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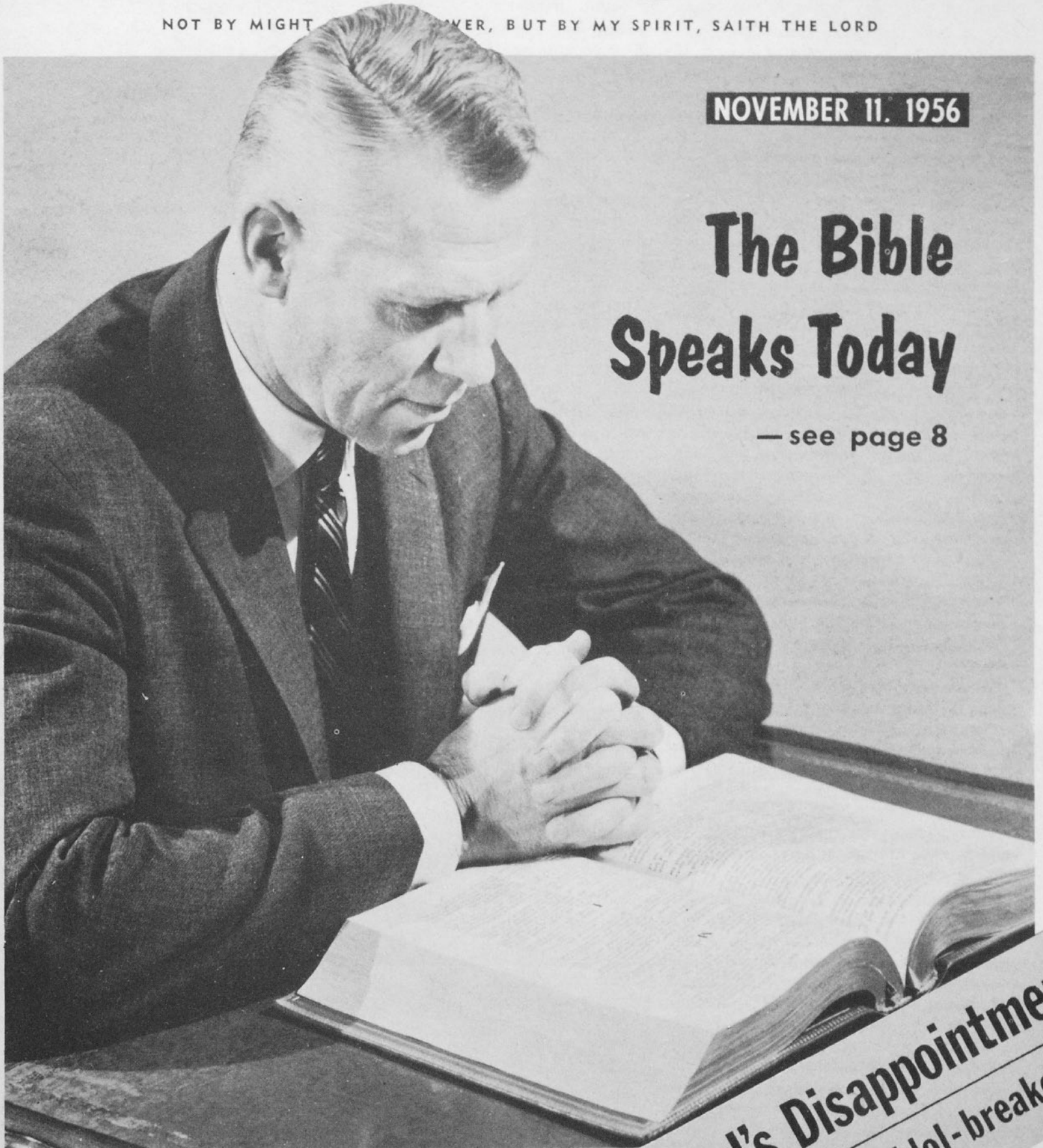
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What Shall We Read?

Reading is a rewarding activity. There is inspiration, instruction, information, and relaxation to be found within the covers of a good book or magazine. The apostle Paul said, "Give attendance to reading" (1 Timothy 4:13). The problem with most of us is to find enough time for reading and to decide which of the many books or magazines we ought to read.

It is said that when Gutenberg was preparing his original printing press he dreamed that a voice said his invention would enable bad men to spread evil throughout the world, and that future generations would curse the inventor. So he broke the type in pieces. Then another voice bade him go ahead and perfect his invention, for God would use it to bring far more good than evil from it. So the printing press came into being, and it has brought great blessing.

But it has also brought great evil. A Christian going to a magazine stand or book store feels contaminated by a mere glance at the covers of some of the items on display. We need to be cautious in selecting reading matter. As someone has said, "Books, like friends, should be few and well chosen." And we need to discriminate in evaluating what we read. The fact that certain statements are printed in a book or magazine does not guarantee that they are true. Paper will take any words that the ink prints upon it. We need our senses "exercised to discern both good and evil" among the books (Hebrews 5:14).

A proper sense of Christian stewardship will keep us from buying many of the world's books and magazines. We are stewards of our money; therefore we must not squander it on worldly literature. We are stewards of our time; therefore we cannot afford to spend hours on that which does not edify us spiritually. We are stewards of our influence; therefore we will not have magazines lying in our homes that are filled with lurid love stories, pictures of movie stars, reviews of movie films, glamorous ads for liquor, etc. And we are stewards of our own souls, too. Therefore we will ask ourselves these two questions: (1) "Would I like my Lord to come and find this book in my hand?" (2) "Can I take this magazine into the presence of God and ask His blessing upon it?"

Our reading habits are a gauge of our moral, intellectual, and spiritual condition. The Bible says that, as a man thinks, so he is (Proverbs 23:7). Our character is determined by our actions; our actions by our thoughts; our thoughts by what we see and hear. Therefore we need to heed the inspired exhortation found in Philippians 4:8—"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

The reading of the Scriptures meets all these requirements. No reading is as rewarding as the reading of God's Word. There is a story of a poor French shepherd who bought an old Bible and discovered one day that several of its leaves were pasted together. Separating them, he found a bank bill for five hundred francs (worth, at that time, \$95), accompanied by this note: "I gathered this money with very great difficulty, and having none as my natural heirs except those who already need nothing, I make thee, whosoever shall read this Bible, my heir."

In every copy of God's Word there are treasures far richer than those that were found by the shepherd. If you are not in the habit of reading the Bible each day, begin to do it now.

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Jehu, the Idol-breaker

He was a great crusader, but his zeal for righteousness did not make him a righteous man

BY DON MALLOUGH

THERE IS A STRANGE INCONSISTENCY in the inspired record concerning King Jehu. Two statements are made in Second Kings, chapter 10, that appear to be contradictory. Verse 28 says, "Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel." But verse 31 says, "But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the Lord God of Israel."

Could both of these statements possibly refer to the same man? One verse commends Jehu for his righteous reforms, and the other points up his personal sinfulness. How can such traits be found in one individual? Is it possible to fight sin and still be a sinner? Can one successfully eradicate false religions and yet remain in a spiritual vacuum?

The experience of Jehu crystallizes certain facts and possibilities in that area.

A graphic weakness in human nature is depicted in these two cryptic statements from the Scriptures. The average person supposes that, when one is fighting evil, he is at the height of an effective work for God. We have been led to believe that breaking idols is serving the Lord. The experience of Jehu is a pointed reminder that merely blasting idolatry is a limited ministry with very questionable results.

To the casual observer, Jehu was a great crusader for righteousness. He unsheathed his sword and slew all the household of Ahab because they had been idolators. By the age-old trick of feigning to join the ranks of his

enemies, he assembled all of the prophets of Baal to worship, and then he ordered every one of them slain. On one occasion he said, "Come with me and see my zeal for the Lord." The climax came when he was commended by God for what he had done (2 Kings 10:30). He was imbued with a spirit to battle the things of Baal, and nothing could deter him in that campaign. Because of his efforts, the national worship of Baal in the northern kingdom was forever suppressed.



The pivotal word in these utterances is the little conjunction "but." It negates the first statement—or at least weakens it. The situation is comparable to that of Naaman of whom it is said, "Now Naaman . . . was a great man . . . but he was a leper." To read of the zeal of Jehu in combating idolatry is thrilling indeed. To view the success of this endeavor brings the greatest admiration for him. Then comes the word "but," and the whole complexion changes. He is still a battler against wrong, but his motive is open to suspicion when his indifference to the things of God comes to light.

Jehu was a crusader, *but*. He had a burning passion to destroy Baal and idolatry *but* he was unconcerned about the things of God. He could be commended for his campaign *but* he didn't go far enough. He implemented the negative aspect of a good cause *but* failed to emphasize the positive. He was a destroyer of Baal *but* not a servant of Jehovah. He was a zealot in tearing down superstitious beliefs *but* did nothing toward building faith in God. He reigned longer than any of his predecessors *but* his warfare against idolatry did little to arrest the downfall of the nation.

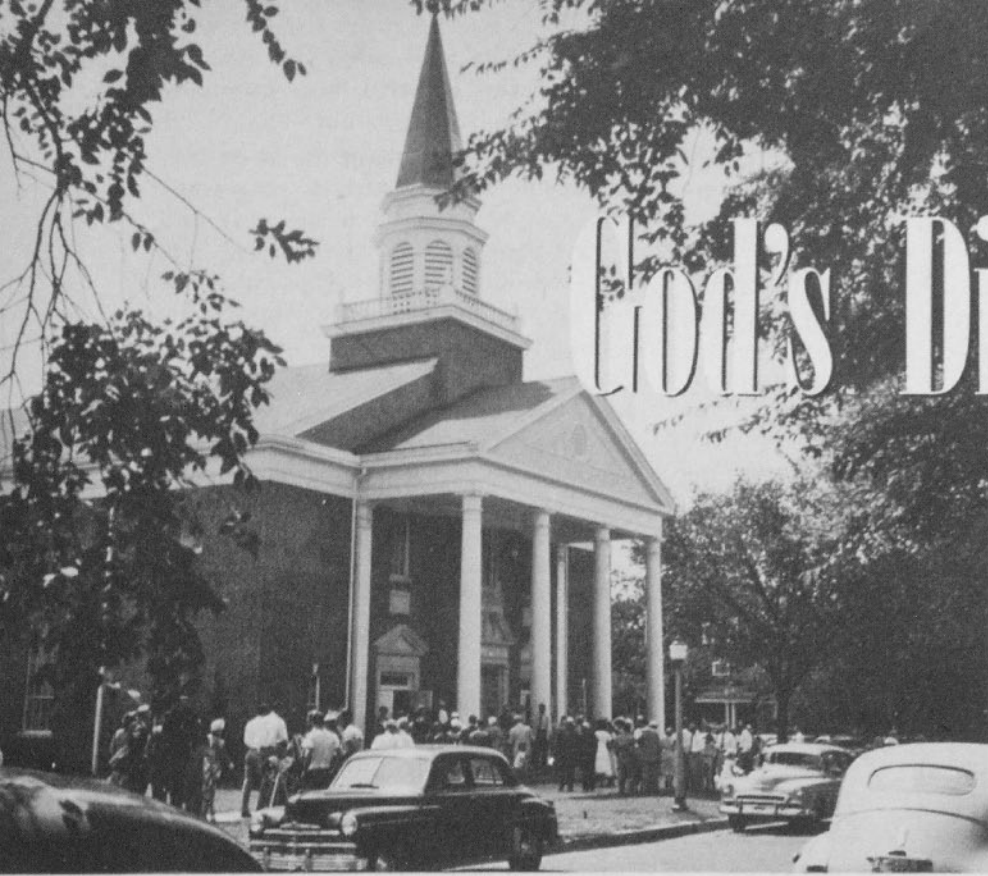
The crusade of Jehu had religious overtones but the foundation was definitely secular. There is every evidence that the motive was political rather than spiritual. He had energy and ambition, and channeled them against something evil instead of for something good. He merely fooled himself and a few people into thinking he was doing something for God, when in reality his heart was far from Him.

The tendencies of Jehu are so much like ours that his failures should be a pointed reminder to us. A person can fight the devil a long while without preaching Christ. *There is a temptation to join the wrecking crew rather than the builders, because it appears they are doing things faster.* It is easy to get fired up in a crusade against some evil practice and be so engrossed in it that constructive righteousness is forgotten.

There are innumerable evils in this world that should be eradicated. The liquor and narcotics traffic are blights upon our fair land. It arouses a man's fighting blood to see the havoc they play with our youth. Many a person has devoted every ounce of his energy to combating such vices. Surely God would delight to see all such things

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God's Disappointment



MANY CHURCHES ARE CONTENT TO
DO THEIR BEST FOR GOD, WHILE
HE LONGINGLY WAITS TO
DO HIS BEST THROUGH THEM

HOW DISAPPOINTED GOD MUST BE IN His people! We are so content with human wisdom, human activity, and human power when He is offering us all the resources of heaven.

Nothing less than divine power can meet the needs of this old world. It does not need more of our plans and programs. It needs men and women who have heard Christ say, "All power is given unto ME in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore into all the world, and become focal points for the release of *that power* into the lives and homes and cities and nations of this world, even as My apostles became focal points for the release of My power in their generation."

I have been disturbed lately upon noticing an over-emphasis upon "doing our best for God." Certainly it is true that we should give Him our best; we would be ashamed to offer Him anything less than our best. And the Scriptures show that God appreciates the devotion that causes us to "give of our best to the Master." But as I have read the stories of men who have been greatly used of God, I have found that a man's best often hindered God from fulfilling His perfect plan for that man and for his generation.

Moses is the classic example. He knew that God had chosen him to be the deliverer of His people. Accordingly he renounced the throne of Egypt and the treasures of royalty to which

he, by virtue of his adoption by the daughter of Pharaoh, was heir. He made a great sacrifice in doing this. He consecrated himself to God and to the great task before him. But in starting upon that task he proceeded to do *his* best, not God's will. He tried to solve the issue by slaying an Egyptian with his own hands. God had to take him to a wilderness school for forty years before Moses was ready to get out of God's way. He had to learn the difficult lesson that his duty was merely to be a yielded instrument in God's hands. He learned simply to trust God and obey Him. Then Israel and his whole generation saw *what God can do* when He is given the opportunity.

Another example is seen in Abraham. God promised him a son but Abraham grew tired of waiting and decided to do something about it. As a result, Ishmael was born—a thorn in the flesh of his descendants and of the church of Jesus Christ down to the present day.

Jacob's mistake is also instructive. His mother told him that God wanted him, and not Esau, to inherit the blessing. So Jacob, instead of letting God work out the fulfillment of His own promise, schemed and worked and sweated to bring it to pass. He did his best, but his best was very base. He wrought untold harm to himself, to his family, and to the name of the Lord because he had not learned that the One who made the promise was faithful and knew how *and when* to fulfill it.

Many of us are like Peter. We try to defend our Lord with our "swords"—we argue that our way (avoiding the Cross) is better than His way (choosing the Cross).

Or we are like Philip, who tried to calculate how the little handful of men could feed the multitude of five thousand people out of their meager supply! What a difficult time God has to teach us that our poor, puny, fussy little efforts are the chief enemies of His great omnipotent working.

Two billion people of our generation are without Christ. Two billion! The task of evangelizing such a number is staggering. The need is appalling. It calls for resources of power and wisdom and courage that are unlimited. God's best, not ours, is the only answer.

Fifty-plus years ago groups of men and women were praying for God's best. They had come to an end of human resources. They had tested the best that the churches of their day could offer in doctrine and spiritual experience; and while they appreciated all this, still they were unsatisfied. So they prayed, and they began to ask the question, "What does *God* mean by the promise of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?" They were not content to ask, "What does our *church* believe?" They had decided that the Word of God should be taken at its face value. They were convinced that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit meant what the disciples received on the day of Pentecost and they wanted an experience like that.

Thus they joined the heroes of faith and became listed among those who believed that the Unchanging and Almighty God is still accessible and still

responds to those who diligently seek Him. They diligently sought Him. They asked as their Master had told them to ask. They knocked at His door and they refused to be satisfied with anything less than His best. They asked and sought and knocked until they found Him whom they were seeking, even Him who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and with Fire. He gave them what they had asked; and instead of merely doing their best for God, they let Him do His best through them.

Why do we not become imitators of those who, through faith, have inherited the promises of God? We are not children of human programs. We are not Ishmaels. We, like Isaac, are children of the Promise. The will of God for us is not contained primarily in God's commands. God's will for us is to be found in His promises. We are heirs of Canaan. To us has been willed "the land of promise." A land of milk and honey. Rivers of living water.

Jesus said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do, because I go to the Father." What did He mean? It is not, "What does some person or persons think the words mean?" but, "What was in the mind of Jesus when He gave that promise?" It is so easy for me to measure the promises of God by the thimble of my thinking. I am prone to compare myself with my contemporaries. I should measure myself by God's standards and ask, "What was in Christ's mind when He made this statement?" *Is He ready to do for us what He did for the New Testament church?*

In training the twelve, our Lord again and again engineered circumstances so that they would be confronted by needs which their resources were inadequate to meet. They toiled all night and were unable to catch anything; then divine knowledge and divine guidance came to their rescue, and they caught so many fish they were unable to land them all. On another occasion they found themselves in such a storm that even they, with all their courage and fishing experience, could not cope with the situation. They did their best, but to no avail. Then they came to Jesus and awoke Him. When they awoke Him, immediately His divine power began to operate. Divine ability, divine authority, and divine compassion took control of the situation, and the great storm became a great calm.

Beloved brethren, if it took the re-

lease of divine resources to meet the needs of the world in apostolic times, why do we not cease magnifying our own working, our own resources, our own best, and go back to the Bible pattern? Why do we not give up our self-reliance and begin to fulfill the purpose of God in calling us into this Pentecostal way?

We are faced with a multitude of hungry people—not five thousand, or seven thousand, but two billion men, women, and children. They need the Bread of Life. The Master is saying to us, "Give ye them to eat." We cannot supply their need from our own resources. Instead of talking about doing our best, let us confess to the Lord that we have only five loaves and two small fishes—so pitifully small. Let us call upon Him to take the situation in hand. Let us get out of His way and let Him bring His knowledge and wisdom and skill and power into the situation. Let us ask Him to do what He said He would do in the last days—pour out His Spirit upon all flesh.

We need to ask, "Where is the Lord God of Peter, and of Paul, and of the New Testament Church?"

The foreign missionaries need to ask, "Where is the Lord God of Hudson Taylor, who used a poor unknown Englishman to open the eleven interior provinces of China to the gospel when the whole ecclesiastical and political world was opposed to the idea?"

The churches in America need to ask, "Where is the Lord God of John

Wesley, who released into the moral fiber of the British Empire the wisdom and power and guidance of the Divine Spirit and changed the course of history?"

This generation needs men who will seek God until they find Him. Men who will ask until the answer comes. Men who will knock at His door until the windows of heaven are thrown wide open and the infinite resources of the Almighty are made available to a hell-bound, devil-bound generation to save them from their terrible doom.

Let us quit asking, "What can I do?" Let us ask, "What can God do?" Let us hearken diligently to Him who says, "If ye ask . . . I will do." Let us consider who it is that makes the promise that He will work and that none shall hinder. Is it not the God who holds the seas in the hollow of His hand? The God who brings out the host of the galaxies of the universe by number? Who calls every galaxy, every individual star, by name? Who upholds them all by the word of His authority and power? In whose sight the Communists and the nations that rage against the Anointed Son of God are as grasshoppers? In whose sight the empires and kingdoms of this world are like the small and negligible dust of the scales? Who controls the unbelievable power of the atom and makes it serve His purpose?

Yes, it is this God who says, "Whatsoever ye shall ask . . . I will do." James McConkey calls Him the "heaven-creating, devil-conquering, dead-raising God," and tells us to consider that "unrivalled wisdom, boundless skill, limitless power, infinite resources are His." Then he puts these words into the mouth of our God, who has waited so long to have a church that would really believe His promises: "Wouldst thou not rather call forth MINE OMNIPOTENT DOING by thine asking, if to this I have called thee, than even to be busy with thine own doing?"

We must not be so taken up with what we can give to Him! Certainly we should give our all to Him—we should do it gladly and then think no more about it. At its best, our all is only five small loaves and two little fishes. Having given Him our all, we must ask and seek and knock until this same Jesus releases His same infinite resources and turns the world upside down through our Pentecostal churches, just as He did with the first Pentecostal churches of the Roman Empire!

Choose Thou for Me

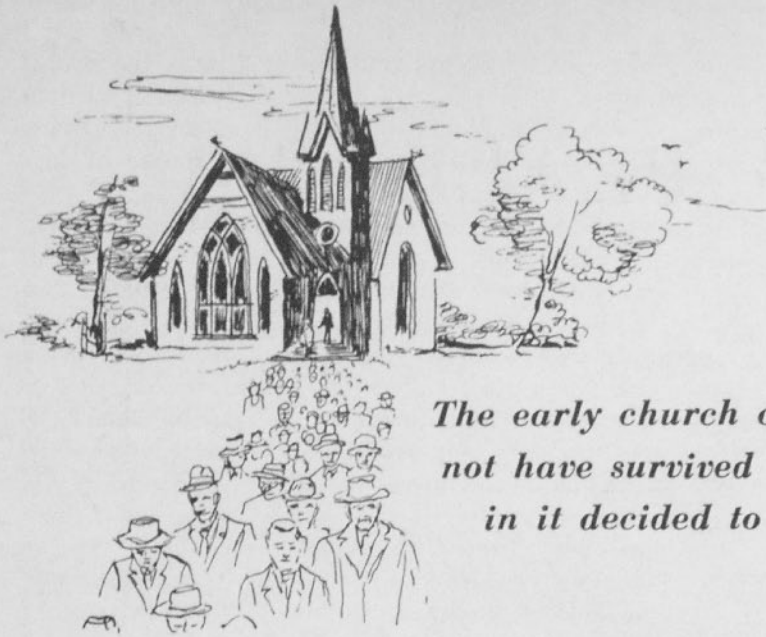
*I dare not choose my lot;
I would not if I might;
Choose Thou for me, my God,
So shall I walk aright.*

*The kingdom that I seek
Is Thine; so let the way
That leads to it be Thine,
Else surely I might stray.*

*Take Thou my cup, and it
With joy or sorrow fill;
As best to Thee may seem,
Choose Thou my good and ill.*

*Not mine—not mine the choice,
In things or great or small;
Be Thou my Girdle, my Strength,
My Wisdom and my All!*

—Horatius Bonar



The early church certainly would not have survived if each person in it decided to go it alone.



Paul Expected Timotheus to Be "With the Brethren"



IN THE DAYS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL, it meant something to be counted with the Christian brethren. It meant being identified with a cause that was neither favored by the government nor popular with the religious leaders of the day.

"With the brethren" was a special connotation, not used lightly, but I think that it must have been used often and with special joy. It was a mark of belonging to one another—and to Christ. It was a badge of fellowship in the Spirit. Oftentimes it represented a closer bond than the ties of flesh and blood.

In the light of these circumstances, we see a new meaning in the words of Paul as recorded in 1 Corinthians 16:10, 11—"Now if Timotheus come, see that he may be with you without fear: . . . for I look for him with the brethren." To the early Christians and to us today who with them "have access by one Spirit unto the Father," this brotherhood was and is a precious thing, not to be lightly esteemed.

Some folk feel they can get along quite well without their brethren. "I can live the Christian life just as well without the church as I can with it. I don't need the brethren," they say. Brethren, I believe we all need one another. We can mutually benefit and strengthen each other. God knew this and ordained it that way. He didn't

plan for you to go to heaven by yourself, or me by myself. He planned for us to go "with the brethren."

The early church never would have survived if each person in it had decided to go it alone. When Peter stood up on the day of Pentecost, it was "with the eleven." That was all they had then—the knowledge of a risen Christ, the Pentecostal power, and each other. The government didn't approve, the organized ecclesiastical order frowned, but the church grew and multiplied because the brethren were together, worshiping and witnessing "with one accord," and "had all things common."

Paul anticipated that Timothy would be "with the brethren." I believe God looks down from heaven to see if we are "with the brethren." When the brethren meet together in the house of God to worship Him, He looks for me and He looks for you. Are we not His—bought with the precious Blood? Are we not redeemed? Are we not called to be saints? Are we not accepted in the Beloved? Are we not commanded to forsake not the assembling of ourselves together? Then He has a perfect right to look for us *with the brethren*.

But not only is it God who looks for us when the doors of His house are open. There are certain people who look for us there also. An evangelist comes to the church. He preaches to what he considers a good crowd of people. He sees nothing wrong. He does not know the congregation so he misses no one from the service. Going home he remarks to the pastor, "That was a fine crowd." And the pastor agrees, but after a little while he turns to his wife and remarks, "I wonder why Brother _____ was not there tonight. And Sister _____ hasn't been present for several services."

Your pastor looks for you with the brethren and he is disturbed when you are not there. He knows that one of the signs of spiritual sickness is an avoidable absence from the house of God. His charge to "take heed . . . to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made [him] overseer . . ." prompts his concern for the absent brother or sister.

To the casual observer, ninety-nine sheep may look like a fine flock, but to the shepherd of that flock, ninety nine out of a hundred are not enough. He knows that somewhere outside there is the hundredth sheep, and he can never be content till that one is accounted for.

The new-born babe in Christ looks to his Christian brethren for an example. He looks for you *with the brethren*. Some of us would like to draw a circle around ourselves and say, "Thus far shall my influence go, and no farther." But it doesn't work that way. The range of our influence is beyond our control, and many times beyond our knowledge. But there is one thing we can control and that is the kind of influence we will have. You can absent yourself from the gatherings of the people of God and work incalculable harm by so doing. Somebody looks for you. Somebody believes you will be there.

What if it is a new babe in Christ? What if it is a lost soul who took a temporary interest because of you? Will his interest come to fruition in salvation, or will it wither and die because you didn't consider it important to be in the house of God "with the brethren"?

There was once an unbeliever who scorned the thought of attending church, in spite of repeated invitations. But every week on prayer meeting night the unbeliever saw a Christian neighbor go by his house with a lantern on the way to church. Year after year went by and the unbeliever saw that his neighbor with the lantern did not fail on prayer-meeting night. Summer and winter he was faithful, and the unbeliever learned to watch for the Christian neighbor and his lantern.

Years passed—and then the Christian was called into the presence of the Lord. From force of habit, the next week on prayer-meeting night the unbeliever looked idly out the window to see the Christian neighbor and his lantern. But the night was dark; there was no lantern. And then it was that the Christian's faithful silent witness bore fruit.

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PEACE

A Message for Veterans Day 1956

BY JAMES E. ADAMS



Eleven years ago our troopship anchored in New York harbor, and I gazed on the Statue of Liberty. The faces of men who would never see her again wisped through my memory. Tears came to my eyes. Peace for me, peace for our country, but at what a price!

Discharged after months in a hospital, I learned peace was an elusive something that continually evaded me. The nights were horrendous aeons of time. Sleep eluded me, and when finally grasped, carried me back to the foxholes of France.

I slept with the dying; the cries of agony disturbed my dreams; I saw the maimed and dead. Time after time I awoke, bathed in a cold perspiration, to pace the floor—waiting, hoping for the dawn, praying for peace.

Einar Waermo came to our church. I drank of his ministry in music while tears flowed down my cheeks. "Wonderful Peace," he sang. A beautiful song, wonderful words. I looked upon the upturned faces of my brethren and saw peace, but it was not for me.

I knew better than to charge God foolishly. I had been saved for seventeen years. He had not failed me. He never fails. What had I done? How had I failed Him that I should feel forsaken?

Driving through the rolling Pennsylvania countryside had ceased to be a pleasure. Traveling along I'd see a likely spot for a machine gun nest—"But now we have peace; the war is over." I'd tear my eyes from the scene and stare fixedly at the road ahead, but I'd find myself searching the terrain for the best route to advance against a nonexistent enemy. My fingers clutched the steering wheel; and although the day was cool, I mopped my brow. Peace? There was no peace.

Friends would laugh when I'd shy away from taking a boat ride. They didn't know. It was still too real: the night attack, paddling fiercely against the river current in the darkness. The piercing whine of bullets. The cry of a boy out in the blackness. Then the riveting crackle of a machine gun, and the boy's cry ending in a gurgle as the waters engulfed him. Peace! Where was peace?

Months passed—then years. I realized that peace with God, peace for the soul, had been purchased at tremendous cost on Calvary's Cross, so I clung to my Saviour.

I could sit quietly for longer periods of time reading the Word of God. It became possible to control the tears and give my testimony on the street corner. I began to teach in Sunday School again; first as an assistant teacher, then in my own class. I became conscious that God was using me—I *had peace*.

I have marshaled the dead. They march through the maze of memory, but I'll sleep tonight, for I have peace. Peace that I fought for but could not grasp. Peace bought and brought only by the Prince of Peace.

This article brings an ache again to my heart. But One has repaired the shattered nerves and restored the gaping wounds of the mind. I write to tell you there is a road out of despondency, a way back from despair.

Jesus said, "I am the Way—." Walk in the way. Cling to Him, trust in Him, work for Him, and you will have peace through Him.

The Bible Speaks Today

The Bible Is the Word of God. Open Your Bible, Your Mind, and Your Heart, and God Will Speak to You From Its Pages

IN THIS AND MANY OTHER COUNTRIES around the world, Thanksgiving Day (November 22) will be the starting point for the thirteenth annual World-wide Bible Reading program. The number of people who follow the suggested list of Scripture readings grows each year, according to reports from the American Bible Society.

Someone has said that if all the Bibles that gather dust from disuse were cleaned off, the cloud of dust would entirely obscure the sun. This may be a gross exaggeration. The Bible Society says that last year it distributed approximately fifteen million copies of the bookmark that listed the daily Scripture readings, among those who wanted it. Letters came by the hundreds from people who participated in the program and who gave thanks for special blessings. Perhaps more folk read the Bible than one would guess.

WORLD-WIDE BIBLE READING

It all began during World War II when a Marine on Guadalcanal wrote home to his mother in America, saying:

"I have been reading my New Testament which the Chaplain gave me, from the American Bible Society, and it has caused me to think very seriously about my soul and the future.

"I am writing you, Mom, to ask that you read with me a chapter from the New Testament each day . . . , and I will feel that somehow we are united . . . , and if I come back, the church and the Bible will mean more than ever in our lives."

The mother shared the secret of her invisible bond of fellowship with her lonely overseas son with a nearby office of the Bible Society, through which the idea was publicized. From then until the end of the war, thousands of servicemen and their families shared a similar experience.

Bookmarks were printed, listing a Scripture selection for each day. As the movement spread, millions asked for and used the little bookmarks. The Bible Society decided that the holiday

season would be an ideal time to promote the observance. Accordingly, from Thanksgiving to Christmas is the period that is most publicized—but the underlying objective in asking people to read the Bible each day is to get them in the habit so that they will continue the custom throughout the entire year.

THEME FOR 1956

The theme for the 1956 World-wide Bible Reading program is: "The Bible Speaks Today." It speaks to us in every situation in life. If there is illness in the family, or domestic discord—if there is financial distress or other trouble—the Bible has the answer.

Take *sorrow*, for example. Can any words be more comforting than those which Jesus spoke to His beloved disciples just before the Crucifixion? He knew that when He left, their hearts would be torn with grief and sorrow. He strengthened them for the ordeal by saying: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14).

Or *fear*. After the Crucifixion the bewildered disciples returned to their former occupations. They thought all their hopes were shattered. They had expected such great things through their Master; now He was gone and their memories only mocked them. How empty seemed their lives; how weak their spirits. But when they heard the wondrous news of the Resurrection, their doubts and fears immediately vanished. They knew that He in whom they had trusted was indeed the Christ,

the Son of the living God.

Above all, the Bible speaks to us of eternity, heaven, and hell. John Wesley wrote: "To candid, reasonable men, I am not afraid to lay open what have been the inmost thoughts of my heart. I have thought, I am a creature of a day, passing through life as an arrow through the air. I am a spirit come from God, and returning to God, just hovering over the great gulf; till a few moments hence I am no more seen! I want to know one thing, the way to heaven, how to land safe on that happy shore. God Himself has condescended to teach the way. He has written it down in a Book! Oh, give me that Book! At any price, give me the Book of God! I have it; here is knowledge enough for me, let me be 'Homo unius libri' (a man of one book)."

A WORLD-WIDE SEARCH

The United Bible Societies, an organization embracing the American Bible Society, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and twenty-one other Bible societies throughout the world, has undertaken an interesting study. Not content merely with printing and distributing vast quantities of Scriptures throughout the world, the United Bible Societies is making an investigation of the use of the Bible. They would like to know how widely the Scriptures are being read, and what actual results there are from reading and studying the Bible.

A British clergyman, E. H. Robertson, has been engaged to conduct this study. He is visiting various lands and studying the use of the Bible among churches and members of various denominations. One of the denominations he is studying in the U.S. is the Assemblies of God. A few weeks ago Brother Robertson visited Springfield

and he told us some of his interesting experiences.

In Wuppertal, West Germany, he found a happy group of Christians meeting in the home of a young American couple. They were listening to a Chinese preacher as he explained to them how the Bible had sustained him in his trials as a refugee.

In a little Hungarian village he found five Baptist women, like the women of Bedford whose happy state moved John Bunyan to want a peace like theirs. These Hungarian women were gathering around the Bible, drawing from it confidence and real happiness in the midst of trying circumstances.

In Scotland he found a group of shipyard workers trying to find out from the Bible what they ought to do about a proposed labor strike.

In London he spent whole days with brilliant young research scientists who are determined to use the minds that God has given them to find out what God would say, through the Bible, to His people.

Everywhere, he said, there is a searching. Many a faithful Christian is diligently studying his well-worn Bible, ever finding new treasures of truth to guide him and to nourish his spiritual life.

He would like to know how prominent the Bible is in our worship services, in our youth meetings, in our Sunday Schools. He would like to know if the amazing growth of our Sunday Schools and churches can be traced, in a large measure, to our attitude toward the Scriptures.

"One of the things that I want to know," said Brother Robertson, "in order to tell others, is how can we use the Bible effectively? By effectively, I mean using it in such a way that it changes our lives, makes us missionary-minded, and helps us to be Christ-centered.

"Those who have found the Bible to be the source of their life and happiness have a responsibility to help others discover the same. That is why, a few months ago, I began a world-wide search. I wanted to find out how people were using the Bible, and whether it was for them a living Word or a dead letter."

ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS

Perhaps if we would take a look at ourselves, and analyze our use of the Bible, we would discover something

that would help others. Here is a list of penetrating questions. Apply them to yourself, and to your own church:

1. How regularly do members of the church read their Bibles?

2. What aids does the church give to help in this practice?

3. Do you use any literature, such as commentaries or notes (apart from the *Evangel* and Sunday School quarterly), in your private Bible study?

4. What printed helps do members get through their church, and what do they obtain individually from outside sources?

5. How widespread is family worship in the homes of the church members? Is it growing or declining?

6. What organizations are there within the church to encourage Bible study?

7. Who leads these groups and what methods are followed?

8. In Bible study, do group leaders lecture the members or encourage them effectively to take part in discussion?

9. What are the effects of these Bible study groups on the general life of the church?

10. Do the members of these groups become more active helpers in the church work, and are they particularly zealous in seeking to reach out to those outside the church?

11. What other meetings, besides Sunday School and Bible study groups, make considerable use of the Bible?

12. Is the preaching an explanation of what the Bible passage says, or a declaration proclaimed without the authority of the inspired Word of God?

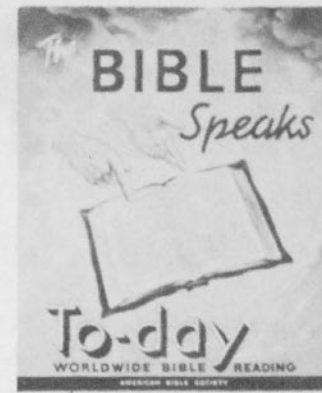
13. How far does the preaching seem to depend upon the cleverness of the preacher, and how far does it rest upon the authority of the Bible?

14. Does the church make use of the Bible in its business meetings to determine action?

15. How far do the individual members regard the Bible as a guide to the conduct of their private lives?

16. How far is the Bible expected to give guidance in business and public life, and how far is it used for this purpose?

(Brother Robertson does not ask each reader to send him the answers to these questions. The questions are asked primarily for the benefit of the readers themselves. However, he is anxious to obtain information on outstanding cases where the Bible has been put to effective uses and has produced unusual results. Letters should be addressed to: E. H. Robertson, % The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.)



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—read prayerfully, thoughtfully and without hurry.

NOVEMBER

22 Thanksgiving	Deuteronomy	5:1-21
23	Psalms	19:1-14
24	Psalms	27:1-14
25 Sunday	Psalms	46:1-11
26	Psalms	103:1-22
27	Psalms	121:1-8 130:1-8
28	Psalms	145:1-21
29	Proverbs	3:1-20
30	Isaiah	40:1-11, 28-31

DECEMBER

1	Isaiah	55:1-13
2 Advent	Luke	6:20-49
3	John	1:1-28
4	John	1:29-51
5	John	3:1-36
6	John	4:1-38
7	John	15:1-27
8	John	17:1-26
9 Universal	Bible Sunday	Luke 8:1-21
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11	Romans	8:1-39
12	Romans	12:1-21
13	1 Corinthians	13:1-13
14	Philippians	4:1-23
15	Hebrews	11:1-40
16 Sunday	Luke	10:23-42
17	Luke	11:1-17
18	Luke	12:22-34
19	Luke	15:1-10
20	Luke	15:11-32
21	Luke	1:1-23
22	Luke	1:24-38
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DRIVING RAIN

80 did not hinder a mighty downpour of God's Spirit

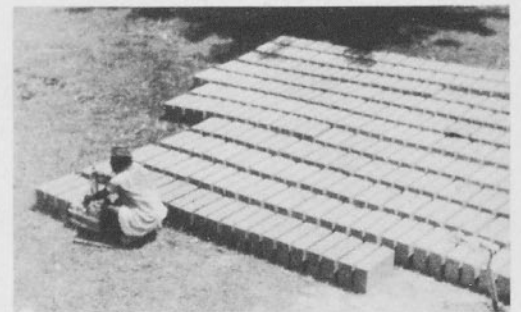
by R. L. Cimino, Nigeria

RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY; COME AGAIN some other day." And it does! A cold and driving rain it is. Yes, up to 110 inches of rainfall during the rainy season upon the Nigerian Bible Institute compound. Located on a high hill, we can see it come, then hear the heavy sound of it, and finally be in the middle of what would be termed a cloudburst in America. It is hard for friends in the homeland to visualize the effect of these rains on our students in classes and during chapel services especially when we are handicapped with half-walled buildings.

During the month of May the entire student body joined in the celebration of the Golden Anniversary of the Holy Spirit's outpouring at Azusa Street. Classes were set aside, services were conducted for many hours at a time, in our outgrown and half-walled chapel building. Powerful sermons were preached by members of the faculty, and again the Holy Spirit was poured out upon

hungry and earnest students. (Fourteen received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and others were refilled, leaving only ten of the entire student body without the experience of the Baptism in the Spirit.) But the rainy reason was upon us and the rains did their best to outdo the spiritual outpourings. They brought disturbance, distraction, and discomfort to the praying students.

One night after a blessed song service and time of praise, a sudden but not unusual rain storm came up. The galelike wind whipped the rain into the crowded chapel building, drenching students, seats and floor. The undaunted students continued their singing and worshiping, but as the driving rain continued to come in it was noticed that they began to crowd together, seeking warmth from each other, for it does become quite cold during a rain and their thin and scant clothing is little protection. Faculty members had to use open umbrellas and raincoats to keep halfway dry. But all this was quite futile for the rain came under the eaves and the wind whipped it up until the very ceiling was wet. What a heart-bleeding sight, then,

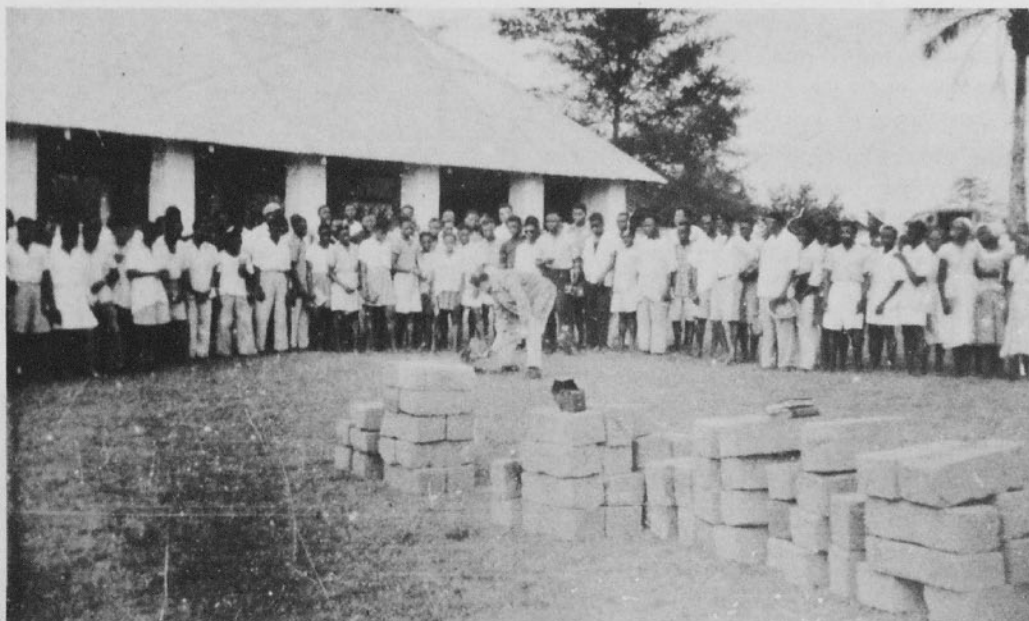


Making solid cement blocks for the Administration building

to see hungry souls kneeling on a very wet floor, or sitting on rain-soaked benches—but with eyes closed and hands raised toward God they magnified God in known and unknown languages.

If there ever was a need for more adequate and comfortable buildings for the Nigerian Bible Institute it was that night. Class sessions and chapel services have had to be conducted under similar circumstances. Surely our God is able to provide adequate classroom and chapel facilities for this, the largest Bible School in Africa! The cost for such buildings is not large. Incredible as it may seem, \$4,500 will erect a fully equipped building to house three large classrooms and teachers' offices and prayer rooms, or a comfortable chapel building. The ever-growing student body (110 last semester) urgently needs two such classroom buildings.

The Nigerian churches have contributed very liberally from their small incomes to help erect a much-needed kitchen and dining hall on the compound, making possible simultaneous cooking and eating, instead of in relays as in the past. The secret of world evangelization lies in a trained national ministry and undoubtedly there are many readers who, prayerfully and practically, wish to clasp black hands and share in this necessary building program. Offerings should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo. marked "Nigerian Bible Institute Buildings."



K. L. Godbey breaks ground for new chapel at Nigerian Bible Institute; in background is a half-walled classroom.



Children of the Orphanage at Assiout, Egypt

Lillian Trasher Reports on the situation in Egypt

Many of Miss Trasher's friends in America are anxious to know how she and the Assiout Orphanage are weathering the "storms" in Egypt. We are happy to print the following note received from her recently.

"Thank God, everything with us is just the same as it has always been. Many friends have written to ask if we are obliged to teach the Mohammedan religion. No, but I would like to explain why.

"Over fifteen years ago the Egyptian government decided that it would be best to make Mohammedan Orphanages for the Mohammedan orphans rather than having them trained in the Christian Orphanage, so they opened an orphanage for girls and one for boys here in Assiout. They came over in a friendly way and took all of our Mohammedan children. At the time we had about seventy-five. Since then we have not

been allowed to take Mohammedan children but we are allowed to take Coptic children. The Coptic teaching in some ways is like the Catholic, only not nearly so strong. So we work entirely among this type of children and there is friendship between the Copts and our religion. We have no trouble at all.

"The Egyptian government requires that each child must be taught his religion—either Mohammedan or Christian. But there is no idea of asking us to teach the Mohammedan religion to Christian children or the Coptic religion to the Coptic children. All we must do is teach our children the Christian religion. They do not divide the Christian into denominations. Since we have no Mohammedan orphans the question does not arise with us.

"Pray for us. We have over 1,000 in the Orphanage and we all need your prayers, but all is well with us and we are having no trouble at all. We all pray for peace in Egypt."

Your sister,
LILLIAN TRASHER

*"Expect great things from God,
Attempt great things for God."*

—William Carey

CRASH at sea

by M. Nylander, Hawaii

A few months ago Harold Headrick, Field Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in the Hawaiian Islands, was returning from the Big Island when something went wrong with the propeller of the plane. Loss of power and altitude resulted. Mrs. Headrick, their son and a co-worker were flying as passengers.

The Lord was mindful of their danger and they were able to locate the only harbor on the Island of Lanai on which to land.

Harbor workers saw their predicament and prepared for the rescue even before the plane hit the water. In a matter of seconds all four passengers were safe on the harbor tug.

The plane was retrieved but it was damaged to the extent of an estimated \$2,500. The convenience of a plane to the field superintendent is tremendous. Please join us in prayer regarding this need.

At the Seventh Annual Convention, Harold Headrick was re-elected as Field Superintendent, Peter Funk was elected Assistant Field Superintendent, and Eldon Vincent was made Secretary-Treasurer. Missionaries, native pastors and delegates came from all over the Islands for the time of spiritual refreshing and wonderful fellowship.

It was a blessing to have Maynard Ketcham, our Field Secretary for the Asia Division, with us. In addition to attending the Convention, he visited each Assembly in the Islands. On the last night of the Convention, Brother Ketcham officiated at the dedication of the new church building at Paia, Maui. The church was erected under the capable leadership of Missionary Lawrence Larson.

A Speed-the-Light missionary plane



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How God Cares for Us

A story for younger readers . . . by R. G. Champion

WHAT DOES C-A-R-E-T-H SPELL, Grandma?" asked Randy. He was just learning to read and that word was a bit too big for him.

Grandmother knew at once that Randy was reading from the little motto on the wall. "C-a-r-e-t-h spells 'careth,' Randy," she answered.

"What does it mean?"

"Careth is a word used in the Bible. It means 'takes care of,' or 'looks after.' That motto says, 'He careth for you.' Sit down, Randy, and I'll explain it to you."

Grandma took the family Bible and quickly turned to the sixth chapter of Matthew. Then she read some verses. One verse especially stuck in Randy's

mind. It was about the birds. It said that, even though they don't sow seed or reap crops, God takes care of them.

Grandmother got up from her chair and walked over to the window. "Oh, look, Randy," she said. "Do you see what I see?"

Randy bounded to the window just in time to see a squirrel pick up a nut, and then scamper up a nearby tree.

"What's he doing, Grandma?"

"He's getting ready for winter by storing up enough food to last him until spring."

"Who told him to do that?"

"Well, Randy, squirrels have something we call 'instinct' that tells them to store up food. God gave them this instinct so they would have enough to eat all winter. That is one way in which God takes care of His creatures."

Then Grandmother added, "We are so much more important to God than birds or animals are. We can be certain that God will take care of us, too. If we put God first in all things, then He has promised to supply everything we need."

Randy thought a minute. Why, yes, he needed things. Maybe they weren't big things like mother's or daddy's or grandma's, but they were big to him. He thought about that new bow and arrow he wanted. Skeeter, his playmate, had so much fun with his. But Daddy said there was no money for a bow and arrow just now.

Randy was still thinking about this when Grandma gave him an apple and sent him outdoors to play. Right away he started looking for the squirrel he had seen from the window.

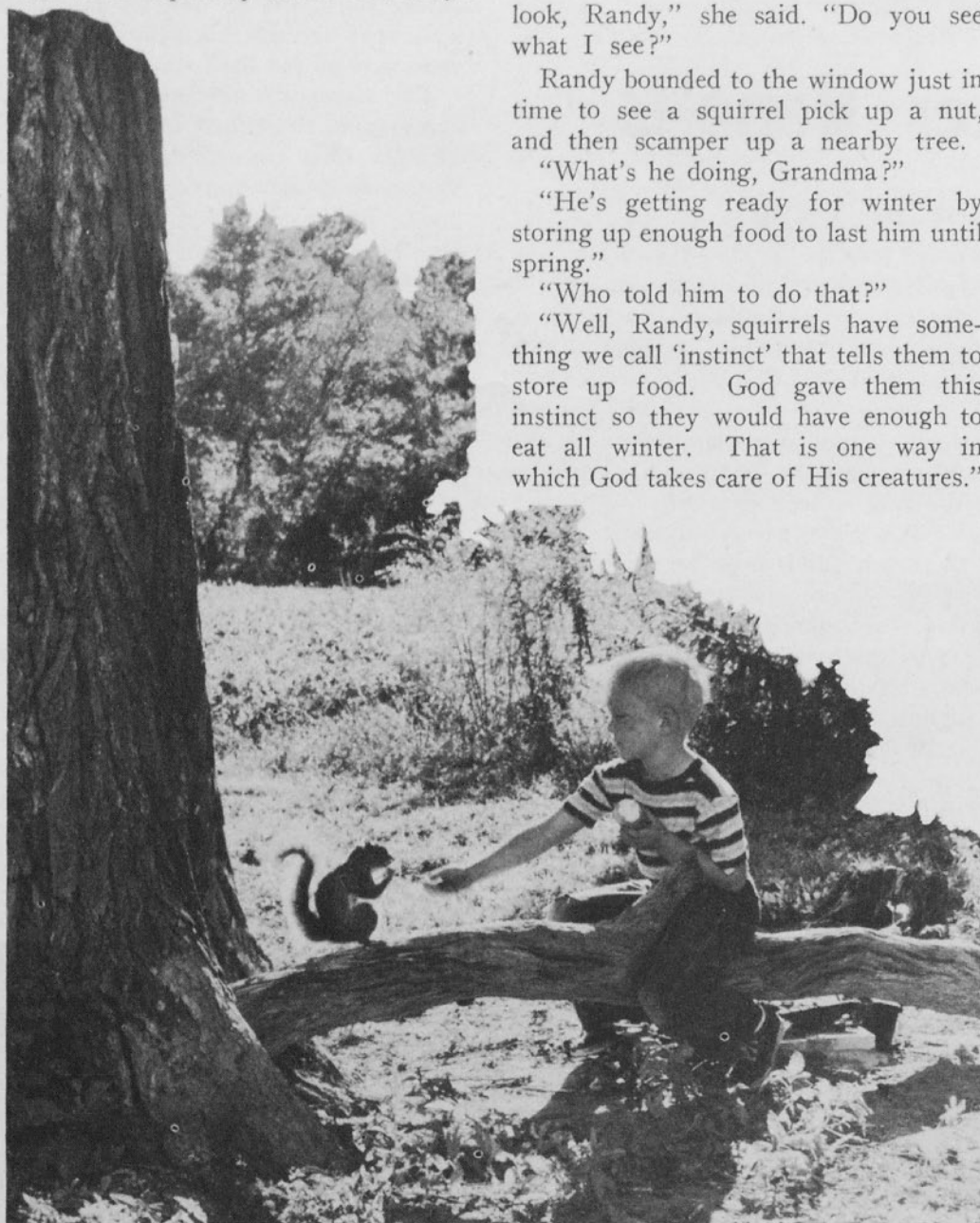
Before long he saw the squirrel. It was quite tame and soon made friends with Randy. Randy bit off a piece of his apple and held it out. Mr. Squirrel just sat and looked at it for a long time. Just when Randy was quite sure he wasn't going to take it, the squirrel snatched the piece of apple and darted up the tree.

Randy got to thinking again of what Grandma had said—about how, if God takes care of the birds and animals, how much more we can be sure He will take care of us. He thought of that bow and arrow he wanted so much. And right there he decided to ask the Lord for it.

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The next day when Randy came home from school he found that an elderly lady had moved in next door. Mother asked him to go over to see if he could help her.

"Why, yes, you can help me," said



the new neighbor, Mrs. West. "Would you mind going to the grocery store for me? It's a bit hard for me to go."

Randy was very glad to do this—he loved to go to the grocer's. He did exactly what Mrs. West asked, and then came straight back with the groceries.

"Here's a dime for helping me, Randy," she said.

A few days later Mrs. West asked Randy to go to the store again—and she gave him another dime for doing it. Randy's mother suggested that he put his dimes into his piggy bank.

Because Randy was so dependable, Mrs. West let him go to the store for her quite often—and almost always gave him a dime for doing it. Randy liked to rattle his piggy bank every time he put another dime in it. This was a new source of income for him.

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One day Randy was thinking about that bow and arrow—and suddenly he remembered he had prayed for it. That was a long time ago, and still he didn't have it. So that evening after family devotions he said to his father, "Daddy, God doesn't always answer prayer, does He?"

"Of course He does, Son."

"Well, I prayed for a bow and arrow like Skeeter's a long time ago, and I never got it."

Randy's father thought for a moment. Then he asked, "How much does a bow and arrow cost?"

"Mommy says they cost about a dollar and a half."

"And how many dimes do you have in your piggy bank?"

Randy ran to see. He counted them and said, "Seventeen."

"Well, that's more than enough to buy a bow and arrow, Randy. Fifteen dimes make a dollar and a half."

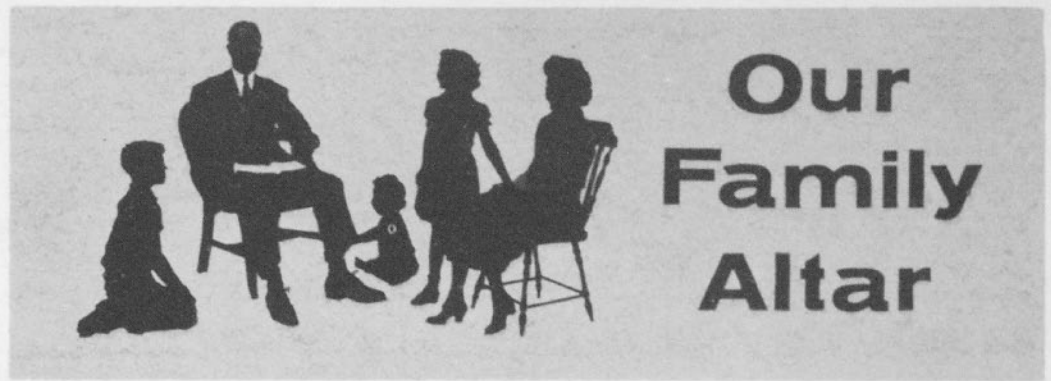
Randy's eyes opened wide with delight. "Oh, boy! Now I can really have my own bow and arrow!"

"Yes. The Lord answered your prayer after all, didn't He?"

It was then that Randy saw what had actually happened. God had given him the thing he had asked for by letting him work and earn the money. He had given Randy a new source of income—that was God's way of answering prayer.

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Randy had lots of fun playing with his new bow and arrow—but the best part was in knowing that God gave it to him. Randy had found a personal meaning for the verse, "He careth for you."



Our Family Altar

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

SCRIPTURE: James 4:1-6

TODAY'S GEM: "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss [wrongly]" James 4:3.

FOR THE PARENT: From this passage stress (1) that one reason our prayers may not be answered is because they are selfish; (2) we need to be more concerned about others than we are about ourselves; (3) God hates pride but helps those who are humble.

QUESTION TIME: What is one reason why our prayers may go unanswered? (v. 3) What relation does the person who is a friend of the world have to God? (v. 4) What kind of person is the one God honors, according to this passage? (v. 6)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

SCRIPTURE: James 4:6-10

TODAY'S GEM: "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you" (James 4:8).

FOR THE PARENT: These verses are full of practical commandments. Deal with as many of them as possible, emphasizing especially that as we set our hearts to seek God and be more like Him, He will help us to live a victorious Christian life.

QUESTION TIME: What promise is ours if we resist the devil? (v. 7) What promise is ours if we draw nigh to God? (v. 8) What do you think is meant by verse 9? (It undoubtedly refers to the fleeting pleasures of sin.)

PRAY that our lives will be more godly.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

SCRIPTURE: James 4:11-17

TODAY'S GEM: "Ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this" (James 4:15).

FOR THE PARENT: We depend on God for everything. Since ours is a day of "self-sufficiency," we need to be reminded that everything we have—even our life—comes from God. Also, point out from verse 17 the sin of not doing the things we should do.

QUESTION TIME: From whom do all good things come? (James 1:17) Do you think that James 4:13-15 teaches it is wrong to make plans for the future?

PRAY that we will always realize that we are dependent on God.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

SCRIPTURE: Luke 17:11-19

TODAY'S GEM: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psa. 103:2).

FOR THE PARENT: (More material on "The Mark of Gratitude" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Point out that Jesus healed ten lepers, but only one thanked Him. Stress (1) we should thank God for all He does for us; (2) we should thank our parents and others for things they do for us.

QUESTION TIME: Of the ten lepers that Jesus healed, how many thanked Him? (v. 15) Is there anything significant in the fact that the one who thanked Jesus was a Samaritan? (See John 4:9)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:6-13 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

TODAY'S GEM: "Be ye thankful" (Col. 3:15).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the story of the anointing of Jesus with a precious ointment by a woman (probably Mary of Bethany). Stress (1) Jesus' reaction to this act of gratitude—how pleased He was and how He appreciated it; (2) Jesus' appreciation of our praise and thanksgiving.

QUESTION TIME: What did the woman in this lesson do for Jesus? (v. 7) What was the reaction of the disciples? (v. 8) What was Jesus' reaction? (vv. 10-13)

PRAISE God for all His blessings.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 9:18-27 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

TODAY'S GEM: "Honor thy father and mother" (Eph. 6:2).

FOR THE PARENT: The important lesson from this passage is that Ham, the son of Noah, was disrespectful to his father, while Noah's other two sons honored him. God commands that we obey our parents and also honor them. If we fail to honor and obey them, we fail to honor and obey God.

QUESTION TIME: What was Ham's (Canaan's) punishment for not honoring his father? (vv. 25-27) What was the reward of the other two sons for respecting their father? (v. 26, 27)



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Christmas Greeting Cards Return to Religious Themes

Americans will exchange two billion greeting cards this Christmas, according to a forecast by greeting card manufacturers, and among the most significant trends this year is the return of religious themes to the Yuletide designs. In recent years, religious cards have accounted for only about five per cent of the total sold. This year the proportion is expected to be about 25 per cent.

The religious trend goes far beyond the cards that carry Bible verses. Scenes of the Nativity, the Star of Bethlehem, the shepherds and the wise men, and the Madonna and Child have become far more numerous than the leering Santas and the mistletoe kissing scenes.

One manufacturer of religious Christmas cards attributes the trend to the general rise in religious interest and church membership, and to the widespread campaigns to "put Christ back into Christmas."

Says Publicity Popularizes Delinquency

A Dutch youth leader visiting the U.S. suggested that the publicity given to juvenile delinquency in this country is doing "more to popularize it than to discourage it." He said that Holland did have some young hoodlums and criminals but there they are "not a subject of conversation, of headlines, or of great concern. . . . They are not a national problem and we don't regard them as being newsworthy."

The youth leader went on to say, "Your country seems to like the sensational and the scandal and the controversial. Our tempo of life is much quieter."

Hitting at some of the reasons for delinquency, he continued, "Your bad housing is uglier and dirtier and poorer than any in Holland, because there unsanitary and overcrowded blocks are evacuated and torn down. Poor housing and drink must contribute toward broken homes and delinquency."

How the Assemblies of God Ranks

The 1957 Yearbook of American Churches shows that the Assemblies of God ranks (out of 258 denominations):

- 9th in the number of churches
- 27th in church membership
- 9th in the number of ministers
- 8th in the number of Sunday Schools
- 11th in Sunday School enrollment
- 7th in the number of Sunday School workers
- 5th in the number of foreign missionaries
- 1st in foreign Bible Schools

(The above information, in a news-story style which can be tied in with the local church, is available to interested individuals free from the Public Relations Department, Assemblies of God, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. The Public Relations Department also plans a series of news releases on the Assemblies of God which will be available soon. These releases provide an exceptional means of promoting the work of both the local Assembly and the national body through local newspapers and other media.)

Governor Proclaims "Child Evangelism Week"

Oklahoma's Governor Raymond Gary has proclaimed February 17-24, 1957, as Child Evangelism Week in his state.

Urges Church to Combat Juvenile Delinquency

Domestic Relations Judge J. W. Mills, of Houston, Texas, called for a state-wide educational program against juvenile delinquency. The judge, a prominent Methodist layman, told a Baptist Pastors Conference that "so far most of the churches, especially Protestant churches, have kept themselves far removed from the distressing problem" of teenage crime.

Missionary Radio Station Has 50,000-Watt Transmitter

Radio Station HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, has inaugurated its first 50,000-watt transmitter. This year marks the silver anniversary of the pioneer missionary radio broadcasting station which went on the air in 1931 with a power output of 200 watts. Gradually it has increased its power until today it utilizes two long-wave frequencies, an FM outlet, and four short-wave stations. Broadcasts go out in nine languages, 21½ hours a day, six days a week. Its motto, based on its call letters, is "Heralding Christ Jesus' Blessings." The new 50,000-watt transmitter will enable the station to herald the gospel with greater power than ever before. (A 50,000-watt transmitter is equivalent to that used by the most powerful U.S. radio stations.)

ELC Constructs 26th "Retirement Home"

The Evangelical Lutheran Church is building a half-million dollar "retirement home" for the aged at Webster, South Dakota. The 60-bed home of modern, one-story, motel-type design will be the 26th such institution for the aged to be operated by the ELC.

Police Order Stores to Halt Sunday Business

On the basis of a Sunday closing ordinance passed some years ago, Colorado Springs, Colorado, police ordered owners of ten downtown clothing and furniture stores to stop doing business on Sundays. The city ordinance prohibits the operation of certain types of businesses on Sunday.

Disciples of Christ Vote for Name Change

Delegates to the annual assembly of the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ (Christian Churches), meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, voted to change the name of their denomination to the International Convention of Christian Churches. The action was taken because most congregations of the denomination are known as "The Christian Churches."

In other action delegates voted to explore the possibility of merger with the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The latter two bodies have already voted to merge into the "United Church of Christ."

166 Enrolled at Evangel College

Students from thirty-two states, Hawaii, and two foreign countries make up the 166 enrollment at Evangel College, liberal arts school of the Assemblies of God, now in its second year of operation. In the enrollment are 113 freshmen, 48 sophomores, and five special students.

Evangelism Convention Scheduled for Tulsa

The Third National Evangelism Convention of the Assemblies of God will be held in the Tulsa Municipal Theatre, Tulsa, Oklahoma, December 18-20, 1956. Evangelists, pastors, district officials, and laymen will assemble at this convention for a time of spiritual refreshing.

BGMC Sets New Goal

The Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, sponsored by the Assemblies of God, has set \$15,000 as its goal for the 1957 BGMC Day offering on February 3. Last year's goal of \$12,000 was surpassed. Money received on BGMC Day this year will be used for special gospel printing efforts in Africa.

Church Construction Hits Another Peak

Church construction in the United States during September set a new record, according to government sources. A total of 72 million dollars' worth of new church buildings were begun—two million dollars more than August, the previous record, and three million more than September, 1955. Church construction this year is running ahead of the same period of 1955, and it appears that a new record for the year may be established.

Warns Against Contacts with Russian Orthodox Church

Dr. Eivind Berggrav, retired Bishop of Oslo and former Primate of the State Lutheran Church of Norway, has called for a halt to the growing contacts between western churches and the Russian Orthodox Church. He told newsmen that the Russian Church "subordinates itself to a godless State," and western churchmen who fellowship with it "place themselves on the verge of treachery to Christian justice and faith."

What Has Billy Graham Got?

Before the Glasgow Crusade, Billy Graham wrote to his wife and described a meeting with several members of his evangelistic team. He said: "We had dinner in my room, and then we started to pray. As we were praying it seemed that we could hear the rushing of the wind. I have had but one or two spiritual experiences like it. It was so wonderful, so thrilling, so sacred that I cannot even tell about it. It was almost like a Pentecostal experience." (Taken from an account by Stanley High.)

Asks Withdrawal of Treaty with Haiti

Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, has asked the Secretary of State to withdraw a controversial treaty with Haiti on the grounds that it omits the customary guarantee of religious liberty to American citizens residing abroad. He urged Mr. Dulles to obtain a new treaty which would include a guarantee of religious liberty for nationals of both countries.

Nearly two years have passed since the U.S. signed the treaty of friendship, commerce, and navigation with Haiti, but it still remains unratified by the U.S. Senate due to the many protests that have come from various Protestant groups. But in spite of the protests, the State Department is still pressing for the ratification of the treaty.



Liquor and Taxes

Do the taxes received from liquor sales justify the business as far as the state is concerned? One of the major arguments of the distillers is, "Look at the amount of money liquor taxes pay into the public coffer."

But maybe we had better take another look. *Evangelical Visitor* reports that taxpayers in the State of Pennsylvania had to pay an additional \$14.00 for every dollar collected in taxes from liquor sales. The extra money was needed for additional police protection, jails, hospitals, mental institutions, and relief to drinkers' families.

Anti-Liquor Christmas Seals to Be Distributed

The National Temperance League will print and distribute 7½ million Christmas seals carrying the slogan, "Christmas for Christ." This year's design shows a lighted church on one side, with worshipers entering, and a bright star overhead, symbolic of the Star of Bethlehem. On the other side are two whiskey bottles and glasses with a large "X" marked through them, indicating disapproval of liquor parties as a means of celebrating Christmas.

Seize Catholic Schools for Nonpayment of Taxes

Municipal authorities in the Canadian town of Coquitlam, near Vancouver, British Columbia, formally ordered seizure of three Roman Catholic schools in the area for nonpayment of taxes. The schools owe \$10,000 in taxes over a four-year period, and Roman Catholic officials have persistently refused to pay. They maintain it is unfair to ask them to carry the "double burden" of paying public school taxes and supporting their own parochial schools as well; but municipal officials pointed out that public schools, like public parks and public libraries, must be supported by all the public whether the taxpayer uses them or not.



Luther Cayton and an outdoor Sunday School class at Yerington, Nevada. They need a church building.



J. K. Gressett, Arizona Dist. Supt., works with missionaries June Pearson and Bonnie White on this Indian Assembly at Winslow.



This Indian church at Indian Wells, Arizona, on the Navajo Reservation, needs flooring and other interior finishing.

"Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and SEND PORTIONS UNTO THEM FOR WHOM NOTHING IS PREPARED" (Nehemiah 8:10).

THE SPIRIT OF THIS EXHORTATION OF Nehemiah to the children of Israel rings in the ears of our Assemblies of God home missionaries to the American Indians.

They have gone to the reservations with the gospel of Jesus Christ, and have found many people for whom nothing had been prepared in the way of the Bread of Life.

Because it did not seem right to withhold the gospel from these hungry hearts, they told them the gospel story. And in simple faith the Indian people responded. Now new Indian congregations are busy building churches in which to perpetuate the ministry to their tribes.

About a year ago the Home Missions Department called the attention of EVANGEL readers to some of the urgent needs in these many building programs. Some friends responded to that need and these offerings have already gone into Indian churches. But now with winter upon us there are still several very urgent needs in this field. Some of our Indian brethren, along with their missionaries, are worshiping in cold, unfinished buildings. They have sacrificed until there is nothing left for them to give.

At Canyon Day, Arizona, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oakes, a consecrated young couple, are building a work for God among the Apaches. They started their services in a brush arbor, and as the work progressed it became necessary to

For Whom Nothing Is Prepared

BY ELVA M. JOHNSON

build. The Indians are working with their missionaries, doing what they can to get their building ready for winter; but thus far they only have the shell up—no floors, windows, or ceiling inside. This is an urgent need, for the reservation is mountainous and the high attitude brings severe cold weather.

At Yerington, Nevada, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Cayton couldn't wait for a building to begin telling the gospel to the Paiute Indians, so they began outdoor services. Their Sunday School and Vacation Bible School were held out-of-doors both this summer and last. Last winter they had to disband because of the cold weather. Now they have begun their building and are trying to get the shell up before the heavy fall rains. They need finance to purchase finishing materials for the outside, electric wiring, and flooring. A carpenter is helping them with the work, but they are without funds to proceed with the building.

At Winslow, Arizona, near the Navajo Reservation, Bonnie White and June Pearson are ministering. The work was begun by Rowena Chaves and Jewel Barnett in a dwelling. A few months ago they were given a government barracks

building which had to be moved. They bought lots, through the help of interested churches in Texas and other places, and by using money sent for their own personal needs. Then Mrs. Chaves and Mrs. Barnett felt the Lord leading them to go to minister in one of the villages on the Hopi Reservation where the full gospel had never yet been heard. They left Misses White and Pearson in charge of the Winslow work.

The building (which provides both church and living quarters) has been moved and now stands directly across the street from a large Indian boarding school.

It needs flooring, plumbing, and stucco on the outside. This need is urgent and immediate with winter here.

Miss Thelma Miller has been working on the Cattaraugus Reservation in Western New York for over two years. She and her co-worker, Helen Guznik, held services in an old building for some time. Then an Indian family donated a piece of ground on which to build, and they began a basement church. The basement is not in condition for winter use. Several hundred dollars are still needed for wiring,

waterproofing, and the completion of the floor for Sunday School space. Natural gas will be provided free of charge by the utility company for heating purposes, but it will cost almost \$1,000 to run a pipeline to the building. This is an urgent need.

Far out on the Navajo Reservation at Beta Hochee Trading Post in Arizona, Arlene Wilkins and Helen Burgess parked a house trailer and began witnessing for God. They ministered from hogan to hogan, holding services when possible. Souls came to Christ, some of them after learning for the first time that there was a sacrifice prepared for sin and that they were included at Calvary.

A church building became a necessity and the workers launched into a building program. A consecrated Christian family came from Oregon to help with the construction. Later some Assemblies of God families working on a pipeline in the area came over to help. The men got together and gave what they could, and on their days off they worked on the Navajo Assemblies of God church at Beta Hochee.

Now winter is approaching and the building is not yet ready for cold weather. Only a small portion of the floor is poured, and other interior finishing is needed.

These reports have brought a real concern to the National Home Missions Department. But since every available dollar already has been poured into Indian building programs, we have no recourse but to present the need in this manner, with the hope that some readers will be able to help in the most desperate situations.

We have not exaggerated the need, nor told of the personal sacrifice which we have seen the workers making daily in order that they may minister to the needs of those "for whom nothing is prepared."

If you would like to designate an offering for one of these works, please do so without delay. Indicate that your offering is for the INDIAN BUILDING FUND, and send it today to the HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

**Today (November 11) Is
National Prison Sunday**

And they went everywhere...

The years between the photos were full years—full of hardships, blessings, and hard work. They were lean years and good years, years shared by scores of young pioneers who have now grown old. The EVANGEL told of their victories. Let us remember them on Sunday, November 18.



VANCOUVER, B. C., April 2 1921—About thirty received the Baptism the first eight days of our meeting here. The auditorium was packed to overflowing last night.—A. H. Argue

GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS, December 16, 1922—A most wonderful meeting is in progress here. Ninety or more have received the Baptism, and the end is not yet, praise the Lord.—A. H. Argue

SIOUX CITY, IOWA, October 14, 1922—Praise the Lord, the good work goes on here. We baptized 13 last Sunday, and went to Vermillion, about 40 miles away, and baptized three—one of them an old gentleman 78 years old. That was September 17, and God gave us a good day. . . . Our regular crowd almost fills our basement Sundays. I. M. Glanville



TIBETAN BORDER, WEST CHINA, July 24, 1926—At present the meetings are well-attended. During the past week a few men ventured into the meeting. The men usually avoid any public meeting where the gospel is preached. . . . These wild men have learned to know us. We have gained their confidence by being honest with everyone. . . . This is something no Tangar merchant can say of himself. . . . A few days ago one of these wild-looking long-haired Tibetans came in and wanted me to become his "brother." I told him I could not do that but that I would be his friend. He then placed his forehead to mine and seemed satisfied. . . . We intreat you to pray for us as we travel among those wild tribes.—V. G. Plymire

Remember the pioneer ministers on Sunday, November 18

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SUNDAY'S LESSON



THE MARK OF GRATITUDE

Sunday School Lesson for November 18, 1956

LUKE 17:11-19

There is an old English proverb, "Put a snake in your bosom, and when it is warm, it will sting you"—base ingratitude. Yet that snake is no more base than the man who wounds the heart of God by failing to be truly appreciative of the innumerable blessings He bestows. "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" (Psalm 107:8).

GREAT NEED

"There met him ten men who were lepers." These men were drawn together by their common misery which made them ignore the national enmity which existed between them. Nine were undoubtedly Jews while one was a Samaritan. How miserable was their plight! Cursed with an incurable and loathsome disease, they were separated according to Mosaic Law (Leviticus 13:46) from the rest of society. Leprosy is a type of that greatest of all diseases—sin—which separates men from God, and from the society of the righteous. It is contagious, loathsome, and humanly incurable.

GREAT DELIVERANCE

The lepers cried aloud to Christ for mercy. "And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go show yourselves unto the priests." There was great variety in the way Jesus healed people. The healing of these men was not instantly demonstrated as was the case of the leper of Luke 5:12, 13. Instead, their faith was tested. Though there was no visible change in their condition, *they were to act as if they were healed*, and to report to the priest whose duty it was to examine lepers and to pronounce them cured if such were actually the case. (See Leviticus 14:2-32.)

"And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed." That these men had faith is evident from the fact they obeyed. Let us learn from them! Many lose faith and think they are not healed if there is no immediate change. But God's order is "Believe . . . [and] see" (John 11:40). "Believe that ye [do now] receive . . . and ye shall have" (Mark 11:24). Said Smith Wigglesworth, "I am moved by what I believe, not by what I see."

GREAT INGRATITUDE

"Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" Oh, the wistful sadness of the words of Jesus. Ten men had experienced His mighty healing power; only one returned to thank Him! So it often is today. For twenty years a certain minister kept an account of all the sick he visited. During this time two thousand people, in prospect of death when he visited them, supposedly gave themselves to Christ and were restored to health. But *only two* of these by their future conduct proved that their repentance and gratitude was real!

GREAT THANKFULNESS

The Word significantly points out that the thankful leper was a Samaritan—a stranger to the covenant promises made to God's people. The lesson is evident. Those who are recipients of the greatest spiritual blessings may take them for granted and be the most ungrateful. The Samaritan's healing accomplished its intended purpose: it drew him to the Healer. So it is God's intention that every blessing we receive shall bring us into more intimate relationship with Himself and make us more useful in His service.

GREAT BLESSING

"And he said . . . , Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole." Unquestionably the Samaritan here received something additional. The other nine received healing for their bodies. The Samaritan received that into which the physical healing was intended to lead them all—the healing of the soul!

The Samaritan may never have read Psalm 103, but he certainly obeyed its exhortations: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Real gratitude for God's goodness, the kind of gratitude that really "blesses" God, is expressed with one's entire being. Someone has said, "Let your conscience bless the Lord by unvarying fidelity. Let your judgment bless Him by decisions in accordance with His Word. Let your imagination bless Him by pure and holy musings. Let your affections bless Him by loving whatever He loves. Let your desires bless Him by seeking only His glory. Let your memory bless Him by meditating on His excellencies. Let your every sense bless Him by its faithfulness, every word by its truth, and every act by its integrity." This is the mark of gratitude!

—J. Bashford Bishop

IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS



Until God made me a new creature—



I Was A Drunkard

A Personal Testimony by

MRS. BEULAH HARVITH

IF YOU COULD HAVE SEEN ME ELEVEN years ago, before the Lord saved me from alcoholism, you would not believe a person's appearance and character could be changed so completely. I was an habitual drunkard, and a drunken woman is not a pretty sight. Emaciated, nervous, dissolute—I was a physical and moral wreck. Only the mercy of God saved me from suicide and a drunkard's hell.

One night I was staggering home about midnight—drunk as usual—when I heard a train coming. Suddenly I felt an urge to throw myself on the tracks and end it all. I ran toward the tracks as fast as I could, but just as I approached them a strange power came over me and I felt both legs being lifted from beneath me. I went sprawling in the cinders beside the tracks.

The train rolled by as I lay just a few feet away. My knees were cut and bleeding. I was shaking from head to feet. I know now that it was the power of God that threw me in the cinders in order to save me from a suicide's hell.

I was not quite fifteen years of age when I began to drink. By the age of thirty I was an alcoholic, smoking two packages of cigarettes a day and consuming so much liquor that I seldom was sober. I was under-weight, nervous, and extremely fearful. Only God knows the agony that gripped my soul day and night. The only time I felt free from

this spirit of fear was when I was so drunk that I didn't feel like myself any more.

Many times I would awaken from a drunken stupor to be told that I had almost killed my husband with a butcher knife, or that I had beaten someone over the head in a drunken fit. Sometimes I would find myself in jail. No wonder fear gripped my heart, for I never knew what I might do under the influence of drink—and I knew I couldn't break the habit. I tried, time and again, but each time I swore off drinking I returned to the bottle after a few days and began to drink more than ever.

But a merciful God saw that I sincerely desired to be free, and He came to my rescue.

My sister, who is a born-again Christian, was praying desperately that I would accept Christ and be saved. It was not by accident, therefore, that I moved into a house next to the local Assembly of God. This happened just a short time after I had tried to end my life at the railroad tracks.

On Sunday mornings when I would hear the Christians singing and praising God, I would become so miserable I would curse and scream. I would try to drown my troubles in drink. But I knew that some time I must face the issue. It was either salvation or damnation, and I knew my only salvation was to accept Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and to put my whole trust in Him.

One Sunday I decided to go into the church and see what it was all about.

A revival campaign was under way and I felt the mighty power of the presence of God in the meeting. I was impressed with the fervent spirit with which the people sang the hymns and worshiped the Lord. They sang about the joys of salvation, and I thought to myself, "Say, they really believe they are saved."

The next night I returned to the service, taking my 12-year-old daughter with me. When the evangelist asked for those who would like to accept Christ as their personal Saviour I almost ran to the altar. My daughter came and knelt beside me. I have never been able to find words to describe the wonderful peace and joy that came into my heart. All fear was lifted and the heavy burden of sin was gone. Jesus came into my heart and broke every chain and fetter. I was no longer a slave to the devil, but a child of God.

The next day, and even for months after I was saved, when I would pass a tavern I would become nauseated at the odor of the beer and liquor. How wonderfully I was delivered from any desire for the stuff.

No one of my old gang could believe what they heard about me; they did not think that I could have been saved. Some made bets that I couldn't last six months. Others said they wouldn't give me six weeks until I would be drunk again. They would have been right if I had been depending upon my own will power, but I was trusting in the power of God to keep me.

Milton Searles, pastor of the Assembly at that time, was an inspiration and blessing to me in the early days of my conversion. God made His Word very real to me and helped me to make my crooked paths straight and to make restitution in various ways.

A few months after my conversion the Lord baptized me with the Holy Spirit. I am so happy and grateful to Him for His abiding presence in my life day after day. There has been no end to His blessings in my life. Although I have gone through many deep waters and hard trials in these past eleven years, God has kept me rejoicing in Him, and is blessing me in new ways in my heart and life. It is my deep desire that I may help others, who are bound by drink, to find Christ as their personal Saviour and be set free.

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Miss S., Worden, Ill.—“I wrote you some months ago to ask you to pray that my sister and I would get a job. The Lord has answered prayer. We are working at the plant where we worked before. I want to thank you for joining in prayer with us, and to thank the

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SAVED FROM SUICIDE

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Mrs. O., Avory, Miss.: “My mother asked me to tell you that her son whom you prayed for to be saved some time ago has been saved from the drink habit. God has saved him from sin. She asked me to tell you that God has answered your prayers for him.”

EYE HEALED

Mrs. B., Columbia, Mo.: “Monday morning, August 27, the nurse on duty in Lenoir Memorial Home said, ‘That eye looks better.’ Next morning the white of the eye was clear. Eight days the eye remained perfect in every way. This after the specialist insisted he would have to remove the eye-ball. This is all in answer to the prayers of your prayer group August 26. I give our heavenly Father thanks in Jesus' Name for His healing through the Blood of Jesus and for you and your faithful prayer group.”

TROUBLE IN HOME DISSOLVED

Mr. and Mrs. W., Glen Aubrey, N. Y.: “We just finished listening to your sermon on *Marriage and the Home*. Wife and I got on our knees by the radio and laid our hands on it as you



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prayed for the broken homes, and for homes where there had been a great deal of trouble and discord. Ours was a home of this last kind, but God healed our troubles and made our lives over. Oh, how happy we are now, Brother Ward. We thank you for your heartfelt interest in a problem which is so widespread."

BACKSLIDER WANTS PRAYER

Anon, Atlanta, Ga.: "One night I felt that I couldn't go on another day as my burden was so heavy. It happened to be on Sunday when you prayed as you always do. I raised my hand and repeated after you a sinner's prayer. I slept good all night and felt much better the next day. Reverend Ward, I am a backslider. That is worse than being a sinner. Please, will you and your prayer group pray that I may receive the joy I once knew as I am so unhappy."

SAVED

Mrs. R., Driftwood, Pa.: "I am sending my father-in-law's name that he may be prayed for. He is 77 years old and never attends church anywhere. I

know that all things are possible if we believe. When you had the prayer meeting for lost souls in February, I sent my husband's name and he has been saved. Thank the Lord!"

BACKSLIDDEN PRISONER RECLAIMED

Mr. S., County Jail, Brookville, Pa.: "I want you to pray for me. I backslid and got into trouble. I stole a car and then some money. But I heard your program on Sunday and gave my heart back to the Lord. I want you to pray for me and the rest of the boys in here."

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Jehu, the Idol-breaker

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stamped out, as would all who view the problem objectively. We must be reminded, however, that merely fighting alcohol and dope has no constructive counterpart and is no substitute for personal righteousness. In this field many a crusader has falsely supposed that his tirades against the whiskey bottle have brought him the approbation of God.

Atheistic Communism is the sworn enemy of God and righteousness. It has closed the doors to mission fields, boarded up churches, martyred the faithful, and substituted its propaganda for the truth of the gospel. So subtle are its tactics and so insidious its methods that Christians rise up with might and main to combat these hordes of hell. That, of itself, is good, but some have lost sight of the true objective. As in the case of Jehu, the crusade takes on political overtones and the cause of personal righteousness is forgotten. Just to combat Communism is not enough. Not every fighter against Communism is in the army of the Lord,

nor does smashing something evil make the crusader a servant of God.

A person cannot become spiritual merely by abstaining from things sinful. Neither can there be a true spiritual crusade by only fighting that which is evil. The same principle holds for the individual or the world. It is good to put off the things of sin, but we must also put on the garments of righteousness. Fighting the devil is not enough; we must embrace Christ and present His glorious truths.

Sometimes we choose the easiest method that gives a semblance of accomplishment. *It is easier to fight than to build.* It is easier to use carnal weapons than constructive ideas. The first inclination is to pick up a hatchet, like Carrie Nation, and smash that which is offensive to us. Jehu shattered the idols that represented opposition to God but didn't make the positive moves that would make him acceptable to Jehovah.

The efforts of Jehu were largely wasted because they centered in the negative exclusively. He was a crusader, *but* he took no heed to walk in the law of the Lord.

The sound of the breaking of idols delights the ears of God, but the idol-breaker cannot enjoy His favor without personal obedience and holy living.



"Keep Christ in Christmas" is a slogan that has been widely advertised in recent years. The gifts a Christian chooses at Christmas should reflect the spirit of Christ. Such a gift is a year's subscription to *The Pentecostal Evangel*—it may well be the means of the salvation of a loved one or of a deeper experience for a friend. Give the *Evangel* at these low Christmas rates (and include your own subscription or renewal, too):

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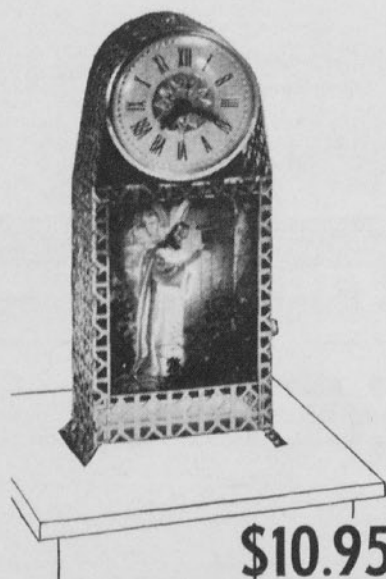
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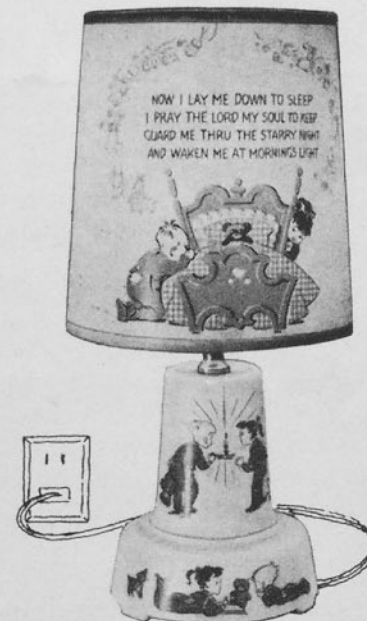
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"With the Brethren"

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The unbeliever paused to think of the faithfulness of his neighbor to be "with the brethren," and he accepted Christ himself as a result.

When there is a task to be accomplished, God looks for us *with the brethren*. We know the need of evangelizing the nations of the world and we cheer the missionary on in his task. But what is our part?

"Must I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize
And sailed through bloody seas?"

There is a place for us *with the brethren* in this battle. Moses challenged the children of Reuben and of Gad, saying, "Shall your brethren go to war and shall ye sit here?"

It is one thing for us to say, "We're with you, brethren, and we believe in the work you are doing." And it is another thing to back them up with our presence and prayers and sacrificial giving so that the work is not hindered for lack of anything we might have done.

One of our newer home missionaries said, in a recent letter, that he used to think prayer was requested by missionaries as a matter of form, but now he knows that it is a matter of desperate necessity. The missionaries are our brethren, out there on the battlefield for God. They look for us *with the brethren*. They look for us to strengthen their hand in God, even as Jonathan did for David at the risk of his life. Some of us have risked so little and sacrificed so little that we are embarrassed when a missionary comes to our church and with tears in his eyes thanks us for the "sacrifice" we have made to keep him on the field.

Are we guilty of taking a careless, indifferent attitude, or are we faithfully standing "with the brethren" in this spiritual battle for the souls of men? If we expect to stand with them when the rewards are given, we must stand with them today, not in word only, but in deed as well.

Heaven will be a wonderful place. Many songs have been written about

it, and about the grand reunions that will take place over there. There's going to be a lot of looking for folk *with the brethren over there*. Some will be missing who never planned to miss. They always planned to be *with the brethren*, but somehow never got around to it. Some will be missing who started out *with the brethren*, but like Demas they have forsaken the faith for love of this present world.

Let's stand "with the brethren" till Jesus comes. There are many 'side tracks,' and lots of 'dead ends,' but if we will keep close to the heart of God, and stand shoulder to shoulder with our brethren, God will see us through to victory.

'Twi'x God and thee but love shall be;
'Twi'x earth and thee distrust and fear,
'Twi'x sin and thee be hate and war;
And hope shall be 'twi'x Heaven and thee

Till night is o'er.

—*Mechthild of Hellfde, A.D. 1277*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRI-STATE C. A. RALLY AND FELLOWSHIP MEETING—Nov. 12 at Gospel Tabernacle, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. C. M. Ward, speaker.—by Arthur F. Berg, Pastor.

FIRST ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION—Nov. 15-18 at Glad Tidings Assembly, Cor. Irwin and Myrtle, Hanford, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Epler, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Turnbull, and Nelson Hinman, speakers.—by Gene Forrest, Pastor.

22nd ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION—Nov. 4-11 at Church of the Four Fold Gospel, Battle Creek, Mich. Malcolm Blakeney of India; B. T. Bard of Egypt; Nettie Juergensen of Japan; and Raymond Zents of Upper Volta, speakers; Swedish gospel singer, Sven Bjork.—by E. A. Manley, Pastor.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION—Nov. 11-14 at Central Assembly, 2225 E. Central, Wichita, Kans. Speakers: Mr. and Mrs. George H. Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. Mal W. Blakeney, Carl D. Holleman, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones, and Kenneth Short.—by J. Boyd Wolverton, Pastor.

SOUTH FLORIDA C. A. and S. S. CONVENTION—Nov. 21-23 at Lake Bonny Bible Camp, 940 Longfellow Rd., Lakeland, Fla. First service on Wednesday evening. Jesse Smith, Columbus, Ga., guest speaker. C. A. Day, Nov. 22; S. S. Day, Nov. 23.—Roy A. Harthorn, District C. A. President and Harold E. Bullock, District S. S. Director.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	CHURCH	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Calif.	Turlock	Bethel Temple	Nov. 4-18	Watson Argue	Robert Carrington
	Weed	A of G	Nov. 13—	Herman Olp	Noel E. Ravan
Colo.	Pueblo	Central	Nov. 14—	Lolita Thompson	C. F. Ferguson
	Albany	First	Nov. 4-18	Philip Jackson	Mrs. J. LaGrone
Ga.	Atlanta	East Lake	Nov. 5—	Jesse Ray & wife	K. I. Wright
	Rome	A of G	Oct. 31-Nov. 11	R. E. Cottle & wife	Verna Flanders
Ill.	Camp Point	A of G	Nov. 13-Dec. 2	Walter D. Lascelle	J. L. Watkins
	Virden	A of G	Nov. 15—	Fiscus-Peak	Chas. Gotcher
Ind.	Evansville	First	Nov. 4—	Chas. C. Robinson	Joe Ragsdale
Kans.	Topeka	Glad Tidings	Nov. 7-18	Musical Hilds	Gearl B. Manning
Minn.	Alexandria	A of G	Nov. 6-18	Oliver Johnson & wife	Jacob Myers
	Edina	First	Nov. 6—	R. W. Hastie & wife	T. W. Stark
Mo.	Raytown	A of G	Nov. 11-25	Carl Oney & wife	John H. Waugh
	Sikeston	First	Nov. 4-18	Jimmy Brown	Loren W. Wooten
Mont.	Anaconda	A of G	Nov. 13-18	Ruth Specter	Ronald Nichols
	Kalispell	A of G	Nov. 13-25	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Walt Buck
N.J.	Paterson	Bethany	Nov. 8-18	Musical Vanderploegs	Ernest Berquist
N.Y.	Batavia	A of G	Nov. 4-18	Reid Party	Carl S. Lowe
Ohio	Columbus	Calvary	Nov. 4—	L. K. Dodge	L. E. Loretz
	W. Carrollton	A of G	Oct. 30-Nov. 11	Charles Duncombe	John H. Sands
Okla.	Ada	First	Nov. 11-25	Hildreth Ethridge	Jonathan Harrel Jr.
	Collinsville	First	Nov. 4—	Bob Alsop & wife	C. H. Miller
	Wetumka	First	Nov. 18—	James Gilbert Family	Harold J. Baker
Oreg.	Eugene	First	Nov. 14-Dec. 2	L. B. "Bill" Lewis	Elsworth Krogstad
Pa.	Lancaster	Glad Tidings	Nov. 11—	L. C. Robie	Herbert Jones
	Pittsburgh	Evang. Temp.	Nov. 7-25	Busse Evang. Team	Fleming Van Meter
	Wellsboro	Calvary Tab.	Nov. 13-25	Robert Watters & wife	Peter Bedzyk
S. C.	Lexington	Hi Way Tab.	Nov. 18—	Jim Anderson & wife	Ira Tompkins
Tex.	Athens	First	Nov. 11-25	E. R. Winter	C. E. Wilson
	Harlingen	First	Nov. 4—	George Hayes	R. R. Taylor
	Plainview	First	Nov. 11—	George Gospel Team	Louis Shultz
	Wichita Falls	Beverly Drive	Nov. 11-25	John & Olive Kellner	L. O. Lormond
Wash.	Chewelah	A of G	Oct. 28-Nov. 18	Wesley Fleming	M. E. Phinney
Canada	Belleville, Ont.	Calvary Temple	Nov. 14—	Frank Lummer	Smith-Price

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