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



*Children love V.B.S.—including twins. These five sets of twins attended the classes at the Assembly of God in Abingdon, Illinois.*

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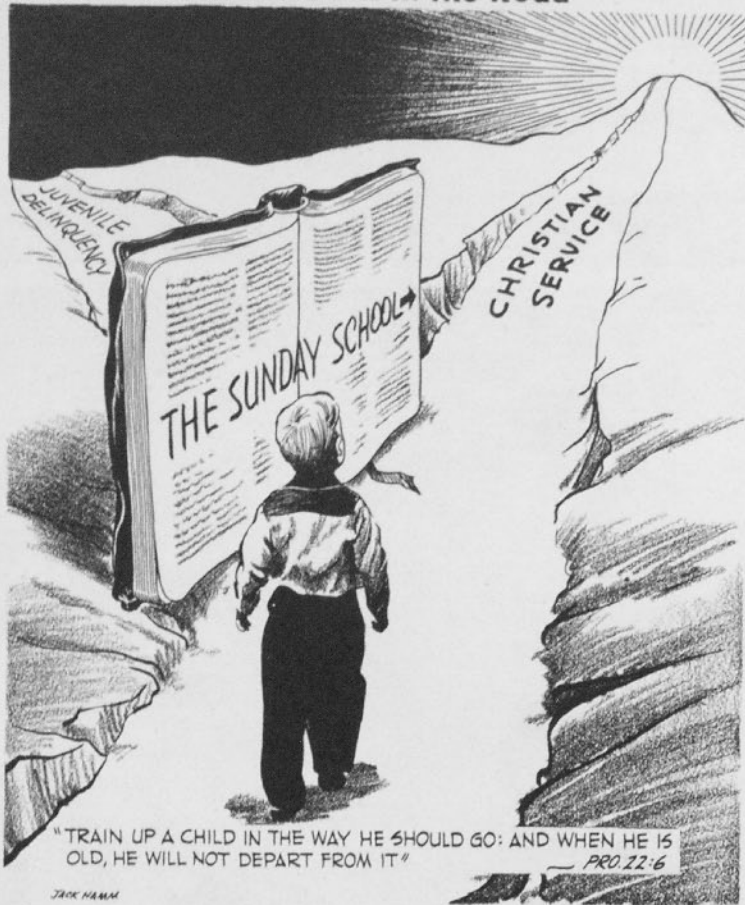
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and other articles of spiritual interest

## At the Fork in the Road



JACK HAMM

### THIS SCHOOL MUST GO ON!

It may be wise to suspend the work of the Public Schools for the summer, to give teachers and pupils a much-needed rest; but the work of the Sunday School must never stop. It must go on the whole year through. If there is one season when soul winning and Bible teaching are needed more than another, it is in the summer.

In these warm months when children are idle and are exposed to so many temptations and wrong ideas, Vacation Bible School is a welcome partner that reinforces the year-round work of the Sunday School and reaches many boys and girls whom the Sunday School does not reach. It offers incalculable possibilities for good. For example, the Assembly at Abingdon, Illinois, had a V.B.S. last summer for the first time in ten years. Ralph Doan was the principal. It lasted two weeks, and out of 116 enrolled there was an average attendance of 95. The children enjoyed it immensely including the five pairs of twins seen on the cover page: Janice and Janet Forshee, Mary and Marty Smith, Connie and Bonnie Hanlin, Jimmie and Johnie Dickerson, Mary and Marilyn Horton. They are shown greeting Sister Doan at the door.

G. D. Coborn, the Abingdon pastor, said there was great enthusiasm for the school, which was held in August. "Some boys who could think of nothing but ball playing earlier in the summer became our most ardent supporters in the Intermediate class. Out of this we organized a mixed Intermediate Sunday School class of fifteen members."

The Abingdon V.B.S. was one of approximately 2,500 held by our Assemblies of God churches last summer. Only 86 per cent of our churches reported their results to national headquarters, but if their experience was typical of the remainder there were 217,428 boys and girls enrolled in these schools and 15,903 children were converted during V.B.S. Let us pray the total results may be even greater this summer.

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# Children Are IMPORTANT

They do not have to wait until the age of twenty-one to be citizens of heaven!

BY DON MALLOUGH

*National Evangelism Secretary*

RECENTLY A LITTLE SIX-YEAR-OLD girl disappeared from her home in a St. Louis, Missouri, tenement house. Her frantic parents notified police and an intensive search for the child was begun. It suddenly became vitally important to many people that the little girl be found. Anxiety for her physical welfare and for her very life increased with each passing hour. Newspapers over the land carried pictures of the distraught parents who "prayed to God for courage to bear up under this ordeal."

When, after three days, the child was found alive in an abandoned house, the joy of the parents was beyond expression. And those of us who followed the story shared that joy in a small measure at least.

Can it be that we who realize the importance of a little child when it is dramatized by a situation such as this are overlooking the great potential of childhood in other ways? Are we concerned for adults only in our search for souls, or do we care for the children as well? It seems that even some of us who believe strongly in evangelism and soul winning have overlooked the children who play on our doorsteps and romp in our parks. We may not admit it with our lips, but our actions often show that we count them as being of lesser value.

Child evangelism should not be incidental in the program of the Church; it should play a major role. Instead of leaving it to the few who have a natural knack for dealing with children, we

should train many more workers who can, and will, devote their time to winning boys and girls to Christ. Our emphasis on child evangelism, or lack of it, indicates whether or not we honestly think the conversion of children is important.

The attitudes of Jesus and of His disciples toward children were in open contrast. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all relate an important incident which illustrates that difference. When parents brought their children to Jesus for His blessing, the disciples openly rebuked them. They justified their actions by reasoning that Jesus' time was so valuable, His work so important, and His engagements so numerous that He had no time for children. Then too, there was the danger of setting a precedent so the time and talents of the Lord would be swallowed up by "unimportant" beings—children. The peculiar aspect is that it was not the scribes and Pharisees who took this attitude but the disciples themselves.

Greater than the disciples' displeasure with those who brought the children was that of our Lord when He found out what they had done. He was highly indignant and said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). In the same breath He expressed His displeasure with the actions of the disciples and yet manifested the utmost love and compassion toward the children. To Jesus children were important, but to the disciples they were not.

To fully comprehend the importance of children and the value of presenting the gospel to them, one must acknowledge three basic statements.

1. *Children need a Saviour.* Every individual born into the human family comes with the taint of sin upon him (Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:12). The seeds of sin are found in the life of the smallest babe (Psalm 58:3) even before it reaches the "age of accountability." No one knows for certain at just what age a child becomes responsible, but it definitely comes before adulthood. Evidence indicates that the age of accountability varies. Children need a Saviour and should be fortified with the gospel truth as early as possible. Then when a decision must be made they will be ready for it.

2. *Children can be saved.* One of the gravest errors we make is that of hindering children from coming to Jesus. In the Biblical account our Lord not only bade them come but spoke a solemn warning to the disciples by saying, "Forbid them not." His invitation was positive but He added emphasis with a negative warning. We may not justify the hindering process with the same reasons the disciples used, but our reasons are no better than theirs. The most prevalent hindrance we throw in the way is the theory that the child is too young. "Let him wait until later when he is more mature." Too many times the opportunity is lost after such a statement, and in adult-

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# Leading Children to Christ

Written by

DICK CHAMPION

SIX-YEAR-OLD ANDREW CUNNINGHAM tugged at his father's coattail. Pastor Van Meter was inviting the unsaved to the altar at the close of the Sunday evening service.

"Can we go up there, Daddy?" Andrew asked.

"Brother Van Meter is inviting those who want to be saved to come forward," explained his father.

"I know it," said Andrew very softly and very seriously. "I want to be saved." And there was such an earnest look in the boy's big eyes that his father felt sure he knew what he was doing.

Andrew's conversion was one of a number of child conversions in Springfield's Central Assembly that week. It came as a direct result of a five-night children's revival campaign conducted by Norman Pearsall, a young man who has had unusual success in this field of evangelism.

For seven years (before becoming a staff artist at the Gospel Publishing House) Norman and his wife Mary traveled across the country in children's meetings. They usually held their meetings in a church in the early evening hours—such as from 7:00 to 8:30 o'clock. They use many visual aids in presenting the gospel. Norman believes in using any reasonable means to hold the children's attention and reach their minds. Illustrated stories, chalk drawings, Bible quizzes, cow bells, sleigh bells, puppets, and many other "props" are used—all for a single purpose: to impart some spiritual truth to the children's minds and hearts.

Boys and girls watch with rapt attention. It is amazing how much they remember. Adults who drop in and watch out of curiosity find themselves engrossed in each presentation, and they too learn and remember.

Thousands of children have been saved through Norman's unusual ministry. Entire families have been converted and added to the church through the salvation of a child. As time has

passed, he has met a number now active in gospel ministry who were saved in his meetings. (He still finds time for children's revivals in Springfield and nearby towns. Each year he has the opportunity to minister in a children's camp somewhere in the U. S. This summer he will be ministering in the Bahama Islands for six weeks.)

Since a number of the children saved in these meetings come from Christian homes, parents find themselves faced with this question: What is the responsibility of a Christian parent to these young converts? Will the one experience at the altar—the experience of conversion—suffice until the child is older and can understand the plan and purpose of salvation more clearly?

The answer obviously is, "No." Brother Pearsall, himself the father of two sons—Dennis 8, and Dale 5—in an interview strongly emphasized the importance of parental influence and concern. "These factors are absolutely necessary if the child is to grow spiritually," he said.

"One of the biggest problems in working with children," Norman stated, "is that adults are often inclined to think rather lightly of the conversion of a child. They feel he doesn't know what he is doing.

"I have found that a child who will raise his hand, signifying he wants to be saved, and then will stand while others around him remain seated, and finally will walk down to the altar, usually knows what he is doing. He may not understand all our theology; he may not know all the terms we adults use; but he knows he is a sinner and needs Jesus to come into his heart."

Parents, then, need to accept these child conversions at face value, Mr. Pearsall said. They must do all within their power to lead their children on to spiritual maturity.

Throughout the interview Mr. Pearsall emphasized: "Take the child's spiritual experience seriously. Show an interest in his spiritual growth." Things that may seem petty to parents are big problems to children.



Evangelist Norman Pearsall uses an umbrella to illustrate a gospel truth during children's revival campaign. In addition to being a children's evangelist, Brother Pearsall is an accomplished artist. His outstanding art work appears regularly in *The Pentecostal Evangel* and other Assemblies of God periodicals. He also teaches art at Central Bible Institute.

The power of influence is the parent's greatest power over the life of the child, Norman believes. Parental example can greatly enforce the teachings of the home. But if home training is a case of "do as I say, not as I do," then the child is at a great disadvantage.

The home environment is another important phase of the child's spiritual growth, according to Mr. Pearsall. The child who learns to pray to God naturally, who comes from a home where spiritual matters are frequently and freely discussed, and who lives in an atmosphere of God-consciousness fostered by his parents, has a distinct advantage in life. Parents should strive to create this type of environment for their children.

Family prayer, grace at the table, a feeling of mutual confidence among family members—these are all useful tools to implement spiritual growth in child converts, Norman believes. These are methods he uses with his own boys, and he has found them effective. He also has suitable books available for them to read.

Norman has found that in his busy life he must *take* time to be with his family. Christian parents are often more guilty of neglect here than in other phases of child training. God has ordained that children have parents—and those parents must do more than supply the child's material wants. Parents need to *pal* with their children. This builds a feeling of "togetherness" in the family; makes it easier for children to bring their problems to their parents.

Discipline, kindly and appropriately administered, is a definite part of the child's character development, in Norman's opinion. Allowing a child to get by with a misdeed tends to make him think he can get by God when he sins.

Mr. Pearsall observed that children will confide more readily in some adults than in others. How can parents gain the confidence of their children? He suggests: (1) Take time with them when they come with their problems and ideas. (2) Help them make up their own minds, rather than give them outright advice. He thinks the child is more apt to follow the decision if he makes it himself. Parents, however, can and should point out the evils and perils in a given path. (3) Satisfy the child with enough of an answer when he asks a question—an accurate answer which will satisfy him for the present time.



# The Story Hour

AN EFFECTIVE METHOD OF CHILD EVANGELISM

THE ONCE-A-WEEK ACTIVITIES OF the Sunday School and church are insufficient to properly train children in the practical truths of the Bible. And so it is that many church workers have seen the need for midweek activities which afford an opportunity for children to receive further spiritual training.

The children's story hour is one midweek activity which is sometimes undervalued. This effort of evangelism can be an effective arm of outreach in the church's ministry of winning boys and girls.

The worth of a weekday story hour is well illustrated by the experience of the assembly in Coffeyville, Kansas. Pastor P. E. Lowenberg reports that as a summer project, the members of the Coffeyville church sponsor a "Playmates Story Hour" every Wednesday afternoon.

The idea began with two C. A. girls who desired an additional avenue of Christian service. The two, Jane Vanderhoof and Judy Teehee, circulated invitations throughout the several blocks around Jane's home, hoping a

few would respond to the invitations. To their great surprise, 42 children gathered on the Vanderhoof lawn on that first afternoon. Since then, the number enrolled has grown to 75.

Indicative of the community interest in this project was the coverage which the local newspaper gave to the endeavor. And following that publicity, the superintendent of the local public schools asked that the girls conduct a story hour on every school ground in the city.

The name "story hour" indicates that the telling of stories is the major activity. These stories may come from the Bible or from present-day situations, and are presented by means of flannelgraph or flash card visual aids. But in addition to the stories, the hour is kept alive with such activity as the singing of action choruses, participation in a rhythm band, and finally, the serving of refreshments for all the children.

The girls report that their work with the children's story hour has been very rewarding. They believe the story hour idea would be of value to any neighborhood or community. ◀◀

Although the age at which children come to know Christ as Saviour varies according to a child's nature, his background training, and his environment, the parent should be alert for the opportunity to lead his unsaved child to Christ. The salvation of a child,

Mr. Pearsall says, cannot be forced. It must be voluntary. But parents have many opportunities to speak to their children about salvation. Use these wisely, he says, and you can help your child know God.

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# It's Camp Meeting Time for Boys and Girls!

BY GENE PUTNAM

Sunday School Director, Southern Missouri District

It will soon be camp time! Districts, churches, and workers across the nation are planning the best camps ever for 1958.

A big welcome is extended throughout the land. Camp leaders are praying and finalizing plans. Camp workers will volunteer time and even use their vacation period to serve in many capacities. Altogether, hundreds will sacrifice in order to make our camp meetings a success.

The beautiful lakes and streams, blue skies, warm sunny days, friendly mountains, and the happy carefree voices of our Pentecostal boys and girls provide an atmosphere that a camper will never forget. Fishing, games, handcraft, contests, and just the plain

"fun" of being with other boys and girls of the same age fill days long to be remembered. The boys and girls say it's the most fun they've ever had.

Yes, it's camp meeting with a new approach. But the basic spiritual emphasis is still where it belongs—on the wonderful Christ-centered principles which have thrilled the hearts of boys and girls throughout the ages.

If boys and girls from your church have attended our Assemblies of God children's and youth camps, you have been thrilled by the reports brought back of children accepting salvation, receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and consecrating their lives to the Lord's service.

Last year, in our camps across the

country, a grand total of 1,351 boys and girls were saved and 1,301 were filled with the Holy Spirit.

And back of these statistics are hundreds of thrilling stories of individual sacrifice, consecration, and dedication to Christian service. Lives are changed for time and eternity through the influence of these Pentecostal camps. Sometimes a counsellor speaks a word of wisdom to guide a puzzled youngster into the right paths. Or it may be some unexpected circumstance that brings life into focus for another.

One young fellow who went to youth camp expecting to find good accommodations ended up sleeping in a barn which had been converted into a dormitory because of the unusually large number attending.

Indignant at first, he felt better when reminded that the Saviour had slept in a manger. During the week, he became acquainted with a young man from India who was also placed in the barn-dormitory. They had long talks about the need of the Indian people, and before the camp was over God had called the boy to serve as a missionary in India. His whole life was changed and inspired because of a week at camp.

Our boys and girls camps provide a well-rounded program to meet the physical needs of each camper. Spiritual needs are met through systematic study of Bible-centered courses and through services of prayer and worship. Social needs are filled by the opportunity to learn, live, work, and play with others. Mental needs are answered by a challenge to think and act upon spiritual truths.

For information about the boys and girls camp in your section of the country, contact your District Sunday School Director, or write your National Sunday School Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

Learning about Jesus



Private devotions



Fun and exercise



# PERSONAL TESTIMONIES



An informal survey among students at Central Bible Institute revealed that a number of young people now training for Christian service were saved in Vacation Bible Schools. Because we believe it will encourage those who will be ministering in Vacation Bible Schools this summer, we are publishing their testimonies.

## Saved in First VBS

"It was while I was attending my first Vacation Bible School that the most important event of my life took place. At the close of the opening worship period one day the school director invited those who wanted to be saved to step forward. Many others went. I wanted to join them but did not.

"As we gathered for class our teacher, Jimmy Brown, began to deal with us about our souls. He told us how God had saved him from sin and given him real joy.

"During the craft session he was still dealing with us regarding our salvation. I could not resist any longer; I told Brother Brown that I wanted Jesus as my Saviour. At the close of that day's session several of us knelt and accepted the Lord.

"That was almost ten years ago. I am now preparing for the ministry. I am so thankful that I attended Vacation Bible School."

—Kenneth Broadus, Mobile, Alabama

## Saved After the Flannelgraph Lesson

"I was brought up in a Pentecostal home, and attended Sunday School and church regularly. But it was the Vacation Bible School that brought to me the personal experience of salvation at the age of thirteen.

"On that all-important day, God spoke to my heart as the teacher, Mrs. T. D. Creek, was presenting a flannelgraph story. Twelve of us responded when the opportunity was given to let Christ come into our lives.

"Vacation Bible School holds a special place in my heart. Not only do I thank the Lord for the teacher who told us the way of salvation that day,

but I am grateful for all those who worked with her, sacrificing time and effort that I might know the Giver of eternal life."

—Paul Jokisch, Freeburg, Illinois

## Experience Lasted

"I attended Vacation Bible School the year I was nine, just as I had done each year that I could remember. The attractions were still the same: Bible stories, handwork, singing, and sewing. But the most memorable part of that VBS for me was the day I knelt and received Jesus into my life. Salvation, the object of all the stories, songs, and projects, became a personal experience for me.

"I have often heard the questions, 'Can a young child grasp the story?' 'Will the experience be lasting or only temporary?' How thankful I am that the way of salvation was presented to my young heart, and I can presently testify that the experience has been lasting."

—Betty Adams, Mobile, Alabama

## Life Took on Meaning

"Although my parents were members of another denomination, they permitted me to attend an Assemblies of God Vacation Bible School with a friend.

"I was thirteen, and I found the teenage class particularly interesting. The teacher explained the Word of God so clearly that for the first time I learned the reality of 'religion.'

"Life itself took on meaning for me as I saw God's plan for lost mankind and as I saw myself a sinner for whom Christ died.

"One day the teacher asked all who were Christians to raise their hands. How miserable I felt, for I knew that

my soul's condition was anything but that of a Christian. Each day during the ten days I felt an increasing need for God. Finally I went to my teacher to inquire if, and how, I might have Jesus as my Saviour. That afternoon I was born into the family of God.

"Several years have passed since my decision for Christ, but I am still rejoicing in this new way of life. Now I am preparing to carry this same gospel to those who are in the same condition I was."—Shirley Dooling, Tulsa, Okla.

## New Church Opened With VBS

The Assembly of God in Webster Park, a sub-division of Springfield, Missouri, was started with a Vacation Bible School in the summer of 1956.

Pioneer Pastor Bob Flowers writes: "Attendance at that first school, held in an unfinished building, averaged twenty-nine. At first we saw no definite results from the week's effort, but the list of students provided us with a prospect list for home visitation. Before long we had several persons coming regularly to our Sunday School.

"In June, 1957, we conducted our second Vacation Bible School. During that week, our area received more rain than had fallen in years. Our building leaked, and water stood six inches deep in front of the church. But in spite of the weather, thirty-two children attended the school for the five days.

"Our Sunday School at present averages from thirty to forty, and some of the children who attended the first Vacation Bible School are still with us. We have twenty to twenty-five children on our roll who otherwise would not be in Sunday School.

"Vacation Bible School has been a means of reaching new families with the message of salvation, and we confidently expect that again this year our school will give a boost to the Sunday School and church." ◀◀

Children attending the first VBS



# A Church Within a Church

At Bethel Temple, Sacramento, the children have a "church" of their own

BY MAXINE MITCHELL

**B**ETHEL TEMPLE IN SACRAMENTO, California, has found the Children's Church a means of evangelism. But even beyond this primary goal, the Children's Church has proved to be a place of individual expression and child participation, as well as a place of instruction.

Leader Joe Krake states: "Not one children's service goes by without an opportunity being given for the children to accept Christ." Thus, the Children's Church is an effective avenue of soul winning. Most of the 125 enrolled have testified to an experience of salvation.

Realizing that children need more than evangelism to establish them in the Christian way, the leaders have added training to their aims for the children's worship program.

Training in giving to missions is a large part of the emphasis of the Bethel Temple group. The children gave over \$500 for missionary endeavors last year. Orphanages, special projects, and missionaries all over the world were placed on the list for prayer and financial support. Each Sunday a chart stands before the group to remind them of their pledges and to indicate the distance their money goes to bring others to Christ.

As a regular monthly project the children pay for one program of Luther Caton's Indian broadcast in Yerington, Nevada. Their enthusiasm for the project has prompted the adults of the Temple to join in this effort to evangelize Indians. The adults have provided recording equipment and necessary finances for a weekly thirty-minute radio broadcast.

Additional time is set aside in the children's service for instruction in gospel music. The junior church has its own choir, consisting of forty members. A portion of each session is given to practice by the choir while the rest of the children meet together to give



testimonies and sing choruses. In this way each child devotes some time to receive music instruction according to his level of interest.

Instrumental music is also encouraged. Each service is highlighted by a tuba solo, a piano duet, or some other special instrumental number rendered by boys and girls of the junior church.

As a result of the free expression developed in them, the children actively participate in the altar services at the close of the general church meetings. Brother Krake reports that some have been filled with the Holy Spirit during

these services. He attributes the fine spiritual response to the Bible instruction which is so presented that the Word of God is clearly understood at the child's age level, and also to the careful adult supervision which allows the children to respond to the moving of the Spirit.

The pastor of Bethel Temple, Clyde A. Henson, has often expressed his personal satisfaction with the leadership and progress of the Children's Church in which evangelism plus training is given to "Tomorrow's Church" today.

TOP: The boys and girls follow the example of the adults in their form of worship. Beverly Thompson is shown giving her testimony during Children's Church.

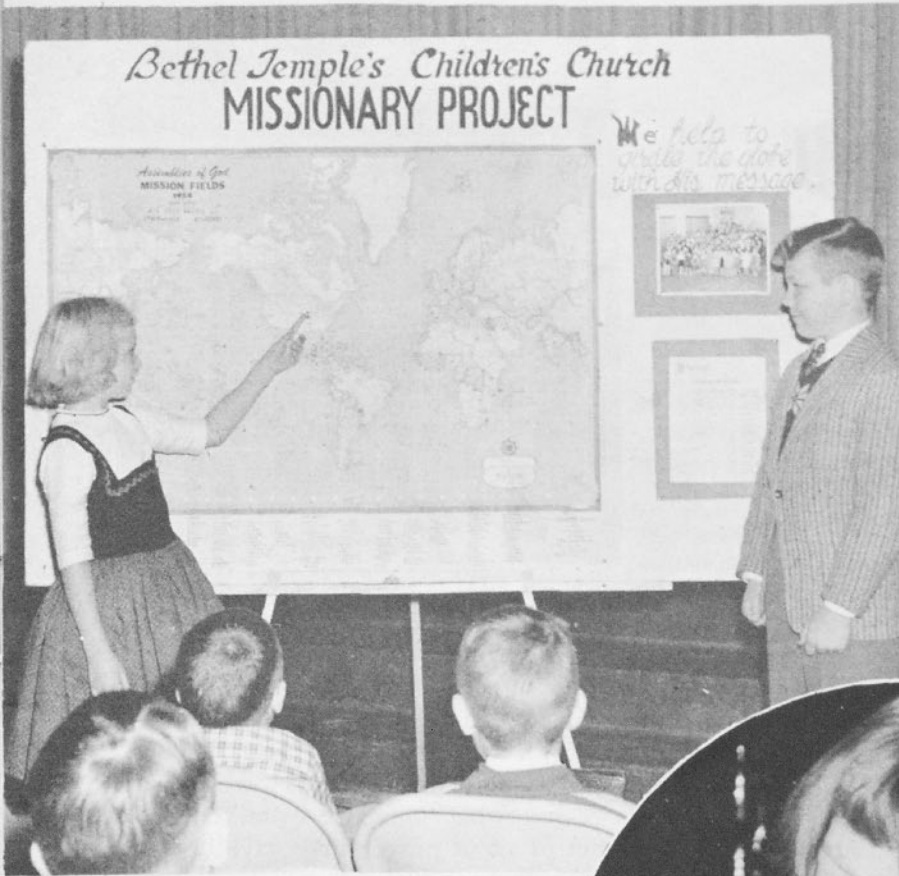
BELOW: The junior church choir, led by Mrs. Maxine Johnson, gets expert training in gospel music. The choir practices while the other children are having a chorus-and-testimony session.





*Bethel Temple's Children's Church*  
**MISSIONARY PROJECT**

*We help to  
 write the story  
 with His message.*



Laura Lewis points to one of the places where Bethel Temple children's offerings are sent. It is the National Children's Home in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The boys and girls at Bethel Temple love to sing. Their leaders are careful to explain the meaning of the song to the group.

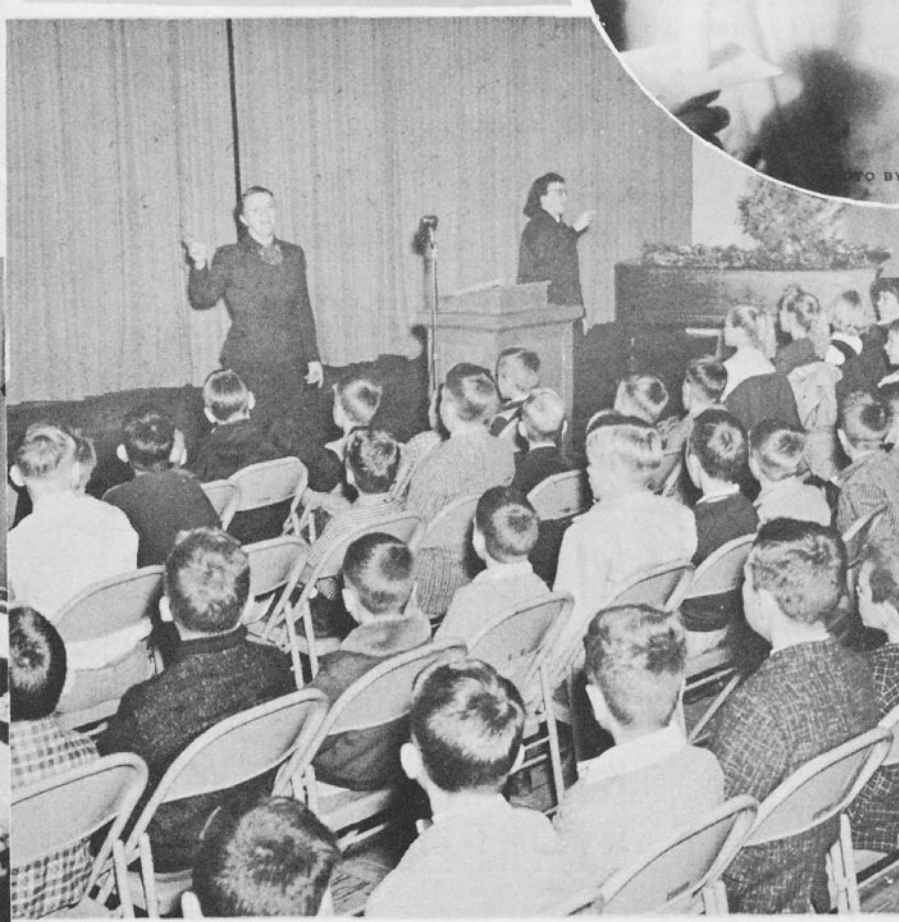


At Bethel Temple the children are trained to participate individually. Here Wesley Peterson plays a tuba solo while one of the girls holds the book.

Sharon Weber and Donda Johnson play a piano duet during a session at Bethel Temple Children's Church.



PHOTO BY EVA LUOMA



# Prayer Before Eating

BY AL WEST

RECENTLY A YOUNG MAN, UNKNOWN to himself, gave me a bit of disappointment. He came into a restaurant where I stop for a snack each evening on my way to work. He was neatly dressed and especially well-mannered. Noticing the Bible and religious magazines he was carrying, I thought he might be a young minister or perhaps a student from one of the Bible schools in our city.

He brought his tray of food to the table next to mine, so I took more notice of him. Carefully he placed his dishes of food on the table and I expected to see him offer prayer, but instead he began at once to eat and to read the evening paper. After a few minutes, he placed some coins in the music box and finished his meal to the accompaniment of "rock 'n roll" music.

I was disappointed for two reasons. First, his prayer would have strengthened my faith in my fellow men who profess to be Christians; and second, his prayer would have been a good example to others who might have been watching him.

I have eaten in this same restaurant quite often during the past four years, and have noticed only two other people who prayed before eating.

In one case, a father, mother, and four children all sat with folded hands and bowed heads as the father led in prayer.

The other case was a surprise to me. He was a big, rough-looking man. His clothes were not dirty but looked as if he might work in a factory, rather than in an office. His quick decisive actions drew my attention. Every move he made was direct and counted for something. He moved the hat stand that was a little too close to his table, then took time to hang his hat and coat with care. He used care to place his dishes of food in a proper arrangement on the table; then he spent at least five minutes in silent prayer, with bowed head and folded hands.

Some years before this, I went to live at the large Y. M. C. A. building in this city. My very first morning there I noticed a young man who gave thanks before eating. His example was the starting of my own table prayers



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which are still part of my daily program after forty years. His was the only offering of prayer I was able to observe in that Y.M.C.A. group of several hundred young men during a period of two years. How little we realize what influence even the simple act of silent prayer may have upon another!

My first instruction in prayer came at the age of five when my grandmother taught me to kneel at my bedside and repeat a four-line verse of prayer. During my first years of school, two of my teachers gave us Bible lessons every morning before classes. Through this, my four-line prayer was exchanged for the "Lord's Prayer." For years, this was my best prayer, and even now there are times when this prayer seems to bring the quickest and fullest answers to my needs

For Junior Readers:

## SIXTEEN BIBLE BIRDS

In this puzzle there are the names of sixteen Bible birds. Some of them are familiar names. Some of them, perhaps, you have never heard before. To find the names of these birds, move from one square to another, either up or down, or to the right or to the left, using each letter only one time. Do not move diagonally. Begin with the letter in the upper left-hand corner of the puzzle. A gray square indicates the last letter of a word.

ANSWER: If you solved the puzzle correctly, you will find the names of these birds in this order: eagle, ossifrage, ospray, vulture, kite, raven, owl, hawk, cuckow, cormorant, swan, pelican, stork, heron, lapwing, and bat. They are listed in the Bible in Leviticus 11:13-19 as birds which the Israelites were not to eat.

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as well as the greatest feeling of comfort and nearness to God.

I remember how when I was a child we received word that Dad's Uncle Frank was coming from the West to see us. Dad had not seen his uncle for a long time and could remember him only as a two-fisted, hard-working man who had spent fifteen years working in a railroad roundhouse without a single Sunday off, and another fifteen years at clearing off an eighty-acre stump lot in order to build himself a farm home. He was a long-whiskered Civil War veteran, and in his younger life he had had neither taste nor time for church.

Several times I heard Dad remark that if we were invited to grandmother's while Uncle Frank was there, he hoped she would ask Uncle to say prayers at the table and see how quickly he would tell her off. We were invited, all right, and I have never forgotten the expression that came to Dad's face when, after Uncle was asked to say grace, he folded his hands, bowed his head, and offered a prayer that to me seemed all of a yard long.

A period of years can change a life in many ways; and from that time on, Dad had a different opinion of his uncle.

While the Bible tells us to give thanks for all things and to pray without ceasing, it was the Lord Jesus Himself who set the example of prayer before eating. "Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them..." (Luke 9:16).

"And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it... And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it unto them..." (Mark 14:22, 23).

Too many people only think of prayer when trouble comes and they are forced to call upon God, but the habit of prayer before eating is a step toward giving thanks for all things and it can lead to praying without ceasing.

### The Heart of a Child

The heart of a child is a scroll,

A page that is lovely and white;

And to it as fleeting years roll,

Come hands with a story to write.

Be ever so careful, O hand;

Write thou with a sanctified pen;

Thy story shall live in the land

For years in the doings of men.

It shall echo in circles of light,

Or lead to the death of a soul.

Give here but a message of right,

For the heart of a child is a scroll.

—Author Unknown.



# Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

## Monday, June 9

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-15

**Learn:** "All these things happened unto them for ensamples... Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:11, 12).

**For the Parent:** From this passage point out: (1) the children of Israel enjoyed certain privileges; (2) Christ was with them as they wandered in the wilderness; (3) the things which happened to them are examples to us; (4) we need to beware lest we succumb to the same sins they did; (5) God will help us when we are tempted if we will turn to Him.

**Question Time:** How do we know Christ was with the Israelites in the wilderness? (v. 4) What does verse 13 mean to you?

## Tuesday, June 10

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 10:16-33

**Learn:** "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

**For the Parent:** Verses 16-22 deal with the communion service and emphasize that communion requires a separation from the world. The remainder of the chapter deals with the specific problem of what it is right to eat and what shouldn't be eaten. The principles given in it are also applicable to phases of Christian living in which there may be a question regarding right and wrong. It emphasizes Christian liberty governed by a desire to help others and glorify God.

**Question Time:** What principles for determining right and wrong are given here? (See above)

## Wednesday, June 11

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-34

**Learn:** "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (1 Corinthians 11:26).

**For the Parent:** The church at Corinth was having some problems regarding observing the Lord's supper (the communion service). Paul here (1) gives the order to be followed, vv. 23-26; (2) shows the purpose of the communion service, v. 26; (3) gives a warning against partaking "unworthily"—with unconfessed sin in the life—and tells the things which may come to such a person.

**Question Time:** What is the order to be followed in the communion service? (vv. 23-25) What is its purpose? (v. 26)

## Thursday, June 12

**Read:** Nehemiah 8:1-12

**Learn:** "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Psalm 119:18).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "Reading the Word of God" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) The Israelites, just returned from a long period of captivity in a foreign land, were eager to do God's will. Point out: (1) their eagerness, v. 3; (2) their respect for God's Word, and their worship, vv. 5, 6; (3) the explaining of God's Word, vv. 7-12. Strive to develop a greater love for God's Word.

**Question Time:** What did the people do as Ezra began to read from God's Word? (v. 5) How can v. 8 apply to us today?

## Friday, June 13

**Read:** Acts 24:24 to 25:13; 26:13-32 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe" (Proverbs 29:25).

**For the Parent:** When God called Paul, He told him he would be a witness before kings. These passages show a partial fulfillment of that. Emphasize Paul's boldness in witnessing, but also point out his tact and respect. Point out also the reactions of these three kings (24:25; 26:24, 28). One trembled and asked for a more convenient season; another called Paul insane; the third was "almost persuaded."

**Question Time:** What were the different reactions of these kings to Paul's testimony?

## Saturday, June 14

**Read:** Jeremiah 36:10-32 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "The word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isaiah 40:8).

**For the Parent:** Review the story of how a wicked king burned God's Word because he was irritated by its message. Show that (1) God protected Jeremiah the prophet and Baruch the scribe, v. 26; (2) man cannot finally destroy God's Word—it will always endure, vv. 27-32. Read Isaiah 40:8, stressing that we can put our confidence in God's Word because it is eternal and changeless.

**Question Time:** What did the wicked king do with God's Word? (vv. 21-24) Did this really destroy God's Word?

# Soul Rest

The Last in a Series of Five Articles

BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**I**N THE MIDST OF PRESENT WORLD conditions, where shall Christians go for rest and peace?

There is much to disturb us. Some may be worried concerning the political situation throughout the world. Others are frightened by the lawlessness in today's society. Many, living under one pressure or another, have become anxious concerning the well-being of their souls. There is tension everywhere. But Jesus says to us, "Let not your hearts be troubled."

"Go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock" (Song of Solomon 1:8). Follow the path laid out by those who have gone before you. The apostle Paul knew something of tensions. He described himself as being "often cast down." Had his faith not risen above the pressures of his life, he would have failed. He had to learn, in the face of trouble, to say, "Though cast down, I am not destroyed."

We must put our trust in the Lord and rest in Him. Jesus promised us peace of heart and mind. He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

The beloved Paul could look back to the prophets and from them receive encouragement in the midst of discouragement. We, like him, can look into the Word of the Lord. There we too find "the footsteps of the flock," the record of those who "endured, as seeing Him who is invisible." These were persons of "like passions as we are." They suffered the trials and misgivings of life as we do, but they kept their hope in the Lord.

Was David not in a depressed state when he cried, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me?" He was suffering confusing, inward disturbance. How was he lifted above the struggle? Only by putting his hope and trust in the Lord. He had to say to himself, "Hope

thou in God." His present was dark, but his faith embraced the future. "I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance" (Psalm 42:5).

We look too much to ourselves. We judge our relationship to God by the way we feel, instead of looking to Jesus, seeing in Him the Author and Finisher of our faith. The Lord has begun a good work in us. Will He then leave us in the pressing times of life? Have we not His promise, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee"?

We feel our unworthiness. The tempter strongly accuses. We would not yield to his temptations to commit open acts of sin. But too often we listen to his suggestions of doubt when the trials of life press us severely. If he can develop distrust, hope gives place to confusion and anguish and we begin to believe that something must be wrong. We look for a way by which to regain divine favor, when we have had this favor all along. Let us count on God more. We must declare our place in the great redemption which our Lord Jesus has provided. It is as we commit the keeping of our souls to Him as unto a faithful Creator that we find rest.

The Israelites are brought before us in the Book of Hebrews. We are told that they had the presence of the Lord with them in the guiding cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. Day or night, the Lord was there. It is so in our lives. In the valley or on the mountain, in the darkness or in the light, the Lord never leaves His own. In spite of God's assuring promise and His presence, because of their unbelief the Israelites did not enter into soul rest. "The word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it" (Hebrews 4:2).

Then comes the exhortation to us: "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief." Instead of giving place to doubt, we are

to "labour to enter into his rest." This labor is not struggling, but taking a stand in faith. Our Redeemer lives. We are children of God. Our names are written in heaven. We are God's redeemed ones, redeemed "not by works of righteousness which we have done," nor by silver and gold, but "with the precious blood of Christ." Soul rest is an individual matter. The blessing of the Lord may be all around us, but rest comes only as we find our place in Him.

Israel knew the promises of God, but the people failed to appropriate them. We need not be reminded of God's provision for us. We may fail, however, unless we make His provision our own. Job could say, in the midst of severe adversity, "I know that my redeemer liveth." His hope was in God. We too must hope in Him. The provision is made but we suffer because we fail to appropriate it.

Under the leadership of Joshua, Israel came into the promised land. We would think that their conflicts would now be over, but not so. They entered into their inheritance, but still had to subdue giants. We never reach a place in this life where we become immune to "manifold temptations" or trials. When these come we are "in heaviness." We must take the shield of faith, as well as the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. We must take our stand, not on how we feel, but on "Thus saith the Lord."

Dear child of God, although Israel failed to enter into God's rest, "There remaineth... a rest to the children of God." It cannot be emphasized too strongly that rest is found in complete reliance on the great atonement of our Lord and Saviour. We are saved through trust in the atonement; and

**BIBLE VERSE**



**MATTHEW 11:28**  
Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

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we will be ushered into glory because of the atonement. Our overcoming strength is in the atonement. It is Jesus who has "overcome the world." It is He who fought and overcame the enemy; and He did it for us, entirely for us.

How may we be overcomers? "By the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of [our] testimony." Our place of security is in Jesus. He "was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification" (Romans 4:25). Our redemption is found in Him. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

How do we enter into rest? By trusting wholly in the Lord. "For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his." This means that we must stop struggling to obtain the favor of God through self-effort. God finished the work of creation, then rested. He had done a good job and was satisfied. Jesus has finished the work of redemption. With it He is well pleased. If the redemption is well-pleasing to Him, let it be to us also.

We do not just *hope* to be redeemed—we *are* redeemed. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God." Let me give you a parting promise—"Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator" (1 Peter 4:19).

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope" (Romans 15:13). "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him" (Psalm 37:7). ◀◀



# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**"And so all Israel shall be saved" (Romans 11:26). Does this mean that all Jews, because they are Jews, will be saved?**

Paul did not so believe. He said, "Seeing ye... judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles" (Acts 13:46). "Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish" (Acts 13:41). See also Acts 28:25-27. The verse you quote means that there will be a national restoration, not of Jews only, but of all the tribes of Israel, in the kingdom age. See Ezekiel 37.

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**We hear so much preaching about demons. Where does the Bible tell about them?**

The word *demon* is not found in the King James Version of the Bible. But in such scriptures as Luke 4:41—"And devils came out"—the term *devils* would be better translated *demons*. There is one devil, but there are many demons. However, I do not like to see demons magnified. It is Christ we need to exalt. He said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).

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**Since the Bible says that nothing unholy can enter heaven, how is it possible for unholy children, born with Adam's sinful nature, to enter heaven?**

They will enter as we will enter—through the atoning merit of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Word says, "Where no law is, there is no transgression." Little children have not sinned against any written law, nor against the law of conscience.

We will not be saved through our own holiness, but through the holiness of Christ imputed to us because He "loved us" and "gave himself for us." It is He who fully obeyed the righteousness of the law and perfectly fulfilled the will of the Father. He then made atonement for us who were "dead in trespasses and sins." None will be saved except through the merit of what Christ has done for us. I believe innocent children will share in this merit. They could not be doomed since they

have broken no law. The old teaching that infants will be lost because they are guilty of Adam's sin is now abandoned by the vast majority of Bible students.

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**Why did Jesus say "Tell no man" when He healed the daughter of Jairus? (Luke 8:56)**

We may not know why. He knew the circumstances at that time as we do not. Jesus also advised the leper to tell only the priests (to whom he was to present himself, that, after examining him, they might know that he had been cleansed by Jesus—Matthew 8:4). Yet he told the one at Gadara, out of whom He cast many devils, to go home and tell "how great things the Lord hath done for thee." Conditions are not always the same. We need wisdom therefore as to how best we can glorify the Lord.

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**Are we to obey the Levitical law concerning what we should eat?**

Jesus said, "Do you not perceive that nothing whatever from without can defile a man by entering him, because it does not go into his heart, but into his belly, and passes away, ejected from him?" By these words he pronounced all foods clean" (Mark 7:18, 19, Montgomery). The Williams Translation reads, "In thus speaking He made all foods clean."

Thus the New Testament answers the question very clearly. Paul said, "I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean" (Romans 14:14). "For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer" (1 Timothy 4:4, 5).

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# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Crime

### JUSTICE BLAMES BEER AND WINES FOR MUCH JUVENILE SAVAGERY

Justice John Warren Hill of New York lays the "savagery and uninhibited conduct of many delinquents" to the "availability of beer and cheap wines." He further states that "young gangsters are being made into brutes that are a menace to any decent community through the unrestricted distribution of alcoholic beverages." Since February 7, he said, 1,021 "troublesome pupils" have been suspended from the public schools of New York.

### KOREANS ASK MERCY FOR MURDERERS OF THEIR SON

The parents of a slain Korean student at the University of Pennsylvania asked that mercy be shown toward the teen-age gang that committed the crime.

Oh In Ho, 26-year-old graduate student, was killed by young hoodlums who were on the prowl for money to go to a dance. Citizens of Philadelphia were shocked at the unprovoked attack. They called it one of the worst in the city's history. The mayor broke down and wept at the funeral, saying he was ashamed that so inhuman a crime had been committed in the so-called "city of brotherly love."

Eleven Negroes, ranging in age from 15 to 19, are being held on a charge of homicide. The District Attorney has said he will ask the death penalty. But the parents of the murdered youth have said that if mercy can be shown they will set up a fund "to be used for religious, educational, vocational and social guidance of the boys when they are released."

Oh's parents, who are Presbyterians, wrote from Korea saying: "We hope you can spare a piece of land in your country and bury our boy there, for your land is part of the homeland of Christians and people of democratic society. Thus we will remember your people and you remember our people, and both you and we will more vitally sense an obligation for better guidance

of juvenile delinquents whose souls are unsaved and whose human nature is paralyzed."

### FBI REPORTS NEW CRIME RECORD

Church leaders are expressing deep concern over the nation's increase in crime, especially the crimes committed by juveniles.

The latest report from the F.B.I. shows that 1957 was the worst year yet. There were 2,796,400 crimes known to police during the past year, an increase of 9.1 per cent over the previous record set in 1956.

F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover said that more than half a million American homes and business places were burglarized last year. Almost 300,000 automobiles were stolen. There were over 1,700,000 larcenies and petty thefts. There was a slight decrease (.7 per cent) in the number of murders and manslaughter cases, but in every other category of crime there was an alarming increase, he said.

Every day of the year, on the average, 19 Americans met violent death, 58 women and girls were raped, and about 300 persons were "assaulted with a deadly weapon."

A record number of 2,068,677 arrests were made by police in 1957. One out of eight involved a juvenile 17 years of age or younger. Nearly one-third of all arrests involved young people under 25 years of age.

## Radio

### EVANGELICAL RADIO STATION TO BE BUILT IN EUROPE

An interdenominational committee has been organized to promote the building of an evangelical radio station in Switzerland. A Pentecostal minister, Hermann A. Parli, is participating in the effort. Both the State Churches and the Free Churches of French and German Switzerland are represented on the committee, which reports that 550 million people and 90 million radio sets will be within the range of the transmitters of the projected broadcasting station.

## Evangelism

### SHANTYMEN REVIEW FIFTY YEARS OF BACKWOODS EVANGELISM

Twenty-eight men who use tree stumps for pulpits and lumberjack outfits for vestments met at Toronto, Canada, for the golden anniversary convention of the Shantymen's Christian Association of North America. They came from the backwoods of all ten Canadian provinces and from Maine, where they carry gospel light and literature to inhabitants of logging camps, fishing hamlets, lighthouses, and railroad camps.

Each Shantyman travels an average of 12,000 miles a year to reach the remote outposts. They go by boat, car, truck, or plane in the summer—but quite often they travel in snowshoes. They carry Scriptures and gospel tracts in packsacks on their backs, and sometimes slide projectors and screens.

Coming from sixteen evangelical denominations, the Shantymen are assisted occasionally by part-time workers, some of them college students. They are paid only \$30 a week—when funds are available. An association rule forbids their taking any offerings at meetings.

Charles Feaver, president, said the association hopes to be able to send missionaries into remote parts of Kentucky soon.

### OSWALD J. SMITH BEGINS 51ST YEAR OF PREACHING

Oswald J. Smith, one of Canada's best-known gospel preachers, completed fifty years of ministry last month. The golden jubilee was celebrated at a mass meeting in Toronto's big Varsity Arena on Sunday night, May 18.

In half a century Dr. Smith has held evangelistic campaigns in 62 different countries and has been instrumental in raising many millions of dollars for missions, besides pastoring a large church. He has written 24 books, hundreds of tracts, and some 500 hymns, poems, and gospel songs.

## Government

### EVANGELICALS ASK EXEMPTION FROM WAGE AND HOURS LAW

The National Association of Evangelicals, at its annual convention, voted to ask the federal government to exempt all churches, non-profit, charitable and relief organizations from the provision of the wage and hours laws of the Fair Labor Standards Act. It asserted that denial of an individual's right to donate time and labor to a religious or charitable cause was an infringement upon the right to religious freedom and the free exercise thereof. It charged that the U. S. Labor Department is attempting to force many of these non-profit organizations to pay \$1 an hour and \$1.50 overtime rate to all workers whether the workers want this pay or not.

## Miscellaneous

### HOTEL TITHES ITS INCOME

The Frye Drive-in Hotel at Seattle, Wash., has instituted a novel "tithing" plan to aid churches. Transient guests are given the opportunity, when they register, to signify their church preference; and one-tenth of each guest's room rate is given to the church, denomination, or religious work he designated.

### BUDDHIST CENTER TO BE BUILT IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Washington, D.C., will soon have a Buddhist shrine in addition to its Islamic center, its Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and the various national churches. The plans for constructing it were announced by Ambassador U Win of Burma. The center will serve both as a shrine and a place of worship. It will also have a library featuring Buddhist writings.

The center is expected to cost some two million dollars, which will come from Buddhist organizations in various Asian nations.

### NUN'S RELIGIOUS GARB BLAMED FOR FATAL WRECK

The county coroner at Hartford, Conn., blamed a nun's religious garb for an automobile accident in which three religious sisters were killed. He said the headdress prevented her from lateral vision while driving.

A Catholic newspaper at Worcester, Mass., commented editorially that persons who wish to participate directly in the mechanics of the twentieth century ought not to do it in seventeenth and eighteenth century garb.

# EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION evidently is feeling some effects of the current economic recession. The government reports that new church buildings worth \$61,000,000 were begun in April. This was \$3,000,000 less than a year ago. The total for the first four months of 1958 was \$254,000,000-- a decline of two per cent from the same period in 1957.

THERE WILL BE A BACCALAUREATE SERVICE at Northwood High School, after all. Officials of the school at Silver Spring, Maryland, had told students that due to the number of activities scheduled for graduation week there "just wouldn't be time" for baccalaureate exercises. Some parents, and members of the graduating class voiced displeasure at the decision. One senior girl wrote an indignant letter to a newspaper editor declaring, "No wonder we see juvenile delinquency rise, if such an attitude is taken by school officials." She said, "The baccalaureate service is a reminder to those going forth that God is near, and that it is their responsibility to make the world a better place for all." School officials yielded. They announced there would be a baccalaureate service Sunday afternoon, June 8, for those who wished to participate.

CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP had its annual international conference at Chicago last month. More than 500 delegates from the U. S. and sixty other lands reported that the work of forming and developing Bible classes for children in private homes, clubs, and camps is spreading both in the U. S. and abroad.

POSTAGE RATES on The Pentecostal Evangel and other Assemblies of God periodicals will not be increased. A congressional conference committee at Washington agreed not to increase second-class mail rates for religious and other non-profit periodicals.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF ALL FAITHS have condemned the bombings of a Jewish center and Negro school in Jacksonville, Florida, and the attempt to blast a synagogue in Birmingham, Alabama. One Protestant group said the situation warrants an FBI investigation.

THE SECOND WORLD CONFERENCE on Missionary Radio will be held June 12 to 14 at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. The conference will focus attention on eighteen Protestant missionary stations now operating in foreign lands, and will study how these can be increased in number and made more efficient.

WOMEN WILL BE ACCEPTED as regular students at the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, breaking a 91-year-old tradition.

THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENT approved a bill authorizing the ordination of women as pastors in the Lutheran State Church of Sweden. However, before the bill goes into effect it must be passed by the church's convocation, which meets next fall. Last year the convocation vetoed a similar measure.

WATCH NEXT WEEK'S EVANGEL for the remarkable story, "From Despair to Triumph." It tells how God miraculously healed Charles Northcutt, Arkansas Assemblies of God pastor, after medical doctors had said his condition was incurable.

OTHER FEATURES NEXT WEEK will include the beautiful new church in Canton, Ohio, and special articles for Father's Day.

# TOURING INDIANLAND

BY SILAS REXROAT  
*South Dakota Superintendent*



The Sioux Assembly of God, Norris, S. Dak., built from two donated barns with volunteer labor.

AS THE AVERAGE TOURIST DRIVES through eastern South Dakota, passing over the mighty Missouri River and journeying toward the beautiful Black Hills, the potential for missionary work in the area might not seem very great. However, at the eastern border of the State you may visit the Indian Government School at Flandreau where there are an estimated 2,300 Indians of all tribes. Then, if you will turn north to the Sisseton Reservation, you will find our Dakota Gospel Mission in the town of Sisseton. Scattered over an area of hundreds of square miles you will find a large number of Indians who have not heard the full gospel. Many of these still hold to their early customs, religions and language.

As you approach the north central part of the State, you can drive to the Cheyenne River and Standing Rock Reservations. In this area are Moberg, Dupree, Cherry Creek and Bullhead—all of which are important Indian settlements. As yet we have no work in this region. We earnestly request prayer that workers may be sent to them with the full gospel, as several have requested that we come to them.

Now, if you will turn southeastward again and travel along the Missouri River you will come to the Crow Creek Reservation. Here is a large government school. As yet we have no work in this area, but we are praying for the lost souls in this region.

Then, by driving south across the Missouri River to the Lower Brule Reservation you will find our newest work. This was started last year after the close of the Indian camp and God has miraculously saved and healed many there. At the present time a portable

tabernacle is being erected on two acres which were provided by Mr. and Mrs. Silas Black Dog. During the first part of June a special tent meeting is being held with day services for boys and girls and evening services for adults.

After crossing highway 16 to the southwest and driving to the upper tip of the Rosebud Reservation you will reach the Sioux Assembly of God at Norris and the camp grounds where we have already held two Indian camps. (Plans are being made for another in July.)

Proceeding westward you will come to the Pine Ridge Reservation. This area, too, has never been reached with the Pentecostal message. The Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations offer numerous possibilities due to the large population; several of the larger Indian villages are located here.



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Ella Looking White, 96-year-old Indian lady who was raised from her death bed two years ago, gives her testimony in the Sioux language over the public address system at camp in 1957. Corrine Quick Bear is interpreting.







Part of the group from the Lower Brule Reservation who attended the 1957 camp and were saved and healed. Their response to the gospel opened the door to that reservation.

on the reservations. Certainly this trip will have impressed you with the tremendous need of the thousands of Sioux men, women, boys and girls who are steeped in darkness and sin.

We are praising God for the five couples working in South Dakota under Home Missions appointment who have dedicated their lives to Indian missions. Through their help we now have two works out on the reservations and three in towns with Indian population. However, these ten workers are not sufficient to reach the nine reservation areas, so we do covet your prayers that the work may be expanded and many will find Christ to be THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.

(Kindly designate an offering for INDIAN MISSIONS and mail it to the Home Missions Department, 434 W Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.)

#### LASTING TREASURE

Some would gather money  
 Along the path of life;  
 Some would gather roses  
 And rest from worldly strife.  
 But I would gather children  
 From among the thorns of sin;  
 I would seek a golden curl  
 And a freckled, toothless grin.

For money cannot enter  
 In that land of endless day,  
 And the roses that are gathered  
 Soon will wilt along the way;  
 But oh, the laughing children!  
 As I cross the Sunset Sea  
 And the gates swing wide to heaven,  
 I can take them in with me!

—Billie C. Davis.

## Children Are Important

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hood the individual goes on in the ways of iniquity.

There is a strong inference in the words of Jesus that cannot be overlooked. He implied that children *will* come to Him if they are not hindered. In their pliable years they will more readily surrender to the Saviour than when the will is set and the habits are fixed.

Salvation is not a matter of the intellect but of the heart. The experience of eternal life does not come by complicated mental exercises but in surrendering the will. The work of regeneration is not accomplished by the individual but is wrought by the power of the Spirit of God. All the individual can do is to accept the gospel and surrender himself to the Lord, and a child can do that as well as an adult. Thus, children can be saved, and there is no justifiable reason for hindering their coming to the Saviour.

3. *Children present the maximum in potential.* The story has been told of a minister who was asked how many converts there were in a certain service. He answered, "Four and a half." Someone laughingly said, "I suppose you mean four adults and a child," to which he replied, "No, there were four children and an adult. The man had only half his life left, so he was the half."

When a child is saved, not only the soul is committed to God but a life for service as well. Much more influence for righteousness and world evangelization will be realized if 100 children, each having a potential of half a century to live, are brought to Christ than if a comparable number of older people are saved on their deathbeds. Some may speak in disparaging tones about evangelistic results and say, "Most of those saved were children"; but when the potential in those children is considered, such results are greater than if they had been adults.

If children need to be saved, can be saved, and when saved present such a tremendous potential in soul winning, then the work of winning children takes on major significance. We salute those who are devoting their time and energies to such a great work, and pray God to raise up a vast army of other workers in the field of child evangelism.

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# PACIFIC MISSIONARY VILLAGE

A place where battle-weary soldiers of the Cross may rest beneath sunny California skies while "home on furlough"

Pacific Missionary Village at Bethany Park, Santa Cruz, California, was dedicated to the service of the Lord on January 23. Many friends from near and far looked over the first two homes, with numerous expressions of delight and satisfaction. This is the first step in a long-range program to build several missionary homes in beautiful Bethany Park.

Mission Villa, as it is sometimes called, was made possible by a trust created thirty-five years ago by Mary Norton Perkins of New York. Willard C. Peirce, former Dean of Bethany Bible College, was given custody of this fund. After extended negotiations by Brother Peirce, who is at the present

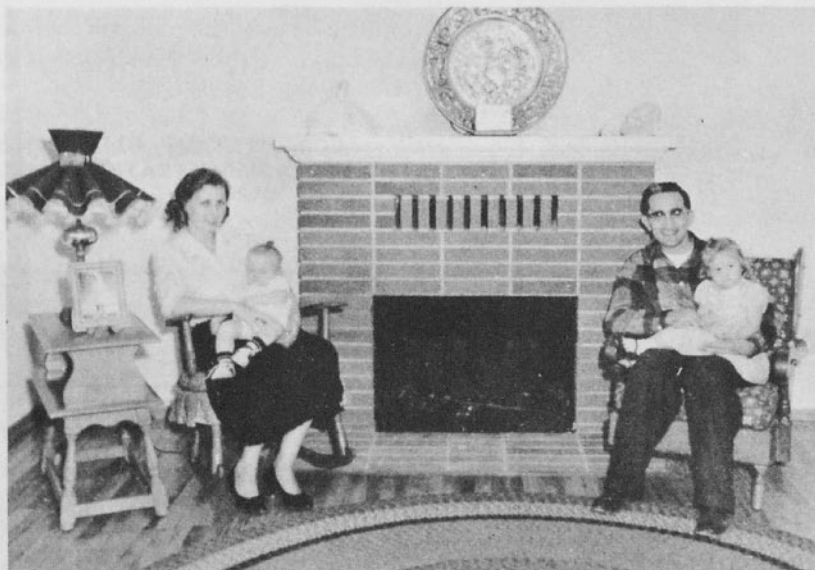
time instructor at Northwest Bible College, plans were made to invest the fund toward the beginning of the present village program.

It is the fondest hope of Brother Peirce and his fellow members of the village board (Leonard Palmer and Joseph Gerhart) that many will catch the vision of this venture and be inspired to contribute toward an equivalent program adjacent to the present village property. A plan has been arranged whereby individuals may build retirement homes on the adjoining property, and upon the death of such an individual the home will be devoted to the use of missionaries on furlough.

The homes were built by contractor Victor Bogard under the supervision of M. H. Heicksen. W.M.C. groups, under the leadership of District W.M.C. President Goldia Anderson, furnished the linens, china, kitchenware, and all interior furnishings. Bethany Church in Alhambra, California (C. E. Britton, pastor) furnished the draperies.

There is a desire to continue construction of the villa by erecting a triplex. This building will contain three apartments—a living-dining room, kitchen, one bedroom, and bath in each. Each of these will accommodate a small family or single missionary. However, there are not sufficient funds to do this. Another \$10,000 is needed in order

Missionaries Calvin and Olive Zeissler enjoy the commodious facilities of the new home in this new project.





Joseph L. Gerhart, Leonard Palmer, and Willard C. Peirce at the dedication

to complete the triplex. Contributions may be designated, "Pacific Missionary Village," and addressed % Foreign Missions Dept., 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri.

## MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Johnson wish to inform their friends that their new address is 109 West Padre St., Santa Barbara, California.

Word has reached us that Mrs. Violet Wilcox, who recently left for British Honduras, has arrived safely.

The David Wakefield family sailed for Togo Dahomey on May 1.

A cable from Hubert C. Dew tells of the safe arrival of Brother Dew and his family in France.

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### HOME ON FURLOUGH

The following missionaries have recently returned home on furlough:

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chaney from Togo Dahomey, Africa. Their address is 1140 N. E. 133 St., North Miami, Florida.

The Elbert W. Brown family from Indonesia. They can be reached at 705 S. Seventh St., Yakima, Washington.

Mattie Personeus from North India. She is making her home at 199 Croton Road, Ossining, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McCollister from Hawaii. They can be reached in care of W. Brown, 3730 Viola Drive, North Highlands, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Berg and children from Japan. Their address is 321 N. Caswell Road, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredolph Sondeno and family from Japan. They are making their home at 114 W. Florida, Dade City, Florida.

## Financial Report Foreign Missions Department

March 1958

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama .....	\$ 2,823.97	Northwest .....	24,150.55
Appalachian .....	511.55	Ohio .....	10,844.93
Arizona .....	2,700.40	Oklahoma .....	16,410.43
Arkansas .....	3,460.91	Oregon .....	11,526.23
Eastern .....	10,397.60	Polish Br. ....	40.00
Georgia .....	1,666.60	Potomac .....	7,815.71
German Br. ....	1,091.36	Rocky Mtn. ...	5,471.82
Greek Br. ....	134.98	Russian Br. ....	44.40
Hungarian Br. ...	315.00	S. Carolina ...	1,539.09
Illinois .....	10,148.82	S. Dakota .....	2,163.83
Indiana .....	4,812.95	S. Florida .....	9,203.21
Italian Br. ....	391.85	S. California ..	36,748.15
Kansas .....	8,038.68	S. N. England ..	3,324.00
Kentucky .....	718.14	S. Texas .....	8,750.62
Lat. Am. Br. ...	784.88	S. Idaho .....	1,191.06
Louisiana .....	2,247.14	S. Missouri .....	10,617.01
Michigan .....	15,282.60	Span. E. Dist. ...	480.00
Minnesota .....	9,992.62	Tennessee .....	5,965.14
Mississippi .....	986.50	Ukrainian Br. ...	246.66
Montana .....	2,465.76	W. Central .....	5,481.49
Nebraska .....	4,347.34	W. Florida .....	2,539.44
New Jersey .....	8,800.68	W. Texas .....	2,631.60
New Mexico .....	1,943.52	Wis.-N. Mich. ...	7,517.56
New York .....	9,378.29	Wyoming .....	735.41
N. Carolina .....	1,835.26	Alaska .....	183.83
N. Dakota .....	1942.89	Canada .....	378.00
N. N. England ..	707.14	Hawaii .....	178.59
N. Calif.-Nev. ...	19,925.12	Foreign .....	32.14
N. Texas .....	11,744.02	Miscellaneous ..	3,302.75

Total Amount Reported .....\$319,110.22

District Funds .....	\$11,640.66
National Home Mission .....	2,751.62
Office Expense .....	4,136.00
Given Direct to Missionaries .....	7,011.34
	25,539.62

Received for Council Missionaries .....	\$293,570.60
Received for Non-Council Missionaries .....	3,918.57
Missionary offerings not allocated to any State .....	13,331.66

Total Receipts .....\$310,820.83

### DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel .....	\$126,977.11
Missionary Equipment .....	41,900.36
Missionary Work .....	60,975.13
National Workers Abroad .....	7,298.71
Buildings in Foreign Lands .....	24,683.64
Missionary Transportation .....	59,106.13

	\$320,941.08
Transferred from "Hold" Accounts .....	10,120.25
	\$310,820.83

## Church Participation In Missionary Giving

March 1958

District	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
1. Montana	65	61	94%
2. Nebraska	79	74	94%
3. N. Dakota	50	46	92%
4. S. New England	62	56	90%
5. New Jersey	99	88	89%
6. Northwest	273	231	85%
7. Kansas	165	136	82%
8. N. New England	56	46	82%
9. Minnesota	147	119	81%
10. Wis.-N. Mich.	136	110	81%
11. S. Idaho	57	46	81%
12. Michigan	176	140	80%
13. W. Central	224	177	79%
14. New York	162	126	78%
15. Rocky Mtn.	126	98	78%
16. S. Dakota	49	38	78%
17. S. Missouri	333	257	77%
18. Oregon	200	152	76%
19. Illinois	220	164	75%
20. Potomac	180	134	74%
21. Eastern	262	192	73%
22. Wyoming	37	27	73%
23. S. California	383	276	72%
24. N. Calif.-Nev.	332	235	71%
25. Ohio	180	125	69%
26. Tennessee	100	68	68%
27. S. Florida	168	112	67%
28. N. Carolina	78	51	65%
29. New Mexico	77	50	65%
30. W. Florida	138	88	64%
31. Louisiana	152	96	63%
32. W. Texas	128	80	63%
33. Indiana	157	94	60%
34. S. Texas	266	159	60%
35. Alabama	257	149	58%
36. Arizona	88	51	58%
37. Oklahoma	496	273	55%
38. Appalachian	71	39	55%
39. Kentucky	67	35	52%
40. N. Texas	513	259	50%
41. Arkansas	443	203	46%
42. Georgia	134	59	44%
43. Mississippi	94	37	39%
44. S. Carolina	51	17	33%

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# Let Everybody SING!

BY R. W. CUMMINGS

**A**N ORDER WAS RECENTLY ISSUED TO local Roman Catholic churches to introduce congregational singing into their services. "Our people must be participants, not spectators," was the explanation. When I heard it, I could not help thinking that the great reason for the Pentecostal outpouring is that God wants *all* His people to be participants instead of spectators.

There is no time during our worship services when the members of a congregation have a better opportunity for participation than when we are singing the songs of Zion together. Such singing unites the members of the Body in worship which is extremely edifying both to the group and to individual members as well.

Perhaps even more important than the edification and blessing that comes to the participant in congregational singing is the power of such singing to weld the congregation together in unity. The blessing of Pentecost originally came to a group of people who were "in one accord." Christ's high priestly prayer in John seventeen expresses this desire of His heart for the Church: "That they all may be one."

The songs we sing emphasize the sentiments which we have in common.

The center of our attention and of our love is really our wonderful Lord, and our songs should turn our thoughts to Him and thus draw us to a common center.

When we were training for the ministry, our teachers used to tell us that we should know our hymnbooks as thoroughly as we knew our Bibles. Bibles. They emphasized the importance of prayer in the selection of hymns just as in the choice of the sermons we preached. I believe they were right, for I have observed that songs wisely selected are often as effective in imparting Christian truth as the sermon itself.

Not all songleaders are aware of this great potential for good, and they introduce some songs by meaningless phrases, such as, "While the people are gathering, let us sing. . . ." "While

the offering is being lifted, etc." This indicates that the leader has never fully realized the possibilities for ministry through congregational singing.

Not only should congregational singing be suitably introduced, but *all* ministry in music and song should be appropriately announced. The choir number or other special music should be a continuation rather than an interruption of the worship service. It should never be presented or looked upon as an entertainment feature.

We commonly think of songs as being expressions of praise, but the Spirit of God also uses them to unite a people in prayer. What a blessing such choruses as "Have thine own way, Lord," and "Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me," have brought to multitudes. Some of the longings of our hearts find no utterance until at a suitable moment in the service one of the great hymns of the Church becomes a perfect vehicle for our hearts' expression.

Songs unite us in the confession of faith. My father loved the staid old hymns of the Church and was not much impressed with many of the songs I liked to sing. But when he read the words of the joyful song, "I've believed the true report. . . Now the blood has brought me in to God's holiness so clean. . . I have passed the riven veil. . . I am living in the presence of the King," he accepted this song without hesitation. We Pentecostal believers ought to know that song by heart, for it is exactly the position God wants us to enter into and maintain by faith. How it would build our faith if we knew its words so well



that we could sing it without our books, uniting our hearts and voices in affirming its marvelous truths as our own heart beliefs.

Songs are also a means of preaching the gospel. If the people in a congregation were instructed that the Spirit of God can use their singing as much as the pleas of the evangelist to persuade a sinner to yield his heart to the Saviour, the Spirit would be able to use them more effectively in this area.

A friend of mine who is a Baptist preacher says that when he was young and unsaved he joined with a congregation in singing, "My Jesus I love Thee; I know Thou art mine." Suddenly he became aware of the voice of the Spirit. "You know you are singing what is not true: you do not love the Lord Jesus." Deeply convicted, he turned his heart to the Lord in true repentance and faith. By the time the last verse was reached he had been saved and was able to sing with deep reality, "If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now!"

Such things should be happening continually in our services, and they are

more likely to occur where the songs are sung meaningfully and with a sense of the ministry that is possible through them.

We are not machines. The Spirit of God cannot automatically use us, even though we have been baptized in His glorious power. He must have intelligent co-operation from us. Let us strive to better understand the marvelous range of the ministry of congregational singing. Let us not underestimate the glorious function of song under the control of the Spirit through the understanding co-operation of the members of His Body.

One of the greatest hindrances to effective congregational singing is our habit of inattention. Sometimes I find myself singing exalted sentiments which I have memorized, while I am wondering why some choir member is not in his place, or wishing that some member of the orchestra would put his instrument in tune, or even wondering whether someone else is really entering into the spirit of the service!!

Would it not contribute enormously to the reality and significance of our

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This man is in command of the situation. I'll ask that the crowd stand still until I have passed among them and collected alms. In the presence of Jesus the people will be generous."

If such a thought occurred to him, it was quickly cast aside and the beggar regained his sense of values. He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight!"

And Jesus answered without hesitation, "Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee."

Just that simply was the basic need of the blind beggar's life met. His choice was wise indeed.

You and I do not sit in physical blindness by some wayside, begging. But until we, too, meet the Master, a spiritual blindness envelopes our souls and we pass an invisible alms bowl in many directions in our ceaseless search for peace and satisfaction.

We finger the coins of pleasure, and for a fleeting moment think we have found the meaning of life. But the pleasures of sin are only for a season, and the search continues.

The golden coins of earthly wealth fall easily into the hands of some, and come harder for the rest of us, but deep in every heart the unanswered question demands an answer: "What lack I yet? Why am I not satisfied?"

Then one day in some circumstance of life, or through some word we hear, we are suddenly aware that Jesus of Nazareth is passing our way. Even though there may be a multitude all around us, somehow we know that He has come to us individually and wants to meet our deepest needs.

If we will but accept it, here is the answer. This is the end of our search. He who heeded a beggar's cry on the dusty Jericho road so long ago still listens for the faintest cry from the hearts of men today. And His question, so full of promise has not changed. He still asks, "What do you want me to do for you?"

If you are as wise as the beggar, you will forget the alms bowl and cry, "Lord, that I may receive my spiritual sight!" And the tarnished coins in the bowl of life will pale forever into insignificance as the glorious Light of the world breaks upon your soul. Jesus still delights to speak with full authority, "Receive thy sight, thy faith hath saved thee!"

Happy is he whose sins have been forgiven and who can say: "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). ◀◀

## The Wise Beggar

BY ELVA JOHNSON

**I**T HAD STARTED OUT TO BE JUST another in an endless succession of sightless days for Bartimaeus the beggar; but before it was over, he was changed, never to be the same again.

The first inkling he had that the day might be different was the sound of a multitude passing by. Curious, he asked what it meant. It was second nature with him to wonder what the crowd would do toward filling his alms bowl. Long ago he had learned that a festive throng was usually a generous one.

Someone told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by! Whatever he had heard about Jesus, he wanted to know more. This was his opportunity. Heedless of protocol, he cried urgently, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me!"

But it was not quite that simple to get an audience with the Master—at

least, not in the opinion of some in the multitude who followed Christ that day. They did their best to quiet the beggar and to keep the crowd moving toward Jericho. But Bartimaeus was persistent. This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"Thou son of David, have mercy on me!" he cried, and his voice had lost the beggar's whine. There was faith and determination in it now, and faith always attracts the Lord Jesus. Suddenly He stood still and commanded that the beggar be brought to Him.

With a single question, Bartimaeus was faced with the most important decision of his life.

The question was, "What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee?"

Who can say what transpired in the mind of the beggar in that instant? He may have thought, "This is my chance to get a full bowl in a hurry.

# Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



## READING THE WORD OF GOD

Sunday School Lesson for June 15, 1958

NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-12

After Nehemiah had rebuilt the material walls of Jerusalem, he turned his attention to the spiritual. What was needed in order to strengthen the spiritual fiber of Israel? To hear and obey the law! Nehemiah was primarily a builder, promoter, and executive. Another man was more fitted for the job of expounding the Law than he—Ezra, the scholar, student of the law, and writer. Consequently, Nehemiah gracefully withdraws into the background as Ezra once again steps into the limelight.

### I. THE READING OF THE LAW

*Requested by the people.* Observe that Nehemiah and Ezra apparently did not take the initiative in instituting this "Bible Conference." The people themselves "spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law" and to read it. How wise was their action! They were coming into their own once more, nationally and economically. But they realized that in order to be restored to God's favor they must give attention to God's written Law. If only individuals and nations today would realize that true progress, security, and peace can be had only by respecting God's Word and obeying His will!

*Open to the people.* The people were not forced to hear the Law. Their attendance was voluntary and due to genuine interest. Neither were any forbidden the privilege of hearing the Law. We are living in days when many who would like to hear God's Word cannot do so. How appreciative we in America should be, because we still are free to carry Bibles and worship openly!

*Explained to the people.* "So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading." The Jews who came from Babylon no longer spoke Hebrew, but Aramaic, which resembled it. Therefore, the Law had to be translated from the Hebrew, in which it was written, into Aramaic. Then it was expounded or explained carefully. Here is an encouraging thought. Not all of us can be eloquent preachers and orators, but we all may have the privilege of studying the Word for ourselves and then explaining it as simply as possible to others.

### II. THE HEARING OF THE LAW

Preacher and people both have a responsibility. It is up to the preacher to speak with inspiration, anointing, coherence, and direction. Then it is up to the people to be inspiring listeners. Observe that these people were—

*Reverent.* "And Ezra opened the book . . . and when he opened it, all the people stood up." What beautiful and instinctive reverence! If we were afforded the privilege of a personal audience with the President of our country, how very respectful and courteous we should be! Why is it that so many people show disrespect for God by talking,

whispering, wool-gathering, and general indifference, when His sacred Word is being read to them?

*Attentive and hungry.* "And he read . . . from the morning until midday, before the men and women, and those that could understand; and . . . the people were attentive unto the book." For six hours the people listened! And they were more interested in the book than the preacher, more concerned with the message than the messenger.

*Responsive.* "And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands." "Amen" which are spoken because the Word has impressed the heart are sweet incense in the nostrils of God—and a big help to the preacher, too.

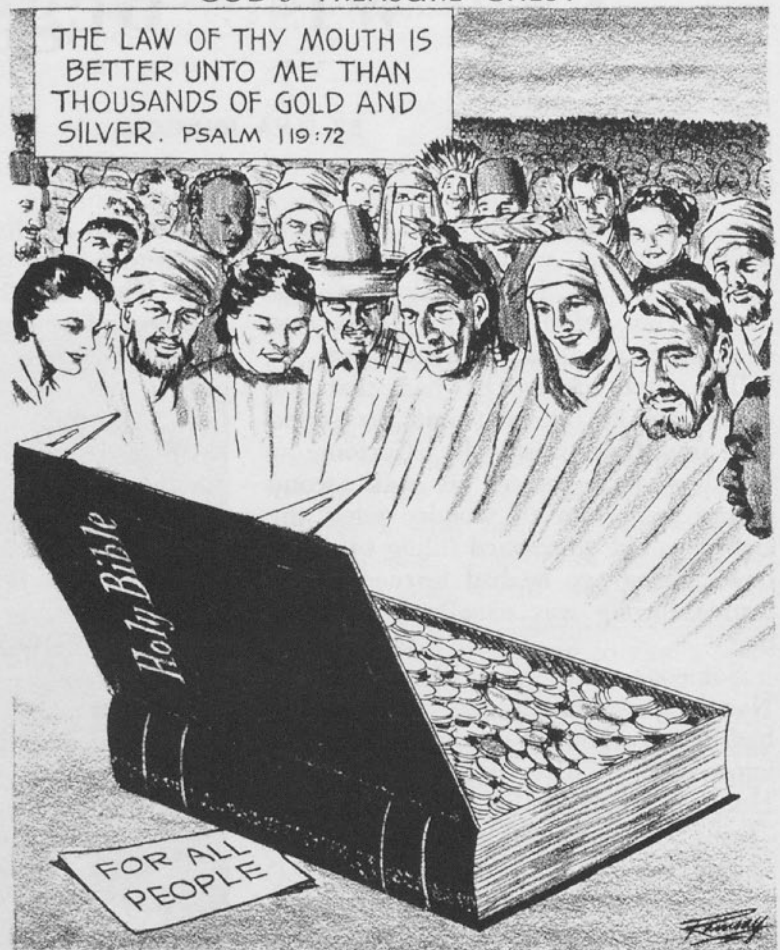
*The People Wept.* "For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law." Tears which are the effect of hearing God's Word, and which are followed by appropriate action, are more valuable than pearls. Why did the people weep? (1) Because they saw their sins and shortcomings. (2) Because they heard all the promises of blessings which they had missed because of their sin and negligence.

*The People Rejoiced.* Sorrow is all right in its place, but it is not a permanent characteristic of true religion. Sorrow should lead to immediate repentance and then turn to joy in the Lord. Nehemiah did not say, "Joy is your strength," but, "The joy of the Lord is your strength." Natural joy is temporary, based upon circumstances and conditions; it often has an element of sorrow in it. The "joy of the Lord" is spiritual joy, which is permanent, not based upon conditions or circumstances, but the fruit of personal relationship with God and occupation with Him.

*The People Ministered.* "And all the people went their way to eat . . . and to send portions." Their joy was not to be selfish. True enjoyment of God will always lead to unselfish, disinterested service.

—J. Bashford Bishop

### GOD'S TREASURE CHEST



## Freed From Tuberculosis

When I was told that I had tuberculosis of the lungs I called my pastor, David Berquist, of the First Assembly of God in Allentown, Pa. This was on December 8, 1955. The people of the church prayed for me, and I also prayed.

After I had spent five months in the sanatorium the doctor told me they could not find anything wrong with me anymore. I told him about the prayers that had been offered for me, and he said he had often heard of miracles but that this was the first time he had seen one with his own eyes.

Two weeks later I was discharged. At that time I weighed 122 pounds, and now I weigh 164. Thank God for healing me.—Charles P. Wisner, R. D. No. 1, Box 213, Bath, Pa.

(Endorsed by David A. Berquist, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Allentown, Pa.)

## Leading the Children

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Upon whom does the responsibility for training children rest? Norman admits that in most cases the mother has the greatest opportunity to teach the children, because of the time element involved. Fathers find it difficult to set aside enough time to be with their children. But the responsibility for training children must be shared equally by both parents.

"Children are an heritage of the Lord," says Sacred Writ. The responsibility for bringing them to Christ and training them for Christian living rests largely in the home.

As long as there are children without Christ, there will be a need for consecrated workers like Norman Pearsall. And there will always be a need for consecrated parents who by example, training, and environment will help their children grow to spiritual maturity. For what shall it profit a parent if he gain the whole world, and lose his own child?

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## Let Everybody SING!

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services if we would take three minutes before every service to listen to the voice of the Spirit? "Be still and know that I am God." It is foolish for us to rush into the presence of His Majesty with some expression of worship which comes glibly from our lips but leaves our hearts still occupied with the latest gossip. I believe we need a few moments of quiet preparation in order to fix our gaze upon Him whom we are about to worship. It is wonderful how the Holy Spirit can help us in this when we give Him the opportunity.

There are some very precious hymns which we never sing because we are not familiar with the tunes. Many of these have a message which can be brought before the congregation by having the worshippers read the lines in unison. Or a consecrated singer could sing the unfamiliar hymn while the congregation follows the words. Thus many unexplored treasures of our hymnbooks would be made available for the enriching of us all.

We are told in 2 Chronicles 29 that when the burnt offering began, during the revival under Hezekiah, the *song of the Lord* began also.

If this is a reference to the manifest presence of God which is so often ministered to a congregation by the Spirit through united singing, many of us have experienced it. When God blesses our singing in this way, there is no agency more effective in lifting a people into the consciousness of the presence of the Lord.



# Revivaltime Evangelist Ministers in Jamaica

During the month of April, REVIVALTIME Evangelist C. M. Ward was the invited guest speaker for the Annual Convention held by the Assemblies of God in Jamaica, British West Indies. The convention was held in the spacious auditorium of Evangel Temple, the headquarters church at Kingston, Jamaica's capital city. Cyril Huckerby, superintendent of the work in Jamaica and pastor of Evangel Temple, was host to the convention.

Howard Bush, Executive Presbyter for the Southeast, accompanied Brother Ward to the Jamaican convention. Each morning a seminar was held for the missionaries and national workers, with Brother Bush and Brother Ward alternating as speakers in these study sessions.

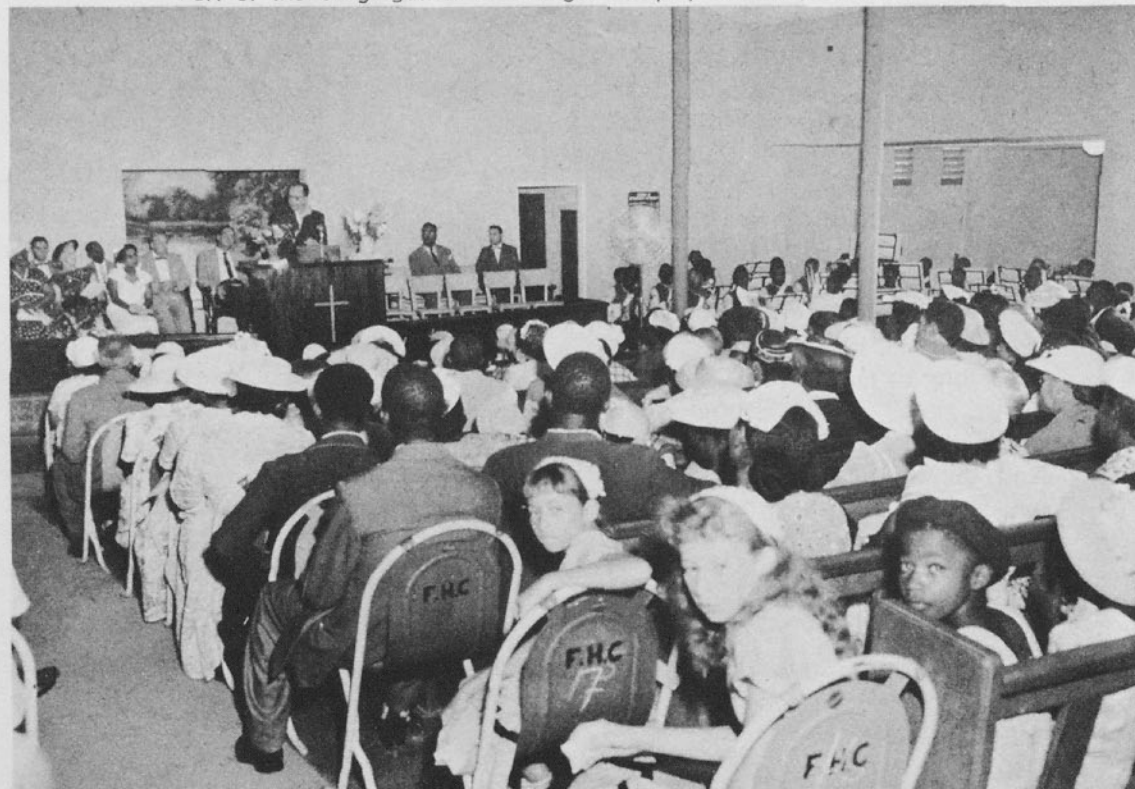
Brother Ward says, "The Assemblies of God work is moving rapidly in Jamaica. Today there are 53 churches and 19 associate assemblies. There are 12 full-time missionaries and 12 Jamaican pastors, as well as 54 other national workers. Three regional Bible schools are operating and the first national Bible institute is now under construction. The great bauxite (aluminum ore) mines are revolutionizing the economy of this country. Jamaica is one of the brightest spots in the great Carribean area."

The Fifth Anniversary Service of the opening of Evangel Temple was held on Sunday afternoon during Brother Ward's meetings in Jamaica. Among the important guests attending and taking part in the service was Mrs. Manley, the wife of the First Minister of the Jamaican Government. Mrs. Manley is a warmhearted friend to the work of the Assemblies of God in Jamaica. The Jamaican Regimental Band, dressed in their full regimental

uniform, furnished the music for that service, under the direction of Sergeant-Major Stewart.

The night services drew overflow crowds. Already Brother Huckerby has enlarged the Temple by adding wings to the main auditorium. Now he has plans for starting other Assemblies within the growing city of Kingston. Missionaries supplied with Speed-the-Light vehicles can reach different points in the island quickly and are

Part of the congregation at Evangel Temple, Jamaica, B.W.I.





working together in harmony with splendid results. Evangel Temple itself is more than a \$75,000 investment, of which more than \$35,000 has been paid off in five years. The congregation more than meets the operating expenses and current obligations of this church.

Hundreds of people on the island in every walk of life have heard REVIVALTIME, and Brother Ward met a host of friends who were already acquainted with his ministry because of the release of the broadcast service throughout the area. He says, "I have never preached to warmerhearted audiences in my ministry. They love the Word and they are real soul winners anxious to help the evangelist lead their neighbors to Christ. I felt at home immediately."

REVIVALTIME'S effective ministry continues to reach an increasing circle. The effectiveness of Brother Ward's visit to Jamaica was due largely to his previous ministry by radio in that area. Your interest and prayers will keep REVIVALTIME'S soul-winning message going into all parts of the world, reaching men and women everywhere.

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## Life Without a Father...

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What better way is there to demonstrate our gratitude than to send a gift in honor of Dad to the National Children's Home on Father's Day. Next Sunday, June 15, has been set aside on our church calendar as the day to give special thought to the needs of the Home. Needless to say, there are many. If no offering is received in your church or Sunday School, you may send your personal offering (designated for the National Children's Home) to the DEPARTMENT OF BENEVOLENCES, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

## Thy Will, Not Mine

Not ours to know the reason why  
Unanswered is our prayer,  
But ours to wait for God's own time  
To lift the cross we bear.  
Not ours to know the reason why  
From loved ones we must part,  
But ours to live in faith and hope,  
Though bleeding be the heart.

Not ours to know the reason why  
This anguish, strife, and pain,  
But ours to know a crown of thorns—

Thy grace for us to gain.  
A cross, a bleeding heart, a crown,  
What greater gifts are given!  
Be still, my heart, and murmur not!  
These are the gifts of heaven.

'Tis ours to know, aye, learn it well—  
It is the Master's way—  
They serve Him best who ask not why,  
Who live but to obey.  
'Tis ours to know the better part  
Whereby a crown is won.

Then, loving God, I ask not why,  
Thy will, not mine, be done.

Yes, Thy way, Lord, not mine I pray;  
I give to Thee my will,  
And humbly ask Thy grace and aid,  
This better part to fill.  
It was not always thus with me—  
I loved my way the best—  
But that is past; Thy way is mine;  
In it alone is rest.



# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

► **BASTROP, LA.**—Evangelist E. A. Struble recently conducted two weeks of revival in the Log Cabin Assembly here. Eight were saved and two were filled with the Holy Spirit, and there were a goodly number healed. The church was greatly edified by his ministry.

—*Vashti Smith, Pastor*

► **LAKE PLACID, FLA.**—A number were saved and there was a great soul-stirring during the successful revival here with the Singing Rotherts of Tampa. A great number of children were reached in the Kid's Crusade.

—*John C. Mooneyham, Pastor*

► **UVALDE, TEX.**—Evangelist Ernest Maxwell of Corpus Christi, Tex. has just closed a wonderful revival here. Eleven were saved and two filled with the Holy Spirit. The whole church was stirred by the moving of the Spirit of God, and the congregation is still rejoicing over what God has done.

—*P. H. Collins, Pastor*

► **ST. LOUIS, MO.**—The Friendship Assembly here was wonderfully blessed in a recent revival with Evangelist E. D. Bagwell of Oklahoma City. The congregation was stirred by the good messages, and 13 prayed through to a real experience with God. Eleven were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and 12 were baptized in water. Many were healed, and some were delivered from unclean habits. A revival spirit continues in the services.

—*Fred Wampler, Pastor*

► **BREMERTON, WASH.**—Recently Evangelist R. F. Ashworth conducted meetings here in Evangel Temple. He was assisted by his wife and daughter Carolyn in the realm of prayer and music. The Lord moved in a gracious way; souls were saved, some were reclaimed, and sick bodies were touched. Believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. There was a special move among the young people.

—*Lincoln D. Wyman, Pastor*

► **ATLANTA, GA.**—The Northwest Assembly of God here recently enjoyed a good revival with Evangelist Joseph Judah of Phenix City, Ala. The meetings lasted for two weeks. God's presence was real in every service, and the anointed preaching was an encouragement to the people.

—*M. G. Barfield, Pastor*

► **MINDEN, LA.**—Evangelist D. C. Ogden of Tulsa, Okla. recently conducted a good revival here. The chalk drawing, singing, and Christ-centered messages were greatly appreciated. There was unusually good attendance; several found the Lord and reconsecrations were made.

—*Leslie Hunter, Pastor*

► **WELLINGTON, TEX.**—One of the greatest revivals this church has enjoyed in many years was conducted recently by Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Ogdon of Muldrow, Okla. In two weeks of meetings 16 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and 12 knelt at the altar for salvation. Several others were refilled or reclaimed.

Night after night the power of God was felt in a remarkable way and people were encouraged to seek God. The singing and playing of the evangelists thrilled the hearts of the congregation.

—*Joe Calabrese, Pastor*

► **NEW ORLEANS, LA.**—The Lighthouse Assembly here experienced a visitation of the Spirit of God recently under the ministry of Evangelist W. V. Grant of Dallas. Many people were saved, reclaimed, healed, or filled with the Holy Spirit. Deaf ears were healed, sight was restored to eyes, stiff joints were straightened, and the sense of smell was restored for some people. Many who attended from the surrounding churches were blessed in the meetings, and the spirit of revival continues.

—*L. O. Walden, Pastor*

► **MEDFORD, OREG.**—For three weeks in late March and early April Evangelists Fred and Sarah Byers ministered in the First Assembly here. God moved in a marvelous way, answering prayers, healing the sick, saving the lost, and filling 24 with the Holy Spirit. Many others were refilled. An outstanding proof of the reality of God's power was the filling with the Holy Spirit of three deaf mutes who had never spoken or heard a voice. They spoke fluently in unknown tongues while under the power of the Spirit. The ministry of Sister Byers on the baptism of the Holy Spirit was enthusiastically received by the teen-age groups.

—*Robert E. Cull, Pastor*



## EASTER ATTENDANCE AT ASSEMBLY IN HAMILTON, OHIO, SETS NEW RECORD

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The pastor, David Howe, became pastor of this church when there were only 19 voting members. Today the membership totals

97 and a number of others will be added to the church roll very soon.

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# Reward

BY KENNETH D. BARNEY

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THE FIFTY-THIRD CHAPTER OF Isaiah was the passage being read by the Ethiopian eunuch when the Holy Spirit led Philip to his chariot (Acts 8:26-40). The man did not know to whom the prophet was referring, but it did not take the Pentecostal deacon long to tell him. "Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus."

Surely this was one of the most profound Messianic passages. It drew aside the veil, seven centuries ahead of time, on our Lord's humiliation ("no form nor comeliness"), and on His rejection ("despised and rejected of men"), His sufferings ("acquainted with grief . . . stricken . . . afflicted . . . wounded . . . bruised"), and death ("his grave with the wicked").

But perhaps some have not noticed that before this chapter closes it breaks into a psalm of victory. Thus we see at the end a victorious Messiah, even though His path to conquest was so agonizing. Particularly notice a portion of the twelfth verse, where we are told concerning Christ, "He shall divide the spoil with the strong." It was an ancient custom for the king who was victorious in battle to "spoil" the enemy; that is, he seized all the enemy's valuable property and took it for himself. Not only that, but he invariably slew the king he defeated.

When the Son of God stepped down from heaven in His incarnation, this earth became His battleground with Satan, the prince of darkness. It was a fiercely contested struggle. The enemy contested every inch of ground. At Calvary it appeared that the devil had taken the day, but our Lord came forth from the tomb with the banners of victory flying. He held the keys of hell and death, and He shouted, "I am alive for evermore." The King of Light and Truth had utterly routed the foe!

And, like any other victorious king,

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# of the Strong

He took a spoil! Paul mentions it briefly in Colossians 2:15—"And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it." The term "principalities and powers" refers to spiritual forces, and this verse speaks of Christ's victory over Satan and his entire host of evil ones. He "spoiled" them. He robbed them of their valued possessions, stripping them of everything that had enhanced their position in the universe. Any power these evil principalities still retain is theirs by the express permission of our Lord, and He has put a time limit on it!

No doubt the latter part of Psalm 24 is a picture of what took place in heaven when Jesus ascended again after His mighty victory: "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle." Thus did the holy angels sing a mighty anthem to the honor of the One who was returning to His throne with the spoils of victory in His hand.

But do not miss the thrilling point of this passage. It promises that Christ is not going to keep all the spoil for Himself, but that He will divide it! Someone is going to share it with Him, becoming a partaker of His glorious conquest! Only "the strong" can qualify. The share of the spoil is not going to the weak, the halfhearted, the compromising. It will never be possessed by the faint-spirited, nor by men of little faith. It is the *strong* who will share the reward of victory with the Saviour.

Sweep aside any thought that the Christian life is for the weak. It takes a strong man to repent; only a strong man will keep himself spiritually erect while every hellish force pulls down on him. It requires vast strength to be pure while the majority are wallowing in every form of vice. The title of "overcomer" will be worn only by those of tough spiritual fiber.

How inspiring are the lives of God's strong men! Abraham was "strong in faith, giving glory to God." Think of

Joseph, torn from home by a cruel plot and, while in a strange land, subjected to fierce temptation to throw away his morals. Do not imagine for a moment that this was a light matter. Joseph was a vigorous, attractive youth, possessing the impulses and feelings of any normal young person. But he was one of God's strong men, and he came out of the test unscathed.

Daniel and his companions were presented with an opportunity to occupy high political office. But it meant they must sacrifice their principles, their spiritual convictions, their loyalty to God. Fortunately, their souls had tough spiritual sinews. They were God's strong men, and they passed the acid test to show that they were pure gold and not mere alloy.

Surely we will not forget Luther, who defied the Pope and his whole hierarchy to preach justification by faith, nor Wesley, who preached heartfelt religion in the streets and fields when forbidden to preach it in the

churches. Nor can we fail to remember Calvin, Knox, Cartwright, Finney, Moody, and others who were close enough to the heart of God to receive a message that would stir their generation.

And what of more recent heroes of the Cross? Our own Pentecostal Movement has had its share—men and women who endured scoffs, sneers, misunderstanding, and even excommunication from their church because they had heard from heaven and dared to preach what they had heard! These were God's strong men, and the Bible promises that with the strong of all ages Christ shall divide the spoil of victory!

Several years after V-E Day the announcement was made that ex-service-men who had been prisoners of war would be paid one dollar for each day they had spent in the hands of the enemy. I was happy to receive my \$93 for the ninety-three days I spent as a prisoner of war in Rumania.

Interestingly, the bonus did not come out of the U. S. treasury. It did not cost American taxpayers a cent. The funds came from the sale of enemy property that our forces had seized on their victory march through Europe and Asia. Thus we, who at one time had been the enemy's prisoners, were



NORFOLK BOYS AND GIRLS ENLIST IN "CHRISTIAN CADETS"

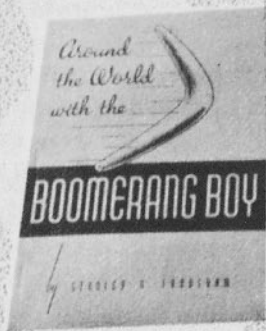
God is graciously blessing the boys and girls at the Glad Tidings Assembly in Norfolk, Virginia, through the organization which we call Christian Cadets. We have over 100 enrolled, but some were ill when this picture was made. The members are organized along military lines. The leaders are designated as Boys Training Officer, Awards Examination Officer, Transport Officer, Recreational Officer, Equipment Officer, etc. The pastor is the captain and Lt. Mrs. Mary Ross is Director and Administration Officer. Each member has

a rank such as sergeant, corporal, or private.

Nearly all the boys and girls are saved and many have been baptized with the Holy Spirit. Two lovely girls were filled with the Spirit on the same night as the picture was taken, while sitting in the Sunday night service. Our Christian Cadet work is playing a vital part in building up our Sunday School and church. The boys and girls are taking a bold stand for Christ and the Truth in the public schools.

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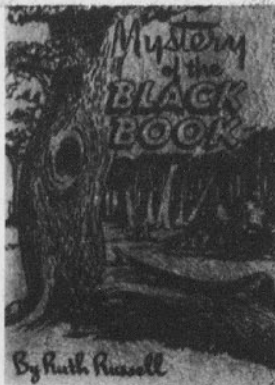


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now being reimbursed through the sale of what he had possessed before our country defeated him. In that measure we shared financially in the spoil of victory. In like manner do those who were once Satan's prisoners, but now have been liberated by the Lord Jesus, share in His victory over the adversary.

Just what was it that Christ restored to us when He defeated Satan? It was communion with God. Satan had cut the line of communication between man and his Maker, and it was a tremendous victory for the enemy. Adam and Eve, after they sinned, no longer wanted to go forth to meet their God in the cool of the day. The devil had ruined their fellowship with Him.

But this is one of the first things restored to the soul of a man when he surrenders to Christ. He finds that he can pray with the conviction that his petitions are reaching the Father. Furthermore, he often has a wonderful sense of hearing God's response. Communion with heaven is restored, and the believer thus shares the spoil with his Lord.

Our adversary not only cut off man's communion with God, but also led him into sin that filled him with a sense of guilt. This feeling of being guilty in the sight of a holy God is one of the most torturing consequences of a sinful life.

But what blessed peace and relief descend over the soul when the blood of Jesus washes those sins away! The awful feeling of living under a suspended sword of judgment gives way to "the peace of God which passeth all understanding." The believer receives the witness of the Spirit that he is actually God's child; that he is justified; that he is covered with the righteousness of Christ. The removal of guilt and the gift of peace is another part of the spoil our Lord divides with those who follow Him.

Then there is physical death, that great enemy of the human race, which even medical science cannot conquer. But *Jesus* conquered it! And the pages of Church history are filled with testimonies of saints of God who have declared from their deathbeds that the fear of death was absent; that its sting was gone. Many there have been whose last word was a praise to the Lord. Some have told of seeing angels gathered around their bed to carry them home to heaven. And great has been the comfort to loved ones left behind to know that the departed believer

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tasted the spoil of victory over death even before he left this world.

Remember that this promise is to the strong! As much as our human nature may shrink from trials and difficult tests, never forget that the end of such testing is to share in the mighty victory of the Son of God over every evil.

This is an hour for strength and stamina to be displayed by the people of God. We are being tested. We are under pressure. We are on the battlefield. May we ever be encouraged by our knowledge of the glorious triumph of Jesus our Saviour, and the promise that on that Day of all days "He shall divide the spoil with the strong!"

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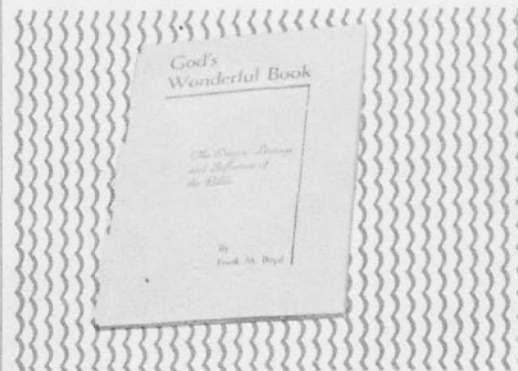
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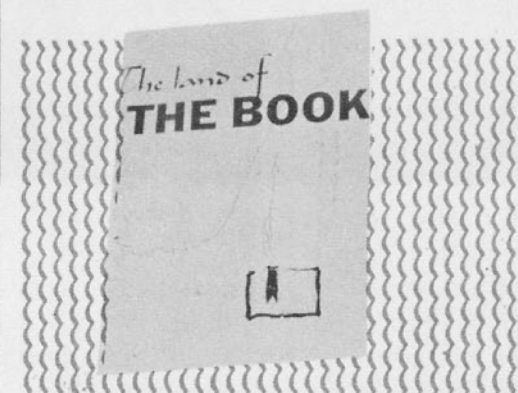
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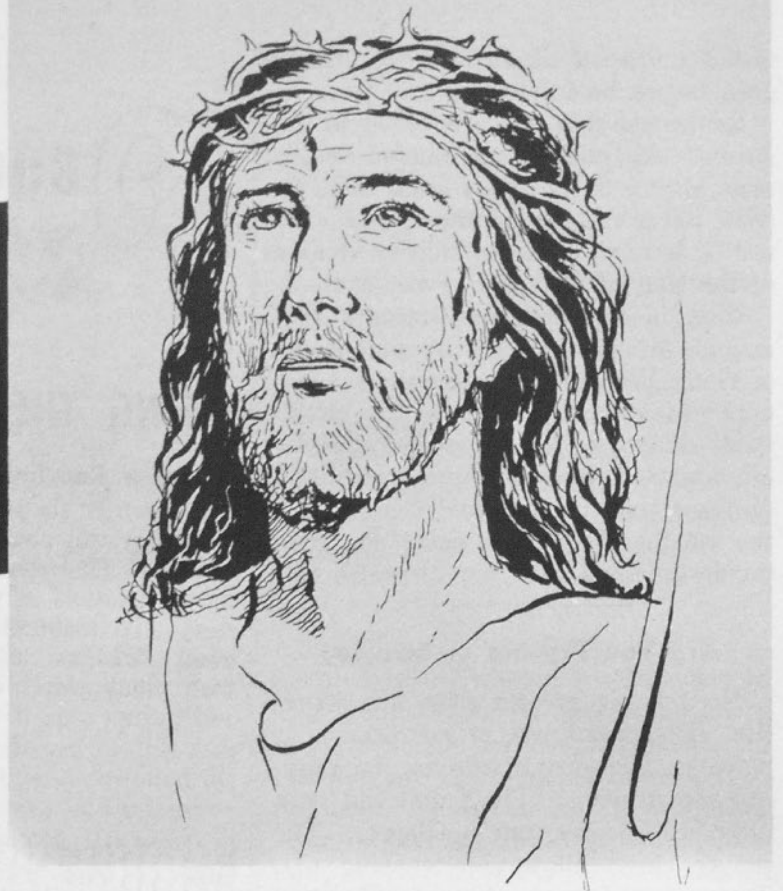
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# The Unusual KING

BY EVANGELIST ROSS HICKMAN



A COWBOY who heard the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a colt "whereon never man sat," was greatly impressed.

"He must have been the Son of God" he exclaimed. "No ordinary man could have ridden an unbroken colt so easily. And what's more, no donkey would have gone quietly and calmly down a road while people shouted and threw clothing and palm branches in front of it."

We agree that there was something unusual about the whole incident, for Jesus was an unusual King.

His virgin birth was unusual, and the place of His birth most unusual. Angels proclaimed it in an unusual visitation. Wise men traveled an unusual distance to offer gifts worthy of an unusual King.

Storms were usual on Galilee—winds often blew men off their course and waves jeopardized their vessels, but it was unusual that One should speak in the midst of the mighty storm and bring a great calm. At the words of the unusual King, Galilee lay down like a lamb, and the fishermen cried, "What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!"

It is a usual thing for folk to suffer sickness and disease, and to spend money seeking relief to no avail. But how wonderfully unusual to touch the hem of a King's garment and to be made "every whit whole!"

It is usual for kings to go forth to battle with arms and soldiers, but when our unusual King faced His enemies in Gethsemane, only one person rose to defend Him, and even he was bade to sheath his sword. It is usual for a king to hate his enemies—but the unusual King healed His.

It is a usual thing for kings to wear a crown denoting their authority and wealth, but how shamefully unusual for a King to be crowned with thorns.

It is usual for a king to die in battle for his honor, or by sickness or disease, but it is unusual for a King to die upon a rugged cross between two malefactors. It is usual for criminals to suffer, but this unusual King was crucified after the man who could have set Him free declared, "I find no fault in this man."

When asked, "Art thou a king?" He replied, "To this end was I born." Pilate acclaimed Him King of stand and notice the unusual King dying for an unusual the Jews in words that all who passed by might under-reason in an unusual manner.

It is a usual thing for man to sin and do all manner of evil. It is his nature to sin. He was born in sin and "shapen in iniquity," but because the unusual King shed His blood, every man's nature can be changed! The old things pass away and all things are made new through faith in the power of the unusual King.

It is usual for the dead to be buried, but it is gloriously unusual that after three days in the grave one should come forth alive—a conqueror over death, hell and the grave!

This same unusual King was caught up in the clouds, leaving an unusual witness that He would return. And when Jesus, the unusual King, takes His unusual bride, the Church, to that unusual place in the sky to live with Him for an unusual length of time, I don't want to miss it, do you?