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The Secret of Power

It is one of the great paradoxes of the spiritual life that the weaker we may seem, the stronger we may be. When we feel helpless to the point of fainting in the face of life's demands, we are in the very situation where God can give us power; for the Bible says, "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength."

This power is not human strength. The prophet goes on to say that "even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength . . ." (Isaiah 40:29-31). Youths may find it hard to obtain this bestowal of spiritual power because of their great physical powers and self-confidence. Those of riper years who have learned the frailty of human nature and the folly of human pride have a great advantage for they sense their impotence and realize their great need of God.

The deepest secret of spiritual power lies in this recognition of our own inadequacy. It lies in recognizing the fact that nothing less than the Christ life—"Christ in you the hope of glory"—can save us from our sins and sustain us along the way. The Christ life is imparted to us by the Holy Spirit at conversion when we are "born again." It grows in force as we empty ourselves of all worldliness, pride, and self-will to make room for more of Christ.

We should always remember that the power we need to do the will of God resides in the Lord Himself. We obtain it by being "strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man" (Ephesians 3:16). The spiritual powers arrayed against us are too strong for us to overcome by our own strength or skill. Like Jehoshaphat we need to confess our personal weakness and plead for divine help. In his prayer the king confessed, "We have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee" (2 Chronicles 20:12). That was a humbling prayer for a king to make but that is the kind of prayer the Lord loves to answer, as shown by the miraculous victory He gave to the people of Judah.

"Christ liveth in me," the apostle said: "and the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). Reckon yourself to be dead indeed unto sin and alive unto Christ. Count your old life to be past, and nurture the new life by all the means God gives you. The apostle said, "Ye have put off the old life with its deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him" (Colossians 3:9, 10). Our part is only to identify ourselves with Christ, to trust Him, to appropriate His words in order that we may be partakers of His divine nature. His part is to work in us and through us by His Spirit so that His kingdom shall be advanced and His Name shall be exalted.

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Preparing for THE COMING STORM

AN ADDRESS BY EVANGELIST WILLARD CANTELON
AT THE FIFTH WORLD CONFERENCE OF PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES

THE SKY OVER THE WORLD IS DARKENING; clouds are gathering; a storm is soon to break with tremendous violence and awful destruction.

The angry, threatening clouds are becoming steadily blacker over Lebanon and Jordan. Rumbling thunder is heard over Egypt, Cyprus, and Morocco. Away in distant Korea and Formosa the flashes of lightning are becoming more frequent and foreboding.

The Swiss are sealing grain in waterproof tanks and burying it in the bottom of mountain lakes against the time of storm.

The Scandinavians are digging caverns in their mountains large enough for the largest ships.

War planes in formation scream over German skies and heavy war machines roll down the Autobahns of Germany.

The sound of hydraulic drills can be heard night and day in the mountains of New York and Idaho as we bury our nation's treasures in the rocks. Air raid shelters are being dug deep into the earth and the watchmen of the nation cry out for many more as the storm approaches.

Many world leaders have already lost hope. An eminent scientist declares, "Humanity has now come to the end of himself." One of the world's greatest soldiers cries, "The world has had its last chance; we are now entering Armageddon." An outstanding statesman says, "I visualize the islands of Britain and the cities of America as smoldering ruins of atomic dust."

The Bible speaks of a time of trouble coming in this world, "such as was not . . . no, nor ever shall be." In Revelation 6, we read that a quarter of the men of earth shall be killed, and the ninth chapter tells of one-third of the remaining three-quarters being killed. In other words, half of humanity shall be destroyed.

Peter declares in 2 Peter 3:10, "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat." Then Peter challenges us with this question, "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, *what manner of persons ought ye to be?*"

God's Word not only portrays the days in which we live, but it also shows us the various conditions of the hearts of men in our times.

It speaks of scoffers, of lovers of pleasure and opposers of good—but perhaps of all classes mentioned there is none so pitiable as those who have a form of godliness without the power of God. These have a false hope. And a false hope is ten thousand times worse than no hope. God declares, "I would thou were cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."

God warns of the very elect being deceived, and says, "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

Perhaps there has never been a greater display of religion than we are beholding in our day. America is spending over two million dollars a day erecting new church buildings, but for what purpose? Are they dedicated to evangelizing the lost? Are they dedicated to the masses who have never heard the gospel? Almost seventy per cent of the American people claim a form of church membership, but only two per cent attend the house of God on Sunday nights.

Why is this true? And why, in a land



Willard Cantelon

of churches, do people spend ninety-six per cent of all church money for themselves and only four per cent for giving the gospel to those who have never heard of Jesus even once? It is because they have lost their love for God and for the souls for whom the Saviour died.

The young ruler came to Jesus and his form of religion seemed perfect; but it was based on self-righteousness, and therefore he went away sad. Before Paul met Jesus and tasted of His power he had a religious form which he called blameless, but after he was touched and transformed by the power of God he described himself as the chiefest of sinners.

If we read 2 Corinthians 11 and 12 we learn some of the hardships that Paul suffered for the Saviour. But he said, "I will glory in all of this, if only the power of God can rest upon me." The less men possess of the power of God, the more they contend for religious form. The more they are endowed with the power of God, the less important the form appears.

As Paul moved about he found that various groups of people had various forms concerning eating, drinking, holy days, and many other things. He wrote in Philippians 2:3, "Let each esteem other better than themselves." And again, "In honor preferring one another."

When a man thinks his form of worship is superior to another man's or that his standards are higher than his neighbor's, such a person instantly becomes guilty, according to the Scripture, of one of the worst sins of all, the sin of judging or seeking to measure his righteousness by comparing himself with others. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 10:12, "For we dare not make our-

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There is one indispensable condition of living a successful Christian life.

LOOKING UNTO JESUS

By

Evangelist Louise Nankivell

IN CHRIST DWELLS ALL THE FULLNESS of the Godhead bodily. Such is His fullness that nothing can ever be added to it. He is the inexhaustible fountain of life, the unfailing source of boundless love, the endless supply of matchless grace.

He is the antidote for sin and suffering, for poverty and pain, for failure and frustration, for doubt and discouragement. He is the answer to man's deficiencies and defeats. He has infinite resources to meet man's infinite need. And all that the Lord is in Himself, He wants to be in us. All that He has to offer is ours by simply "looking unto Jesus" (Hebrews 12:2).

SALVATION

Salvation is the great all-inclusive word of the gospel. It implies a redemption broad enough to meet all the spiritual and physical requirements of man.

When the Israelites were bitten by fiery serpents they were instructed to look at a brazen serpent uplifted on a pole. There was no other means in camp of healing the serpent bites. If the victims had looked only at their ugly wounds, at the reptiles, at the tabernacle, or even at Moses, they would

have died. But whosoever beheld the serpent of brass lived.

So today may every man poisoned by the venom of sin or sickness find deliverance by "looking unto Jesus." "He was wounded for our transgressions... and with His stripes we are healed." To receive the benefits of the Lord for soul or body, we must look beyond self, beyond feelings, beyond churches, even beyond preachers. "Looking unto Jesus" in faith will bring the inflow of His saving, healing power.

POWER

How blessed it is to have a Calvary experience where we behold the Lamb of God and He takes our sins away! But there is an Upper Room endowment of power for the believer. One is a birth, the other a baptism. One brings life, the other power. Both come from "looking unto Jesus." They can come in no other way. Jesus alone can save and baptize us "with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

The Pentecostal baptism is the deepest, highest, and most urgent of all our needs today. Much Christian activity is yielding meager results because we rely too much upon human might and methods. It is "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord." It takes the *power* of God to do the *work* of God. There is no substitute.

Power through the glorious Baptism of the Holy Ghost is the heritage of every Christian. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me." This impartation of the Spirit brings power to pray, power to witness, power for triumphant living.

CHRISTLIKENESS

How fittingly the words of the hymn writer express the desire of many a Christian heart!

*"Be like Jesus, this my song,
In the home and in the throng;
Be like Jesus all day long!
I would be like Jesus."*

And who among the people of the Lord has not tried to be more Christlike? We want so much that our lives shall conform to our ideal of a Christian

life. We gaze upon the Christ who is fairer than the children of men and see His ineffable beauty. We behold His love! His compassion! His humility! His peace! His self-sacrifice! His forgiving spirit! His obedience to the Father! Then as we contemplate our own natures, our dispositions, the people with whom we mingle, the circumstances and conditions under which we live, we wonder how we can ever be overcomers. How can we be like Jesus?

There is only one answer. We must look away from self and surroundings to Jesus alone. He is seeking for yielded hearts in which to work. His transforming power will effect within us that which we have vainly struggled to achieve. By His own Spirit He will fashion us into His own likeness. We behold as in a glass the glory of the Lord and thus we are "changed into the same image."

GUIDANCE

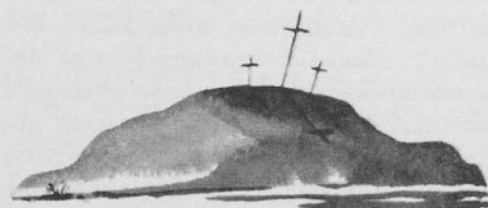
It is the precious privilege of every child of God to have the guidance of the Lord for every step of the pilgrim pathway. God has not dispatched a star to define our course in life, but He has promised to direct us by something more personal. "I will guide thee with mine eye," He says. What an incentive to keep our eyes upon His!

When I was a child I could pretty well understand the language of my mother's eye. I could tell whether her eyes expressed approval or disapproval, entreaty or reproof, joy or grief. I usually knew what she wanted me to do. So it is with the child of God who lives with His gaze upon Jesus. He can read the glances of His eye and know the indications of His will.

CONSTANTLY BEHOLDING

Glitterings of worldly glory, illusory joys of earth, and the insistent, intrusive, clamoring things of time all seek to divert attention from Christ and eternity. We shall never see Christ as we ought if our sights are set upon this fleeting present. The indispensable condition of living a successful Christian life is constant "looking unto Jesus." Despite our loftiest spiritual experiences there will never come a time when we will not need to keep the eyes of the soul focused upon our adorable Lord.

The look unto Jesus is a rewarding gaze. The believer whose earthly horizon is encompassed with the vision of the altogether lovely One, will reap richly in the life which now is and manifold more in the life which is to come.



Healed of MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

By Mrs. Howard F. Fowler

I WAS DISCHARGED FROM A YOUNGSTOWN hospital with a crippling disease, Muscular Dystrophy. The doctors considered my case hopeless.

One year later I am normal and healthy. Whereas a year ago I could not pick up a glass of water, today I am taking care of an eight-room house, a husband, and two small children.

Only Jesus could bring about this miraculous change in my condition.

My trouble began in the summer of 1956 when I found myself growing very tired. We were moving into a new home so I thought perhaps that was the reason I felt so weary all the time. Then I learned I was to have my second baby. I became more and more tired. About the third month I began to lose my balance. I would fall very easily and very often. I was quite worried about the baby but the Lord gave me an inner assurance that the baby would be all right.

During the following months I grew very weak. I could not peel potatoes, lift a quart of milk, or even feed myself. I had to walk stiff-legged to keep from falling. My doctor was puzzled over my condition but I could not undergo the necessary examinations due to my pregnancy.

With the help of the Lord I gave birth to a little girl. She was a perfectly healthy child. She was born on June 20, 1957, and the doctor released me from the hospital hoping I would have no further trouble.

However, my strength again began to fail. My condition rapidly became worse until I could not lift or change the baby. I could not even open or shut a safety pin. Someone else had to

dress her each day. I was urged to use a wheel chair but I refused, for prayer had been offered for me and I was trusting God to heal me. I would walk a bit now and then—just a few steps at a time. But I was confined to a chair most of each day.

During those days I could not hold my Bible, so I was very pleased whenever my pastor, Brother Roy Armstrong, visited me. He would read the Bible aloud and I would ask the Holy Spirit to help me remember everything he had read to me.

In July I kept failing fast and I knew I would not live long unless the Lord did a miracle. The muscles deteriorated until the flesh hung on my bones like cloth over a line. I could not feed myself or tend myself in many ways. I was hospitalized and for thirteen days underwent laboratory tests.

While in the hospital I grew desperate. I told the Lord I knew there was no earthly hope for my recovery. I told Him I was trusting Him to heal me, and I asked Him to be pleased to begin the healing work right then and there.

So I began to prove the promises of the Lord. At first I could not even hold my hand above my face while lying there in the hospital, but every morning I would pray and would try to hold my hand there. Within five days I was able to control it and touch my face. This encouraged me in believing that God was answering prayer and I had no fear.

On August 10, 1957, the doctor told my husband I had a very advanced type of Muscular Dystrophy and said it probably would cause death. They

brought me home and made me as comfortable as possible, thinking it would be just a matter of time. Little did the doctor realize what a mighty healing force was already beginning its powerful work in me.

As the days progressed I exercised my body all I could and gradually my strength came back. Every time I moved I breathed a prayer of faith. I took some steps. I began to open my kitchen cupboard doors. I managed to open the drawers and get the silverware out. I just went ahead, depending on the Lord to help me; and oh, I had such peace and joy as I saw what was happening. Instead of death God was giving me new life, new strength, new hope.

Sometimes I became discouraged, for it was hard to endure the thought that I was still unable to care for my children. I claimed the promises of God's Word and fought back against the enemy of my soul. I asked the Lord to let me take care of the children again, even though it seemed impossible at the time. I still could not fasten a safety pin. But I kept reading the Bible and found so much there to encourage me.

Praise the Lord! Within five weeks I was able to lift the baby from the bed to the bathinette. I could bathe her, fasten her pins, and dress myself. I was nearly beside myself with joy.

Gradually I began to do the washing, ironing, housework, and some cooking. It seemed the more I did the more the Lord enabled me to do. By the summer of 1958 I was almost normal. It was a continual fight of faith but the Lord was giving me the victory.

I testified at church as to being almost entirely healed but said I still could not run and could not wear high heels. I said the Lord, however, would continue to help me and those muscles would be completely developed. Two months later I was able to run quite well and was wearing shoes with high heels.

Today, a year from the time when I was sent home to die, I am normal in health and happy in the realization that Jesus not only can save us from sin but He can also heal our bodies, no matter how incurable our condition may seem.

(Endorsed by Pastor Roy W. Armstrong, Assembly of God Tabernacle, Salem, Ohio.)



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Denominations

EPISCOPALIANS HOLD SPIRITUAL THERAPY CONFERENCE

Ninety-seven clergymen were among 653 persons attending the International Conference on Spiritual Therapy at Philadelphia, sponsored by the Order of Saint Luke the Physician. Most of these were Protestant Episcopalian, although thirty other denominations from 29 states and six Canadian provinces were represented.

Dr. George Ritchie, a physician from Richmond, Virginia, urged the "militant practice" of Christianity. "Faith can produce the miracle of healing," he said. "It also prepares men to die. Medical science does neither. I have seen miracles which I cannot explain medically—dead men restored to life."

Dr. Alfred W. Price, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal church where the conference was held, and warden of the Order, said his church had 105 "assistants" who pray for 20,000 persons who have asked for prayer help, "about 40 per cent of these being helped or healed."

WOMEN WIN AFTER 39-YEAR BATTLE

The General Assembly of the Swedish State Lutheran Church, meeting in extraordinary session at Stockholm, accepted the government's proposal for the ordination of women as pastors. Thus a matter that has been a sharp issue of contention since 1919 has been settled by the vote of church leaders who only last year rejected the ordination of women by 62 votes to 36. A marked change in sentiment was shown by the new vote which was 69 to 29 in favor of ordaining women.

Foreign

SPIRITUAL ILLITERACY IN ENGLAND

The meaning of theological words as used by preachers was the subject of a survey in England by a British Army Chaplain.

Chaplain E. Garfield Evans asked 1,000 men if they knew what such words as redemption, atonement, propitiation, washed in the blood, reconciliation, salvation and justification meant. Only a small percentage of the men had even a vague idea of the meaning of the words.

Only a few of those interviewed could give an intelligent answer to the significance of Good Friday!

The chaplain reported that the men's hunger for information concerning the gospel is pathetic and challenging. "Vast numbers just do not know the wonderful story of our Lord's death and resurrection," said Chaplain Evans. He urged preachers and teachers to make the great truths of the Word clear and easy to be understood by everyone.

FAMINE FELT IN BRAZIL

More than \$20,000 in relief funds has been contributed by Protestant churches in the U. S. to aid famine victims in northwestern Brazil. It is reported that the famine in the drought-afflicted areas is the worst in the country's history with more than two million persons at near-starvation levels.

TEACHERS AMONG REFUGEES FROM EAST GERMANY

Some 2,400 school teachers from the Soviet Zone of Germany have fled to West Germany since the first of this year. There is a continuous flow of refugees from the East Zone—as many as 6,000 a week.

HE PREACHES THROUGH HIS OWN RADIO TRANSMITTER

By WILSON A. KATTER

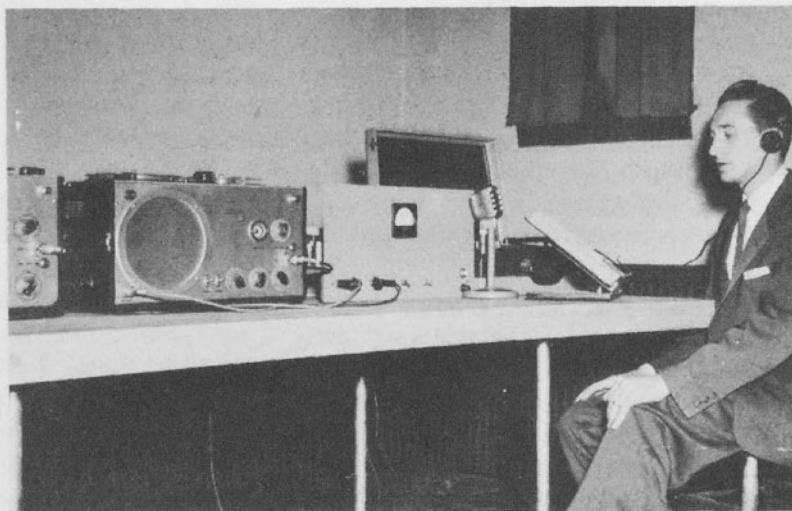
Lowell Kramer, pastor of the Assembly of God in Glenwood, Minnesota, employs a very unusual method in getting out the gospel in his community. Although Glenwood has no broadcasting station the people are radio conscious. Brother Kramer saw in this a challenge to reach the surrounding areas with the message of salvation via the air waves.

His station, a *Carrier Current Transmitter*, with call letters WLDK, operates on a frequency of 1200 kilocycles. The studios are located in the Assemblies of God church. For broadcasting Pastor Kramer merely connects the transmitter to an ordinary electric socket. The electric line becomes the aerial for transmission to the community.

Brother Kramer broadcasts every morning (Mondays through Saturdays) from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. with his own program, "Songs of Praise and Words of Life." Sundays he is on the air from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. with four tape-recorded programs including REVIVALTIME.

The writer was in Glenwood recently for a Men's Fellowship Rally and participated in the morning broadcast. When the regular broadcast was over, another gospel program was placed on the air through tape. We left the studio for a few minutes and motored about town to test reception by the car radio. The broadcast came through clearly with the exception of a very few places where transformers were located.

A little later in the morning we stopped at a local station for gasoline. The attendant volunteered, "I heard you on the air this



morning! Enjoyed the program very much."

Through this means Brother Kramer has a larger audience than any other pastor in the community. In time we believe he will reap a harvest of souls.

Church welfare agencies are caring for many of these refugees. There are more than a quarter million fugitives from Communism now crowded into West Germany's 3,000 Displaced Persons camps.

MISSIONARY FORCE IN INDIA ON DECLINE

The number of foreign Christian missionaries in India has declined sharply in the past two years. According to a statement presented to Parliament last month, there were 5,691 missionaries in India in 1956. The figure dropped to 5,521 in 1957 and by the beginning of this year it was down to 4,844.

Missionaries from the United States constituted the largest number—1,821 at the start of 1958, including both Protestants and Catholics. Italians were next with 643.

The statement in India's Parliament did not give any reason for the decline, but an official spokesman said one factor was that more and more Indian Christians are taking up duties previously performed by foreign missionaries. It is the Indian Government's declared policy that foreign missionaries coming to India in the future should possess special qualifications for jobs for which Indians are not available.

The American Assemblies of God has 94 missionaries under appointment to India.

Miscellaneous

HEAVEN STILL HAS SUFFICIENT ROOM

The United Nation's impartial social scientists have said: "If the world produces people as fast in the next 600 years as it has in the last 600 (and it is currently producing them somewhat faster), there will be only 10.74 square feet per person to live on by the year 2558—and that includes North and South Poles, deserts, glaciers, jungles, and mountaintops."

CARDINAL WILLS \$1,000 FOR REPOSE OF HIS SOUL

Archbishop Albert Gregory Meyer of Milwaukee was named by the late Pope Pius to succeed the late Samuel Cardinal Strich as Archbishop of Chicago. He will inherit \$32,000 of the late Cardinal's estate. Strich left an estate of \$33,000 and a will designating that \$32,000 should go to his successor and the remaining \$1,000 be spent for Masses for the repose of his soul.



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CHRISTMAS IS A MUCH-LOOKED-FORWARD-TO event in our three Assemblies of God Children's Homes in Alaska. The national office of the Women's Missionary Council has spearheaded an effort every year to take care of the needs in our homes. Various contributors have helped to make Christmas a happy time for these children.

Last year in addition to other gifts special projects for the three homes were suggested and the hearty response from contributors made it possible to realize this objective. Some much-needed furniture was purchased for the Juneau Children's Home; a plastic-covered davenport and chair set became the pride and joy of the Farm Home at Palmer; and the children at Valdez were very pleased with the lovely new dining room chairs they received. We are told by Mrs. James Houghton, matron at Valdez, that the children have taken great pride in the chairs and want to keep them nice throughout the years. Each person's name is written on the bottom of his or her chair. Thus there is a feeling of responsibility for the care of it.

Mrs. Whitfield, matron of the Farm Home, wrote that their furniture was delivered while the children were at school. When the children arrived home their happiness was good to see. Each of them had to try the set out and they are still proud of it today.

Let us take a little glimpse inside the homes at the Christmas season last year. First we'll visit Juneau. Mrs. Johnson's letter gives a vivid description:

"Christmas was a happy one for the home family. Everyone was remembered with gifts. Friends were especially considerate in their choice of gifts; they must have shopped with loving care for each child. There was the

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—BY RUTH LYON

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joyous confusion of gifts coming in from friends; of Lyle and the boys going out to cut the trees; the trees being trimmed by the whole family; the wrapping of gifts; the happy whisperings and hiding of packages; the smells of evergreen in the house, of pumpkin pies baking and turkeys roasting; the bubbling laughter of eager, excited children; friends stamping snow from their feet on the porch and coming in to share in the fun; tree lights glowing; the spirit of love and family belonging—all this made Christmas such a wonderful time in the Home.

"There is no greater wonder in the world than to see little children with beaming faces fully delighting in Christmas. The children and staff are very proud of the furniture which was given to us last year as a Christmas gift. The Home Missions Department and WMC groups, as well as other friends, have been very kind to us. God bless all of you!"

Mrs. Whitfield at the Children's Home writes:

"There is almost nothing that equals

the joy and delight of a child on Christmas Day. I am sure that most of us remember with a feeling of nostalgia the Christmas days of our childhood. And it is right that this should be a special day.

"We are thankful for our Home Missions Department and the WMC Department that help us so much in making Christmas special for our children. Last year the Home Missions Department enabled us to purchase a davenport and chair set. The old couches were uncomfortable and in deplorable condition after their many years of service. The new divan is a beautiful chestnut color and has been designed for hard usage.

"Christmas day was another joyous occasion as the children opened their individual gifts. Some of them were sure they were going to be left out, but there was something for all. Then they couldn't decide whether to look at their own gifts or another's. The workers also appreciated the shirts, stockings, aprons, slippers, and other gifts that they received. We are so thankful

for all who contribute to our Christmas joy."

Christmas time at the Valdez Home was no less happy. Mrs. Houghton tells us:

"Christmas of 1957 was indeed a joyful occasion for all in the Valdez Assemblies of God Children's Home. We were very pleased with the lovely new dining chairs given to us.

"Each Christmas the children receive enough clothing to start the new year well clothed. This lovely clothing, chosen and sewn with great care, is given by our WMC groups. Many times there are personal gifts just for the child's enjoyment all of which are received with exclamations of delight. There were lovely dolls, little tea sets, a toy sewing machine, indoor games, candy and gum and many other gifts which would delight the heart of any boy or girl.

"We who are workers were not left out. Our hearts were gladdened by the gifts as well as by the love and untiring efforts which we knew were behind it all.

"We will soon be receiving seven more children into the home, making a total of seventeen, and that's our limit!"

This year again it is the desire of the Home Missions Department to present each home with a special and needed gift. The Juneau Children's Home is much in need of a *new automatic washer* which would benefit every one in the family. Also, since their workshop burned recently and all the power tools and most of the hand tools and all the material they had stored there were a total loss, replacements of

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Divan and chair given to the Palmer Home last Christmas.



Devotions on Christmas morning at the Palmer Children's Home

(BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN)



THE YOUTHLESS CHURCH

Last in a Series By Nicholas Nikoloff

IT WAS DURING MY STAY IN THE FREE City of Danzig (1935-38) that I had the opportunity to observe at close range what the National Socialist party ("Nazi" for short) was doing to win the youth of Germany. The churches were being emptied of youngsters and young people.

The Nazis, like the Communists today, wanted to have total control over all persons under eighteen. However, they were clever enough not to introduce legislation to openly isolate the youth of the land from the Church. Instead they induced the youngsters to stay away from church and Sunday School by introducing all kinds of attractive party functions for the young during church hours. Youngsters who failed to attend these functions were as popular as speckled birds among ravens!

One day I had the opportunity to talk to a Nazi youth leader who had control over 3000 boys. I asked him why the party did everything possible to keep the young people away from church during hours when the churches had programs for the religious training of their children and young people. All I was given were lame excuses. I realized then and there that Hitler was actually training an army of young people which he intended to use in a future world conflict. (I observed the same tactics used in Italy by Mussolini and his Fascist Party. To Mussolini and Hitler the young people of their countries were more precious than gold as far as their national plans were concerned.)

In Russia all young people under eighteen belong to the State. The same is true of the satellite countries. The

Russian authorities formerly encouraged "free love" but now they favor regular marriages and large families as the Nazis did prior to the last war. Bonuses are paid to women who have more than four children. Mothers who have ten or more children are honored with membership in the Order of Motherhood Glory.

In addition to the children of the unwed, Russia has many orphans whose parents were killed during World War II. All children are treated exceptionally well because the Kremlin rulers know that the future of Communist Russia and world dominion by Communism depends on the care and training of the young in Russia and its satellites.

I have examined a number of pictures taken of Protestant congregations in Russia. In very few of them did I observe any children. The young are conspicuously absent. Because of government regulations the churches have

BIBLE VERSE

DEUT. 6:6, 7



And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children.

been deprived of their young in a calculated move to let the churches "die out."

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

In their efforts to win the youth of Russia and the satellite countries the Communist rulers have devised clever plans to keep the children separated from the influence of the Church. Following closely the patterns used by the German Nazis and the Italian Fascists the rulers of Russia have cleverly enrolled their total school population of some 30,000,000 boys, girls, and young people into Communist-dominated organizations. Lenin propagated the idea that a child must be won for Communism during its formative years. He no doubt borrowed this idea from the Catholics who say, "Give us a child until he is seven years of age and he will ever remain Catholic." Hitler and Mussolini capitalized on this same principle.

When a boy or a girl in Russia reaches the age of *seven* he is enticed to join the first Communist organization, the *Octobrists* (the Russian Revolution began in October 1917). Members of this organization wear a *red star*.

As soon as boys and girls reach the age of *nine* strong influence is used by the Communists to have them join the *Young Pioneers*. A *red neckerchief* is the sign that they belong to this second youth organization. Practically all students in a classroom wear the red neckerchief denoting membership in the Young Pioneers. During summer vacations, well-planned camping trips are arranged for them. They are also privileged to go on tours and to enjoy many other attractive advantages. Children of Christians cannot belong to the Young Pioneers *unless they first renounce their personal faith in God*. The Communists are diametrically opposed to the program of the Saviour who invited the children to come to Him. It is very clear that a child of nine must be a spiritual giant to withstand the pressures which the Communists put upon him.

When youngsters reach the age of *fourteen* they are eagerly welcomed into the *Komsomol*—the Young Communist League. This is the age when boys and girls, if exposed to Christian influences, readily accept Christ as their personal Saviour. The Church in Russia has no opportunity to make its appeal to these young people for they are not allowed to attend religious serv-

ices. Outside pressures are too strong—they successfully counteract the influence of the Christian home, and swallow up the young people who rightfully belong to Christ who gave His very life for their redemption.

THE COMMUNIST STRATEGY

The Communists are trying to kill the Church gradually by preventing young blood from rejuvenating it. A local church without a Sunday School and a vigorous young people's group is destined for gradual extinction. The Communists know too well that tomorrow's Church leaders must be recruited from today's young people, for usually members of this group respond readily to the call of Christ for worldwide ministry. The present-day Protestant leaders in Russia are of middle age or older and only a handful of younger men are being trained to replace them. The only place where children can get religious training is in their homes.

So far the plan of the Communists seems to be developing splendidly but they reckon without God who is still in control of human affairs. Magnificent civilizations of the past have collapsed when pagan rulers have opposed the plan of God for the nations. This certainly has been and will be repeated in the twentieth century.

CHALLENGE OF THE CHURCH

At present Christians outside the Iron Curtain can do nothing about training the young in Communist countries. However, the Communists cannot prevent them from *praying unceasingly that a change may soon take place behind the Iron Curtain so that young and old alike may have an unprecedented opportunity to know and to do the will of God for their lives.* "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

While praying for the unreached under Communism we must not forget to work faithfully among the children and young people of our own land in an effort to bring them into an experimental knowledge of Christ before the Antichrist arises to rule the whole world. ◀◀

When you cannot walk the faith road, or find it, then take the obedience road, for it will ultimately lead to faith! Believe if you can, and if you cannot, then obey and you will soon be able to believe!
—Paul Hutchens



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

What does the Bible mean when it speaks of a "nail in a sure place" (Isaiah 22:23)?

This is a prophecy concerning Eliakim (v. 20), on whom the people could hang their hopes and confidences as a person might hang his coat in a sure place, where it would be sure not to fall. "They shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house" (v. 24).

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Do Mark 9:38, 39 and Matthew 7:22, 23 contradict each other?

These scriptures deal with two entirely different subjects. In Mark 9:38, 39 we are taught that we are not to condemn any who are working in behalf of Christ, even though they may not be of our particular church. In Matthew 7:22, 23 we are warned that even those who are the vehicles through whom miracles are performed will be lost if their lives are an offense to God.

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In 2 Kings 24:8 Jehoiachin is said to have been eighteen years old when he began to reign. In 2 Chronicles 36:9 he is said to have been eight years old. Can you explain this difference?

The record in 2 Kings 24:8 is undoubtedly correct. The Scofield Bible informs us that the Hebrews used letters in place of numerals, with the result that errors in transcription of Hebrew numbers became easy, the preservation of numerical accuracy difficult. The error in 2 Chronicles 36:9 would therefore be in the copying, not in the original account.

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Can you explain how Paul could say, "He that . . . prophesieth edifieth the church" (1 Corinthians 14:4), and then say that prophecy is to convince the unlearned and make manifest the secrets of his heart? (vv. 24, 25)

The central purpose of prophecy in the Church is speaking "to edification, and exhortation, and comfort" (1 Corinthians 14:3). But prophecy may also be a means of disclosing and warning.

Where there is the true spirit of prophecy there will be found also the burden of intercession. "But if they be prophets, and if the word of the Lord

be with them, let them now make intercession to the Lord of hosts" (Jeremiah 27:18). God's prophets have always been men of intercession. It was as they sought the Lord that He gave them His message.

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In what way are women to be saved in childbearing "if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety" (1 Timothy 2:15)?

Some have taught that a woman's salvation depends on her bringing forth children. We may dismiss this teaching immediately, for the only means of salvation is through the merit of redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

Part of the curse which fell on women through the fall was, "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children" (Genesis 3:16). In my opinion 1 Timothy 2:15 is a promise to Christian women of alleviation of suffering during childbirth. However, we ought to caution against condemning any who have hard labor. The Bible records women who died in childbirth, among whom was Rachel, the wife of Jacob.

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Jesus taught us to pray, "And lead us not into temptation" (Matthew 6:13). Does God lead to temptation to sin?

God does not tempt anyone to sin (James 1:13), but He does allow His people to be tested (James 1:2, 3). Jesus was led of the Spirit into the wilderness, there to be tempted of the devil (Matthew 4:1). Before He entered His ministry He must be proved. When Jesus taught us to pray, "And lead us not into temptation," He was instructing us not to be careless, nor to think ourselves strong. We must ever feel our need and dependence on the Lord.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).



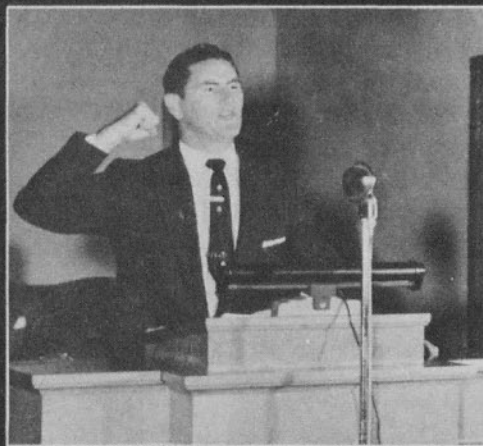
WE DEDICATE OUR BABIES



WE STRESS SUNDAY SCHOOLS



WE ENCOURAGE OUR C.A.'S



WE TRAIN OUR YOUNG MINISTERS

A message to the members of the Assemblies of God from the

OUR church loves its young people. Five thousand Christ's Ambassadors groups provide them spiritual fellowship. Eight thousand Sunday Schools give them Bible instruction at their age level. Eight standard Bible schools strategically located throughout the nation give thorough training to those who wish to prepare for full-time gospel ministry.

But until recently, little effort was made to provide a Pentecostal environment in which the young people of our church may receive higher academic education. Consequently thousands of them are exposed to the godless, immoral and, in some cases, atheistic and Communistic influence of modern colleges and universities, and literally hundreds of them have been lost to our Fellowship and to the Kingdom. When the Assemblies of God was young and comparatively weak there was some excuse for our inertia and neglect in this regard. *But not now!*

In 1953, at the Milwaukee General Council, our church became awake to the danger which threatened our young people and arose to do something about it. With enthusiasm and a strong majority, the General Council voted to establish a senior liberal arts college, leaving the Education Department and the Executive Presbytery to implement the program. After much prayer and careful search for a suitable site, preferably a ready-made campus, a government-owned hospital in Springfield, Missouri, was declared surplus property. We applied for this plot of 58 acres with 70 suitable buildings on it, trusting God to give it to us if it were His will. In due time we were made a free grant of this property valued at \$1,000,000.

A faculty and staff were then assembled and Evangel College opened its doors in September, 1955, with a freshman class of 110 students. There were 229 students for the 1956-'57 school year, 324 in 1957-'58, and this year we are operating four full classes with 404 students enrolled. Every teacher has received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the school is thoroughly Pentecostal. We feel God has answered prayer and has led us each step of the way. The college is a gift from God and the United States government, and we are now fully launched on this spiritual and important enterprise. As a church, we throw Pentecostal arms around these excellent and precious young people and are giving them a first-class academic education.

and friends of the Executive Presbytery

But we are in urgent need of financial undergirding in this gigantic undertaking. Student fees provide about one-half of the necessary income with which to operate a new liberal arts college. We are experiencing a rather serious deficit each year. This is particularly so in these years of preparing and equipping the dormitories and classrooms for college use. This was reported at the recent meeting of the General Presbytery and these brethren urged us to make every effort to raise this money. We therefore come to you. You are the Assemblies of God. These are your children and this is your college. We are merely your servants here at headquarters. We have acted on your behalf, in your interest and at your bequest. We now ask you to rally behind us and stand with us in this need.

Many churches could put Evangel College in their monthly or yearly budget. Brethren, please do.

C. A. groups could help support the school which will provide for their members the environment they need and love in which to get a college education.

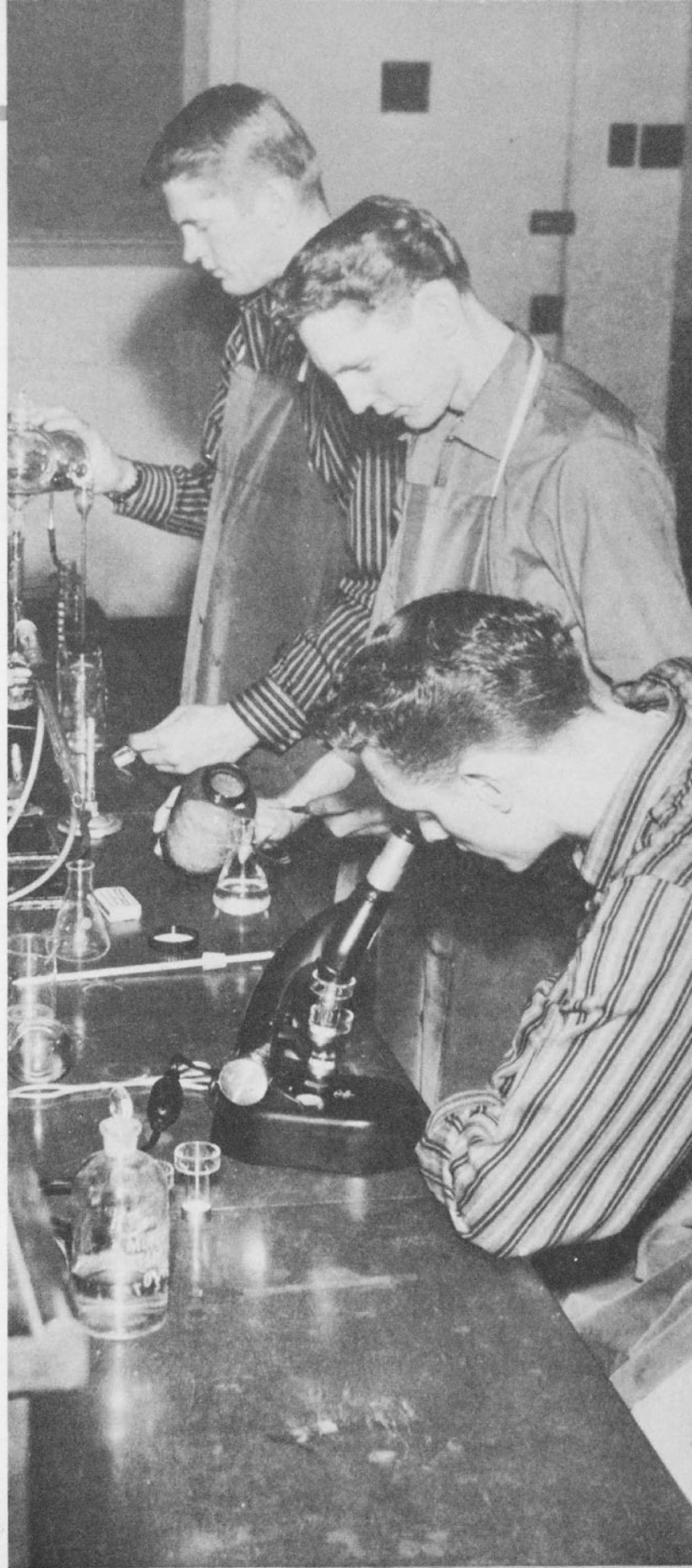
Parents who will want a place to send their children later can stand with us now in maintaining such a place.

Men and women with some means to invest in the Kingdom of God will find this one of the most fruitful places for investment for spiritual results and eternal dividends.

Above all, let every Assemblies of God person unite with us in prayer that this urgent need will be speedily met.

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As Little Children

By JAMES E. ADAMS

WHAT LESSONS WE LEARN FROM little children!

My grandson who will soon be three years old came down through the yard calling, "Pop-pop, Pop-pop—"

"Hi, Carl Lee," I said.

"Hi, Pop-pop. What you doin'?"

"Hoing the beans," I replied.

"Hoing beans? Let me see beans."

I explained to him that the plants would have to grow for a while, and then the beans would come on them. He followed me down the rows of beans, through the carrots, beets, tomatoes, and cabbage—talking all the time. Question after question.

"What dese, Pop-pop?"

"Tomatoes."

"Pull 'matatoes, Pop-pop?"

And I explained that tomatoes were not like the onions and radishes which he had seen his grandmother pull. These would have to grow a long time like the beans; green tomatoes would come on them; they would turn red, and then we would pick them.

"Oh," he said. And he kept right after me till I had put the cultivator away. Then he put his little hand in mine and said, "Pop-pop, let's go for big, long walk—to playground."

What would you have done? The little fellow had been so patient. He had waited till he was sure I had finished in the garden before making his request. So hand in hand we walked to the playground.

And now—the following day—I'm thinking. I love to follow the Lord, to walk and talk with Him. Isn't it then most natural just to tell Him the desires of my heart? And to expect Him to answer and supply my need?

It seems to me that fellowship and faith go hand in hand, too. Fellowship increases faith. And faith rejoices in fellowship.

This lesson I learned from a little child! ◀◀

November 16, 1958



Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, November 17

Read: Matthew 19:1-15

Learn: "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matthew 19:6).

For the Parent: Today's children will be tomorrow's parents. They are not too young to begin learning about some of their future responsibilities. Since divorce has become so common and readily accepted, it is important to expose children to the Bible's teachings on the subject. Point out these teachings from this passage. Show also Jesus' love for the children, vv. 13-15.

Question Time: What is Jesus' teaching concerning divorce? (v. 6) How did Jesus receive the children who were brought to Him and what did He say about them? (vv. 13-15)

Tuesday, November 18

Read: Matthew 19:16-30

Learn: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3).

For the Parent: Review the story of the rich young ruler and his conversation with Jesus. Stress his unwillingness to give up all to follow the Lord—a necessity if we would be His disciples. Stress also the reward that will come to those who deny themselves and follow the Lord. The greatest reward will be in having performed willing service for the Lord.

Question Time: What question did the young ruler ask Jesus? (v. 16) What did Jesus tell him? (vv. 17-21) What caused him to turn away from Jesus? (vv. 21, 22)

Wednesday, November 19

Read: Matthew 21:12-22

Learn: "All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matthew 21:22).

For the Parent: Two separate incidents are recorded here. Deal with each, pointing out: (1) Jesus was concerned that people know the real meaning for going to the house of God—worship and prayer, vv. 12, 13; (2) after driving out the money-changers, He showed how the temple should be used, vv. 14-16; (3) He taught His disciples an important lesson on faith, vv. 18-22.

Question Time: Why did Jesus drive the moneychangers out of the temple? (vv. 12, 13) How did He show how the temple really should be used? (vv. 14, 15)

Thursday, November 20

Read: Acts 2:36-47

Learn: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8).

For the Parent: Review the events recorded in Acts 2. Stress the importance of our witnessing for Christ—this is the means He has ordained that others may know of His saving power. Stress also that the power needed for witnessing comes from being filled with the Holy Spirit. Show how this was true on the Day of Pentecost; then emphasize that it should be true in our lives today.

Question Time: How many were saved through Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost? (v. 41) What is one purpose of the infilling of the Holy Spirit? (Acts 1:8)

Friday, November 21

Read: John 15:1-16 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me" (John 15:4).

For the Parent: In this passage Jesus is pointing out our relationship to Him. He likens it to that of the vine and its branches. The fruit we are to bear refers to Christian growth (see Galatians 5:22, 23). Stress the promises that are ours as we abide in Christ. Point out also how 1 John 2:6 is related to this discussion.

Question Time: What fruit are we to bear? (Galatians 5:22, 23) What is the only way we can bear fruit? (v. 4)

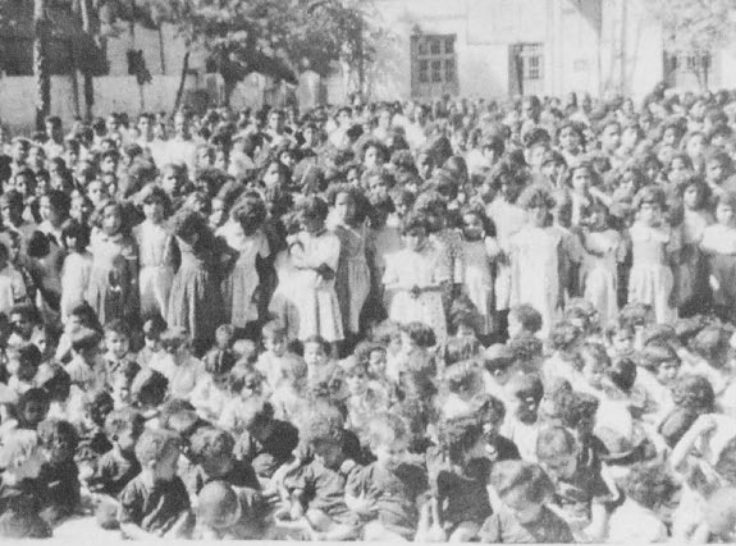
Saturday, November 22

Read: Luke 7:1-17 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "He is kind" (Luke 6:35). "Be ye kind" (Ephesians 4:32).

For the Parent: From this passage review the story of the healing of the centurion's servant and the raising from the dead of the widow's son. Emphasize that Jesus is concerned about our problems and stands ready to help us—He is kind. We should try to be like Him, being kind and concerned about the problems of others, standing ready to do what we can to help them.

Question Time: Why didn't the centurion want Jesus to come to his house? (vv. 6-8) What was Jesus' reaction to this kind of faith? (vv. 9, 10)



Lillian Trasher

◀ Orphanage children attending the cornerstone laying of the new building.

es are very, very old and not the kind that should be in any school, but the Bible says, "Your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all of these things."

I believe you all would like to help me bear these burdens. After all, these are also YOUR children for many of you have been helping me for years. I know that all of you feel that I should not have to carry the full responsibility of twelve hundred children and their needs. Just a few dollars from you who would like the little boys to be comfortably seated on a

THE BENCHES ARE CROWDED

By Lillian Trasher, Assiout Orphanage, Egypt

IT TAKES HOURS TO COUNT ALL OF the children at Assiout Orphanage. There are over 1,200 in our family. We have to see that every one is in his bedroom, before we can be exact in our census!

All of the older boys and girls who have finished school have left us. Those who went to visit relatives for short visits during the summer holidays have returned in time for school opening, and new children are coming all the time to take the places of those who married or left for work. Seven new children came in yesterday.

The Headmaster of the boys' school called me over to see the boys' classrooms. I asked him what was the matter with the classrooms and he said, "Please come and see for yourself." I went, and what I saw prompted me to write this article.

Remember that most of those who left were in high school or the higher classes, but all of the new children are little girls and boys. Last year our classrooms were running over but now children are just piled on top of each other. Benches in the drawing room were made to seat one child each (because of the large drawing books). But every single bench has two little boys—no place for their books at all. All benches made for two children have three, and quite a number have four.

The rooms are so crowded that the teacher can hardly stand, and the little boy in the middle has a hot time of it here in the summer. He has a very difficult time trying to get out of his bench! The rooms are just half large

enough. No little children should have to be packed in like this.

I have no extra rooms. We have land adjoining the school where we can build large, bright, cheerful school rooms. We have in reserve a little money saved from the showing of the film, "The Nile Mother." This money has been kept for new buildings when needed, but the income from the film has sadly fallen off lately. In fact, I find that each year since I was home in 1955, the offerings have gradually grown less while our family has grown larger and larger. The money saved from the film will be enough to build the foundation, which has been started.

I did not go over to see the girls' school. I felt that what I had just seen was enough for one morning (with my high blood pressure). All of the bench-

bench for two, and in a nice, large room with enough sunlight and fresh air, will make all the difference.

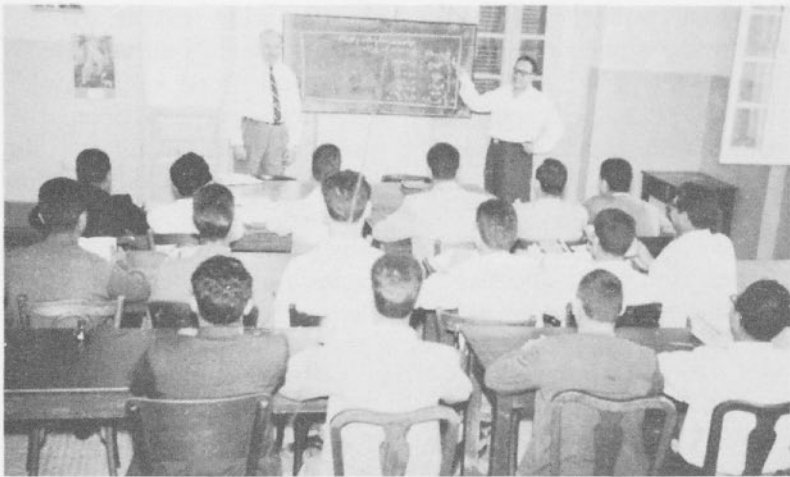
I believe God will be pleased to help me build these rooms. This is indeed a very pressing need as new children are coming in so fast, even though many are finishing and leaving.

Offerings to help meet this need should be designated, "Building Fund for Assiout Orphanage," and sent to Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo.

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Laying the cornerstone of the new building. The foundation has been laid and as funds are sent in the building will be erected.





A class at the Bible Institute, Port Said, Egypt



Supper time at the Bible Institute

Our Summer Visit To Egypt

By Harold A. Fischer

ALTHOUGH WE WERE SERIOUSLY affected by the imminent war danger, and also deeply impressed by the antiquities, yet nothing so touched us on our recent visit to Egypt as what we saw at our own Bible School in Port Said. Strategically situated for both climate and general utility, the school building was a wise purchase of the Assemblies of God Missions Department some five years ago.

A number of good workers helped to give the school a good start and then, for the last two years, Brother and Sister Joseph Brown have headed the school with the very able assistance of Brother and Sister Ayad Shenouda. The Browns have spent about two decades in Egypt filling the offices of director, field superintendent, missionaries, teachers, and ministers with great efficiency. However, a careful observer will note that they have done their greatest and most telling work in the Bible School.

At present the school has some fifteen hand-picked male students and their earnestness and capability are very evident. In my last eleven years spent in direct Bible School and college work in America I have never seen a group of students more completely consecrated. About twenty-nine former students of this school are already ministering on the field and their effectiveness is recognized by the brethren in Egypt. Undoubtedly in the near future there will be a goodly in-

crease in effectiveness and number of churches as the direct result of the work of this school. At present there are 120 churches in Egypt.

While visiting the school I taught these students hour after hour and never seemed able to satiate their strong spiritual hunger. When ministering in the church (which also meets in the school building) I found that the overflowing crowd very readily responded to the gospel message. One can factually prophesy that this institution is now a power which will greatly accelerate the spiritual life in this country.

Many more prospective students are on the waiting list who cannot enter yet because the building needs to be enlarged and because financial support is insufficient. The country is in great need of national workers, and the school

has a sufficient number of able teachers—BUT more support is needed from Christians in the homeland.

What a privilege it is for any saint to have a part in bringing the gospel to a spiritually—hungry people in a land so often mentioned in the Bible! One feels that here for certain is a ripe field that needs only more financial support to obtain surprising results, spiritually and numerically.

(Ed. note: Dr. and Mrs. Harold Fischer are connected with Southern California Bible College. Throughout the past summer they visited the Assemblies schools and churches in Europe and Egypt, preaching, teaching, advising, and learning.)

BURDEN OF SOULS

*Have you heard the "sobbing millions"
From beyond the foaming sea,
How they call, as they are dying,
To be reached by you and me?*

*In their darkness, they need pity
They need prayer and gospel light;
Oh, that God would greatly stir us
To behold this dreadful sight.*

*Sin has sway in great dominion,
They have never known His grace;
Death appears with full destruction,
Hell will keep them from His face.*

*Sobbing millions 'round us scattered
Through this world in misery
Constitute a burden heavy
To be shared by you and me.*

—Florence Mott

Please! . . .

Remember the foreign missionaries with a monetary Christmas gift. Simply send your gift, large or small, to the Foreign Missions Dept., 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo., designated "Christmas Gift for missionaries."

Contributions must be in by November 20th in order to be included in the gifts to be sent to our missionary family. Your help is needed!



POWER FOR WITNESSING

Sunday School Lesson for November 23, 1958

Acts 2:36-47

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me." The great problem today, both in our individual lives and in our churches, is not so much the receiving of an initial infilling of the Spirit, as how to retain and increase this power which results in effective witnessing. The answer is clearly given in Acts 2:42-47.

I. SPIRITUAL POWER PRESERVED. Acts 2:42. The Early Church preserved its power as follows:

(1) *By teaching.* "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' teaching" (R.V.). Has not the ministry of teaching sometimes been neglected among us in favor of evangelism? Some wonder why we lose so many converts. New-born babes will die if left to themselves. And do not spiritual babes need the "sincere milk of the Word"? Unless new converts receive "stedfast" teaching concerning the great doctrinal truths of the Word, and are taught how to grow in grace and spiritual stature, we shall never have churches made up of people who have faith and personal victory in their own lives, and power to witness effectively to others!

(2) *By fellowship.* "They continued stedfastly... in fellowship... and breaking bread from house to house." The early Christians made much of fellowship with each other. And that fellowship was not merely on a social plane—in which case they would have dissipated their spiritual power. Their fellowship centered around Christ. It was "in the Spirit." Have we not neglected spiritual fellowship with other Christians?

(3) *By worship.* "They continued stedfastly... in the breaking of bread... and continuing daily... in the temple." These Christians, though baptized in the Spirit, realized that in order to maintain the Spirit's fullness they needed to be very careful in the matter of church attendance and worship. We live in an increasingly evil age. How important it is in offsetting the atmosphere of the world and in keeping full of the Spirit that we take advantage of every opportunity to worship (see Hebrews 10:25).

(4) *By prayer.* "They continued stedfastly... in prayer." Among these Christians every persecution, every threat, every crisis, every human need became the occasion for both individual and united prayer. And such prayer produced results! See Acts 4:29-31. We might as well face it today—there is no substitute for consistent, persistent, and believing prayer! If we desire apostolic power, there must be apostolic prayer

II. SPIRITUAL POWER MANIFESTED. Acts 2:43-47. The connection between verse 42 and the verses which follow is very evident. The Early Church was careful to attend to those means of sustaining and strengthening their spiritual power and verses 43 to 47 show how that

spiritual power was manifested. To what extent do the following signs of spiritual power appear in our churches?

(1) *Great influence.* "And fear came upon every soul." Outsiders looked with awe and deep respect upon the Church, so much so that the insincere were afraid to join the believers. Are sinners today aware that God is thus among us?

(2) *Great miracles.* "And many signs and wonders were done through the apostles." Miracles and manifestations and operations of the Spirit have always been and always will be the normal result of the presence of God among the people.

(3) *Great love.* "And all that believed were together and had all things common." If we really love one another that love will express itself in a willingness to share with others who are in need (1 John 3:17).

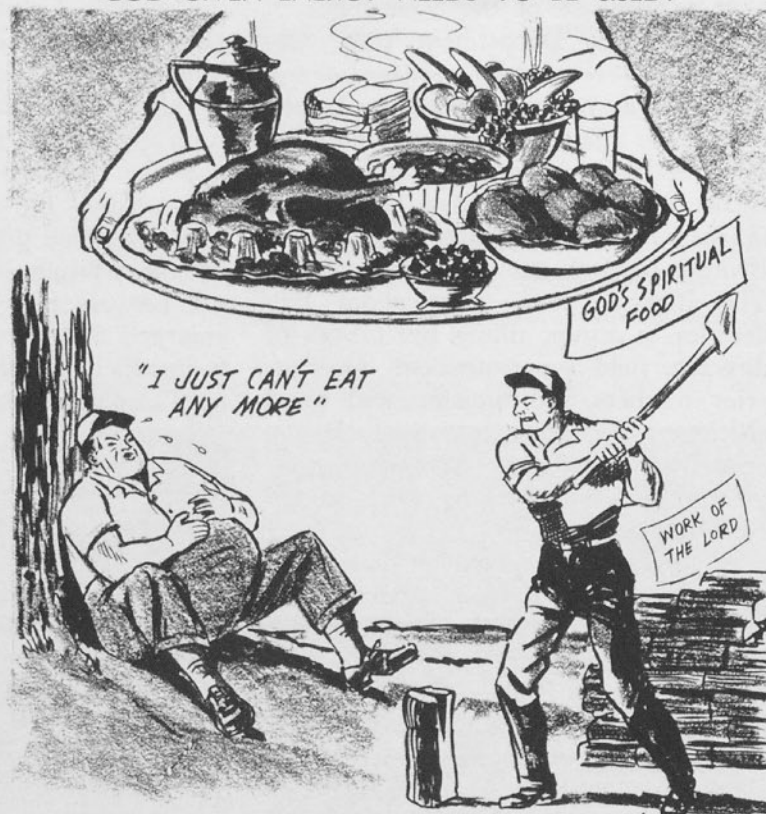
(4) *Great unity.* "And they, continuing daily with one accord." In order for a physical body to enjoy good health, there must be good circulation of blood and good co-ordination between the various organs and members of the body. So it is also in the Church which is the body of Christ. The power of any church is in direct proportion to the unity of that church.

(5) *Great joy.* "And they... did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God." Natural joy is shallow and fleeting. The joy here is that abiding joy which is the fruit of the Spirit and the natural outflow of the truly Spirit-filled life. It is this joy which makes Christianity winsome and attractive to sinners.

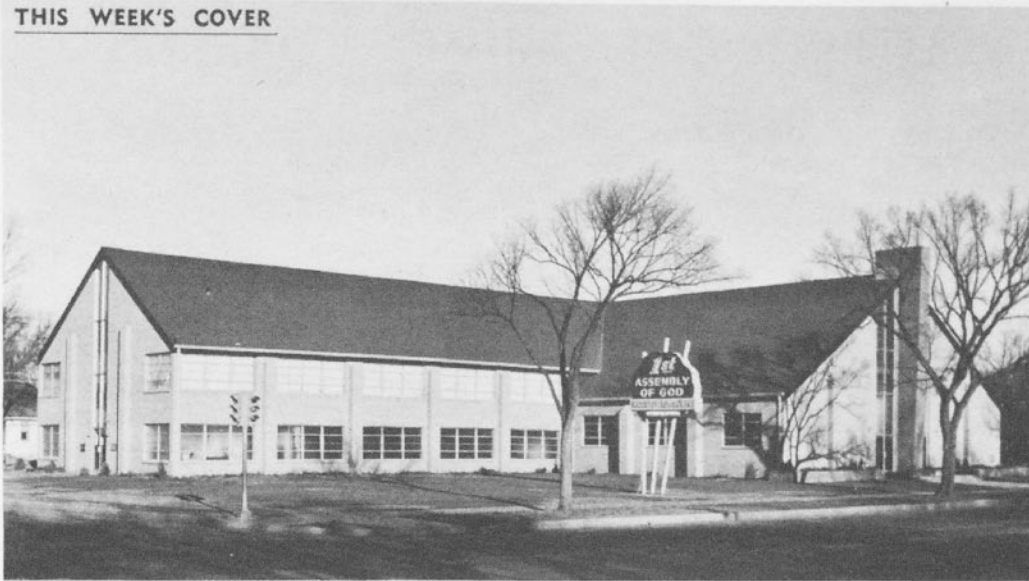
(6) *Great growth.* "And the Lord added to the church daily." Where there is sufficient spiritual life and power there is bound to be growth and development.

—J. Bashford Bishop

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BUT WHOSO... CONTINUETH THEREIN, HE BEING NOT A FORGETFUL HEARER, BUT A DOER OF THE WORK, THIS MAN SHALL BE BLESSED IN HIS DEED. JAMES 1:25



Russell Rexroat



J. L. Boulware

sembly of God at Aurora, Colorado. During his ministry in Hutchinson the new church building was erected. Together with the parking lot it is valued at \$200,000. The church is equipped with Hammond electric organ, grand piano, R.C.A. sound system with twelve ceiling speakers, blond oak pews and furniture, three nurseries, balcony, overflow room, and prayer room seating 150. There are other auditoriums and also an apartment for visiting evangelists. The building is so constructed as to allow for expansion as needed.

The church has made a good growth and now averages about 250 in Sunday School. Two new assemblies have been opened in Hutchinson during the past four years. Claud Myers founded and is pastor of Faith Tabernacle. Glad Tidings Assembly of God was also pioneered by its present pastor, Chesley Applegate.

The new pastor of First Assembly in Hutchinson is Russell Rexroat who says, "We pray that God will bless us as we endeavor to continue to build where so many faithful pastors have labored through the years."

Growth of Kansas Church Aided by Evangelistic Campaigns

Four revival campaigns during the past summer contributed to the growth of First Assembly of God in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Profitable meetings were held by Evangelists Velmer Gardner and George Hayes. Then the Eskelin family conducted a two-week meeting which closed on August 24. Excellent crowds attended this revival.

An evangelistic crusade especially for children was held immediately following the Eskelin meeting. Evangelist John McPherson

of Richmond, Calif., was in charge of the crusade which was attended by nearly 300 children. This was one of the greatest children's meetings in the history of the church. On decision night, 175 children responded to the invitation. Sixty-eight children who attended no church or Sunday School came to the meetings.

J. L. Boulware who served as pastor of the church for the past seven years resigned recently and accepted the pastorate of the As-

Home Missions

Ye Have Done It Unto Me

(Continued from page nine)

some of these would be gratefully received.

The Children's Farm Home at Palmer needs a restaurant or hotel-size *electric range*. This can be operated more cheaply than a gas stove there. If this gift becomes a reality, it would be to their advantage to be able to pick out the type of stove that would fill their particular need at this time.

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say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these...ye have done it unto me." And who knows, perhaps all these little children for whom you are helping to provide sheltering homes and Christian training will become soul winners in the future. Thus your gift can have a chain reaction for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God. Please use the coupon below in sending your offering to the Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

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WEST TEXAS C. A. CONVENTION—November 26-27 at First Assembly, Plainview, Texas. Convention speaker, Evangelist Joe Mazzu, Houston, Texas.—by M. F. Hankins, District C. A. President.

HOMECOMING—November 23 at the Ferriday Assembly of God, Ferriday, Louisiana. Former pastors, members and friends invited. The homecoming service will climax a week's meeting. Speaker, C. H. Reed.—by S. E. Lum, Pastor

27th ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING AND MISSIONARY CONVENTION — Nov. 12-16 at Assembly of God, Ontario, Oreg. Speakers: Atwood Foster, C. M.

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Clanton	A of G	Nov. 16—	Melvin McKnight	Bill Taylor
Ark.	Magnolia	First	Nov. 18-30	Chas. H. E. Duncombe	Grady Adcock
	Newport	A of G	Nov. 16-30	Samuel N. Alexander	Thomas C. Stoker
Calif.	Indio	* A of G	Nov. 3—	B. D. Bennett	Roy Hinkle, Chmn.
	San Diego	A of G	Nov. 23—	Linfield Crowder	Dallas Miller
	Winters	A of G	Nov. 16—	Billy Guthrie & wife	Max Inman
Del.	Wilmington	First	Nov. 11-23	William H. Kautz	Jacob Heinrich
Fla.	Jacksonville	Norwood	Nov. 12-16	Karl Strader	J. R. Mayhue
	Miami	Revival Tab.	Nov. 11—	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	James M. Turner
Idaho	Buhl	A of G	Nov. 23—	Quentin Edwards	L. C. Harris
	Lewiston	First	Nov. 16-30	Dale Carpenter	Jeff Gibbs
Ill.	Carbondale	First	Nov. 19—	Donald Lunsford, Jr.	Harold Crowell
	Carlinville	A of G	Nov. 23-Dec.14	Fisher-Cheek Team	Samuel Reaves
	Hartford	A of G	Nov. 16—	Ken Haddaway	Roy Warner
Iowa	Clinton	A of G	Nov. 9-23	Cox-Brown Team	C. E. Thompson
	Waterloo	First	Nov. 19-30	Bob McCutchen	Russel Thompson
Kans.	Ft. Scott	6th & Lowman	Nov. 12—	Park Reed	W. C. Crowder
	Stockton	First	Nov. 18-30	Carl Walker, Jr.	Carl Walker III
Mass.	Lawrence	A of G	Nov. 23-30	John Wright Follette	Helen Wight
Minn.	Cambridge	Gospel Tab.	Nov. 18-23	Garfield J. Unruh	Donald H. Norman
	Moorhead	A of G	Nov. 11—	Abraham Solomon & wife	Alex Karmarkovic
Miss.	Noxapater	Height	Nov. 18-30	Joel Palmer & wife	Alpheus Broadhead
	Pascagoula	Three Rivers	Nov. 11-23	Earl Irby	John W. Johnson
Mo.	Campbell	A of G	Nov. 16—	Koonce & Blackwell	Carlence Wiegand
	N. Kansas City	** First	Nov. 18-30	Dick Stevens Family	R. A. McClure
	St. Joseph	Wyatt Park	Nov. 12-23	Christian Hild	Hilton Griswold
	Springfield	Elwood	Nov. 11—	J. Middlebrook & wife	H. L. Carroll
Mont.	Conrad	A of G	Nov. 18-30	Paul Clark & wife	Guilford Mandigo
Nebr.	Alma	A of G	Nov. 11-23	Ivan Christoffersen	D. Brown
N. J.	Mt. Ephraim	Bethel Tab.	Nov. 19-Dec. 7	Carolyn Lindblad	Ernest E. Edwards
	Neptune	A of G	Nov. 19-30	Jimmy & Dorothy Adams	Irving Meier
N. Y.	Rochester	Bethel	Nov. 5-16	Jimmy & Dorothy Adams	Phil Wannemacher
Ohio	Findlay	A of G	Nov. 19—	Wm. Inlisky & wife	W. J. Domm
	Salineville	A of G	Nov. 19—	Smith-Ramussen Team	Ellis Damiani
Okla.	Durant	First	Nov. 19-Dec. 7	Fred Carrington & wife	Ross Davis
	Okmulgee	Revival Tab.	Nov. 5—	Charles Chambers Party	Olen T. Craig
	Pearl	A of G	Nov. 23—	David Essary & wife	J. C. Venable
Pa.	Columbia	First	Nov. 4-16	Moses Copeland	Fred Haddad
	Newport	A of G	Nov. 18—	Jim Collins	Lloyd Kipp
	Pittsburgh	Evang. Temp.	Nov. 18-30	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	Flem Van Meter
R. I.	Providence	A of G	Nov. 19-30	Martin Busse Team	Oliver Dalaba
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Tenn.	Memphis	Hollywood	Nov. 18-30	Holcombe Brothers	T. E. Scruggs
	Ripley	Central	Nov. 9-23	Earl E. Blythe	Gaylon Echols
Tex.	El Paso	First	Nov. 18-Dec. 7	E. T. Quanabush	Wm. F. Hageman
	Ft. Worth	Fostepco Heights	Nov. 17—	J. W. Farmer	P. C. Loftin
	Kernit	A of G	Nov. 9—	Joe Mazzu	M. F. Hankins
	Kilgore	Laird Hill	Nov. 23-Dec. 7	Maurice Evans	H. E. Boatright
	Lubbock	First	Nov. 12-23	Norman Jones	H. M. Sheats
Wash.	Bellingham	A of G	Nov. 18-Dec. 7	H. C. MacDonald	Maynard Oss
	Spanaway	A of G	Nov. 18—	Johnny Hoskins	C. C. Wilcox
	Tacoma	South Tacoma	Nov. 16—	Norwood-Carlquist	Paul V. Greisen
Wis.	Milwaukee	Lakeside	Nov. 18-30	Harvey McAlister	Lloyd Christiansen
Canada	Calgary, Alta.	Pent. Tab.	Nov. 18-Dec. 7	Watson Argue	John M. Watts
	Star City, Sask.	Pent. Tab.	Nov. 18-30	Paul & Dorothy Olson	G. W. Baycroft

* Union Tent Revival

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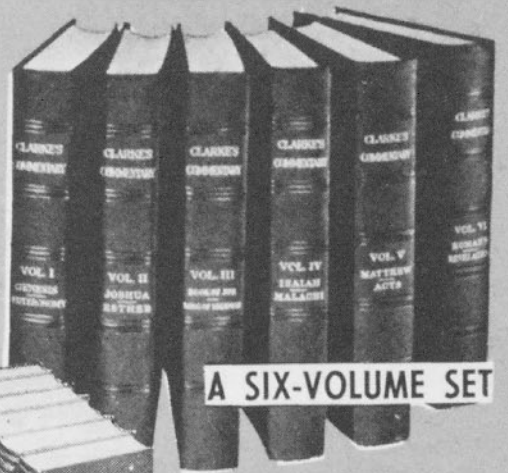
CORRECTION

In the latest Directory of Assemblies of God churches published this summer by the General Council, Byron E. Owens is incorrectly listed as pastor of First Assembly of God, El Centro, Calif. on page 161. Brother Owens actually is pastor of the Imperial, Calif. Assembly of God as shown on page 163 of the directory.

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enough candy so that every member of the Sunday School receives a Christmas treat. The WMC’s remember each of our birthdays with a gift. Each year someone from the church pays us a visit. We appreciate their thoughtfulness.

We have found the monthly fellowship meetings that we have in this area to be a real blessing; also the Indian camp meetings which are held once a year. These services have inspired the Indian people of our assembly to serve God in a greater measure. The fellowship of the brethren of the nearby churches has been a real encouragement to us.

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Missionary work among the Indian people is slow because of many obstacles, but God is working. Revival is evident on many reservations.

Preparing for the Coming Storm

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selves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.”

In this world conference we are conscious of the fact that our forms and so-called standards vary. We have not traveled thousands of miles and crossed the oceans to compare ourselves with ourselves or to measure ourselves among ourselves; we have something more important than mere form.

The great force that has drawn us from east and west, north and south, is our desire for more of God’s Spirit and power. Just as God’s Spirit moved in the beginning; just as God’s Spirit moved upon the Master; just as He moved upon the disciples in an upper room, so “it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh.” This is

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There is no salvation unless the Spirit of God touches your spirit and witnesses that you are born of God. How futile to merely bow a knee or utter dead words of formality. Salvation does not lie in going through a parrot-like form; it lies in meeting the conditions set down in the Scriptures and having the Spirit Himself bear witness with your spirit that you are a child of God (Romans 8:16).

Is it any wonder that God warns us, "Grieve not the Spirit," and again, "Quench not the Spirit," and still again, "Resist not the Spirit"?

The one sin that has no forgiveness is the sin against the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 12:31). The one sin that John calls the sin unto death is not a deed of the hand but a condition of the heart.

God has promised to pour out His Spirit in the last days. He has promised that the Spirit would convict the world of sin. Do you feel conviction of sin in your heart this moment? Are you unprepared to stand before the Lord? Do you have a desire to give yourself in full surrender to the Saviour and to be filled with His power? This is the work of the Holy Spirit; He is drawing you to the Saviour. Today, while you hear His voice, do not harden your heart, but respond—for now is the accepted time. "Today is the day of salvation." Tomorrow is the day of judgment. ◀

CONVICTS TAKING PART IN AN EXPERIMENT at the Woodlake road camp in Tulare County, California, put on earphones when they went to bed at night. The earphones were connected to the camp's broadcasting system, through which at intervals throughout the night a soothing voice gently suggested a better way of living:

"Listen, my inner self," the voice pleaded, "remember and obey this creed of life: live relaxed, completely and utterly relaxed. . . . Love God, my family, and others. . . . Have faith. . . . Face life without fear, be calm. . . . Know myself and my faults. . . . live without alcohol. . . . I am truly happy. I give my life to my family, to my friends, and to the world. I am filled with love and compassion for all, so help me God."

The men, eager for anything that would bring a better life, willingly opened their subconscious minds to the suggestions of faith and love and happiness.

But their basic problem was no different than that of thousands of others who have managed to live within the framework of the law of the land. The universal problem is a *sinful heart*. The suggestions of positive living may help all of us to "live better" for a time, but the *real* problem, the sinful nature, is not thereby solved; it will continue to assert itself and eventually destroy the individual.

If it were possible for men to become new creatures with new desires merely through the power of suggestion, then Jesus Christ need never have come to the world to die. But sin is an ugly, evil, powerful force, driving men to destroy themselves and others.

It is sin in the heart that drives men from one drink to the next—from grudging to hatred to murder—and to a thousand other forms of evil.

*"What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus."*

Christ died for our sins. There is no other remedy. That's why God sent His Son. "He loved us and gave himself for us." He alone can cleanse and

change the heart of man so that he is made a *new creature*. "Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Jesus knew what it would take. "Ye must be born again," He declared. There must be a rebirth of the spirit. Reform is not enough. That is something you do yourself, often by great effort, but it does not change the heart. Only a spiritual rebirth can change the heart, and this takes place when we come to God, admit our hopeless, helpless condition, and believe in Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour.

This rebirth is a new birth—a birth of the spirit. It's an about-face that comes through an act of God in forgiving, cleansing, and saving us. It makes us hate the sin we once embraced, and love the things of God which we couldn't even get interested in before because we didn't understand them.

If you have not yet accepted Christ, you are fighting a losing battle against the evil nature within you. Come to the Saviour now. He has promised that "him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

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