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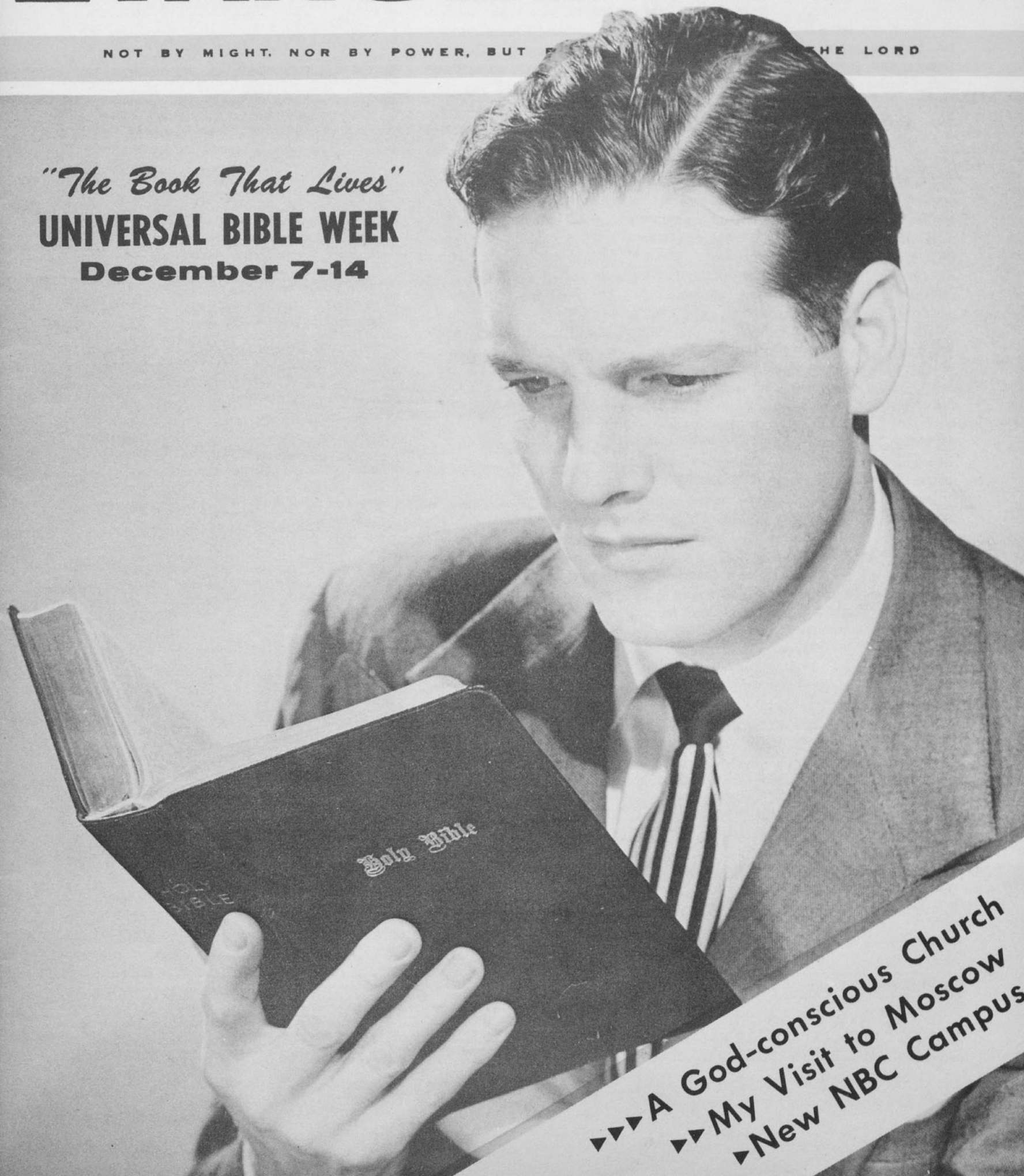
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When Death Comes

Every one of us, sooner or later, comes face to face with death. A loved one who is very close to our heart is suddenly taken from us, and we probe again the age-old questions concerning human existence and the life to come. Two factors determine our emotions and reactions at such a time. One is whether the departed person professed faith in Christ. The other factor is whether we ourselves who survive are truly "born again" and believe God's Word.

Briefly, here are Bible answers to four questions that confront a Christian whose loved one has departed.

(1) *What has happened to my loved one?*

The Scriptures state very clearly that "the body without the spirit is dead" (James 2:26). There is a temporary separation of the spirit from the body. At death a person "moves out" of the "house" in which he has been living, and the "house" is laid to rest, but the real person departs to be forever with Christ if he was a Christian believer.

(2) *Why has God permitted this to happen?*

Though it may seem hard to understand, the Bible reveals that for a Christian this temporary separation is a definite manifestation of the love of God. The Psalmist said, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15). And our Lord Himself testified that those who died in Him are "blessed" (Revelation 14:13). The realization of this precious truth should enable us to say with Job of old, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21).

(3) *Where is my loved one now?*

Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions. . . . I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). Your loved one has simply taken a journey from his earthly house to the heavenly mansion God has prepared. The apostle Paul has told us that to be "absent from the body" is to be "at home with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8, R. V.). And he has said that to be with Christ is "far better" (Philippians 1:21-23). What a blessing it is to be ushered into the loving embrace of our wonderful Saviour!

(4) *Will I ever see my loved one again?*

Yes, there will be a joyous reunion for all who trust in Christ. The Saviour promised He would come again and receive us unto Himself, that where He is there all His followers may be also (John 14:3). This is our blessed hope. Those whose bodies have fallen asleep in Jesus will be united with all Christian believers who are still living on the earth at the time of the Rapture of the Church as described in 1 Corinthians 15. The "corruptible" (the dead in Christ) shall "put on incorruption." The "mortal" (the living Christians) shall "put on immortality."

Notice the glorious statement in 1 Thessalonians 4: "The dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

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By W. F. Garvin

A VISION OF JESUS

The moment we behold the face of Jesus in the place He has prepared for us, all the heartaches and toils of this life will be forgotten.

WHEN I WAS SAVED AT THE AGE of eighteen I knew very little of spiritual things, for our home was not only un-Christian but avowedly atheistic. But in spite of my surroundings, God had put within me a deep hunger for Himself and for His Word.

Two years after I was saved, God called me to the ministry in a truly supernatural way. The Lord Jesus appeared to me in the night. I was awake and saw Him as He stood in my room, and His presence made it lighter than day. He said to me, "I want you to preach my gospel." Like Moses, I began to protest that I was not able. But the Lord promised me, "If you will be faithful to me and preach my Word, I will make you a preacher." I finally yielded and promised Him that if He would help me I would do my best to preach His Word.

He brought me through twelve years of school, through the examination for ordination, and a few years later into the glorious Pentecostal experience.

He has appeared to me on several other occasions, sometimes when I prayed alone, sometimes when praying in a group, and even while I was in the pulpit.

In October of last year, following an attack of Asian flu, I suffered two severe heart attacks within ten days and the doctors thought I would not

The author of this article has been a minister in the Assemblies of God many years. A few months ago he lay at death's door but God has restored him to health and now he is active again in evangelistic work.

recover. We were with my wife's sister, hoping that I would grow strong enough to go to Florida as the doctors advised. There were days of encouragement when I seemed to be improving and then there were dark days when I was weak and depressed.

Late one night I awoke with the feeling that someone was bending over me. The presence was so compelling that I opened my eyes, and there at the foot of the bed stood the most hideous, loathsome creature one could imagine. I was frightened and said, "What do you want?"

"I want you," was the answer.

"You can't have me," I replied. "I belong to the Lord."

"I know it," answered the foul spirit—for such it was. "That is why I have come in the night."

"But I belong to the Lord in the night as much as in the daytime," I declared.



Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people. EXODUS 19:5

"I know that. Farewell," said the spirit as it disappeared into the darkness.

It was a source of great encouragement to us to know that the enemy acknowledges that we belong to Christ and that he cannot touch us.

On Wednesday, November 6, I was on the couch in the living room. I was alone and praying when I felt that I should praise the Lord. I moved to a big easy chair and sat there praising Him very quietly. Then I thought I should lift my hands, but I was so weak that I could not hold them up without resting my elbows on the chair.

As I continued to praise and worship the Lord, strength seemed to flow into my body. Soon I lifted both hands, unsupported, and my voice became so strong that my wife heard me from two or three rooms away. She and her sister came into the room and sat down across from me. I was not aware of their presence.

All at once, as I tried to tell the Lord how wonderful He is and how I love Him, I raised my eyes and there He stood across the room, looking at me and smiling. I tried to tell Him how I felt—of my inadequacies and failures, and that I was ready for Him to take me. He came closer, smiled again, and told me, "You *have* been faithful to me and to my Word. I am not going to take you with me now. I will come for you after a while."

My heart was overwhelmed! That *He* should tell me I had been faithful! Praises continued to pour from my heart. Suddenly, behind Him appeared such glory and brilliance as I had never seen. The Holy City was spread before my eyes. I saw the mansions, the jeweled foundations, the streets of gold. And the robe that the Lord Jesus Christ was wearing had instantly changed in appearance until it seemed to be studded with millions of diamonds. I have seen the magnificent crown jewels of England in the Tower of London, but nothing in this world that my eyes have ever beheld could possibly compare with that robe or the brilliance, the glistening beauty of that city of which He is the light! After some time the city faded away and He stood alone before me for a brief moment, then He too disappeared from my sight.

My wife describes what she saw in these words:

"As my husband sat worshipping and

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The God who was real to the first century

Christians waits to be just as real to this generation.

A God-conscious Church

By Donald Gee, Kenley, England

RECENTLY AS I RE-READ IN ACTS 15 the account of the fateful church council in Jerusalem I was struck as never before by the emphasis upon *God*. It leads consistently to the concluding affirmation—"It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us" (v. 28). Such language was either quaint or presumptuous or merely unctuous, or else it expressed a clear conviction that it was literally the fact of the matter. "*God* made choice among us," said Peter (v. 7); and *God* gave them the Holy Ghost, "even as he did unto us" (v. 8). Barnabas and Paul declared "what miracles and wonders *God* had wrought . . . by them" (v. 12). It was all "God—God—God."

Such language, when reverently sincere, reveals the essence of Christian faith. God is recognized in everything, but particularly in the work of His Spirit. We can habitually explain things by natural processes if we will—it suits the temper of the present age—but faith sees God at work and love gives God the glory.

It is easy to read the Bible as though it describes a different world from the one we live in. Several years ago while in Jerusalem I sent a letter to a friend in England. He confessed later, good Christian though he was, that it came almost as a shock to him that one could mail letters in the Holy City! To him Jerusalem had never seemed as real as London or New York. But the topography of the Bible has not changed, and neither has human nature. The God who was real to the first Christians waits to be as real to us. The declared testimony of the Pente-

costal movement has been that God is just the same today, but the corollary of that belief is that men too are just the same today in all spiritual essentials. To thus make the Bible real to our own generation is one of the greatest services of a gifted ministry.

The God-consciousness of the Jerusalem conference can be experienced today. The human element in it was quite normal—there had been "much disputing" (v. 7); feeling was running hot and high (v. 2); personalities were involved (v. 5); men were passionately contending for what they deemed fundamental to salvation (v. 1); the air was explosive. A controversy had arisen which endangered not only the unity of the Church but also, as we can now see more clearly than they, the whole progress of the gospel. They came through the crisis victoriously because Pentecost had made and kept them God-conscious. There was a recognition of God and His workings that was unanswerable.

1. "*God made choice among us.*" There is no taint of bombast in Peter's personal testimony. To have said less would have been untrue. In any case he had waited until there had been a long discussion before he intervened at all. His experience in the house of Cornelius "a good while ago" was com-

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mon knowledge as was the lordship of the Spirit that had marked it. Simon Peter had been anything but aggressive for leadership in *that* matter, whatever may be said of his actions on other occasions. Only after the painful struggle on the housetop had he been willing to risk his reputation, and the sequel justified his fears. But at the time and also later he had a tremendous consciousness of *God* at work. "What was I that I could withstand *God*?" he asked. Sublime simplicity! His critics had held their peace before and they did so again. Peter had been *God's* chosen man for a specific task and human judgment had to bow to the truth.

As Pentecostal believers, we must hold fast to our faith that *God* still makes choice among us of picked men for specific tasks. The committee may or may not be the instrument the Spirit uses in indicating His man. Of this we may be sure, that the summing up of the comparative qualifications of rival candidates, put to the test of a vote that requires a fixed ratio of majority to become conclusive, lags far behind the perfect assurance in which Peter anchored his faith. Immeasurably still further removed from the divine standard is the nauseous self-appointment of ambitious men seeking leadership and prominence, who turn religion into big business, flouting all principles of courtesy and consideration for others in their thirst for power.

To approximate to a sense of divine choosing for specific tasks in the

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THERE IS A VERY WIDE DIFFERENCE between human and divine education. The former has for its end the refinement and exaltation of human nature; the latter begins with withering it up and setting aside. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14).

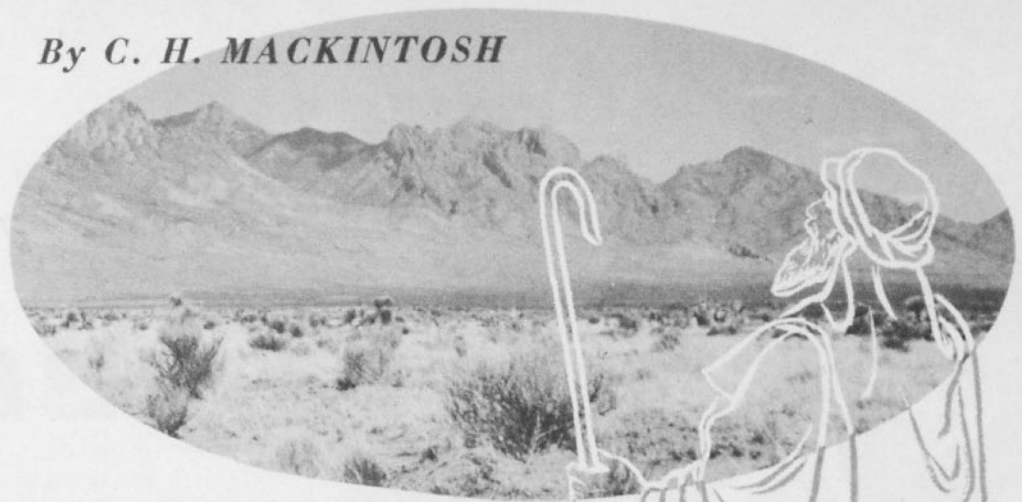
Educate the "natural man" as much as you please and you cannot make him a "spiritual man." "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:6). If ever an educated "natural man" might have looked for success in the service of God, Moses might have counted upon it; he was "grown," he was "learned," he was "mighty in word and deed," and yet he had to learn something "at the backside of the desert" which Egypt's schools could never have taught him. Paul learned more in Arabia than ever he had learned at the feet of Gamaliel. None can teach like God; and all who will learn of Him must be alone with Him.

"In the desert God will teach thee." There it was that Moses learned his sweetest, deepest, most influential and enduring lessons. There is a school of God for all who mean to be educated for the ministry.

"The backside of the desert"—that sacred spot where nature is laid in the dust and God alone is exalted. There it is that man and things, the world and self, present circumstances and their influences, are valued at what they are really worth. There it is and there alone, that you will find a divinely adjusted balance in which to weigh all within and all around. There are no false colors, no borrowed plumes, no empty pretensions there. The enemy of your soul cannot gild the sand of that place. All is reality there.

The heart that has found itself in the presence of God at "the backside of the desert" has right thoughts about everything. It is raised far above the exciting influence of this world's schemes. The din and noise, the bustle and confusion of Egypt do not fall upon the ear in that distant place. The crash in the monetary and commercial world are not heard there; this world's fading laurels do not tempt there; the thirst for gold is not felt there; the eye is never dimmed with lust, nor

By C. H. MACKINTOSH



The Backside of

THE DESERT

the heart swollen with pride there; human applause does not elate, nor human conscience depress there. In a word, everything is set aside save the stillness and light of divine presence. God's voice alone is heard, His light enjoyed, His thoughts received. *This is the place to which all must go to be educated for the ministry; there all must remain if they would succeed in the ministry.*

Would that all who come forward to serve in public knew what it is to breathe the atmosphere of this place. We should then have far less vapid attempts at ministry, but far more effective, Christ-honoring service. Nothing can possibly make up for the lack of secret communion with God or the training and discipline of His school. All the wisdom of the Egyptians would not have qualified Moses for his future path. He might have pursued a most brilliant course through the schools and colleges of Egypt. He might have come forth laden with literary honors, his intellect stored with learning, and his heart full of pride and self-sufficiency. He might have taken his degree in the school of man, and yet have to learn his alphabet in the school of God.

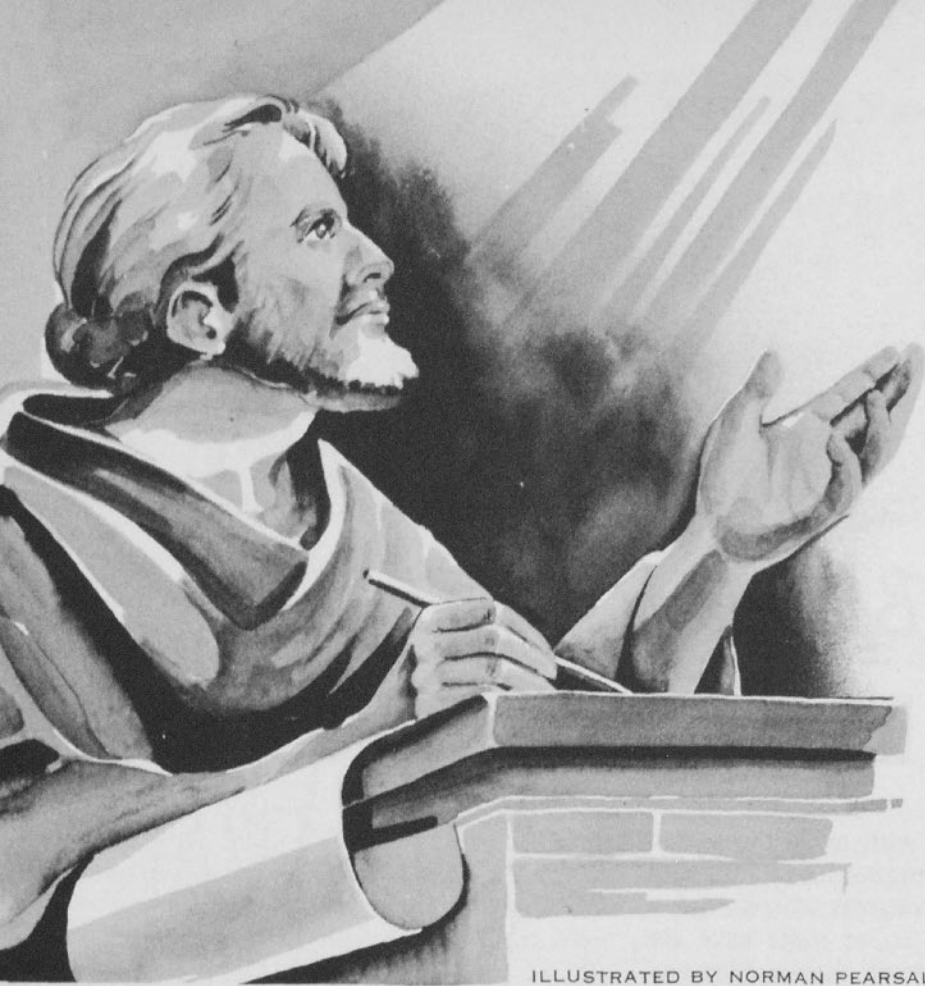
Mere human wisdom and learning, however valuable in themselves, can never constitute anyone a servant of God, nor equip him for any department of divine service. Such things may qualify unrenewed human nature to figure before the world; but the man whom God will use must be endowed with widely different qualifications—such qualifications as can

Before Moses could be used for a special task he had to receive special training in the school of God.

alone be found in the deep and hallowed retirement of the Lord's presence.

God alone can provide and prepare a true minister. God has had all His servants very much alone with Himself, both before and after their entrance upon their public work; nor will any one ever get on without this. The absence of secret training and discipline will necessarily leave us barren, superficial, and theoretic. On the contrary, there is a depth, a solidarity, and a steadiness flowing from our having passed from grade to grade in the school of God, which are essential elements in the formation of the character of a true and effective servant of God.

"And Moses kept the flock of Jethro . . . and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb" (Exodus 3:1). ◀◀



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WHY WE BELIEVE THE BIBLE

BY FRANK M. BOYD

[PART TWO]

LAST WEEK WE DISCUSSED A NUMBER of basic reasons for belief in the Bible as God's Word. Today we begin by considering one of the most common criticisms of the Bible. We will also deal with the significance of the "Dead Sea Scrolls" and conclude with a discussion of the transforming power of the Scriptures.

ITS UNCOMPROMISING FRANKNESS

One striking characteristic of the Bible is its bald realism and uncompromising frankness in dealing with every situation. The American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, in its effort to repudiate the inspiration of the Bible, points to the accounts of Noah's drunkenness, David's adultery, Solomon's polygamy, Peter's denial, and Judas' betrayal and says, "What an immoral book!"

But this very exposure of men's sins is another proof of the truth and inspiration of the Bible. Do you think that if it had been written by some learned doctor, or revised by a group of eminent divines, or published by some religious society we ever would have heard of the sins of these Bible characters? Probably not. The writers of biography are often swayed by intense bias and prejudice concerning the one about whom they write, and the

tendency is either to gloss over or to magnify men's faults or virtues. The Bible does neither.

I once heard a great archaeologist say that not one of the thousands of artifacts (objects unearthed by archeologists) has ever contradicted the accuracy of the historicity of the Bible.

THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

Professor William F. Albright, dean of American archaeologists, characterizes the "Dead Sea Scrolls" as the greatest manuscript discovery of modern times. Professor G. Ernest Wright rates it as *the most important discovery ever made* in Old Testament manuscripts.

We are indebted to Dr. William S. LaSor's book, *Amazing Dead Sea Scrolls*, published by Moody Press, Chicago, for much of the following information regarding this subject.

The scrolls, named the "Qumran Literature" after the Palestinian village of Qumran near which they were found, were accidentally discovered by two Bedouin shepherds who live in the desert region west of the Dead Sea. While searching for a stray goat among the craggy hills in the area they tossed a rock into one of the caves and heard a crashing sound. Upon investigation they found eight large

jars, one of which contained three leather scrolls. They took these to a dealer in antiquities in Bethlehem who pronounced them worthless.

Not satisfied, the Bedouin took the scrolls to a shopkeeper who in turn took them to the St. Mark's Syrian Orthodox Convent in Old Jerusalem. In February of 1958 one of the men in the convent telephoned the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem and talked with Professor John C. Trever. He arranged for the scrolls to be brought to the school and upon examining them sensed the possibility of an important discovery.

He obtained good photographs of the scrolls which he sent to Professor William F. Albright. He confirmed Trever's judgment and announced a tentative date of about 150 B.C. for the manuscript. Trever had meanwhile identified the largest of the scrolls as a complete manuscript of Isaiah.

Other scholars, including Professor Eleazer Sukenik, expert in Palestinian Archaeology at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and Dr. Jonah L. Magnes, president of that University, came into the story. Sukenik examined the scrolls which were subsequently removed to the United States for safekeeping.

The scrolls purchased by Sukenik

and the Hebrew University were published in Hebrew, first in partial form and later completely. They include a scroll of Isaiah, containing portions of chapters 10, 13, 16, 19-30; and from chapter 38 to the end is in a single piece with gaps. There are also the St. Mark's Monastery Isaiah Scroll—a complete one of Isaiah; the Habakkuk Commentary—the text of chapters 1 and 2 of Habakkuk with a running interpretation; some thanksgiving hymns and twelve columns of Psalms; and the Manual of Discipline, a document containing rules for the members of the Qumran community of devout Jews which possessed these sacred documents.

When the original scrolls were brought to light, badly decomposed fragments of cloth were attached to some of them. Experts in textiles concluded that the cloths had been woven especially for the purpose of covering the scrolls.

Allowing for a ten per cent error, plus or minus, the date of this cloth by the radioactive carbon test (Carbon 14) can be placed between 167 B.C. and A.D. 233.

Concerning this Carbon 14 method of determining the age of organic material LaSor says, "Organic material (that is, material which lives) replenishes the minute traces of radioactive carbon as long as the life process continues. However, when it dies there is no further replenishment of this isotope. Since it is radioactive, it breaks down at a known rate (known as the 'half-life' since it is a geometric progression of half quantities). By measuring the amount of Carbon 14 remaining the scientist can tell when the life process ceased." Thus the age of old materials can be determined by sensitive instruments.

Large quantities of coins dating back as far as 136 B.C. were discovered in the ruins of Qumran. These help further to establish the age of the literature found there.

Many fragments of manuscripts were gathered from the floors of the caves and are gradually being sorted in the Archaeological Museum in Jerusalem. Of the 330 manuscripts represented by the fragments from one of the caves, about 100 are Biblical. Every book of the Hebrew Bible with the exception of Esther is represented.

In summing up the evidence of the date of the Qumran literature, Dr. La-

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Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Does the Assemblies of God believe in the rapture spoken of in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18?

While Christians may differ in their opinion as to when the rapture will take place, I believe all true Christians are looking for the coming of the Lord. The doctrinal statement of the Assemblies of God affirms our belief that the rapture may take place at any time. Jesus said, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

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Has the temple spoken of in Ezekiel 40 been built, or is this a prophecy of the future?

It is generally accepted by premillennialists that the restoration of Israel in kingdom blessing is set forth in Ezekiel, beginning with chapter 36. After their restoration they will be seriously attacked (chapters 38, 39). This is to be followed by millennial blessings, which will include erection of a millennial temple.

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Does the sin unto death spoken of in 1 John 5:16 refer to rejection of Christ and the loss of the soul?

Some believe this sin to be one which means physical death to the guilty one, and therefore that there is no use in praying for his recovery. But we are not told what such a sin might be. Others believe it is a sin which means damnation for the soul, and that there is therefore no need of praying for such a person's salvation. Since the Lord has not told us what such a sin might be, we should avoid being positive in our opinion.

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Would it be right for a minister to perform a marriage service in which a Christian young person is married to a sinner?

The Bible says to the Christian, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Corinthians 6:14). A pastor should use all his influence to persuade the saved person against marrying the unsaved. It is impossible

for two to "walk together, except they be agreed." A union of a Christian with a sinner is almost sure to bring little blessing and much sorrow. The Christian violates the Word of God if he marries an unbeliever.

If a pastor has done all he can to dissuade the believer, but without success, his conscience and best judgment must teach him whether to officiate at the ceremony. There may be circumstances in which it would seem best to do so. On the other hand, to the other young people in the church it might seem that he is putting his approval on such marriages. May God give wisdom.

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Was Judas saved up to the time when he "by transgression fell" and Satan entered into him?

Some say that Judas was never saved, since Jesus said, "Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?" Others maintain that he was saved until he "by transgression fell," because he was told by Jesus that his name was written in heaven and he enjoyed power for service like the other disciples.

May I quote from a brother who believes definitely that Judas was saved before he fell: "The key scripture is Acts 1:25, 'Judas by transgression fell.' A person cannot fall until he has something to fall from. In Psalm 41:9 he is spoken of as 'mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which... hath lifted up his heel against me.' When the apostles were sent forth Judas received the same power as the other disciples. If he was not saved then the house of Jesus was a 'house divided against itself.' Such a house, Jesus said, could not stand. The last state of Judas was that of one who had 'fallen from grace.'"

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).

MY VISIT TO MOSCOW

BY J. BOYD WOLVERTON

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LIKE MOST EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS I had often wondered just what was the present condition of the evangelical Christian testimony under a system of government that denies the existence of God. But when I visited there in October 1958 I saw proof of the fact that, as the Bible plainly indicates, God will have a witness to His truth in every situation. There are always the Elijahs who will stand before the Ahabs, and the Noahs who will preach to a decadent society, and devoted men who will declare the full revelation of God's Word even under difficult circumstances.

The Baptist Union Church in Moscow is but one of many throughout Soviet Russia. The total membership of the national body is 530,000 and the local Moscow membership is 4,500. This organization is comprised of three main groups: the Baptists, the Pentecostals, and the Evangelicals. The Moscow church has two pastors, six associate pastors, twenty-five deacons, and five deaconesses. They have recently printed some copies of the Bible

and a songbook for use in their worship services.

During the thirties the Moscow church had a membership of about 100, but it has grown tremendously since World War II. The church is located on a narrow side street. The seats are narrow and uncomfortable. The balcony fills each wall on the sides and is separated in the rear of the auditorium by the choir loft and pipe organ. But the plainness and limited space did not restrain the devotion and worship of the more than 1,500 people who crowded into the church on the Thursday night I was there.

According to our interpreter, this church is making a very great contribution to the spiritual life of the city. They have three services on Sundays, plus evening services on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. They also publish a bi-monthly magazine.

I arrived at the church at 5:45 p.m. over an hour before the service was scheduled to begin, and was ushered to a front seat in the balcony where I could see the congregation, the pulpit, and the choir. The seat was uncomfortable; my knees hit the balcony edge unless I sat sidewise in the seat. But below me every seat was filled

already; solid rows of people stood in the aisles; the stairs to the balcony and along the walls were filled with people, seated and standing. At least half of the congregation stood for over three and one-half hours in order to enjoy the service.

The congregation comprised a very definite cross-section of the life of the city. There were elderly women with shawls over their heads; elderly men with sweeping mustaches; middle-aged, well-dressed people; bright and intelligent young people. My interpreter told me that twenty per cent of the membership is young people. Many were of the laboring class, and judging from their clothing, some must have come directly from their jobs.

I even noticed a couple of soldiers in the congregation. Whether they were worshipers or merely observers I could not tell, but it would have taken an extremely hard and critical nature not to have been moved by the fervent devotion of the congregation.

The choir, with a membership of 140 and having a regular attendance of nearly 100 even on week-nights, sang with feeling and exceptional ability. Their singing was much more than a performance—it was the expression of their convictions. They sang five numbers during the course of the service, one of which I recognized; each had deep spiritual meaning.

The attention of the people throughout the long service was intense. It seemed that every word spoken by the three ministers was the most important thing they had ever heard. The songs had a special meaning for them also. During one of the choir numbers, which was a song of assurance that Jesus knows and understands every trial, I saw women openly weep and strong men wipe their eyes. I realized that this service was one of the bright spots of their lives. It would give strength and courage to go back and face the daily trials and tests, and I felt ashamed that in my mind I had been complaining about the uncomfortable seats and the broken English of the kind young man who whispered into

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Red Square in Moscow. This great city with five million population has only one Protestant church; the Communists have closed all the others.



Mr. Kobayashi, on his visit to the Bible House, displays to Secretary Holmgren the Testament which first attracted him to the gospel.

Japanese Suicide Pilot Keeps His Rendezvous

BY STANLEY ROWLAND JR.

WESTERNERS THINK OF JAPAN AS a nation of teeming cities, bright colors, and sharp-pointed mountains. It is also a nation that instills fierce loyalties in its citizens. One of them is Sakae Kobayashi, who had the proud mission of dying for his country.

From boyhood he was instilled with the ethics of death. It was good to live, to love father and mother, to see the crimson sunset, and to hear the chatter of birds in the trees. But to die honorably for Japan was the *supreme* good. At fourteen he left home in Wawayama to be trained. First it was military school, then years of army training, then air-force training. On the anvil of nationalism he was tempered into a strong, proud young officer who hated his enemies and coveted the glory of dying for his native land.

During this time a rugged Japanese fighter plane called the Zero was put into production as Americans planned a deadly, high-flying bomber called the B-29. And one of thousands of Japanese New Testaments with colorful

covers, published by the American Bible Society, rolled off the presses. The fighter and bomber were both several tons of ingenious engineering keyed to the purpose of killing; the Testament with its message of life weighed a few ounces.

World War II continued to rage. Mr. Kobayashi was trained as a flier and stationed at an airfield outside Tokyo. The American bombers came more and more often to demolish parts of the land Mr. Kobayashi loved so well. He flew against them in his fighter, shot and was shot at, and hated them. To kill them was his routine mission, but his real and final mission was to crash his fighter into the tail of a B-29. For he was a *kamikaze*, which means "wind of God."

Each day, before the fighters took off, those who would fly the suicide mission were chosen. They would take off with a roar and not return. Mr. Kobayashi's turn came on August 14, 1945. It was late morning, quiet and cloudless, when the sirens sounded a

raid. His destiny—a rendezvous with suicide—awaited him in the crisp, final blue of the sky.

He climbed into his Zero and started it, propeller-blast flattening the still green grass on the runway. He did not feel any particular emotion except the poignant realization that his life of twenty years was about to end. A crewman waited at the end of the runway to flag him off.

Then a man came running across the field from headquarters, running and shouting. Japan had surrendered—the commander had just picked up the news by listening to the American radio. It wasn't until two hours later that the Japanese radio broadcast the surrender.

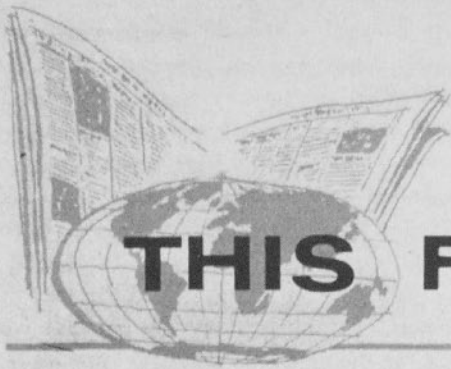
Wearily, Mr. Kobayashi went home. There he found his house burned. His mother was dead, and so were his brother and grandmother. As a former officer he was ostracized, could not get a job, and was filled with bitterness.

Finally he obtained work as a night watchman in a refinery. There, one night, he saw a lovely young lady reading a book with a colorful cover. He was lonely, and the book looked interesting. He thought it was a novel and began to question her about it. Yes, she said, the book did tell a story, but not the kind he thought; the book was a Bible that had been printed in America. When Mr. Kobayashi learned this, he scorned the girl for believing in the religion of his enemies. But patiently she persuaded him to go to church.

"Love your enemies"—this was the theme of the sermon. It seemed utterly foreign, almost absurd to Mr. Kobayashi, who had been taught from childhood to hate his enemies. But the Word had a strange power. He kept going back. Before long, Christianity battered aside his inner walls of pride and scorn, and he entered a seminary. Upon graduation in 1953 he married the girl and is now pastor of a little church outside Tokyo.

The colorful paper cover on the Bible is faded and worn, but he still carries it with him. He says, "This Bible was the missionary to me from the church in America through the American Bible Society. I have incurred a debt that I can never repay to you."

Sakae Kobayashi had kept his rendezvous—not with suicide but with the Word of God. —Covenant Weekly



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Scriptures

JAPANESE EXALTING THE BIBLE

According to a report from T. Miyakoda, General Secretary of the Japan Bible Society, the Bible is rapidly becoming the Book of the people of Japan.

"Daily newspapers do not hesitate to give space to the Scriptures, and by some the Bible has been placed at the head of lists of classical literature. Last summer an article appeared written by a professor of Tokyo University, who recommended the Bible as a requisite for any young person who wished to obtain a knowledge of world literature." So states a Christian magazine. The article continues by saying, "A questionnaire issued by a Sunday newspaper asked thirty prominent scholars which book they would take with them if stranded on a desert island. Eight replied, 'The Bible.'"

CATHOLIC DECALOGUE VERSION CHOSEN FOR NAVY POSTER SERIES

The National Association of Evangelicals has protested against a new poster series being distributed by Navy chaplains which uses the Roman Catholic version of the Ten Commandments.

In a letter to Secretary of the Navy Thomas Gates, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, the NAE's secretary for public affairs, said the poster series omits what most Protestants have traditionally considered to be the second commandment—the commandment prohibiting graven images as a means of worship. It divides the tenth commandment, prohibiting covetousness, into two parts. Thus the ninth and tenth commandments prohibit covetousness of a neighbor's wife and of a neighbor's goods respectively.

The NAE official also objected to the fact that the poster series quotes the Apocrypha as though it were on a par with the inspired Scriptures. "To the majority of Protestants this is tantamount to quoting Socrates or Plato on a par with Scriptures inspired of God," he said.

Liquor

PROTEST MADE AGAINST RADIO ADVERTISING OF HARD LIQUOR

The National Association of Evangelicals has asked the Federal Communications Commission to subject to "special scrutiny" all applications for renewal of licenses from radio and television stations which adopt a policy of accepting hard liquor advertising. The NAE took the action in a letter to the commission after radio station WOMT, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, announced it would start broadcasting spot commercials November 1st advertising whiskey, gin, rum, and other liquors.

Although beer and wine have been advertised with increasing frequency on radio and TV, the Wisconsin station is the first to break with the voluntary radio industry code against advertising

hard liquor.

Dr. Clyde Taylor of the NAE said that "to permit this practice to develop would be to invite great damage to public health, morals, and safety."

EPISCOPAL CHURCH PETS LIQUOR SERPENT

The Bible admonishes us to "abstain from all appearance of evil" (1 Thess. 5:22) but representatives of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States must have forgotten this sacred admonition for they adopted a report that moderate social drinking is in full accord with the Bible.

Episcopalian church leaders meeting at Miami Beach, Florida, for their 59th general convention declared that alcoholic beverages are a blessing from God if used properly, but a curse if misused. The report found no Scriptural command requiring total abstinence for the God-fearing man.

A Methodist temperance official, on the other hand, said, "We cannot agree that there is no Biblical basis for total abstinence." He said, "We find many such passages in both the Old and New Testaments which lead us to that position." He also pointed out that "no social drinker intends to become an alcoholic, but every alcoholic was once a social drinker."

TAPE RECORDER USED TO SOBER TOKYO DRUNKS

Japanese police have started to use tape-recorders in their fight to curb drunkenness, according to a Reuters dispatch from Tokyo. A police spokesman said that whenever a "delirious drunkard" was brought into the station, an officer took a recording of his "incoherent jabberings" before locking him up.

The spokesman said that even the most hopeless cases began to perspire and scratch their heads when the recording was played back to them the morning after.

How will our records sound when reviewed before the judgment?

RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE PHOTO



ARMY SECRETARY WELCOMES NEW CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS

Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker (left) welcomes Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Frank A. Tobey (American Baptist) as the new chief of Army chaplains, effective November 1. Formerly deputy chief of Army chaplains, Chaplain Tobey, 55, succeeded Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Patrick J. Ryan (Roman Catholic) upon the latter's retirement. Chaplain Tobey's nomination to the rank of major general has been sent to the Senate for confirmation.

Denominations

NAZARENES' WEEK OF WITNESSING GOAL EXCEEDED

Members of the Church of the Nazarene surpassed their goal in the first denomination-wide Week of Witnessing. Aiming to reach a million persons with a "vital Christian witness" as part of the Church's fiftieth anniversary observance, they contacted 1,105,665 persons.

As a result of the visitation campaign they had 495,806 persons in Nazarene Sunday Schools that week and 288 schools set new attendance records.

LUTHERAN HOUR ADDS LANDS AND LANGUAGES

During the past year the Lutheran Hour gospel broadcast has been sent to eleven new lands in five new languages. These include Thailand, Togoland, Nigeria, and several other African countries. Altogether the Lutheran Hour is released by 1,044 radio stations around the world. It is broadcast in 68 countries and in 59 languages. The annual cost of \$1,545,000 is provided by a laymen's group within the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Miscellaneous

HYMNBOOK FOR THE BLIND

The John Milton Society has done a great service for sightless persons by producing a new volume entitled "Hymns For Worship." It includes a hundred hymns most commonly used in Protestant churches, such as, "Abide With Me," "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," "Crown Him With Many Crowns," "Faith of Our Fathers," "He Leadeth Me," "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Stand Up for Jesus," and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

This hymnal is sent free to any blind person who requests it. It should be ordered from the John Milton Society, 160 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Churches or friends who wish to contribute toward the cost of producing these books may send a donation of two dollars per copy with their order. Actual printing cost of the bulky volumes is more than this.

WOMEN TURNING TO CRIME

J. Edgar Hoover says that women are moving into a field previously dominated by men—bank robbery. The appearance of women in the role of bank robbers fits a new trend in major crimes in the United States.

EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

TWO ORDAINED PROTESTANT CLERGYMEN who served in the 85th Congress were re-elected last month. They are Merwin Coad of Iowa and Adam Clayton Powell of New York.

THE ELECTION BROUGHT AN END to sixteen years of Congressional service by Representative Brooks Hays of Arkansas. Congressman Hays, who is president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has stood for moderation during the Little Rock racial crisis. He was defeated at the polls by a segregationist write-in candidate.

MARK O. HATFIELD, Secretary of State in Oregon, is the new governor-elect. He addressed the General Council of the Assemblies of God at Cleveland, Ohio, last year. His address on "Effective Witnessing" appeared in The Pentecostal Evangel. As a Baptist layman Mr. Hatfield is very active in gospel work.

CALIFORNIA VOTERS defeated a ballot proposition which would have reinstated a property tax on parochial and private schools. The schools will remain tax-free as in all other states.

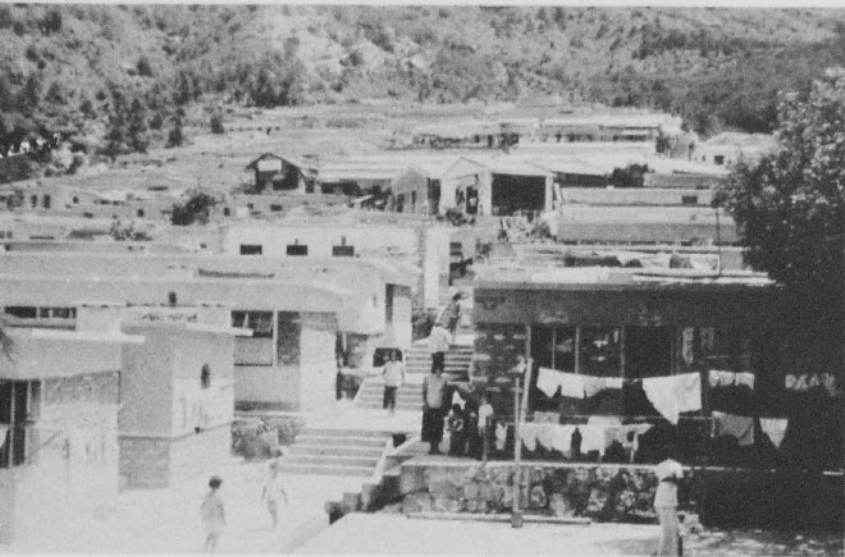
AMERICANS ARE SMOKING MORE CIGARETTES THAN EVER in spite of the warnings of medical authorities who have documented the harmful effects of tobacco on the human body. By the end of the year the U. S. Department of Agriculture says they will have smoked 425 billion cigarettes, or more than 21 billion packs. Last year they smoked 409 billion, nearly four per cent less. The government collects nearly two billion dollars a year in taxes from the huge tobacco consumption which averages 10 cigarettes per day for every man and woman in the U. S. fifteen years of age or older.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH GROUPS IN NEW ENGLAND have protested the recent introduction of Sunday afternoon sports activities at some of Boston's high schools.

LATEST REPORTS ON CHURCH CONSTRUCTION from the Departments of Commerce and Labor seem to indicate that the effects of the recent business recession have been shaken off. There was \$81,000,000 worth of new church building started in October. The total was a million dollars higher than the figure for October 1957 which means a new record for the month.

A NEW GOSPEL FM RADIO STATION went on the air at Cleveland, Ohio last month. It is Station WCRF, operated by Moody Bible Institute and sponsored by a group of local laymen. The new station broadcasts Bible programs and sacred music in addition to classical music and news. It is a sister station to WMBI, Chicago, which Moody Bible Institute has operated for thirty-two years.

SAM MORRIS, TEMPERANCE LEADER, is now being heard each Monday night at 9:45 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) over the nation-wide network of the National Broadcasting Company. The programs originate in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Morris has been crusading for years to get his "Voice of Temperance" program on the network to counterbalance the radio ads for liquor.



Part of the village of Tai Woh Ping



Bible School student preaching in street meeting

An Open Door in Tai Woh Ping

BY **DALE BARBER**, Missionary to Hong Kong

SOON AFTER ARRIVING IN HONG KONG we were able to get settled in a place to live and we turned our thoughts to the problem of language study, the missionaries' first major task.

Each day as we walked the streets of Hong Kong we would look into the faces of people who were living in idolatry and sin. We could not help but be moved with compassion as we looked upon the multitudes hopelessly lost without Christ. It soon began to appear that God was leading us in the direction of village work.

Mrs. B. T. Bard, a fellow missionary, told us of a resettlement village just outside of Kowloon (a city on the mainland) for which she had been praying for many months. This village had no church whatsoever in it. The people there have fled from China to escape Communism, and have been resettled in this village by the British Government.

We gathered together a group of students from the Bible School, piled them into our Speed-the-Light car, and set out for the village of Tai Woh Ping to hold a street meeting. It was odd how we could sense beforehand how we would be received when we arrived. I dropped the students off and

went back to the Bible School for another load. They marched back and forth through the village playing gospel songs on their musical instruments and claiming it for God. When the second load arrived we were met by the first group of students who told us that a man had heard the gospel songs and had come out to meet them. He said he was a Christian and asked if we could return each week and hold gospel services. He offered the use of a building for services free of charge if we would come. We accepted his offer and have gone back each week.

We hold outdoor services for the children followed by service inside for the adults. It is a very small building by our standards. It will hold about twenty people if the preacher doesn't move around too much. If he does, he'll surely step on someone's toes. It would be impossible to hold the children's service inside, as there are just too many boys and girls. Some people come out of curiosity, some out of a real hunger for God.

Our hearts have been thrilled as the old-time power of God has filled that small room crowded with people and we have seen their hearts touched and

made tender. They asked us to hold night services so more people could attend. We hope to start them soon. Last week we were asked if we could put a full-time worker in the village.

A student in the graduating class at the Bible School this year, who has gone with us several times to the meetings, agreed to pastor in this village. He said he had already turned down an offer for another movement (apparently a very good one) because he felt this was God's place for him.

Until the work can become self-supporting we must find a source of income for this pastor. We rejoice and marvel at the open door that God has given us in Tai Woh Ping. We shall certainly take advantage of it. When we have such a golden opportunity of bringing to these idol worshipers the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, we cannot do less!

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What BGMC Means to Europe and the Middle East

BY GEORGE CARMICHAEL

TO PROVIDE LITERATURE IN VARIOUS languages is the joyful privilege of Assemblies of God missionaries in Europe and the Middle East. Gospel literature is available in German, French, Italian, Greek, Arabic, Hebrew, and other languages for these strategic areas.

The power of the printed page is axiomatic. Communists spare no effort, money, time, or intrigue to capture the minds of men with their propaganda. Through Christ-centered literature a whole nation can be influenced for the gospel.

Our foreign missionary literature program was long retarded for lack of finances. Then God raised up the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade (BGMC) which to date has raised \$514,295.20 to finance literature programs in other lands. Now what a joy it is to say "yes" to a missionary when he asks for funds with which to translate and print a certain book or pamphlet. Nickels and dimes become irresistibly strong when God uses them.

In Italy we have found that Christian literature is the medium through which missionaries can make the greatest possible impact on the greatest number of people in the shortest time. By preaching, a missionary can conceiv-



German children holding BGMC literature

ably reach hundreds, even thousands, with the gospel message, but through literature a missionary can reduplicate the message a thousandfold. With a vision for wide dissemination of Christian literature our missionaries set a goal—"Gospel literature in every home in every city, town, and village." They are well on their way toward reaching that goal. Numbers of books have been translated and printed. More than 11,000,000 tracts, gospels, pamphlets, and periodicals have been printed. Hundreds of Christian workers are enrolled in home study correspondence courses.

Sunday School literature has inspired pastors to establish and promote Sunday Schools. Each new Sunday School is a potential Assembly. In fact, so tremendous has been the growth that the great need in some countries today is for adequate church buildings to house congregations that have come into being through the influence of gospel literature. The growth of the Assemblies of God work in Europe and the Middle East can be attributed largely to our literature program.

Europe is not usually considered as a mission field, but our missionaries found there was a great need throughout the continent for literature, and they accepted the challenge. Sunday School material was translated and printed, and Sunday School evangelism was promoted. Visual aids too were produced. "The wonderful works of God" are being proclaimed through literature provided by BGMC. Yes, BGMC is fundamental in our missionary efforts in Europe and the Middle East.

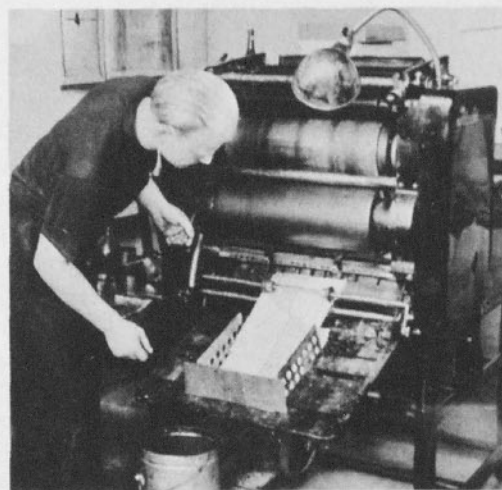
For the Moslem Middle East, gospel literature is provided in Arabic. Sunday School literature, Bible correspondence courses, and various books are being translated and printed in Egypt, not only for our work in that land, but also for Lebanon, Syria, and the Hashemite Jordan Kingdom.

Literature is of particular importance in Moslem lands. Moslems will eagerly read and re-read gospel literature because they can read it in private, whereas it is almost impossible to get them to attend a gospel service. The printed page is not a substitute for the missionary, but it can go where the missionary cannot go. "My word . . . shall not return unto me void." Only eternity will reveal the results from the silent witness of literature in the Middle East.

Attached to the chapel of our mis-

sion in Jerusalem, Israel, is the Book Room. Bibles and literature are available here in nearly thirty languages. Many inquirers come to the Book Room to talk with our missionaries. Some are really seekers for truth. Others explain that they need a Bible only for study. Recently a young man came into the Book Room and asked for some New Testaments in Hebrew. He said he and a group of his colleagues were meeting regularly just to read the New Testament to see if Jesus really might have been the Messiah! They did not want to be influenced by preaching or teaching but wanted to carefully read for themselves. He was given fifteen copies. He came back later and got five more—and a week after that, ten more. He said the number of those who are deeply interested is growing constantly. As Jews read the New Testament they meet Jesus of Nazareth and many recognize Him as their Messiah.

Missionaries in Europe and the Middle East join in a heartfelt "thank you" to BGMC for the funds it has provided for their literature programs.



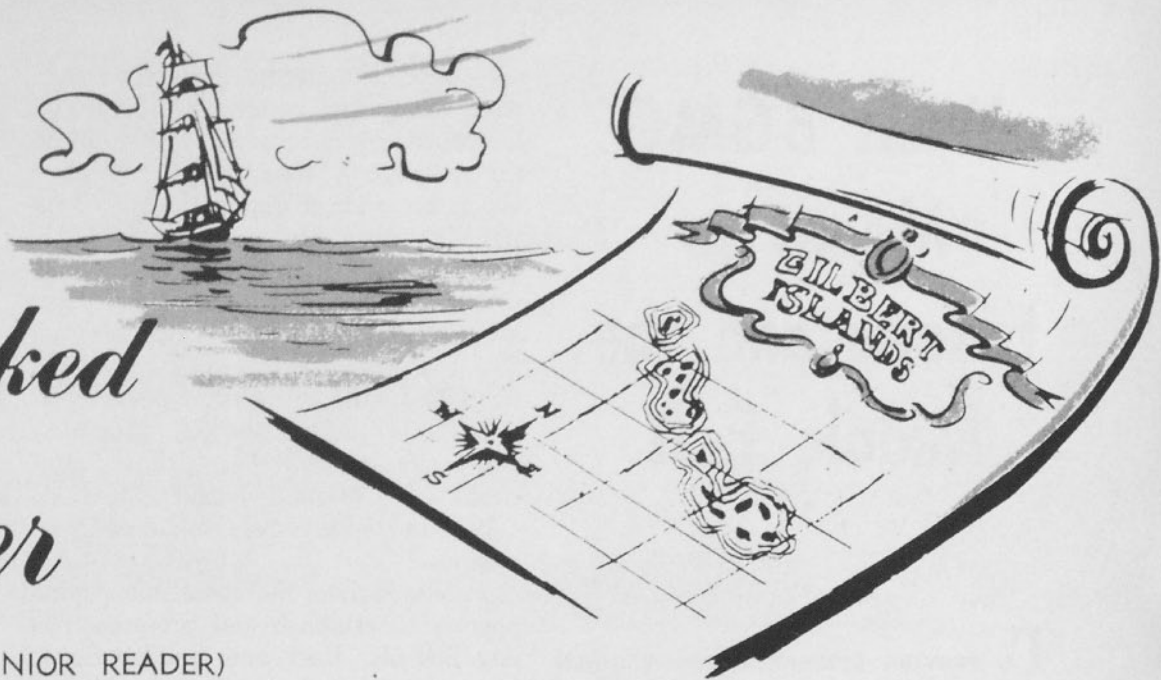
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Literature rolling off a BGMC press

The Shipwrecked Printer

(FOR THE JUNIOR READER)



ABOUT A HUNDRED YEARS AGO A MISSIONARY NAMED Hiram Bingham and his wife sailed on the schooner *Morning Star* to the tiny Gilbert Islands in the Pacific Ocean.

The Gilbertese had never heard about Jesus and the missionaries taught them a lot of things from the Bible.

"How we wish we had Bibles in our own language," the island people said.

So Mr. Bingham began right away to translate the Gospel of Matthew into their language. At last the job was finished, and he carefully wrapped and mailed the precious manuscript to Hawaii, requesting that it be printed there.

Eagerly they awaited the return of the *Morning Star* which they expected would bring the printed copies. Then one morning Mrs. Bingham saw a tiny speck on the horizon and called to her husband. "It's coming! The *Morning Star* is coming! Soon now we will have God's Word to give to the people."

Closer and closer came the schooner, and when at last it docked everyone went running down to the shore to help unload the cargo.

Sure enough there was a large wooden box addressed to the missionaries. Mr. Bingham got his hammer and quickly tore the box open while everyone watched. But there were no books inside. They found blank paper—lots of it—and ink, and a strange-looking machine.

"What is it?" the island people asked wonderingly.

"Yes, what is it?" asked Mrs. Bingham.

"This is a printing press," Mr. Bingham said slowly. "They sent us a printing press instead of the books."

He looked around sadly at the eager faces of the people. "It would be all right, except that I don't know how to operate it, and I am sure no one else here does either."

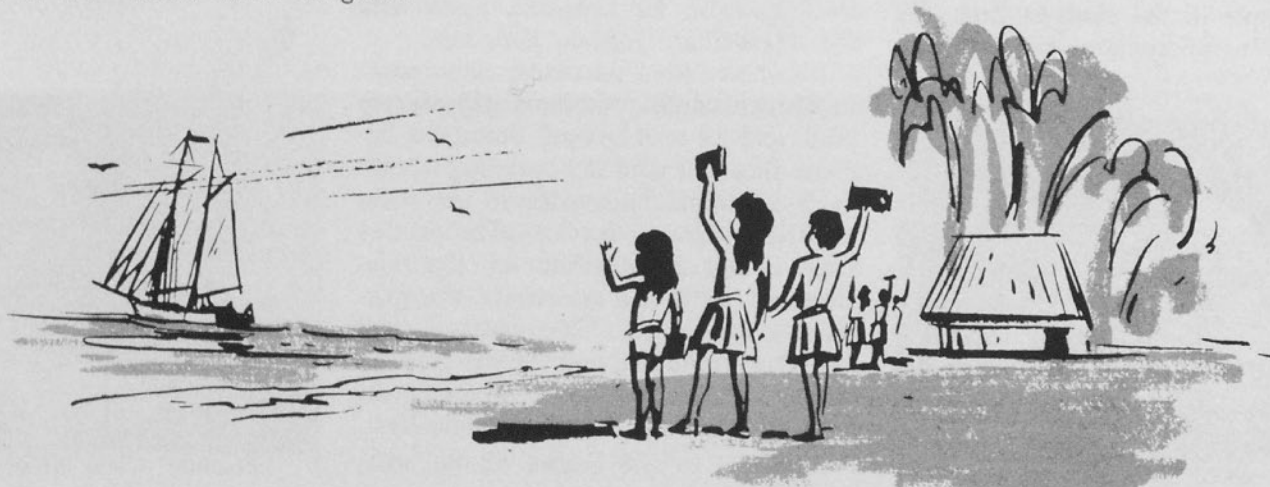
They tried not to be too disappointed but they wondered why God had let it work out that way. And each time they prayed they asked the Lord to help them some way to give the Bible to the people of the islands.

A very few days after they had received the printing press a great storm arose at sea and a ship was wrecked not too far away from the islands. Several of the sailors were washed ashore on the island where the Bingham were.

Imagine the missionaries' joy when they learned that one of the sailors had been a printer! They knew then that God had answered their prayer. The sailor-printer was glad to have work to do and he quickly put the press together. They were able to print many copies of the Gospels, and the people were very happy to read God's Word in their own language.

That press was used a long time, but it wore out at last. Now Bibles are provided for the Gilbertese people through the American Bible Society. Just last year another ship named *Morning Star* carried many boxes of whole Bibles to the people of those islands.

—Bible Society Record



Enjoying Family Worship

BY JEANE KLENDER

WE TREASURE FAMILY WORSHIP AS the time of day when we feel closest to each other and, as a family group, closest to God. It has meant so much to all of us, even though it has been only about four years since we began. Remembering how hesitant and awkward we felt when we first started, we thought perhaps the enthusiasm we feel now might encourage others who are just beginning.

DECIDE TO START

In approaching family worship many people seem to think, "that first step is difficult," but it really isn't. The biggest move of all is the decision to start "this very day." It's much easier if you plunge right in without waiting for that elusive "opportune time." Talk about it together in an attitude of pleasant anticipation, and you will be surprised at the interest and co-operation you receive. Children usually grab at anything "we can all do together." It makes them feel like an important part of the family.

DON'T FEAR MISTAKES

Some people worry that they don't know enough about conducting family worship and fear they would make mistakes. But we think that in the beginning at least this is somewhat of an advantage if approached honestly. Tell your children that family worship is for the benefit of the whole family, sharing each other's knowledge and learning more together. Admit that you don't know everything. Then family worship can become a real sharing experience rather than a lecture type of thing to be endured instead of enjoyed. With the proper attitude of co-operation

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Monday, December 8

Read: Matthew 21:33-46; Acts 2:22-24

Learn: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:14, 15).

For the Parent: Show how this parable refers to the prophets God sent to warn people, and finally to Jesus, and how ungodly persons crucified Him. Stress: (1) truth arouses the wicked; (2) it was necessary for Jesus to die; (3) we have life eternal only as we accept Him as Saviour.

Question Time: In the parable, what did the husbandman do to the servants and the son? (vv. 33-39) What is the application of the parable? (See above)

Tuesday, December 9

Read: Matthew 22:15-33

Learn: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things which are God's" (Matthew 22:21).

For the Parent: From this passage point out: (1) Jesus' wisdom in answering those who sought to confuse Him; (2) the important truth of our responsibilities both to God and to our country; (3) the wisdom of Jesus left His questioners marvelling and astonished at His doctrine, vv. 22, 33; (4) Jesus' teaching regarding the resurrection.

Question Time: What question did the Pharisees and Herodians try to trick Jesus with? (v. 17) How did Jesus answer them? (vv. 19-21)

Wednesday, December 10

Read: Matthew 22:34-46

Learn: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Matthew 22:37, 39).

For the Parent: Review yesterday's material, showing how Jesus answered the questions put to Him. Then discuss the question of the lawyer. Stress Jesus' answer, pointing out how these two statements actually fulfill all the commandments. Show how Jesus "turned the tables" on His questioners.

Question Time: What is the greatest commandment? (v. 37) What is the second greatest? (v. 39) How do these fulfill the Ten Commandments?

Thursday, December 11

Read: Acts 17:1-13

Learn: "They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "The Use of the Scriptures" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) This is Universal Bible Week. Stress: (1) the important place the Scriptures play in the Christian's life; (2) the importance of searching the Scriptures; (3) the necessity of following the teachings of the Bible. Have various ones read Psalm 119:9-18, 71, 89, 105, 130, pointing out the importance of the Bible.

Question Time: For what are the Bereans remembered? (v. 11) What was the result of this? (v. 12)

Friday, December 12

Read: 1 Corinthians 13 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35).

For the Parent: Review the material studied Wednesday on the two greatest commandments. This lesson emphasizes the importance of loving others. Show its necessity (John 15:12; 1 Peter 1:22). Discuss the characteristics of love (1 Corinthians 13). Then show one of the positive results of love (John 13:35). Have the group discuss other positive results.

Question Time: What are some of the characteristics of the love we should have for one another? (1 Corinthians 13)

Saturday, December 13

Read: Matthew 11:2-6; Mark 6:17-29 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "As for God, his way is perfect" (Psalm 18:30).

For the Parent: This lesson deals with the final days of John the Baptist—in prison and finally beheaded by a wicked king. Review the story, stressing the importance of keeping our faith in Christ regardless of what happens. Read Romans 8:18 and 28, stressing that we must rely on God fully. His way is always best in all things. We will be happy, regardless of what happens, if we keep our trust in God.

Question Time: Why did John the Baptist send messengers to Jesus? (Matthew 11:3) What happened to John? (Mark 6:27)

Ground Broken for New Campus

Northwest Bible College Awarded Government Property at Houghton, Washington



THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT of Health, Education, and Welfare, has awarded Northwest Bible College of Seattle, Washington, twenty-two and one-third acres of land at Houghton, Washington. This comes to the college as an outright grant and is the result of three years of prayer, negotiations, and hard work. The only requirement made by the government is that the property be used for the school as indicated in the application.

The property was appraised by an independent development engineer at \$165,000. This takes into consideration the streets, sidewalks, curbing, sewers, water mains, fire hydrants, and power poles already on the property and ready for use.

Undeveloped land in the proximity of the city of Seattle

sells for approximately \$4,000 per acre. Thus the acquisition of this valuable, improved property as a grant is indeed a great blessing.

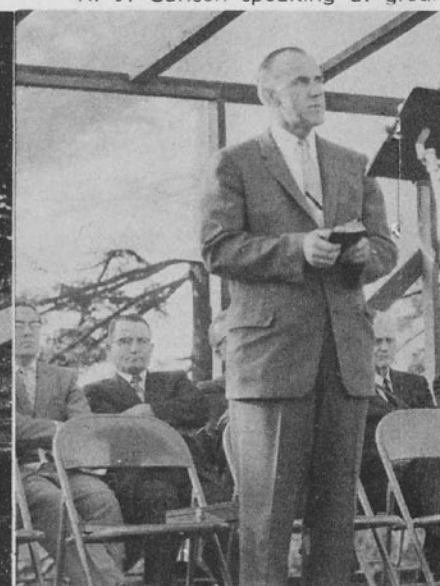
The land was used for a housing project during the war; but since then all the houses have been removed and the grounds left vacant, with the exception of one building which was used as a child care center during the war. The first construction work will be the renovation of this building. It will be made into a very attractive wood and brick structure to house the library, study hall, college bookstore, and other activities. It is soundly constructed and contains 5,000 feet of floor space.

At present four new buildings are planned to house the chapel, classrooms, and administration facilities.

The ground-breaking ceremony for the new campus was

Preliminary plans for Northwest Bible College at Houghton, Washington

R. J. Carlson speaking at ground





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held on Sunday afternoon, October 5. Students, faculty members, pastors, and friends from many churches gathered to share the happy occasion.

The service was directed by the president of the college, C. E. Butterfield, who related the history of the school during the past twenty-five years. R. J. Carlson, superintendent of the Northwest District, brought an inspiring message on the future of Northwest Bible College.

Among the many expressions of interest and good will was a message of congratulation from U. S. Senator Henry M. Jackson.

H. J. Secrist has been chosen as superintendent of construction for the campus development program. Brother Secrist, a Christian contractor of wide experience, accepted this appointment as from the Lord. In fact, even before the property was acquired, while negotiations were being made, he took a step of faith by selling his home in Olympia and building a new one at Kirkland in order to be closer to the new campus.

Architects are already preparing plans for the four new buildings to be erected this winter. They will be one-story frame and brick structures built on a modern school design.

Many friends have offered to share in the building of the

college and have expressed willingness to donate labor in their various skills and crafts to help keep costs down.

The Washington State Surplus Property Division of the U. S. Government has been most helpful to the college by selling at five per cent of their cost many items which will cut construction costs greatly. For example, the college was able to purchase a 1951 Ford V8 truck with only 37,000 miles on it for \$110, and a 1950 Chevrolet pickup for \$75. Other items acquired at an extremely small cost include nails, roofing, building paper, plumbing, and electrical conduit. Recently a new DeWalt radial saw was purchased and the equipment with it included two skill saws, two electric drills, a trailer, a 210-V and 110-V power plant, and many other items. This equipment cost the government \$6,426 but was purchased by the college for only \$575.

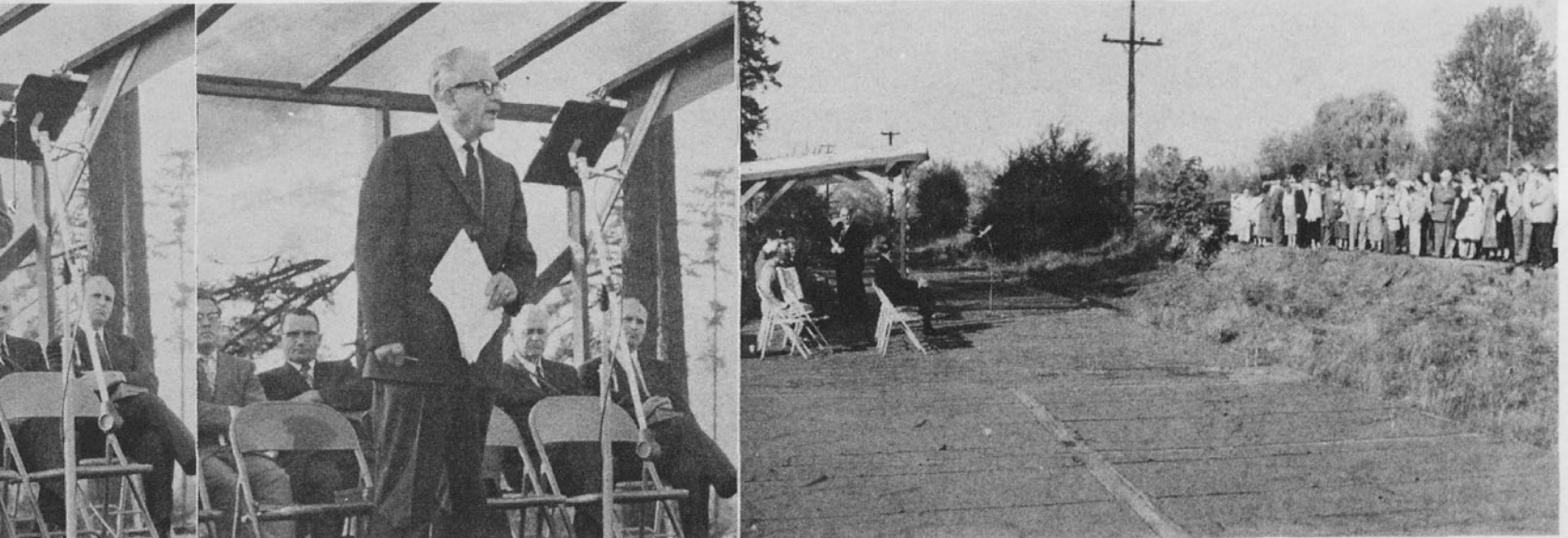
Two factors have made the building of a new college imperative. Student enrollment for the present quarter has reached 224, which represents an increase of twenty-seven per cent over the previous year. Also, the present school property has been condemned since it is in the path of a proposed new freeway through Seattle.

The new campus is expected to be in use for the 1959 school year.

ground-breaking

C. E. Butterfield giving history of college

View of platform and part of crowd attending the service



"Missionary; Why Is it Christmas?"

BY BONNIE WHITE AND JUNE PEARSON

MANY FOLK WONDER WHY THE home missionaries make such big plans for a Christmas for their people. In the years that we have worked at Winslow and Bird Springs, Arizona, we have discovered that Christmas is a time of great opportunity in which to bring the gospel to our Indian people.

To most of us who have always known the Christmas story it seems unbelievable that there are people in our own land who have never heard. We have been asked the question, "Missionary, why is it Christmas?" To many Indian people it is only a time to drink and neglect their families, but to those who have found Jesus, the meaning of Christmas has changed.

Last year our Christians were thrilled as they waited anxiously for our program and Christmas party. Some told us, "This will be our first *real* Christmas, because now we are Christians."



June Pearson and Bonnie White, missionaries

Excitement was in the air as things began to arrive in the mail marked FOR THE INDIANS' CHRISTMAS. We prepared for weeks ahead of time for our two Christmas parties. We were to be at our Bird Springs outstation on Saturday morning at ten o'clock. After working until three in the morning for nearly two weeks we were so tired we failed to hear the alarm and woke up about 7:45 a.m. This meant that in fifteen minutes we needed to be on our way. Twenty minutes later we had our old pickup packed, and with nine other people beside ourselves we left for Bird Springs which is fifty-five miles away.

About twenty-five miles out of Winslow our truck broke down. We didn't have any food with us except the treats for the party, and after sitting for six hours by the roadside in weather about ten degrees above zero we decided to get some of them out. We each ate an orange and some peanuts while we huddled around our little sagebrush fire. Finally we decided that the fuel pump was the cause of our trouble and we managed somehow to get the pickup to choke its way back to Winslow. June then took the car and rushed out to Bird Springs to tell the people why the missionaries had failed to arrive for the party, and to set another date for the Christmas service there.

Our Christmas party in Winslow was scheduled for Sunday. Our folk were so excited when they arrived for Sunday School and found a beautiful little Christmas tree with nearly one hundred and fifty packages beneath it. We almost needed an electric fence to keep little fingers from investigating the contents immediately. After our morning service we took everyone home. The people were to meet at the church at four o'clock again that afternoon for our potluck Christmas dinner, the service, and the Christmas party.

At three o'clock they began to arrive, bringing their fried bread, tamales, tortillas, mutton stew and all the things they like best. After a lovely dinner together we gathered in the church for our Christmas service and how the people did sing the Christmas carols. Following our singing we had a good message from an Indian preacher and then a fine altar service with some finding Christ as personal Saviour.

Everything was now ready for the opening of the gifts. One could almost "hear" the silence as everyone held his breath while we read the names on the packages. The squeals of delight and the happy faces caused us to forget how tired we were after our many days and nights of preparation and work. An indescribable joy came over us as our people began to come in



Indian girls happily display dolls and toys received at Christmas.



A typical hogan. Services at Bird Springs are held in this type of home.



Traveling to church at Bird Springs. This is typical transportation here.

with gifts for us—such as boxes of candy, small articles of clothing, stationery, towels, and bandanas. These were not large gifts, but to us they seemed wonderful for we knew they came from grateful hearts. We dropped into bed that night saying, "It's worth all the effort we put forth, all the expense, all the sacrifice of WMC's everywhere to see the joy and gladness that was written on the faces of these precious Indian people."

The Friday following Christmas we again packed our truck which had now been repaired and started for Bird Springs. This time we arrived on schedule and soon had over one hundred gifts stacked around the little Christmas tree which was placed out in the open. The people formed a circle around the tree and we had our service outdoors. It was very cold, but they sat around quietly as we told the story of Christmas which was new to many of them.

The time arrived for the opening of the gifts and again there was breathless silence as each name was read. Many went off to a secluded place to open their gifts as they were too timid to look at them with so many watching. Once again we were filled with delight as they came bringing gifts to us of Navajo rugs, silver buttons, dishes, and even a leg of mutton. Tears came to our eyes as we realized the sacrifice these people had made to bring these gifts of love and appreciation.

Of course, as always, there were those who came for a while before Christmas only to receive a gift, but thank God they heard the gospel story. This year some of them are numbered among the Christians. One lady boasted



The pickup truck also serves as a Sunday School bus.

that she was only coming for the gift and would stop coming right after Christmas. She came every Sunday for nearly three months before Christmas and was so in the habit by then that she continued to come. In January she was gloriously saved and in February was filled with the Holy Spirit. Since that time her husband has also been saved.

Does it pay to give a little extra attention to these at Christmas time? Yes, of course it pays! One of our Christian men gave this testimony, "This is the second Christmas since I was seven years old that I haven't been drunk on Christmas." Another man told us last New Year's Day, "This is the first time since I was just a boy that I know what has happened to me between Christmas and New Year's Day. I've always been dead drunk."

One Indian lady said to us last year, "Do our white brothers and sisters really love us enough to send us all these nice things?" We were happy to tell them that you folk do have hearts big enough to include your Indian brothers and sisters in your Christmas giving. Our people do not have

much of this world's goods but they share equally in the salvation that Jesus came to this earth to bring on that first Christmas Day. Your help in prayer and finances has made it possible for the missionaries to answer the question, "Why is Christmas?" Such concern for them shows Christian love in action and opens their hearts to the gospel—and the story of Christmas.

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Editor's Note: The Home Missions Department tries to remember each home missionary with a little gift of money at Christmas time. This is made possible through offerings received for the CHRISTMAS FUND FOR HOME MISSIONARIES. If you could read the letters of gratitude for these gifts which pour in from the missionaries after Christmas, your heart would be warmed and you would feel a thousand times repaid for any sacrifice on your part in contributing to their Christmas happiness.

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91 New Churches Is 1959 Goal of Ten Districts

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The Assemblies of God Home Missions Department has designated ten of its forty-four denominational districts as needing the greatest church extension effort in 1959.

Announcement of the areas needing concentrated effort was made by R. L. Brandt, national secretary of the Home Missions Department. The most needy districts were selected on the basis of church to population ratio, Brother Brandt stated.

States included in the ten denominational districts are: Ohio, Pennsylvania,

Delaware, Illinois, Kentucky, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Virginia, part of West Virginia, South Carolina, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

Goals of the ten districts during 1959 are to establish 91 new churches. Individual efforts of districts include: Eastern, 14 new churches; Illinois, 15; Kentucky, 4; New Jersey, 10; New York, 12; North Carolina, 9; Ohio, 7; Potomac, 7; South Carolina 5; and Southern New England, 7.

Population of the 10 districts is more than seventy million with only 1,358

churches. The Assemblies of God is in a drive to establish one church for each 10,000 population in the U. S. and in the ten needy districts the denomination has only one church for every 51,934 persons.

Although the number of churches in the ten districts is small as compared to population, the Assemblies of God has shown increased strength in the area during the past ten years. However, considerable effort will be necessary to bring the districts up to the national average, Brother Brandt said.

Why We Believe the Bible

(Continued from page seven)

Sor says, "Most scholars are convinced that the Qumran materials are to be dated in the period between 175 B.C. and A.D. 68, probably several decades within these outside limits in each case. . . . Archaeological excavation of the ruins of Qumran, the evidence of coins, paleography, radiocarbon dating, and pottery all point to these dates, and no external evidence—and, in my opinion, no internal evidence—is incompatible with these dates."

ITS PROPHETIC ELEMENT

Concerning the concept of God, the Bible differs in many ways from the sacred writings of other religions (the Vedas and Shastras of Hinduism; the Zend-Avesta of the Zoroastrian fire-worshippers; the Koran of the Moslems) but there is one other fundamental difference also. These other sacred books do not contain a shred of prophecy or predictions of future events. The Bible is full of these—some already fulfilled, others being fulfilled, and still others yet to be fulfilled.

This type of evidence is readily evaluated and understandable, even to an honest skeptic. It appeals to simple reason and requires no spiritual enlightenment to apprehend it. The Bible rests its whole claim to veracity and authority upon fulfilled prophecy. God has ever confirmed His utterances by pre-announcing His purposes and then bringing them to pass.

If this were a Bible study (rather than an objective study of the Bible itself) we might cite many predictions which have been fulfilled in intricate detail and some that are being fulfilled today before our wondering eyes.

ITS AUTHORSHIP

The human authorship of the Bible could not have been more varied. Kings, emperors, poets, sages, exiles, judges, scribes, fishermen, and statesmen all helped to write it. Men schooled in the wisdom of Egypt, educated in the schools of Babylon, trained at the feet of learned rabbis in Jerusalem, men of much education and men of very little education produced it over a period of

1,600 years. These all "spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

The sacred library of sixty-six books contains history, genealogy, law, ethics, ethnology, poetry, astronomy, hygiene and sanitary science, political and business economy, and rules for life and conduct.

Yes despite its diverse authorship and content the Bible shows an amazing unity of design and purpose and has a single theme—redemption. There are no contradictions in it (in spite of what unbelief and skepticism might claim) when properly examined and understood. There is the fullest agreement in all its parts.

Suppose a great printing press, parts of which were manufactured in many different places, were to be assembled in a certain city. And suppose that when these parts were brought together they were found to fit perfectly so that when the press was put into operation it immediately began to turn out a perfect product. One could only conclude that a great designer had conceived it, prepared the blueprints for the various parts, and supervised the assembling of the press. This is just the kind of design the Bible exhibits. It is evidently a product of divine in-

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ITS TRANSFORMING POWER

There is abundant experimental evidence of the divine origin of the Bible. Its message of salvation and deliverance and its precepts have transformed multiplied millions of lives. The cannibal tribes of the South Sea Islands have been transformed into gentle, peace-loving men. Cruel head-hunting peoples of the Amazonian jungles of South America have become worshipers of the true and living God, filled with love for their former enemies. The Bible has lifted ignorant, superstitious, fetish-worshipping African savages from the depths of satanic bondage and terror; it has transformed whole nations and put them in the forefront of civilization.

Consider Jerry McAuley who was changed from an East River bum to a great mission worker devoted to humanity—an example and preacher of the grace of God. There are thousands with a similar story. The Bible has transformed men like Osaki Neesima from an idol-worshipping pagan to a great Christian leader and founder of the Doshisha Christian University in Japan. It has metamorphosed a cruel, sadistic heathen chief like Afrikaner and made him a gentle leader of his people.

A great army of martyrs, from the early Christian centuries to the present day, including the five missionaries massacred by the Aucas, have gone into the presence of the Master with comforting words of scripture in their hearts and upon their lips.

"Truly the Bible is God's Book, His revelation of Himself and of His great redemptive purpose to the world. It is the record of the coming of His Son—the uniting of His deity to our humanity, that our humanity might be forever united in redemption to His deity."

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" (Romans 11:33.) ◀◀

Unbelief always considers it too soon or too late for God to work. Faith always expects God to work now. God is the God of the present moment.

Faith is like a telescope. With it we see invisible things that are really there.

Revivaltime Giving (TOP DISTRICTS)

January 1 to September 30, 1958
TOTAL GIVING

1. Eastern\$12,169.17
2. So. California 11,705.28

AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

1. New York\$ 67.15
2. S. New England 64.28

INCREASE IN TOTAL GIVING

1. Indiana\$1,057.08
2. So. Florida 1,033.48

INCREASE IN AVERAGE GIVING

1. Appalachian\$ 12.02
2. So. Dakota 10.95

GAIN IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING

1. New Jersey 14
2. West Central 12

PERCENTAGE OF GAIN IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING

1. Montana14%
2. New Jersey11%

SUMMER CAMPS DRAW 12,887 YOUNG PEOPLE

The National C. A. Department reports 80 youth camps were conducted last summer. All 44 districts now participate in this youth evangelism endeavor. A comparison with 1957 camps is listed below:

	1957	1958
Camps	72	80
Campers	10,901	12,887
Conversions	1,478	1,458
Filled with Holy Spirit	1,407	1,810

The theme used was a Malayan word, "Mahju-lah," which means "Forward." The program emphasis was on world missions. Theme suggestions and materials were prepared and offered by the National C. A. Department.

The theme for 1959 camps will be "Search" with an emphasis on doctrine. Two courses of study are being offered: "Search for Truth" and "Search for Happiness." The former is a doctrinal study, and the latter deals with youth problems.

HOW TO CATCH MEN

We are fishers of men, but a lot of God's anglers never go near the water. They read books on fishing and discuss tackle, but never fish. The fish are in the world, and we shall have to go where they are if we expect to catch them.—Vance Havner.

December 7, 1958

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Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



THE USE OF THE SCRIPTURES

Sunday School Lesson for December 14, 1958

Acts 17:1-13

Those who would serve Christ effectively must have a deep appreciation of the importance and power and work of the Word of God. They must also possess a knowledge of the Word and ability to use it if they would lead others to Christ. It will be helpful toward that end to observe the use made of the Scriptures by the greatest soul winner of all Christ's servants—the apostle Paul.

PAUL USES THE SCRIPTURES (Acts 17:1-4).

It was always Paul's custom on his evangelistic tours to give the Jews the first opportunity to hear the Word. In Thessalonica "Paul, as his custom was," spent three days in the Jewish synagogue where he "reasoned with them out of the scriptures, opening and alleging that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus... is Christ."

Observe: (1) Paul used the Old Testament—the Jewish Scriptures—in proving his points. It is always well in dealing with others to seek common ground from which to begin. (2) Paul emphasized in particular the facts which are essential to salvation. First, he showed that it was necessary for Christ (that is, for the Messiah) to suffer, to die, and to rise from the dead. Second, he showed that Jesus was in fact the Christ, "the Anointed One," the Jew's Messiah.

In all the witnessing and preaching done by the apostles and early Christians, the basic facts of the gospel were presented, as one will find upon study. These facts were: that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; that He became man and died on the cross bearing man's sin; that He rose from the dead proving the truth of His claims; that He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God; that by His Spirit He is ever present with all who by faith receive Him.

In endeavoring to reach the unsaved, let us be sure that these basic facts are always presented. While all of the Bible is truth and is profitable, not all of it deals directly with salvation. It is better to use a minimum of truth in dealing with the unconverted, making sure they receive the vital facts, than to risk confusing the unsaved with other truths which may not have to do directly with salvation.

THE SCRIPTURES DISTURB THE UNGODLY (Acts 17:5-9).

A great many souls were saved as a result of Paul's preaching, including quite a number of leading women of the city. A great many of the Jews became jealous that the hated preaching of a crucified Messiah should win more converts in a few days than they had won in years of preaching Moses. These formed an unholy alliance with the offscouring of the Thessalonian populace, stirred up

persecution against the Christians, and accused them falsely before the rulers of the city. Behold the results of true Pentecostal witnessing. Something always happens where the Holy Spirit is moving. Either men will be saved, delivered, and blessed, or they will oppose, persecute, and villify! This is as it should be.

THE WAY TO TREAT THE SCRIPTURES (Acts 17:10-12).

The Berean Jews on the whole were of a different type from those of Thessalonica; for we read that "they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

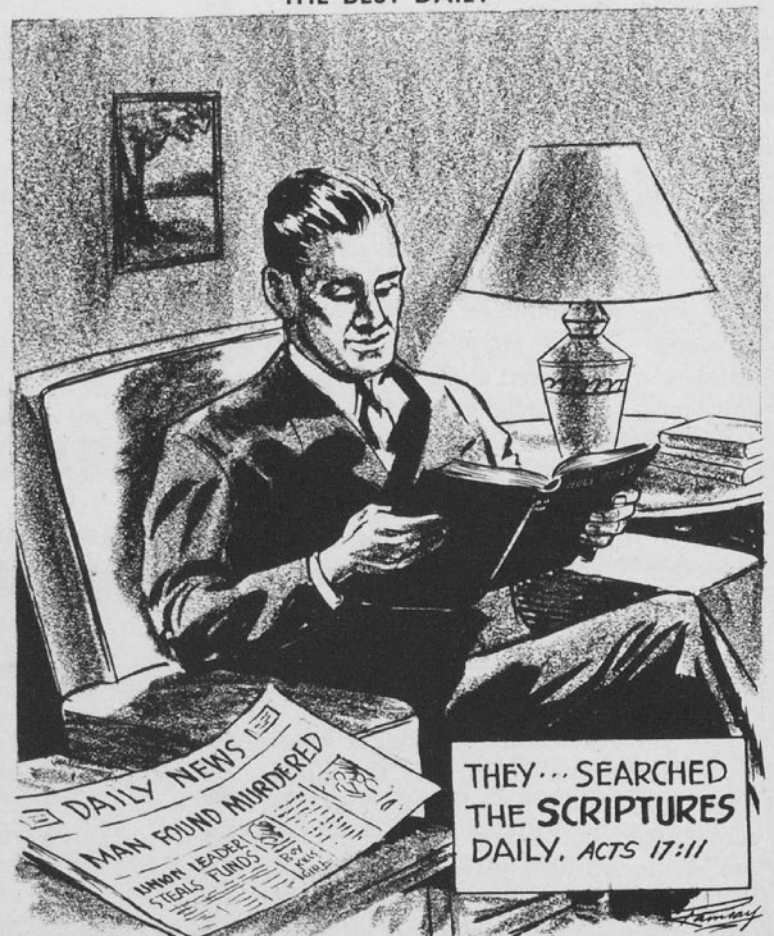
1. *The Bereans were open-minded.* Such an attitude is to be desired throughout all of life. The person who ceases to be teachable ceases to grow.

2. *The Bereans were teachable but not gullible.* There are some people who will swallow "hook, line, and sinker," whatever others may say about religion, especially if the persons talking "seem" to be of some reputation. Such an attitude carries open-mindedness to an extreme and exposes one to the danger of delusion and error. The safeguard is to "search the scriptures" and to see "whether those things were so."

3. *The Bereans were consistent and thorough.* They searched the Scriptures "daily." Do we do the same? Through the Word we are saved, receive healing, develop faith, obtain guidance, partake of the divine nature, derive spiritual food and strength. Through the Word are given to us "all things that pertain unto life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3, 4). Therefore, we need to search the Scriptures daily for our own spiritual life and health.

—J. Bashford Bishop

THE BEST DAILY





The missionettes of Juneau are active in many projects



Missionettes of Sitka holding slogan and motto. Sponsor in rear.

MISSIONETTES IN ALASKA

"We enjoy being busy for the Master." This expression comes from the Juneau, Alaska, Missionettes. Eight teen-age girls are members of the Missionette Club in Juneau but many others attend the meetings.

To celebrate the first anniversary of the organization of their Missionette Club the girls were featured in a Sunday School opening service. As part of a short program they gave their pledge, motto, scripture, and sang a chorus written by one of their own girls. Projects completed by the Missionettes throughout the year were mentioned.

When Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Personeus,

missionaries to Alaska since 1917, returned to make their home in Juneau the Missionettes surprised them with a grocery shower and gift.

Forty mothers and daughters were served at a banquet honoring the mothers last May. In some cases, ladies of the church "adopted" a daughter for the occasion if the girl's mother could not be present. The theme was "Serving Our Master" and the program and decorations were centered around the theme. Several mothers and daughters participated in the program and Mrs. H. I. Maley was the guest speaker.

Juneau Missionettes are now preparing gift items for Christmas. Included

are such things as aprons, stuffed dolls, notion dolls, Christmas stockings made of felt and filled with toys, crayons, books, candy, etc. Since the club was organized they have made many other things to gladden the hearts of boys and girls and missionaries.

Miss Gertrude Bishop and Miss Ruth Zimmerman are sponsors of this enthusiastic group. Missionettes is providing a good outlet for the girls of Bethel Assembly in Juneau as they engage in handwork and study about our own Assemblies of God missionaries.

Our 49th state can be proud of its three Missionette Clubs located at Juneau, Nome, and Sitka, Alaska.

Fall Revival at Evangel College

Laureen Welton, a freshman at Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri, wrote the following report of the recent revival meetings:

"Evangel College offers a four-year liberal arts education with an environment which encourages the development of a Spirit-filled life. During our annual fall revival I was again assured that my choice to attend Evangel was

not a mistake, but God was with me.

"As a freshman I have been impressed with the wonderful bond of fellowship between students and faculty. It has been a thrill to see students who work side by side in classes and dorm activities also join in worship. In each chapel service it was apparent that members of the faculty and administration shared a deep concern for the spiritual lives of their students as well as for their academic standard.

"Under the ministry of Jay B. Oaks, pastor of Calvary Temple in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, I saw students wholeheartedly accept the challenge to take a stand for God. Students who came to the campus unsaved less than two months ago found Christ and their lives

were changed. Others were reclaimed and new consecrations were made.

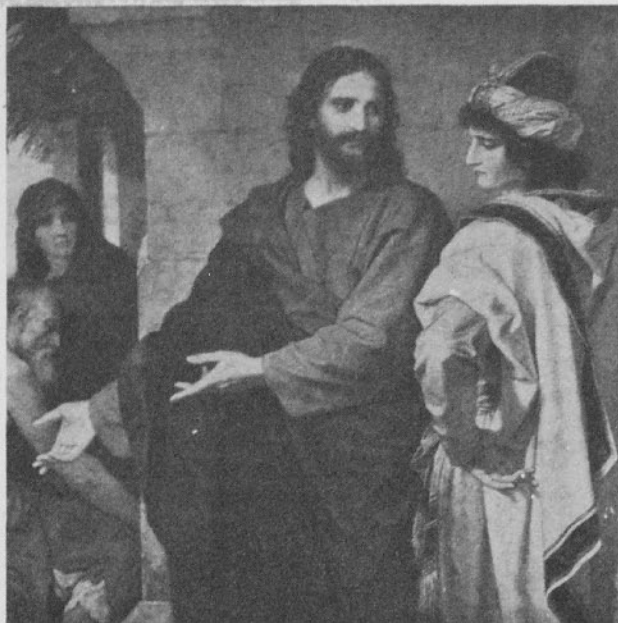
"Brother Oaks spoke for both evening and morning services and counselled with students, stimulating enthusiasm and determination for a fuller Christian life.

"As the campus became ignited with the fire of revival, there were testimonies of healings and answered prayer. Many experienced Pentecost as they were baptized and refilled with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. Still others received definite calls into specialized fields of Christian service.

"The revival did not end with the closing service but is still living within the hearts and lives of the students at Evangel College."

The Missing Ingredient

BY ELVA M. JOHNSON



HE WAS ONE MAN WHO HAD "everything" as far as his neighbors and friends could tell. He was young, for one thing. And in the opinion of the older people his youth was one of his most priceless possessions. Years in which to live!

He was rich, too. Some envied and some approved, but all agreed it was a very good thing to have plenty of "this world's goods."

And he had work—a good vocation. In fact, he was already a respected leader in the church. Apparently he was doing very well at it, too. Not many young men were entrusted with such an important position.

He was highly respected by everyone in the community and proud of the fact that no one had ever seen him break one of the commandments. But, strangely enough, all this didn't quite satisfy the ambitious young man. He was dissatisfied without knowing quite why. Disappointed that in spite of all he had and all he was, there was a gnawing hunger for something more. *What was the missing ingredient?*

He searched his books diligently for the answer. Surely there must be another dimension to life; a vital reason for living; a deeper significance than he had grasped.

Then he heard about Jesus. Among the scribes and Pharisees there was a great deal of speculation about this most unusual teacher from Galilee. It was reported that He answered hard questions with great wisdom and that He said a great deal about the life

to come and how to prepare for it.

An urgency which became an obsession to see Jesus and talk with Him took hold of the young man, and the Bible says he ran and knelt before Jesus. "Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" he asked.

Wrapped up in this one short question were all the unanswered questions, all the unutterable longings of his life.

And the Son of God knew it. He gave the young man an opportunity to tell of his achievements and his goodness. "I've kept the commandments since I was a child," he said. And then the hunger for peace and the knowledge of his need in the presence of the Master wrung another question from him. *"What lack I yet?"*

When the Master answered his question, the young man learned a surprising thing about himself. He was not willing to pay the price for the missing ingredient! "And he was sad... and went away grieved."

There was no great outward change as far as the neighbors were concerned. They continued to look upon the rich and busy young man as well-favored. They still thought he had "everything." But he was not really the same. He had earnestly sought the missing ingredient—the meaning of life and a hope for eternity—and when he had found it, he had forfeited it for lesser things.

How many today are favored with so much, yet in their hearts they know there is a missing ingredient. "What lack I yet?" they secretly wonder.

So universal is this dissatisfaction, this search for life's real meaning, that some cigarette and whiskey advertisers spend millions every year to assure the public that their products will bring happiness and satisfaction. Tranquilizers are taken regularly by thousands to snatch a few hours of artificial relief from the insistent question of the missing ingredient. But the quest goes on.

Some foolishly think the lack is a material one, so they set their feet more firmly on the ladder of success and climb frantically, hoping to find the missing ingredient at the top. But the same haunting question plagues those who have already arrived.

Others, more aware, realize that the missing ingredient is not a tangible thing but a thing of the spirit. So they seek it in discipline of mind and heart. They may even join a church in their search for the answer to the question, "What lack I yet?"

Where is the answer? Who has it? Can we find it today? You will find the answer where the rich young ruler found it, for *Christ is the answer*. He is the missing ingredient in your life. He alone can give proper meaning and eternal perspective to these short lives of ours. He placed His hand upon the thing that stood between the rich young ruler and Himself and said, "One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross and follow me."

For the rich young ruler this was the only way, and the Master knew it. He deals just as specifically with each of us, but the important thing is complete surrender. This we must give if we would have life's missing ingredient. Only after such self-surrender can we experience the rich rewards which far outweigh the paltry and unsatisfying things of time.

If you have not yet come face to face with the Master, why not come to Him now, just as you are? Do not be afraid to confess your lack, your need, your sins, for He came to earth just to meet all that need at Calvary. He died and rose again that you might have forgiveness for sin and a rich, meaningful life of service in fellowship with Him.

Only in Christ will you find the missing ingredient which makes for complete satisfaction in this life "and in the world to come life everlasting."

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IS IT RIGHT TO RISK DESTROYING FAITH AND VIRTUE IN "PUTTING THEM TO THE TEST"?

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Both points of view recognize elements of truth. Certainly the pressure on our young people in the average college or university is extreme. And while there may be those who can withstand it, others are certain to succumb.

The question is do we have the *right to risk any person's faith needlessly?* Or do we have the right to deny a person the opportunity to develop all of his skills so he can glorify God with his full talent?

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

The answer is "No!" to both. Our own Pentecostal four-year liberal arts college was founded for this hour—no young person need be denied the college education he needs or wants, for a recognized education is now available in a Pentecostal environment.

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Spotlight on Evangelism

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►HERMISTON, OREG.—The church here experienced a very successful three-week revival with Evangelist John Hoskins of Salem, Oreg. God moved in a wonderful way each night, there was much old-time conviction in the meetings, and nearly all the people made a new consecration to God. The great truth of the coming of Christ was made very real.

—Bert Allbritton, Pastor

►IRWIN, PA.—Souls were saved, believers baptized in the Holy Spirit, and the Body of Christ edified during the recent time of talented and anointed ministry here by the Musical Vanns of Toledo, Ohio. The attendance was excellent throughout the meetings with a number of visitors in attendance nightly. On the closing Sunday the attendance record was broken with 225 present.

—J. L. Pittman, Pastor

►ORANGE, JAMAICA, B.W.I.—Recently Evangelists Fred and Gladys Voight ministered here for a brief time to both children and adults. They specialized in dramatic presentations and object lessons catching the interest of the children as well as the adults. The dramatized object lessons on the Ten Virgins will long be remembered. Here in these hills the people carry little tin lamps to church when the nights are dark. After the service was over someone presented Sister Voight with one of those lamps. She went out into the night carrying it just as the virgins did in the story. There was a good response in the altar services and practically all of the children sought the Lord. The

singing was greatly enjoyed also. The new, catchy choruses for children were a blessing. The congregation was glad that the Voights came this way.

—Kathleen Scott, Pastor

►FREDERICKTOWN, MO. — Evangelist Glenna Byard of Lodi, Mo., recently conducted three weeks of meetings in the First Assembly here. The crowds were very good with many people attending the church for the first time. Some 19 were saved, and 20 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many said it was the best meeting in several years. The anointed ministry of Sister Byard was a real blessing to all and will be long remembered.

—Guy L. Jackson, Pastor

►FORT WORTH, TEX.—Riverside Assembly of God has just closed a most blessed campaign. Souls were saved and filled with the Spirit, and the church was stirred under the unique ministry of Evangelist Dan Marocco. There were consistently large crowds throughout the meetings. Brother Marocco's experience on the mission field contributed much to the campaign. This meeting is one of the best that the church has ever had.

—Elbert Wilkinson, Pastor

►WILMORE, PA.—Recently the Beavertdale Assembly of God launched out in a new field of service in this city with a tent revival which continued for five weeks. The first service was conducted by Don Berkich of Johnstown, Pa., who is a student at Eastern Bible Institute. After that Evangelist and Mrs. Henry L. Shaffer of Enola, Pa., ministered in song and Word.

Later Brother Berkich carried on for two more weeks. At least three people were saved and several were reclaimed. Several also received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt in a very definite way throughout the meetings.

—Elroy G. Hinton, Pastor

►COLUMBUS, OHIO—Over 125 first-time visitors attended the one week of meetings in the Calvary Assembly of God here with Evangelist Velmer Gardner of Springfield, Mo. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way and signs followed the preaching of God's Word. Souls were saved, healed, filled, and blessed during the meetings. The church was filled every night. On the last Sunday morning Brother Gardner preached on "The Key to Health and Prosperity" and over 30 hands were raised indicating that they were going to tithe and help support the work of God as the Bible teaches. The budget of the meeting was met without any strain.

—L. E. Loretz, Pastor

►ROME, N.Y.—The DeGrado Evangelistic Party recently came to this city for a Salvation-Healing campaign. Many outstanding healings took place. A baby who had been hurt in an automobile accident and could not open one hand or stand on one foot was healed in answer to prayer and can bear the weight of its body on the injured foot again. A woman who was also injured in an accident and could not walk without the aid of a cane was delivered from this affliction. A woman with an ulcerated stomach and a painful nerve



Evangelist Lee Krupnick led a revival campaign at the Lewis Avenue Assembly of God in Tulsa, Oklahoma (John R. Keith, pastor). A portion of the congregation is shown here.

condition of the face was marvelously set free by the power of God in answer to the prayer of faith. People from many churches attended the services. Some who were attracted by the meetings are now attending the services regularly. The lovely singing of the DeGrado's was an added blessing in the meetings.

—Ernest W. Darling, Pastor

►COPALIS CROSSING, WASH.—The church here recently enjoyed a good revival under the ministry of Evangelist E. G. Lawrence. God blessed in a special way each night. Seven were saved and three filled with the Holy Spirit. One man received the infilling of the Spirit who had been seeking for 17 years. The entire church was encouraged in the Lord. The men in the church were greatly stirred during these meetings and as a result they have become better spiritual leaders in the assembly. Thanks be to God for what He has done.

—Donald Strong, Pastor

►SOUTHINGTON, CONN. — Evangelist Oliver Dalaba of Providence, R. I., recently conducted a very successful evangelistic crusade here. Several were saved or reclaimed. A number of new contacts were made. The anointed preaching of the evangelist stirred and revived the hearts of the Christians. The crusade did a tremendous amount of good for this pioneer church.

—Paul W. Kinney, Pastor

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JOSE G. AGUILAR, 73, Watsonville, California, departed this life October 1, 1958. Brother Aguilar was ordained a minister in 1934 by the Methodists. In 1951 he affiliated with the Latin American District Council of the Assemblies of God.

ARTHUR WILLIAM TANNER, 65, Camden, Arkansas, went to be with Christ October 25, 1958. Brother Tanner was ordained in 1921 and ministered as a pastor in Arkansas until retiring from active ministry. He was superannuated this year.

SIDNEY ALBERT RAYBORN, 76, Alton, Illinois, passed on to be with the Lord October 13, 1958. Brother Rayborn was ordained in 1923 and labored throughout Illinois in pastoral and evangelistic ministry. He was superannuated in 1950.

EDWARD JOHN KLAUS, SR., 63, Newburgh, New York, went to be with Christ October 23, 1958. Brother Klaus was ordained in 1946. He pastored the church in Newburgh for nearly ten years, being active until his passing.

LUTHER J. OLIVER, 62, Jacksonville, Florida, passed into eternity October 17, 1958. Brother Oliver was ordained in 1917 by the Pentecostal Holiness Church and transferred into the South Florida District Council of the Assemblies of God in 1955.

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STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
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Colo.	Nucla	A of G	Dec. 7-21	E. L. Surratt & wife	E. E. Weiszbrod
Conn.	Meriden	A of G	Dec. 3-14	Busse Evang. Team	Wm. O. McKenzie
Kans.	Osborne	A of G	Dec. 10-21	O. E. & Hallie Gaddis	Harold Hollis
	Pratt	* A of G	Nov. 30-Dec. 7	Charles J. Senechal	David Richards
Nebr.	Beaver City	A of G	Nov. 30-Dec. 14	Max Francis & wife	R. V. Umphenour
N. Mex.	Lovington	First	Dec. 1—	Raymond Schaeffer	Orel Boteler
Ohio	Warren	First	Dec. 3-14	Robert Watters Team	Herbert E. Eicher
Oreg.	The Dalles	A of G	Dec. 2—	Johnny Hoskins	Dave W. Phillips
Pa.	LaTrobe	Calvary Temple	Nov. 28-Dec. 14	Musical Vanderploegs	Paul Brendiar
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Tenn.	Ripley	Conner	Dec. 7—	Charles O. Lee	W. K. McNatt
Tex.	Aubrey	A of G	Dec. 7—	J. W. Farmer	Raymond Grimes
Wash.	Yakima	Union Gap	Dec. 9-21	Norman Gardner	Elvin Irwin
Wis.	Oshkosh	A of G	Nov. 30—	Marc Conley	Lonnie Osborn

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My Visit to Moscow

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my ear the words of the songs.

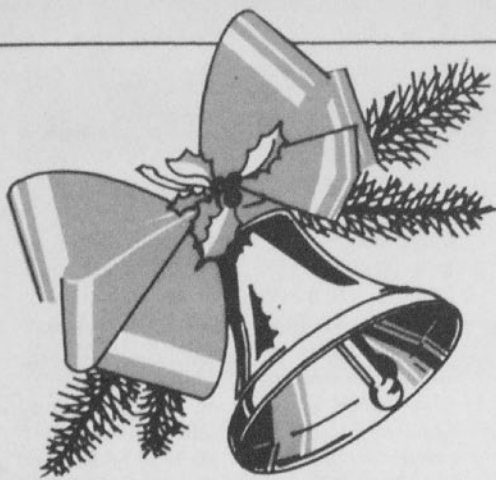
One of the three speakers spoke on the love of God and the people nodded their heads. Another man spoke of the mercy and wrath of God and they echoed a sincere "Amen." As he told them that sometimes God had to send difficulties and trials so that God's love could be developed in our lives, I realized that from their hardships they had learned to know God in a deeply intimate way seldom grasped by Christians today.

After the long service was over, greetings from other churches in the Soviet Union were read to the congregation, and they expressed the desire that greetings be carried back to their sister congregations.

Finally the entire congregation stood to their feet and sang, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and on the final verse all waved their handkerchiefs in the air. This seems to be their custom at every service.

As I pushed through the still lingering crowd of people to go outside to a taxi, everyone wanted to shake the hand of this American brother and to thank him for attending the service. It was obvious that this church had grown to its present size not only against tremendous obstacles but as a response to the heart cry of a people who were finding in the church the satisfaction of the deepest need of the human heart. ◀◀

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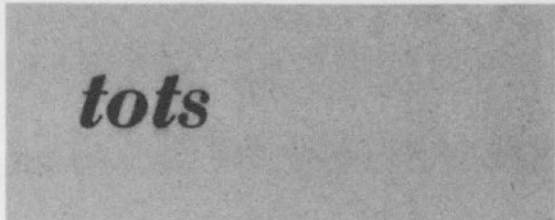
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A Vision of Jesus

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praising the Lord in a voice that grew stronger with each word, all at once his eyes were fixed upon a corner of the room and he spoke in such a way that I was sure he was seeing a vision. His face shone and his eyes glowed and his poor weak voice almost sang as he tried to worship the Lord and to tell Him of his love.

"I heard him say, 'I've seen you before, Lord. It's been some time since I saw you, but you are just as beautiful as ever—you are more beautiful than before. How beautiful you are, Lord Jesus!'

"When he said repeatedly, 'Yes, Lord. Yes, Lord, I'm ready,' I thought surely the Lord had come to take him, and I wanted to go to him, but I could not move.

"After he had praised the Lord for what seemed a long time, suddenly he turned aside, covering his eyes with his hands and crying out, 'Oh, the glory! The beauty! The glitter! I can't stand it, Lord! I can't look at it!'

"After a time he began quietly praising the Lord in a very beautiful language. For moments he was quiet and a light that was not earthly shone upon his face. Finally we heard, 'Thank you, Lord. Thank you for this precious experience! This is Esther's house but it is holy ground.'

"As he spoke, he leaned forward and began to untie his shoes! Then he rose from the chair and stepped out of his shoes. For several minutes he continued to praise and glorify the Lord with uplifted hands. Then he sat down and soon turned to look about the room. He rubbed his eyes as he saw me sitting across the room from him.

"'Why, I'm here!' he exclaimed in utter astonishment. 'I thought I was in heaven, but I'm here!' Then he tried to tell us of the marvelous experience he had just had."

The thought that burned into my mind and heart as I beheld Him and the city was this:

He is coming again—He said so. And when we see Him, and the city He has prepared for us, we shall know that heaven is worth it all. The disappointments, the failures, the heart-

aches, the toils, the hardships will all be forgotten the instant we see Him.

He is coming *soon!* BE ready! Be faithful and true. Let *nothing* that man or devil can do turn you away, but keep following, obeying, looking up, expecting Him. One look at His face, one smile from Him, will fully repay anything we have suffered, sacrificed, or endured for His sake. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

A God-conscious Church

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Church has been the worthy aim of many different attempts at church, government. Those who have come nearest success have usually failed by standardizing a method and building it into a system. The Holy Spirit refuses to conform to our denominations. But God does still choose men—and what is more, we still recognize them when we ourselves are walking in the Spirit.

Happily, most of us can name men who, quite as truly as Peter was, are God's men in God's place. If some of us hesitate to admit this, we would at least say that a certain person is "the right man in the right place"—which amounts to the same thing. Only

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2. "God gave them the Holy Ghost." In this the sovereign and unique work of God is easier to confess. It is the declared prerogative of the exalted Christ to baptize in the Holy Ghost. That is the very reason why every true Baptism in the Spirit is a supreme hour of God-consciousness both for the recipient and for those who rejoice with him.

Consider the scene at Caerea recalled by Peter. He knew he was moving at the direction of the Lord, the Spirit. He preached Christ as Lord of all to that eager company whose hearts were fully prepared to believe the Word. But for all that, they were Gentiles. When God poured out His Spirit upon them and they began to speak with tongues, the Jewish Christians were astonished, not at the tongues, but because they were Gentiles so speaking. It is difficult for modern Christians to understand their utter amazement. For Gentiles to be accepted for baptism it had to be, as Peter boldly affirmed it was, an act of God. Any suggestion that Peter had engineered the thing would have been fatal to its worth and witness. It is significant that nobody disputed his claim.

Our testimony to the fact that believers today receive the same Holy Spirit must be equally free from any suggestion that somehow we have "worked it up." To affirm that *God* is giving the Holy Spirit today just as He did at the beginning is the very heart of our distinctive Pentecostal testimony. Modern skeptics of the miraculous in Christianity have sought to explain the Pentecostal phenomena in terms of the psychic. It is wise and helpful to recognize and try to understand the proper working of natural emotion in a vivid, spiritual experience; but to agree that everything can be explained in natural terms, and that God has nothing to do with speaking with tongues or the gift of the Spirit, would be to surrender a central citadel of testimony. For that very reason we must be careful to reverently keep a place for *God* in all our tarrying meetings. Our best-meaning substitutes of human striving to get people "through" are far worse than vain.

3. "God wrought miracles by them." It is worth noticing that Barnabas and Paul made no claim to possessing per-

sonal healing power. There was no suggestion that the "miracles and wonders" were mass-produced by human ingenuity to satisfy an insatiable demand for an appearance of the supernatural.

It is helpful to note the *purpose* of the miracles and wonders. It was to attest the God-ordained mission of the apostles who had been "sent forth by the Holy Ghost." Divine compassion moves at the heart of miracles of healing, but their declared purpose was not an indiscriminate alleviation of human suffering. These miracles were the visible evidence of the Lord working with them to confirm the Word. Our doctrine regarding signs and wonders needs to be kept in conformity with their revealed purpose. They are sovereign acts of God to attest His presence and power with His servants.

A consciousness of *God* makes a genuine miracle profoundly moving. It can melt a vast company to tears and fill them with holy awe and exaltation. The humblest missionary or evangelist possesses the highest credentials when

it is manifest that God is with him. Barnabas and Paul had been sent out from Antioch by words spoken by the Spirit and they returned with ample evidence that the direction had been genuine.

It is important to notice that the God who wrought miracles and wonders by the apostles also gave other necessary gifts for the work of the gospel. They consolidated and established the work initiated with the miraculous by re-visiting their converts, teaching, encouraging, and organizing local assemblies. It is a prevalent weakness to see God only in miracles and wonders and to overlook Him in the equally important ministries of building up the body of Christ.

One test of Pentecostal maturity in faith and love is the equal recognition of God at work among us in diverse ways. A blessed God-consciousness permeating the churches is one sure sign of revival. It is victorious in maintaining the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. The activities of men often divide us; the movings of the Spirit always unite.

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nating Old and New Testaments, memory work, projects, Bible games, color books, and records all have their value and place, they should be used as "spice" rather than the "main course." The important thing is to hold the chain of thought and to develop the Bible story through a succession of devotions so that you can actually grow in knowledge and prayer experience together.

IS IT WORTHWHILE?

Family worship has brought us closer to each other, to God, and to our church. The children realize it is a time of closeness and have often taken this opportunity to discuss their problems with us, knowing that in this atmosphere we're a little more understanding. They seem to have a note of pride in their voices when, at the call of a playmate, they go to the door and say, "I can't come out yet, we're having *devotions*."

Our two-year-old has been going to church from infancy, and thanks to the extra training at family worship she is beginning to participate. She folds her hands during the prayers and tries to join in the congregational singing, insisting on having her own hymnbook. When the ushers start down the aisle for the offering, she whispers, "Here they come!" and dives for her purse and pennies. Those are, we believe, the beginnings of worship.

Sometimes the effects are more far-reaching than we realize. On one occasion our older daughter brought a guest for dinner who had visited us at a previous time. On this second occasion we were about to "skip it since we have a guest" when the girl spoke up and asked rather shyly, "Could I read your devotion story this time?" It had left an impression on her, and we had almost "skipped" our chance to reinforce it!

Now we enjoy sharing our family worship with guests just as we have enjoyed sharing it with you. We offer this account as a testimonial to the many rewards and joys of family life we have received through family worship.

—The Christian Parent
Glen Ellyn, Illinois

Enjoying Family Worship

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established you are over halfway there!

As to the actual worship approach, keep it simple and short—not because it isn't worth more effort and time, but because it is much more valuable to have simple devotions every day than elaborate ones irregularly or let them be dropped after a few tries because "they were so much effort and took so long we didn't have time for them."

CHOOSING A TIME

The next thought to consider is, "what time of day shall we have out family worship?" The answer depends upon the individual family situation but we can tell you what worked best for us. We tried devotions in the morning, at bedtime, and after the evening meal, all in an effort to solve the problem of Daddy's working hours. We found that the evening meal gives the best opportunity for regularity, with Mom pinch-hitting for Dad on the evenings he can't get home in time.

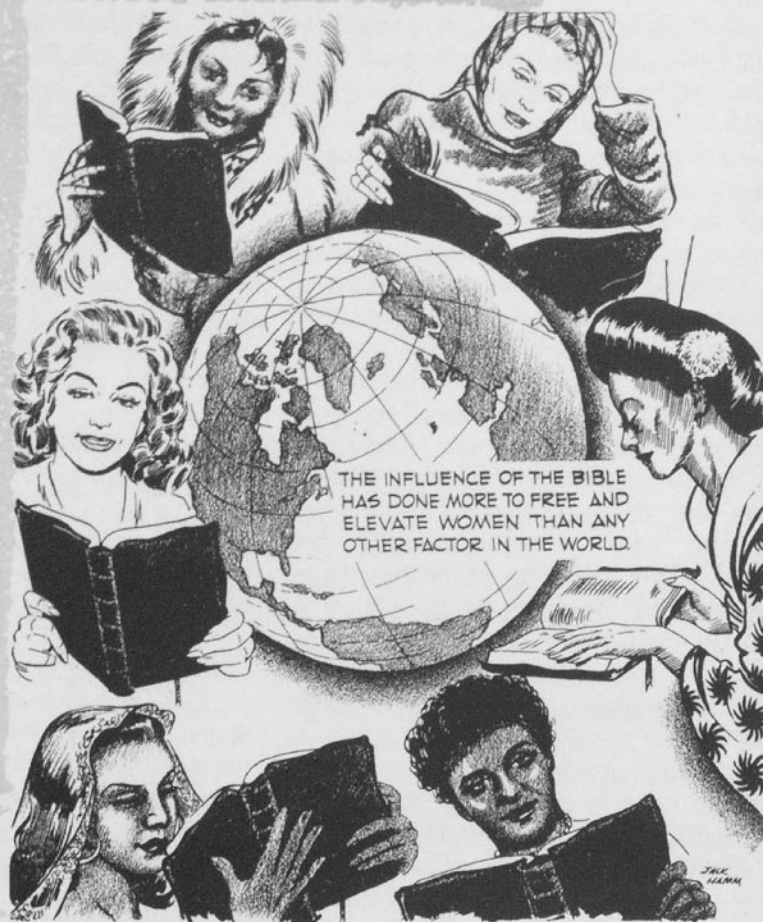
Changing the times around to wait until everyone is together may seem more logical, but we found it was fatal to regularity. Unless you have a regular time to remind you, you need twice as much will power. Besides, it's easier when all the members of the family are already together than to call everyone from various activities later.

You will want to give some consideration to the type of materials you will use. There are many good devotional books on the market, each with its own advantage and age range. We use a devotional guide which gives a brief scripture reference to be read from the Bible. We think this is to be preferred to reading from a devotional book, as the memory of a home with the Bible on the table will never be erased from the minds of the children.

Then we tell the story in simple, modern language to make it interesting to all members of the family. After prayer we close with a little Sunday School song for our youngest child.

Add some occasional variety but don't overdo it as we did one time. We were so anxious to keep interest high that in jumping from one activity to another we simply sacrificed learning for the sake of variety. Alter-

The Bible



A NATION WOULD BE TRULY BLESSED IF IT WERE GOVERNED by no other laws than this blessed Book. It is so complete a system that nothing need be added to it, or taken from it. It contains most things needful to be known or done. It affords a copy for a king and a rule for a subject. It gives instruction and counsel to a senate, authority and direction to a magistrate. It cautions a witness, requires an impartial verdict from the jury, and furnishes the judge with his sentence.

It sets the husband as lord of the household, and the wife as mistress of the table; tells him how to rule and her how to manage. It entails honor to parents and enjoins obedience in children. It prescribes and limits the sway of the sovereign and the authority of the master; commands the subjects to honor and the servants to obey; and promises the blessing and protection of its Author to all who walk by its rules.

It promises food and raiment, and limits the use of both. It points out a faithful and eternal Guardian to the departing husband and father, tells him with whom to leave his fatherless children, in whom his widow is to trust, and promises to be a father to the former and a husband to the latter. It defends the rights of all and reveals vengeance to every defrauder, over-reacher, and oppressor.

It is the first, best, and oldest Book in the world. It contains the choicest matter, gives the best instruction, and affords the greatest pleasure and satisfaction that can be revealed. It contains the best laws and the profoundest mysteries that ever were perused. It brings the best of tidings and affords the best of comfort to the inquiring and disconsolate. It exhibits life and immortality and shows the way to everlasting glory. It is a brief recital of all that is past, and a certain prediction of what is to come. It settles all matters in debate, resolves all doubt, and eases the mind and conscience of all their scruples.

It reveals the only true God, shows the way to Him, sets aside all other gods, and describes the vanity of them and of all who trust in them.

In short, it is a Book of laws to show right and wrong, a Book of wisdom that condemns all folly and makes the foolish wise. A Book of truth that detects all lies and confronts all errors, and a Book of life that shows the way from everlasting death. It is the most compendious Book in the world, the most authentic and the most entertaining history that ever was published. It contains the earliest antiquities and most heroic deeds. It describes the celestial, terrestrial, and infernal worlds, human tribes and angelic myriads. It will instruct the most accomplished mechanic and the profoundest artist. It teaches the best rhetorician and exercises the power of the most skillful mathematician. It puzzles the wisest anatomist and finds employment for the keenest critic. It corrects the vain philosopher and guides the wise astronomer. It exposes the subtle sophist and makes diviners mad. It is the best deed that ever was sealed, the best will that ever was made, and the best testament that ever was signed.

To understand it is to be wise indeed, but to be ignorant of it is to be destitute of wisdom. It is a complete code of laws, a perfect body of doctrine, an unequalled narrative, a Book of biographies and travelogues. It is the housewife's best guide, the servant's best directory, the young man's best companion, the schoolboy's spelling Book, and the learned man's masterpiece. It affords knowledge of witty inventions for the ingenious and profound proverbs for the grave. It encourages the wise, counsels the warrior, promises an eternal reward to the conqueror, but most of all it introduces the reader to a personal Saviour who is able to save to the uttermost all who come unto God by Him.

—Author Unknown