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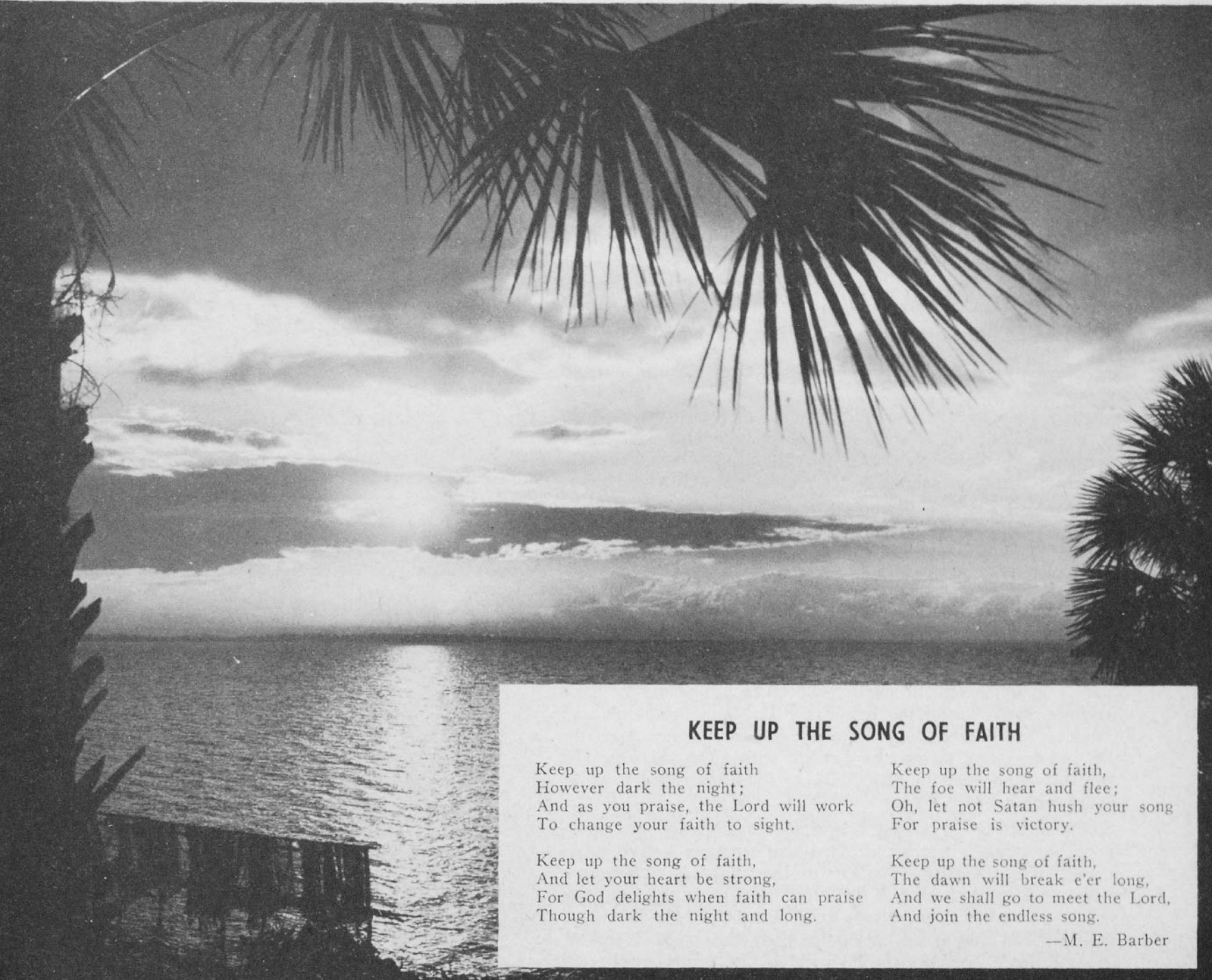
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



## KEEP UP THE SONG OF FAITH

Keep up the song of faith  
However dark the night;  
And as you praise, the Lord will work  
To change your faith to sight.

Keep up the song of faith,  
And let your heart be strong,  
For God delights when faith can praise  
Though dark the night and long.

Keep up the song of faith,  
The foe will hear and flee;  
Oh, let not Satan hush your song  
For praise is victory.

Keep up the song of faith,  
The dawn will break e'er long,  
And we shall go to meet the Lord,  
And join the endless song.

—M. E. Barber

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## Christian Contentment

Can a man live for gain and at the same time live for God? No, not if he merely goes after *worldly* gain, but the Bible says there is a better kind of gain; namely, the blessing of Christian contentment. It is the product not of passive complacency but of humble thanksgiving. "Godliness with contentment is *great* gain." Happy is the man who enjoys this blessing. He has discovered the true riches of life.

A remarkable illustration of contentment is given in the fourth chapter of Second Kings, which tells of a certain "great woman" of Shunem who befriended Elisha, the prophet of God. Not only did she feed him, but she and her husband also made a little "prophet's chamber" for Elisha to use whenever he passed that way. One day the prophet decided he ought to reward her kindness somehow, so he said to her, "Wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host?" And this "great woman" gave a truly great answer. She said, "I dwell among mine own people." That was all she said—but could any answer be more eloquent? She had a home; she had loved ones; and therewith she was content. How much happier the world would be if there were more of this spirit today.

Another Old Testament example is Barzillai, the Gileadite. According to Second Samuel, chapter nineteen, Barzillai was "a very great man." He had befriended King David and the King wanted to repay him, so he invited the old gentleman to come and live at the royal palace. Most old men would welcome such a move, but this "great man" declined the royal invitation. He said he was quite content to remain in his own city. After all, he was eighty years old and he hadn't much longer to live. He asked that Chimham, a younger man, be granted that great honor in his stead.

No doubt it was the example of unselfish men like Barzillai that taught David to be so content with his lot. His psalms seldom refer to his many trials but they abound with thanksgiving. He said, "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage."

The apostle Paul likewise counted his blessings rather than his troubles. He said, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." He refused to covet any man's silver or gold (though he might have taken up some very large offerings, had he been so minded). He knew that the love of money had caused some of God's servants to err from the faith and to pierce themselves through with many sorrows. His advice to young Timothy was, "Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content."

Contentment is the fairest flower that a Christian can wear, but covetousness is a noxious weed that corrupts everything it touches. The Bible lists it as one of the signs of the last days—"Men shall be covetous. . . ." Those who know the Lord can enjoy a sweet contentment, for they know that He is always with them and that He is caring for their needs. In Hebrews, chapter thirteen, we have the instruction, "Be content with such things as ye have." Some might ask, "Why should I be content, when others have so much more than I?" But the Scripture goes on to give the reason—"for He (the Lord) hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." The greatest joy of heaven will be the enjoyment of His presence. This we may enjoy here on earth in ever-increasing measure, so let us be content to stay in the center of His will and welcome whatever experiences He may choose for us. His choice is much wiser than ours!

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BUT OF THE TIMES AND SEASONS, BRETHREN, YE HAVE NO NEED  
THAT I WRITE UNTO YOU. FOR YOURSELVES KNOW PERFECTLY THAT THE DAY  
OF THE LORD SO COMETH AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT

# THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST

BY LOUIS H. HAUFF

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**H**OW WILL THE RETURN OF JESUS Christ affect you? Will you fear it, as one fears the visit of a thief; or will you welcome His appearance as a bride welcomes the arrival of her bridegroom?

Matthew's Gospel compares the return of Christ to both events. In chapter 24 we read, "If the goodman of the house had known in what watch the THIEF would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

The following chapter likens His return to that of a bridegroom, rather than a thief. "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the BRIDEGROOM. . . . Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 25:1, 13).

Let us study the fact, time, and manner of Christ's return to see if and how it is related to our individual lives.

## WILL JESUS COME AGAIN?

At least eight times in these 24th and 25th chapters of Matthew there is a direct reference to "the coming of the Son of man." In many other verses there are parables referring to this event. Someone has said that one verse out of every twenty-five in the New Testament refers to the return of Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself said: "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 14:2, 3). Some have tried to apply these words to the time when a person dies, but Christ's

return to receive us to Himself does not refer to the time of our death. The apostle Paul taught that Christ will return for the dead and the living alike.

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17). When the Son of man returns "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump," there will be a resurrection of those who have died in Christ, and a rapture of those who are living for Christ. Whether alive or dead, those who are ready will be "caught up together" into the clouds to be forever with Christ.

The apostle John wrote of this event in these words: "When He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." James also wrote of it when he said, "Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

Many events prophesied in the Bible are to be fulfilled soon, such as the Great Tribulation, the rise of the Antichrist, the Mark of the Beast, the Battle of Armageddon. The thought of these events brings fear to many hearts. But the Christian does not dwell



on these matters. For Jesus said, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." We are not looking for the Antichrist. We are looking for the Blessed Hope and glorious appearing of Christ Himself. One of the fundamental truths which the Assemblies of God holds dear is this Blessed Hope. "The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the church"—thus it is stated in our official Constitution.

## WHEN WILL JESUS RETURN?

Through the years there have been some who tried to set a date for the Lord's return. This is contrary to the Word of God, for Jesus said, "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father" (Mark 13:32).

We may not know the day or hour, and yet the Word instructs us concerning the "times and seasons." Many signs of the last days are given us in the Bible.

1. *The sign of peace conferences.* "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, *Peace and safety*; then sudden destruction cometh upon them—and they shall not escape" (1 Thessalonians 5:1-3). Peace conferences are the order of the day, but the Prince of Peace is not invited. Without Him they are doomed to failure, in spite of man's best efforts.

2. *The sign of the struggle between capital and labor.* The Bible says, "Go

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The General Superintendent Speaks



*It is the holy flame of the Spirit in our churches that attracts the people. We cannot afford to let it go out.*

# KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!

A BRITISH CLERGYMAN, DR. EDWIN Robertson, recently visited our headquarters at Springfield, Missouri, in connection with a study he is making for the United Bible Societies. Upon his return to England he reported in *The British Weekly* that "the fundamental thing about the Assemblies of God is their stress upon enthusiasm. They would say, upon 'the presence of the Holy Spirit' in all that they do. They are not content to encourage Bible reading; they believe it must be spiritual Bible reading. For without the Spirit of God to quicken the mind the Bible can be a dead letter." (Quoted from *Pentecost*)

We thank the Lord for this appraisal of our church. We could ask for nothing higher or truer. May it ever be so, that the fundamental thing about the Assemblies of God is our stress upon the Holy Spirit.

### ATTRACTED BY THE SPIRIT

When I was a pastor many years ago, the pastor of a neighboring church met me at a business place downtown one day and engaged me in conversation. He said he had not been too well one Sunday evening recently and, after securing another to preach for him, he had driven around town to see how other churches were being attended. At our church he found cars parked for blocks in all directions, and asked me the reason why. He thought it must be the fine singing that was drawing the crowds. I denied that it was the singing, and assured him that it certainly was not the preaching. What was it, then? I said it was the Holy Ghost. It

was the presence and power of the Holy Spirit that was drawing the people. He could not grasp it, but I insisted that this was so.

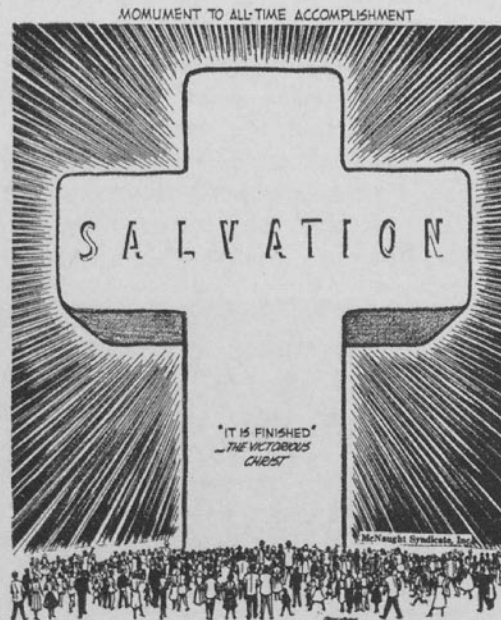
It is true. Our church, like the Lord Himself, was born of the Holy Ghost. It has no human father or founder. It was conceived of the Holy Ghost in the hungry hearts of hundreds of earnest seekers after God. They sought and they received the wonderful Baptism in the Holy Spirit. This unique and glorious experience bound them together in a common tie and welded them together with a common flame. That flame still burns, thank God, and has spread over the whole world.

"Where there is no wood, there the fire goeth out" (Proverbs 26:20). We cannot afford to let the fire of God

go out on our altars, in our churches, in our homes and in our hearts. And we won't either, by His grace. We will continually supply the wood of the Word of God. We will use no substitute. Why spend God's time in the pulpit analyzing the doctrines of Barth or Niebuhr? Even legitimate "preliminaries" should be kept strictly subordinate. There is so much precious, life-giving meat in the Word itself that there should be no slackening in the daily study of that Word and the continuous proclamation of its truths from the sacred desk.

### WORSHIP IN THE SPIRIT

"Praise is comely for the upright" (Psalm 33:1). "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name" (Hebrews 13:15). Freedom to praise the Lord in the Pentecostal service, and instinctively at home or anywhere, is the very freedom which spells the difference between life and death. To shout "Praise the Lord," "Glory to God," and "Amen" is the essence of a free Pentecostal service. To raise the hands spontaneously and lift a chorus of praise to the Lord is consistent and characteristic. Neither let anyone charge us with backsliding if the minister asks for such praise. For the Bible says, "And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the Lord your God. And all the people blessed the Lord God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads and worshipped the Lord" (1 Chronicles 29:20). "Then stood up the Levites . . . and said, Stand up





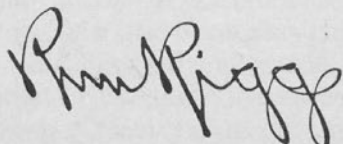
and bless the Lord your God for ever and ever; and blessed be thy glorious name which is exalted above all blessing and praise" (Nehemiah 9:4, 5). David said, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen, Praise ye the Lord" (Psalm 106:48).

Of course, a spontaneous outburst of pent-up, almost uncontrollable praising of the Lord by the congregation, in which minister and choir join voluntarily, is more purely Pentecostal and more nearly indicates hearts that are full of sincere love of God and of the Holy Ghost.

#### PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT

The Word of God hidden in the heart and praise of God welling up from the heart are the native soil in which prayer is born and nourished. Prayer and praise intermingle, but praise does not take the place of prayer. "Ye have not because ye ask not" (James 4:2). "Let your requests be made known unto God" (Philippians 4:6). "In the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up" (Psalm 5:3). "Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice" (Psalm 141:2). Let all our services be punctuated with prayer, and let there be audience participation in the praying. Prayer time around the altar, in which all take part personally and deliberately, is so healthy for a Spirit-filled church. And of course, there should be whole services for prayer; not just prayer meetings, so-called, but actual meetings of prayer in which the saints wait upon the Lord and call upon His worthy name, interceding for each other and for the lost souls. This is normal procedure for a Pentecostal church, and without it our strength would wane. This is sound substantial wood to keep throwing on the fire to keep the fire burning.

The fire itself is evangelism at home and abroad; gospel testimony both private and public. We must tell it. We must grow. We must spread. To do this, we must burn. And to keep the fire burning, we must throw on God's wood. And we will.



# The Conquering Weapon

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 12:11)

BY C. H. SPURGEON

WHEREVER EVIL APPEARS, IT IS TO be fought with by the children of God in the name of Jesus, and in the power of the Holy Ghost. When evil appeared in an angel, straightway there was war in heaven. Evil in mortal men is to be striven against by all regenerate men. Evil is at its very worst in Satan himself: with him we fight. He is no mean adversary.

The devil is called the "great red dragon." He is great in capacity, intelligence, energy and experience. He is a being great in evil: the prince of darkness, having the power of death. This ever-active enemy desires to have us, and sift us as wheat. He is styled "the old serpent," and this reminds us how practiced he is in every evil art. He was a liar from the beginning, and the father of lies. After thousands of years of constant practice in deception he is much too cunning for us.

But yet, dear friends, powerful as this infernal spirit certainly must be, his power is defeated when we are resolved never to be at peace with him.

They overcame him "by the blood of the Lamb." It is not said that they overcame the arch-enemy by the blood of Jesus, or the blood of Christ, but by the blood of the Lamb; and the words are expressly chosen because, under the figure of a lamb, we have set before us a sacrifice. The blood of Jesus Christ, shed because of His courage for the truth, or out of pure philanthropy, or out of self-denial, has no peculiar power about it. Truly it is an example worthy to beget martyrs; but it is not the way of salvation for guilty men. If you proclaim the death of the Son of God, but do not show that He died (the Just for the unjust) to bring us to God, you have not preached the blood

of the Lamb. You must make it known that "the chastisement of our peace was upon Him," and that "the Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all," or you have not declared the meaning of the blood of the Lamb.

There is no overcoming sin without a substitutionary sacrifice. The lamb under the old law was brought by the offender to make atonement for his offense, and in his place it was slain: this was the type of Christ taking the sinner's place, bearing the sinner's sin, suffering in the sinner's stead, and thus vindicating the justice of God, and making it possible for Him to be just and the Justifier of him that believeth.

"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb." This precious blood is to be used for overcoming, and consequently for holy warfare. We dishonor it if we do not use it to that end. A man who wants the blood of Jesus for nothing but the mean and selfish reason that after having been forgiven through it he may say, "Soul, take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry: hear sermons, enjoy the hope of eternal felicity, and do nothing"—such a man blasphemes the precious blood, and makes it an unholy thing. We are to use the glorious mystery of atoning blood as our chief means of overcoming sin and Satan: its power is for holiness.

If we give up this, what is there left? God will not do anything by us if we are false to the cross. To believe the truth concerning the Lamb of God, and truly to believe it—this is the essential of an overcoming life. Oh, for courage, constancy, self-denial, willingness to be made nothing for Christ! God help us to be faithful witnesses to the blood of the Lamb in the midst of this ungodly world!



L.N.P.

# POWER THROUGH PRAYER

APOSTOLIC PRAYING IS AS INDISPENSABLE AS  
APOSTOLIC PREACHING FOR THOSE WHO WANT APOSTOLIC  
POWER AND APOSTOLIC SUCCESS

BY E. M. BOUNDS

**T**HE APOSTLES KNEW THE NECESSITY of prayer to their ministry. They knew that their high commission as apostles, instead of relieving them of the need of praying, committed them to it by a greater urgency.

They put prayer first. "We will give ourselves continually to prayer," they said. They were exceedingly jealous lest some other important work should exhaust their time and prevent their praying as they ought.

Their relation to prayer is most strongly expressed—"give ourselves to it." They made a business of it, surrendered themselves to praying. They put fervor, urgency, perseverance, and time into it. "Night and day praying exceedingly," said Paul. How these New Testament preachers laid themselves out in prayer for God's people.

How they put God in full force into their churches by their praying!

Apostolic praying was as taxing, toilsome and imperative as apostolic preaching. They prayed mightily day and night to bring their people to the regions of faith and holiness. The prayers of apostolic, saintly leaders do much to make saints of those who are not apostles.

If the church leaders in after years had been as particular and fervent in praying for their people as the apostles were, the sad, dark times of worldliness and apostasy would not have marred the advance of the church. Apostolic praying makes apostolic saints, and keeps apostolic purity and power in the church.

What loftiness of soul, what purity and elevation of motives, what un-

selfishness, what self-sacrifice, what exhausting toil, what ardor of spirit, what divine tact are required to be an intercessor for men! Preachers are pre-eminently God's leaders. They are primarily responsible for the condition of the church.

"If I should neglect prayer but a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith," said Luther.

Prayer is one of the eminent characteristics of strong spiritual leadership. A prayerless ministry among clergy or laity is the undertaker of all God's truth and for God's church. The plea and purpose of the apostles was to put the church to praying. They were not ignorant of the place which religious activity occupied in the spiritual life. But in the apostolic estimate, nothing could compare with the importance of prayer. The most sacred and urgent pleas were used, the most fervid exhortations. The most comprehensive and arousing words were uttered to enforce the all-important obligation and necessity of prayer.

*Put the saints everywhere to praying.* This was the burden of apostolic effort, and the keynote of apostolic success.

To pray is the greatest thing we can do. More prayer in the early hours would transform many a decayed spiritual life. It would revive and invigorate in a miraculous manner. True praying brings the largest results for good, and poor praying brings the least. We cannot do too much of real praying. We can get along without the sham. True praying requires an outlay of serious attention and of time which flesh and blood do not relish.

"A little talk with Jesus," the children sing. But mature saints need more. We must demand and hold with iron grasp the best hours of the day for God and prayer, or there will be no praying worth the name.

This is not a day of prayer. Few men and women there are who really pray. Where are the Christly leaders who can teach the modern saints how to pray, and put them at it? *The church of this generation has reared a brood of prayerless saints.*

Where are the apostolic leaders who can put God's people to the business of praying? Let them come to the front and do the work, and it will be the greatest work which can be done.

More praying will not come as a matter of course. Nothing but a specific effort from a praying leader-



ship will avail. The chief ones must lead in the apostolic effort to impress the vital importance of prayer in the heart and life of the church. None but praying leaders can have praying followers. Praying apostles begat praying saints. Prayer in the pulpit will begot prayer in the pew. We sorely need someone who can set the saints of God to this business of praying through.

It is our most sober judgment that the great need of the church in this age is men of such commanding faith, of such

unsullied holiness, of such marked spiritual vigor and consuming zeal, that their prayers, faith, lives, and ministry will be of such a radical and aggressive form as to set the church ablaze for God—not in a noisy, showy way but with an intense and quiet heat that melts and moves everything for God.

That which has been done in the past can be done again. Christ said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also. . . ." The past has not exhausted the possibilities nor the neces-

sity for doing great things for God. *The church that is dependent on its past history for its miracles of power and grace is a fallen church.*

God wants dedicated men—men out of whom self and worldliness have gone by a severe crucifixion, by a bankruptcy of pride which has so totally ruined self and the desire for what the world offers that there is neither hope nor desire of recovery—men who by this insolvency and crucifixion have turned toward God with all their hearts, and have given themselves to prayer. ◀ ◀

**I** SHALL NEVER CEASE TO BE GRATEFUL for brethren in Christ who were willing to take my burden upon their hearts and pray with me until the Power fell.

I searched for such people a long time before I found them. There were many to tell me how wonderful the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is, but I could not find anyone who would stay by my side and help me to tarry until I would be endued with Power from on High.

Perhaps it was because I was a Salvation Army officer. Perhaps no one knew how very hungry I was for the Baptism. At any rate, I must confess that the words of the Psalmist—"no man cared for my soul"—were beginning to find a sympathetic response in my own heart!

I would like to give my personal testimony in the hope that it might alert pastors, evangelists, and laymembers to the danger of overlooking some sincere seekers who enter the churches, who go away disappointed and heart-sick because no one remains by their side to pray with them and instruct them until they gain the victory.

I had a successful ministry in the Salvation Army for fifteen years. I prayed much; fasted some; and had a passion for souls, especially for the youth. But there seemed to be something lacking in my life. I enjoyed the gospel work but that was as far as it went—an enjoyment for a job well done. The deep-settled peace, the overcoming victory, the power and authority to resist the devil, all of this was lacking.

After closing a revival campaign in which the results had been disappointing I went to Los Angeles, where a preacher I had met was conducting special meet-

# They Prayed Me Through

A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

BY

EVANGELIST R. ROSS HICKMAN

ings in a large Pentecostal church. He told me that I needed the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I agreed with him and asked if he would help me to receive the Baptism. He had me kneel by a chair in a wing off the platform, and told me he must hurry as some folk were waiting to be taken home.

The next day I approached another preacher with tears and expressed the same desire, only to be left by a chair while the worker hurried away. This experience was repeated several times.

Going back to my Salvation Army work I would pray for light, only to grow discouraged and fall back into the same old path of doing the job for the joy of doing it well.

I was sent to various parts of the country after this until I found myself in Albuquerque, New Mexico. While there I felt I could not go on in the ministry any longer unless a new thing happened in my life. I went back to Los Angeles to the same Pentecostal church that I had visited several years earlier. I talked to everyone who would listen

to me, and told them of my spiritual hunger, but not one of them would give me five minutes' help or instruction. All they would say was, "Kneel here, Brother," then they would leave me.

So I went back to Albuquerque more disappointed and dejected than ever. I soon found that even the old satisfaction I had from the work was gone. I had no joy. In a backslidden condition, I decided to resign from my work and find secular employment.

Some time after this I heard of a place where people were receiving the Baptism, and I went to the meeting. I found the service already under way—there was singing, shouting, and testifying. When they learned that I wanted to be filled with the Spirit of the Lord, some of the men gathered about me and one of them told me to believe God's Word. "The promise is, 'Ye shall be filled,'" he said. "Stay until you are baptized with the Holy Ghost. If it takes a week, someone will be here praying with you."

This was so different from kneeling by a chair and being left alone.

My new friend said to me, "If you want Him to inhabit you, begin praising Him." He took it for granted that my spiritual condition was all right. So I began to praise the Lord. For some time I had resented this method. I could not see why I must do this to receive something God had already promised, but I had become too hungry for God to want to argue. I just kept on praising Him. Then the Lord began to break up the fallow ground of my stony heart, and for over an hour I wept as I never wept before or since.

This took about two hours. During the third hour the power of God began

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# "There Remaineth Yet Very Much Land To Be Possessed."

Joshua 13:1



HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT



## THE UNFINISHED TASK

BY VICTOR TRIMMER

National Home Missions Secretary

**J**OSHUA HAD LED THE CHILDREN OF Israel into the Promised Land, and part of the land had been possessed. But he reminded them of the unfinished task with these words, "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed" (Joshua 13:1).

The Great Commission to God's people in the Old Testament was to possess the land. The Commission was first given to Abram in Genesis 12:1, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee." In Genesis 15:18 the Lord repeated the Commission to Abram after he and Lot had separated: "In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land."

This commission to possess the land was passed from one generation to the next. Isaac was told in Genesis 26:3, "Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee and will bless thee, for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father."

The Commission came to Moses also. God said, "I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand" (Exodus 23:1). Then after the death of Moses, the Commission was repeated to Joshua. "Moses, my servant, is dead; now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them" (Joshua 1:3).

The establishment of an earthly kingdom in a promised land was the com-

mission to the nation of Israel. The establishing of a heavenly kingdom in the hearts of men is the Great Commission of the Church. Our Lord Jesus has told us, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). In Acts 1:8 we find the Commission repeated in these words, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto Me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The Church is God's agent to evangelize the world. With this Commission burning in its heart the early Church dedicated itself to the great task. We read in Acts 5:28 that the enemies of the Church charged them, "Ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine." Acts 8:4 tells us, "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word." And again the enemies of the Cross declared, "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also" (Acts 17:6). The early Christians got results.

The Commission of the Church, like a torch held high, has been passed from one generation to the next, and the fire of compassion for a lost and dying world has been kindled afresh in the hearts of God's people in these last days through the mighty Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Soul winning is the goal

and purpose of every phase of our church activities. In our Sunday Schools, in our youth work, in the field of education, and in our men's and women's organizations, the great objective is to preach the gospel to every creature.

New churches strengthen every phase of the soul-winning program of the Assemblies of God. This fact was made clear in surveys which we made of our pioneer churches in 1954 and 1955. These 865 new churches, at an average age of 6½ months, reported an aggregate Sunday School attendance of 27,680; Foreign Missions offerings of \$6,140.41; 121 C. A. groups, 80 W.M.C. groups. Thirty-eight students had already gone from these churches to our Bible Schools. But best of all, they reported 3,569 conversions and 1,040 filled with the Holy Spirit in these first few months. You see, new churches strengthen our whole world evangelism program.

In November 1956 the New Jersey District published this statement: "Here in New Jersey we have given more each year to World Missions as we have opened new churches across the state. In 1950 with 49 Assemblies we gave \$34,172.17. In 1955 with 80 Assemblies we gave \$106,972.00."

It has been over 1,900 years since the Commission to take the gospel to every creature was first given. Thousands of missionaries have sailed across the seas, and pioneer pastors have built thousands of churches across the land, but still there are over one billion who



have never once in their lives heard the story of Jesus. We, like Joshua, are faced with an unfinished task. "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

It would have been quite natural for Joshua on this occasion to be reminding the people of "the good old days." The crossing of Jordan and the capture of Jericho were times of great blessing which he might have rehearsed; or he could have told them, "You should have been there that day when God rained hailstone from heaven and defeated the enemies of the Lord." He could have reminded them how he had commanded the sun to stand still, and how for twenty-four hours the sun hung high in the heavens while the armies of God defeated the enemy. Certainly these had been thrilling experiences of the past.

We, too, thank God for the victories of days gone by. We thank Him for our 7,840 churches. We recall how He has enabled us to start one new church every day for the past ten years, and to place 760 foreign missionaries in 65 countries of the world. We can quote reliable reports to show that the Assemblies of God now stands 9th in the number of churches among all denominations, 8th in the number of Sunday Schools, 5th in the number of foreign missionaries, and first in the number of foreign Bible Schools. But it is time to remind ourselves that the unfinished task before us is greater than all of our past accomplishments.

We have a goal of one church for every 10,000 people in our population. In spite of our records of starting one new church every day, we are farther from reaching that goal today than we were ten years ago—because the population of our nation is growing faster than we are.

Let me point out to you the unfinished task in just a few districts. If Tennessee is to reach this goal of one church per 10,000 population there will have to be 210 more Assemblies of God churches. Minnesota needs 315, New Jersey 460, North Carolina 400, Indiana 245 and Illinois 673. This is just a part of the unfinished task. We need 7,230 more churches to reach our goal of one church per 10,000 population. (This figure is based on the 1950 census.)

According to a news item in the *Atlanta Journal* of October 31, 1956, "There are more than 1,000 new com-

munities with a population of 3,000 or more in the United States today that have no church of any denomination. This offers a challenge to every denomination interested in national missions."

We read in a report of the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches: "The challenge is terrific. 41½%, or approximately 65,000,000 of our fellow countrymen, remain unrelated to any church. 15,000,000 families are without a church home." And all of this in a land where the Methodist Board of Temperance declares there are over 100,000 more liquor stores than there are churches and synagogues.

When the twelve spies came back to Moses and made their report of the Promised Land, they declared that the people were giants and the cities were walled. Ten of the spies said the land could not be conquered. Caleb stood and said, "Rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their defense is departed from them, and the Lord is with us" (Numbers 14:9). We have those in our midst today who tell us, "We are not able for the task. We do not have sufficient funds. We are not strong enough for the enemy we face." But may I remind you that God has promised to be with us.

When God commissioned Joshua He said, "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" (Joshua 1:5). And Joshua repeated this promise to the children of Israel (see Joshua 23:5, 9, 10). We read: "And the Lord your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess the land as the Lord your God hath promised unto you. For the Lord hath driven out from before you great nations and strong; but as for you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this

day. One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the Lord your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you." God's presence with them was the assurance of success.

We have this same promise in Matthew 28:19 and 20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." If we will go, God will be with us.

The God of Joshua is with us. He who fought for Joshua will fight for us as we go to establish the kingdom of God in the hearts and lives of men and women. The God of the early church is with us. He who delivered Peter from jail, and saved Paul from his persecutors, will go with us as we endeavor to possess the land. The God of our Pentecostal fathers is with us. He who opened doors, and changed circumstances, and made a way when there seemingly was no way, and miraculously provided for their needs, will also work for us and help us as we go with the gospel.

Jesus is coming soon. Every sign tells us that the time is short. The unfinished task is great, and what we do we must do quickly. May God give us pioneer pastors with a vision of the unfinished task who will go, knowing that, as they go, God is with them. We must have local churches who realize their job is more than building a church for themselves, and who see the unfinished task in neighboring cities, towns and communities that are without an Assemblies of God church. As a movement we must realize that God's presence will be with us as we go. His presence will assure us of success in accomplishing the unfinished task.

The word of Joshua was, "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." The word of God to our hearts today is that there remaineth yet very many unsaved souls to be won. The eternal destiny of these souls will depend upon what we do about taking the gospel to them. It is not just a matter of counting churches. It is a matter of saving souls. Our problem is not a lack of methods, but a lack of motivation. This is a day of battle. We need courage for conquest. We need vision for victory. May the great unfinished task challenge us, and may the promise of His presence give strength and courage to meet that challenge. ◀ ◀

#### **MISSION U.S.A. RALLIES**

SEE PAGE TWENTY-THREE FOR A DETAILED SCHEDULE OF THE MISSION U.S.A. RALLIES TO BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE NATION IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH. PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE RALLY IN YOUR SECTION.

# Michigan Church Helps Start Another Church

BY DOROTHY ORAM SKOOG

**A**NOTHER ASSEMBLY OF GOD WAS opened on November 25 in Battle Creek, Michigan. While there is no church edifice as yet, meetings are being held in the auditorium of an elementary school. Located in the heart of Springfield, an incorporated city on the outskirts of Battle Creek, the new Springfield Assembly of God will be the first church of any denomination in that community, which covers a three-and-a-half-square-mile area with an estimated population of 4,500.

My husband, Thomas Skoog, resigned the pastorate of Glad Tidings Assembly of God in Grinnell, Iowa, and we came to this city in August, feeling God wanted us to open a new work. This burden stemmed partly from the fact that Battle Creek was my husband's home town and that a city with a population of 75,000 (not including the suburbs and surrounding communities) could well use another Assembly.

While plans were being made to come to Battle Creek, unbeknown to Brother Skoog, God was working on this end. The Church of the Four Fold Gospel, pastored by E. A. Manley, was experiencing "growing pains." They must either move and build, tear down and build (in limited space), or house Sunday School classes elsewhere. The thought of moving from the present choice location seemed unwise. As an immediate remedy they purchased two houses at the rear of their present building. One was to be used as rental property temporarily, and the other for Sunday School and fellowship rooms.

Confronted with a vision of what could be done in the Battle Creek area if there were more churches, Pastor Manley began to realize that he was only one person with limited time and strength. Even with daily and Sunday radio broadcasts, services on Sunday and twice a week, and church publica-

tions, he could not hope to reach the entire area. On the other hand, with four churches strategically located, his church as a "mother" church would be strengthened and helped and the kingdom of God would be enlarged.

When the plan was presented to the church board, it was unanimously approved, and the congregation, too, was enthusiastic as a whole. A bond issue was launched with this project in mind, as well as to meet the expenses of the new Sunday School annex in the newly purchased house at the rear.

In co-operation with District Superintendent Chas. W. H. Scott and other Michigan District officials it was decided that the local church would give \$10,000 toward the new work and the District would help underwrite the bank payments for the building program.

It was all another proof of God's leading when we learned of these plans AFTER we had made arrangements to come to Battle Creek.

The next step was to choose a location. There were several outlying communities in need of a church. Choice lots in restricted areas were sought, but owners refused to sell for a church. After exploring every possible location, the committee turned toward the city of Springfield, and there the very opposite was true. Every suitable lot in the city was available for purchase. Finally, ten lots in a very choice spot directly across from the new modern High School were obtained for \$6,250. The District Council and the Church of the Four Fold Gospel each paid half of



LEFT: The first Sunday School of the new Assembly of God in Springfield, Michigan. CENTER: Thomas Skoog, pastor of the new church, with E. A. Manley, pastor of the Church of the Four Fold Gospel in Battle Creek, Michigan, the "Mother Church."

RIGHT: District Superintendent Charles W. H. Scott and J. M. Wheeler, secretary of the "Mother Church" in Detroit, Michigan, present checks to Thomas Skoog, pastor of the new Springfield Assembly.



the down payment, with the balance to come due in 90 days.

With the site secured, it was possible to begin services. Publicity was given in the newspapers, over the air, in the weekly church bulletin, and in the services themselves. Arrangements were made with the school board to use the auditorium of the new elementary school for services on Sunday until such time as a church could be erected. A janitor's fee and nominal rental were agreed upon and services announced for November 25. Pastor Manley unselfishly urged all those in his congregation who lived in that area (or elsewhere) to affiliate with the new Assembly if they wished to do so.

It snowed that first Sunday. Brother Skoog and I were almost fearful lest our family would be the only ones to show up. However, there were seventeen that Sunday morning and twenty-five at night. On the fourth Sunday

we had thirty-two for Sunday School, with an enrollment even higher. Of this number the majority are from Springfield, some of whom had not been attending church anywhere.

The offerings from the very first indicated that the people were tithing. The total offerings for the first Sunday amounted to \$27.95, and the missionary offering the following Sunday was \$17.50. In the first four weeks of the new Assembly, the offerings amounted to \$78.88 per Sunday average which means that within a short time the pastor will be placed upon salary and will not need to work at secular employment.

When the Springfield Assembly of God church is built (and, God willing, it will be erected as soon as weather permits) the money will be repaid to the District, and the same program will begin over again in another needy area of the city, with the church of the Four

Fold Gospel and the District co-operating again. It is a program that will continue to snowball until Jesus comes—as long as there are unselfish pastors, consecrated people, sacrificial pioneer workers, and opened purses.

DO WHAT YOU CAN!

A tombstone is a poor place to preach from, and a far worse place to try to gather a congregation—but if John Wesley had waited until the Church of England opened its doors to him and he could have preached from a proper pulpit with a "proper" congregation, there never would have been any revival in England, and there never would have been any Methodist Church.

When Jesus, said, "Follow me," I think He intended that we should follow Him in making the most of the imperfect, in doing what can be done with things as they are.

—Robert E. Goodrich, Jr.

CHURCHES STARTED UNDER THE "MOTHER CHURCH" PLAN IN 1956\*

STATE	CITY	NEW CHURCH	PASTOR	"MOTHER CHURCH"	PASTOR
Arizona	Tucson	E. Tucson		First	L. G. Gilmore
	Tucson	Grantway	N. W. Weddle	Northside	S. A. Weddle
California (Spanish)	Hollister	Mision De Gilroy	M. Ochoa	Iglesia Bethania	M. Ochoa
	Ontario	Mision Bethel	V. De Leon	Spanish A.G. (Corona)	
	Oxnard	Mission	T. Lopez	Temple Getsemania (Santa Paula)	D. Bazan, Jr.
	Palo Alto	Mision Bethel	J. Montalvo	Mision Bethel (San Francisco)	J. Montalvo
	San Bernardino	Mission	A. Placencia	El Templo Siloe	J. Juarez
	Sunnyvale	Mision El Monte Horeb	Jose Aguilar	Templo La Hermosa (San Jose)	N. Ruybalid
Idaho	Bannock Creek	Indian Mission	Ruth and Virginia Speece	Fort Hall & Pocatello	John Bennett L. A. Steller
Michigan	White Bird	A.G.	C. F. Kline	Riggins	J. R. Stewart
	Battle Creek	Springfield	T. G. Skoog	Four Fold	E. A. Manley
	Grand Rapids	Standale		First	Waldo Risner
	Saginaw	Shields	C. Bergler	Genessee Gardens A.G.	L. Phillips
New Jersey	Shepherd	A.G.	J. C. Estep	Oil City A.G.	J. Honeycutt
	Kenvil	A.G.	S. Caughey	Rockaway A.G.	Levi Storms
Pennsylvania	Newton	A.G.	David Dippold	Hamburg	G. Kenyon
	Barnesboro Manheim	Hillsdale A.G. A.G.	James Long	Northend Tab. 1st Pent. (Lancaster)	James Long D. Hillary
South Dakota	Herreid	German A.G.	G. H. Rueb	Ashley, N.D.	G. H. Rueb
Texas (Spanish)	Lufkin	Glad Tidings	Coy Walker	Oak Grove A.G.	H. L. Ward
	San Antonio	Templo Canaan	Leroy Atwood	Templo Cristiano	Josue Cruz

\* As reported to the Home Missions Department by district officials



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Urges Less Sunday Business in Chicago

Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daley has advocated passage of a city ordinance that would ban certain types of business in that city on Sunday. "Sunday is a day people should spend with their families and in religious activities," he said. The bill, in revised form, is aimed primarily at closing auto, clothing, and furniture stores.

## Communist Poland Issues Stamp with Religious Motif

A new postage stamp has appeared in Poland bearing a picture of the Madonna. It is the first stamp with a religious motif ever issued by a Communist government, and is an indication of greater religious toleration toward Poland's predominantly Roman Catholic population.

## Methodists Launch World-Wide Prayer Movement

The Methodist Church launched a world-wide Prayer Movement on New Year's Eve with special services in several countries. An official of the Methodist Board of Evangelism said that at least one person somewhere would be praying for peace every minute of 1957 due to this movement.

## Former Japanese War Pilot Now a Missionary

Former Captain Mitsuo Fuchida, who as a pilot in the Japanese Navy led the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, is in the U. S. for a missionary tour. Converted after the war, the 54-year-old evangelist is a member of the Sky Pilots of America, a group which aims at interesting boys in Christian work through their love of airplanes, and which trains young men to be flying missionaries. He is also chief of the Sky Pilots of Japan. For several years he has been doing evangelistic work among his countrymen.

## Tribesmen Kill Missionaries in New Guinea

The Christian and Missionary Alliance announced that Kapauku tribesmen converged on its settlement at Obano on Lake Paniai, New Guinea, and slaughtered two of the Indonesian mission workers. Two Indonesian children and a policeman were also killed. Nine other Indonesians are presumed to have been killed since they are still missing. No American missionary was present when the uprising occurred.

All of the Alliance's missionary buildings in the area were burned, including a church, two schools, two residences, a dormitory, and a storehouse. A new airplane, dedicated the day before, was also demolished.

A United Press dispatch said the natives reportedly attacked the village when their pigs began to die in large numbers. They blamed the missionaries for bringing down the wrath of their gods, and attacked them with knives and axes.

After destroying Obano, the tribesmen went to the mission headquarters at Enarotali. For three days they besieged that settlement, evidently with the intention of wiping it out. The Netherlands New Guinea police, however, were finally able to repulse them.

## LeTourneau Scorns Beer Publicity Stunt

Robert G. LeTourneau, the Christian millionaire businessman who claims God as his Senior Partner, has demanded that his name be stricken from the LeTourneau-Westinghouse label on some of the world's biggest earth-moving machines, according to *Newsweek*. The reason is that after he sold out to Westinghouse Air Brake Company, a beer company press agent was allowed to send a monster LeTourneau-Westinghouse hauling unit, its scoop filled with beer, water, detergent (for more suds) and bathing beauties through the streets of Peoria, Illinois. Mr. LeTourneau objected, saying, "I do not want to bring disgrace upon my Lord."

## World Day of Prayer Set for March 8

The National Association of Evangelicals, preparing for the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 8, has chosen 2 Chronicles 7:14 as the theme text: "If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Bible-centered material built around this verse and emphasizing the need of humility, intercession, worship, and repentance on the part of God's people may be obtained by writing to the National Association of Evangelicals, 108 North Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois. Worship material booklets and advertising posters will be supplied in any quantity desired without cost, but a free-will offering for the NAE's evangelical advertising program is requested where the material is used.



**HUNGARIAN REFUGEES AT CHURCH SERVICES**—Escapees from Hungary attend a religious service conducted by a Hungarian-speaking Austrian pastor in a refugee shelter. Services at these camps are also conducted by Hungarian ministers who have themselves escaped Soviet terror in their native country.

(Religious News Service Photo.)



## Britain Authorizes Lottery Bonds

Great Britain was once a foremost bastion of God's truth, but today her position is deteriorating both politically and spiritually. One of the most recent signs of her decay is found in the government's authorization of Premium Bonds—bonds which carry no interest but entitle the holder to participate in draws for prizes of up to 1,000 pounds (over \$2,500 in U. S. currency). Thus the British government has "cashed in" on the gambling instinct of its people.

The plan met the solid opposition of Britain's Protestant churches who saw the action as a sorry deterioration in the political field, a pandering to the baser elements of the nation, and an acceptance of low ethical standards which will result in a worsening of an already bad condition. Yet the church leaders were ignored.

Henry Jessup, in *Redemption Tidings*, official organ of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland, editorialized that "this refusal of the government to heed the voice of the church is humbling." He asked, "Does it mean that the church is so negligible in the land that its voice can be ignored? Or does it mean that the moral life of the nation, including its leaders, is such that the voice of the church is no longer acceptable, and is being set aside as inconvenient to its policies?"

A nation cannot forget God and righteousness, and long survive.

## New Service Aids Would-Be Suicides

Persons contemplating suicide in Berlin, Germany, can ring a telephone number, tell their troubles, and get advice. This unique service has been set up by two lawyers and three clergymen in an effort to cut down the city's suicide rate, now at about 60 a month.

During the first two days of operation, more than 60 people called for help, four of whom were saved from "immediate danger," according to a news release. Average length of the conversation is about 30 minutes.

## Children Jailed for Selling Christian Decals

In the December issue of *Methodist Challenge*, Dr. Bob Shuler reported that some small children tried to sell "Jesus Saves" decals along Highway 60, near Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Casino owners and gamblers made formal complaints against the children. At first a deputy sheriff refused to serve the warrants, but later a constable did, and the children were arrested and jailed. The gamblers contended that the children were religious fanatics.

Mr. Shuler concluded: "Nevada could never afford for religious fanaticism to root itself in the state that receives its largest financial returns from gambling, promoting broken homes, making of juvenile delinquents, and dealing in commercialized vice in general. Shame on the state of Nevada."

## Charge Censorship Keeps "Martin Luther" Off TV

A group of Protestant clergymen in Chicago charged that cancellation of the showing of the film "Martin Luther" by Station WGN-TV was "censorship" in violation of the station's authority to broadcast. They said the station's decision not to show the film was the result of "pressure" brought by "the Catholic Church." A spokesman for the station said the program was withdrawn because of "an emotional reaction to the plan" to show it:

The story of the life of Martin Luther, the sixteenth century Protestant Reformation leader, was scheduled for telecast on December 21st. It would have been the picture's first appearance on television.

## GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE TO PRINT WORRELL'S TRANSLATION OF NEW TESTAMENT

The Worrell Translation of the New Testament will be issued by the Gospel Publishing House, printing division of the Assemblies of God, early in 1957.

The translation was first issued in 1904 by the American Baptist Publication Society under the direction of Dr. A. S. Worrell, eminent Greek scholar of Chicago. Dr. Worrell willed the plates to the Assembly of God shortly before his death.

The translation, which was considerably in demand for Bible study purposes at one time, will be printed on an offset press, thereby avoiding use of the old plates which were considerably damaged due to their age. Announcement will be made in the EVANGEL when the book is ready for sale.

## Israel Sets Up New Naval Base

Israel officially opened a naval base recently at the Gulf of Aqaba port of Eilat on the southern tip of the country, according to the Associated Press. Thus, for the first time in history, the tiny Israeli navy is operating in two seas—the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.

The new base will guard the nation's southern sea lane through the Gulf of Aqaba to the Red Sea. Ships from the East carrying supplies to Israel have been barred from the Suez Canal for a number of years and were forced to go around Africa. Now they will be able to unload at Eilat, saving a great deal of time and expense.

Egyptian gun positions overlooking the Gulf of Aqaba from the adjoining Sinai peninsula had previously kept out most Israel-bound shipping. Israel's invasion of Sinai, however, included capture of key points along the Gulf, thus opening it to Israeli shipping. Israel's other naval base is at Haifa, on the Mediterranean.

## Protest Persecution of Jews in Egypt

Protestant and Roman Catholic churchmen joined with leaders of the American Jewish Congress at an "emergency" public rally in New York City to protest the persecution of Jews in Egypt. The rally followed publication of an open letter to President Eisenhower which urged that the United States government demand the United Nations condemn Egypt's "new racist policy" and her "persecution of Jews." The open letter, signed by thirty-four Protestant clergymen, described present anti-Jewish activities in Egypt as "clearly imitative of the Hitler pattern and the present Communist pattern in Hungary."

## FBI Head Weighs Crime Problem

The responsibility for coping with teen-age crime rests with the home, the church, and the school, says J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"We have more leisure time and opportunities for recreation than people in any civilized land in the world," he says.

"We are witnessing, too often, a gradual dissolution of the traditional American home. Too frequently, it has become merely a place to eat and sleep instead of a place of moral development and spiritual growth. Adult America in too many instances has failed miserably in its responsibility to youth."

Broken homes, he points out, are responsible for part of the teen-age crime. So are movies that deal with crime.

Next to the home, the most important place for tackling this problem is the church, he says.

"Until youth learns to know, respect and obey the teachings of Almighty God, we can never expect them to obey civil law or the laws of society."

# New Mission Village

TO BE BUILT ON PACIFIC COAST

**S**IMILAR IN PURPOSE TO THE MISSION Village at Springfield, Mo. will be a new group of cottages to be located at Bethany Park, Santa Cruz, California. Here missionaries on furlough from foreign service will be able to make their homes amid beautiful surroundings. It will be a welcome addition to the welfare of the Assemblies of God missionaries, as Mission Village in



W. C. Peirce

Springfield cannot possibly provide accommodation for all who would like to avail themselves of it; there is a long waiting list constantly.

This new project is designed primarily to serve missionaries from the

West Coast but it will also serve other missionaries of the Assemblies of God as room is available. The missionary families who are originally from the West Coast will especially enjoy the proximity to their families and friends when on furlough. It is estimated that almost half of our missionary staff of some 760 missionaries comes from the four Pacific Coast Districts.

The location at Bethany Park is all that could be desired. Beautiful, restful scenery makes it a fitting place for the servants of the Lord who need to gain strength for further assaults on the far-flung battlefields. Cool forests of giant redwoods provide a quiet and relaxing atmosphere for resting tired bodies and rejuvenating weary spirits. School facilities are good and even promise to be better, for the children of the missionaries. Stores are located nearby.

For some time a Missionary Rest Home had been operated in the Los Angeles area, first by Miss Clara Miner, then by Miss Agnes Jacobson. The Home was originally given and maintained by a well-to-do Pentecostal

sister in New York. At her death she left a substantial bequest to assist in its operation. About five years ago Willard Peirce of Santa Cruz, Calif. was appointed by Miss Jacobson, and by action of the courts, as co-trustee of the Home. Miss Jacobson died in August 1955, leaving the Home entirely under the trusteeship of Brother Peirce.

Realizing that the Home could be of greatest value if operated in cooperation with the Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God, Brother Peirce laid the matter before Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Secretary, who referred it to the officers of the Northern California and Nevada District. The matter was laid before the District Council in session last February. They voted to authorize the Executive officers of the District to give or lease sufficient land for the building of a Mission Village at Bethany Park, the District Camp Ground in Santa Cruz.

To meet the need for proper supervision, Willard Peirce petitioned the



Redwood 10-12 feet diameter



Circle Drive in Bethany Park

court and Leonard Palmer, new District Superintendent, and Joseph L. Gerhart, District Secretary-Treasurer, have been appointed as co-trustees with him. There will be an Advisory Council composed of one representative each from the Foreign Missions Department and the four Pacific Coast Districts.

The District Presbytery and executive officers of the Northern California and Nevada District, together with the Trustees of the Pacific Mission Villa, are now arranging the location of the new village at Bethany Park, and it is expected that building will begin in the very near future. All the property in Pasadena was sold, by court permission, and the money from that sale is in the bank ready for building the first four homes. The furnishing and equipping of the homes will be undertaken through the leadership of the Women's Missionary Council of the Northern California and Nevada District.

These four homes will only be a beginning. Sufficient ground is being allotted so that, as more money becomes available, additional homes can be erected not only to meet the need of missionaries on furlough but (eventually) for retirement of missionaries and ministers as well.

Those who are interested in further information may address their inquiries to Willard C. Peirce, Director, Pacific Mission Villa, P.O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, California.



# MARTYRS IN LATIN AMERICA

By Andrew and Willene Spence, Costa Rica

SOME TIME AGO FIVE MISSIONARIES laid down their lives in Ecuador for the gospel. The savage Auca Indians shot them with lances and chopped them with machetes. Their bodies were found in the river, where they had been thrown by the Indians, and hastily buried by the search party of missionaries and soldiers that found them. A few days later the wives of the martyred missionaries were flown over the jungle graves. Their only comment was this—"The most beautiful cemetery in the world." *The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.*

It seems that God is using this terrible incident to open the hearts of the Auca Indians to the gospel. A few days ago one of my personal friends flew over the Auca Indian tribal village in a mission plane and noted that the village has been burned to the ground and all the Indians have left. There also has been found a new clearing in the jungle near another Indian tribe which has accepted the gospel. The surmise is that at least a segment of the Auca tribe is making a move to get the gospel. All the missionaries believe that there were some in the tribe who wanted the gospel, while the others did not. One group killed the "bearers of the gospel," while others decided to become receptive to the message. Even as tragic as these martyrdoms seem to us, God never makes a mistake.

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THERE ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE VIOLENT opposition when there are victories on the mission field. Recently God has given revivals to several of our mountain missions, but not without the "forces of darkness" being active. Our services were in progress at Volcan (a little village between two mountains) when a mob of drunken men congregated to destroy the services and the worshipers. God's presence was especially real and there is no doubt in our minds that the protecting angels

from heaven were encircling the mission that night just as they were present to help Elijah fight his battle. The mob formed and started toward the mission with their devilish purpose fully established in their minds. As they neared the place of worship there was a force to meet them greater than themselves. The wall of protection was so strong that they only reached the front of the mission and could get no nearer—not because man stopped them but because God stopped them. Soon the mob quieted and finally it dispersed, though not without threatenings.

All over Latin America there are similar incidents. In the past few days a missionary has been beaten and is in critical condition. His head was a bloody pulp as he received one blow after the other. Every blow, every drop of blood shed, every pain that he endured was for Christ. The same mob killed seven of the native pastors. It was because of their testimony for Christ that the mangled bodies of these precious natives lay scattered on the ground like slaughtered animals bathed in their own blood. The authorities said that no protection could be given the Protestants and asked that they leave the area. The Protestants said that they would stay, even without protection, to preach the Word of God.

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A FEW NIGHTS AGO I WAS SPEAKING in a humble mission that was under the fire of opposition. Before we could begin the service we had to wait until a religious leader ceased his slander toward us over a public address system, warning his people against the Protestants. Many times the mission has been stoned, and this night we felt that the tension was mounting. I had to hide my Speed-the-Light vehicle to ward off trouble. A short time ago two workers in the mission approached the policeman, in charge at the village, about the stoning and he said that be-

fore he would do anything against the religious leader responsible and the atrocities he had committed he would quit his job. That is the kind of protection Protestants receive in some parts of Latin America. Signs stating the name of the mission were cut down time and again.

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BUT THERE IS THE OTHER SIDE TOO. God performed a real miracle in the life of one of our natives in Costa Rica recently. He was a drunken "sot" and had an extreme hatred for all Protestants, especially missionaries. He operated a little boat similar to a canoe that transported passengers across a dangerous jungle stream. Each time the missionary arrived at the river going toward the mission there had to be much pleading and bribery to get across. There have been times when even money failed to persuade him to let the missionaries in his boat, and horses had to swim this treacherous river with missionaries and packs on their backs. Many times death has almost come to them in the middle of the stream.

A short time ago this notorious drunkard made his way to our little mission in the village nearby, and God saved his soul. His life has changed so completely that he is actually a living miracle. The village cannot understand it, but God is using this incident to win many natives to Himself. Instead of the bottle in his pocket and the cursing upon his lips, he has bought a Bible that he carries with him and he praises God constantly.

Please remember your Latin American missionaries in prayer. We must advance. Spain has 8,000 new priests ready to send to Latin America in the next few months. They are training 30,000 new priests for these countries over the next few years. God is powerful and is giving us revival, but not without the blood of martyrs. Won't you remember your Latin American missionaries in prayer?

# Should Your Children BE SPANKED?

**BILLY GRAHAM'S MOTHER REGRETS SPANKING HER  
FAMOUS SON — BUT BILLY HIMSELF DOES NOT AGREE**

**I**S A WHIPPING IN THE WOODSHED THE answer?

Oldsters puzzle over today's teen-age rebellion. Christians ask, "Instead of applying psychology, should we be applying the back of the hairbrush?"

Billy Graham says, "If children are not taught to obey at home, they will not respect authority when they grow up. I believe we need a little more old-fashioned prayer and old-fashioned hickory stick."

But Billy's mother thinks her children had too much spanking. "There wasn't much child psychology then, especially when Billy was little. If I had it to do over, I don't see how I could spank them. You get better results with other methods."

Everyone agrees that children need to be disciplined. But how?

A Christian couple with very well-behaved children believes the Bible "rod" means discipline in general—not necessarily physical punishment. They have never spanked their children, and so far the results are fine.

Says the mother, "What's the aim of spanking? Is it so that a six-foot, 180-pound father can stand up and brag, 'I'm an old-fashioned parent. I don't believe in spoiling my child by sparing the rod'? If so, I see no virtue in it. To have a child scared to death of a spanking has never appealed to me as the highest motive for obedience. My father never laid his hand on me, but I'll never forget the look he would give and the tone in his voice when he would say, 'Your old dad is disappointed in his girl.' I would rather have had two spankings than hear that tone of voice. It seems to me a child ought to obey because of love, not from fear."

The same mother punishes her disobedient child by putting him to bed

earlier, or making him sit in a chair for a certain length of time, or depriving him of some privilege.

What do Christian authorities say the Bible teaches about the "rod"? A recent survey shows a difference of opinion.

The president of one Christian college says, "I don't think it's unreasonable to regard the term as including other types of discipline, but I do believe that actual physical punishment is clearly indicated."

Another college head says, "Fundamentally, I believe it means the rod—whether a hairbrush or anything else of the same type."

A third college president recalls the saying, "In days when most homes had woodsheds, most cases of juvenile delinquency were settled out of court."

The head of a Christian youth movement interprets the "rod" as "any kind of discipline."

But a pastor whose grown children are now doing successful missionary work says, "I believe in the stern application of the wooden rule." He says he spanked his children "after a careful explanation of the reason, following a willful act of disobedience."

One father of ten children says: "We believe that punishment is necessary for children, but you'd better get in touch with us about ten years hence before we can speak with authority. We spank our children when we think they need it, but it wouldn't always be possible to give a rational explanation. We don't hold conferences on the matter—probably we are sometimes unjust—but we don't use this punishment too often."

The wife of an evangelist, who has raised a Christian family of six daughters, says she spanked as needed. "Most times of punishment came when



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the children were very small. We took them to church services where congregations were very large, and from babyhood they learned to behave themselves. My husband usually sat on the platform, so I handled my big brood alone. It only required an occasional hand on a little head to turn it around to face the front, or perhaps a little pat. Sometimes a little heavier pat was given, but it was effective because the culprit knew she had done wrong. Occasionally one had to be taken out for a more effective punishment, but it was not often repeated. Usually once was enough."

All agreed spanking should not be done in temper. One father said, "I feel that real discipline begins after the rod has been administered. We never punish our girl unless we find time afterward to talk with her about the reason. After the conversation there is always a 'making up time.' We try to keep the time element between the two as short as possible."

When should spanking stop? Survey opinion varied. One parent said 16. Most said somewhere between 10 and 13. Some went as low as 8 years of age. Substitute punishment ranged from going to bed early to restriction of play.

Children differ, so treatment must differ. One mother still spanking her 9-year-old says, "It seems to be the best way. Words just roll off." This mother

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# How to Catch a Monkey

BY NATHANAEL OLSON

**D**O YOU KNOW HOW AFRICANS CATCH monkeys? I'll tell you how they do it.

They take a big pumpkin from their garden. Then they take a knife, which looks very different from any of yours, and they cut a hole in the pumpkin just big enough for the monkey to put his hand in. All the pumpkin seeds are scraped out, and they fill the pumpkin half full with corn which the monkey likes.

The monkey then puts his hand in and takes as much corn in his hand as he can hold. The poor little monkey! He can't get his hand out. He pulls and he pulls but he can't get his hand out. If only he would let some of the corn go he could get his hand out. But Mr. Monkey is too greedy to do that.

Soon Big Sambo sees that the monkey is caught. He runs out from his hiding place, grabs his club, and runs straight for Mr. Greedy Monkey. Mr. Monkey sees him coming and he sees the big club. He knows that Big Sambo is no friend of his, and that the club will kill him. In spite of this, Mr. Monkey will not let go of the corn. Instead he just scolds and chatters at Big Sambo until Sambo hits him with his club which puts him beyond the need of corn.

You are like that monkey. The one who is trying to trap you is the devil. The corn is the bad things some people like to do such as stealing and swearing and telling lies. That corn is sin . . . and God in Heaven who is holy says: "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). No sin can ever enter Heaven so your sins must be forgiven.

That is why God sent His Son into the world and that is why the Bible says: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15). He will save you today if you will come to Him with all your heart.

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# Our Family Altar

## Monday, February 4

**SCRIPTURE:** John 1:35-51

**TODAY'S GEM:** "And he brought him to Jesus" (John 1:42).

**FOR THE PARENT:** Review the events concerning Jesus and John the Baptist studied last week (John 1:1-34). Then point out (1) the importance and joy of following Jesus; (2) the fact that when we become disciples we should do all we can to bring others to Him, as Andrew and Philip did.

**QUESTION TIME:** What caused two of John's disciples to follow Jesus? (vv. 35-37) What did Andrew do? (vv. 40-42) How did Philip happen to follow Jesus? (v. 43) What did Philip do? (v. 45)

## Tuesday, February 5

**SCRIPTURE:** John 2:1-12

**TODAY'S GEM:** "What soever he saith unto you, do it" (John 2:5).

**FOR THE PARENT:** This is the first miracle that Jesus performed. Notice that (1) it brought joy and happiness to others; (2) it showed the power of Christ; (3) it was accomplished because of the obedience of the servants, v. 7. Many times God cannot do things for us because we are not obedient to Him.

**QUESTION TIME:** What did Mary tell the servants? (v. 5) In what ways did the servants obey Jesus? (vv. 7, 8) How many miracles had Jesus performed before? (v. 11)

## Wednesday, February 6

**SCRIPTURE:** John 2:13-25

**TODAY'S GEM:** "Make not my Father's house an house of merchandise" (John 2:16).

**FOR THE PARENT:** Stress especially Jesus' respect for the house of God. The church is meant to be a place where we can gather and worship God. It should be a "house of prayer." If we fail to be reverent in God's house, we are displeasing Him and are sinning.

**QUESTION TIME:** What was it about Jesus' driving the money changers out of the temple that impressed His disciples? (v. 17) Of what temple was Jesus speaking in verse 20? (v. 21)

## Thursday, February 7

**SCRIPTURE:** Mark 8:27-38

**TODAY'S GEM:** "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16).

**FOR THE PARENT:** (Additional material on "Christ, the Center of Our Faith" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Stress that (1) Christ is the Son of God; (2) He suffered that we might be saved; (3) the price of being His disciple is self-denial; (4) if we are ashamed of Him now, He will be ashamed of us before His Father.

**QUESTION TIME:** Who is Christ? (Matt. 16:16) What does He require of His disciples? (v. 34) If we are ashamed of Christ here, what will be the result? (v. 38)

## Friday, February 8

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Kings 3:5-13 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**TODAY'S GEM:** "Wisdom is better than rubies; and all things that may be desired are not to be compared to it" (Prov. 8:11).

**FOR THE PARENT:** Solomon followed his father, David, to the throne of Israel. When he became king, God appeared to him and gave him the choice of having whatever he wanted. Solomon chose wisdom, to be able to rule the people wisely. God wants to grant divine wisdom to us.

**QUESTION TIME:** Who was Solomon's father? (King David) For what did Solomon ask God? (v. 9) What did God promise him? (vv. 11-13)

## Saturday, February 9

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 32:1-32 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**TODAY'S GEM:** "The Lord is my helper" (Heb. 13:6).

**FOR THE PARENT:** After Jacob had been with Laban for a number of years, he decided to go back to his homeland. Point out (1) he did not know whether Esau would still try to kill him; (2) Jacob met God on the way; (3) Jacob (meaning, "deceiver") had his name changed by God to Israel (a "prince with God").

**QUESTION TIME:** What does the name Jacob mean? (see above) What does the new name "Israel" mean? (see above) Do I trust in God to help me?

# Sunday's Lesson

RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH



## CHRIST, THE CENTER OF OUR FAITH

Sunday School Lesson for February 10, 1957

MARK 8:27-38

### THE IDENTITY OF THE MESSIAH (vv. 27-30)

Christ now began to prepare His followers for the inevitable course He must pursue. But before breaking the sad news concerning His suffering and death, He strengthened their faith by giving an inspiring testimony to His Deity and Messiahship.

"Whom do men say that I am?" Christ knew the answer to His question; He asked, not to learn, but to instruct. According to popular opinion, Christ was a good man; He was far above the religious leaders of the day, and comparable to the Old Testament prophets. He might even be a miraculous man—a resurrected John the Baptist! Yet to believe this was not enough—nor is it today!

"But whom say ye that I am?" Christ's first question led directly to the second. And this is an eternal question, one which every man must face, for upon a man's answer to that question hangs the destiny of his never-dying soul!

"Thou art the Christ." Matthew's account adds, "The Son of the living God." The Pharisees and scribes branded Him an impostor, a man with an unclean spirit. The multitudes in general held Him to be a good Man, a great Man, but nothing more. But Peter, inspired by the Spirit, saw Jesus as the Promised Messiah, the Anointed One, the Son of God, and Saviour!

### THE MISSION OF THE MESSIAH (vv. 31-33)

*A Plain Declaration.* Until the fact of Christ's Messiahship had been firmly fixed in their hearts and minds, His followers could not have received the truth which He so clearly taught them. On previous occasions He had alluded to His death, but in symbolic language. Now there could be no mistaking His meaning. Christ *must* suffer and die for man's sin. There was no other way of redemption.

"And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him." Peter loved the Lord dearly. His words were indicative of the natural man's shrinking from the way of the Cross. Matthew tells us that Peter said, "Be it far from thee, Lord," or as the margin has it, "Pity thyself." We must not condemn Peter too much, nor must we underestimate the Satanic subtlety and origin of Peter's suggestion! For we have here nothing less than a definite effort on the part of Satan to tempt Christ to by-pass the Cross! Thus it was that Peter received one of the sternest rebukes which ever fell from the lips of Christ, while Satan was again repulsed.

### LOYALTY TO THE MESSIAH (vv. 34-38)

There is a vital connection between these verses and the preceding ones. Peter had vehemently objected to the course involving suffering and death which Jesus was about

to pursue. Christ now told His hearers that the self-denial to which Peter objected was necessary not only for Christ but also for His followers.

Loyalty to the Messiah would mean more than mere mental acceptance of Him. It would involve:

(1) *Self-denial.* To deny self means refusing to indulge any desire, however harmless in itself, which would be contrary to the will of God, or would in any way limit one's usefulness in service to God.

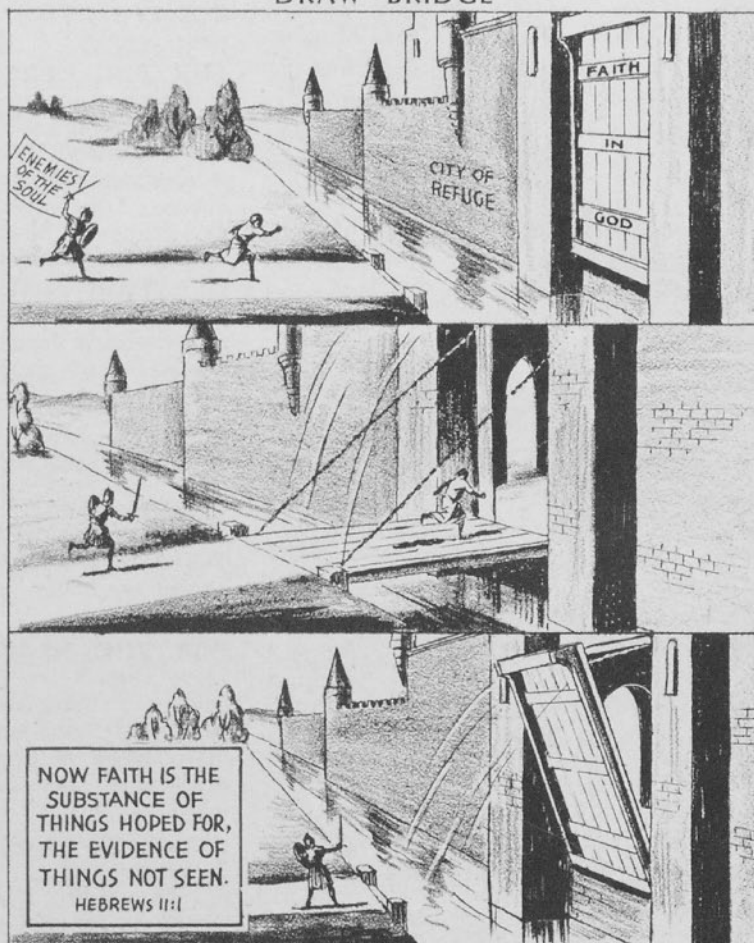
(2) *Cross bearing.* The Christian's cross is not the sufferings or trials which are the common lot of all men. It is not the sufferings or difficulties brought about by one's own failure or foolishness. The Christian's cross is that suffering, trial, hardship which comes because one is a Christian, doing the revealed will of God.

(3) *Following the Lord.* Devotion to Christ is the basis of discipleship. Such devotion will lead a Christian to "follow His steps" (see 1 Peter 2:19-23).

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake and the gospel's the same shall save it." Here again Christ's words are an elaboration of the preceding verses. We have here a spiritual law which contrasts the present life with the eternal. Spare your natural self and you will lose it eternally. Give up your self-life, sacrifice your natural life for Christ's sake and the gospel's, and you will save it eternally. In the realm of spiritual things we gain by losing; we get by giving. The most blessed and happy people in the world are those who lose themselves in self-forgetful devotion to Christ and service for Him!

—J. Bashford Bishop

### DRAW BRIDGE





# The Return of Jesus Christ

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to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. . . . Ye have heaped together treasure for the last days. Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord. . . . Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord" (James 5:1-8).

3. *The sign of the restoration of Israel.* Jesus said, "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near; so ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know it is nigh" (Mark 13:28). The Bible likens Israel to the fig tree. The prophet Jeremiah spoke of Israel "as the evil figs." The Lord warned He would "deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for their hurt, to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse" (Jeremiah 24:8). History shows that this is exactly what has happened to Israel through the centuries. In spite of this, God had future plans for Israel, and we have seen some of these plans fulfilled. "Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations. . . . He that scattered Israel will gather him and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock" (Jeremiah 31:10). When we visited Israel in 1955 we saw this with our own eyes. In seven years nearly a million Jews, speaking 74 languages and dialects, had returned from 60 countries to their own land. I believe this is one of the outstanding "signs of the times."

4. *The sign of the Pentecostal outpouring.* On the day of Pentecost, the apostle Peter told the great crowd that had gathered that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that they were witnessing that day was a fulfilment of the prophecy of Joel, who many years before had said, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh" (Acts 2:17). During the past fifty years and more, millions have received

this outpouring of God's Spirit upon them. This Pentecostal outpouring, which began in Peter's day, has been renewed in our day to ripen the spiritual grain for the time of harvest at Christ's return. The "former rain" was given in Peter's day; the "latter rain" is being given in ours. As a result of this outpouring, the church has been given a new impetus to evangelize the world; and Jesus said: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

5. *The sign of universal lawlessness.* The Bible says: "In the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God" (2 Timothy 3:1-5). We can easily recognize this as a description of the world in which we live.

*These are but a few* of the signs by which the Lord is giving us an insight into the "times and seasons." With confidence we say that Jesus will return very soon.

## HOW WILL JESUS RETURN?

When Jesus returns to receive His followers unto Himself, His coming will be secret. Later He will come again for a public appearance when "every eye shall see Him," but His coming for His church will be quietly, secretly, without announcement.

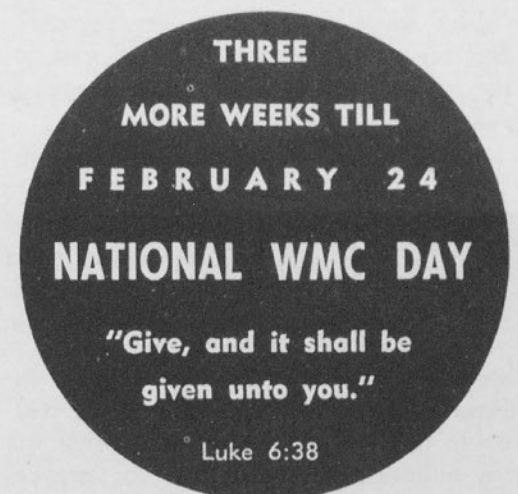
A thief comes silently, unexpectedly, in the night when people are sleeping. He takes something that is valuable and then he slips away. Not until the morning does the head of the house discover his loss. That is a picture of what will happen when Jesus returns. He will take out of every home those who are saved and living for God, for "they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels." The unsaved men and

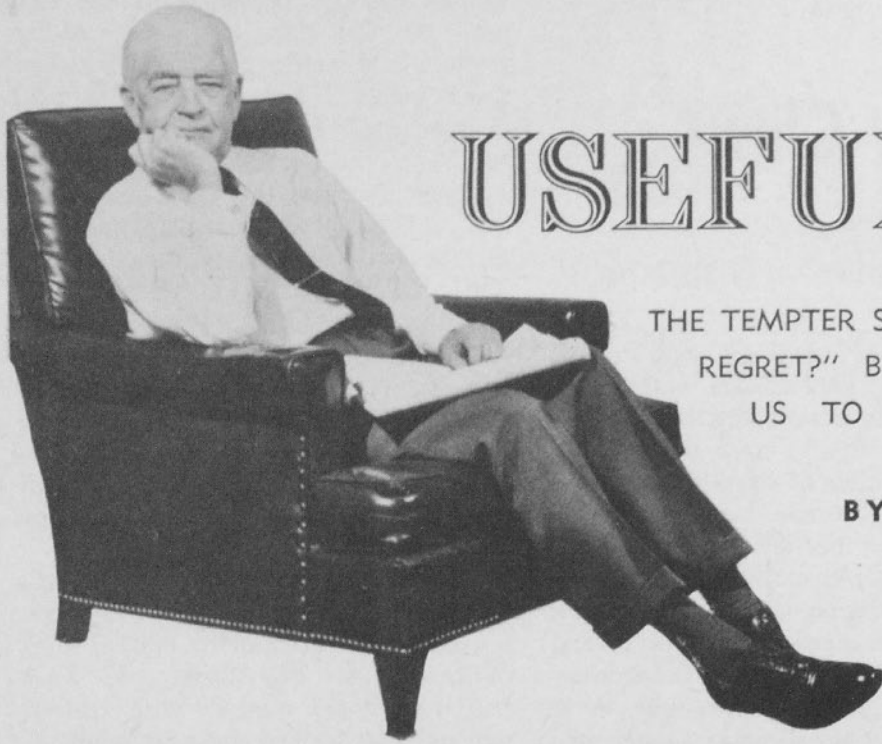
women will not be aware of the loss until the Christians are gone. What weeping and wailing there will be when these people discover that those who were dear to them have been taken away to be with the Lord!

Jesus described this great event. He said: "There shall be two in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two shall be in a field; the one taken and the other left." Friend, if you are not ready for Christ's coming you will suffer irreparable loss. "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."

Those who are ready for Christ's coming will welcome Him as their heavenly Bridegroom, the eternal lover of their souls. The Word says, "*They that were ready* went in with Him to the marriage." We must be ready always. There will be no time for last-minute preparations. The Bridegroom will come for "those who look for Him"—for "those who love His appearing." And what a time of rejoicing there will be. John had a vision of that happy occasion, the marriage of Christ to His church: "Let us be glad, and rejoice, and give honor to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. . . . Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:7, 9).

These facts about the return of Jesus Christ have a vital relationship to every one of us. Let us take to heart the warning of the Scriptures, and be sure we are ready to welcome the Saviour when He returns to snatch away His church. ◀◀





# USEFUL REGRET

THE TEMPTER SAYS, "WHY WASTE TIME ON USELESS REGRET?" BUT REGRET CAN BE USEFUL IF IT LEADS US TO REPENTANCE AND A RENEWED LIFE.

BY JAMES E. ADAMS

**I**F ONLY I HADN'T DONE IT. IF I could turn back the clock. If I had my life to live over again, I'd do differently." Those thoughts torment the murderer in death row. His appeal for pardon has been denied, and in a few hours he will die.

Those are the thoughts of the young delinquent who will be barred from society for many years. His misconceived sense of thrill of wrong-doing now is gone, and he is alone with the memories of his sins.

Those also are the thoughts that occupy the mind of a man in a hotel room—too proud to return to his wife and child, too stubborn to confess his shortcomings and ask forgiveness. Divorce seems to be the only answer.

Those people regret events and sins of the past. They are tempted to say, "Why waste time on useless regret?" But regret can be useful, for it can be the pathway to repentance and the guard rail on the strait and narrow way.

Take Saul, for example, stricken to the earth on the Damascus road, looking up, and asking, "Who art thou, Lord?"

The answer came, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest."

In that moment regret crushed Saul's spirit. For three days he prayed in Damascus, sorry for the havoc he had made in the Early Church. Healed of his blindness in answer to the prayer of Ananias, Saul "preached Christ . . .

that he is the Son of God."

But in the pages of Scripture his sins are recorded for all to read—those things that he regretted until the day of his death, those things that came over and over again to his mind.

Paul's sins, however, have been a source of hope to many, for if he could be forgiven by God, then others in similar circumstances can also expect divine forgiveness.

Is there hope for the murderer? Looking back on his life, Paul confessed with regret that "when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by . . . consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him" (Acts 22:20). When God cleansed Paul from his sins, He cleansed a murderer.

Is there hope for the persecutor? Paul regretted his persecutions of the Church. "I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God" (1 Cor. 15:9). "For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it" (Gal. 1:13).

Is there hope for the blasphemer? Paul remembered that he "was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief" (1 Tim. 1:13).

Perhaps we can learn a lesson from

Paul's life. While he made no attempt to smooth over his past, he did say this: "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:13, 14). He couldn't blot out the memory of the past, but he refused to allow it to deter him from his eternal reward. Paul realized he couldn't change the past; but he let his regrets serve to keep him humble and unswerving in the path of duty, ever directing others to Jesus Christ.

Judas is another example of a person who regretted his sin—he was sorry that he ever betrayed the Lord into the hands of the soldiers. He took back the thirty pieces of silver to the priests; and when they refused to accept it, he cast it at their feet. But Judas had a useless regret, for instead of letting his regret lead him to repentance, he allowed it to turn to despair, finally giving way to suicide and eternal destruction.

Perhaps at some time you have talked with a backslider who has said, "Oh, yes, I've tried to live a Christian life, but the memory of my past was too strong."

"But Jesus forgave your past," you said.

"I know, but I still remember. When temptations come along, I remember my past failures and say, 'What's the use?' and give up."

There are some people who just can't seem to rise above regret. And, like Judas, it could well be the cause of their final destruction.

But there is another side.

I was invited to speak for a Rally



Day service. The lesson was "The Conversion of Saul." The Lord impressed me to bring out the truth that Paul used regret as a steppingstone instead of allowing it to be a stumbling block. "Don't hide your light under a bushel because you regret an evil deed in your past," I said. "Have you repented and confessed? Then walk with God; determine by His grace never to fall again. You can still do exploits for Him."

The following week I had a visitor, who said: "I'm T— F—. I don't know if your remarks were for anyone else on Sunday morning but they sure were for me. Before the Lord saved me I was very sinful. When I accepted Christ, I had to go to people and confess; I had to make restitution."

"Sounds like a real conversion," I said.

"Yes, and I've tried to be all out for God, same as I was for the devil. But last week I was so despondent. Some folks who knew about my past told some other people about me—Christians—and advised them to avoid me."

I said to him, "I don't know anything about your past, Brother F—, but when a man repents, confesses, and makes restitution, he has done all he can. I have heard good reports of your sincerity and zeal for God."

He replied: "Thank you, brother. I intend to keep on being zealous for Him. When thoughts of the past return, I'm not going to stumble over them. Your talk came in a moment of despair and was just what I needed."

Do regrets come to your mind at this moment? Then use them. If you aren't saved, let the regrets of your sins drive you to the Saviour who is able to forgive your sins. He will remember them against you no more forever.

Are you a Christian with regrets over your past errors and sins? Regret is a sign of a tender conscience—an indication that you cannot pass over a sin or mistake lightly. If you allow your regrets to drive you to God, they will cause you to be less likely to make the same mistake again. And even if you do, they will make you quicker to repent and right the wrong.

Regret that makes us realize our total dependence on God is useful regret; regret that brings despair is useless regret. You must decide whether your regrets will be useful or useless. Let regrets increase your determination to serve God more faithfully than ever. ◀ ◀



# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**Who are the elders of whom James speaks (James 5:14)?**

The elders are the spiritual leaders. In the Early Church there was more than one elder in each church. Some of these were not preachers, but all were to be men of sound doctrine and experience, able to govern the church (Acts 20:17; 1 Timothy 5:17).

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**What right have Christians to go to a doctor to find out what is wrong with them? God knows and is able to heal, whatever the need may be.**

Perhaps we do well to leave to another's conscience whether he feels like consulting a physician or not. Luke, "the beloved physician," was a member of Paul's party. Some believe Luke ministered to Paul's physical well-being; others do not. Since the Bible is silent on this, none can speak positively concerning it. In matters of faith the Bible says, "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." What we need to guard against is setting ourselves up too fully as judges over another's conscience.

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**In Luke 8:3 we read that certain women ministered unto Jesus of their substance. What is the Christian duty in supporting the work of the Lord?**

Voluntary giving by Christians is the only means prescribed by God for the support of church work.

When God ordained that the tabernacle be built, the material needed was to be provided in this way: "Of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering" (Exodus 25:2). When the Levitical priesthood was established, the eleven tribes were to tithe their income, which was to be given for the support of the priests and Levites (Leviticus 27:30; Numbers 18:21, 24).

There is no specific rule set down in the New Testament beyond this: "They which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:7-14). It is a good plan to make the church the

"storehouse" to which tithes and offerings may be brought, then distributed according to a plan adopted by the church.

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**Are Christians cursed with a curse if they do not bring their tithes to the church? Malachi said Israel would be cursed if they robbed God in tithes and offerings.**

The New Testament says, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly." This I take to mean that he who holds back from God will suffer spiritual impoverishment. We might apply it to natural loss or gain, but I believe that spiritual blessings are the more important blessings that God will withhold.

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**Is it not wrong to sell books and other merchandise in the church? Did Jesus not drive the moneychangers out of the Temple?**

My personal feeling is that it is wrong to sell things in the church for personal profit. But I would not say the same about things such as good literature which are sold because of an earnest desire to provide spiritual help for others. Unfortunately, however, most of the selling seems to be for personal gain.

While Jesus drove the moneychangers out of the Temple, it was because they had made His Father's house a house of merchandising or profit-making. If they had been there only to help the worshipers who came from a distance by exchanging their foreign money into current money, I believe Jesus would have approved, rather than disapproved. It was the motive behind their action—the desire to obtain personal gain on God's property—that prompted Jesus to drive them out of the Temple.

*If you wish Brother Williams to answer a question, send it to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. He will answer either in this column or by personal letter.*



C. M. Ward

# Revivaltime Offers Unusual Map of Palestine for 1957

## Dear Evangel Readers:

1957 will go down as one of the IMPORTANT years of this century. Big things are scheduled to happen in the very near future. These things will deeply affect the Christian. The child of God will know what is happening, but the world is not aware that Bible prophecy is being fulfilled before their eyes.

World events and pressures are moving in the direction of Palestine and the Near East. WORLD ATTENTION WILL BE FOCUSED ON THE

NEAR EAST IN 1957. This part of the world is very important to the Christian. The one whose name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life should watch very closely.

Jesus said in Luke 21:24, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, UNTIL the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." The part of Jerusalem that is still trodden down by the Gentiles could be taken by the Israeli armies at almost any moment! *This could happen in 1957!*

I have one of the MOST UNIQUE MAPS OF PALESTINE AND THE NEAR EAST EVER PUBLISHED. I do not believe there is another like it.

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Yours by Calvary's ties,

*C. M. Ward*  
C. M. Ward

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# MISSION U. S. A. RALLIES

Listed below are Missions U.S.A. Rallies scheduled for February and March, which have been reported to the Home Missions Department. Be sure to attend the rally in your section.

PLACE	DATE	SPEAKER			
			NEW JERSEY		
ARKANSAS			Butler (First Baptist)	Mar. 11	G. Morriello
Beebe	Feb. 5	M. J. Harris	Elizabeth (Trin. Pent.)	Mar. 18	A. C. Bates
Board Camp	Feb. 8	Not given	Freehold	Mar. 25	A. C. Bates
El Dorado	Feb. 7	G. W. Hardcastle	Penns Grove	Mar. 4	C. Butler
Humphrey (Crooked Creek)	Feb. 5	L. W. Hoppers	NEW YORK		
Jacksonville	Feb. 7	M. Hooks	Beacon	Feb. 16	V. Trimmer
Malvern (First)	Feb. 8	G. W. Hardcastle	Bethpage, L. I.	Feb. 18	V. Trimmer
Monticello	Feb. 19	G. W. Hardcastle	Binghamton (Faith)	Feb. 13	V. Trimmer
Mountain Home	Feb. 5	T. J. Gotcher	Carthage (Calvary)	Feb. 12	V. Trimmer
Osceola	Feb. 5	G. W. Hardcastle	Fredonia	Feb. 10	V. Trimmer
Parkin	Feb. 5	O. M. Montgomery	Hempstead, L. I.	Feb. 17	V. Trimmer
Rogers (First)	Feb. 19	D. Jech	Huntington	Feb. 17	V. Trimmer
Tuckerman	Feb. 5	V. Weaks	New York (G. T.)	Feb. 17	V. Trimmer
Van Buren (Sunnyside)	Feb. 5	Gorman Daniels	North Hornell (G. T.)	Feb. 11	V. Trimmer
			Rochester area	Feb. 10	V. Trimmer
ILLINOIS			South Buffalo	Feb. 9	V. Trimmer
Astoria	Feb. 8	M. Burgund	Troy (First)	Feb. 15	V. Trimmer
Barry	Feb. 11	W. J. Lewis	Utica	Feb. 14	V. Trimmer
Bethalto	Feb. 11	J. C. Kofahl	NORTH CAROLINA		
Decatur (Glad Tid.)	Feb. 4	J. Cockman	Askeville A. G.	Feb. 11	F. L. Jones
Granite City (First)	Feb. 25	B. Peterson	Avon	Feb. 6	W. Cover
Harvard	Feb. 18	Not given	Burlington	Feb. 8	F. L. Jones
Metropolis	Feb. 18	H. Crowell	Hertford	Feb. 7	Not given
Milan	Feb. 15	J. C. Kofahl	Mooresville	Feb. 1	A. Stirling
Odin	Feb. 25	J. Newman	Raleigh	Feb. 18	A. Stirling
Pekin (First)	Feb. 4	V. D. Gibson	Shulls Mills A. G.	Feb. 4	Not given
KANSAS			Willard	Feb. 15	I. R. Jenson
Chanute	Feb. 11	O. C. Carr	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA — NEVADA		
Hugoton	Feb. 11	P. C. Samuelson	San Francisco (G. T.)	Feb. 19	Not given
Lyons	Feb. 4	R. R. Morrison	OREGON		
Morland	Feb. 4	E. H. Rosenberg	Coquille (First)	Feb. 4	N. D. Davidson
Topeka (G. T.)	Feb. 22	J. J. Krimmer	Grants Pass	Feb. 4	G. J. Davis
Wichita (Central)	Feb. 18	F. Dennis	Irrigon	Feb. 4	T. R. Yaws
Woodston	Feb. 5	H. Hollis	Portland (Bethel)	Feb. 4	Not given
KENTUCKY			Silverton	Feb. 4	Not given
Frankfort (First)	Feb. 18	F. McDonald	The Dalles	Mar. 11	Not given
Mayfield	Feb. 4	Not given	Tillamook	Feb. 25	G. J. Davis
Nicholasville	Feb. 11	H. C. Golden	Woodburn	Feb. 4	Not given
MICHIGAN			SOUTH DAKOTA		
Detroit (Christ. Trin.)	Feb. 11	E. G. Snook	Hot Springs	Feb. 5	Not given
Flint (Riverside)	Feb. 11	O. L. Robinson	Lake Preston	Feb. 11	Not given
Gaylord	Feb. 4	A. Austin	Milbank	Feb. 25	Not given
White Cloud	Feb. 4	I. E. Ade	Pierre	Feb. 19	Not given
MINNESOTA			Wagner	Feb. 5	Not given
Brainerd	Feb. 18	A. C. Bates	SOUTHERN MISSOURI		
Duluth (G. T.)	Feb. 19	A. C. Bates	St. Louis (Friendly)	Feb. 11	J. C. Newman
Fergus Falls	Feb. 22	A. C. Bates	WEST CENTRAL		
Granada	Feb. 12	A. C. Bates	Cedar Rapids, Ia.	Feb. 11	Not given
Minneapolis (F. G. Temple)	Feb. 25	A. C. Bates	Chillicothe, Mo.	Feb. 11	R. A. McClure
Rochester	Feb. 11	A. C. Bates	Creston, Ia.	Feb. 11	Not given
St. Paul (Summit Ave.)	Feb. 26	A. C. Bates	St. Joseph (Wyatt Park), Mo.	Feb. 4	C. A. Parker
Thief River Falls	Feb. 21	A. C. Bates	Silex, Mo.	Feb. 4	W. B. Friend
Willmar	Feb. 15	A. C. Bates	Spencer, Ia.	Feb. 4	Not given
Worthington	Feb. 14	A. C. Bates			
MONTANA					
Culbertson	Feb. 12	Not given			
Dillon	Feb. 4	Not given			
Fairview	Feb. 4	Not given			
Laurel	Feb. 11	E. W. Goodman			

# FACING A COMMON PERIL

BY C. STANLEY LOWELL

**An official of POAU explains the motives and methods of this organization that is fighting to maintain our liberties.**

**S**TANDING RESOLUTELY FOR THE right to preach the Word of God is the organization known as Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State. It is usually known by its initials—P O A U. One of the founders of POAU is Clyde W. Taylor, Secretary of Public Affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals.

POAU does two things: First, it educates the public to the importance of religious liberty based on our constitutional principles of Church-State separation. Second, it goes into situations where the principle is being violated and undertakes remedial action through the courts.

The leaders of POAU, many of them well-known clergymen, feel that they are contributing much to the preaching of the gospel since they strive to keep the legal channels open for this activity. It is hard to preach if one lacks freedom to preach. POAU labors to preserve that freedom. POAU seeks to maintain the free situation in this country where in all churches have been able to produce what, with God's help, they were capable of producing. It is POAU's conviction that what our churches need today is not government money and state control but freedom to preach the gospel and bring forth its fruits.

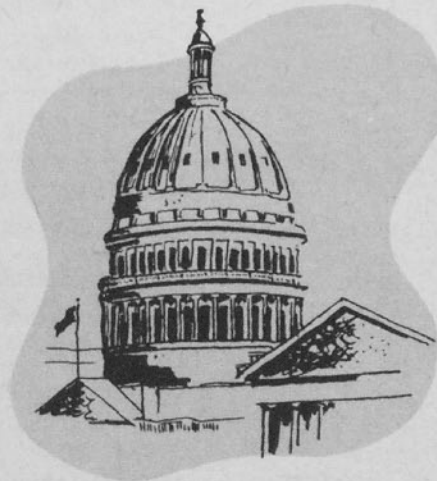
## NOT ANTI BUT PRO

POAU has been called an "anti-Catholic" organization. It isn't. It favors the same liberty for the Roman Catholic denomination as for all others. When the Roman Catholic hierarchy goes after government money and official favors, POAU stands in resolute opposition. It does the same for any church which seeks government spon-

sorship and support. The only way POAU could be "anti-Catholic" or "anti-Protestant" would be a situation in which Catholics or Protestants were against our constitution.

POAU leaders state, however, that the Roman Catholic hierarchy has launched an all-out drive to end Church-State separation in this country. Because of this POAU often finds itself actively opposed to the designs of that church. On Nov. 21, 1948, the bishops of the Roman Catholic Church reportedly announced that Church-State separation was finished in the United States. They bitterly denounced the principle, describing it as "the shibboleth of doctrinaire secularism." They called on their people to work "peacefully and perseveringly" for its destruction.

A prominent spokesman of this denomination, Father John Courtney Murray, writing in *The Catholic Mind*, September, 1956, calls attention to the vast growth in the Roman Catholic community in the U.S. He says that the policy of not giving government money to the Roman Church might once



have been defended by "a kind of sociological argument," but it can be so defended no longer. Our laws and courts must keep pace with sociological development, he says. What he means is that Roman Catholics have now become sufficiently numerous to junk Church-State separation and get government financing for some of their religious work. This is exactly what they propose to do.

Richard Joyce Smith, writing in the November issue of *AMERICA*, a Roman Catholic publication, says the time has come for tax money to go to Roman Catholic Schools on the same basis as to public schools. Smith is a member of the State public school board in Connecticut!

What is the motivation for this drive? It is clear: voluntary gifts of adherents have failed to provide the funds necessary for the ambitious enterprises of the Roman Church. For this reason the Roman Church is turning to the government to provide finances for its schools, hospitals, orphanages, churches and other activities. Over \$115 million in federal funds has already gone to Roman Catholic hospitals. Over \$2 million of tax funds in Indiana last year went to schools taught by Roman Catholic nuns and priests, with instruction in Roman Catholic dogma for all pupils and the distinctive symbols of Romanism surrounding them. A similar condition prevails in a number of other states.

To this sort of thing POAU is unalterably opposed. Opposition to sectarian encroachment and money grabs of this kind is not bigotry or intolerance. It is not intolerant to oppose intolerance. The fact is that POAU is not "anti" anything. It is for a principle. It is for the equality of all churches before the law, with special privileges and tax funds for none. It stands for the liberty God's servants must have to proclaim the Word. It stands for the liberty that has made America great. No matter what ugly names may be called, POAU proposes to carry on.

## METHODS AND OPERATIONS

How does POAU work? Its speakers appear at public meetings in every state of the union. Its chapters and affiliated religious liberty committees have been organized in many centers. Its Executive Director and other staff members have appeared at conferences and conventions, local and national, of most denominations. POAU is in touch



with the publishers of Sunday School and youth literature encouraging them to include material on Church-State separation and its importance to religious liberty. POAU reaches seminary students with information about Church-State issues facing our country. POAU studies all legislation that bears upon Church-State relations and informs its constituents. It appears at hearings where proposed laws dealing with such issues are being scrutinized. From its offices at 1633 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., in Washington, D.C., POAU publishes a monthly Review called *Church and State* which keeps all its members conversant with current Church-State problems.

The remedial program of POAU is carried on through the courts of the land. A few years ago the school system of New Mexico was in the hopeless grip of Roman Catholic sectarian control. POAU in co-operation with local committees was successful in breaking the grip as the result of action in the courts.

In Missouri many schools were being taught by Roman Catholic nuns and priests, paid from public funds, who were indoctrinating all pupils in their faith. POAU, working with the Missouri Free Schools Committee, ended this encroachment.

In Marion County, Kentucky, a Roman Catholic school board and superintendent were forcing all children to attend schools where the dogma of that denomination was being taught to all pupils and its symbols and literature freely displayed. Public schools in name, they were parochial schools in fact. POAU, again working with a strong local committee, ended this intolerable condition after litigation that went all the way to the high court of Kentucky. These are samples only of the remedial program of POAU.

#### WHAT WAS WON MUST BE KEPT

Many assume that once religious liberty has arrived in a country, it is there to stay. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Many lands that once upon a time enjoyed such freedom have it no more. Anything so precious as this can never be taken for granted. To preserve liberty requires as much resolution and devotion as to win it in the first place. This truth POAU understands and teaches. Liberty's only sure defense is the living faithfulness of those who love it. ◀◀

## to the editor



#### Increasing the Order

Please increase our bundle subscription to the Evangel by fifty more each week. We are using the Evangel to acquaint our neighborhood with our church's doctrines and practices. I believe it is one of the finest religious periodicals on the market.

I have appreciated the increased number of pages and the many excellent features. I find myself filing many of the articles for future reference.

RAYMOND P. MURRAY  
Pastor, First Assembly  
Santa Cruz, California

#### Honolulu Building Wrongly Labeled

On page twelve of the December 16th issue of The Pentecostal Evangel you show a group of distinguished people standing in front of the Assemblies of God Church and Aloha Bible Institute.

On my recent visit to the Islands, this building was the Aloha tower and administration building for the Honolulu Municipal Airport.

JULES BALLAS  
Oakland, California

• Thanks for this correction. Our missionaries in Hawaii also told us of our mistake which was due to a certain similarity in design between the Aloha tower and the Aloha Bible Institute building.

#### A German Tribute to Chaplain

Chaplain John M. Pope, an Assemblies of God minister in the U. S. Air Force, has been serving God and our American servicemen in Freising, Germany (down in Bavaria). Recently the Chief Major of the town sent him a very interesting letter which the EVANGEL readers would appreciate. The translation from the German is as follows:

"Very honorable Mr. Pope, with deep regret I heard of the fact that you will leave Freising during the next days. Occasioned by this your departure I wish to thank you sincerely in the name of the inhabitants of Freising and on my own behalf for the numerous welfare activities started by you for the benefit of the needy classes of Freising. You devoted yourself with great cordiality and ardor to all groups wanting assistance, be it the young inmates of the orphanage, or the aged ones of the old folk's home—the children of parents without subsistence, or the lonely old folk. All of them enjoyed your faithful care. Not only those for whom you directly provided,

but also all who were able to witness your blessed activity, will guard you a thankful and honoring memory.

"For your future career I wish you good luck and success. With the very best regards. . . ."

Chaplain Pope has made a favorable impression upon the entire town. This unselfish work by Assemblies of God chaplains and servicemen gives our church a good name, not only by the Military but by the nations where they are stationed.

DOUGLAS G. SCOTT  
Executive Director  
N.A.E. Commission on Chaplains  
Washington, D.C.

#### A Pleasant "Discovery"

The Evangel is a surprise to me. I didn't know the Lord had so many true workers in His vineyard. The writer is a former public school teacher, now 86.

L. ASCHAM  
So. International Falls, Minn.

#### A Missionary Gives Thanks

May I take this means of expressing my appreciation for the Evangel. My wife and I, as well as our two children, really enjoy it very much. . . . Thanks to you and your staff, and to those who make it possible for us missionaries to receive the Evangel regularly.

LEONARD NIPPER  
Kobe, Japan

• Perhaps you would like to send an offering to help defray the expense of sending the Evangel to our missionaries. It costs \$4.25 to send the magazine to a foreign land for a year.

#### A Slight Mistake

I am glad you were able to publish one of the pictures of "bygone days" that I sent you. I am sure the "old-timers" enjoyed the series of pictures you ran in connection with the semi-annual offering for Aged Ministers. However, you put the wrong label on the picture. That was not the Woodworth-Etter camp meeting in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1921, that you had on page 16 (issue of November 18). It was the Woodworth-Etter campaign in Grand River, Iowa, in 1921. I wish you would print this correction.

ISAAC M. GLANVILLE  
Sioux City, Iowa

#### Wanted—Church Signs

I have a suggestion to place before you. My husband moves from place to place in his work and we have found it hard to find the Assembly Church on short notice. Other churches have a sign on the highway. If only the Assembly would put one on the highway with location as to streets it would help weary travelers find it. Might be a good project for C.A.'s.

MRS. G. H. KITCHENS  
Drummond, Oklahoma

• An excellent idea. "Assembly of God" church signs for highway use can now be purchased from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri. The price is \$14.50. Ask for the "Scotch-lite Road Sign Set, Number 8-EV-5784," or write for a free circular giving full information.



# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

► **OAKLAND, CALIF.**—Evangelist Claude O. Wood recently concluded three weeks of revival in Oakland's Evangel Temple during which souls were saved and believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Emphasis was laid upon the nature of Christ and the anointed life as an expression of the will of God.

—Guy Hardin, Pastor

► **GRIFFIN, GA.**—A most wonderful revival has proven to be a blessing to the First Assembly of God here. Evangelist Carl C. Haas did the preaching, and under his ministry many were saved, healed, and filled with the Holy Spirit. The fires of revival continue to burn. Many were drawn nearer to the Lord, and the church has experienced growth as a result of the meetings.

—John F. Moore, Pastor

► **MALONE, WASH.**—The Assembly of God here is rejoicing in the results of a four-week meeting conducted by Evangelist Homer Rugwell. Sixteen individuals were saved. There were many healings, and some demons were cast out. Prior to the meetings it had been difficult to get children to stay for the morning service. They did stay during these meetings, and eleven children were saved. The second Sunday after the close of the meetings there was a spiritual "land-slide" in the church—an unusual moving of the Spirit of God. Since the meetings a 15-voice Junior Choir has been organized, and the chain of prayer that was started with the meetings is still being carried on.

—Edwin J. Torgerson, Pastor

► **MOUNT UNION, PA.**—The Mount Union Assembly of God has just closed a very successful campaign with Evangelist Richard Owens of Wilmington, Del. The meetings were the first to be held in the new church building. They were scheduled to run for two weeks, but because of a mighty move of God they continued for three. At least 37 were at the altar for salvation, three received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and many testified to being healed by the power of God. A little boy, who because of sickness had never walked, was healed and was walking in the service the next night. The whole family is now serving God because of this wonderful miracle. New people came out to each service, and the crowds were the greatest in the history of the church. One man came to the services each night from a neighboring town. He was so moved upon by God that he gave a piece of property with a building on it for an Assemblies of God church in that town. Thus, one of the results of the meeting was the starting of a new church. Services are already in progress there.

—Oran Catterson, Pastor

► **LEBANON, OREG.**—Evangelist Johnny Hoskins of Portland recently conducted a series of meetings here. Pentecostal "rain" fell copiously in the services. People were stirred, healed, and met God. Brother Hoskins preached under a great anointing.

—H. D. Robeson, Pastor

► **LANCASTER, PA.**—Evangelist L. C. Robie recently conducted a four weeks revival campaign in the Evangelistic Center here. A large number were healed, some of whom had just been saved, and a number united in the fellowship of the church. There are a good number of new people attending as a result of the meeting. The newspapers of the city gave more publicity than in any campaign for a long while. The intercession meetings held in the prayer room each night and a half-hour before the services contributed to the results. Among the outstanding

miracles was the healing of a nine-year-old boy who had suffered with bronchial asthma. His parents had paid out over \$1,800 in doctor bills and were preparing to move to a southern state for his health. God healed the son and the parents as well. The church was blessed in every way by the preaching of Evangelist Robie.

—Herbert Jones, Pastor

► **AKRON, OHIO**—Bethel Temple enjoyed a time of spiritual refreshing during the recent revival meeting with Evangelists Arnold and Anita Segesman of Berlin Center, Ohio. The attendance was good, and a number of visitors came for the first time. Special music and chalk drawings were also a real inspiration. Several were saved. Revival fires are still burning, and the people continue to seek God.

—Lillian Derfer, Pastor

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	CHURCH	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Calif.	Compton	Trinity Temple	Feb. 5-17	L. B. "Bill" Lewis	Paul Schoch
	Crescent City	A of G	Feb. 10—	Moses E. Copeland	D. L. Rhodes
	Hayward	Bethel	Jan. 30-Feb. 10	Christian Hild	James A. Swanson
	Imperial Beach	A of G	Feb. 3—	L. L. Ammons & wife	H. L. Cates
	Modesto	Community FG	Feb. 5—	Jerry Fischer	R. Bruce Yorke
	Ventura	A of G	Feb. 5-17	Watson Argue	Richard Carmichael
Fla.	Clewiston	A of G	Feb. 3-15	H. B. Kelchner	R. L. Beavers
	Jacksonville	Calvary Temple	Feb. 10-24	Oliver Johnson & wife	Harold Schmitt
Ill.	Chicago	Calvary Tab.	Feb. 3—	Jimmy Brown	Loren D. Doss
	Rock Island	Bethel	Feb. 3-10	Bill Sharp	George W. Clark
	Lyons	First	Jan. 20-Feb. 10	R. W. Hastie & wife	J. C. Musgrove
Ky.	Versailles	First	Feb. 10-24	Charles Hackett	LaVern Snyder
La.	Jennings	A of G	Feb. 3—	Charles Reed	W. R. Blair
Mass.	Beverly	A of G	Feb. 3-17	D. N. Huff	Jerry Maria
Mich.	Holland	A of G	Feb. 5-17	Joel Palmer & wife	G. Krish
	Stephenson	First	Feb. 5—	Eddie Roush	Wilbert Remus
Mo.	Brighton	Highway	Feb. 3—	L. S. Graham	C. J. Greer
	Festus	A of G	Feb. 3-17	R. D. Hastie & wife	Delmar Dabney
	Sikeston	<sup>1</sup> First	Feb. 3—	Gladys Voight	Loren Wooten
N. J.	Pleasantville	A of G	Feb. 5-10	Rob & Lil Watters	Rufus String
N. Mex.	Albuquerque	First	Feb. 3—	Donnell-Holler	G. W. Risner
N. Y.	Dansville	A of G	Feb. 3—	C. S. Tubby	R. W. Metzger
Ohio	Byesville	A of G	Jan. 29-Feb. 10	Arnold Segesman & wife	Frank Blessing
	Girard	A of G	Jan. 22-Feb. 10	John C. Poteet	D. A. Ross
	Piqua	A of G	Feb. 3—	Dean Ash	J. Imler
Oreg.	Corvallis	<sup>2</sup> A of G	Feb. 4-10	W. C. Peirce	Nels G. Lien
Tenn.	Morristown	A of G	Jan. 23-Feb. 10	Jerry A. Jones	S. Clyde Bailey
Tex.	Corsicana	First	Feb. 10—	E. T. Quanabush	Guy Phillips
	Midland	A of G	Feb. 3-17	Carl Oney & wife	Edmond L. Rey
	Nacogdoches	<sup>2</sup> A of G	Feb. 4-8	Margie Nickell	Wm. D. Brooks
	Tyler	First	Jan. 29—	R. L. Kay, Jr.	B. L. Greene
	Culpeper	Gosp. Tab.	Feb. 5—	L. K. Dodge	Paul E. Boyce
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Canada	Windsor, Ont.	Bethel Temple	Feb. 3-17	Frank Lummer	W. H. Fitch

<sup>1</sup> Youth & Children's Revival

<sup>2</sup> Workers Training

Announcements should reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance, due to the fact that THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.



► **ANADARKO, OKLA.**—The church here enjoyed the very fine Workers Training course that was taught by Evangelist N. B. Rayburn. He used the book, "The Spirit Himself," by Ralph M. Riggs. The average attendance was 34, and 25 received certificates.

—Olen T. Craig, Pastor

► **MER ROUGE, LA.**—The Bonne Idee Assembly recently enjoyed a three-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. E. H. Sherratt of California. Six were saved, two were filled with the Holy Spirit, and nine united with the church at the close of the revival.

—Zack E. Gibson, Pastor

► **GRAPEVINE, TEX.**—Every service was blessed with the presence of the Lord during the recent revival with Evangelist and Mrs. C. A. McBride of Carrollton, Tex. The anointed preaching and singing was a great blessing to the church.

—Leon N. Johnston, Pastor

► **CENTERVILLE, CALIF.**—Evangelist James Cromwell just concluded a four-week revival here. Forty individuals came to the altar for salvation, and nine were filled with the Holy Spirit. Night after night the power of God was manifested to heal. A baby with one leg 1½ inches shorter than the other was made perfectly whole. A 17-year-old boy who was blind in one eye was healed.

—Paul Z. Pettitt, Pastor

► **CLARKS SUMMIT, PA.**—Evangelists Alan and Josephine Alaimo recently concluded a two-week revival in the Assembly of God here. The ministry in Word and song was an inspiration to all. At least six persons were saved and several backsliders were restored to their first love. The Sunday School high was 119. Every department of the church was stirred, and the revival fire still burns brightly.

—David Laquintano, Pastor

► **BALTIMORE, MD.**—The Trinity Assembly of God just closed the finest revival it has had in many years. The Musical Vanderploegs of Toledo, Ohio, were the evangelists. The music and preaching was an inspiration to everyone. Over 50 strangers who had never been in the church were in attendance, and about 40 came forward for salvation. The altar was filled night after night with hungry hearts seeking God. One fine Presbyterian man was hungry for God and received a real experience which he said was a turning point in his life. The evangelists are fine personal workers. Every Saturday night they presented a musical jubilee which was a great blessing to all. The last night of the meeting Brother Vanderploeg raised over \$2,000 in cash and pledges for the mortgage note on the church.

—Alexander H. Clattenburg, Pastor

### RECORD SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**CLOVERDALE, CALIF.**—Our new auditorium has been finished, as well as the L-shaped annex with five classrooms. During the month of December our Sunday School attendance was 112, the highest in the history of this church. We are thanking God for His blessing. J. L. Jeffrey, Pastor



## NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DEDICATED IN CHICAGO

The new school building of the Chicago Christian Academy was dedicated on November 26, 1956. This elementary school was established in 1951 through the cooperative effort of the Assemblies of God churches in the Chicago area in order that boys and girls might obtain a grade-school education in a Christian atmosphere.

The dedication was a "red letter day" for these pastors and people who have pioneered the Christian education program for our Movement in the Midwest. The beautiful modern building will accommodate 140 students. It cost \$46,000. In addition to the school rooms there is a large office.

About 500 friends of the school witnessed the dedication. W. L. Williams, chairman of the school board, led the service. Ted Rubik, pastor of the Good Shepherd Bible Church, offered the opening prayer. The congregation joined Michael

Gebhardt, the school secretary, in some songs of praise. Alderman Laskowski offered congratulations to the Assemblies of God for erecting the school, after which DeVore H. Walterman, executive director, gave the history of the Chicago Christian Academy.

The speaker of the evening, Klaude K. Kendrick, president of Evangel College, delivered a most challenging message on the essential value of training children to live for God. The service was held in the adjoining building of Calvary Tabernacle. Following the sermon, the congregation adjourned to the new school where Brother Kendrick offered the prayer of dedication.

Future plans call for the erection of other school buildings in strategic locations in Chicago. It is also hoped that an Assemblies of God high school will be established.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GENERAL COUNCIL**—The biennial General Council of the Assemblies of God will be at Cleveland, Ohio, August 28—September 3.

**WORKERS TRAINING COURSE**—Feb. 3-8 at First Assembly of God, Jasonville, Ind. Mrs. Zella Anthony, instructor.—by H. J. Keener, Pastor.

**WORKERS TRAINING COURSE**—Feb. 4 at Assembly of God, Danville, Ark. O. R. Ball, Ripley, Tenn., instructor. (Robert Adams is Pastor.)

**25TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES**—Feb. 5 at Assembly of God, Hastings, Nebr. Services 2:30 and 7:45 p.m.. All former pastors and members invited.—H. W. Lebsack, Pastor.

**UNION MEETING**—Feb. 5-8 at First Methodist Church, 10th and Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wis. C. M. Ward, speaker. Men's Fellowship, Feb. 4. All Assemblies in Milwaukee area cooperating.—by Harvey L. Flaherty, Committee Secretary.

**WORLD MISSIONS CONVENTIONS**—Feb. 1- Mar. 3 in New Jersey District conducted by two teams of missionaries. John Hall, George Hemminger, Percy Breusch, and Hazel Wolverton in team one; Russell Shirman, Ruth Johnson, and P. Henry Hall in team two.—by Frank M. Reynolds, District Missionary Secretary.

**CITY-WIDE WORKERS TRAINING COURSE**—Feb. 4-8 at First Assembly of God, El Paso, Tex. Edith M. Little, instructor.—by Wesley J. Lange, Chairman.

### WITH CHRIST

C. W. NELSON, 54, Shubuta, Miss. died suddenly of coronary thrombosis December 28, 1956. Brother Nelson was ordained in 1953. He was pastoring in Shubuta at the time of his death.

**MRS. EMMA UNDERWOOD QUACKENBUSH**, 67, Williams Lake, Mich., was killed in an automobile accident December 10, 1956. Mrs. Quackenbush was ordained in 1948 and pastored churches in Troy and Constantine, Mich. At the time of her death she was holding an evangelistic meeting in Vicksburg, Mich. One of her daughters, Martha Underwood, is an Assemblies of God missionary to the Belgian Congo.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**WANTED**—Sunday School quarterlies (adult, young people, or intermediate) and Sunday School picture rolls for use on foreign field. Send postpaid to Honoree Osberg, 1236 S. Grand, Los Angeles, Calif.

# NOT SO "DUMB"!

EVEN THE DOG KNEW WHERE TO GO FOR  
HELP WHEN A SPLINTER PIERCED HIS PAW!

by EDWIN RAYMOND ANDERSON

**T**HE OLD MAN LOOKED TIRED. EVERY motion of his body, as he tended the corner newsstand, spoke of weariness and despair. I felt a certain ache in my heart and prayed that I might say something to help him.

And just at that moment a little dog came limping along. He was walking on three legs, holding up the fourth which had an ugly splinter in the paw.

The old man glanced at me and sighed, "Poor fellow—he's got his troubles too. . . ."

I nodded, and said something about the troubles of life. We watched the little creature come closer. I could see the sharp splinter, the quivering paw, the gathered splotch of red. Then something turned my thoughts aside for a moment, but I was brought back quickly by the sudden outbreak of laughter on the part of the old news vendor.

"Just look at that!" he said, slapping his leg. "And they call a dog a 'dumb animal!'"

I looked, and to my surprise I saw the dog had turned aside. He was heading for the open door of the building behind us—which happened to be the Clinic entrance of the General Hospital!

At that moment a delivery truck rumbled up, and the man in the rear of it tossed a bundle of late papers down near the newsstand. "Come and get 'em, Pop!" he said. The old man whipped out a knife, severed the cords, and with practiced hands arranged the papers on his stand.

I was instantly struck by one of the headlines: "Prominent Industrialist Takes Own Life."

The old news vendor saw it too. He gazed at the black headline, then glanced toward the Clinic entrance. I felt sure I could read his thoughts.

"The dog was a lot smarter, wasn't he?" I remarked softly. "He seemed to know where to go to get rid of his splinter. But this poor rich fellow who killed himself didn't know where to turn when his 'splinter' cut deep inside."

I paused a moment, then added, "That's why I'm glad I know the Lord Jesus Christ. I can always turn to Him when trouble comes."

When I mentioned the name of Jesus the old man turned away and mumbled something. But only for an instant. It seemed that the words had made a mark. He turned around, eyed me shrewdly, and said, "Well; maybe you've got something there, if you know where to go when you're in trouble. For me, it's getting late and it don't matter much. . . ."

I couldn't say much more, for the people were coming to get their evening papers, but I did manage to slip him a gospel tract. He accepted it, and hurriedly shoved it into a pocket. "Thanks," he said, "I'll read it later."

I hope he did. I never saw him again. Next time I passed that way the newsstand was gone. But I felt sure the incident was not merely a matter of chance. The sight of that limping little dog, the newspaper headline, and my visit all coming together in that way must have been designed by the One who came to seek and to save all who are lost. I hope to meet that man again, and to find him better off.

I wonder how it is with you. Do you know where to turn in trouble? Have you found the Friend you need? The Lord Jesus Christ will save you out of your predicament if you will call to Him in prayer.

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## They Prayed Me Through!

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to build up inside. As Jesus said, "Out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38). God's power was upon my body and by this time I was lying on my back, still praying and praising. This all took place between nine o'clock and midnight. (I always call the midnight hour "God's hour," for I have seen more folk filled

with the Spirit after midnight than at any other time.)

I praised God through the hour of argument. I praised Him while He was softening my heart so He could enter by His wonderful Spirit. I praised Him while His power like sea billows surged over me and through me. Now I felt I must praise Him with song, and the song that came to my mind was, "Send the Fire." I began to sing. I only remember uttering the first two words, "Send the . . ." for God finished it by actually sending the Fire. For over an hour after that I was immersed in the Divine Presence. That for which I had sought for years was now, at last, so simple, so plain, so understandable.

If you want to be filled, remember that the Lord inhabits the praises of His people. There was power and glory such as I never had dreamed of. Joy overwhelmed my soul. No longer was I a wanderer, a seeker, but I had tasted of the reality of God's presence and knew His Spirit had taken up His abode within my spirit.

My family was not quick to accept this new thing. My oldest daughter, a lieutenant in the Salvation Army wrote and asked what had happened to Daddy. I found it hard to explain. On the other hand, they were unable to talk me out of something that was so real and wonderful. Soon my youngest girl received what I had received. Then, at a summer camp, one night about 1:00 a.m. my daughter-in-law received the Baptism while my wife and other two daughters looked on. My other girl received, then my Salvation Army girl, and then my wife. All but my son have received the most wonderful experience God has for His people this side of heaven—the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

I purposed in my heart, when God filled me with His Spirit, that I would never leave anyone praying until they were satisfied or gave up and went away. Soon after this I became an Assemblies of God minister. It has meant tiresome labor, praying sometimes until two or three in the morning, but God has richly blessed each effort with victory. Just recently, in meetings in Highland Park, California, God filled nine young people with His Spirit in three weeks, and not one received the Baptism until after 11:00 p.m.

Whether we are praying for the unsaved, or for the Baptism, or for the healing of the sick, God always has the answer *if we will pray through.*



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# Should Your Children Be Spanked?

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of a large Christian family adds, "It seems we spank our boys more than our girls, but not just because they are boys. There is a great deal of difference in tenderness of children's consciences. A word with some is all that is needed."

Dr. Garry Cleveland Myers, authority on child care, says, "Parents should establish control of their children from the time they begin to toddle, up to the age of 5 or 6. Then discipline can be administered with a minimum of physical pain and annoyance to all concerned. If this were done effectively and consistently, in a family atmosphere of love and understanding, milder control measures would suffice later on."

Suppose you have a teen-age son or daughter who dodged discipline in early years and now seems to be running wild. Is there nothing you can do?

Myers says, "The answer is not the woodshed or the hickory stick. You might be able to deny him certain cherished privileges, or, in dire emergencies, call on the police to try to bring him to his senses. But your greatest hope is to work on yourself through self-management to prove to him in quiet, persuasive manner, that you really respect him deeply as a person. Try to win his love, enlisting all your friends and the best forces in the community to this end."

Talking about his fine Christian family, a missionary in the Ozarks summed up: "I kissed them on one end and spanked them on the other. It worked in my case and I believe it is the Bible way. Children must know they are loved and wanted, and that they are responsible to the laws of God and man."

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## FAITH

Nature writhes, and hates the rod—  
Faith looks up and blesses God;  
Sense looks downward—Faith, above;  
That sees harshness—this sees love.  
Oh! let Faith victorious be—  
Let it reign triumphantly.

# HEALING TESTIMONIES

## Liver Infection Healed

For nine years I suffered with terrible pain. At times I even wished to die. Not being reared in a Christian home, I did not know the Lord as my Healer and Saviour. I had three major operations in nine years. I was on a diet for seven years. Everything I ate hurt me. I just lived on dope.

Later we moved to Arizona. I became worse, and visited the clinic at Phoenix, one of the best. The doctor said I would have to be operated on again, so they took me to the hospital for my fourth major operation.

After X rays were made the doctor said they were unable to help me any. He said he could give me some relief and that was all. Liver infection had set in. My pain was unbearable.

By this time I had started to attend the Assembly of God. I had heard people talk about divine healing, and I told my husband I was going to see if I could get relief through prayer.

I was so sick I could hardly sit up, but I attended the services the next Sunday. They didn't pray for the sick that morning or that night. I didn't know that Brother Carlton would pray for me if I asked him to.

At the next service the pastor prayed for the sick. I was so frightened I could hardly stand, but the moment Brother Carlton laid his hand on me and prayed I felt the power of God and knew God had healed me. I went home and slept like a baby, something I had not done for four years. All my soreness and pain was gone. I threw all the pills and medicines away. Now I can eat anything I want.

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I thank God, He can heal and save. I am praying this testimony will give someone faith in God.—Mrs. Viola Derrossett, Tolleson, Ariz.

*(Endorsed by Pastor T. W. Carlton, Tolleson, Ariz. He states, "It has been almost two years since this healing, and Sister Derrossett is still well and working in the church.")*

## Cancer Goes, In Answer To Prayer

About four years ago a sore spot developed on one of my breasts. It grew worse and my family insisted that I see a doctor. Our pastor and the church prayed for me many times, but I couldn't get the victory.

The doctors said I had a cancer, and they prepared to operate. Then after taking me to the operating room, they decided not to operate because it was so close to my heart and because I had had smothering spells for years. They gave me treatments for a while and finally said they could do no more for me. I grew weaker, and was bedfast most of the time, and was very sick.

One day my pastor, H. H. Palmer, and our evangelist, E. L. Surratt, prayed for me. I felt a moving sensation in my breast, and a few days later the ugly-looking cancer came out. It left a hole in my breast, which has healed completely.

I am healed and do my work. I am continually praising God for His great mercy to me.—Mrs. Jane Allen, 919 N. E. 8th Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.

*(Endorsed by H. H. Palmer, Pastor, Southwest Assembly, Oklahoma City, Okla.)*

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Faith is dead to doubt, dumb to discouragements, blind to impossibilities. Faith makes the uplook good, the outlook bright, and the future glorious.



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