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# Daily Devotions

Spasmodic seasons of prayer are a very poor substitute for fixed and regular times of devotion. Communion with God is too precious to be haphazard. We have our meal time, our work time, our rest time; no one thinks of leaving these to the accident of mood or circumstance. Why then should we pray only when we feel like it?

If any habit becomes more regular to us than our acts of devotion to God, we are headed for spiritual decay.

Let us see to it that not a day passes without our quiet time. We need to read God's Word and meditate upon it in order that we might partake of the divine nature. If we live entirely in the atmosphere of this present world, we cannot help but be fashioned by its corrupt standards. We need to shut ourselves away from the bustle and babble of mankind to breathe the air of heaven and let God teach us something of the powers of the world to come.

Jesus told us to pray in secret. "When thou prayest," He said, "enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret." Closet communion is difficult to secure and maintain, much more difficult than public worship where we are buoyed up by the praying of others. But it is in the secret place that we learn to stand alone and "draw water" from the wells of God.

If we are so busy with our daily duties that we have no quiet time, we are busier than God wants us to be. Even gospel work must not be allowed to crowd out prayer. The demands of Christian service may steal from us the sweetness of private devotions and cause the Bible to become dull and unattractive. If this happens, our testimony will be hollow and our service barren. Daily devotions are vital, even if they last only fifteen minutes a day. It is better to have fifteen minutes unhurried for meditation and prayer than a whole hour of distraction. We must concentrate upon it and become absorbed by it if we are to accomplish anything. If possible, there should be time enough to forget time.

Fix your heart on God. Warm it by reading His great and precious promises. Meditate on His goodness, His mercy, His love for you until your heart is aglow and your mind is praising Him. Then you will find yourself spiritually fit to pray effectively and to live an overcoming life.

There is a time to pray and there is a time to listen. Don't do all the talking. Let God put His thoughts into you. Remember that communion is like a two-way radio. After you have unburdened your heart in prayer, keep still long enough for Him to talk to you. He will answer, and He will reveal His will; and the regular spiritual exercise of private devotions will develop in you the faith and obedience you need to be a successful Christian.

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"Be not highminded, but fear: for if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee" (Romans 11:20, 21).

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**S**PARED NOT! ARE THERE MORE solemn words than these in all the Scriptures? Do any other words bring such dreaded responsibility and frightening realization? How dreadful and yet divine. How horrible and yet holy. How terrible and yet true.

"Spared not!" Angels have witnessed it. Individuals have experienced it. Nations have exemplified it. All history is but one vast confirmation to emphasize this injunction of Scripture. *God spared not!*

No one is indispensable or irreplaceable. God is love, and He is faithful to keep those who put their trust in Him. But disobedience, unbelief, rebellion, gossip, or secret sin will not be spared in the life of even the greatest or most illustrious of God's saints. In the divine corporation, embezzlement and incompetence mean only one thing—dismissal. God does not, nor will He ever, condone or co-operate with sin!

This statement in the Book of Romans is a commandment predicated upon past experiences. God has not only warned, but also faithfully illustrated this truth. Look at Israel. Never has any other nation sat upon such a pinnacle of heavenly prerogatives. Clarence Larkin in his book *Dispensational Truth* points out:

"No other nation has ever been favored with such manifest and visible tokens of the divine presence. For them the Red Sea was driven back and the Jordan parted. They were miraculously fed in the wilderness and divinely sheltered and guided by the pillar of cloud and fire. At the blowing of 'ram's horns' the walls of a besieged city fell, and the sun and moon stayed in their courses, that they might have time to slay their enemies. The angel of the Lord encamped about them, and one angel slew 185,000 of the army of Assyria for their deliverance.

"No other nation has given to the world such a number of great men—such a man of faith as Abraham, such a great leader and lawgiver as Moses, such statesmen as Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, such a king as David, such a wise man as Solomon.



BY EVANGELIST KEITH FANCHER

"No other nation has produced such seers as the Hebrew prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel, and no such man as that man above all men, the Man of Galilee."

And yet, with all these privileges, Israel was cut off. Israel was the natural branch on God's tree—chosen, blessed, favored above all others. But not spared!

Look at Saul, Israel's first king. Here was a young man who rose head and shoulders above his countrymen. He was a brilliant leader, an organizer, an able diplomat. He was anointed, a friend of Samuel, the great prophet. He had a fine family, of whom Jonathan was the flower. But in God's eyes this was not enough. This did not insulate Saul permanently within the walls of God's blessings and protect him from the destroying blight of sin.

Even before the reader has time to enjoy the choice of Israel's new king, he is made a witness to Saul's true character and nature. Humility gives way to self-will. Devotion to God becomes devotion to selfish desire. And God's people are wrested from His hands and used as the instruments of Saul's inflated ego.

At last the hour of the supreme test came. Was God to allow such wilful treason to continue? Would such flagrant disobedience go unchecked? The world watched anticipatantly. Would God spare him or not? The hour was at hand. Samuel slowly and majestically approached Saul. "Because thou hast

rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king."

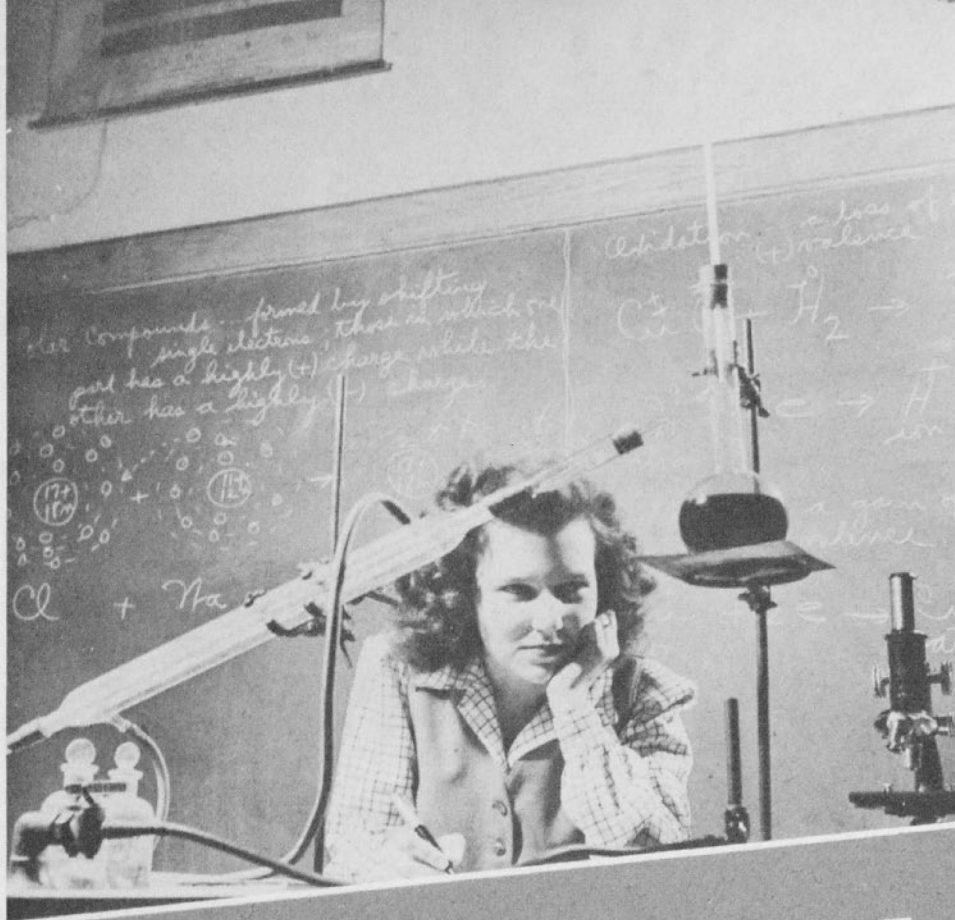
There was the decision. God spared not. But Saul was fine, magnificent, vivacious, handsome. All of that and more—and still God spared him not. This is not something to pass over lightly. This is something to be pondered and to be wept over. Have angels ever witnessed a more tragic sight?

We are busily engaged in the Master's work. The machinery is turning, the committees are meeting, the message is being propagated, and we are working at an ever-increasing tempo. Isn't there a subtle danger here? Isn't it possible that we could become so busily engaged in "doing" things that we could lose our vital contact with the Lord Jesus Christ? Working for Him, and yet a stranger to Him! Isn't it true that there are many working for the Lord Jesus, while within their hearts are unconfessed sins? We need to "take heed." If God spared not the natural branch, do you think He will spare us who have been grafted in as a spiritual branch?

Many who declare themselves ardent Arminianists live like extreme Calvinists. Many are quick to point to Paul and admire him for bringing his body into subjection, "lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (1 Corinthians 9:27). But so few follow his example.

Do you think you can disregard your

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## CRISIS IN THE CLASSROOM

*Teachers in Pentecostal schools are dedicated to the one task of training our young people to take their place in society as established Christians.*

BY CHARLES W. H. SCOTT  
Assistant General Superintendent, Assemblies of God

ELISHA'S SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS was faced with a crisis. The enrollment had so increased that the facilities at Gilgal were inadequate. New buildings were needed. New equipment must be secured to accommodate those who were planning to enroll in the college. The new site for the campus appeared to be a favorable acreage overlooking the Jordan.

From the scriptural account given in 2 Kings 4:38-41 and 6:1-7 we see that the Building Committee was faced with the problem that has become well known to most schools since that time. There was no money available to provide for the needed expansion. Apparently they could not afford a contractor, and Elisha had to supervise the job. We gather that they had no tools

of their own to work with, for when the axe head slipped off the handle and disappeared into the water below, the workman cried, "Alas, master! for it was borrowed." The situation was so bad that they could not retain the services of their regular chef and had to rely on an inexperienced cook who would have poisoned them all with his "salad of wild herbs" had Elisha not been there to correct the situation by casting the meal into the pot.

The crisis which faced the School of the Prophets in Elisha's day—a crisis in providing room for more students, a lack of funds, a need for equipment and efficient help—could well be compared to the crisis in our schools today.

Current newspapers and magazines

have been bringing into focus the increasingly critical conditions prevailing in our public schools—crime has invaded the classrooms, teachers have been assaulted, and students have been subjected to acts of violence by juveniles. The curriculum, too, and the methods of teaching have been declared inadequate. One magazine referred to the situation under the heading, "It Is Time to Close Our Carnival."

The colleges also are being faced with crises. The President's Committee on Education estimated in its 1957 report that the enrollment of students in our colleges by 1970 will probably double that of 1956, reaching eight or nine million. One of the reasons for this

is the growth of our population, which is expected to reach 200,000,000 by 1975. An additional quarter of a million teachers will be needed. With the exception of the State-supported colleges, most of the institutions of higher learning are faced with the problem of getting enough money to maintain their schools and to enlarge their quarters for the influx of students who will be knocking on their doors within the next few years.

I refer to these problems which are plaguing educators today in order to bring into focus the crisis which is plaguing our own schools. As Executive Director of the Department of Education of the Assemblies of God it has been my privilege to visit our schools in all parts of the nation. I have found them to be manned by Pentecostal teachers who are dedicated to the one task of training our young people to take their place in society as established Christians—not merely by acquiring knowledge and facts about life, but by developing a pattern of behavior and of thinking and living that is in harmony with the Scriptures and pleasing to God. The thing that makes a school is not its buildings or its books and teachers, but its spirit and atmosphere, its philosophy of life and its basic relationship to time and eternity.



In his attitude toward the educational world, the Christian often overlooks one great fact. This educational world is just as intrinsically and vitally a part of the world that lies in the arms of the wicked one as is the social, political, or economic world of our day.

Paul said, "Be not conformed to this world." Why should the educational world, which has such a tremendous influence upon the life and character of our young people, be an exception to this injunction? Can one be so foolish as to believe that a person can sit in a classroom presided over by a godless professor who has no concept of the true wisdom of God, and not be influenced or affected? With atheistic communistic sympathizers occupying many professorial chairs of higher learning, sowing the seed of their unbelief in the minds of our youth, it is time for the Church to recognize her responsibility and provide for her young people institutions of higher education which shall be free from these debasing influences.

One of the speakers at the dedication of the Palomar Observatory said, "Knowledge is not enough. . . . Unless we can anchor our knowledge to moral foundations, the ultimate results will be dust and ashes." General Omar Bradley said, "The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount."

More and more the world is recognizing the place which the Pentecostal Movement is filling in this generation. The Assemblies of God as a recognized leader in this Movement has a responsibility to face this educational challenge. We must support the schools of our fellowship so that they can help provide the standards of righteousness and dynamic faith, as well as a right perspective of intellectual, physical, moral, and ethical values, that our young people may become intelligent, upright citizens, leading lives which are fruitful and meaningful in showing forth Christ as the Remedy for a sin-sick world.

One of the crises facing our schools lies in the fact that income has not kept pace with increasing costs and inflation. Student enrollment offsets only 66% of the cost of operating a school. If we would see their influence continued and their Pentecostal Christian atmosphere maintained, then we who make up the membership of the



## Evangel College Band Tours Central States

By Doris Strache

The Evangel College concert band visited thirteen Assemblies of God churches during its spring tour. Traveling by chartered bus, the twenty-nine members of the new school's first concert band visited Newton and Fort Madison, Iowa, on the first leg of their 3,000-mile trip.

Other churches visited were in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Indiana, and Illinois. The pastors were pleased with the response, particularly among their young people, during the altar call at the close of the services.

Accompanying the students were Jesse Peterson, band director, and Miss Edna Freeman, vocalist, both instructors in the music department; and Grant Wacker, director of public relations. During the band concert in each church, Brother Wacker gave a brief outline of the activities at Evangel

College during its three years of operation. He told the story of its remarkable beginning and phenomenal growth from 93 students during 1955-56 to the present enrollment of 322. Many young people indicated their intention to enter the college in the Fall of 1958.

The band members made a striking appearance in their new uniforms of the college colors, maroon and white. Their musical selections included both sacred and other concert arrangements in keeping with the academic nature of the college.

In the fall of 1957, the band also went on a four-day tour playing in Assemblies of God churches in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri. There are tentative plans for a similar group to make a two-week tour next year in the eastern states, according to Jesse Peterson, director.

church must be willing to help pay for our schools.

We recognize that all society pays the price for secular education through the medium of taxation. We cannot resort to this method of supporting our schools. There must be a willingness to sacrifice, if need be, to back these institutions which can determine the future of our Movement. The candidates for ministerial training and missionary service, the future business men and women, the State and national leaders are in our schools today. We

must support this program if our church is to maintain its integrity and its mission to society by providing the Christian leaders of the future.

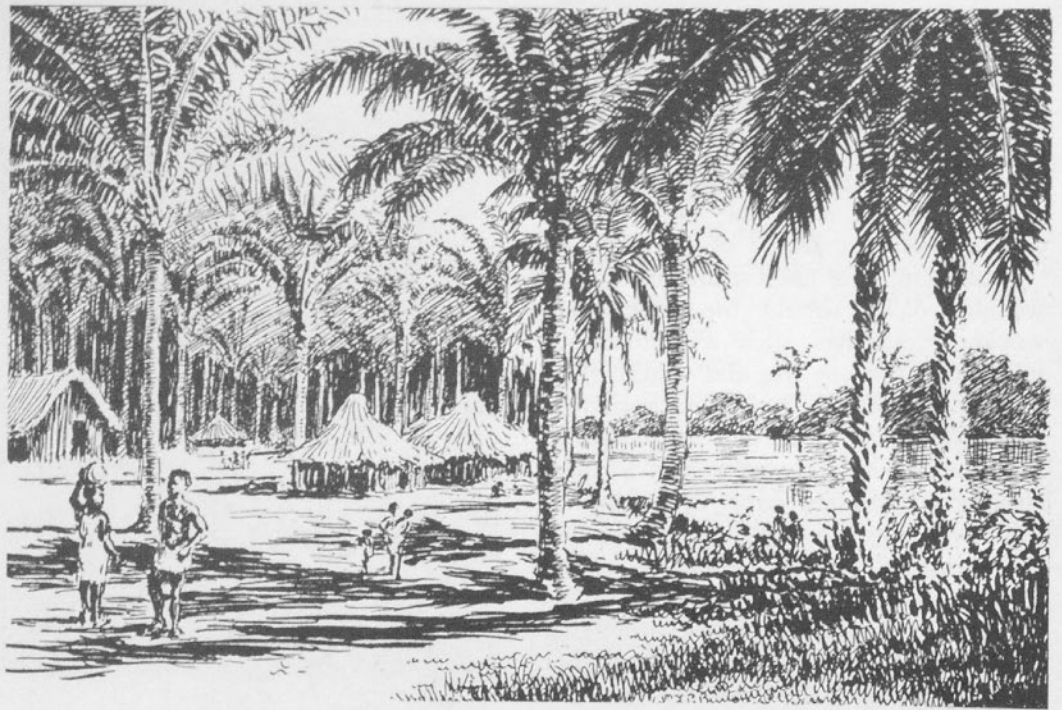
One of the objectives adopted by the founders of our Movement was that we should provide educational facilities for our young people. This took shape in the establishing of the Bible schools and institutes, which have served our church from the beginning. The records show that a high percentage of the pastors in our churches and the mis-

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# Snatched from the Burning

The miracle of God's redeeming  
love in the life of an  
African woman

By E. HODGSON, Belgian Congo



DRAWING BY W. F. P. BURTON

AS A YOUNG GIRL DALEFI WAS JUST A simple raw heathen fearing evil spirits, worshipping idols, trusting in charms, reverencing the witchdoctor and living in nominal sin and weakness.

When World War II began, native soldiers were recruited in Congo to be sent north to serve with the Belgian forces. She was attracted by the glamor of the soldiers coming and going, and soon she was off with the troops as a convenient wife of one of the soldiers. Being so far away from her own province and cut off from her own people, she decided to meet the new life by becoming a Roman Catholic, and at her baptism was given the new name of Teleji.

Teleji soon tired of having just one husband and became the temporary wife of anyone who would pay her price. Traveling from camp to camp and from country to country, she learned and practiced every sin and vice. With an eye to business she soon became professional at distilling spirits, brewing beer, and dispensing drugs. Wherever she went she was known as the most abusive and violent woman in the camp. On the least provocation she would attack and strike down her assailant with the nearest weapon at hand.

After the war, when the soldiers had returned to their homes, Teleji settled down at the river and rail junction to make a sinful living with a group of detribalized natives. The motto there seemed to be, "Sin Without Restraint." Each learned the others' vices and all forgot their old tribal virtues.

The only thing that made these people

uncomfortable in their sinful pleasure was the testimony of a converted cannibal witchdoctor. He had been a devil among witchdoctors, but now was an evangelical, a prince among preachers. This evangelist, Levi, was always seeking big "fish" and often talked to Teleji about her soul's salvation. She always told him to get out and mind his own business, that she was a baptized Roman Catholic and could never accept his message.

Finding her so barricaded in, Levi had to resort to the "triangle method" of attack and reach her through the Throne of Grace. God answered his long and oft-repeated prayers by giving Teleji such a dream of eternal realities that she had to cry out for mercy. At daybreak she sent for the evangelist, told him about her dream, and begged

him to pray for her. When he unfolded to her God's great plan of salvation and prayed with her, she accepted Jesus as her Saviour. From that day on, Teleji was a new creature in Christ. It was a great and happy day when she was publicly baptized in the river. There she announced to all that the past was forgiven, that her new name was Dalefi, and that she had started to walk in newness of life.

After this step Dalefi gave herself to much prayer and fasting. While thus shut in alone with God she learned her new position and calling. She had been the wife of many men, but now she was married to One, Christ Jesus. She had often boasted that she was a "soldier," but now she was to be a real soldier of the Cross. She had frequently been under the influence of liquor and drugs, but now she would be under the control of God's Holy Spirit. Every morning Dalefi waited long in prayer for direction for the day. God would burden her for a certain person's salvation and give her the right message for that person. In this way she won many souls for her Master.

In her travels Dalefi had learned many languages, and now God showed her how to use this knowledge to win more souls. If someone seemed not to understand her testimony and answered her in another language, with added zeal she would preach in the language the person himself had chosen. Thus many would believe when they heard the gospel in their own mother tongue.

When others would tell her that they could not listen to her message, since



A typical Congo woman



they were baptized Roman Catholics, with great joy she would reply, "And so was I, but you must listen as I did and really become converted to the living God." When others would vilely insult her, she would just smile sweetly and thank them kindly and tell them how insulting, rude, and violent she herself had been until Christ saved her.

Many were gloriously saved as Dalefi witnessed to them, but others positively refused her message. Then she would go home and spend the rest of the day alone with God praying for their salvation. As in her own case, they usually were warned in a dream and sought her help.

One morning while Dalefi was seeking direction for the day, the Lord laid upon her heart a burden for the local chief. He was a Roman Catholic, an educated man; he spoke French fluently and acted as chief native judge for the state.

When she arrived the judge was sitting in court taking fines from native offenders condemned the day before. Very politely she told the chief that God had sent her to ask him what he was doing about his sins that were marked before God and that demanded eternal death. As a king and judge, the chief was making his people pay for their offenses against the state, but what about his sins against the King of kings and the Judge of all the earth? He asked her to come again. When she returned he got beautifully saved and is now a humble follower of the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Dalefi is now the meekest woman in the whole village, yet she looks up and speaks to every soul she meets, including the hardest man whom even the ex-witchdoctor evangelist is afraid to provoke.

Last month Dalefi felt led of God to sacrifice her best and only decent cloth length. It had cost her 300 francs, but she felt she must give it to some poor widow. Feeling unfit to be thanked and unworthy to be known, she sent the cloth anonymously to a church some fifty miles away, so that no one will know and she will not be thanked. Oh, how like the woman in Scripture who was a sinner and returned to her Saviour to wash His feet with her tears, wipe them with her hair, kiss them with her mouth and anoint them with her precious oil. Dalefi, like that woman, loves much because she has been forgiven much.

—Adapted from C. E. M. Report



# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**Since the Bible teaches that we should abstain from pollution of idols (Acts 15:20) and that we are not to make any image of the likeness of God, how can we be justified in displaying pictures of Christ, the Son of God?**

Our Pentecostal brethren in Italy will not have pictures of Jesus. They worshiped before the idols when in the Catholic Church, and they do not wish to have anything that reminds them of idol worship.

Protestants do not worship before pictures or images. If pictures of Jesus are kept it is much as we keep pictures of loved ones. Concerning the deity of the Lord, He was also "the man Christ Jesus." Pictures of Christ do not portray His deity, but His humanity—the man of Galilee who lived, who suffered, and who died for us. If we were to worship the pictures this would be sin, since God has forbidden it.

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**How did the sect of the Pharisees originate?**

Their origin was in the time between Malachi and Matthew. The movement was begun by godly men who sincerely desired to keep alive a reverence for the Law. Unfortunately, as time went on, the group degenerated into a sect characterized by self-righteousness and religious pride—even though they continued to be moral, zealous, and self-sacrificing. Moreover, in the process of time, they set up traditional interpretations of the Law, demanding exactness in certain outward actions, while violating the law of loving God with all their hearts and their neighbors as themselves. They fell into the error of overemphasizing the externals of religion, while failing to practice its principles.

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**What is the meaning of Revelation 18:4—"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues"? Does it mean that we must come out of all Christian denominations if we are to be saved?**

In Revelation 17 the corrupt religious system is in view. In chapter 18 we

see the corrupt political-economic world in its confused condition. The Beast is then the ruler of the earth. The exhortation is to any who believe in God at that time to keep themselves separated from the corrupt conditions which will then prevail.

Applying this exhortation to us today, it means, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. . . . Come out from among them, and be ye separate" (2 Corinthians 6:14 to 7:1). It does not mean that we must leave the Church. The Church may have its faults, but it is still God's representative on the earth. Let us heed the warning of Hebrews 10:25, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

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**Please explain Proverbs 14:12, which says, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."**

This means that carnal man may decide to follow a course of his own choosing, rather than to follow a way which the Lord has set forth. He satisfies his selfish nature, only finally to discover that he has chosen paths which lead to eternal loss and destruction.

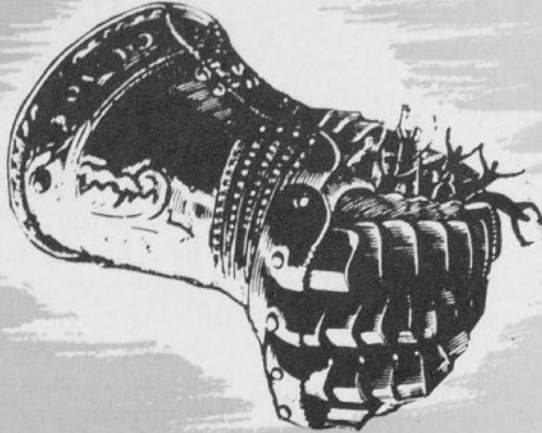
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**Do you think God joins all married people together?**

The Bible honors marriage. If we were to make allowance for separations for any or every cause, society would soon be in a terrible condition. When taking the vow of marriage, the contracting parties take each other "for better, for worse." This they need to consider solemnly. If they are not willing to do this, it is better for them not to go through with the wedding.

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

THE AIM OF COMMUNISM IS SATAN'S AGE-OLD  
AMBITION TO ESTABLISH A GODLESS WORLD ORDER



# The Conflict of the Ages

BY V. RAYMOND EDMAN

**A**RE WE AMAZED, DISMAYED, MADE afraid by what we see transpiring in the world today?

We should be neither amazed nor afraid, and certainly not asleep, as to what is transpiring. The prophetic Word has long foretold the final conflict at the consummation of the ages, and to all appearances that conflict is upon us today.

Read again slowly, carefully, prayerfully, the words that describe these days:

"Upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:25, 26).

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows" (Matthew 24:6-8).

Distress of nations . . . perplexities . . . the raging of the masses likened to the roaring of the sea . . . fear . . . wars and rumors of wars! Added to these fearful factors in human relations is the clear prophecy of apostasy—a fall-

ing away from the faith—with the result that men will believe all manner of lies.

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition. . . . For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie" (2 Thessalonians 2:3-11).

I repeat, distress of nations, perplexity, fear, the raging of the multitudes, wars and rumors of wars, and apostasy on the earth are related to spiritual conflict in the heavenlies. The Lord Jesus said very plainly, "For the powers of heaven shall be shaken." A glimpse of that conflict is given in Revelation 12:12, which speaks forth the dreadful warning, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you,

having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

Another glimpse behind the scenes of human events that should give us cause to reflect and also cause to humble ourselves before God is the unleashing of great demonic forces in this conflict of the ages.

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and unto the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Revelation 16:13, 14).

In a long course of human history no force as diabolical and deadly to human welfare as Communism has ever appeared, nor has there been so swift a conquest of the minds and bodies of men. It was just 110 years ago that there appeared the Communist Manifesto of Karl Marx; and for nearly 70 years his program of hatred, class strife, deceit, and destruction seemed to have little effect; but the bitter seeds of Communism sown in the hearts of desperate and disillusioned men sprang forth swiftly with the Russian revolution of 1917 and the conclusion of the first World War. Within one generation Communism has overrun and enslaved vast portions of the earth's area and population, and has filled the free nations of the earth with *fifth columns* of traitors that are the ready tools of their Soviet masters.

And what is their aim but to conquer the earth, to stamp out human freedom, to establish upon bloodshed a world order without God. Communism is the most nearly perfect preparation for the coming of the Antichrist that human history has ever seen.

Awesome and awful indeed is the plight of the world; but the picture is not one of amazement or dismay to the believing child of God. Beyond the deepening darkness there shines with increased clarity and loveliness the light of the new day, the day of Christ's appearing. By the light of God's Word we understand that every age is marked at long length by rebellion and recklessness that make necessary the judgment of God. Earth's earliest civilization became so corrupt that the flood was the only possible cure. One remembers the protracted and unbridled idolatry of the tribes of Israel that ended in the captivity in Assyria and Babylon. Did the contemporaries of Jeremiah repent



when they realized the judgment of God by the coming of the Chaldeans? No, rather they blasphemed God and persecuted His faithful servants. Did the generation following the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, which generation is described by Josephus, repent when their city was surrounded by the irresistible Romans? No, rather, the irresistible defenders of the city fought among themselves while the city was besieged and about to fall.

Does our generation by and large understand the days in which it lives? I think not. Some are bewildered, some frightened, many totally indifferent, and the great majority just carried along by the raging tide of racial and international strife. It seems strange that a generation so close to the abyss of destruction should not start backward with horror, and turn to the God of mercy and all grace—but, because they do not receive the love of the Truth, they believe all manner of lies.

The picture, however, is not totally dark. In the decline of each age there has always been a godly remnant that has served God conspicuously, as candlelights in the growing darkness. Noah and his family were not many, but they were known of God. Jeremiah and his fellow believers were but a few, nevertheless the blessing of the Most High with power and protection was upon them. The early Christians gave clear testimony and warning as the fall of Jerusalem was impending; and such should be our service in these days as the conflict of the ages roars increasingly about us.

Isaiah, the evangelical prophet, gave graphic statement as to the status of a godly remnant in any generation or age: "Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, we should have been like unto Gomorrah. . . . Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:9, 16-18). Daniel gave further word that seems to have particular and peculiar application to our day: "But the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits" (Daniel 11: 32).

This is the day for those who know



BY KENNETH MILES

CONTEMPLATION OF MAN'S INVASION of the air realm is staggering. When, as a boy, one saw a spindly airplane leave the ground and take off into the skies, he felt that surely the consummation of all things was at hand. Surely God's domain was being broken into and man was going too far! Thirty years later planes leave from and arrive at the Seattle-Tacoma airport every five minutes. And it is just one of many airports operating in national and overseas communities.

But this is not all that must be considered when man's exploration of the upper spheres is in focus. Helicopters are commonplace. Television pictures are flashing from relay tower to relay tower, crisscrossing our entire planet. Intercommunication sets are employed by legions of cabs, factories, and individuals. Radio networks crowd the broadcast bands. At the moment, seventy seasoned travelers surround me in a DC 7 mainliner, at 23,000 feet, between Seattle and Minneapolis. These men, for the most part business people, are conditioned to air travel; and their wise-cracking and bourbon-drinking indicate that air travel has become commonplace. They conduct themselves as though trains and buses don't exist.

What shall we say to these things? Shall we compliment man for his brilliance, or condemn him for his brazenness? The former, I think. That it is presumptuous of man to enter the sky areas has not been proved. "But," it is countered, "the devil is the prince of the

power of the air and the space above the earth is peopled with his imps." It is conceded that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against . . . spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12), but place in juxtaposition with that verse the one in Job which asserts that Satan goes to and fro in the earth also (Job 1:7).

There are perhaps two conclusions to which the Christian inevitably comes as he dwells upon twentieth-century use of the air. First, our lives are cast in marvelous, breath-taking days. Never was so much expected of a believer, for opportunities were never so great. Dreadful will be the judgment upon Christians who refuse to exploit for the gospel's sake the technological advances of our era. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required . . ." (Luke 12:48). Privilege increases responsibility.

Second, if fallen man can accomplish such incredible feats, will not the great God of heaven be able to fulfill literally the detailed promises of His descent in the air for His believing children? It should not be regarded as a fanciful and impossible thing that our Lord Jesus Christ will descend the air lanes, defy the laws of gravity, and snatch His people away with Him to inhabit celestial spheres. Viewing human prowess only heightens one's concept of the God who flung the constellations into space and set the planets whirling about their orbits.

"Oh Lord my God . . . how great Thou art!"

God, who have come to saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and have committed themselves without reservation to Him and to His cause, to be strong, and to do exploits for God. It is indispensable that we be strong in the Lord and the power of His might, and likewise be strong for the cause of the Saviour. To that end we need

unshakable strength of conviction as to what we believe, and intimacy of personal acquaintanceship with Him whom we believe.

To the believer in these last days, the words of our Lord are these: "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, ex-

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# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Politics

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE LEAVES POLITICS TO JOIN RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

Carroll F. King, manager of a co-operative store at Denham, Minnesota, and a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, has moved to Farmington, Pennsylvania, with his wife and six children. They have joined a religious community there, named the Society of Brothers.

When asked to address the legislature on his decision to leave politics, Mr. King said: "Decency and a new society can't be legislated. This can be done only by God working through His willing vessels." He said the Society of Brothers was started in Germany 38 years ago. At present there are three communities of the Society in Europe, five in South America, and three in the U. S. He described the Society as non-sectarian and "Christ-centered." He said: "Members of the community share their work, possessions, hopes, troubles, and sorrows. Our main source of support at Farmington is the manufacture of educational toys. Our constitution is the Sermon on the Mount." He reported that there are about 135 persons, including 22 families, in the community at Farmington.

### CHURCH MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO "MIX IN POLITICS"

Two church conventions of different denominations issued a call for their members to be more active in political matters.

At Jamestown, New York, the Augustana Lutheran Church synod adopted a resolution calling on Augustana Lutheran pastors to "mix in politics" as well as to preach the gospel. "It is the responsibility of the pastor," the resolution said, "to assess political and social trends in the light of the Word of God, and share his insights in his preaching and teaching with the people of his congregation." The resolution mentioned the lay members' part and added that "Christians who are

qualified should be encouraged to seek public office."

Meanwhile at St. Paul, Minnesota, Methodists were urged to bring local and state political campaigns right into the church. Delegates at the annual Minnesota Methodist conference approved a recommendation urging that political candidates be invited to churches to give their views and to discuss "positive Christian solutions" to important problems.

## Denominations

### COVENANT CHURCH DEPLORES METHODS USED BY SOME ADVERTISERS

Some 500 delegates at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America, in Miami Beach, Florida, adopted a resolution deploring the materialistic philosophy in some modern advertising. The resolution criticized manufacturers who "are turning to the use of devious methods to persuade man that the major purpose of life is the acquisition and consumption of goods." It said that "the unconscious motivations to which appeal is made are those which every Christian must recog-

nize and combat in himself—lust, pride, envy, sloth, inadequacy in the face of men rather than in the sight of God."

Church members were urged "to refuse to purchase commodities advertised by such methods and to notify the firms concerned that they so refuse."

### BRETHREN CHURCH APPROVES ORDINATION FOR WOMEN

In a history-making move, the Church of the Brethren approved ordination of women as ministers of the denomination. The action was taken at Des Moines, Iowa, during the 250th anniversary annual meeting.

In another resolution, the Church named a committee to study "basic discrepancies in present funeral practices as related to Christian beliefs."

### EDUCATOR WARNS METHODISTS AGAINST EMPHASIS ON LITURGY

Emphasis on symbolism and liturgy may weaken the church, in the opinion of Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre, professor of theology at Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Center, Mass. Dr. Ferre warned delegates to the annual Rock River Methodist Conference at Aurora, Illinois, that "symbols tend to

## SECOND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA SUNDAY SCHOOL FAIR PLANNED

With the theme, "Sunday School is a Family Affair," churches in Turlock, Calif., are planning the second Central California Sunday School Fair. Convening again in Turlock, September 24-27, the fair will endeavor to stir enthusiasm for Sunday School in the whole family.

The 1958 fair will include many of the interesting features of the previous event, including a parade, plus many others. Charles Blair, pastor of Calvary Temple in Denver, Colo., will be one of the featured speakers at the mass rallies.



CROWD GATHERS FOR MASS RALLY AT FAIR—Photo above was taken during a mass rally at the 1957 Central California Sunday School Fair which followed the colorful parade through the streets of Turlock. A similar fair is planned for September 1958.



substitute for reality, and liturgy often takes the place of religious vitality."

Methodism, he said, "needs to examine its own conscience to determine to what extent it is substituting cultural conformity and liturgical sophistication for personal experience of God and for genuineness of Christian Commitment."

## Foreign

### JAPANESE HOLD FUNERAL SERVICES FOR LIQUIDATED WORMS

The public health society in Nagoya, Japan, recently held Buddhist requiem rites for the seven million worms it has liquidated during the past quarter-century. In front of an altar on which stood a bottle with 12 different species of worms, a Buddhist priest intoned: "We are very sorry for you, but we must keep up our war of annihilation against you for the happiness of mankind. May your spirits rest in peace."

The memorial service was held after several staff members of the Society for Protection of Public Health reported deaths in their families. To guard against further deaths they endeavored to appease the "vengeful" spirits of the slain worms by piling on the altar offerings of the worms' favorite foods—cabbage, spinach, and apples.

### QUESTION WHETHER YMCA IS CHRISTIAN

A dispute as to who could vote at the annual meeting of the local YMCA in Lowestoft, England, turned into a dispute as to whether the Y should be a distinctly Christian organization. The divisional secretary pointed out that, in England, only those who sign a declaration of their belief in Christianity can enjoy full membership and have voting privileges. Although there are 165 in the local association, only 10 are full members.

Said the secretary, "Only declared Christians should govern a Christian body." He added, "The YMCA was not built up by billiards and table tennis, but by people interested in the Christian ideal."

### SLIDES FOR AFRICAN USE DEPICT CHRIST AS BLACK

It is surprising how easily some ministers can sacrifice truth for the sake of expediency. A mission teacher in Southern Rhodesia has produced a series of slides in which Christ and His disciples are depicted as black-skinned. He says his African pupils disliked the white Christ depicted in American visual materials.

# EVANGEL DEADLINE

. . . LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORS will meet in Springfield, Missouri, Saturday, August 30. Purpose of the seminar will be to review past progress of Men's Fellowship work and make plans for future advancement.

LIQUOR CLAIMED 200 OF THE 364 HIGHWAY DEATHS during Fourth of July weekend, according to reports by the Methodist Board of Temperance. The Labor Day weekend is expected to see at least that many more fatalities. A study by the National Safety Council showed that liquor is a factor in 55 per cent of holiday deaths on the highway, compared with an annual average of 30 per cent.

SCHOOL - AND - CHURCH CO-OPERATION will continue this fall in suburban Westside at Omaha, Nebraska. The schools refrain from scheduling school activities on Wednesday evenings and from holding tests on Thursdays which would require study the previous evening. The program was begun last year in the Westside High School and for 400 pupils in seventh and eighth grades, in other schools. Schools Superintendent C. L. Retelsdorf said the schools are cooperating with the churches in order to give students a chance to attend midweek church activities if they want to.

A PACT AGAINST THE GOSPEL has been made by the people of Liu Ying, a town in Formosa, according to missionary reports. The people have vowed that anyone who becomes a Christian will be driven out. At one church meeting, however, about a hundred adults listened for two hours and hundreds of gospel tracts were distributed.

A BITTER EXTERMINATION CAMPAIGN has been launched in Ceylon by militant Buddhists and "other extremist" groups. European Christians, Moslems and Hindus are the targets. Bhikkus, monks who have renounced Buddha's doctrine of pacifism, have threatened European Christians with death, have rendered an estimated 15,000 Tamils homeless, and have said to Christians in general: "You are the people who brought foreign religions to Ceylon. We the orthodox Buddhists feel that unless and until we liquidate you we will not be able to stop the spread of Christianity and Islam on Ceylon. If you do not quit Celon this year, you will be liquidated."

A SUSPENDED PRISON SENTENCE was handed down to a Santa Fe (New Mexico) woman on the condition that she attend church every Sunday, with her children, for at least two years. Mrs. Aurora Salazar pleaded guilty to attempting to defraud the New Mexico Welfare Department. In suspending her sentence District Judge David W. Carmody stipulated the weekly church attendance as a condition of probation. Mrs. Salazar admitted cashing a \$90 welfare check which was not issued to her.

NATIONAL SCRIPTURE UNION WEEK was observed by Protestant churches in a thousand towns throughout Australia in an effort to create greater Bible consciousness among the people in that country. The campaign was organized by Australia's Scripture Union, 80,000 strong. John Prince, chairman of National Scripture Union Week, said, "The great need of the world is to get back to God, and to know anything of God we must read the Book in which He has revealed Himself."

# Pentecostal Outpouring in Rangoon

By GLEN STAFFORD, Burma



Evangelist McAlister is shown in center of the front row

**T**HE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD WORK in lower Burma is still new and in the pioneer stage. It was with a thrill, therefore, that we witnessed a definite move of the Lord in the services held recently by Evangelist Harvey McAlister. There was real interest shown in the Full Gospel message, and the largest crowds in the history of the Assemblies

of God work in this area attended the services. The rented hall was packed to the door.

Each night the sick were prayed for, and many healings were reported. When messages on the baptism with the Holy Spirit were given, the entire congregation signified the desire to be filled with the Spirit. Two local pastors at-

tended with their congregations and are anticipating a real outpouring of the Spirit in their churches.

Since the special meetings the nightly services have shown an increase, and the continued interest in the Full Gospel message is gratifying. A Baptist pastor, Brother Tamlattoo, was healed of a hernia he had for forty years. He is now preaching the full gospel and praying for the sick wherever he goes. The ministry of Harvey McAlister has been especially used of the Lord in spreading the Full Gospel message in areas where it was not well received before. His sincere, forceful presentation makes the truth acceptable among not only our own people but also others who are desirous of all God has for them.

Following the McAlister meetings, M. M. Brewer held an additional three nights of services which were greatly blessed of the Lord.

In this rather lonely outpost, where Pentecostal fellowship has been lacking for us missionaries, these unusual special services have been a real boost to us. We believe the blessing of the Lord resulting from these meetings will be continued and spread until Jesus comes.

Harvey McAlister prays for the sick



The congregation listens attentively







Korean village scene

# "TELL US A STORY"

By **John Stetz**, Korea

**T**HE SUN WAS ALMOST DIRECTLY overhead, and it was hot. Pastor Munda Kim was hiking from Pusan to Chinhae on one of his evangelistic circuits. He was coming up the side of a mountain where many workers, men and women, were eating lunch at the time. As they saw him approaching, they wondered at his peculiar clothes, for he was dressed in a white robe with a large red cross sewn on the front and another on the back.

Being timid, he first inquired if he could speak to them about Christ. No one answered. When he asked again, a group of them said that they didn't care to hear about his silly religion. Someone called out, "Entertain us with an interesting story until we finish eating!"

Pastor Kim's first impulse was to leave them and "shake off the dust" from his feet, but he didn't want them to regard him as being defeated. As he paused for a moment, he heard the voice of God whisper into his ear, "Remember thirty years ago?" Instantly he recalled the whole story that took place when he was just a lad of fourteen. It was just as vivid as though it had happened the day before. He said, "Yes, I'll tell you a story, a very interesting story."

The pastor began to relate the incident to them. He told of a crew of men who long ago were working on a railroad—cutting away part of a mountainside. One of the crew was a very devout Christian who was constantly being teased and mocked by the rest.

One noon they sat in the shade to eat lunch, much as the people were doing to whom the pastor was now speak-

ing, and in much the same setting. As the Christian man bowed his head to give thanks for the food, the unbelievers quietly snatched his lunch box and hid it. When he opened his eyes and saw that his lunch was gone, they all began to laugh and say that a dog came along and took it. He asked them to please tell where it was, for he was very hungry. Then they told him that they hid it under the tree in a certain direction. He knew that they were still teasing him, but he was willing to be made a fool for Christ's sake. When he got there and didn't find it, they said that it was under the next tree. He went to the tree and, of course, it wasn't there. They just roared with laughter and shouted jeeringly, "Why do you worry, just pray to your God and He will feed you!"

*Suddenly* the side of the mountain broke loose and avalanched on them, burying every one of them in a rocky grave; only the Christian man escaped, because he was some distance away.

By this time the pastor's audience stopped eating, for they were all spellbound. "Look out!" the pastor shouted, "The rocks are falling!" The workers were horror-stricken and ran. Strong conviction seized their hearts and some fell on their faces.

Pastor Kim doesn't know just why he shouted those words, except that he was strongly urged to do so by the Holy Spirit. To qualify his statement he said, "Just like that, *suddenly*, the judgment of God will strike." The people were weeping as the plan of salvation was explained to them. Afterwards, some invited him to preach in their towns. Pastor Kim learned how wonderful it is to be led by the Holy Spirit.

## A NEW SPANISH BOOK

The popular manual on indigenous church principles for national pastors, "Build My Church," written by Melvin J. Hodges, Field Secretary for Latin America, has now been published in Spanish.

National church government, self-propagation, and self-support are just a few of the topics discussed in this book. It is of special interest to national ministers and Bible school students in Latin America. Available for only fifty cents, this remarkable book would make a fine gift for anyone engaged in the work of the Lord in Latin America.

At present the author is traveling over the field and is being greatly used of the Lord in conferences with both missionaries and national workers.

## Financial Report Foreign Missions Department

May 1958

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama .....	\$ 3,598.14	N. Texas .....	10,532.73
Appalachian .....	707.06	Northwest .....	24,926.20
Arizona .....	1,535.31	Ohio .....	10,066.94
Arkansas .....	3,242.79	Oklahoma .....	15,494.83
Eastern .....	13,028.03	Oregon .....	10,859.87
Georgia .....	5,182.57	Polish Br. ....	33.40
German Br. ....	1,123.07	Potomac .....	7,848.18
Greek Br. ....	190.65	Rocky Mtn. ....	8,535.53
Hungarian Br. ....	337.61	S. Carolina .....	339.71
Illinois .....	9,316.90	S. Dakota .....	1,749.78
Indiana .....	4,471.05	S. Florida .....	7,431.43
Italian Br. ....	212.70	S. California .....	41,639.09
Kansas .....	5,993.33	S. N. England .....	4,737.73
Kentucky .....	483.81	S. Texas .....	9,862.19
Lat. Am. Br. ....	398.75	S. Idaho .....	155.47
Louisiana .....	2,199.71	S. Missouri .....	10,337.07
Michigan .....	10,833.39	Span. E. Dist. ....	738.00
Minnesota .....	13,078.04	Tennessee .....	3,446.08
Mississippi .....	2,417.28	Ukrainian Br. ....	237.34
Montana .....	4,199.66	W. Central .....	4,995.53
Nebraska .....	4,354.86	W. Florida .....	3,262.80
New Jersey .....	4,976.65	W. Texas .....	4,333.04
New Mexico .....	1,639.19	Wis.-N. Mich. ....	6,081.59
New York .....	10,218.06	Wyoming .....	566.17
N. Carolina .....	1,048.04	Alaska .....	170.92
N. Dakota .....	3,920.84	Canada .....	946.19
N. N. England .....	488.56	Hawaii .....	196.37
N. Calif.-Nev. ....	23,796.97	Miscellaneous .....	1,771.94

Total Amount Reported .....\$324,289.14

District Funds .....	\$11,471.13
National Home Missions .....	2,642.55
Office Expense .....	3,881.86
Given Direct to Missionaries .....	1,465.59
	19,461.13

Received for Council Missionaries .....	\$304,828.01
Received for Non-Council Missionaries .....	3,187.54
Missionary offerings not allocated to any State .....	6,158.07

Total Receipts .....\$314,173.62

### DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel .....	\$120,374.15
Missionary equipment .....	45,486.27
Missionary Work .....	52,007.65
National Workers Abroad .....	7,538.36
Deputational Returns .....	57.85
Buildings in Foreign Lands .....	36,486.75
Missionary Transportation .....	63,526.61

	\$325,477.64
Transferred from "Hold" Account .....	11,304.02
	\$314,173.62



# Experiences of HEALING Through Revivaltime

Compiled by Stanley Michael

**L**ETTERS LIKE THE FOLLOWING ARE not uncommon in the REVIVALTIME mail:

"This letter is to let you know that your prayers for my seven-year-old sister have been wonderfully answered by God. It's a real miracle, and it just shows us that nothing is too hard for God if only we will trust Him.

"My little sister had been suffering for four years with her left ankle. She was kept away from school time and time again. She suffered pains and underwent two unsuccessful operations. X rays failed to reveal what was really wrong with the ankle. My parents became very worried. We feared she would lose her foot. Mommy and I believed that prayers could help; so when we heard about your week of prayer I wrote immediately.

"The child is perfectly healed—no more pains, no more swelling of the ankle, no more giving off puss. We thank you for your prayers, and praise God for His miraculous healing."

This glorious testimony comes from Georgetown, British Guiana, in South America. REVIVALTIME ministers to many thousands who suffer and are in pain. As God ministers to their physical need, many of them respond to give glory to the Lord for faith that was inspired while listening to the broadcast. May their testimonies inspire you to receive in this moment that faith you need.

**STOMACH ULCERS:**

"Some time ago I sent you a prayer request for my brother, who was then very ill with stomach ulcers. This ail-

ment had bothered him for ten years. Then one day last summer he had a very bad hemorrhage. Brother Ward, he was a very sick man. He went from 135 pounds down to 94 pounds. But for your prayer of faith, my brother probably would have died. Now he has completely recovered and again weighs 135 pounds. Thanks to God."—Lumsden, Nfld., Canada.

**BURSITIS:**

"I requested prayer for my left shoulder, which was giving me much trouble with bursitis. Thank the Lord, He has answered—I can now raise my arm all the way, and most of the soreness is gone already."—Mrs. S., Weed, Calif.

**ARTHRITIS:**

"I am writing to thank you for your prayers, and to let you know that God has heard and answered. My shoulder was so bad with arthritis, but now it is healed. The pain is all gone. How I do thank God for the wonderful work you are doing!"—Mrs. A., Yakima, Wash.

**PAIN IN LEGS:**

"I just have to write you. I wrote some time ago for prayer for my legs. Well, the pain was so terrible I thought I could not stand it. In a few days after I wrote you, I could turn in bed and my leg would not hurt. Formerly I would have to be so careful how I turned, but now I can run and come down the stairs without a limp or pain. Thanks to your REVIVALTIME prayers, I feel wonderful."—Mrs. W., Brooklyn, N. Y.

**RADIO NEWS FLASH!**

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

AVONDALE ESTATES, GEORGIA (WAVO)

1420 kc.  
Sundays, 9 a.m.

BUTTE, MONTANA (KOPR)

550 kc.—1,000 watts  
Sundays, 8 a.m.

LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI (WNSL)

1260 kc.—1,000 watts  
Sundays, 10:30 a.m.

SAVANNAH, TENNESSEE (WORM)

1010 kc.—250 watts  
Sundays, 1 p.m.

**NERVOUS CONDITION:**

"I wrote you, asking you to pray for my daughter. She had a nervous condition; but, thank God, she was healed."—Mrs. S., Valls creek, W. VA.

**SEVERE HEADACHES:**

"In response to your prayers, God has answered and healed my wife of severe headaches. She had been taking a nerve tranquilizer for twenty-six months, but now for three weeks she has not had any medicine of any kind."—Rev. M., Adrian, Mo.

**MENTAL ILLNESS:**

"I wrote you some time ago, asking you to pray for my sister, who was mentally ill. She had not known me for about ten months. After you prayed, God touched her instantly and restored her mind. Now she is as normal as anyone else."—Knoxville, Tenn.

God is able and willing to deliver His children from all sicknesses and diseases. REVIVALTIME's ministry is bringing hope and blessing to those who stand in need of healing and deliverance from tormenting pain and suffering.

Every week many testimonies of God's healing touch, as a result of the outreach of this broadcast, come into your Radio Department. *You* can be a means of real blessing to those who still stand in need. If God has ministered to your personal need, you in turn can become a blessing to others through the ministry of REVIVALTIME. We need your prayers and letters immediately if we are to continue this life-giving ministry.

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# Swedish Leader to Preach at World Conference

TORONTO, Canada—Lewi Petrus, who is pastor of the famous Filadelfia Church in Stockholm, Sweden, will be the speaker at the Sunday morning communion service during the Fifth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches, which will convene at Toronto September 14-21.

Widespread interest is being shown in the conference. Reservations are pouring in and it appears that delegates from more than thirty countries will attend. Choirs in national costume will be heard at various services. The eight-day conference will take place in Toronto's great Canadian National Exhibition Park, which has a grandstand stadium seating more than 30,000 for the world evangelism rally on the final Sunday afternoon.

The 74-year-old Swedish minister is pastor of what is believed to be the largest Protestant church in Europe. Organized in 1910 with 29 members, the Filadelfia Church now has an adult voting membership of 7,000 and has a major responsibility in the support of 400 overseas missionaries. The church edifice seats more than 4,000.

Dr. Petrus has not confined his interests to strictly evangelical activities. He has occupied himself with the social, economic, intellectual and political life of his country and his fellow-Christians throughout the world; and in publishing and radio in particular.

In 1916 he initiated the publication of *Evangelii Harold* (Gospel Herald), a religious weekly with a circulation of 60,000. In 1945 in collaboration with Karl Ottoson, a Swedish industrialist,

he founded *Dagen* (The Day), a daily secular newspaper which currently has a circulation of 25,000 and is sold on newsstands throughout Sweden.

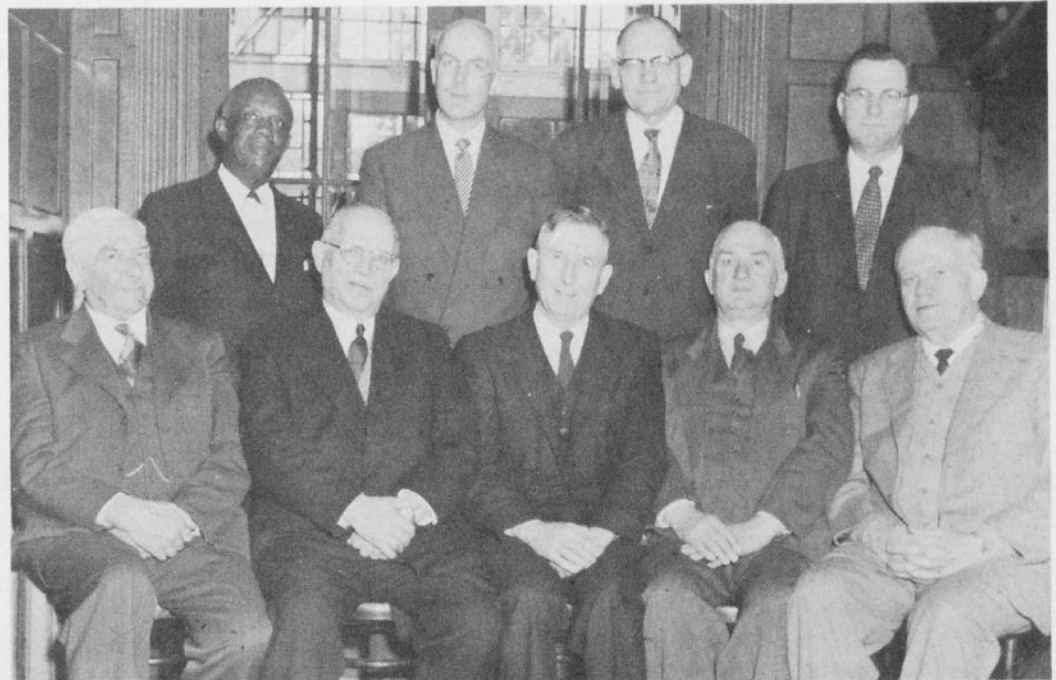
Believing that Christians should control their own economic welfare as well as church life, in 1952 Dr. Petrus led his colleagues in establishing a savings and credit bank, which in turn helps to finance sound church enterprises.

In 1955 this pastor-statesman had the distinction of winning a moral victory over the socialist government that has held power in Sweden for many years. The government's radio system has held a monopoly on Swedish broadcasting. Not only does it forbid the establishing of any private radio station, but it reserves the right to censor content of religious broadcasts. The Pentecostals endured this discrimination for many years. In spite of the fact that they are the largest nonconformist group in the country (second in number only to the State church) the government radio limited the entire Pentecostal community to three broadcasts per year, and insisted on censoring out Biblical supernaturalism.

When after several years of negotiation it was impossible to obtain remedial action, Dr. Petrus took steps to organize an independent radio association to broadcast from Tangier, North Africa. The government tried to block

this project by forbidding the Swedish Pentecostal people to export \$40,000 which had been raised for this purpose. The issue broke in the Swedish Parliament and the governmental action was the subject of sharp debate for three days. The political opposition charged that in view of the hundreds of thousands of dollars which the government allowed to be exported every year for undesirable purposes (including pornographic literature), the refusal to let church people export their money for missionary radio broadcasting was the rankest kind of religious discrimination. Permission was reluctantly granted. IBRA now broadcasts from Tangier on three wavelengths, 5 hours a day, with more than 150 million listeners. Now the Swedish government boasts that it has a "dual" radio system, pointing to IBRA as its second outlet! IBRA's radio log appears in 225 daily papers throughout Sweden, along with the program listings of the state radio.

Of late, Pastor Petrus has been active in the problems of Stockholm's 17,000 alcoholics and is concerned with the election of dedicated Christians to the Swedish Parliament on a non-partisan basis, crossing both party lines and church membership. In this he has been closely allied to clerical and lay members of the State church and the Salvation Army. ◀ ◀



ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF 1958 WORLD CONFERENCE

During the Fourth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches, twelve men were chosen to serve as the Advisory Committee in charge of planning the next World Conference, which will convene at Toronto, Canada, September 14-21, 1958. Nine of the twelve were present at the planning session when this picture was taken, as follows:

Seated (left to right): Donald Gee, England; Lewi Petrus, Sweden; Walter E. McAlister, Canada (chairman); John Carter, England; R. M. Riggs, U.S.A.

Standing (left to right): D. L. Williams, U. S. A.; Leonard Steiner, Switzerland; Samuel Nystrom, Sweden; Paul H. Walker, U. S. A.

Not shown: David J. du Plessis (secretary); Nicholas Bhengu, Africa; Emilio Conde, Brazil.

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note of special days and events.

### INTERESTING VARIETY

Let great hymns and pictures help illuminate the message from the pages of the Good Book. At dinner or after reading, diversion is often found in framing a place of importance and asking what event took place there. A Bible character may be mentioned and followed up by a statement as to why he or she was worthy of being remembered. A letter of the alphabet may be called out and places and persons named that begin with the letter, or on occasion verses may be quoted alphabetically. Each family must decide the best way for itself after following one method long enough to test its worth.

### FAMILY ALTAR

Many homes have been helped by establishing in the living room a Bible corner, where there may be assembled a small family Bible with family-register pages faithfully kept; children's editions of the Scriptures; and perhaps a Bible dictionary, geography, and other books that help toward an understanding of God's Word. Besides its practical convenience, the visible presence of such a Bible corner lays constant emphasis upon the fact that the Bible is different from and more important than any other book in the house.

The successful use of the Bible in the home lies with the parents. Underneath all else must be an unshakable conviction that, in spite of all the difficulties attendant on securing time for the study of Holy Writ, it must play a major role in the family's common life and in the individual lives of all the members.

If children are to love the Word of God, it must first be in the hearts of the parents... not just in their heads, but in their hearts, directing their lives. Wise parents teach the Word of God diligently to their children by making the Bible a part of their daily conversation. Reading and quoting the Bible should be as natural in the Christian home as speaking about the weather.

In all the reading, neglect not to find Jesus within and throughout, and conduct all discussion in His Spirit. Jesus is God's last and living Word, and He is found in the best Book given by the Heavenly Father to mankind. When used reverently, intelligently, and regularly, the Bible can transform family living and habits and the actions of individuals within the home.

—*Bible Society Record*

August 3, 1958



# Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

## Monday, August 4

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 3

**Learn:** "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (2 Corinthians 3:17).

**For the Parent:** This chapter emphasizes two truths: (1) our lives are to be living witnesses for Christ—we are the "epistles" which the unsaved read; (2) the truth of the gospel brings light and liberty—not bondage. In connection with v. 13, read Exodus 34:29-35, stressing that the veil is "done away" in Christ. Christian liberty must be built upon the sense of responsibility to God and our fellow men.

**Question Time:** What are the two main truths of this passage? (See above) What is the "Bible" most unsaved people read? (v. 2) What does the Spirit of the Lord bring? (v. 17)

## Tuesday, August 5

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 4:1-7

**Learn:** "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost" (2 Corinthians 4:3).

**For the Parent:** This passage emphasizes that Christians should (1) avoid dishonesty and deceit, v. 2; (2) be truthful in all things, v. 2; (3) not hide the truths of the gospel from others, v. 3; (4) tell others of Christ, vv. 5, 6; (5) always remember that our power and ability comes from God—we are nothing without Him. Verse one emphasizes the strength He gives.

**Question Time:** What truth does verse seven urge us to remember? Whom should we preach? (v. 5) How is it possible to handle the Word of God deceitfully? (v. 2)

## Wednesday, August 6

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 4:8-18

**Learn:** "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Corinthians 4:17).

**For the Parent:** Read 2 Timothy 3:12 and 2:12, stressing that persecution will come to the Christian (either mental or physical or both) and the reward there will be for those who endure. This passage in Corinthians recognizes the severity of persecutions that come, but it encourages the Christian to keep his trust in the Lord—to view the whole situation in the light of eternity.

**Question Time:** Did the Lord ever promise that the Christian would not be persecuted? (2 Timothy 3:12)

## Thursday, August 7

**Read:** Jonah 1:3-15

**Learn:** "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice" (1 Samuel 15:22).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "Jonah, the Willful Prophet" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Since the story of Jonah is so familiar, have the group review the entire story. Stress especially Jonah's willful disobedience—probably caused by a personal prejudice. Emphasize that God is interested in our obedience to Him and His will. God would rather have us than our service, our talents, or anything else.

**Question Time:** What commission had Jonah received from the Lord? (vv. 1, 2) Why, do you think, did he disobey it? How did God deal with him? (1:4 to 2:10)

## Friday, August 8

**Read:** 1 Kings 21:1-6; Job 1:14-22; 2:7-10 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28).

**For the Parent:** These two widely different illustrations point out two widely different reactions to disappointments. Go over both stories, having the group point out these different reactions. Stress that disappointments come to all. We need to recognize God's hand in all things and be subject to His will, realizing that it is always for our best. Stress also the importance of showing a right spirit when things go wrong.

**Question Time:** How did Ahab's and Job's reactions to disappointments differ?

## Saturday, August 9

**Read:** Esther 4 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might" (Ephesians 6:10).

**For the Parent:** Briefly mention the events of Esther 3. Then stress Esther's bravery in going in before the king. Follow this with a brief resume' of chapters 5 and 7. Emphasize especially that God will help us be brave and do what is right if we will only rely on Him. Point out also how God has a person in a position of leadership (such as Esther was) for times of crisis.

**Question Time:** How did Esther find out about the plot to kill all Jews? (vv. 1-9) What does the last part of verse 14 mean to you? What verse expresses Esther's bravery? (v. 16)

# Whosoever Shall Call . . . Shall Be SAVED

*The inspiring story of a prisoner now serving time in Stillwater prison (Minnesota) for armed robbery. He is thankful for a praying mother.*

BY WILSON A. KATTER

ONE AFTERNOON I RECEIVED AN UNUSUAL telephone call. The conversation went something like this:

"Hello. Is this the parsonage?"

"Yes. This is Brother Katter speaking."

"Would you kindly go down to the county jail and talk to my brother, since his trial comes up tomorrow? He and some others were arrested and he would like to talk to an Assemblies of God minister."

"I will be glad to do that, and I will contact him as soon as possible."

As I prepared to make this visit, Lowell Kramer, pastor of Glenwood Assembly, Glenwood, Minnesota, came in and I asked him to accompany me. We proceeded to the courthouse and obtained a pass. The elevator operator took us to the jail on the fourth floor. We were asked to be seated in the interview room while the deputy proceeded to get the prisoner.

Soon we were face to face with the man we had come to see. It was not difficult to convince him that he was a sinner—he knew! (Sometimes we have found those who have broken the law to be sorry—because they were caught, and not because of their sins. Not so with this man.)

We referred him to the Word: "There is none righteous, no not one." "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

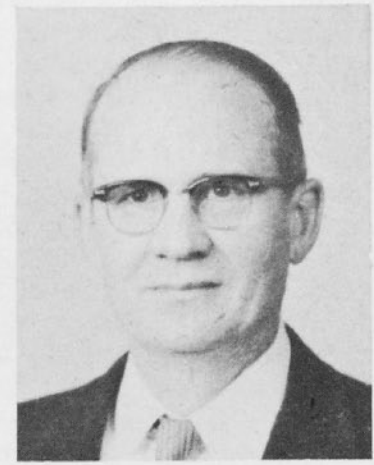
He was sincerely repentant, and we

asked him to confess all his sin to God so that he might be cleansed from all unrighteousness. He joined us in prayer on our knees. The Lord heard, cleansed his heart, and gave him life—eternal life! Immediately there was a change! Old things passed away and all things became new, as 2 Corinthians 5:17 explains. But let the prisoner speak for himself through a letter I recently received from him:

"The day after you visited me [he has been confined to the Stillwater Prison following conviction for his crime] my sister from Minneapolis came to see me. She brought me the bad news that my nephew had had both of his hands crushed at work. This really depressed me. It was im-



Arvid Ohnell



Wilson A. Katter

possible for me to see him but I wished I could, for I had been doing a lot of praying for him.

"I wrote to Don Miller, the Assemblies of God minister in Stillwater, and asked the people to pray for his recovery. I hope you will have your people there pray for him also, just as you are praying for me. I know that prayer is the only answer for complete healing of the body as well as for salvation of the soul, and is the help necessary to live a good life as taught by God's Word.

"I do hope that my nephew will go to church soon and get saved, for it bothers me very much to see his waywardness at present. He is following the same way I pursued until I ended up in jail for my foolishness, which I hope and pray won't happen to him. I have found that nothing is worth the price of a person's freedom.

"I do thank God that He saw fit to stop the gang I was with when He did, as things could have been much worse. Someone could have been hurt.

"I have received my diploma for the Bible course I completed on the four Gospels; I missed one question, or I would have had a perfect score. I have hopes of doing better on the next one, which I expect to get from Brother Ohnell. He promised he would send me another course with the diploma.

"I am devoting as much time as I can to studying the Bible and good religious books, so that when I have my freedom I can work among the young people and help them realize their need of Christ. He alone is the answer to all their problems.

"Only God can give a successful future with true happiness; it cannot be found in worldly pleasure or ma-



terial possessions. Worldly pleasures can satisfy for a little while, but there is always a longing in a person's heart for something that God alone can fill. I can truly say that since I have been saved I have peace, joy, and satisfaction in my heart and mind through knowing that my sins are forgiven and under the blood of Christ our Lord. Words can never express how much that means.

"In our Tuesday evening Bible class, which is taught by Brother Rotenberry, we are studying the Book of Acts. There are about thirty of us attending this class. I am surely learning a lot and can never thank God enough that we have such a fine chaplain for our instructor. He certainly is a wonderful Christian and is doing a great deal for us men.

"I am thankful for all the Christian people who come here each Sunday and bring us the message through song and preaching, for it surely is a help to us. I pray that God will bless them all for their efforts, and that through these services many will come to accept Christ as Saviour; and that those of us who are already saved will be blessed with a deeper experience as we seek God as the disciples did on the Day of Pentecost, when they were filled with the Holy Ghost. That experience is also possible for us today as we seek Him. God's power is unlimited. He has many blessings to bestow on all who accept Him as soon as they meet the conditions in order to receive these gifts.

"I certainly will be happy the day I leave here. When it will be I have no idea; I am leaving it up to God. I am trusting God with my entire future. I want to start attending church and doing what I can to help others and thus repay society for the debt I owe.

"I plan to do something worth-while, with God's help, with the years I have left. These years will be lived for God! I only hope that my life can be used to keep other young people from making the mistakes that I did. Although God has forgiven me, I'll always feel bad about what brought me to prison. I want to show others the change that Christ has made in my life since I have been saved. Even my thinking is changed. I feel assured that as soon as I have freedom my future life will be a success, for I have Christ as my Guide to show me the way. Please continue to remember me in prayer."

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\* Chi Alpha, the Greek letters for C.A., is the name of Assemblies of God youth groups in colleges and universities.

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The needle-grinders of Sheffield wore a magnetic mouthpiece at their work to catch all the fine dust that flew around them and prevent it from entering their lungs. Prayer is the mouthpiece one must wear continually to keep the unhealthy atmosphere of the world out of the heart.—J. C. Ryle.

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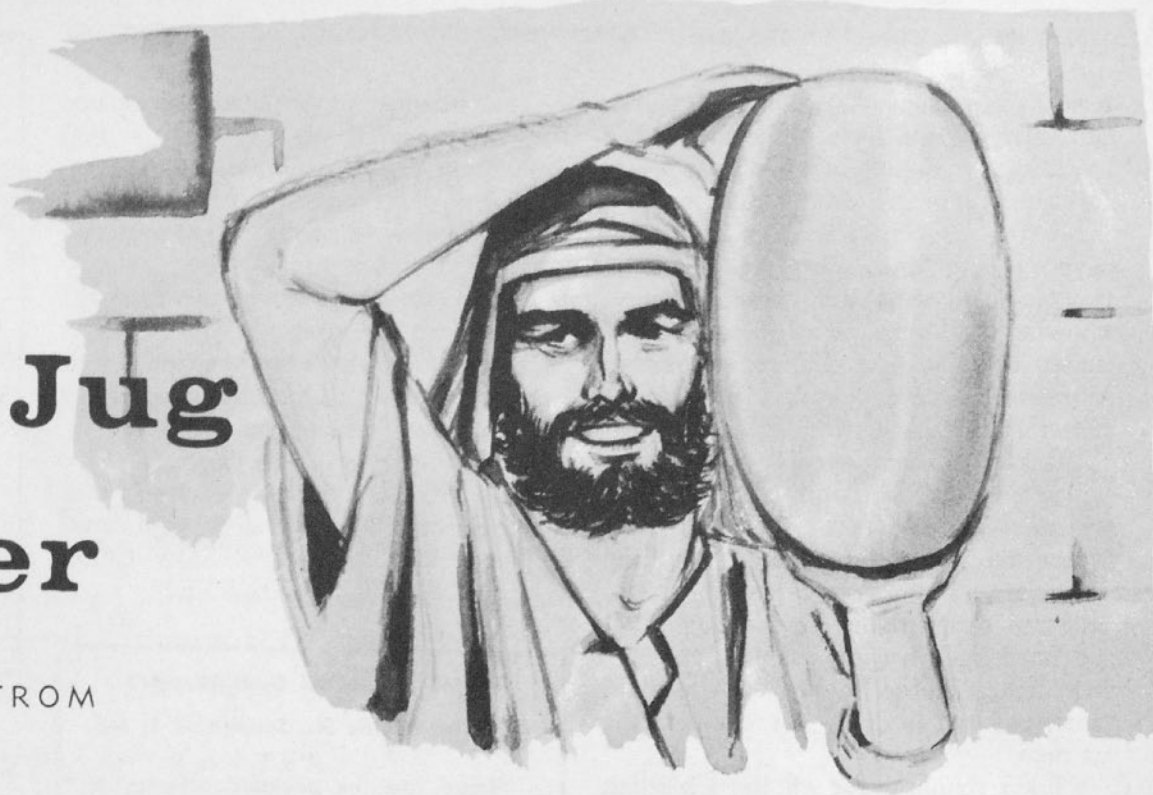
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# A Man With a Jug of Water

BY VICTOR R. OSTROM

*Van Buren, Arkansas*



**I**N MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR THE Last Supper, Jesus gave these instructions to Peter and John: "Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in."

The man carrying this jug of water was engaged in a menial task usually assigned to women in that oriental world. But in carrying the pitcher this unnamed man figured prominently in the last week of our Lord on earth.

Humble tasks are popular sermon themes in this modern day. Yet do we really *know* what it means to perform a humble or menial task? Greatness becomes the goal of most individuals today. Yet on every hand the Scripture enjoins humbleness. No task is too small, humble, or unworthy for a fitting and honorable place in the plan of God. Robert Browning wrote, "All service ranks the same with God."

## LITTLE TASKS

It is said that Christopher Saur, who in 1743 published the first translation of the Bible in a European language to appear in this country, personally collected soot from the chimneys of houses in Germantown, Philadelphia, in order to produce ink, and gathered old rags for the paper used in the copies of that noteworthy German Bible.

On a dark morning after a shipwreck the apostle Paul was seen gathering bundles of sticks for a bonfire by which he and his fellow victims could

obtain a little warmth. He, the great missionary, did not count it beneath his dignity to perform a lowly function in meeting a human need.

The man carrying a jug of water demonstrates to us that often the highest events in God's plan are hinged upon obscure and supposedly insignificant persons and little tasks.

## LITTLE EVENTS

Notice the perfect synchronizing of events in the incident of our text. The



## Work Out Your Salvation!

"If I have eaten my morsel alone,"  
The patriarch spoke with scorn.  
What would he think of the Church were he  
shown  
Heathendom—huge, forlorn,  
Godless, Christless, with soul unfed,  
While the Church's ailment is fullness of  
bread,  
Eating her morsel alone?

"Freely ye have received, so give,"  
He bade who hath given us all.  
How shall the soul in us longer live  
Deaf to their starving call  
For whom the blood of the Lord was shed,  
And His body broken to give them bread  
If we eat our morsel alone!

—Archbishop Alexander



disciples found the man with the pitcher of water at the fountain, and at the moment of their arrival near the fountain he walked in the direction of the house where he was employed. It was in this house that Christ ate His last supper with His disciples before His crucifixion.

On the desert highway leading to Gaza, the evangelist Philip arrived at the side of a chariot at the exact moment that an official of Ethiopia was reading Isaiah's prophecy of the suffering Messiah. Deep truths were revealed as Philip drew near, for he was being led of the Holy Spirit.

Surely all things, both great and small, work together for good.

## LITTLE THINGS

"For who hath despised the day of small things?" (Zechariah 4:10). Note a few examples of little things in the Bible. A rod in Aaron's hand delivered a nation. A jawbone in Samson's hand slew a thousand men. A small, smooth stone once killed a giant. A handful of meal and a little oil provided food to sustain a starving widow and her son. A cloud the size of a man's hand brought rain, breaking a drought. Five barley loaves and two small fish fed a multitude of hungry people.

Little things? Yes, but how *great* were the victories!

## LITTLE MEN

The Bible furnishes us with many examples of little men who accom-



plished great things. The shepherds who watched their flocks on the night of Christ's birth are unidentified, and the names of the wise men are told only in tradition. The Good Samaritan is nameless. The woman of Samaria at Jacob's well, the lad who brought the loaves and fish to Jesus, the town clerk of Ephesus who quieted an angry mob and saved Paul's life—all these are mentioned without any other identification. And there is the unknown youth who was responsible for Paul's being let down in a basket over the wall, so that the plot against his life was thwarted.

Many today know of the fame of George Mueller and his orphanage in Bristol, England. Few know that when he was twenty-one in Germany his young friend Beta helped win him to Christ. George Mueller's name is remembered; Beta's is forgotten.

Blencowe once said, "The heads of

barley which bear the most grain hang the lowest." Little men? Yes, but they performed a great service to a cause greater than self!

The man carrying the jug of water moved momentarily out of the shadows, where he had been a dim figure. As he came near to the light of Christ for a brief moment, he found eternal significance for his deed.

Let us rejoice that we are permitted to do some humble deed for the Kingdom of God, of which there shall be no end. "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence" (1 Corinthians 1:27-29). ◀◀

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—Christian Victory

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### FLORIDA CHURCH DEDICATED

The new First Assembly of God in Hollywood, Florida, was dedicated on Easter Sunday this year. Howard S. Bush, South Florida District Superintendent, brought the dedicatory message.

On May 2, 1958, Mary E. Johnson completed twenty-five years as pastor of First Assembly. The church honored her with appropriate gifts and a love offering during special anniversary services.

An old-fashioned basket dinner climaxed the week of activities. Mrs. Naomi Dalesky, secretary of the church, writes: "At the beginning of Sister Johnson's ministry here, we were worshipping in a simple tabernacle, with sawdust floors, wooden shutter windows, and scarcely any conveniences. But God was there to bless and He has continued to be with us through the years. Many souls have been saved, believers filled with the Holy Spirit, and sick bodies healed.

"Sister Johnson has been not only a pastor but a real friend to us all. She has rejoiced with us when we were happy and wept with us when sorrow came. She has been a blessing to everyone."

# Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



## JONAH, THE WILLFUL PROPHET

Sunday School Lesson for August 10, 1958

JONAH 1:3-15

The Book of Jonah is unique among prophetic writings. It contains no message to the people of God by the prophet whose name it bears. The Book is simply a story, *but the story is a message*. It was written, not for Nineveh, but for Israel and all others who lack compassion for the lost, whose narrowness and lack of vision cause them to withhold God's grace from those who are unlovely or outside their own ranks. It is a missionary Book, revealing God's grace and love to the Gentiles in the heart of Old Testament times. It is the story of a man who thought that salvation and the blessing of God was confined to his own crowd and denomination.

I. PERVERSITY (Jonah 1:1-3). Here is a servant of God running away from his work, attempting to escape the Divine Presence. For what reason? (1) *Perhaps it was because he considered the work too hard*. One man against a wicked city? It was too much, Jonah thought! See Isaiah 41:10, 13; Philippians 4:13. (2) *He did not like the Ninevites*. He was a Jew; they were Gentiles, heathen! Had it been left to him, Jonah probably would have destroyed the Ninevites after preaching to them! Are you unwilling to attend a certain church or to perform some service for God because of someone you don't get along with? God's purposes, rather than our personal preferences, should be the motivating force in our lives! (3) *Was it because he feared God would be merciful and that he, consequently, would lose his reputation as a prophet?* Further events would justify this supposition! Are we more concerned about our own reputation than we are about preaching the truth to perishing souls?

II. PUNISHMENT (Jonah 1:4 to 17). "But the Lord sent... a mighty tempest." Behold the trouble Jonah brought upon himself—and others—through his disobedience! Jonah's sin found him out. It is always so. The mariners discovered that Jonah was responsible for the storm and asked him a pointed question—"What meanest thou, O sleeper?" We also face this question. Of all the men on the ship, Jonah should have been most widely awake. Are we sleeping in a day of trouble? Are we, like Jonah, part of the problem? Or are we, like Paul (Acts 27:21-25), part of the answer?

III. PRAYER (2:1-10). Jonah had faults, but he reacted properly to God's chastening. From the darkness of the fish's belly he sent up a wonderful prayer of deep repentance and simple faith. "I am cast out of thy sight; yet will I look toward thy holy temple." Jonah did what we all need to do—he saw his own sinfulness and unworthiness and helplessness, and at the same time he saw God's love,

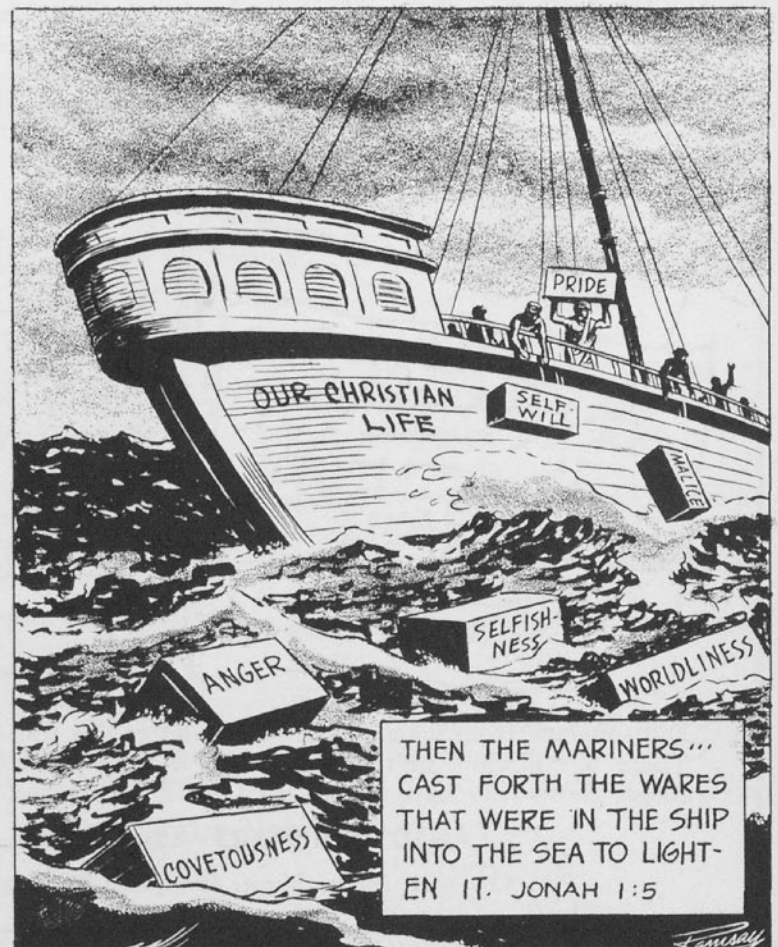
power, faithfulness, and willingness to meet his need! Never are we to let any sin or sense of failure drive us away from God. It drove Jonah to God, and to His Word, for his prayer contains at least seven references to the Psalms. The man who had failed received another chance, and this time he obeyed!

IV. PREACHING (Jonah 3:1-10). Observe: (1) The miserable plight of the Ninevites. Their sin was great. Their time was short. Destruction was promised. (2) Their slim ground for hope. No proclamation of the Cross was made. They were "aliens from the commonwealth of Israel." (3) The example they set for us. Jesus said, "The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it." Why? First, because their repentance was thorough. But also because of their faith. Their words, "Who can tell?" speak volumes. If they, in such a plight and with such slender hopes, exercised faith in God, how much more ought we who live in such a privileged day believe our God!

V. PRIDE (Jonah 4:1-11). Jonah had been the recipient of great grace when he was in need in the fish's belly, yet he was angry when God was gracious to Nineveh. "And the Lord God prepared a gourd," using a homely object to teach a great lesson. "Should not I spare Nineveh?" God asked His servant. God's anger with sin is born of His love for the sinner. His attitude toward Jonah is His attitude today. Jesus had pity on Jerusalem and wept over it. He weeps over *your* city and *my* city today! But He must have messengers. How far have we obeyed?

—J. Bashford Bishop

### SAVING THE SHIP





# Healing Testimonies

## Healed of Cancer

Doctors declare, "This is a modern miracle."

Eight weeks before Thanksgiving 1956 I was critically ill, unable to eat any solid food. I could neither sleep nor lie down in bed. I was swollen even larger than a woman nine months pregnant. This had been my condition for several weeks.

On November 26 God led us to a Christian doctor in Dayton, Ohio. After he examined me I was taken immediately to Miami Valley Hospital. Six of the leading surgeons of Dayton were by my bedside. They began running tests at once. The doctors said they had never seen anything quite like this.

All fear was gone, for I knew Jesus was by my side. His promises have never failed. He has promised, "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26). "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee" (Isaiah 41:10). These were two of the many promises to which I was holding.

I underwent surgery three times in five weeks. The doctors removed thirty-two pounds of organs, cysts, tumors, and fluid the first time they operated. They reported that I had cancer. This dread disease had affected every internal organ in my abdomen. Those hours were very dark for my husband, our three small children, and me. When I cried out to God in desperation His precious Word came flashing back as a beacon of hope: "I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand. . . . Fear not; I will help thee."

The doctors said they did all they could but that there was little hope. Following the last operation I was not expected to live more than twenty-four hours. Our Christian doctor told us this was a time for us to use our faith and believe God for a miracle.

Praise God for praying people who

stormed heaven in my behalf. God heard and answered prayer. I have enjoyed the very best of health the past seventeen months. Although I weighed only a little more than a hundred pounds at the time I was released from the hospital, I now weigh 155 and I feel better than I have felt in years. After a thorough examination by my doctors on April 7, 1958, (15 months later) they reported, "This is a modern miracle."

Every morning I thank God for sparing my life and giving me another opportunity to live and serve Him. I realize that my very life is in His hands. What He has done for me He will do for anyone who will trust Him. —Mrs. Max E. Applegate, Route 1, Antwerp, Ohio.

*(Endorsed by Paul J. Emery, Secretary-Treasurer, Ohio District, Assemblies of God. Mrs. Applegate is the wife of Max Applegate, who was for six years the pastor of the Greenville Assembly of God, Greenville, Ohio. Brother and Sister Applegate are now doing evangelistic work.)*

## Delivered From Tobacco Habit

The Testimony of Dewaine Wolfe  
By EVANGELIST DON GOSSETT

Dewaine Wolfe and his family are now members of the thriving Assemblies of God church in Gold Beach, Oregon. I first met them while I was conducting revival services in Tillamook, Oregon, in January 1957. One night Dewaine, who was unsaved at the time, attended this revival, and the pastor asked me to agree with him in prayer that the Holy Spirit would deal especially with this man's heart and bring him to salvation.

Although Dewaine left the service without accepting Christ, the gospel through the working of the Spirit had made an impact upon him, and he soon

requested the pastor and his wife to come to his home to talk with him further about salvation. When they visited the home, they had the joy of leading this man to the Saviour.

While conducting revival services in Gold Beach some months ago, I again met Dewaine Wolfe and his family, for their employment had led them to this town. I was happy to learn that he had been filled with the Holy Spirit, and is now "all for Christ."

He gave this testimony:

"I don't know how I could have been blind for so long. When my wife would come home enthusiastic about the blessings of their services, I would say, 'Ah, shut up; if I want to hear about it or see it, I'll go myself!' I just don't know how I could have been so mean and heartless, but my wife maintained a courageous stand for Jesus, and I could not deny the reality of what her salvation meant to her. It was mainly through her consistent living that my resistance was finally broken down and I admitted I had to have Christ.

"For several months after I was saved I continued to smoke two packages of cigarettes each day. I knew the Lord wasn't pleased with this habit, and I made several attempts to quit, but all to no avail.

"One evening when I came in from work, my wife said, 'The Lord isn't going to take those cigarettes out of your pocket.' That struck me so forcibly that I made my decision to co-operate with the Lord in order that He might set me free from this habit.

"The next morning as I left for work I took out the two packs of cigarettes and said, 'Lord, I'm leaving the cigarettes here at the house. But Lord, the desire I still have, and You will have to take care of that.' As I went to my work that day, the Lord was faithful to do His part—He delivered me from the tobacco habit! He took away all the craving for nicotine. And I've been perfectly free from the cigarette habit ever since!"

*(Pastor Clarence D. Gossage, Gold Beach, Oreg., adds this comment: "Brother Wolfe has since been accepted into church membership and is demonstrating unusual spiritual development. It has thrilled me as a pastor to see his faithful witness and then to see new people in church also serving Christ as a result of that witness.")*



# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

► **CLINTON, IOWA.**—God sent a Holy Ghost revival to this city through Evangelist Louise Nankivell. For nine days the church was packed with sick and spiritually hungry people. Many came from distances of fifty to one hundred miles and sat spellbound, listening to the simple gospel message from the lips of God's humble servant. The presence of God was made so real that it was easy to yield and receive from Him. The results of the meeting are far-reaching, and the church is on a much higher plane spiritually since the services.

—C. E. Thompson, Pastor

► **BEDFORD, OHIO.**—The recent Quana-bush Evangelistic Crusade here brought great blessing and victory to the church. Over thirty were personally dealt with by the evangelist; they were mostly young people. The unique plan of Brother Quana-bush to bring new people to the meetings proved very effective. A lovely white Bible was awarded to every person bringing seven new attendants to the meetings. This was contingent upon presentation of an accurate list of names and addresses. In one service alone 43 first-timers were counted. Several testified to definite healings, and others were baptized with the Holy Spirit.

—Fred Neubauer, Pastor

► **CORNELL, WIS.**—God blessed this area with an unusual revival this year under the leadership of Evangelist Paul Hild of Minneapolis. Many were saved, and much good was done in reaching outsiders. The City School Auditorium was used to accommodate the people. One record-setting event was recorded in the local paper, the *Chippewa Valley Courier*. On the front page it showed a picture of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Shackleton and their ten children, along with their families, all of whom attended the meeting and were saved.

—Lester Kringle, Pastor

► **NASHVILLE, TENN.**—God met the First Assembly of God here in a Pentecostal way during the "Pentecost Crusade." Stewart Robinson of Michigan City, Ind. ministered each night under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Several were healed and saved. On Saturday night seven received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The attendance was very good and the church was strengthened and encouraged. Praise God for Pentecost.

—J. L. Schaffer, Pastor

► **PAIA, MAUI, HAWAII.**—Evangelist Dale Helle of Seattle, Wash. has been holding special revival meetings in the Assemblies of God in the Hawaiian Islands since the first of the year. By the end of August he will have visited every church in the island. During the first month he was assisted by Ed Jorstad of Helena, Mont. The meeting here in Paia was a very good one, and the

reports from other meetings have been good also. Although Hawaii is considered a hard field, Brother Helle's ministry has brought permanent results for God. Hawaii is a mission field under the supervision of the Foreign Missions Department. It offers little financial remuneration but the people of these islands greatly appreciate the ministry of Brother Helle and pray God to richly bless him as he returns to the mainland.

—Lawrence R. Larson, Pastor

► **MARYVILLE, ILL.**—The Assembly of God here was richly blessed during a recent three-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. W. A. Raiford Sr. of Tulsa, Okla. Brother Raiford is an Indian known as Chief White Bird. Souls were saved, backsliders reclaimed, and believers filled with the Holy Spirit. Many testified to healing by God's power. The Sunday School record was broken, with 180 in attendance the last Sunday of the revival. Everyone enjoyed the anointed, old-fashioned preaching of God's Word, and many first-timers attended the revival. The revival spirit continues.

—George Ankarlo, Pastor

► **MOSSYROCK, WASH.**—Evangelists Paul and Lucille Cantelon recently conducted a very fine two-week meeting here. The Sunday School attendance climbed to 138

and the church was filled to capacity night after night. Souls were saved and the entire church was edified. The most outstanding aspect of the campaign was the turnout of visitors. Many of them came not only once but night after night. The respect for the church within the community has grown greatly as a result of the meetings, and the congregation is reaping the reward of these contacts with so many unchurched people.

—Phil K. Ritter, Pastor

► **LINTON, IND.**—Evangelist Billy Wolfe recently conducted two weeks of meetings in the Linton Revival Center. Large crowds attended every night and the church was deeply stirred.

—Harry V. Vibbert, Pastor

► **ONTARIO, OREG.**—The Assembly here just concluded a very successful series of meetings with Evangelist Johnny Hoskins of Salem, Oreg. Fifteen people were saved or reclaimed and many were drawn closer to the Lord. Many laid aside things that would hinder their testimony and deprive them of victory. The attendance grew steadily. On a night set aside for praying for the sick there were instant healings. For several weeks before the services there were cottage prayer meetings and God answered many prayers.

—William L. Stephens, Pastor



Mr. and Mrs. Perry Shackleton of Cornell, Wisconsin, with their ten children and their families, all of whom attended the Paul Hild revival.



► **SAN MIGUEL, CALIF.**—God has moved in mighty power in the church here. There has been no evangelist, but there is every evidence of revival. The Sunday School has reached 122—its highest attendance in five years—and eighteen souls have been saved. Seven believers have been filled with the Holy Spirit and there have been several healings.

—*B. D. Bobbitt, Pastor*

► **WALHALLA, N. DAK.**—The Assembly here was recently refreshed by the four-week revival conducted by Evangelist Harold May, Jr., of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Several stepped out to receive Christ as Saviour and numbers were filled with the Spirit. Older people who had not spoken in tongues for years felt the freedom to speak forth. Others were moved to exercise the gift of tongues and interpretation.

—*James Tucker, Pastor*

► **MILWAUKEE, WIS.**—The Full Gospel Church here has been the scene of a mighty Holy Ghost revival for two and one-half weeks. The evangelist whom God used during this time was Joseph De-grado of Los Angeles, Calif. The evangelist had ministered in the church a year before with good results, but this year God did an even greater work. About 125 came for salvation, many were filled with the Holy Spirit, and literally hundreds needing healing were prayed for. It was thrilling to see people from different churches worshipping God together giving audible praise and with hands upraised. There are many reports of miraculous healings.

—*Marc D. Conley, Pastor*

► **URICHSVILLE, OHIO**—Evangelist Russell D. Welsh of Columbus, Ohio, has just closed a wonderful revival here. Thirteen were saved and reclaimed, one was baptized in the Holy Spirit, and three testified to the healing power of God. The inspired messages stirred the people to a closer walk with God.

—*James M. Bryan, Pastor*

► **PUEBLO, COLO.**—A four-week meeting at Central Assembly with Evangelist and Mrs. Dwayne Madsen was a time of blessing. Souls were saved, and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Several also testified to healing. The mature messages of this youthful evangelist were gripping and heart-searching. This was the sixth campaign since the church moved into the new auditorium. Previous evangelists were Ralph Love, Don Rippey, Lolita Thompson, Otis Runyon, and Christian Hild.

—*C. F. Ferguson, Pastor*

► **DETROIT, MICH.**—Evangelist Richard Vinyard was God's choice servant to bring revival recently to Berea Tabernacle. Many of the people joined the evangelist in a two-week fast that God would heal the sick of long standing diseases as He did in Bible times. The week-night crowds were double that of the usual evangelistic meetings. Sunday crowds were outstanding, and people came for many miles to be healed and baptized in the Holy Spirit. There were many thrilling testimonies. One lady of the church was marvelously healed of arthritis, which had gripped her body for

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Calif.	Bellflower	* A of G	Aug 4-10	Virgil & Edythe Warens	David Pearce
	Shafter	A of G	July 23-Aug. 10	Fisher-Cheek	A. B. Farmer
Ind.	Fort Wayne	* A of G	Aug. 4-8	Dedelow-Friederici	Glenn Horst
Iowa	Le Mars	A of G	Aug. 5-10	Christian Hild & wife	Elton Bell
Mich.	St. Louis	Tent	Aug. 1-10	Morris Cerullo	Howard DeLong Chm.
Nebr.	Holdrege	A of G	Aug. 5-10	Leland Lebsack	T. L. Beyer
Okla.	Okla. City	First	Aug. 10-17	J. D. Middlebrook, wife	Don Collins
S. Dak.	Clark	A of G	Aug. 5-17	R. W. Hastie & wife	Loren Holman
Texas	Baytown	Central	Aug. 3—	Glen Shinn	Lonnie Bowlen
	Cleburne	Bethel Temple	Aug. 3-10	Bob McCutchen	T. A. Braziel
	Houston	Glad Tidings	Aug. 6-17	Norman Jones	G. Q. Manley
	San Antonio	First	Aug. 3-10	Doy Robison & wife	A. L. Todd
Va.	Dante	** A of G	July 17-Aug. 17	Billy Wolfe	Maurice Adams
B.W.I.	Jamaica		August	Voight-Donnell-Holler	Cyril Huckerby

\* Children's Revival

\*\* Tent Revival

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

eight years. During the special "Holy Ghost night" over thirty-five received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School attendance has averaged fifty more per Sunday during and after the revival than it did the first three months of the year.

—*Theodore E. Ness, Pastor*

► **VERNON, TEX.**—This church experienced one of the best revivals it has had in the last few years, with Evangelist Glen Shinn of Covina, Calif. There was an emphasis upon the Holy Spirit throughout the entire three weeks. Many were reclaimed and filled with the Holy Spirit. Healings were prevalent in the services, and the Sunday School climbed each Sunday.

—*M. W. Putnam, Pastor*

► **MONROE, LA.**—The Morningside Assembly has just closed two weeks of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Reed. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. One man who had not been in church for three years was gloriously saved the first night he attended the meetings. God moved in a marvelous way in every service.

—*E. J. Graves, Pastor*

► **BRADFORD, PA.**—Several churches here sponsored a glorious five-week revival campaign with Evangelist L. C. Robie of Union Springs, N. Y. The Open Bible and Foursquare churches also co-operated. From the very beginning, God blessed in a most remarkable way. One young lad with almost total loss of vision in one eye was healed while awaiting prayer for the condition. Another woman who faced amputation of a limb was healed when the evangelist prayed for her. Numerous other sicknesses yielded to the prayer of faith. The Robies gave themselves untiringly for the meetings. About thirty souls came to Christ and nineteen were reclaimed.

—*William T. Kroah, Pastor*

► **SAN DIEGO, CALIF.**—Evangelist Hildreth Ethridge has just concluded a two-week meeting at the First Assembly of

God here. Several were saved, and a number were filled with the Holy Spirit. A deep spiritual experience was wrought in the hearts of the people. One former Catholic received the infilling of the Holy Spirit, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance and prophesying for almost three hours.

—*Elton G. Hill, Pastor*

## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

### SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT HOLDS SIXTH ANNUAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

The sixth annual South Texas District Council of the Assemblies of God convened June 16-19 in San Antonio, Texas. The ministry of C. M. Ward, Charles Greenaway, and E. B. Crump was a great blessing to the council which reported its greatest year of progress.

The following district presbyters were elected: G. M. Willis, F. C. Drake, C. M. A. Cowey, Wayne Harbaugh, W. B. Shows, Roy Bownds, L. E. Ivey, I. H. Ridge, D. L. Blackburn, and Warren J. Piersol.

The South Texas District annexed five counties adjoining the San Antonio Section, which the North Texas District had agreed to release. This change was prompted by the proximity of the five counties to the activities of the San Antonio Section.

Ten candidates were ordained at the council, and there was a great missionary rally at which an all-time record of nearly \$7,500 in cash and pledges were received.

Property valued at approximately \$22,000 which was given to the district was acknowledged with appreciation. This includes facilities which can be utilized as a minister-missionary retreat or a possible camp-meeting site and building lots.

Other actions of the council dealt with the channelling of missionary funds through the district office and a report recommending that every church support Southwestern Bible Institute and other General Council schools.

—*Willis E. Berry, District Secretary*



## Whispering Saints

BY ANNE SANDBERG

GOD IS LOOKING FOR WORSHIPERS, NOT WHISPERERS. IF YOU GO TO CHURCH TO MEET HIM, YOU WILL SHOW REVERENCE WHEN YOU ENTER HIS HOUSE.

“STRAWBERRIES ARE CHEAP NOW. I bought a dozen boxes for making jam.”

“Kline’s has a big sale; you can get sheets for fifteen cents less.”

These remarks were not made over the back fence, but in church at ten minutes to eleven one Sunday morning.

If there is any concord between these statements and the fact that a worship service was about to begin, I am at a loss to know what it could be.

As a convert from Roman Catholicism, I am sorry to report that my first impression of a Protestant service was deeply marred by a woman nonchalantly adjusting her coiffure while whispering to a neighbor during a period of prayer. Hungry-hearted, I came to church to find God, but instead found irreverence which would not be tolerated in the church from which I was beginning to emerge. It is true that the rest of the service was inspirational,

but somehow all details were forgotten except this incident. Perhaps this was one reason why I went through a full year’s struggle before I finally decided for Christ!

Consider the possibility of this reaction in visitors or recent converts at *your* church who formerly had been accustomed to respect in their houses of God. Are they likely to keep coming?

And think of the effect on the minister who possibly spent his Saturday night praying. With the unction of the Spirit heavily upon him, he enters the church to be overwhelmed by a babel of whispering sounds.

Or perhaps some good sister is earnestly praying at the altar; she may find it difficult to seek the Lord if there is visiting. She may even wonder if she could be the object of the tittering amusement of a couple nearby!

Not only is it a matter of irrever-

ence toward God, it is discourteous.

For proper church etiquette one might quote two apparently contradictory scriptures: “The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.” “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.” We Pentecostals know that there is a time to keep silence and a time to make a joyful noise. But the noise is to be made “unto the Lord” and not to one another.

Is it any wonder that the minister or song leader must labor so diligently to get the saints into the real spirit of worship? Or that often half the service passes before one feels the Spirit really moving?

The moment one enters the house of God he should look to the Lord in quiet prayer. Regardless of any official opening time, *for you* the service has begun.

Unfortunately I sometimes find myself seated beside a person who believes she must “enter the courts of the Lord with whisperings.” The well-meaning sister leans over and asks, “How do you like your new parakeet?” Smiling politely, I reply, “Fine,” and close my eyes again to pray. But the sister is insistent: “Now you want to be sure to keep it out of a draft; my oldest daughter’s bird died because of a draft.”

I reopen my eyes and courteously say: “Thank you for telling me; I’ll be careful.” Then I again attempt to withdraw my struggling thoughts from parakeets. But the lady persists: “Do you let the bird out every day? You know, they need exercise.” By that time the first hymn has been called, and it is not until I have sung three verses that I am able to concentrate on spiritual things.

I am not exaggerating. I am describing a very real problem that exists in more than one church. I have found it best, many times, to kneel by my seat and begin praying as soon as I enter the church. My talkative friend usually takes the hint.

Whispering saints are a detriment to any service. And yet I am sure they do not mean to be. They do it thoughtlessly. If they realized what harm they do they surely would check themselves of the habit. No doubt the habit is the result of the informal atmosphere in our churches. We deeply cherish this freedom. We have no desire to go back to the formal atmosphere and don the spiritual straitjackets from which God



set us free. But perhaps we have swung from one extreme to the other. We need to combine our spiritual liberty with a proper respect for God's house, God's Word, and God's presence.

Sometimes it is necessary to discuss a matter after reaching the church. Would it not be better to step into some secluded spot, possibly a separate room, where you can converse without disturbing the worshippers? The sound of your voice travels farther than you realize, even if you are in the vestibule.

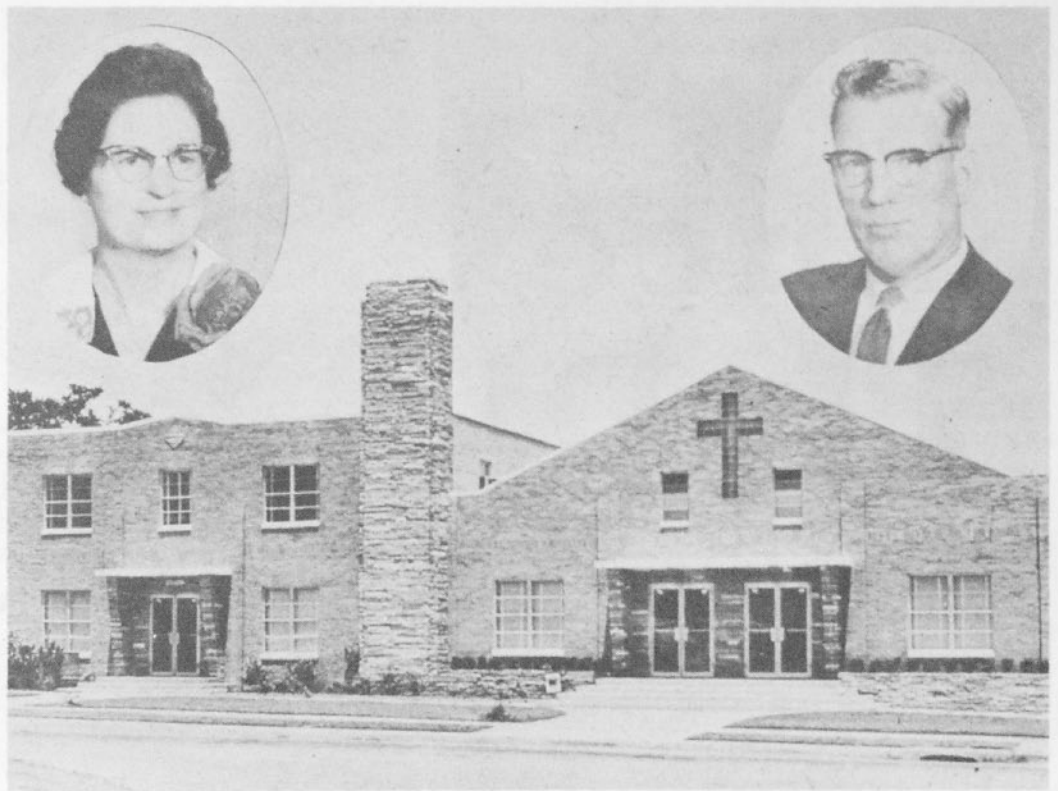
Ask yourself, Why do I go to church? Is it to meet friends? If so, you may linger in the vestibule and spend the precious moments in idle conversation. Or you may look about and whisper while waiting for the service to begin. But if you go to meet with God, you will enter church with a spirit of worship and give yourself to prayer and meditation, even before the meeting begins. When we do this, the service will be marked with the Lord's power and glory from the very start. Souls will be blessed, God's Word will have free course, and people will be saved, healed, filled with the Holy Spirit.

Let us abandon the ranks of the whispering saints and join the band of those who employ the precious pre-meeting moments in spiritual preparation. ◀◀

## A DREAM

"I saw in a dream that I was in the Celestial City, though when and how I got there I could not tell. I was one of a great multitude which no man could number, from all countries and people and times and ages. Somehow I found that one of the saints who stood next to me had been in heaven more than 1860 years.

"Who are you?" I said to him.



### PASTOR COMPLETES TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Carl L. Stewart has completed twenty-five years as pastor in Fort Worth, Texas. Special services are being held today (August 3) at the Boulevard Assembly of God, 1500 Circle Park Boulevard, in observance of the silver anniversary.

Under Brother Stewart's leadership the church has thrice outgrown its facilities. The accompanying photograph shows the present building and the new educational wing. Not only was the auditorium enlarged and remodeled in the latest building campaign; air conditioning was also added both in the auditorium and in the new educational building. (Pictures of Brother and Sister Stewart are inset in the photograph.)

"I," said he, "was a Roman Christian; I lived in the days of the Apostle Paul. I was one of those who died in Nero's persecutions. I was covered with pitch and fastened to a stake and set on fire to light up Nero's gardens."

"How awful!" I exclaimed.

"No," he said, "I was glad to do something for Jesus. He died on the cross for me."

"The man on the other side then spoke: 'I have been in heaven only a

few hundred years. I came from an island in the South Seas, Erromonga. John Williams, a missionary, came and told me about Jesus, and I too learned to love Him. My fellow countrymen killed the missionary, and they caught and bound me. I was beaten until I fainted and they thought I was dead, but I revived. The next day they knocked me on the head, cooked me, and ate me."

"Then they both turned to me and said, 'What did you suffer for Him? Or did you sell what you had for the money which sent men like John Williams to tell the heathen about Jesus?'"

"And I was speechless. And while they both were looking at me with sorrowful eyes, I awoke, and it was a dream! But I lay on my soft bed awake for hours, thinking of the money I had wasted on my own pleasures; of my extra clothing, and costly car, and many luxuries; and I realized that I did not know what the words of Jesus meant: 'If any man come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.'"

—Author unknown

## A GOOD HOUR...

... FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS! A.C.T.S.—the school for Sunday School leaders—convenes from August 25-29 in Springfield, Missouri. A.C.T.S. offers excellent training under experienced Sunday School leaders. ATTEND A.C.T.S.!



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# Once To Die

IT IS TRUE THAT "IT IS APPOINTED  
UNTO MAN ONCE TO DIE" BUT IT IS ALSO  
TRUE THAT YOU CAN BE AMONG THOSE WHO  
WILL NEVER EXPERIENCE THE SECOND DEATH



**M**ILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE BEING spent annually in the search for the cure of America's number one killer—heart disease. One out of every two Americans will die of heart disease. In 1957 alone, heart disease took 843,000 lives in the United States and 575,000 in Russia.

While we are worlds apart in most objectives, both Russia and America have specialists constantly seeking a cure or at least a control for heart disease. One of Russia's leading heart surgeons recently said, "The promise of attaining an age of 120 to 150 is not a fantasy, but a future certainty made possible by our research."

This promise of comparative longevity brings cheer to many, but God's Word still reminds us that it is "appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

Death is the product, the direct result, of sin. And although medical and scientific research may lengthen our days, and even make us more comfortable while we are living them out, the fact of death remains.

We did not choose life—it was given to us, and it is equally true that while we do not choose physical death it is also our portion "once to die."

The ray of hope in this grim picture shines forth from the little word *once*. There is a physical death, and there is also a "second death." We cannot escape physical death, but we do not have to experience the second death, which is the eternal state of those who reject God.

The same God who appointed physical death because of sin, has appointed eternal life to all who will accept His provision for it. "Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many," we are told in the verse following the one which announces our appointment "once to die."

Isn't it strange that we read so eagerly every announcement of progress in the battle for longer physical life, and give so little thought to life beyond the inevitable grave?

Even if we could live 150 years, that is only an infinitesimal fragment compared to eternity. Jesus said, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

Disease and war and the ravages of time kill the body. But it is eternity that matters. Will you reap the wages of sin, which is eternal living death in the place "where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched," or will you accept God's offer of eternal life through Jesus Christ?

We have a rendezvous with physical death. However long we live, change and decay and weakness are constant reminders of this appointment.

But we also have a rendezvous with God in eternity, for "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

The judgment and destiny of our eternal spirits will hinge upon only one

thing—our attitude toward the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary.

Eternal life is offered through the shedding of His blood. He was "once offered to bear the sins of many" (Hebrews 9:28). You are one of the many for whom He died. He was "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

He stands ready to void your sentence of eternal death and in its place He offers that which you could never purchase with money or with works. "The gift of God is eternal life" (Romans 6:23).

The Russian heart surgeon says that it will be *possible* for man to live 150 years. He knows that while the heart may be capable of working that long, death may come much sooner from other causes. But there is no need for speculation in the realm of eternal life—no hoping for that which we may never attain, as in the case of physical life. Eternal life is ours for the taking—it has already been purchased for us. Have you accepted eternal life, so certain, so rich, and full in its every aspect?

It is true that it is appointed unto us "once to die," but it is equally true that you can be among those who will never experience the *second* death.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). ◀ ◀



# Spared Not!

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devotional time and not suffer loss? Can you allow the works of the flesh to reappear, after all these years, and escape the consequences? Do you think you can entertain petty jealousy, sordid ambitions, false humility, and be spared? Can you go on incessantly robbing God of His tithe and honor? The Bible thunders back in the negative. "For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee."

Most people are familiar with the political history of Aaron Burr, who was elected by the American people to the second highest office within their power to give to a citizen of this nation. He tied Jefferson for the presidency, only missing that office by a single vote on the thirty-eighth ballot of the House. Then one day he defied the law by shooting and killing Alexander Hamilton in a duel. Most people know these facts, but many have never heard his religious history.

When Aaron Burr was a young man he attended the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University). A religious revival came to the school and young Burr was greatly convicted of his sins. Feeling the need of counsel, he went to the chaplain of the college and asked whether he ought to accept Christ while the revival was in progress, or wait until the emotional tide subsided. The godly old chaplain replied: "Aaron, my boy, there's only one time to become a Christian, and that is now."

But Aaron Burr hesitated. He said to the chaplain, "I'll come back at midnight with my answer about Jesus Christ."

Hurriedly he made his way to his teacher of logic and asked him for advice. The logic teacher was not a converted man. He warned young Burr to beware of religious hysteria and advised him that if he felt he must join the church he ought to wait until the fires of religious emotion had died away.

From that teacher's office Burr made his way to a secluded part of the campus and there he pondered the two

courses. At midnight he walked back into the office of the chaplain. The old man had fallen asleep, but when Aaron came in he quickly awoke and with tender compassion inquired, "Aaron, are you ready to make Christ the Lord of your life?"

Like a caged lion, Burr began to pace back and forth. And then, stopping abruptly, he clenched his fists and shook them toward heaven as he cried out, "Jesus, Thou Son of God, if You will let me alone and never come back to me, I'll leave You alone."

Turning to the chaplain, he concluded, "Doctor, that is my decision." And before the stunned old man could answer, Aaron Burr strode out from that office into the darkness of a life that seemed successful for a time but that ended in political infamy and moral shame.

During a revival meeting in New York City fifty years later, an old man sat in the back. The invitation was given and a personal worker approached the old man at the edge of the crowd. "Are you a Christian?" he asked.

The old man looked up somewhat startled and replied, "A Christian? You ask me if I am a Christian? Young

man, my name is Aaron Burr." With that the old man invited the personal worker to sit down and listen as he told the story of his early struggles with religious conviction. As he finished, his eyes filled with tears, and in tones of agony he whispered, "I said, 'If You will let me alone and never come back to me, I'll leave You alone.' And do you know, from that day to this, He has never been back. He's never been back—never been back."

Of course, you have never said it as forcibly as Aaron Burr said it, but haven't you done despite to the Spirit of the Lord? Haven't there been times when God has put His finger upon something in your life and said, "Give it up," and you have answered, "Not tonight, Lord, not tonight; leave me alone for now." Again He has come and again you have said, "Some other time, Lord; I don't want to obey Thee just now; just leave me alone for now."

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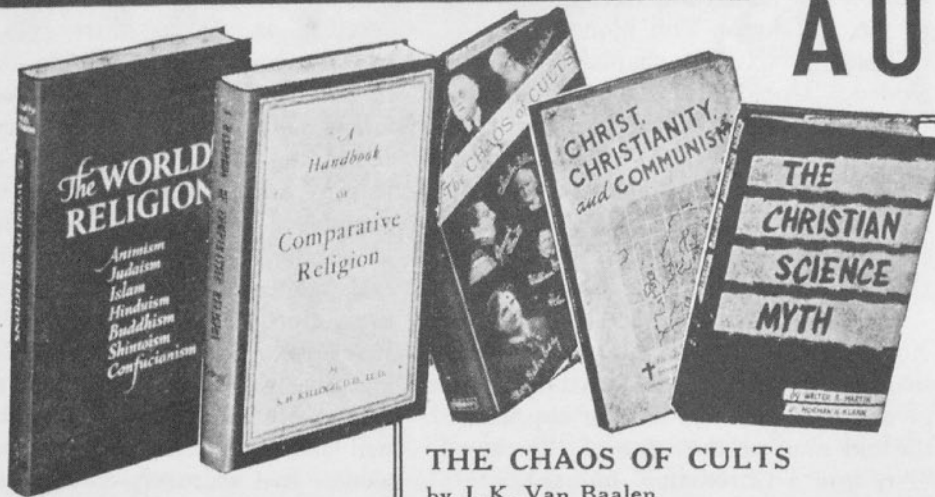
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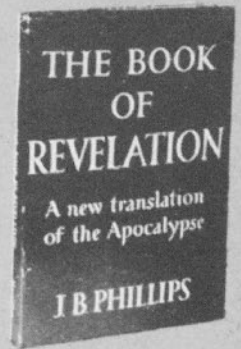
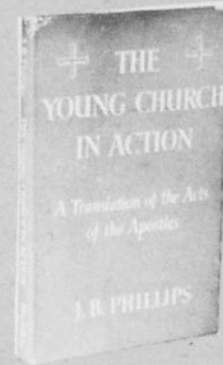
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If you have not yet had your sins forgiven or come into personal acquaintance with Jesus Christ the Saviour, the Scriptures have these words for you: "Jesus saith . . . I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. . . . For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 14:6 and John 3:16-18).

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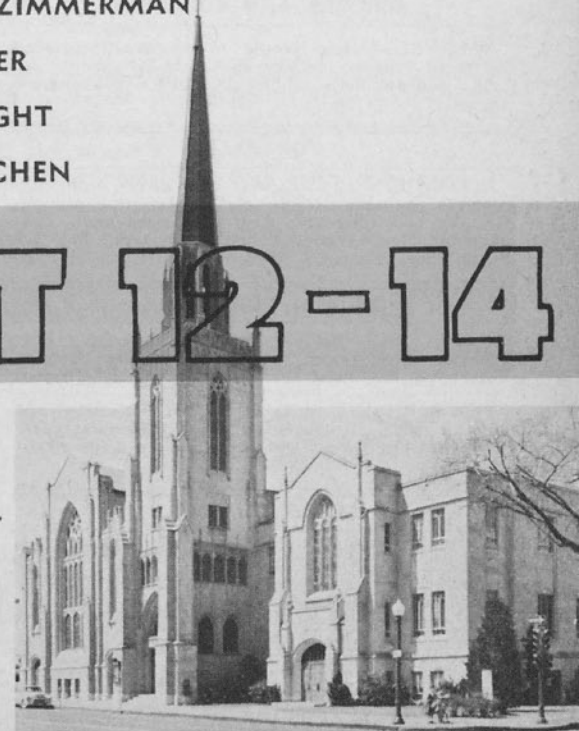
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