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



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# Keep Looking Up!

"Abram's an old fool," the neighbors probably said. "Any man who would leave a perfectly good home in Haran at his age, and head for an unfriendly land across the sands, ought to have his head examined."

"He's taking his family, too," another would say, "and he doesn't even know where he's headed."

"He says God told him to start, and God will guide him."

And so the tongues wagged on. The neighbors watched in dismay as Abram turned his back on the cities, vineyards, and well-watered plains. "Foolhardy," they said, and they shook their heads. But the old man had faith. He believed God. He knew that if God asked him to leave Haran there must be something better ahead. So he turned his face toward Canaan, and into Canaan he came.

It all looked like such a gamble then—but today it's all quite different. That talk about becoming a great nation and being a universal blessing was not an empty dream after all. And that eternal city Abram was looking for wasn't a will-o'-the-wisp either. He looked for "a city that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

One thing is sure: this old world's getting shaky. Sooner or later men's cities all crumble and decay. Haran crumbled. Babylon fell. Rome and Berlin met their doom. Moscow may be next. Instead of trembling with fear or putting our faith in human strength we need to believe God. We need to anchor our hope in that heavenly city. *Lord, give us that upward look.*

And then there was Elisha. He certainly seemed to be in a predicament. The enemy had come by night and surrounded the place. All his servant could see was "horses, and chariots, and a great host" on every side.

"Alas, my master! how shall we do?" said the servant. (The plaint is often heard in our own time.) But the prophet said, "Fear not; for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." It reminds us of John's re-assuring words: "Greater is He that is in you [the Spirit of God] than he that is in the world [the spirit of anti-christ]." When the Lord opened the servant's eyes, he saw the mountain was filled with the armies of heaven. *O Lord, open our eyes. Give us spiritual sight. Enable us to see the invisible Power that protects us. Help us to keep looking up.*

This same John saw that city of God. He grew so lonely out on the isle of Patmos, far from earth's cities, that the Lord gave him a vision of that heavenly city. He saw it coming down. Guess it must be almost here by now. Let's keep watching for it, and talking about it, and praying that all our neighbors will be ready. **LORD, HELP THEM TO LOOK UP TOO!**

—Saint Anonymous

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# Pentecost

# CRUSADE

BY RALPH M. RIGGS

*General Superintendent, Assemblies of God*

**T**HIS WEEK WE LAUNCH OUR NATIONAL Pentecost Crusade. This is the time of year when the church calendar tells us we have arrived at the anniversary of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on that memorable Pentecost feast which followed the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord. But to us it means more than a date on the church calendar and a perfunctory observance. For Pentecost is the life of our church. But this date does provide us with an additional reminder to thank God for what He has done for us and to press on in the propagation of the blessed and powerful Pentecostal message.

Pentecostal people consist of three classes: (1) those who have been brought out of other denominations and filled with the Spirit, (2) the children and grandchildren of such, and (3) those saved directly from lives of sin. We are all bound together, wrapped up into one body, and rejoice together in the reality of the Apostolic experience. We must take time to express our appreciation for the grace of God which has been multiplied to us.

How can we explain our good fortune? Peter will help us: "Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago *God made choice* among us that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel and believe" (Acts 15:7). There is hardly any explaining, and some difficulty in defending, the ordination of God. "God made choice of me." This is God's privilege and our good fortune. Thank God for His grace and infinite mercy. Here is a sobering and balancing thought: "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the

wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are; that no flesh should glory in His presence" (1 Cor. 1:27-29). Lest we boast of the good fortune that is ours, we are reminded that we are designated as "foolish, weak, base, despised and things which are not." I am willing to accept these uncomplimentary labels just as long as I can be among God's "chosen few."

David also declares: "The Lord God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father . . . and among the sons of my father *he liked me* to make me king over all Israel" (1 Chron. 28:4). How sweet and how human are those words, *he liked me!* He loved me "just because." There is no prideful satisfaction in that, but a deep gratifying satisfaction just the same. Pentecostal people, the sole explanation of our good fortune in having received this Pentecostal blessing is "He chose me." "He liked me!" Thank the Lord! Let us bow down before Him!

We will not, we *must* not presume to compare ourselves with other Christians as to merit or desert. "But they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise" (2 Cor. 10:12). God is the Judge of all our brethren, and of all people. It is for us to be humble and thankful. The Lord has been so good to us as to give us the wonderful baptism in the Holy Spirit just as He gave it to the 120 disciples on the great day of Pentecost so many years ago. That is all we need to say.

Great privilege brings great responsibility. The blessing we have received was not meant to be only a personal blessing for us to enjoy privately and individually. Aside from the personal satisfaction which is ours in the enjoyment of this experience, there are two facts which we must keep in mind.

"This is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household." "The King's household" is a broad and generous term. We can take it to mean all that belong to the King, His family and those that serve Him. To these, our brothers and sisters in the great Body of Christ, we have an obligation. If the Pentecostal baptism in the Holy Spirit is for us, it is for all. There is no respect of persons with God. If it is such a wonderful blessing to us, bringing us joy and peace and victory and liberty and power in our lives, as it does, why not share that blessing with others? There are doubtless thousands of sincere hungry hearts in all denominations who want to be filled with the Holy Spirit but who do not realize what the experience is. Why not tell them? The responsibility of receiving or rejecting will then be theirs. The responsibility will be ours if we do not tell them!

The other and by all means the greatest of all truths about the baptism of the Holy Spirit is the fact that it is God's gift to enable Christians to witness for Him throughout the world. "It behoved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should

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# The Days of Our Years

by J. Narver Gortner, Berkeley, California

I HAVE BEEN NOTICING LATELY THE very unusual emphasis the Bible lays upon "days." Moses spoke of "the days of our years," and he prayed, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:10, 12). In many passages of Scripture where years are mentioned, particular attention seems to be directed to the fact that each year is a year of days, and that therefore every day being a fraction of a year, is a fraction of our lives here upon earth.

A day is the shortest natural division of time. Man has divided the day into hours, the hour into minutes, and the minute into seconds; but these are man-made divisions. The shortest natural division is a day, and each day has its night, as God has designed that each man shall have his wife and that the two shall be one. To separate them is to do violence to a law of God. "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

"In six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day" (Exodus 20:11). Thus *seven* at the beginning became a divine number, and this numeral is stamped everywhere in this world upon the natural and upon the supernatural.

Every week is a week of seven days

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A few days ago we received a letter from Vernon Gortner saying that his father, J. Narver Gortner, was very weak and did not expect to live on this earth much longer. He had been bedfast at his home in Berkeley for over three months. He said this article, written early in January, would be his "last article." However, we have one or two other unpublished articles written by Brother Gortner which we hope to publish later. His writings have been a great blessing to Evangel readers for many years. He is 84 years old.

and will doubtless continue to be so while time shall last. All efforts of man to alter the week by making it longer or shorter must dismally fail, for the order that has been established is divine order, and any other order would be disorder and destined to failure.

In Genesis, the fifth chapter, we have a brief summary of the lives of the ancient patriarchs who lived to a great age. The list begins with Adam. We read, "And all the *days* that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died." Mark how frequently this expression, "all the *days*," is found in this chapter. We find it in connection with the summary of the life of each of the patriarchs. And we should note the fact that the emphasis upon "days" is in evidence in many passages where it has been obscured in the Authorized Version—for instance, in Genesis 4:3 and again in Genesis 8:22. Here is Rotherham's rendering of Genesis 4:3—"And it came to pass after certain *days* [more literally, *at the end of days*, as the translator indicates in a footnote] that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground a present to Yahweh." And here is Newberry's rendering of Genesis 8:22—and with it both Rotherham and Young are in agreement—"During all the *days* of the earth, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." Many other passages could be cited.

When Jacob was presented by Joseph to Pharaoh in Egypt, the king asked the patriarch, "About how many have been the *days* of thy life? And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The *days* of the years of my sojournings have been a hundred and thirty years—few and evil have been the *days* of the years of my

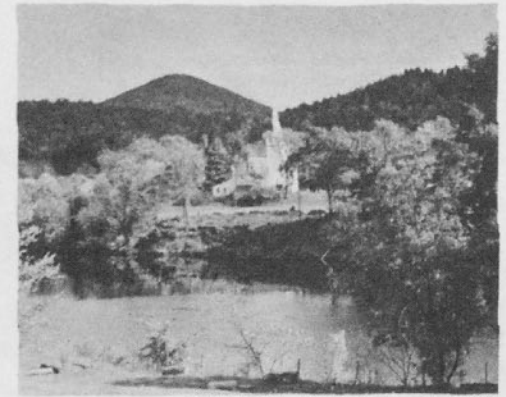


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## Christ Will Come

Christ has said that He will come—  
Lift your eyes, and watch and pray;  
Let the Spirit breathe on you;  
Let the Master have His way;  
Let the Lord of Light and Life  
Cleanse and keep you free from sin;  
Though without there may be strife,  
Give you rest and peace within.  
In that day when He shall come,  
Christ the Lord from out the skies,  
May your lamp be trimmed and bright,  
And your soul in rapture rise—  
Rise to scale the heights above,  
And with choirs angelic sing  
In that land of light and love,  
In that palace of the King.  
Let no cares of earth prevent  
Your translation in that day,  
And no love of things of earth,  
No neglect to watch and pray;  
Keep your eyes upon your Lord;  
Keep your vision bright and clear;  
Keep your heart with Scripture stored—  
What if Christ should come this year?

—J. Narver Gortner

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life, neither have they attained unto the *days* of the years of the lives of my fathers, in the *days* of their sojournings" (Genesis 47:8, 9, Rotherham).

Elihu said, "Days should speak" (Job 32:7), and they *do* speak. No audible voice is heard; nevertheless they speak, and if we have ears to hear we can hear what they say. Listen to Rotherham's rendering of Psalm 19:1-4, "The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the work of His hands the expanse is declaring; *day* unto *day* doth pour forth speech, and night unto night doth breathe out knowledge. There is no speech, and there are no words—unheard is their voice! Yet through all the earth is gone forth their voice, and to the end of the world their sayings."

"Days *should* speak," as Elihu said, and they *do* speak! They tell us many  
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# Human Instincts

The Second in a Series of Five Articles

BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

CONCERNING ADAM, THE FIRST MAN, the Bible says, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7).

The soul is the life. The concordance defines it as "the animal life." It is the soul which makes man in certain respects one with the world of living things. *The Dictionary of Religious Knowledge* says, "The soul is the lower, or animal nature, including the appetites, passions, and desires which we have in common with the brutes, but ennobled and transfused by the spirit with which it is connected."

William Pope says: "A living soul is an animated being. The soul of man is the life-giving and intelligent principle animating the bodily senses as the agents in the exploration of material things, and the bodily organs for its self-expression and communication with the outside world. It is spiritual because it came from God; natural, because it operates through the body."

Human instincts are qualities of the soul. Professor McDougall gives the following as instincts: "parental, combative, curious, hunger, repulsion, escape, herd, self-assertion, submission, mating, acquisitiveness, constructive, appeal." This means that when God made man a living soul He breathed within him parental love and desire; curiosity, which is the incentive for acquiring knowledge; combativeness, as a means of protection; escape, which inspires the desire to run from danger; and desire for fellowship with others.

These instincts are divinely bestowed; therefore, in their proper functioning they are blessed assets not to be despised. The lower animals are also endowed with many instincts. Wherein, then, is man higher than the beasts which perish? While in every respect man was created higher than the rest of creation, the outstanding qualities

bestowed uniquely on him are his moral and spiritual qualities. Animals entirely follow their instincts; man is to follow his instincts, subject to his reason and his moral consciousness.

As an example, if a rabbit penetrates and eats a man's garden, it has no sense of wrong. It has only satisfied its instinct for food. The animal lacks a moral consciousness. But if a man invades another's garden and helps himself, he knows he has done wrong. His sense of moral values registers itself through his conscience, which says, "You have sinned." To desire food is a right instinct; the moral wrong comes when the man satisfies himself by taking that which he knows belongs to another.

This is true of every instinct. The mating instinct is right and God-given. Without it the world would soon be without human inhabitants. It is therefore wrong to teach that the mating instinct is sinful. It can be misused and it can be abused, as can every other instinct. Man, possessed with high intelligence and a sense of moral right and wrong, is to keep this instinct in its proper place, where conscience can approve. But remember this: a per-

son's teaching might cause him to look upon this instinct as sinful, when it is not. The person needs to see the value of its proper use and avoid turning it over to abuse.

To desire to acquire is in itself holy. Without it none would wish to advance. It is when it becomes a consuming passion, taking advantage of others for its own gain, or comes between a man and his Maker, that it becomes sinful. Man's first responsibility is to keep all of his instincts in harmony with the will of God. When this is done, they will be so guided that they produce good and do no harm either to himself or to others.

Some would denounce others for expressing certain instincts while they are equally guilty concerning other instincts. This is clearly set forth in the ministry of our Lord Jesus. The Pharisees would condemn the disciples because they satisfied their instinct of hunger, eating the grain as they passed through the field on the Sabbath. They did not see the deeper evil which they indulged when their instinct of acquiring caused them to "devour widows' houses." They would condemn the woman who permitted her mating instinct to lead her astray, but the Holy Spirit turned the light of Truth upon them as Jesus said, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her," and they were "convicted by their own conscience." They had been polluted by other instincts.

When the apostle said, "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection," did he mean merely his human flesh? He undoubtedly had in mind each instinct which expresses itself through the flesh. He determined that his instincts should not have carnal and selfish expression. He would keep these qualities, through which moral character is developed, in their proper place, subject to his moral sense and to the will of God.

The late Myer Pearlman told us that, in addition to instincts, "man has intellectual life—ability to perceive the meaning of things by logical thinking; and moral life, which concerns law and conduct." It is these qualities which fit man for fellowship with God. It is these that lift man infinitely above the lower creation. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness" (Genesis 1:26). It is these qualities of reason and moral consciousness that set him apart from all others so that among the cattle of the field

## BIBLE VERSE



And the Word was made  
flesh, and dwelt among us, (and  
we beheld his glory, the glory  
as of the only begotten of the  
Father,) full of grace and truth.

JOHN 1:14



Richard Vinyard

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and the fowls of the air "there was not found an help meet for him" (Genesis 2:20). Only man was created after a divine type.

It has been questioned whether Adam was deceived, or whether he sinned knowingly. The Bible says the woman was tempted but says nothing about the man being tempted. May I suggest that Eve tempted Adam; it was her influence that caused Adam to eat. "She took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat" (Genesis 3:6). Do you not think her influence was a temptation?

Notice the place of instincts in the temptation. The tempter first aroused in Eve the instinct of curiosity. She would like to know more about this tree. This was followed by an appeal to the hunger instinct. The tree was good for food. Then there was an appeal to the instinct to acquire. She would acquire, that her instincts of curiosity, of desire for food, and for becoming wise might be satisfied. These she satisfied at the expense of moral worth. Conscience, the product of her inborn moral sense, leaped forth in condemnation. Her instincts had not been kept in their proper place. They

had been used contrary to the will of God.

Let us beware lest our instincts rule us rather than serve us. Immoral Delilah tempted Samson into sin through her voluptuousness, her misuse of the instinct of sex (Judges 16:6). The different falls of Samson, which finally resulted in his blindness and slavery, came largely through a strong sexual instinct which he failed to keep in subjection.

Through the wickedness of his wife Jezebel, Ahab exceeded all before him in wickedness (1 Kings 21:7, 25). One of his instincts, which stands out prominently, was the instinct of acquiring. When this instinct becomes inordinately strong we call it covetousness. Reason and moral sense told Ahab it was wrong for him to demand Naboth's vineyard, but have it he would.

When we present our bodies to God as living sacrifices we purpose that by divine grace we will live for Him. This means a denial of self. In other words, our instincts shall not be permitted to be our masters. Paul probably had this in mind when he wrote, "...and they that use this world, as not abusing it." Be temperate in all things. Whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, our ambition should be to "do all to the glory of God."

May the Lord enable us to be the master of our instincts, rather than to be mastered by them.

(Next week: *Immortality of the Soul.*)

## This Week's Cover

Forty-eight years ago the message of Pentecost came to Malvern, Arkansas. The first building was erected in December, 1909, with a sawdust floor, wood heater, and poor lighting, but it glowed with the presence of God.

Malvern became a very strategic point in the history of the Pentecostal movement, for it was here that E. N. Bell, first pastor of the church, published *The Word and Witness*, forerunner of *The Pentecostal Evangel*. The back of one of the local store buildings was used for this purpose.

In 1914, the Gospel Publishing House was established in Findlay, Ohio, and publication of the monthly magazine was transferred to that place. Soon

afterward it was merged with *The Christian Evangel*. In 1919, the magazine became known as *The Pentecostal Evangel*.

The original building which housed the Malvern congregation was enlarged and remodeled four times. The last building was torn down after twenty-nine years' use to make way for the attractive new sanctuary featured on this week's cover.

The new building, contemporary in styling, has a pink Norman brick exterior designed with cast stone and Roman brick paneling. Attractive planter boxes and shrubbery give warmth to the entrance and accentuate the glass front doors. The main auditorium, which seats 750, has walls of relaxing green and recessed lighting. The contoured wall behind the choir loft and rostrum adds to the beauty of the interior.

Construction on the new church began in the summer of 1956, shortly after John Paproski became pastor. The new building is 70 by 97 feet, and the overall size of the new auditorium plus the older educational unit is 70 by 140 feet. The new sanctuary, including basement classrooms, was constructed at a cost of \$70,000, including furnishings. Half of this cost has already been paid through the loyal support and sacrificial giving of the members. The entire plant of forty-four classrooms, offices, auditorium, nursery, and youth chapel can accommodate a Sunday School of 500. The present enrollment is 415.

First Assembly is one of three thriving assemblies in Malvern, a city of 9,500, and there are other progressive assemblies near the city. In March the church had a glorious revival with Evangelist R. G. Hancock of Louisiana.

By **BOB WARMAN**

**I**N THE EARLY DAYS OF THE KOREAN War men gave their lives freely for their country. Much blood was shed. I was there. We of the 24th Division Infantry moved out of Japan, where we had been stationed for occupation duty. It took only a few hours to reach Korea.

On the first day of July it was hot, so very hot. We moved into Korea by LST's. From the beaches we went up the dusty roads of Korea in jeeps and trucks, along with all the supplies.

Our new homes became our trucks, jeeps, or trenches. This was a far cry from the comfortable home I had enjoyed back in Oklahoma. I was only 18 years old, but thought I was grown. How wrong I was. I had been brought up to respect my home and God, but had fallen from that teaching. In the early hours of the battle I thought often of my home.

On my mother's birthday, July 16, 1950, we were encamped at the Kum River. On the other side was a little village, where the enemy lay in waiting for us. Everything seemed to become calm and peaceful. I could hear only the noise of some G. I. digging his trench or place of refuge. As we dug I felt fearful. The heavy jet planes which flew overhead were reassuring, but soon they were out of sight.

Soon night came upon us. We feared the darkness. Inside, I tried to tell myself to be calm. The sound of many guns awakened us to the harsh realities of war.

Our outfit was surrounded. We must either give up, or fight our way out, with the loss of many men. In this time men turned to God, their only hope. I had tried so many times to serve the Lord, but the enemy of my soul had prevented this. A sergeant in Japan had told me if I ever needed help from the Bible to turn to Psalm 91. So I did, there in Korea. I read it again and then again: "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee." These words became real to my heart and soul. "Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked." I accepted Christ as my own personal Saviour, my strength, and my refuge. That wonderful Psalm said, "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any



## I Met God in Korea

plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." I believed it with all my heart.

One of our officers had asked for volunteers to try to run the roadblock and get help. But every time someone tried it he would be peppered with bullets. I reasoned that night would soon come again and we would all be dead by morning. I told the officer in charge that I would go, for I believed God would protect me.

The enemy opened up on us with all they had. Four others were in the jeep with me, and I told them to pray as they had never prayed before, to sing something that would glorify God. So off we went, having a regular camp meeting in that jeep, with the sound of shells and bullets as our background of music. God was our guide, for through about seven to ten miles of machine gun fire not one of us was hit. Our jeep was almost gone by the time we got through the roadblock

and got help for the rest of our outfit.

War is terrible, like sin, for it always brings death. Thank God for saving me and bringing me out of that terrible experience. I am saved today and the joy of the Lord is still real in my soul.

I was sent back to Japan for what is called a rest from combat fatigue. I had asked God not only to deliver me from Korea but to send me home. I was hospitalized for three weeks, then ordered to go back to the front lines.

I began to pray and believe God. The next morning, instead of being sent back to Korea, I was put on a plane and sent to San Francisco. God heard and answered prayer! Praise His wonderful name! I was soon flown to El Paso, where I was placed in a ward for returned Korean "patients." God called me to preach His gospel in a little church there in El Paso. At present I am pastoring Bethel Heights Assembly in Gentry, Arkansas. I am doing my best to obey that call today.

# TO TOUCH THE

by Buster



Testing for Hansen's bacilli

**H**EARING THE STRAIGHTFORWARD narration about the founding of New Hope Town, Liberia, there welled up in me a deep sense of humility. Miss Florence Steidel, the founder of this African community, was visiting the First Assembly at Amarillo, Texas. She related the story with simplicity while projecting the slides on the screen.

In 1935 Miss Steidel first set foot on African soil. She established Bush House Town, a backland village with a total population of sixty-eight lepers. She determined in her heart that even if she contracted leprosy she must show compassion to these poor unfortunates.

As these people were shown on the screen, Miss Steidel explained, "These formed the nucleus of the population of New Hope Town. They were my first people." And one could sense in her tone the warm personal interest that has made her so loved by those she serves. Slide after slide showed the development of this thriving healing center with its record of ninety per cent cures of the dread disease. Triumph over tragedy was the emphatic note of the travelogue.

Miss Steidel had prefaced her remarks to our congregation by reading about Jesus' special emphasis placed on the leper. "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead," she quoted from Matthew 10. "It's significant that Jesus named one disease, lumping all others under the general heading of sickness," she pointed out. "Africans call leprosy the Devil Disease. When one is found to have the red, angry spots of its symptoms he is immediately outcast. They say, 'I don't want your face in my sight.' He is ostracized from society and exiled from home. The family must turn their backs on their loved one."

She related one such tragedy in detail. A mother whose very young son had a small ulcer on his back hid the evidence from neighbors, warning her boy never to uncover that spot. One

day he forgot and exposed himself while swimming with some chums, who immediately spread the alarm. The poor mother, though she loved her child as any parent would, was obliged to yield to public pressure and weave him a small grass hut in that part of the jungle left to the lepers.

Yet the story has a happy ending, for this young fellow, after a long and lonely banishment and many costly treatments by witch doctors, was persuaded by his brother to visit New Hope Town, which had by that time gained a remarkable reputation. At first he was skeptical and could not believe his own ears when the pleasant-faced white lady welcomed him.

"I took one look at that young man and coveted him for the work of the Lord," Florence Steidel said. "But he had to be reassured time and again that we would take him into the clinic. It was hard for him to understand that anyone would care for him in such a horrible condition."

Much later, when prescribed tests for Hansen's disease proved him free of all infection, the young man remained to serve other sufferers at the clinic. He married a young woman, also a cured leper, and today they and their children are at work in the Lord's vine-

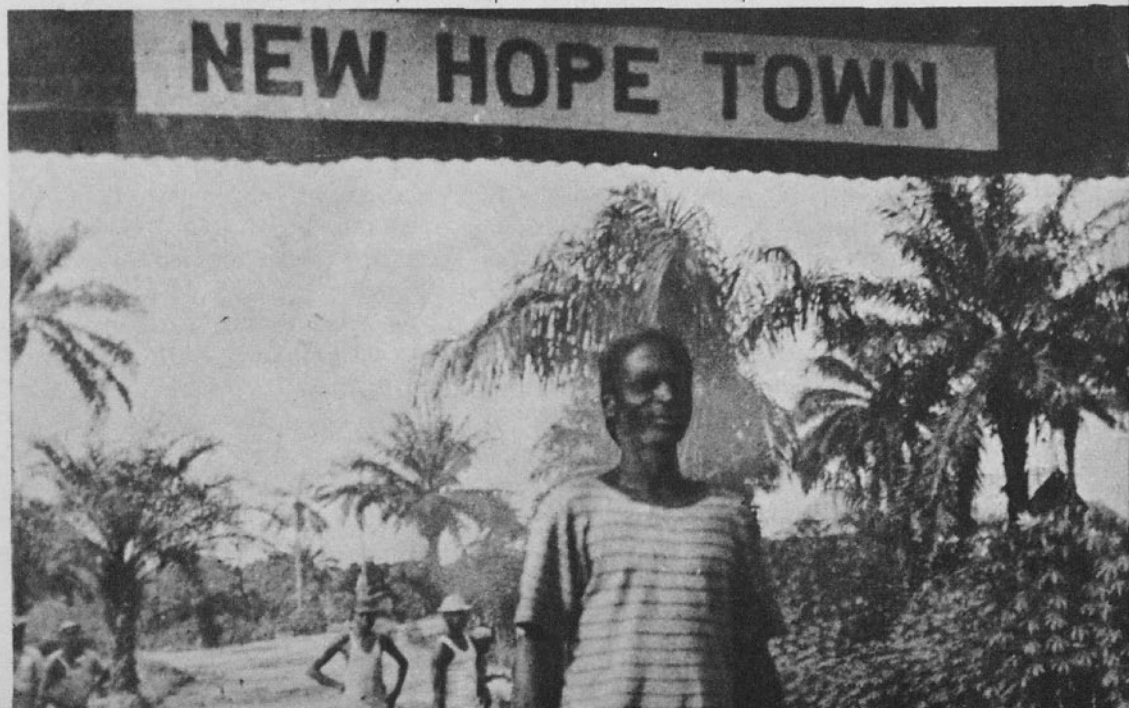
yard preaching the gospel. His white friend had dared hope and pray for this when he first appeared at her door.

New Hope Town is, in great measure, indigenous. That is, it was built and is maintained by its citizens, although funds for supplies have come from far and near.

Native thatch was the most available construction material. Greedy native termites forced a continual rebuilding program. Sister Steidel took a short construction course and learned to raise permanent buildings instead. Soon she was foreman over the bricklayers. She standardized a large size of brick, making them to her own specifications and employing many of the women in their manufacture. She became a designing architect and drew up practical plans for economical four-unit dwellings. A family group living under one quarter of a sheet metal roof was allowed inexpensive privacy, all middle partitions being solid and each family having two outside walls affording openings into its corner of the edifice. Cost of these four-apartment dwellings is \$500 each.

"Do you want a door and a window, or two doors?" she consulted the men when drawing her plans. They re-

Jacob Freeman, first leper to enter New Hope Town





# 'UNTOUCHABLES'

Barker

plied: "Oh, Ma, two doors one for us and one for our women." Sister Steidel chided them, showing a little feminine offense.

"No, Ma," they assured her. "It's because we have big respect for the women." Local customs are observed, when at all feasible, by any astute missionary; so two doors it was. Bachelor quarters, however, are marked by a window.

Numerous are the cottages named for individual donors the world over among the seventy residences along New Hope Town's streets. The missionary was obliged to engineer and construct those streets. They are laid out like spokes from the central hub, which is comprised of the church, clinic, store, two schools, and missionary headquarters buildings. Streets were surveyed in what might appear a haphazard fashion, partly from necessity to avoid swamps, partly for hygienic reasons. Whole families reside within the community "together apart"—with well children segregated from those diseased in the two separate schools. The church is partitioned for health precautions.

A town council keeps necessary regulations in force and decides community issues. Officials here decide in a body who may be baptized! It is a momentous occasion, calling for civic celebration, when a group receive certificates of health. The council presides at these gatherings.

Many healings are miraculous answers to prayer. The modern medical techniques applied prayerfully also account for outstanding cures. If checked in time, often there are no scars left. Care given sick bodies is matched by a compassionate ministry to the soul, and over the years Florence Steidel has had many good assistants in meeting such needs of her people. Qualified missionary nurses have been on her staff regularly.

Of vivid memory to all was the preaching campaign of evangelists Ralph Byrd and Glenn Horst. Miss

Steidel, despite some expressed lack of faith on the part of assistants, insisted on constructing a huge old-fashioned brush arbor to accommodate the crowds she expected to visit New Hope Town during the meeting.

She was told no one from surrounding tribes would set foot in a leper colony. But she believed otherwise. Thousands of outsiders thronged into New Hope Town and crowded the arbor far beyond capacity. Here was a strange reversal of the usual social order. Nobody could tell a local citizen to "get his face out of sight" because he had the Devil Disease! This was the lepers' home town. Healthy persons jostled the sick to hear the preaching and respond to the evangelists' invitations.

Problems of administration have been frequent at New Hope Town, yet victories come thus more often. One crisis was met in a peculiar manner only attributable to the Lord's care for the work. As in Bible days, leprosy still attacks small and great. Mrs. Elizabeth Cummings, the stricken wife of a high government official—the lawyer for Interior Regulations, ensconced in the President's mansion at Monrovia—presented herself at New Hope Town for treatment.

It was not seemly in the missionary's thinking to receive a refined, educated person among her poor class of people. She discouraged the lady and urged her to take accommodations at the more select government hospital, but Mrs. Cummings insisted on paying her own way in the humble colony. She paid to have one of the modest cottages built, and lived there, receiving the same treatment as the common lepers.

Trouble brewed for the colony in the form of political pressure. An official attempted to cut off medical supplies, alleging his reason to be based on the fact that there was no proper medical doctor in residence. Only then did Miss Steidel realize why the Lord had directed the afflicted government attorney's wife their way. Mrs. Cum-



Miss Steidel supervising building.

mings cut red tape fast, appealing directly to President Tubman in behalf of New Hope Town.

This incident sharply focused government attention upon the community's great accomplishments in meeting the needs of nearly six hundred patients, besides three hundred children enrolled in the two schools, and a growing waiting roster of those wanting to be received for clinical treatment as soon as cured ones were discharged. The incident also secured official approval for obtaining an adequate allotment of medical supplies. Mrs. Cummings left New Hope Town in 1953 completely cleansed of leprosy.

The most practical mode of approach to the hinterland community is by plane. A commodious air strip insures this contact with the outside world. No good roads have been cut through the dense jungle to New Hope Town, but it is not cut off from the gospel which, after all, is the greatest need of any community. Citizens there enjoy enlightenment plus a high standard of life seldom seen among the poor of Africa.

After her picture presentation, our congregation gathered sufficient funds to build two more of New Hope Town's apartment houses, and I had opportunity to talk awhile with "Ma" Steidel. During the conversation I confided a personal feeling of uselessness.

"Brother Barker, you folk at home are needed just as much as anybody," she reassured me. Then she cited a saying by one of the Bible's doers-of-exploits. David: 'As his part is that goeth forth to battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff.'

I marveled at her accomplishments.

"It's the Lord's doing," Florence Steidel asserted modestly. "No plain woman as I could do such a big work."

Yet, the Lord has certainly used this woman as His vessel to reach those not reached—to touch those considered untouchable!



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Press

### NEWSPAPER PRINTS THE BIBLE

The Akron (Ohio) *Beacon Journal* has printed several verses of the Bible in each daily edition for the past six years. Last month, as it entered its seventh year in the project, it had eleven more years to go before reaching its objective which is to publish the entire Bible for the benefit of its readers.

### BERKELEY VERSION OF OLD TESTAMENT TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT JANUARY

The Zondervan Publishing House has announced that the Berkeley Version of the Old Testament will be published January 30, 1959. The New Testament of the version was published in 1945, and a committee of twenty translators has been working on the Old Testament. The committee is headed by Dr. Gerrit Verkuyl of Berkeley, California.

The purpose of the publishers is to provide evangelicals with a reliable version of the Bible in modern speech, for study purposes. The translators have worked from earliest Hebrew and Greek manuscript. The text of the Scriptures is arranged in paragraph form, so that the Bible will be like a modern book in appearance as well as in its wording.

### MAGAZINES REFUSE LIQUOR ADS

More than 200 nationally-circulated magazines, including 17 with circulations over a million each, adhere to a policy of refusing all alcoholic beverage advertising, the Methodist Board of Temperance reports. The latest survey by the temperance agency refutes the claims of some publishers that they cannot meet rising publishing costs without the revenue from alcohol advertising.

The following magazines with more than a million circulation are listed among those which decline all alcohol advertising: *Reader's Digest* (American edition), *Saturday Evening Post*, *This Week*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *National Geographic*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Household*, *Popular Mechanics*,

*Mechanix Illustrated*, *Seventeen*, *American Home*, *Parents*, *Workbasket*, *Boys Life*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Woman's Day*, and *Scholastic*.

We commend any magazine that will not compromise its principles in this regard or subject the American home to invasion by forces which seek to destroy it. We deplore the fact that daily newspapers are not so discriminating. Three out of four daily newspapers now accept alcohol advertising.

### READERS GET A SURPRISE

Readers of Poland's leading Roman Catholic newspaper had quite a surprise the other day when they opened their papers and found anti-religious pamphlets inserted between the pages. Atheists working for the government-controlled distribution agency were blamed. The agency apologized.

### AIRLINE HOSTESSES REFUSE TO HANDLE OFFENSIVE MAGAZINE

Aer Lingus (Irish Airlines) ground hostesses at Shannon Airport, Dublin, refused on moral grounds to handle a consignment of an American servicemen's magazine intended for distribution to American troops en route to Germany. The magazine carried pictures of a Hollywood actress which the airline girls considered to be in bad taste.

## Schools

### RELEASED-TIME PROGRAM RULED CONSTITUTIONAL IN SPOKANE

Judge Raymond F. Kelly of the County Supreme Court in Spokane, Washington, ruled that the released-time religious training program of the Spokane School District is constitutional. He declared the program does not violate either state or federal constitutional provisions against use of public funds for sectarian purposes.

The decision was issued after four Spokane residents had sought to stop the program. They took exception to the fact that the religious teaching was given during school hours. However,

Judge Kelly said that "in their apparent zeal to keep the wall of separation between Church and State unbreached, some, I fear, may be unwittingly raising a wall separating the State and our children from God."

Last year about 5,000 pupils participated in Spokane's released-time program. Under the program, which has been in operation twenty years, pupils from the second through sixth grades are excused from class one hour a week (at their parents' request) to attend religious instruction courses in churches of their choice.

### MORE CHILDREN STUDY RELIGION ON RELEASED-TIME PLAN

Approximately four million children of all faiths are released from public schools in the U.S. once a week to attend religious education classes.

## Jews

### ORTHODOX JEWS PROTEST MIXED BATHING IN ISRAEL

More than 3,500 persons filled Manhattan Center in New York City recently to protest what were termed "actions against Jewish orthodoxy in Jerusalem by the Government of Israel." A committee representing various Jewish Orthodox groups sponsored the rally. Speakers criticized the building of a swimming pool in Jerusalem for use by men and women. They said the pool violated Orthodox religious principles.

### RABBINICAL COURT QUICKLY SETTLES CIVIL ISSUE

A rabbinical court in Minneapolis recently settled, in four hours, a civil case which had been dragging in probate and district courts for three years.

The dispute involved a deceased woman's estate which had been left to her daughter. The families of four other children who were bequeathed only \$1 apiece, contested the will, contending their mother lacked testamentary capacity at the time it was made.

Just before the case was to go on

trial before Judge B. M. Heinzen, he suggested that it be submitted to a rabbinical court. The litigants agreed to this, and said they would stand by the ruling of the rabbis.

The three rabbis ruled that the property in question be sold, that the daughter who was principal heir under the will get half, and that the other half be divided between the other survivors.

## Miscellaneous

### CITIZENS' COMMITTEE POINTS FINGER AT MOVIES AND TELEVISION

A citizens committee appointed by the Governor of California has charged that crime movies, comic books and violent television shows are contributing factors in juvenile delinquency. The advisory committee submitted a 93-page report to the State Attorney General, Edmund G. Brown. It cited "the number of hours devoted to serious crime, aggressive behaviour, and over-emphasis of sex" that is put on television, among the sources of delinquency.

The 50-member committee said "the television industry has a greater obligation to the public to maintain high standards because of its access to millions of homes." The group recommended a legislative investigation of TV crime pictures, which it said are on the increase.

Comic books were found to "over-emphasize brutality, aggression, and other undesirable forms of behaviour."

### VENEZUELA EVANGELICALS ORGANIZE

A new representative evangelical organization is being formed in Venezuela to carry on inter-mission and government liaison activities in that country. It is to be interdenominational and completely non-political. Dr. Rafael Ramon Perez is representing the Pentecostals on the commission that is setting up the organization. Other denominations represented on the commission are: Presbyterians, Southern Baptists, Independent Baptists, and Evangelical Free Church.

### 160 NEW CHURCHES ESTABLISHED BY LUTHERANS LAST YEAR

More new Lutheran churches opened their doors for the first time in 1957 than in any other year this century. Approximately 160 new congregations were established in the U. S. last year by the eight church bodies affiliated with the National Lutheran Council.

# EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

TWO ASSEMBLIES OF GOD MINISTERS were among the officers elected by the National Association of Evangelicals at its annual convention last month. They are Thomas F. Zimmerman, an Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies, and Cordas C. Burnett, the Assemblies' National Education Secretary. Brother Zimmerman was named first vice president of the NAE and Brother Burnett was named secretary.

THE PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA will have their biennial general conference next week. It meets May 22-27 in Broadway Tabernacle, Vancouver, British Columbia. There are now 670 local Assemblies in Canada. In total membership the fast-growing Pentecostal organization ranks sixth among the country's Protestant denominations.

THE CRIME RATE IN THE U. S. set a new all-time record in 1957. Official statistics just released by FBI reveal that 2,796,400 crimes were reported by police, an increase of 9.1 per cent over the previous record set the year before. Over a quarter million of the persons arrested were boys and girls under 17 years of age.

TWO COLLEGE STUDENTS WERE FINED \$125 each for firing a shotgun blast into a minister's home at Williamstown, Massachusetts. The two young men were angry because the minister had criticized college fraternities as "un-Christian." They therefore drove past his home and "shot it up"—adding one more piece of evidence to support the minister's criticism.

THE NATION HAS A MAJOR SOCIAL PROBLEM on its hands if Washington, D. C. and seven other major cities are typical of the U. S. In 1955 a total of 16,217 illegitimate births were recorded in these eight cities, and in Washington alone the number increased 18.5 per cent in 1956. (No official statistics for 1957 are available yet.)

NEGRO MINISTERS IN MEMPHIS are alarmed at the high rate of illegitimate births among Negroes in that city, and five of them have formed a special committee to try to reduce the "enormous number." A study of 7,741 Negro births in Shelby County in 1957 revealed that 2,218 were outside of wedlock.

A QUAKER GROUP IN BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, sent a carton of "radioactive" vegetables to President Eisenhower as a protest against continued nuclear tests. They said they also were shipping some of the vegetables to Prime Minister Harold Macmillan in London and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in Moscow. They said the vegetables, purchased at California grocery stores, had been made radioactive by recent rainfall and they "do not feel easy" about feeding them to their children. They blamed H-bomb tests in Siberia as well as last year's U. S. and British tests.

CONVICTION OF TWO SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS on charges of selling religious literature in the city of Nitro, West Virginia, without a license was set aside by Intermediate Judge William J. Thompson. The judge held the Nitro ordinance was "unconstitutional insofar as the religious freedom is curbed by its application in this case."

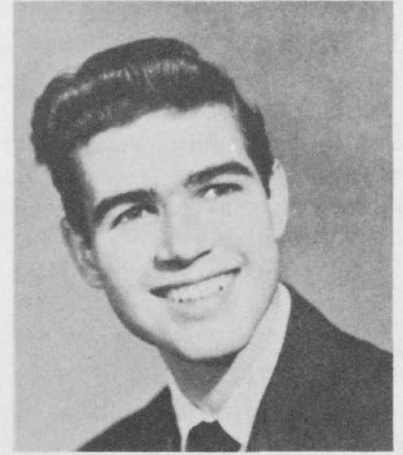
A BUDDHIST CENTER WILL BE BUILT in Washington, D. C. according to plans announced by Ambassador U Win of Burma. It will serve both as a shrine and a place of worship. It will also have a library featuring Buddhist writings. The two million dollars needed to erect it will come from Buddhist organizations in Asia.

# God's Master Plan

## *In the Life of a Deaf Bible Student*

BY BILL BINGHAM

*As told to Earl Walpole*



Bill Bingham

**T**HE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF MY LIFE were no different from the early years of any boy's life. I climbed trees, played cowboys and Indians, and got into the same mischief as any boy would. But February 21, 1943, was the fateful day that changed the course of my entire life.

I was playing in the yard when suddenly I experienced a terrifying, dizzy feeling in my head, and soon a throbbing headache took over. Of course I ran to Mother for help. But nothing she did could help me. The pain became worse and worse. Finally, when my temperature had reached 103 degrees, Dad rushed me to a doctor. He immediately diagnosed my symptoms as those of cerebrospinal meningitis and rushed me off to the hospital.

The temperature climbed even higher

and the doctors gave practically no hope of my survival. However, by way of consolation, they carefully explained to Mom and Dad that even if their son should live, he would be hopelessly blind, feeble-minded, crippled, and deaf. But God had another plan. He had noticed the life of this young lad, and even then was working on His master plan.

God in His great love and mercy not only allowed me to live, but He did not allow me to be left blind, or feeble-minded, or even crippled. When this dread disease had run its course, I was left whole except for my deafness. The doctor himself was shocked with the outcome, but he knew nothing of God's master plan.

I came home from the hospital—but it was to a strange world. My

world now was devoid of sound. *What had happened to all of the noise in the street?* I wondered. *Why did people move their lips and make no sound to me?* These were the thoughts that raced through my mind.

"Say, Doc, what happened to your voice?" I asked. He shook his head, then pointed to my ears and shook his head again. I couldn't understand what he meant.

Slowly, very slowly, the realization came to me that I had lost my hearing. I was deaf! No, it couldn't be true! But it was true, for I could no longer hear even the faintest sound. The fever had burned off my auditory nerve. I could no longer hear the voices of Mom and Dad, or the voices of my six sisters. Again and again I complained to them, "You don't love me anymore. You won't speak to me." But I was concerned only with my own problem. Years later I learned how hard they tried through those difficult days to make themselves understood. But my world was different now.

In April 1943 I was enrolled at Gallaudet School for the Deaf in St. Louis and there I received my early education. I learned lip-reading and continued my speech studies. I was graduated from the eighth grade at Gallaudet School in June, 1950.

During the early school days, however, I can still recall the most momentous occasion of all my life. One of my sisters (a year older than I) had been left home with me one evening when Mother and Dad went shopping. We both became frightened at being left alone. So what did we do? We knelt and began to pray as we had seen Mother do so many times before. It was on that night that Earliene and I were saved. When



President Bartlett Peterson (left) welcomes Bill Bingham to Central Bible Institute. Bernard Johnson, another deaf student, and Miss Lottie Riekehof, Sign Language instructor and dean of women at CBI, standing by Bill Bingham.

mother came home, we ran excitedly to the door and shouted to her, "Mama, we're saved. We asked Jesus to come into our hearts tonight." And He did. From that day to this I have been walking with the Lord. In spite of my deafness I found Christ.

Perhaps it was the knowledge of Christ's presence with me that carried me through one of my most difficult experiences several years later. After graduation from Gallaudet School, I entered Roosevelt High School in St. Louis in the fall of 1950. It was now seven years since I had become deaf and I had existed in a small, silent world. All of my associations had been in this world of silence, except for the contacts with my family and close friends at Southside Assembly. I didn't know how to cope with the new problems I met.

But this experience, too, I believe, was in God's master plan. He helped me make new friends and adjust to the problems of a hearing environment. Soon my friends began to help me in classes when it was difficult for me to lip-read. This gave me courage to branch out into other school activities, and later to earn three letters on the track team.

But school days came to an end and I was faced with another great decision—what to do with my life. When I was graduated from Roosevelt High in 1954, I had fully decided to enter the University of Missouri. But I still had no realization of the plan that God was working out for me. Fortunately, I was offered a scholarship in Architecture at Ranken Trade College in St. Louis. I accepted it and went on to school there. During that time I had ample opportunity to grow in the Lord. My life was deepened spiritually. Though my sister begged me to attend Central Bible Institute with her I felt no desire to enter full-time Christian service. So I declined.

Early in November 1954 the Deaf

group in St. Louis invited me to attend a rally for the Deaf at Central Bible Institute in Springfield. Although I was not the least bit interested in the rally, I was eager to visit my sister at CBI, so I went. My sister, who was studying the Sign Language, insisted that I attend a service with her. This was the first service for the Deaf that I had ever attended. I had never used the Sign Language, but I was greatly impressed by what I saw and felt in that service. Ever since I had entered high school I had lost interest in the world of the Deaf. I refused to consider myself as one of the Deaf and began to mingle with hearing groups. I attended a hearing church and regularly attended camps for hearing young people. But I can see now how the Lord first brought an awareness to me of the needs of the Deaf.

The realization of God's plan for my life grew slowly. In the fall of 1956 I enrolled at Central Bible Institute, but I was still reluctant to consider myself deaf. One night when I was praying the Spirit of God burned a thought deep into my mind and heart. "*Go and preach to the Deaf.*" He said. *Me? Preach to the Deaf? Why should I?* And that ended my prayer session. But God had not finished with me.

During the long hours of that night I dreamed vividly of that other night many years previous when I had lain in the hospital bed, raging with fever. It seemed so real that I awoke startled and trembling. But then I began to wonder why I had lived when doctors had said I couldn't. Again the Spirit of God impressed a thought on my mind. *Have not I, the Lord, power to give or to take away life?* I knew then that my deafness had a purpose. *God wanted ME to preach to the Deaf.*

In this way God revealed His master plan for my life. Now I have only one goal—to preach the gospel to the Deaf. I am now in my second year of preparation for that ministry. The Deaf

are my own people and God has a job that I can do for them. I know what it means to live in the world of silence. But I can understand, too, how much worse is the world of spiritual silence. My people need Christ.

*"Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared"* (Nehemiah 8:10).

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There is a danger of fainting when we are rebuked of God. Be not discouraged or cast down as if the chastening were too heavy. Beware, above everything in your Christian life, of becoming impatient, and of losing courage.


It is trial and vexation, care and anxiety, persecution or reproach, that very often causes this. Learn the secret of never suffering loss in the soul by the sufferings of life. Rather learn to make them your greatest gain. Link your sufferings to God.

It is God who permits them. Receive every disappointment, pain, uneasiness, temptation, darkness, desolation with willing hands, as a true opportunity and blest occasion of dying to self, and entering into a fuller fellowship with your self-denying, suffering Saviour.

—Andrew Murray

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Children must play . . .

# Children *Must* Pray Too

BY ANNE SANDBERG



. . . and children must pray

IT'S BEDTIME AT OUR HOUSE. AFTER the usual scramble to get them bathed and storied, our girls, seven and nine, are finally bedded down. Windows are opened. A few more boisterous moments, then lights out, doors shut. Quiet. Mother sighs in relief.

In a few seconds: "Motherssss."

Mother and Dad exchange weary, knowing glances. "Is it a glass of water this time; or did we forget the good-night kiss?"

Mother responds in that half-patient, half-exasperated tone: "Yesssssss?"

"We forgot—to—p-r-a-y!"

Ah, that was it! Something vital was missing in the evening's routine, something that made bedtime incomplete, something that expressed a basic human need: "We forgot to pray."

Children have other needs, of course. When Carolyn bursts into the kitchen after school, her demand is: "Mother, I'm hungry; what's there to eat?" Hunger is a need which must be satisfied.

On a cold day the girls run into the house, calling, "Where's my sweater? It's getting cold out." They need proper clothing.

Frequently our children snuggle quietly up to Mom and Dad, just for a little extra loving. They need affection.

And we are expressing one of their fundamental needs when we say: "Children must play." Parents and even the children are quite aware of this. One day when our younger daughter, Betty Anne, was only four, she sat on the kitchen floor playing. I called, "Time for lunch; get up now." "Oh," she wailed, "I'm so full of games I can't get up."

Today's children are overly full of games. If that is a need, it is plentifully supplied by the average parents. Closets and boxes are bursting with

toys—and more coming next birthday and Christmas and every time Mother goes into the city!

Not that we begrudge them their fun, for children must play. But let us remember that is only one need among many.

Children whose parents overstress play and ignore the spiritual emphasis grow into teen-agers whose chief aim is a good time, thrills, constant and unabated excitement. Is it any wonder that so many of them join the hordes of juvenile delinquents which are alarming the nation? Delinquents are simply young people who have been deprived of the element most essential to make them happy and well-adjusted adults—satisfaction of that basic, fundamental longing for fellowship with God.

Most parents are alert to the signs of needs demanding fulfillment. They know when their children are tired, or hungry, or lonely. Yet isn't it strange that so many seem utterly unaware of the symptoms of spiritual hunger? They are there, you know. What are the indications?

Scarcely ever will you find a child who, having once attended Sunday School, does not beg to return. What a shame that so many negligent parents deprive their children of this blessing!

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Let us do our duty in our shop or our kitchen, the market, the street, the office, the school, the home, just as faithfully as if we stood in the front rank of some great battle, and we knew that victory for mankind depended upon our bravery, strength and skill. When we do that the humblest of us will be serving in that great army which achieves the welfare of the world.

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Children love the house of God, from the three-year-old who lisps, "Jesa," while pointing a chubby finger upward, to juniors and teen-agers. One of our teen-year-old pupils, who had just returned to Sunday School from a vacation, remarked: "I'm sure glad to be back; it feels so good in here." He sensed the presence of God and felt happy in that atmosphere.

So whether or not we recognize it, *children must pray*. They want to; they love to. But tragically, this imperative need is so often neglected. The great weakness of our pleasure-mad nation is that we are a generation well-equipped physically, mentally, socially—but sadly and disastrously lacking in spiritual development.

Thousands of parents with no personal interest in the spiritual life feel that by sending their children to Sunday School once a week they are properly fulfilling their obligation. What folly! Would any mother imagine she was doing right by her child if she fed him once a week and thus met his need for food? Or kissed him once a week to satisfy his yearning for affection? Or put him to bed once a week and thus met his need for rest?

Children require the daily satisfaction of these primary needs. They demand food at least three times daily, sleep every night, affection frequently. But most of all, the continual satisfaction of this need which underlies all: the longing for intimate contact with God!

How can this be achieved? Children must first be brought into a personal experience with the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. And then that life newly born in the soul must be fostered. There should be regular attendance at Sunday School and church, family worship each day, prayers at mealtime, a fre-

quent mention of things spiritual in the everyday course of living. Children need a familiarity with heavenly things that comes only where parents are themselves born-again Christians who consider the spiritual emphasis as the transcendently important one.

Children must play. But let us never forget that children must pray too.

—Church School Builder

# Who Said It?

Here are some famous quotations from the Bible. Can you give the names of the persons who made these statements?

1. "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."
2. "Am I my brother's keeper?"
3. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."
4. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."
5. "Choose you this day whom ye will serve; . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."
6. "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."
7. "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts."
8. "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here."
9. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."
10. "We know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him."

ANSWERS:  
 1. Ruth (Ruth 1:16); 2. Cain (Gen. 4:9); 3. Jesus (Matt. 5:16); 4. David (Psa. 23:1); 5. Joshua (Joshua 24:15); 6. Simon Peter (Matt. 16:16); 7. Isaiah (Isa. 6:5); 8. Paul (Acts 16:28); 9. Solomon (Prov. 3:5); 10. Nicodemus (John 3:2).



# Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

## Monday, May 19

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 6:1-12, 19, 20

**Learn:** "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost . . . and ye are not your own?" (1 Cor. 6:19).

**For the Parent:** This passage gives some advice to Christians because we belong to God: (1) one Christian should not take another to court, vv. 1-9; (2) we are to keep from sin because Christ has cleansed us, vv. 9-12; (3) we must be morally clean, vv. 13-18. These things must be true in our lives because we belong to God and have His Holy Spirit dwelling within us.

**Question Time:** What should a Christian do rather than take another Christian before a law court? (v. 7) What is the important truth of verses 19, 20?

## Tuesday, May 20

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 8

**Learn:** "But take heed lest . . . this liberty of your's become a stumblingblock to them that are weak" (1 Corinthians 8:9).

**For the Parent:** This passage governs one phase of the problem of what Christians can and cannot do. From other passages we learn: (1) the Christian cannot do that which is specifically forbidden by God's Word; (2) the Christian should not do things of which God convicts him, whether others do them or not. This passage emphasizes the liberty that Christians have, but warns against letting this liberty be a stumbling block to others.

**Question Time:** What are three good rules to follow in determining whether or not it is right to do a certain thing?

## Wednesday, May 21

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 9:13-27

**Learn:** "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:14).

**For the Parent:** The first part of this chapter sets forth the responsibility of Christians in supporting their pastor. This is not a matter of personal choice. It is something which is ordained of God, v. 14. The latter part of the chapter deals with our aims in all forms of Christian service: (1) seeking to win the lost; (2) running to obtain an incorruptible crown; (3) being temperate.

**Question Time:** What obligation do Christians have to the pastor? (See above) What are three aims in Christian service?

## Thursday, May 22

**Read:** Nehemiah 1:1-6; 2:17-20

**Learn:** "We are labourers together with God" (1 Corinthians 3:9).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "Working Together With God" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Point out how Nehemiah was a captive, a servant of Artaxerxes. Show his concern when he heard of the difficulties of the people in Jerusalem, how he prayed, and how the king gave him permission to go. We need to be concerned about God's work. He will bring us to victory.

**Question Time:** What news distressed Nehemiah? (1:3) What did he do immediately? (1:4) How did Nehemiah get to go to Jerusalem? (2:1-10)

## Friday, May 23

**Read:** Acts 16:9-31 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31).

**For the Parent:** In this further account of the missionary journeys of Paul, point out: (1) the way he happened to go to Europe, vv. 9-11; (2) the first convert in Europe, vv. 14, 15; (3) the miracle for which Paul and Silas were cast into prison, vv. 16-24; (4) their attitude, v. 25; (5) God's deliverance of them, v. 26; (6) the results, vv. 27-34.

**Question Time:** How did Paul decide to go to Europe? (vv. 9-11) Why was he cast into prison? (vv. 16-24) How was he delivered? (v. 26) What was the result? (vv. 27-34)


## Saturday, May 24

**Read:** 2 Chronicles 26:1-21 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "When pride cometh, then cometh shame" (Proverbs 11:2).

**For the Parent:** Review the story of Uzziah, pointing out: (1) his good beginning, probably resulting from good parental training, vv. 1-5; (2) his mighty works and deeds because God was with him and helped him, vv. 6-15; (3) his pride, which resulted in his downfall, vv. 16-21. Show that he sinned in going into the temple to burn incense—that service was reserved for the priests—and the punishment he received.

**Question Time:** What was the cause of the downfall of Uzziah? (See above) What happened to him? (vv. 19-21)



# VBS

## According to Plan

BY MAXINE MITCHELL

**"I**N THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED the heaven and the earth . . ." and then, systematically, in the next six days, He created all the growing things and all the living creatures.

It all came to pass as it had been devised aeons in advance.

The heavens and the earth were deliberately created in order that God might display His glory. But into that perfect creation came man, who fell from his original state. Then the heavens and the earth became the stage upon which God executed His great plan of redemption. This intricate strategy of salvation was not a stopgap measure to salvage the damaged blueprint of fallen man. As Titus 1:2 states, it was carefully and systematically ordained before the world began.

On the sixth day of creation, "God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was *very good*." Why was it good? Because it was all done according to plan. All of the work of God proceeds step by step according to advance arrangements. The work of the church today must follow this pattern of forethought if it is to be counted "very good" by the Great Overseer.

Oddly enough, some think that a project as detailed as a Vacation Bible School can be good when it is announced for the first time on a Sunday morning and started the next day by willing but unprepared workers! At the end of two frustrating weeks of tension these same workers declare, "This VBS was not *very good*." The reason for failure, of course, is that it was not done according to the pattern set by God Himself for all of His work.

No Vacation Bible School can be completely successful without a master plan of preparation. It is true that God honors His Word, and wherever it is

presented it will bring forth fruit. Advance preparation conditions the soil so that the Word will fall on fertile ground. The time of reaping will be a time of rejoicing, for the harvest is greater when the seed has been planted according to plan.

The Vacation Bible School principal's master plan of preparation consists of seven important steps.

### STEP ONE—ORDER EARLY

It is wise to have all of the material in the hands of the VBS workers eight weeks ahead of the scheduled VBS dates. After you order, there may be a delay in shipment while a reprint is being run, or a delay may be caused by the mail. You should be sure to order for all the pupils you might possibly expect. It is difficult to get additional supplies after the school begins. Place your order early enough to assure receiving it in plenty of time.

### STEP TWO—RECRUIT EARLY

If a school is to be held in June the principal should have been selected by the first of the year. By the end of March all of the workers should be appointed and fully cognizant of what is expected of them. In this way the workers may schedule their vacations accordingly, or arrange for their household duties to be carried on in their absence.

### STEP THREE—TRAIN EARLY

It is always helpful to have special training for new workers in a VBS Seminar. To aid in this, the Child Evangelism Division of the National Sunday School Department has prepared a VBS Package Seminar. This consists of a 43-page guide for conducting a one- or two-day seminar to train VBS workers. It gives organizational help and provides five lessons with

visual aid suggestions (price: \$1 per copy).

Several churches in a section have combined successfully in these VBS seminars, and schools of all sizes have profited.

### STEP FOUR—FINANCE EARLY

Paying the bills for VBS must not be left to chance. A clearly defined program of finance will assure early payment of obligations. Improper financial arrangements tend to undo much of the good influence of VBS in a community.

Some churches set aside a certain amount in their budget each month to pay for this profitable summer effort. Others rely on special offerings received when the needs of the school are presented to the congregation. Others suggest that each church family pay five dollars to cover the VBS expenses. Of course, the children will give an offering each day. They should be taught early in life concerning their financial obligations to the work of God. This giving should be worked into the worship service, for it is an act of worship. It is a time of giving thanks to the Lord for all of His material benefits.

Whatever method is followed, do not plan to raise the funds after the school is over. Old bills incite poor response. It is rewarding to announce at commencement that all bills have been paid because of early financial planning.

### STEP FIVE—PUBLICIZE EARLY

Publicity is necessary if a VBS will reach all the children it should. Children may be found nearly everywhere, and it takes varied publicity to reach them all. Scrutinize all of the various advertising media. Spot announcements on the air, posters in store

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In 1905 a manager of South Africa's Premier Mine saw a sparkle on the wall of the open pit and dug the object out with a penknife. It was too large to be true, he thought; the crystal must be glass planted as a hoax. But tests revealed 3,106 carats of pure diamond. The Cullinan diamond, the largest in the world, was cut into nine royal jewels and nearly 100 smaller gems. And to think that the diamond was almost lost because many others overlooked it!

In the Assemblies of God we have a "diamond mine"—the youth of our movement. Wonderful talent, personality, resourcefulness and intellect is present in many of our young people. Yet, some of our "diamonds" are being lost and are not being cut into precious jewels for God. The reason? There are not sufficient funds to give them a Pentecostal education. Because of this, the Education Department of the Assemblies of God is sponsoring a Scholarship Fund. This is your opportunity to help by giving.



Sometimes—

# DIAMONDS ARE LOST!

These pictures and comments are from scholarship applications in our files. Many of the applicants belong to honor societies; some are valedictorians. They excel in Christian service. Highest grades, true Christian standards and a Pentecostal testimony have made them outstanding. We must retain our youth by investing in them.

By means of a Scholarship Fund we hope to bring the cream of our youth into Pentecostal colleges. But the young people worthy of a scholarship award are many. Our Scholarship Fund must grow through your gifts to provide for all who do qualify. Our giving must be "pressed down, shaken together, and running over." To do less will cause great loss. The "diamonds" of Pentecost must be guarded. We urge you to clip this coupon and mail your offering today.



AT A CHRISTIAN COLLEGE I WOULD LEARN MANY THINGS WHICH COULD MEAN A DECISION BETWEEN ETERNAL LIFE OR DAMNATION.

ATTENDING A CHRISTIAN COLLEGE WILL GIVE ME POWER TO FACE THE AGNOSTICS AND ATHEISTS WITH THE TRUTH.



I WANT TO ATTEND A CHRISTIAN COLLEGE AND USE MY EDUCATION FOR ADVANCING THE WORD OF GOD.

I WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE OF HIS WORD AND BE BETTER ABLE TO WITNESS FOR CHRIST.



THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND TRAINING I EXPECT TO RECEIVE AT AN ASSEMBLIES OF GOD SCHOOL IS NOT AVAILABLE IN ANOTHER TYPE OF COLLEGE.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED SO MUCH WE NEED TO KNOW ALL WE CAN ABOUT THE BIBLE.



To further the cause of Christian Education I desire to donate to the Scholarship Fund.

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Beautiful District-owned grounds at Brooks, Oregon, where the Old-Fashioned Camp Meeting will be held again this summer.



All over the country, devoted workers are busily engaged in preparations for another great Camp Meeting season. In this issue you will find pertinent information regarding the Assemblies of God Camp Meetings to be held this summer in your area. Be sure to attend and get under the "showers of blessings." Plan to stay for the entire camp if possible. Each camp offers accommodations for eating and sleeping (if you bring your own linen). Your spiritual life may be revolutionized by the prayer meetings, Bible studies, and Christian fellowship to be found at an old-fashioned Pentecostal Camp Meeting.

# Camp Meeting Calendar

## APPALACHIAN DISTRICT

### Assemblies of God Bible Camp

Clinchport, Va., R. R. #2 (3 miles off Highway 58, halfway between Big Stone Gap and Gate City, Va.).

**June 24-July 4**

Wiley Davis, speaker.

For accommodations write to W. W. Smith, Raven, Va.

## ARIZONA DISTRICT

### Grand Canyon State Camp

Prescott, Ariz. (3 miles northwest of Prescott, on Iron Springs Rd.).

**July 29-Aug. 8**

G. W. Hardcastle, speaker.

For accommodations write to J. K. Gressett, Route 1, Prescott, Ariz.

## ARKANSAS DISTRICT

### District Camp

Hot Springs, Ark. (Ozark-Lithia Camp Grounds, 9 miles from Hot Springs on Highway 7).

**June 16-20**

David A. Hastie, speaker.

For accommodations write to C. V. Kemp, Mt. Valley Route, Hot Springs, Ark.

## EASTERN DISTRICT

### Maranatha Camp

Green Lane, Pa. (Maranatha Park)

**July 25-Aug. 10**

A. M. Alber and U. S. Grant, speakers.

For accommodations write to John D. Tubbs, Maranatha Park, Green Lane, Pa.

### Living Waters Camp

Cherry Tree, Pa.

**July 2-13**

Ernest V. Berquist and J. Billy McIntosh, speakers.

For accommodations write to Donald E. Berkey, 304 S. Main St., Punxsutawney, Pa.

## ILLINOIS DISTRICT

### District Camp

Petersburg, Ill., Old Salem Chautauqua Grounds.

**July 18-27**

James W. Van Meter, evangelist; Glenn Reed, Bible teacher; The Musical Duncans, C. A. ministers.

For accommodations write to Oliver Knell, 206 St. Petersburg, Robinson, Ill.

## INDIANA DISTRICT

### Assemblies of God Camp

Hartford City, Ind. (Lake Placid, R. R. 4).

**Aug. 12-22**

J. Robert Ashcroft, Bible teacher; Robert Fierro, evangelist.

For accommodations write to Roy Wead, Box 55244, Uptown Station, Indianapolis 5, Ind.

## KANSAS DISTRICT

### Woodston-Alton Camp

Woodston, Kansas (3 miles east of Woodston on Highway 24).

**Aug. 3-10**

J. O. Savell and George Hayes, speakers.

For accommodations write to Kansas District Council, 1009 South Broadway, Wichita 11, Kansas.

### Wichita Camp

Augusta, Kansas (4 miles west and 1½ miles north on Santa Fe Lake Road).

**June 30-July 6**

T. E. Gannon and T. H. Spence, speakers.

For accommodations write to Kansas District Council, 1009 South Broadway, Wichita 11, Kansas.

## KENTUCKY DISTRICT

### District Camp

Crestwood, Ky. (2 miles west of Crestwood on State Highway 22 and Clore Lane—approximately 18 miles east of downtown Louisville).

**June 24-July 4**

C. C. Burnett, speaker.

For accommodations write to H. C. Golden, 1724 Harold Ave., Louisville, Ky.

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT

### Fa-Ho-Lo Park

Grass Lake, Mich. (10 miles east of Jackson, and one mile south of U. S. Highway 12).

**June 28-July 19**

Thomas Miller and Harry J. Steil, speakers.

For accommodations write to Michigan District Council, 6053 Chase Road, Dearborn, Mich.

## MINNESOTA DISTRICT

### Lake Geneva Bible Camp

Alexandria, Minn. (one-half mile north of Runestone monument on east edge of city).

**June 25-July 6**

A. C. Bates and Hilton Griswold, speakers.

For accommodations write to H. R. Snyder, 910 Elliot Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

## MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT

### District Camp

Hurley, Miss.

**August. 3-10**

Speakers to be announced.

For accommodations write to E. E. Noland, Box 1954, Meridian, Miss.

#### MONTANA DISTRICT

##### Glacier Bible Camp

Hungry Horse, Mont. (on Highway 2).

**July 10-20**

Edgar W. Bethany, Bible teacher; Arthur S. Arnold, evangelist.

For accommodations write to Ray N. Walden, Box 68, Hungry Horse, Mont.

#### NEBRASKA DISTRICT

##### Lexington State Camp

1 mile west of Lexington, Nebr.

**Aug. 8-17**

Kenneth R. Schmidt and D. H. McLaughlin, speakers.

For accommodations write to V. W. Weaver, Box 228, Lexington, Nebr.

#### NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

##### Camp Hope

Hope, N. J.

**Aug. 16-23**

Paul Cox, speaker.

For accommodations write to John Deegan, 4 Monmouth Rd., Eatontown, N. J.

#### NEW MEXICO DISTRICT

##### District Camp

Mountainair, N. Mex.

**July 21-27**

D. H. McLaughlin, speaker.

For accommodations write to Lester L. Statser, Box 423, Mountainair, N. Mex.

#### NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT

##### Eastern Camp

Windsor, N. C. (one mile north of Windsor on U. S. 17).

**Aug. 11-24**

J. Bashford Bishop and Ernest P. Pruett, speakers.

For accommodations write to Raymond Hoggard, Route 2, Windsor, N. C.

##### Western Camp

Franklin, N. C. (5 miles from Franklin on U. S. 64).

**July 1-13**

Cyril E. Homer and J. Bashford Bishop, speakers.

For accommodations write to Fred Sorrells, Route 5, Franklin, N. C.

#### NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

##### Lakewood Park Bible Camp

Devils Lake, N. Dak. (5 miles southwest of Devils Lake).

**June 26-July 6**

Maynard Oss, evangelist; Eddie Menaldino, afternoon speaker; Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Williams, missionary speakers.

For accommodations write to W. H. Kesler, Rt. 3, Devils Lake, N. Dak.

#### NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT

##### North Texas Camp

Woodlake Camp Grounds (between Sherman and Denison).

**Aug. 4-8**

N. L. White, speaker.

For accommodations write to Henry Price, 108 McKown St., Sherman, Tex.

#### NORTH TEXAS

##### Austin Section Camp

Austin, Tex. (20 miles west of Austin, off Fredericksberg Rd. at Camp Ben McCulloch).

**Aug. 6-14**

Bert Webb and Phinis Lewis, speakers.

For accommodations write to W. W. Cothran, Box 7, Georgetown, Tex.

##### Camp Meeting

Daniel Memorial Orphanage (on U. S. Highway 84, half way between Fairfield and Palestine, Tex.)

**July 9-20**

E. B. Crump and others speaking.

For accommodations write to Mrs. J. B. Daniel, Box 598, Fairfield, Tex.

##### Wichita Falls Section Camp

Near Wichita Falls, Tex.

**Aug. 11-22**

Speakers to be announced.

For accommodations write to M. W. Putnam, 2507 Olive, Vernon, Tex.

#### NORTHWEST DISTRICT

##### Silver Lake Bible Camp

Everett, Wash. (six miles south of Everett and east of Highway 99).

**June 28-July 13**

C. M. Ward, speaker.

For accommodations write to Silver Lake

Bible Camp, 435 E. 72nd St., Seattle 15, Wash.

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

##### Bethany Park Camp

Santa Cruz, Calif. (6457 Los Gatos Highway, 7 miles north of Santa Cruz, Calif.).

**June 27-July 13**

Arthur Graves, Bible teacher; Owen Oslin, evangelist.

For accommodations write to Gerald Boyd, 800 Bethany Drive, Santa Cruz, Calif.

#### NORTH CALIFORNIA

##### Mt. Lassen Camp

Near Mineral, Calif. (1½ miles west of Mineral on Highway 36).

**July 2-13**

Fred Greve, Bible teacher; Victor Trimmer, evangelist.

For accommodations write to H. G. Rannels, Box 163, Carson City, Nevada.

##### Redwood Camp

Eureka, Calif., 6400 Redwood Dr.

**July 23-Aug. 3**

Paul Riggs, speaker.

For accommodations write to Johnny Smith, 321 West Wabash Ave., Eureka, Calif.

#### NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

##### Camp Ambassador

North Limington, Maine (on Lake Pequawket).

**June 29-July 13.**

Robert W. Cummings, Bible teacher; William H. Kautz, evangelist.

For accommodations write to Albert W. Earle, 24 Montgomery St., Concord, New Hampshire.

##### Plainfield Camp

Plainfield, Vermont

**Aug. 3-18**

Hattie Hammond, Bible teacher; Albert and Suzanne Earle, evangelists.

For accommodations write to Gustaf Berglund, Plainfield, Vermont.

#### OHIO DISTRICT

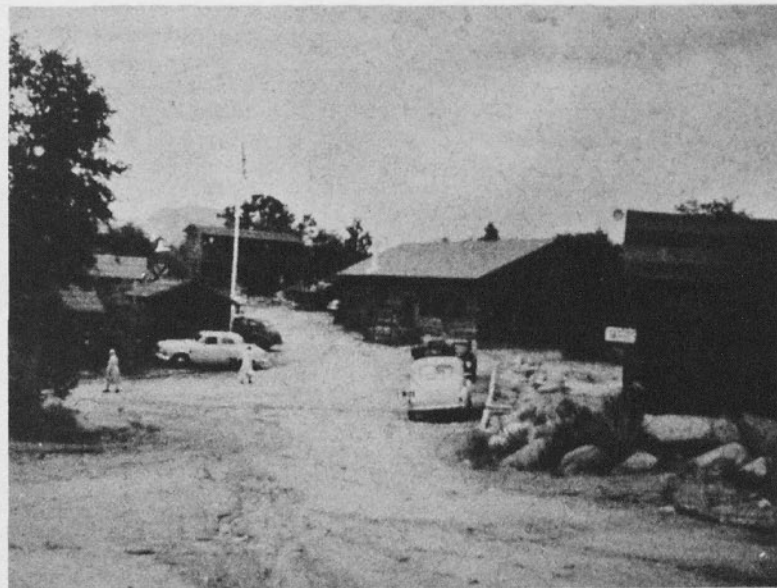
##### Ohio State Camp

Big Prairie, Ohio (Lakeland Beach Park).

**June 22-July 4**



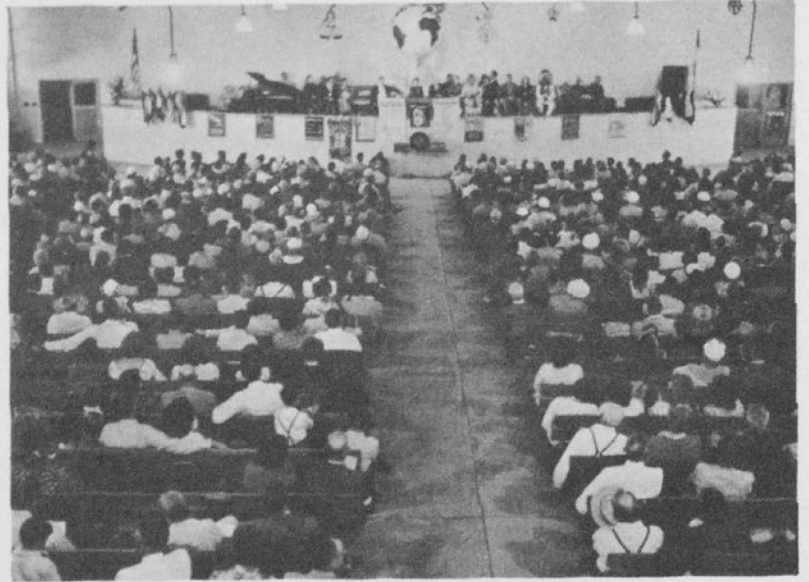
The tabernacle at Arizona District Camp, Prescott, Arizona



Dining room, office, and superintendent's cabin at Prescott



Fa-Ho-Lo Park, Grass Lake, Michigan



Bethany Bible Camp, Santa Cruz, Calif.

T. J. Jones, Bible teacher; Cyril Homer, evangelist.

For accommodations write to Miss Helen Stange, 3377 W. Broad St., Columbus 4, Ohio.

#### OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

##### District Camp

Oklahoma City, Okla. (4½ miles north of State Capitol).

**July 15-22**

C. C. Burnett, Speaker.

For accommodations write to District Office, Box 1341, Oklahoma City 1, Okla.

#### OREGON DISTRICT

##### Old Fashioned Camp

Brooks, Oreg. (Bethel Park on Highway 99E, 9 miles north of Salem).

**June 23-July 6**

Martin Luther Davidson and Thomas F. Zimmerman, speakers.

For accommodations write to Lester C. Young, Box 38, Brooks, Oreg.

#### POTOMAC DISTRICT

##### Potomac Park Camp

Falling Waters, W. Va. (on U. S. Highway 11, 13 miles north of Martinsburg, W. Va., and 8 miles south of Hagerstown, Md.).

**July 12-Aug 3** (District Council, July 9-11. Atwood Foster, speaker).

Robert W. Cummings, Bible teacher; W. E. Stevens, evangelist.

For accommodations write to F. C. Mays, Box 721, Martinsburg, W. Va.

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

##### District Camp

Littleton, Colo., 5700 S. Broadway (10 miles south of State Capitol on S. Broadway).

**Aug. 4-14**

Paul Riggs and T. E. Gannon, speakers. For accommodations write to William W. Brandt, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

##### Black Hills Bible Camp

Rapid City, S. Dak., 3301 Jackson Blvd.

**June 26-July 4**

E. E. Krogstad and Glenn Reed, speakers.

For accommodations write to Silas S.

Rexroat, 410 E. 6th, Mitchell, S. Dak.

#### SOUTH FLORIDA DISTRICT

##### Lake Bonny Bible Camp

Lakeland, Fla., 940 Longfellow Blvd.

**June 27-July 4**

Glenn M. Horst and Willie M. Stevens, speakers.

For accommodations write to H. E. Bullock, Box 428, Lakeland, Fla.

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

##### Camp Pinecrest

Twin Peaks, Calif. (18 miles north of San Bernardino).

**July 11-20**

O. Cope Budge, Bible teacher; Kenneth Schmidt, evangelist.

For accommodations write to Lee Trowbridge, Box 103, Twin Peaks, Calif.

#### SOUTHERN IDAHO DISTRICT

##### District Camp

Nampa, Idaho (5 miles north of Nampa on Franklin Lane Road).

**June 24-July 4**

James Hamill, speaker.

For accommodations write to E. S. Caldwell, 910 Belmont St., Caldwell, Idaho.

#### SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT

##### Assemblies of God Camp

Lake of the Ozarks Camp Grounds (13 miles southwest of Eldon, Mo.)

**June 24-July 4**

A. M. Alber, Bible teacher; Joe Neely, evangelist.

For accommodations write to Southern Missouri District Office, 1400 N. Campbell, Springfield, Mo.

#### SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

##### District Camp

Charlton, Mass. (north of Route 31).

**July 2-13**

Harry Ring, Bible teacher; E. M. Clark, evangelist.

For accommodations write to Clifford A. Browne, 7 Auburn St., Framingham, Mass.

#### WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT

##### Storm Lake Bible Camp

Storm Lake, Iowa

**July 17-27**

Andrew Stirling, speaker.

For accommodations write to M. C. Fishel, Truesdale, Iowa.

#### Northern Missouri Camp

Excelsior Springs, Mo. (at Lake Maurer).

**Sept. 3-12**

Speakers to be announced.

For accommodations write to R. J. Beckman, Box 825, Excelsior Springs, Mo.

#### WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT

##### District Camp

Marianna, Fla. (3 miles east of Marianna on Highway 90).

**July 21-29** (District Council, July 30-31).

J. O. Savell, Bible teacher; G. W. Hatchcock, evangelist.

For accommodations write to G. H. Blair, Box 111, Marianna, Fla.

#### WEST TEXAS DISTRICT

##### District Camp

Lubbock, Tex., 4206 Ave. H

**Aug. 5-14**

James W. Van Meter, speaker.

For accommodations write to District Camp Ground, 4206 Ave. H, Lubbock, Tex.

#### WISCONSIN-NORTHERN MICHIGAN

##### Spencer Lake Bible Camp

Waupaca, Wis. (5 miles south of Waupaca, on Highway E).

**July 30-Aug. 10.**

Edgar Bethany and E. E. Krogstad, speakers.

For accommodations write to Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District, Box 223, Waupaca, Wis.

#### WYOMING DISTRICT

##### District Camp

Story, Wyo.

**June 30-July 6**

Maynard Oss, speaker.

For accommodations write to R. G. McAllister, 132 West 12th, Casper, Wyo.

#### LATIN AMERICAN BRANCH

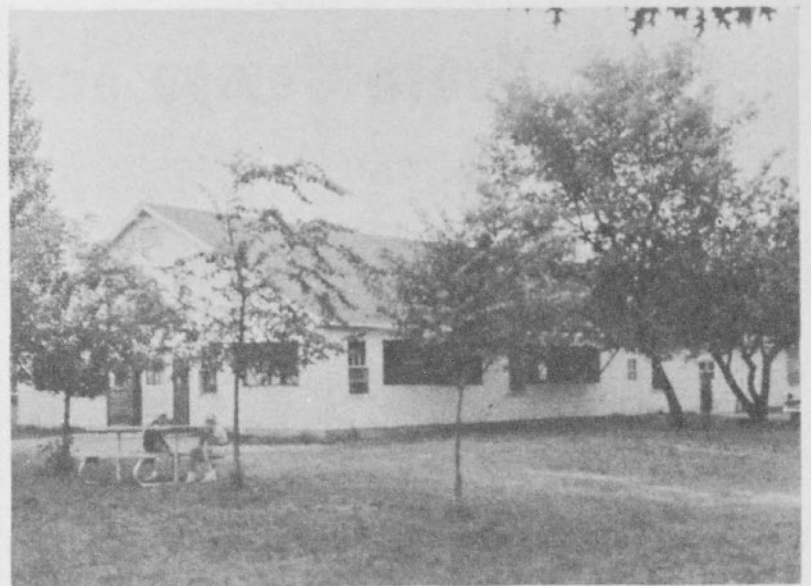
##### Spanish-Speaking Camp

Chama, N. Mex. (2 miles south of Chama on Tierra Amarillo Highway).

**July 1-8**



Pine Grove Camp, Malaga, N. J. (Italian Branch)



Dining hall at Spencer Lake Bible Camp, Waupaca, Wis.

Roberto Espinoza and D. Bazan, speakers.

For accommodations write to Rubel Benavidez, 472-59th St. N.W., Albuquerque, N. Mex.

#### GERMAN BRANCH

##### **Bethel Park**

Bridgman, Mich. (near U.S. Highway 12, south of Benton Harbor).

**July 10-20**

K. P. Steffans, speaker.

For accommodations write to Alvin Sprecher, 1909 Smyers Dr., Benton Harbor, Mich.

##### **Pinecrest Bible Conference**

Salisbury Center, N. Y.

**June 29-Sept. 1**

Speakers to be announced.

For accommodations write to Pinecrest Bible Conference, Salisbury Center, Route 29A, N. Y.

#### ITALIAN BRANCH

##### **Pine Grove Camp**

Malaga, N. J. (Dutchmill Rd.).

**June 29-Aug. 10**

C. M. Ward speaking July 16-18.

For accommodations write to Pine Grove Camp, Box 5, Malaga, N. J.

#### GREEK BRANCH

##### **Annual Convention**

Los Angeles, Calif.

**June 22-29**

Speakers to be announced.

For accommodations write to Manuel G. Frangos, Box 47871, Los Angeles 47, Calif.

#### UKRAINIAN BRANCH

##### **Branch Camp**

Lanesville, N. Y. (in the Catskill Mountains, 5 miles from Phoenicia, 30 miles west of Kingston).

**July 13-27**

Nicholas J. Tomen, speaker.

For accommodations write to Ukrainian Branch, Camp Dept., 9 E. 7th St., New York 3, N. Y.

#### CAMPS FOR THE DEAF

##### **Southern California Deaf Camp**

Pinecrest Lodge (18 miles north of San

Bernardino on State Highway 18, 75 miles north of Los Angeles).

**Aug. 30-Sept. 2**

Speakers to be announced.

For accommodations write to Mrs. Essie Haigwood, 14006 S. Fidler, Bellflower, Calif.

##### **Michigan Deaf Camp**

Fa-Ho-Lo Park, Grass Lake (10 miles east of Jackson, on U. S. 12; turn at Mt. Hope Rd. and go south one mile).

**Aug. 3-10**

Speakers to be announced.

For accommodations write to Miss Maxine Strobridge, 115 Loomis St., Clio, Mich.

#### INDIAN CAMPS

##### **Apache Indian Camp**

Carrizzo, Ariz. (2 miles off Highway 60).

**June 10-19**

Robert L. Kinslow, speaker.

For accommodations write to Pearl M. Foster, Box 327, Whiteriver, Ariz.

##### **North Carolina Indian Camp**

Elrod, N. C. (on Maxton-Elrod Road,

3 miles west of Route 710).

**June 20-29**

Andrew Stirling and Mrs. Alice Austin, speakers.

For accommodations write to R. W. Buchanan, Route 4, Lumberton, N. C.

##### **Regional Indian Fellowship Camp**

Skokomish Indian Reservation.

**July 4-11**

George Effman, speaker; Robert Hutchinson, children's evangelist.

For accommodations write to Mrs. Alvin Oya, Rt. 3, Box 438, Port Angeles, Wash.

#### CANADA

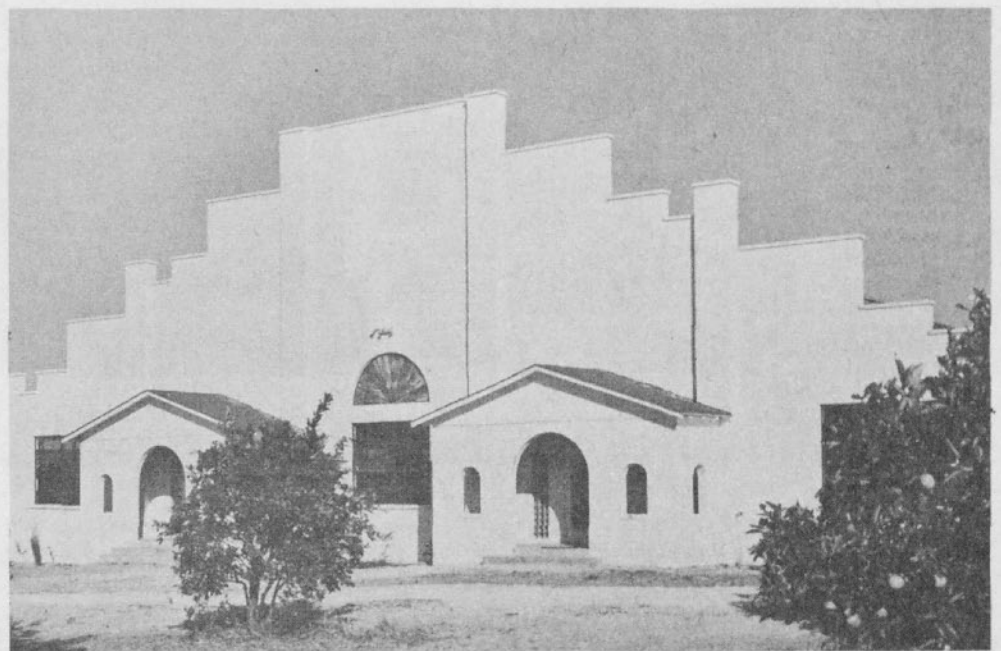
##### **Sunnyside Pentecostal Camp**

Sylvan Lake, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada (half way between Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta).

**July 13-27**

Watson Argue, speaker; Forseth Trio in charge of C. A. services.

For accommodations write to W. L. Fraser, 3719 Centre B St. N. W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada.



Lake Bonny Bible Camp, Lakeland, Fla.

# 1958 Youth Camps and Boys and Girls Camps

DISTRICT	DATE	AGE	DISTRICT	DATE	AGE
ALABAMA			Sebastopol, Calif.	July 14-19	Boys and Girls
Oak Mt. State Park	June 30-July 5	15-35	Santa Cruz, Calif.	July 14-19	9-10
Oak Mt. State Park	July 7-12	12-14	Santa Cruz, Calif.	July 21-26	11-12
Oak Mt. State Park	July 14-19	under 12	Mt. Lassen	July 21-26	Youth
APPALACHIAN			Meteor Ranch	July 27-Aug. 2	Youth
Glenn Wood Park, W. Va.	July 21-25	13-35	Santa Cruz, Calif.	Aug. 3-9	10-16
Glenn Wood Park, W. Va.	July 21-26	under 13	Bass Lake, Calif.	Aug. 4-9	Boys and Girls
ARIZONA			NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND		
Prescott	July 1-6	13-35	Steep Falls, Maine	July 19-26	under 12
Prescott	July 7-11	under 13	Steep Falls, Maine	July 26-Aug. 2	12-21
ARKANSAS			NORTHWEST		
Hot Springs	July 14-18	under 12	Camp Delany	July 7-11	12-35
Hot Springs	Aug. 4-8 Boys	12-19	Camp Delany	July 14-18	9-12
Hot Springs	Aug. 11-15 Girls	12-19	Mt. Air Camp	July 14-25	9-16
EASTERN			Silver Lake	July 21-25 Girls	under 12
Green Lane, Pa.	June 28-July 12	12-35	Silver Lake	Aug. 4-8 Boys	under 12
Cherry Tree, Pa.	July 19-Aug. 2	under 12	Silver Lake	July 28-Aug. 1	Girls 12-16
Cherry Tree, Pa.	Aug. 29-Sept. 1	12-35	Silver Lake	Aug. 11-15 Boys	12-16
GEORGIA			Newman Lake	July 28-Aug. 8	9-16
Chipley	July 14-19	Boys and Girls	Newman Lake	Aug. 11-15	15-35
ILLINOIS			Silver Lake	Aug. 18-22	15-35
Petersburg	June 30-July 4	14-19	OHIO		
Petersburg	July 7-11	10-14	Big Prairie	July 7-12 Boys	under 13
INDIANA			Big Prairie	July 14-19 Girls	under 13
Hartford City	June 30-July 4	13-19	Big Prairie	July 21-26	13-15
Hartford City	July 7-12 Boys	under 13	Big Prairie	July 28-Aug. 2	15-35
Hartford City	July 14-19 Girls	under 13	OKLAHOMA		
KANSAS			Bristow	Aug. 18-23	13-18
Wichita	July 7-11 Boys	under 13	OREGON		
Wichita	July 14-18 Girls	under 13	Brooks	June 15-21	12-35
Augusta	July 21-25	13-14	Butte Falls	July 21-26	12-35
Augusta	July 28-Aug. 1	15-24	Butte Falls	July 21-26	under 12
KENTUCKY			Molalla	Last of July	Boys and Girls
Crestwood	July 14-18	12-24	Blue Mountain	July 28-Aug. 2	12-13
Crestwood	July 21-25	under 12	POTOMAC		
LOUISIANA			Falling Waters, W. Va.	Aug. 12-19	12-35
Lake Bistineau State Park	July 28-Aug. 2	13-35	ROCKY MOUNTAIN		
Chicot State Park	Aug. 18-23	under 13	Pueblo Mt. Park, Colo.	June 9-13	13-35
MICHIGAN			Grand Mesa, Colo.	July 14-18	13-35
Cadillac	June 20-29	under 14	Provo, Utah	Aug. 18-22	13-35
Grass Lake	July 13-19 Girls	under 14	SOUTH CAROLINA		
Grass Lake	July 20-26 Boys	under 14	King's Mt. State Park	Aug. 11-16	12-35
Grass Lake	July 27-Aug. 2	14-18	SOUTH DAKOTA		
Grass Lake	Aug. 3-8	19-35	Mitchell	June 2-6	12-18
MINNESOTA			Rapid City	June 9-13	12-18
Alexandria	July 21-26 Girls	under 13	SOUTH FLORIDA		
Alexandria	July 28-Aug. 2 Boys	under 13	Dundee	Aug. 11-15 Girls	under 13
Alexandria	Aug. 4-9	13-15	Dundee	Aug. 18-22 Boys	under 13
Alexandria	Aug. 11-16	16-19	SOUTH TEXAS		
MISSISSIPPI			Baytown	July 14-18	Boys and Girls
Hurley	June 30-July 5	12-21	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		
MONTANA			Twin Peaks	June 22-28	13-25
Hungry Horse	July 28-Aug. 2	9-13	Twin Peaks	June 29-July 5	13-25
Frazer	Aug. 4-9	9-13	Twin Peaks	July 21-26	under 13
Red Lodge	Aug. 11-16	9-13	Twin Peaks	July 28-Aug. 2	under 13
Neihart	Aug. 18-23	14-20	Twin Peaks	Aug. 3-9	13-25
NEBRASKA			SOUTHERN IDAHO		
Lexington	June 2-6	12-35	Bellevue	July 28-Aug. 1	Boys and Girls
Lexington	June 16-20	under 12	Bellevue	Aug. 11-16	15-25
Lexington	June 23-27	under 12	Bellevue	Aug. 4-8	Teen
NEW JERSEY			SOUTHERN MISSOURI		
Camp Hope	Aug. 16-23	13-35	Lake of the Ozarks	July 7-11	under 12
NEW MEXICO			Lake of the Ozarks	July 14-18	12-35
Mountainair	June 23-27	under 12	Lake of the Ozarks	July 21-25	12-35
Mountainair	July 7-11	12-19	SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND		
NEW YORK			Charlton, Mass.	July 19-26	under 12
Sherburne	July 4-11	13-35	Charlton, Mass.	July 26-Aug. 9	12-35
Sherburne	July 12-18	under 13	WEST CENTRAL		
Troutburg	July 26-Aug. 1	13-35	Storm Lake, Iowa	June 30-July 4	under 12
Troutburg	Aug. 2-8	under 13	Storm Lake, Iowa	July 7-11	12-35
NORTH CAROLINA			Troy, Mo.	Aug. 11-18	under 12
Umstead State Park	June 8-14	12-25	Troy, Mo.	Aug. 18-22	12-35
Umstead State Park	June 15-20	under 12	WEST TEXAS		
NORTH DAKOTA			Wellington	June 9-13	12-35
Devils Lake	July 14-18	13-35	WISCONSIN AND NORTHERN MICHIGAN		
Devils Lake	July 21-25	under 13	Fortune Lake, Mich.	June 23-28	9-12
Medora	Aug. 4-8	9-12	Fortune Lake, Mich.	June 30-July 5	13-24
NORTH TEXAS			Lake Nebagamon, Wis.	June 30-July 5	12-19
Lake Lavon	June 9-13	13-25	Spencer Lake, Wis.	June 30-July 5	9-12
Waxahachie	July 3-5	18-35	Spencer Lake, Wis.	July 7-12	13-19
Waco	July 21-26	Boys and Girls	Lake Nebagamon, Wis.	July 7-12	under 12
Piney Woods	Aug. 18-24	Boys and Girls	WYOMING		
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA			Casper	June 16-20	13-19
Eureka, Calif.	July 7-11	Boys and Girls	Casper	Aug. 25-30	under 13
Eureka, Calif.	July 14-18	Youth	UKRAINIAN BRANCH		
Mt. Lassen, Calif.	July 14-19	Boys and Girls	Lanesville, N. Y.	July 28-Aug. 9	Boys and Girls

# According to Plan

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windows, handbills delivered to the doors, banners outside the church, and even a VBS parade will reach un-churched children. Church bulletins, posters inside the church, and verbal announcements reach the church-ed children. A publicity committee should be appointed so that, after everything else has been prepared, there will be children to teach.

## STEP SIX—PREPARE EARLY

When the materials are in the hands of the workers at least two months prior to the VBS dates, all preparation should be complete one week before the school begins. No last-minute daily preparation should be left for the school days. There will be enough work preparing for items that have not been foreseen. Certain things may escape even the finest preliminary plans.

Workers are entitled to the poise that accompanies preparedness in order that they might be effective in their specific work. Leaders should not handicap workers by failing to allow time for preparation.

Inexperienced people see no value in working even two months ahead on a project. Therefore, leaders should establish work days to prepare for the handwork and memory work details. Volunteers who do not assist during the school could be called upon for these work days.

Another advantage of these work days is the enlistment of more workers. It has been found true that a greater number of people working on a project assures greater success.

One wise leader found it advantageous to have the daily supplies needed by each child separated into envelopes or paper bags. When handwork time came, every piece of paper, safety pin, or clip, was meted out with a minimum of confusion. This was made possible by work days in which the Women's Missionary Council and some of the Christ's Ambassadors joined forces with the VBS workers to do the early work.

## STEP SEVEN—FOLLOW UP EARLY

"Strike while the iron is hot." There will be new children attracted to the church because of VBS. Before their interest lags, a visit in their home must be made to tie them to the Sunday School. Divide the prospect list by de-

# the Scriptures and our Aged...



**"H**ONOUR THY FATHER AND MOTHER, WHICH IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Ephesians 6:2, 3).

"But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (1 Timothy 5:8)

This is the scriptural basis for supporting our fathers and mothers in the gospel and providing for them in their old age. They say unto us "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" (1 Corinthians 9:11).

We are indeed "debtor both to the Greek and to the barbarian" to tell them the gospel, but we are no less debtors to those who told us the gospel in the first place. Neither can we consider that giving to the Lord's work is an acceptable substitute for supporting these aged warriors.

"For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death; but ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift (I have given to the Lord) by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free. And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother; making the word of God of none effect through your tradition" (Mark 7:10-13). It was Jesus Himself, who gave His life to provide the soul's salvation, who reminded us of our sacred duty to our parents and declared that no other act of giving or devotion should be allowed to displace that duty or would justify our doing so.

The Assemblies of God have many pioneer fathers of the Pentecostal message. We are their children in the faith. No consecration or zeal for other causes, however legitimate or sacred, will excuse us from faithful, generous support of our spiritual parents.

Next Sunday, May 25, is the day set aside to honor these men and women by giving to the Aged Ministers' Assistance Fund. Give liberally in this offering—or if you do not have opportunity to give at church, mail your personal offering to the Aged Ministers' Assistance Fund, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri.

BY RALPH M. RIGGS, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT



partments and give each department superintendent the responsibility of contacting the prospective members for his group. Especially the new converts need a church program to develop spiritually. The sooner the follow-up is made, the sooner the children will become established in the good habit of Sunday School attendance.

The master plan of preparation has been laid out before you. Take it step by step and plan your own school. After your VBS has come and gone, look it over. Evaluate it. Though there may be weak spots here and there, if it has been done according to plan, the Lord will look upon the fruit of your efforts and call it "very good." ◀◀



## WORKING TOGETHER WITH GOD

Sunday School Lesson for May 25, 1958

NEHEMIAH 1:1-6; 2:17-20

In 536 B.C., 50,000 Jews returned from Babylon to Jerusalem under the leadership of Zerubbabel and rebuilt the temple which had been destroyed. About 78 years later, another group returned under the leadership of Ezra the scribe, whose chief work was to teach the people and bring about a revival of holiness. Twelve years later Nehemiah came to complete the restoration of Jerusalem by rebuilding the city walls.

### I. NEHEMIAH THE LOYALIST

1. *His position* (vv. 1, 11). "I was in Shushan the palace . . . for I was the king's cupbearer." Nehemiah's position was one of great privilege and honor. He had access to the king's private quarters. It was his duty to taste all wine served to the king in order to safeguard the king against the possibility of poisoning. His life was one of comparative ease and luxury, lived in the splendor of a king's court. Yet he was a man of God!

2. *His sorrow* (vv. 2-4). Though living in comfort himself, Nehemiah was burdened about the welfare of God's people. Informed of the deplorable situation existing in Jerusalem, he "sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed." How concerned are we about the havoc and tragedy which sin is causing in the world today? Are we weeping over conditions in Christ-rejecting America?

3. *His prayer* (vv. 5-11). Nehemiah not only mourned, but also *prayed*. Tears would not help his people, but prayer would! In his prayer there was (1) earnestness (v. 4), (2) knowledge of God (v. 5), (3) persistence (v. 6), (4) confession (vv. 6, 7), (5) faith in God's Word (vv. 8, 9), (6) consecration (v. 11). Are not these characteristics of Nehemiah's prayer also prerequisite to effectual prayer today?

4. *His petition* (ch. 2:1-8). After bearing his burden with a cheerful face for three months, Nehemiah could conceal his grief no longer. The king, observing his sadness, asked the reason for it. "Then," said Nehemiah, "I was very sore afraid." And no wonder! Sad-faced cupbearers had been known to lose their heads! Nevertheless, Nehemiah was willing to incur the wrath of the king and risk death in order to help his people! He told the king what he wanted to do, breathing a silent prayer as he did so, and God heard and inclined the heart of the monarch to grant his request.

### II. NEHEMIAH THE BUILDER

In the remainder of our lesson text (2:11-20) we have an account of Nehemiah's preparation for and procedure in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. As Christians all of us are building for God. We shall profit in our work by observing how Nehemiah went about it and by following his example.

1. *He waited on God* (v. 11). Nehemiah was three days in Jerusalem before he ventured forth to survey his task. What was he doing? Praying and seeking God's guidance, we may be sure! In undertaking any new work for God we ought always to begin with much prayer.

2. *He proceeded with caution*. "And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do." There are times to talk and seek counsel, but there are also times when we need to keep our mouths shut and keep God's secrets to ourselves!

3. *He surveyed the situation and counted the cost* (vv. 13-16). A wise physician diagnoses his case. The army that expects to win a victory plans a campaign. Christ told those who would build, first to count the cost (Luke 14:28-30). So in building for God, we need to face difficulties (Ephesians 6:12; 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Corinthians 2:11).

4. *He recognized the need of the help of others* (v. 17). Christians are not self-sufficient. We are members of the body of Christ, and each member has a function in that body and a work to do. See 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.

5. *He recognized the enabling power of God and encouraged his fellow men*. Surveying difficulties would be a disheartening task if there were no divine help. But difficulties are blasted into oblivion by Omnipotence! Nehemiah called the attention of the people, not to their weakness, but to God's power. "Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me."

6. *He overcame ridicule and opposition* (vv. 19, 20). Let Sanballats and Tobiahs mock and jeer and oppose. Let us arise and build. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" "The God of heaven, he will prosper us."

—J. Bashford Bishop

### A GOOD RESPONSE





# Pentecost Crusade

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be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you, *but* tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:46-49). "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 Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). These two scriptures are direct and unequivocal in their declaration that it is God's plan that one should receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit as divine equipment for witnessing concerning Christ and His gospel.

Following these words of Christ the disciples obeyed and tarried, and then there came a sound from heaven... and "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:2-4). Under the anointing and propulsion of the blessed, powerful Holy Spirit, the disciples then went throughout Jerusalem and all Judea and to Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth. The gospel was carried to every creature under heaven (Col. 1:23). The blessed Pentecostal baptism was effective to produce love among the disciples, to perform signs and wonders and special miracles, and to thrust laborers into the great world harvest field.

In this week of our Pentecost Crusade, let us humble ourselves in gratitude before God for His exceeding goodness to us unworthy people. Then let us rise and gird ourselves afresh with this power from on high. Let Him (the Holy Spirit who is the Power of God) pervade our lives with love and kindness for all our brethren in the body of Christ. Let us see the salvation of God with us and be like Stephen of old, full of faith and power, doing great wonders and miracles among the people. Let us lift up our eyes and look on the world field which is white unto harvesting. And then, with His divine equipment, let us press into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He will be with us always, even to the end, working with us and confirming the message with signs following. ◀◀



# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**What do people mean when they say they have "heartfelt religion"?**

Those who use this expression mean they have salvation in their hearts, not just a theory in their heads. It is a way of saying they have assurance they are saved. It is a term used in some sections of the country, but not universally.

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**Is there a scripture which assures a Christian wife that her unsaved husband will be saved?**

I do not know of any such scripture, but Paul advises saved husbands or wives, whose companions are not Christians, so to live and use their influence that this might be a means to the spouse's salvation. "For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?" (1 Corinthians 7:16).

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**On page two of The Pentecostal Evangel each week appear the words, "WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation." What is meant by "regeneration by the Holy Spirit"?**

The meaning is the same as "saved by the Holy Spirit." Regeneration and New Birth are equivalent terms. When a person is "born of the Spirit" he becomes a new creation in Christ, which is the meaning of regeneration.

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**What do you think of the so-called "positive gospel"?**

If it is what I have been told it is, I believe it to be "another gospel," not the true gospel of our Lord Jesus. But in the truest sense, the Christian gospel is positive. The unsaved man is positively a sinner; hell is real; repentance must be genuine. A gospel which emphasizes only the lovely, bringing no conviction of sin, is a false gospel. Peter's Pentecostal sermon rang out with the message, "Repent ye." The law of "Thou shalt nots" was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, for "by the law is the knowledge of sin."

Man needs the law to awaken him to his lost condition; then he needs the gospel of grace to tell him there is a way out of his sins.

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**Will smoking keep a man out of the kingdom of God?**

I think this is determined by the enlightenment and conviction the man has. Smoking is a bad and stinking habit. It is a habit which binds its victims, whereas God wishes us to be free men. It undermines efficiency, and the smoker identifies himself with the ungodly world, rather than as a person who is cleansed and separated from the world. Smoking has every count against it—not one in its favor—and the Bible teaches that we should "cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit" (2 Corinthians 7:1).

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**Is there something wrong in a person's experience if he does not speak in other tongues every day?**

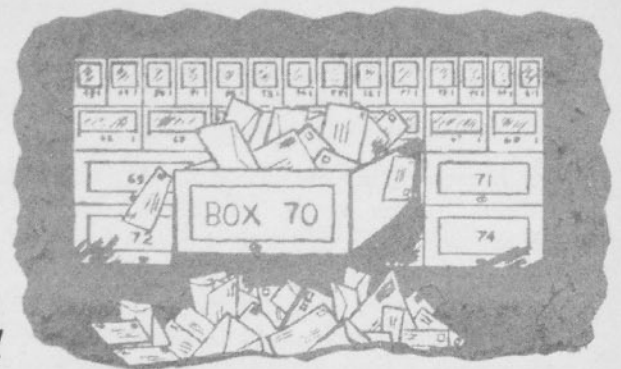
Not necessarily. Speaking in other tongues accompanies the baptism with the Spirit. This speaking is a wonderful blessing, and we should yield our tongues to God for this purpose. But that which is most important is to have the life of Christ imparted to us through the Holy Spirit. The Spirit has come to take the things of Christ and reveal them to us. Our primary interest should be in Christ Himself, His atonement for our sins, and His wonderful presence in our daily lives. To teach that something is wrong with one who does not speak in other tongues daily would be to make speaking in tongues the standard of Christian experience, rather than a harmonizing of our lives with the will of God. The just shall live by faith, not by signs and spiritual manifestations.

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*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 a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).*

# Out of Box 70

## A Few Gleanings From the Revivaltime Mail



FROM BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, the REVIVALTIME staff looks forward each day to the hundreds of letters that will be there. There are letters of joy, letters of burden, letters of need, and testimonies of blessing. It is always a thrill to open the mail and to see the addresses of the many correspondents, for it makes one realize the vastness of this great broadcast.

From approximately 350 radio stations, 25 of these outside the United States, this great ministry goes into thousands of cities, towns, and villages to 4,000,000 listeners each week. God touches many of these hearts, and the letters come rolling in. May we share this joy with you in the following letters.

### SERVICEMAN ENJOYS BROADCAST:

"I am an airman on a small island off the coast of Korea. I am listening to your broadcast, which my wife has put on tape, as our radio picks it up from the Philippines. Whenever I play your broadcasts on my tape recorder there is always an appreciative audience. We have very little in the way of old-fashioned services here, but your

broadcasts help so much. We thank you so much and praise God for working through you way out here."

### HUSBAND DELIVERED FROM TOBACCO:

"I sent a prayer request to you, and I want you to know God answered that prayer and completely delivered my husband from the chewing tobacco habit. He doesn't even have a desire for it anymore."

### MAN HEALED AND SAVED:

"I wrote you some time back to pray for a sinner in the hospital, with a blood clot in his heart. Doctors had given him up. He has been released and was in Sunday School yesterday; he was saved and enrolled in our class."

### COUPLE DRAWN CLOSER TOGETHER:

"More than a year ago my husband and I wrote you a special prayer request in behalf of our son and his wife who were about to separate. Now we would like to report that God answered prayer for them, inasmuch that they now have a ten-month-old baby boy; the whole family seems to be united in a new way. We are thanking the Lord for His goodness and want to share the results with you and your prayer group who interceded with us."

### SERVICEMAN SAVED:

"I heard your program and was brought back to Christ. I was reared in a home where Christ was first and the family second. Since I joined the Air Force, I have been drifting away from God. Tonight, while hearing your message, I found myself and came back to God. I want to thank you for the help and, most of all, for making me see that I have been so far off the road that God wants me to walk on."

### LADY HOME FROM SANATORIUM:

"I wrote asking that you and your prayer warriors pray for my sister-in-law. I am writing to say that she is home from the sanatorium, well and in her right mind. In her words she told me, "When I knew you and the people were praying, that was enough for me."

### SON SAVED:

"I want to tell you that our prayers have been answered. My son who drank has been wonderfully delivered from drink and cigarettes. Only God knows how happy I am and how thankful I am to you and your group for praying. I do thank God that he is converted."

### DEDICATION SERVICE FOLLOWS REVIVAL AT SOUTHWESTERN

Seventy-nine young men and women (shown above) consecrated their lives for service to God during the spring revival at Southwestern Bible Institute at Waxahachie, Texas. Placing their hands over their hearts to signify total submission to the will of God, the group united in a dedicatory prayer.

B. Owen Oslin, pastor of First Assembly in Fort Smith, Arkansas, was the revival speaker. He had just returned from a thirty-day evangelistic crusade in British Guiana, and the hearts of the students were thrilled as he challenged them to teach, preach, and live the gospel of salvation wherever they went.

Brother Oslin's graphic presentation of



### RADIO NEWS FLASH!

The following stations have been added to the REVIVALTIME radio log:

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. (WELL)

1400 kc.—250 watts

Sundays, 10:30 p.m.

FT. DODGE, IOWA (KVFD)

1400 kc.—250 watts

Sundays, 9:30 p.m.

MANITOWOC, WISC. (WCUB)

980 kc.—1,000 watts

Sundays, 8:30 a.m.

ORLANDO, FLA. (WHOO)

990 kc.—10,000 watts

Sundays, 7:45 a.m.

### BACKSLIDER RECLAIMED

"God has taken me back into His family and I am His child and, oh, I am so happy and free. Please pray with me now that God will baptize me in His Holy Spirit, for I want all He has for me."

God's blessing has certainly been resting upon the ministry of this great Full Gospel ministry by radio. Men and women everywhere are finding real blessing from the program, and yet there are thousands who have not yet been touched. If every Full Gospel believer would stand behind this great world-wide ministry, millions more could be reached within a very short time. This is the hour God has given us. Will we be faithful to our generation? Will we reach them? *Your* letter will help make this possible. Send your letter of encouragement and your prayerful support to REVIVAL-TIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MO.

the need he had so recently witnessed created a desire on the part of the school to begin a "little Southwestern" in British Guiana. Consequently, the students, faculty, and administration gave one of their largest single cash offerings as a foundation gift to begin a Bible school in that land. In the above picture, three baskets of sacrificial gifts are held by Pastor Oslin; Mrs. Helen Davis, Director of Missions; and James Bridges, president of the Southwestern Missionary Organization.

Brother Oslin's ministry inspired every believer to desire a closer walk with God. In every service, without exception, someone was filled to overflowing with the Pentecostal blessing. The students at Southwestern who had not been baptized with the Holy Ghost at the end of the revival period were very few.

# Finest in its Field

## KNOWING THE DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE

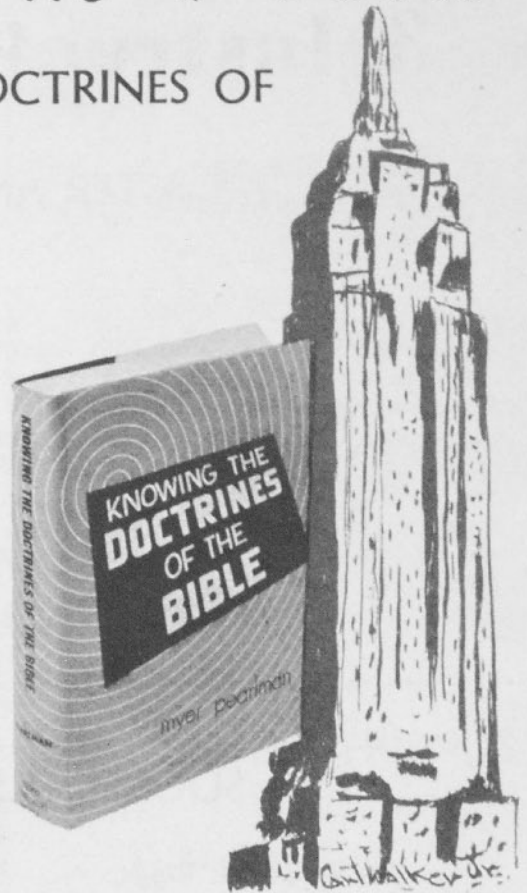
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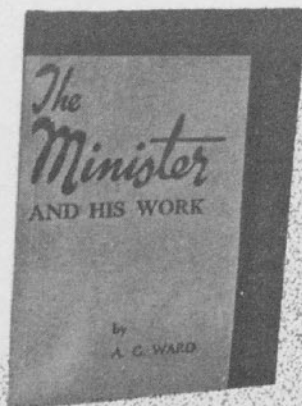
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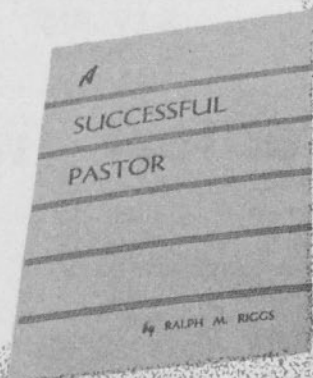


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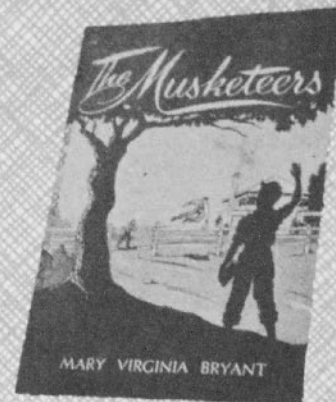
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# The Days of Our Years

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things. Here I list five of the things our days say.

## I

Our days speak of the brevity of human life here upon the earth, but at the same time they intimate that life does not end when it ends here. Every day tells us, at night, if we will but hear its voice, that we are a day nearer the end of our earthly pilgrimage than we were that morning, and each day reminds us that our last day here upon this planet will most certainly come. For life is made up of days, "the days of our years," and these days must come to an end. But, at the same time, when we see the sun sink beyond the western horizon we are sure that it is not lost but will rise again—in fact, it is rising somewhere else while it is setting where we are. The poet evidently had this thought in mind when he wrote:

*"There is no death! The sun goes down  
To rise upon some farther shore,  
And bright in heaven's jewelled crown,  
It shines forevermore."*

Here on this planet the sun is always rising and setting at the same time; it is always morning, always evening, always noontide; and as to whether it is rising or setting for us, depends entirely upon *where* we are. Always somewhere it is day, and somewhere else it is night. And this truth speaks to us of the fact that there is a place where it is permanently light and a place where it is permanently dark—a heaven and a hell. Concerning the former we read, "There shall be no night there;" and the latter is described in the Word as "outer darkness," and as "the blackness of darkness forever." Thank God for a Saviour who can save us from sin, and for a Bible that tells us how to avoid hell and reach heaven. God speaks, not only through nature, but through His Word. Let us be like one of old who said, "I will hear what God the Lord will speak."

## II

Days speak of the order that God has established and is maintaining in His universe. Days are brought about,

and succeed one another, as a result of the rotation of the earth upon its axis. This rotation is constant and dependable. So it is possible for us to tell at what exact moment of any day of the year the sun will rise in any given place, and at what exact moment it will set. What confusion there would be in every part of the world if it were otherwise! Suppose some days were long and some were short, and we had no means of ascertaining ahead of time whether any specific day would be a long day or a short day. The result would be a chaotic condition—in business life, in social life, and in religious life. Uncertainty would characterize all our activities. But God is not a God of confusion, but of order. And so there is order in the material world, and wherever disorder is in evidence it is the result of sin.

## III

Days speak also of the changeable and undependable nature of life on this planet under the conditions that now exist. While we know ahead of time just when the sun will rise on a given day, and just when it will set, there is no way of ascertaining what the character of the day will be. It may be fair, or it may be foul. It may be a bright day, or a dark day. The sun may shine brightly, or clouds may obscure the sky. There may be tornadoes or hailstorms and, as a result loss of life and great property damage. There may be earthquakes; cities may be shaken and buildings may topple. The conditions under which life exists on this earth are more or less trying everywhere, because they are so uncertain. So the hearts of many have been failing with fear. But God is not responsible for these conditions. No such conditions would exist, were it not that sin has invaded this otherwise orderly world. And God has made provision to remove sin. It *has been* removed, and *is being* removed from many hearts, and is ultimately to be removed from the world as a whole. Then everywhere on this planet truth will triumph, righteousness will reign, and peace will prevail. Days during that Golden Age will continue to speak, but *then*, instead of speaking of the changeable and undependable nature of life, they will speak of conditions that have been rendered stable by the introduction and triumph of the righteousness of God. "Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment" (Isaiah 32:1).

## IV

Days speak of the impartiality of God. "He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:45). Spiritual blessings, as well as material blessings, are impartially bestowed. Here is a passage that is worth remembering: "Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary. Thy congregation hath *dwelt therein*" (Psalm 68:9). The reason some receive blessings, while others fail to receive them, is not that God is partial in bestowing them, but that some *dwelt* where the blessings are falling, and some do not. God is impartial.

## V

Days speak also of the great value that should be attached to time. My father, in inculcating frugality, used to say, "Take care of the dimes, and the dollars will take care of themselves." And it may well be said that if we take care of the minutes and the hours, the days will take care of themselves. How many of us waste the precious time that God has given us! And how criminally wrong it is for us to do this! Every moment is a fraction of a day, and every day is a fraction of our lives. Some day we must give an account, our Lord said, of every idle word that we speak. And surely we shall have to give an account of the time that we have wasted.

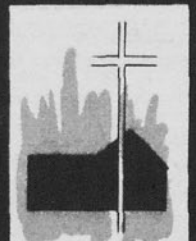
Are we not all guilty? And should we not repent? "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. . . . If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another [we with Him, and He with us] and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth [continuously cleanses] us from all sin." And, since all of us are continuing to "come short of the glory of God," how important it is that we live where the Blood, with its cleansing properties, is being continuously applied! ◀◀

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## Coming Events in Springfield

There will be several special events in Springfield, Missouri, within the next two weeks which may be of interest to our *Evangel* readers. If you are within driving distance and find it possible to attend any or all of these events, you are warmly invited and urged to do so.

### FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

It was just forty years ago that the General Council of the Assemblies of God made its headquarters in Springfield. The fortieth anniversary will be observed with a number of special events during the week of May 18 to 25.

On Thursday evening, May 22, there will be an Open House at the printing plant of the Gospel Publishing House, 1435 Boonville Avenue. Friends are invited to visit between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. for a guided tour. By special arrangement with the employees, the entire plant will be in operation during those hours. Refreshments will be served and a souvenir brochure will be given to each guest.

Various activities are scheduled during the anniversary week for the purpose of acquainting our friends with the development of the Assemblies of God and the functions of the various departments of our church.

### CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

Commencement activities will begin on Monday night, May 26, with a student recital and recognition service in the school chapel. All are welcome to attend and enjoy this event.

Graduates and other former students will be especially interested in the Homecoming Services, at which Andrew Stirling, North Carolina District Superintendent, will be the guest speaker. These services will be on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, May 27 and 28, at 9 a.m.

The Annual Alumni Banquet will be on Tuesday, May 27, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Baccalaureate service will be on Wednesday, May 28, at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

The Commencement service will be on Thursday, May 29, at 7 p.m. The speaker will be J. Philip Hogan, Secretary of Promotions for the Foreign Missions Department.

### EVANGEL COLLEGE

The Closing Exercises at Evangel College will be on Friday, May 30, beginning at 10 a.m. The speaker will be B. Owen Oslin, Pastor of the First Assembly in Fort Smith, Arkansas. All *Evangel* readers are invited to attend this service in the college chapel, which will mark the end of the third year of operation of this growing Assemblies of God college.

### MISSIONARY CONVENTION

ABERDEEN, MISS.—Recently we had a four-day Missionary Convention at the First Assembly of God. Ted and Laura Schultz of Togo, Dahomey were the main speakers. Charles Hurst, R. C. Davis, Miss Gertrude Hickman, and Mrs. Thelma Commerdelle, Mississippi WMC President, also spoke during the convention.

This was the first Missionary Convention held in our church. The ministry of these

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Bay Minette	* A of G	May 14-25	Dick Stevens Party	Gordon Earls
Ark.	Altheimer	A of G	May 25-June 8	Bob Swaim & wife	Martha Miller
	Hot Springs	Central	May 18—	Jim Anderson & wife	H. A. Still
Calif.	Carlsbad	Gospel Tab.	May 13-25	John H. Bostrom	P. A. Zimmerman
	Gilroy	A of G	May 18—	Benny Sapp & wife	Keith Reed
	San Bernardino	First	May 4-18	Allan Snider & wife	Louis Hauff
	Ukiah	First	May 20—	Don George	J. R. Edgar
Fla.	Clearwater	First	May 25-June 8	D. C. Ogden	A. L. Shell, Jr.
	Gainesville	A of G	May 23-June 1	R. S. Peterson	W. M. Hoard
	Jacksonville	Faith Tab.	May 20-June 1	Ernie Eskelin	E. R. Schulz
Ill.	Decatur	Glad Tidings	May 21—	H. W. Duncan Family	J. H. Crouch
	Hartford	A of G	May 11-25	H. Cox-M. Brown	Roy Warner
Ind.	Evansville	First	May 11—	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	Joe Ragsdale
	Gary	Full Gospel Tab.	May 6-18	Wayne Fagerstrom	James D. Menzie
La.	Cullen	A of G	May 25—	Jimmy Swaggart	James Bridges
Mich.	Detroit	East Side	May 11—	James Weaver	Leroy Morgan
Minn.	Mountain Lake	A of G	May 6-18	Garfield J. Unruh	D. L. Nultemeier
	Sherburn	A of G	May 20-June 1	Garfield J. Unruh	Leland G. Shultz
Miss.	Clarksdale	First	May 25-June 8	Tommy Lofton	R. W. Wimberly
	Gulfport	A of G	May 18-June 1	Marvin L. Smith	Woodrow Oxner
	Waynesboro	First	May 25-June 8	Earl Irby	Cecil Miles
Mo.	Pierce City	A of G	May 13-21	F. Orman Coats	Wilbur Schuessler
Mont.	Anaconda	A of G	May 13-25	Orrin Kingsriter	R. R. Nichols
N. J.	Bayonne	First	May 26-June 1	Bill Scott	Joseph Mezzapelli
N. Mex.	Carlsbad	Riverside	May 6-18	Robert Northrop	C. L. Tillery
	Lovington	A of G	May 18—	L. C. Eldridge & wife	O. A. Boteler
N. Y.	Dansville	A of G	May 25—	W. F. Voodre & wife	Rudolf Metzger
Ohio	Elyria	First	May 7-18	Musical Duncans	Robert M. Graber
	Lima	First	May 6-25	A. G. Basell & wife	T. E. Hartshorn
	Wadsworth	First	May 20-June 1	Arnold Segesman & wife	Chas. S. Celentano
Okla.	Alva	* A of G	May 25-30	Fred & Gladys Voight	S. B. Douglass
	Barnsdall	First	May 25—	David Essary & wife	George Clements
	Fairview	** A of G	May 16—	Raymond Schaeffer	Floyd Schaeffer
Pa.	Ellwood City	A of G	May 11-25	Moses Copeland	A. R. Hartwick
	Philadelphia	Keystone RT	May 18-June 1	John & Olive Kellner	Stanley Karol
	Sharon	A of G	May 27-June 8	Ada E. Lear	W. C. Harper
	Shickshinny	A of G	May 25—	Smith-Rasmussen	Paul Pittman
	Stroudsburg	First Pent.	May 11-25	Hattie Hammond	J. Russell Cairns
S. C.	Georgetown	First	May 20-June 1	Calvin Melton	A. T. Hickman
Tenn.	Columbia	First	May 25-June 8	Earl E. Blythe	R. F. Allen
Tex.	Levelland	* First	May 25-June 1	Edith Little	Ted Vassar
	San Antonio	South	May 25-June 8	D. C. Morocco	C. T. Gray
	Tyler	Rose Center	May 18-25	Norman Jones	D. D. Lewis
	Van	A of G	May 20-June 1	M. C. Allen Party	F. M. Jones
	Victoria	First	May 11—	Joe Mazzu & wife	J. B. Brumbelow
Wis.	Milwaukee	Lakeside	May 14-25	Robt. & Lillian Watters	Lloyd Christiansen
Phil.	Manila	Bethel Temple	April 27-May 25	F. A. & Inez Sturgeon	Alfred Cawston

\* Children's Revival

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people did much to enlarge our missionary vision.—S. H. Balius, Pastor.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

OBSERVING PENTECOST DAY—May 25 at Assembly of God, San Dimas, Calif. All-day services with dinner on the grounds.—by Ben E. McEntyre, Pastor.

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT COUNCIL—June 9-11 at Central Assembly of God, Biloxi, Miss. Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent, guest speaker. District board meeting at 10 a.m., June 9. Douglass Carroll is host pastor. J. C. Burks, District Superintendent, in charge.—by E. E. Noland, District Secretary-Treasurer.

### WITH CHRIST

ENRIQUE ZARAZUA, 65, Marlin, Texas

went to be with the Lord April 14, 1958. Brother Zarazua was ordained with the Latin American District Council in 1942. He had pastored the Latin American church in Marlin for a number of years.

MRS. ESTELLA ANN WILCOX, 72, San Francisco, Calif. went to her eternal reward April 10, 1958. Sister Wilcox was ordained in 1943. She was active in pastoral and evangelistic work, and for a while was a missionary to the Fiji Islands. She remained active through the Glad Tidings Temple in San Francisco until the time of her homegoing.

*We wait for the Lord, our Beloved,  
Our Comforter, Master, and Friend,  
The Substance of all that we hope for  
Beginning of faith and its end.*

# WHEN REVIVAL COMES

BY S. FRANKLIN LOGSDON

**R**EAL REVIVAL IS NOT A PROCESS. REAL REVIVAL IS THE outcome or result of the freedom with which we permit the Holy Spirit to operate in and through our lives.

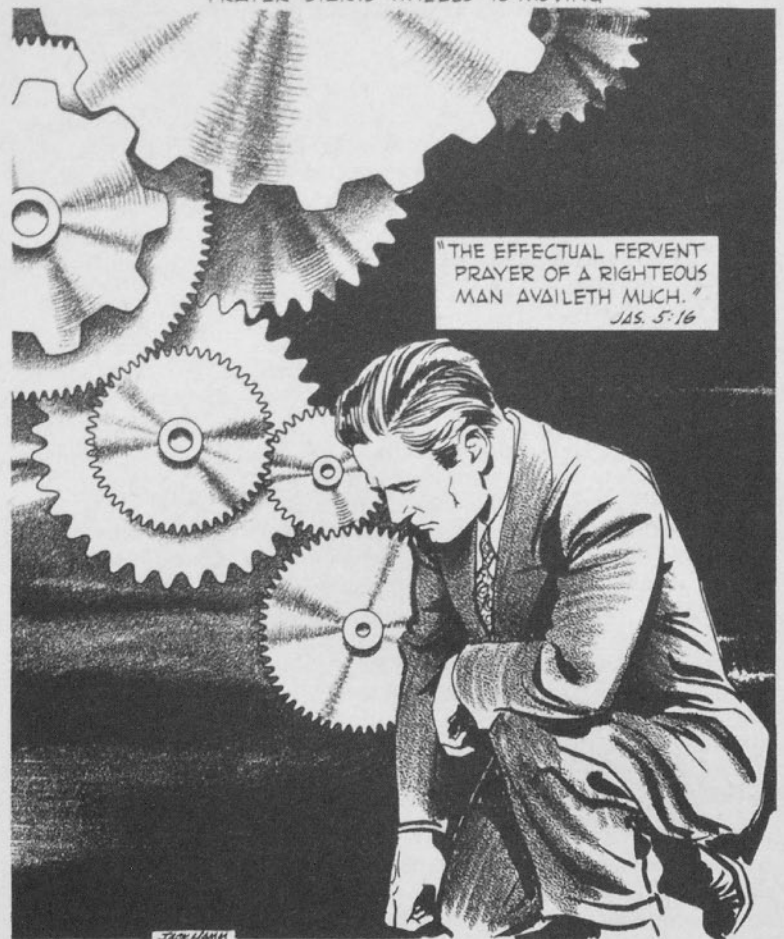
What is sorely needed in our accelerated plunge downward is a solemn turning of our hearts Godward in humble submission to His holy will, thus permitting Him to manifest His presence and power in our midst. The present leanness of soul, carelessness of living, and barrenness of service have had so gradual a development that the professing Church not only has been blind to the situation but has become confirmed in its indifference.

Before there can come a real awakening and a time of refreshing from out of His presence, there must of necessity be contrition of heart, even deep sorrow of soul for the prolonged indifference toward God, and the deep grief we have caused the Holy Spirit. We must be bent and broken sufficiently to feel the hurt which our coldness, stubbornness and impenitence have inflicted upon the heart of Christ.

God wants to revive His people. What father would delight in the sickliness of his child? What father could rejoice in the waywardness and disobedience of his children? That the present need is pathetically and irrefutably great is apparent. The hour calls for a challenge of no small proportions.

The flesh is capable of making a grandiose display before a decadent age, to elicit the applause of the crowds; but it does not change the heart from its wild propensities. It is the recognized presence of God that humbles the heart, strengthens the soul and encourages service. To Moses, Jehovah assuringly promised, "My presence shall go with

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"THE EFFECTUAL FERVENT  
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MAN AVAILETH MUCH."  
JAS. 5:16

thee." The quick response of God's servant, and a very natural one, was, in effect, "How else could we possibly go on?"

Revival is not a momentary emotional upsurge. It is an unforgettable dealing with Him whose irresistible voice, which will call forth the dead from their graves, has issued the sovereign command to rise to higher heights in our spiritual lives—a new display of the new life which was gained through faith in Christ as Saviour—an energy which transcends and outlasts all fleshly effort, making the conduct attractive, the ministry productive and the prayer-life effective.

The plea of the heart for revival grows out of the soil of self-dissatisfaction. Longing for it germinates at once when an honest appraisal of the life is made. When we see Him as Isaiah did, see Him as He is, in all the perfections and purity of His character, the purging is desired and the live coal from off the altar is requested. And with the renewal of the presence of the Lord, to the believer's cold and cluttered heart comes the release of His power, resurrection power.

Do you ask, "Will God revive His people?" He asks, "Will my people, who are called by my name, humble themselves and pray and seek my face?" When we are sufficiently penitent to despise our sin, to disown it, and to depart from it, then will we answer our Father in heaven with David of old—"When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek." Then will God hear from heaven; then will He bless His people; then will the people reverence and obey His Word. Then will the true meaning of revival be known.