daily communion. If it was necessary for the first Adam to draw spiritual life from God continually, as well as to draw material life from divinely provided material blessings, surely it is just as essential for believers in Christ, the last Adam, to continually draw their spiritual life from Christ as it is for them to eat and drink to sustain their natural life. Our fellowship with Him must be unbroken. Thank God, we have the blessed assurance that He will never leave us nor forsake us.

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Why did the Holy Spirit descend upon Jesus at His Baptism in the form of a dove?

The dove was one of the clean fowl. It was suitable for sacrifice: "He shall bring for his trespass, which he hath committed, two turtledoves . . . ; one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering" (Leviticus 5:7). The dove is set forth by Jesus as representing harmlessness: "Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves" (Matthew 10:16). The dove is also a symbol of love: "My dove, my undefiled is but one" (Song of Solomon 6:9). The coming of the Holy Spirit upon our Lord Jesus in the form of a dove was a witness to His purity, harm-

lessness, and loving devotion. It was also a testimony to the fact that the Holy Spirit comes to impart these qualities to those who will follow Jesus. Jesus had come, not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

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Must we believe that Jesus is divine? Can't we merely take Him as an example and pattern for our lives?

We might seek to take Jesus as an example and pattern, but we need more than this. Because we have been born in sin and shapen in iniquity (Psalm 51:5) and are by nature the children of wrath (Ephesians 2:3), we need a *Saviour*. Without the life of God in him, a man cannot follow in the footsteps of Christ, for "the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Romans 8:7). While Jesus wishes us to follow His example, our first and foremost need is to take Him as our Saviour.

Some of the claims which Jesus made to deity are: (1) He claimed perfect equality with the Father as to essence. "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30). (2) He claimed equality with the Father in working power. "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work" (John 5:17). "What things soever that he [the Father] doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise" (John 5:19). (3) He identified Himself with the eternal existence of the Father. "Before Abraham was, I am" (John 8:58). (4) He claimed equality with the Father in receiving honor from man. "That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father" (John 5:23).

It required deity in Christ to make His atonement sufficient for the sins of the whole world. If He had been human only, He could have provided redemption for only one, a life for a life. But because He was "God manifest in the flesh" His deity gave infinite value to His atonement, thus providing an infinite sacrifice to atone for all us finite humans. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."



"Four little Indians"—Alda Albright, Richard Riccio, Garry Kumpy, Connie Neal.

them a happy Christmas. After she had spoken, Brother Bowler suggested that the four little 'Indians' receive an offering for this project, and within ten minutes over one hundred dollars was given.

"It was a happy day for our WMC group when we sent packages to Sells containing three gifts for each one, besides everything on the list for the missionaries, Sister Buchanan and Sister Adams.

"Sister Buchanan wrote to us after Christmas and told us how happy they were, and said she only wished we could have seen the glow of joy on the faces of the boys and girls as they received their gifts. We have indeed proved that it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Another Christmas is drawing near, and many WMC's across the country are preparing to make it a happier one for people in need. Will you take part in this good work?

Papago Christmas

by Mildred Smuland

THOUGH CHRISTMAS HAS A MUCH deeper meaning than the giving and receiving of gifts, there is blessing in giving, especially to those from whom we expect nothing in return. It is often the means of helping to convey to those who do not know Christ the truth that He loves them.

About this time last year the Women's Missionary Council of the Full Gospel Assembly of God in Bell Gardens, California, began making plans to supply Christmas gifts for the Papago Indian Christians and Sunday School children at Sells, Arizona. Contact was made with the missionaries at the reservation to determine how many gifts would be needed, and they were invited to list some things they would like to receive for themselves. When the list was added up, the total was fifty-two.

The WMC's were enthusiastic about

their project, but they knew that just among themselves they were not financially able to work it out as completely as they desired. Then they had an idea and took it to their pastor, S. E. Bowler. A pastor with a missionary heart, he agreed heartily and planned with them to carry out their idea during a Sunday night service. Writes Mrs. Dellamay Neal, WMC President:

"We dressed up four of our Sunday School children, two girls and two boys, as little Indians. One of our WMC members dressed to represent an Indian squaw. Just as Brother Bowler was finishing the announcements on Sunday night the 'Indians' walked out on the platform.

"Upon recognition by the pastor, the 'squaw' told the story of the work among the Papago Indians at Sells and of the desire of the missionaries to give

Papago teen-agers receive Bibles for Christmas



A little visitor receives Christmas gifts



Signs of Sonship

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regarding the assurance of their salvation. Then they have been gloriously filled with the Spirit and have found themselves possessed of a new assurance which has banished their doubts.

6. WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God" (Romans 8:16). At this point many have had a fierce struggle. They have found it difficult to believe they are saved until they feel saved. Actually, but without their realizing it, they are placing their faith in their feelings. They believe their changeable feelings instead of the changeless Scriptures and as a result they are greatly confused. If all who are genuinely saved always had a clear witness in the form of a certain type of feeling there would have been no object in John saying, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life. . . ." The only sure foundation for our knowing and for the Spirit's witnessing is the Word of God.

It is often the case that the more one seeks to feel saved the less he feels saved. Even Martin Luther, the great reformer, had his struggles along this line; and it was only after he had learned the ways of God more perfectly that he penned the following lines:

*"For feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God,
Naught else is worth believing."*

7. BEING LED BY THE SPIRIT

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14). It is remarkable how men mentioned in the Book of Acts were led by the Spirit. Philip was led from a mighty revival in Samaria to a lonely road in Gaza that he might point a hungry Ethiopian to God. Ananias was led by the Spirit to the side of the smitten Saul of Tarsus that he might receive his sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost. Peter was led from the house of Simon the tanner in Joppa to the house of Cornelius the centurion to show him the way of salvation. Surely those who were so led must have had great assurance of sonship. Even today

And they went everywhere...

Excerpts from the Evangels of many years ago remind us of the faithful labors of our pioneer ministers.

CHILLICOTHE, MISSOURI, March 4, 1916—An Assembly has been opened up at Chillicothe with meetings every night in the City Hall. Anyone passing this way will be welcomed. We expect to open a number of churches, the Lord willing. Pray for us that the Lord will pour out His Spirit in this city.—Henry Walls and O. L. Watkins, Evangelists.

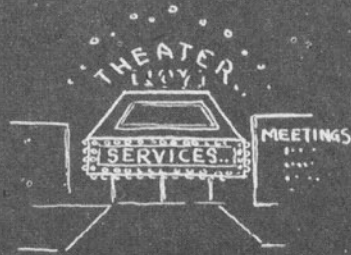


SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, March 11, 1916—We opened a new mission here October 1, 1915, and, to date, fifty-three have been saved and six have received the baptism. An even one hundred took communion Sunday night. I am leaving now to go into new fields, and hope to hold tent meetings this summer, God willing. I ask your prayers.—J. D. Wells.

BIDDING SPRINGS, OKLAHOMA, August 10, 1918—The Lord put it into the hearts of the Spade Mountain Saints to build an arbor out in the woods. They obeyed and He told Brother Bogan to come back from Kansas and showed him a little brush arbor out in the woods. He came and found it just as God had showed him. The first week was rather dull part of the time, but we all held on. Sunday night God wonderfully poured out His Spirit and we all had a blessed time. One soul was gloriously saved and others blessed. To God be all the glory.—Mrs. Bernice Ferguson.



MT. AYR, IOWA, August 10, 1918—We are in meetings here. Several have been saved and have received the baptism. Twenty-seven at the altar last night.—Kelly Campbell.



RENTON, WASHINGTON, January 19, 1918—Pray for us that God will break through here, as this is the first Pentecostal meeting to be held in this place. God has wonderfully opened up a door here. A man who used to run a saloon has gotten saved, and has secured a theater building for us, lighted with electricity and steam heated, free of charge to use as long as we want it.—J. S. McConnel.

HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA, March 18, 1916—We need an evangelist in this town of about seven thousand population. Our room is centrally located, is furnished with chairs, electricity, and organ. Will welcome whomever the Lord sends. Write before coming.—Smith Casterline.



Remember the pioneer ministers on Sunday, November 18.

AGED MINISTERS' ASSISTANCE FUND

434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri



C. W. Ringness Appointed to New Position at Springfield

Brother Ringness, a General Presbyterian for twelve years, accepted a new position in February 1956. The Executive Presbytery asked him to serve as assistant to the General Secretary, to relieve the General Secretary of some of his heavy duties. Other duties also have been assigned to him, including that of Secretary of Benevolences. Before moving to Springfield, Brother Ringness was pastor of Bethel Temple in Tampa, Florida, for over thirteen years. A graduate of Glad Tidings Bible Institute (now Bethany Bible College) in 1937, he engaged in evangelistic and pastoral ministry for five years before going to Tampa. He served as an official of the South Florida District Council in various capacities, including District Secretary (1943-45) and Assistant District Superintendent (1946-56).

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men are led in like manner. But there is another angle to consider. Phillips' translation says, "All who follow the leading of God's Spirit are God's sons." The truth is that the Spirit seeks to lead all men but not all will be led. If we yield when the Spirit presses us, and if we follow when He seeks to lead us, we can assure our hearts that we are God's sons.

It is important that we establish the evidence of our sonship upon the Word of God. When this has been carefully done and we have found the signs of sonship manifested in our lives, we can rejoice with John in his victorious declaration, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WYOMING DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION—Oct. 30-Nov. 1 at Casper, Wyo. Bert and Charlotte Webb, and Robert Pittle, Springfield, Mo., speakers.

PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION—Annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America to be held at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, Oct. 30-Nov. 1, beginning Tuesday night.

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—Sunday School quarterlies (adult, young people, or intermediate), and Sunday School picture rolls for use on foreign field. Send post-paid to Honora Osberg, 1236 S. Grand, Los Angeles 15, Calif.

NOTE OF THANKS—Mrs. W. T. Gaston and all the members of the family wish to express sincere thanks for the many telegrams, cards, and other expressions of love and concern which have meant so much to them since the passing of Brother Gaston on August 26.

CONTACTS WANTED—The Calvary Assembly of God, 55 E. Blake, is situated a few blocks from the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. If you have friends attending this university, kindly send us their names and addresses and we will visit them.—L. E. Loretz, Pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

STATE	CITY	CHURCH	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Phenix City	First	Oct. 7—	R. L. Winford	A. Valdez
Ark.	Paragould	First	Oct. 21-Nov. 4	George R. Wood	J. O. Smith
	Pine Bluff	First	Oct. 14-28	R. G. Hancock	R. A. Thompson
Calif.	Fillmore	A of G	Oct. 21—	Robert Clark	Neville Carlson
	Fresno	¹ A of G	Oct. 19-Nov. 4	David Nunn	C. Weaver, Chm.
	Reedley	Full Gospel Tab.	Oct. 28-Nov. 11	Harvey McAlister	G. P. Brown
	Sacramento	Bethel Temple	Oct. 18-21	Oran Duncan & wife	Clyde Henson
	Santa Paula	First	Oct. 24-Nov. 4	Quanabush Party	Paul M. Wells
	Selma	Full Gospel Tab.	Oct. 14—	Benny Sapp & wife	Minor Higgins
Fla.	Fort Myers	First	Oct. 23-Nov. 4	Joel Palmer & wife	Harold White
	Jacksonville	² Kings Highway	Oct. 22—	Gladys Voight	J. A. Cain
Idaho	Kellogg	² A of G	Oct. 23-28	Mel Johnson	Bill Papan
Ill.	Jerseyville	A of G	Oct. 28—	Fiscus-Peak	J. Dan Moore
	Rock Falls	A of G	Oct. 28-Nov. 14	S. H. Wilson	H. W. Lutz
Ind.	Indianapolis	West Side Tab.	Oct. 16-28	Clinton Vanzant & wife	Thomas Paino
Iowa	Fort Madison	A of G	Oct. 9-28	Carl & Edna Goodwin	Fred Gottwald
Kans.	Garden City	Faith Tab.	Oct. 17-28	Joseph E. Johnson	Richard Dortch
	Osawatomic	A of G	Oct. 28—	Hooks-Sawyers	I. D. Rayborn
	Wichita	West Douglas	Oct. 23—	R. W. Hastie & wife	C. W. Shumway
Ky.	London	A of G	Oct. 28—	Billy Wolfe	O. L. Cole
La.	Lake Charles	Glad Tidings	Oct. 21-Nov. 4	Nelson White & wife	Don McKinney
Mo.	Malden	First	Oct. 23—	Paul Hild	Billie Campbell
	Maryville	A of G	Oct. 23-Nov. 4	Anspaugh Chord Makers	Art Sovern
Nebr.	Lexington	A of G	Oct. 21—	Gene Jackson & wife	Milo Harmon
N.Y.	Dansville	A of G	Oct. 14—	Russell Plants	Rudolf Metzger
	Salisbury Center	Full Gospel Ch.	Oct. 23-Nov. 4	Fisher-Chaffee	Joseph Falcone
N. Dak.	Osnabrock	A of G	Oct. 25-Nov. 4	Silas Liechty & wife	Clifford Huwe
Ohio	Lancaster	A of G	Oct. 14-26	J. G. Gott	J. A. Hinzman
	Niles	A of G	Oct. 23-Nov. 4	Milton Searles	Carl E. Ladd
Okla.	Sand Springs	Skyview	Oct. 21—	Loyd Evans & wife	L. M. Reed
Oreg.	Portland	Evangel Temple	Oct. 7-28	R. L. Kay & wife	Joe Dunets
Pa.	Akron	Pentecostal Tab.	Oct. 23-Nov. 4	J. F. Pepper	Robert Rainbow
	Alum Bank	A of G	Oct. 21—	Lloyd Faulkner	Willis Murray
	Lewiston	Full Gospel Tab.	Oct. 16-28	Bill Caldwell	Albert Skymer
	New Kensington	Gospel Tab.	Oct. 23-Nov. 4	Christian Hild	C. A. Davenport
	Shippensburg	A of G	Oct. 23-Nov. 4	Steve Bogdan & wife	Robert Eastlake
	Williamsport	A of G	Oct. 23—	A. H. Gilbert & wife	T. B. Terry
S. C.	Spartanburg	First	Oct. 16-Nov. 4	W. M. Stevens	K. L. Claycomb
S. Dak.	Rapid City	³ First	Oct. 14—	Teuber-Meppelink	Bernard Ridings
Tex.	Amarillo	First	Oct. 28-Nov. 11	L. B. Lewis	E. R. Foster
	Dallas	Bethel	Oct. 28—	Gene Martin & wife	Albert Ott
	Elkhart	Sulphur Springs	Oct. 28-Nov. 11	Glenn Montgomery	J. A. Callaway
	Houston	Norhill	Oct. 21—	Floyd Reb & wife	O. N. Petty
	Tyler	First	Oct. 28-Nov. 11	E. R. Winter	B. L. Greene
Wis.	Green Bay	Gospel Tab.	Oct. 23-Nov. 18	R. S. Peterson Family	E. A. Beck
Canada	Calgary, Alta.	Capital Hill	Oct. 14—	Bill Scott	H. J. Hazlett

¹ Union Tent Revival

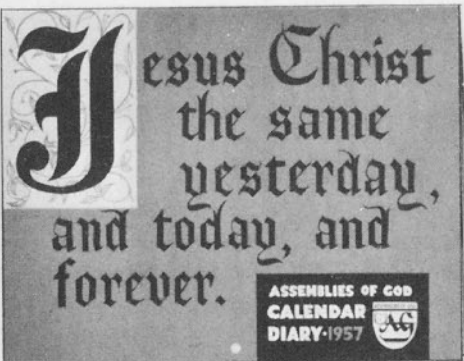
² Children's Revival

³ Union Revival

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General Council Calendar Diary

Once again we take pleasure in presenting our General Council Calendar diary. Last year's demand was so great that this year we are offering it in an even more complete form. The 1957 calendar has been designed with the thought of serving every office in the local church. It is a working tool. In addition to aids included in calendars of previous years, this one contains record sheets for the Pastor, Sunday School Superintendent and C. A. President. There is also a complete page devoted to facts and figures of the Assemblies of God, such as the number of churches, members, Sunday School enrollment, missionaries and many other interesting statistics. The back page has been used for a 1958 calendar so you may plan ahead at least one year. Because these pages list all the major activities of the Assemblies of God, and include all legal holidays it should be an important item in every church. Not only will it be useful to the pastor and officers of the church but it should be equally valuable for every member of the church for it will remind one of the activities throughout the year.

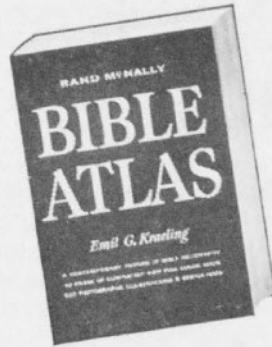


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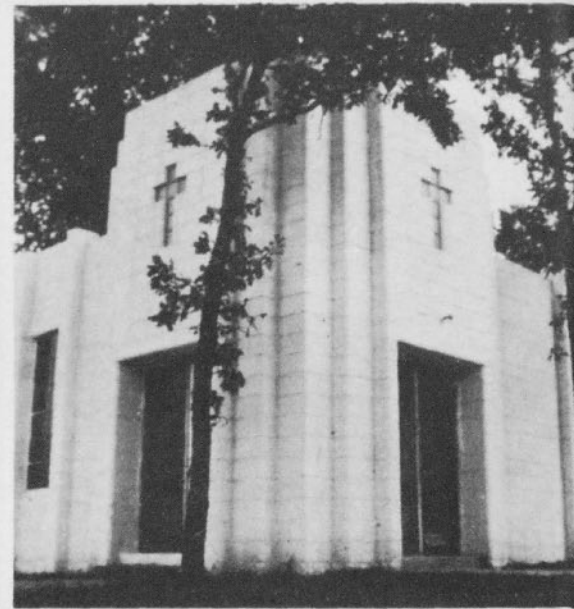
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IT WAS TESTIMONY TIME IN THE NEW Assembly of God in Staples, Minnesota. The man with the radiant face had only recently been won to Christ. With great depth of feeling he told the congregation, "This is a beautiful little edifice in which to worship God and sing His praises. It is a church home we're proud of!"

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The scope of Speed-the-Light is greater than most people realize. Originally it was adopted by the Christ's Ambassadors for the sole purpose of placing vehicles in the hands of foreign missionaries. By January 1, 1952, it became known as World Speed-the-Light, 20 per cent of the funds sent in by each district being returned to the district to help build pioneer churches. In less than five years World Speed-the-Light has returned nearly \$150,000 to the districts with which to start new churches in needy areas of our own land.

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the two were divinely drawn together in conversation, the one was used to enlighten the other. As a result, the afflicted woman sought out the Assembly of God in her own town of Menahga, which ministered to her spiritual and physical needs.

Thus is triggered a dynamic chain reaction. A new church reacts to the power of Pentecost and fuses other groups who in turn become conductors of this heavenly explosive.

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Is not this what God awaits? Can He send His Son—will He send His Son—until the Church has arisen and on bended knee in prayer and fasting has taken from God the fullness of His Word, the pouring out of His Spirit on all flesh?

—Missionary Flame

Congregation at Staples, Minnesota. Pastor Stanley Johnson is at the right.

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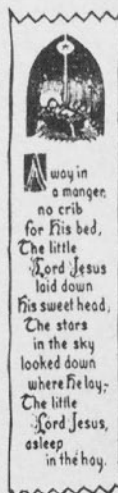
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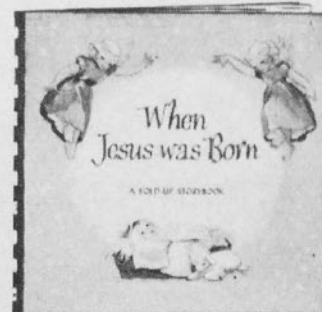
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Workers Together in a Co-operative Fellowship

BY C. W. DENTON

Secretary, National Sunday School Department

WE PENTECOSTALS HAVE REASON TO expect great things from the Lord. We have seen the supernatural power of Christ in our midst to save, to heal, to deliver from bondage. We have experienced the glory of the indwelling Spirit and have rejoiced together as He has been manifest to edify the church. He has imparted to us the power to witness. We can lift our hearts in expectation, knowing that He longs to do even greater things among us.

But too, we should "attempt great things for God." We can succeed, with His help. We can have a million enrolled in Sunday School by 1960, which is the goal of the Five-Year Plan of Advance which we started last October.

But the Five-Year Plan is not only an effort for numerical enlargement. It is also a united plan for growth in spirituality and in quality. It requires that new workers be enlisted and trained in the Sunday School. It calls for additional Sunday School rooms and equip-

ment. It challenges alert leaders to make a place for evangelism in the Sunday School through decision days, Enlargement Month visitation, contacts made during Vacation Bible School, follow-up of absentees and prospects; and, most of all, it requires the individual teacher to be awake to the needs of his pupils and to realize that he is responsible for their salvation. All these factors will be emphasized in the School that endeavors to move forward in the coming years of "Advance."

"ADVANCE: 1955" convinced us that we are truly workers together in a co-operative fellowship! We were thrilled at the wholeheartedness of response to our request! Some districts had one hundred per cent co-operation. One district had all but one church report. That church was in a remote territory where there was no telephone. Eighty-five per cent of our churches participated that Sunday afternoon in a prearranged relay method that climaxed with the announcement of the

final total over "Revivaltime" at 10:30 p.m.

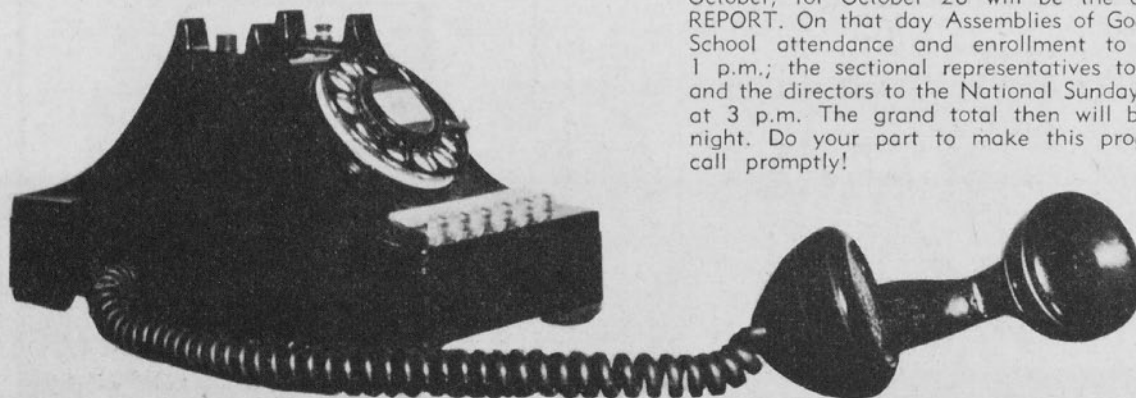
We are anxious to even better this report for 1956—to have *more* than 85 per cent of our churches report the day's attendance. The same procedure as was used last year will be used again this year.

Remember, it will take the co-operation of all to bring the results! If you are a pastor, call your attendance *and* enrollment for that Sunday by 1 o'clock to your sectional Sunday School representative. Representative, be ready to tabulate and total the report for your section so you can send it on to your district Sunday School director at 2 o'clock. He, in turn, will call his totals to the National Sunday School Department at 3 o'clock.

As we join together in one grand effort of teamwork, we will, at 10:30 Sunday night, October 28, know how far we have progressed during this past year toward a million.



From Maine, Arizona, Florida, Washington—



There will be calls coming from EVERY state on the last Sunday of October, for October 28 will be the day for the "ADVANCE: 1956" REPORT. On that day Assemblies of God pastors will report their Sunday School attendance and enrollment to the sectional representatives at 1 p.m.; the sectional representatives to the district directors at 2 p.m.; and the directors to the National Sunday School Department in Springfield at 3 p.m. The grand total then will be given over "Revivaltime" that night. Do your part to make this progress report possible. Make your call promptly!

- 1 P.M.—PASTOR CALLS
- 2 P.M.—REPRESENTATIVE CALLS
- 3 P.M.—DIRECTOR CALLS
- 10:30 P.M.—"REVIVALTIME" REPORTS

HOW FAR TO A MILLION IN SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT?

YOUR CALL WILL HELP US KNOW