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# Advancing in 1959

A good text for the new year is found in Isaiah 54:2, 3—"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited."

This figurative language was well understood by the tent dwellers of Isaiah's day. It is equally meaningful to the Bedouins of today for these Mideastern nomads still live in tents made of coarse, heavy cloth that is woven from the hair of black goats (reminiscent of Song of Solomon 1:5—"I am black, but comely, as the tents of Kedar").

As a Bedouin's family and wealth increase he enlarges his tent by adding new sections to it, much as we do in adding new rooms to our houses. *God grant that during 1959 the Assemblies of God will have so many additions to its family that the size of its "tent" will be doubled.*

"Enlarge . . . stretch forth . . . break forth on the right hand and on the left." Certainly this is what the Lord wants us to do in the days ahead. Millions still live in pagan darkness. Many have a form of religion but know little or nothing of the pure and powerful gospel of Christ's redeeming grace. God wants us to proclaim the full gospel of Calvary, Pentecost, and Olivet by every means at our disposal. He wants us to sound it forth in every corner of the earth. To do this we must learn the meaning of sacrifice—"Spare not." We must pray with a great faith—"Lengthen thy cords." We must invest time and money in the work—"Strengthen thy stakes."

The Foreign Missions Department faces a serious problem in that the general foreign missions fund is inadequate to provide many of the urgent needs of our missionaries and of our missionary work. These needs include help for national workers in pioneer efforts, support of our foreign Bible schools, and foreign radio evangelism.

Our Bible schools and colleges in the U. S. likewise need a greater measure of support from every member of our constituency.

Our Radio Department has a goal of putting Revivaltime on 49 new stations in 1959 in order to reach fifteen million listeners.

If every Assembly will participate in the Cooperative Plan in 1959 we will be on our way to new achievements. A Cooperative Plan church is one which (1) contributes monthly to world missions; (2) contributes monthly to one or more of the general headquarters ministries; and (3) contributes quarterly to district ministries.

The National C. A. Department has adopted a high goal for 1959. It has launched a "Personal Holiness Crusade" to place the highest standards of Christian conduct before our young people. Other goals before us all are: 415 new churches this year; a trained teacher for every Sunday School class; "on to a million" in Sunday School enrollment. If we will do our part, God will do the rest and there will be a great advance in 1959 all along the line.

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# NO SMALL STIR

*First there must be "no small stir" in the prayer meeting of the Church before any great stir can be expected among the people of the community*

**P**ETER WAS IN PRISON. THE Church was fully aware of Herod's intentions to kill him, "but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." All night long they prayed at Jerusalem—with unusual urgency, unusual intensity, unusual fervency — indeed, with desperation. And, as is so often true after this kind of intercession, the result was spectacular. The angel of the Lord loosed Peter's chains and led him to freedom.

"Now as soon as it was day, there was *no small stir* among the soldiers, what was become of Peter" (Acts 12: 18). Herod had planned to execute Peter that day, but "he sought for him, and found him not."

How did it happen? Why had the light shined into the prison? What brought the angel of the Lord from heaven to smite off Peter's chains and bid him "follow me"? How were they able to pass through the first and second wards unnoticed, and when they reached the iron gate that led to the city why did it open to them of its own accord?

Back of this great deliverance was extraordinary prayer. Many were gathered together praying in a home well-known for prayer. Mighty, believing, fervent prayer continued far into the night until the astonishing answer came. Apostolic praying brought an apostolic answer.

On a previous occasion there had been *no small stir* when Peter visited Caesarea. Cornelius, the centurion, had been instructed by an angel of God to send to Joppa for Simon Peter. Meanwhile, as Peter was earnestly praying he fell into a trance and God gave him a lesson in grace. Just then the men Cornelius had sent arrived, and the Spirit bade him go with them.

As a result of Peter's ministry in the house of Cornelius there was *no*

*small stir*. Peter had spoken but a few moments when "the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word." Thus on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit. Peter could not doubt it, for he heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. What was back of this manifestation? Two men in separate places had prayed, earnestly and with faith. This was the startling answer.

On the Day of Pentecost there was *no small stir*. As the disciples waited in prayer with one accord, there came a "sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." News of the unusual event spread rapidly and a curious crowd soon gathered.

What they saw created *no small stir*. In fact, Peter was obliged to stand up and explain, "These are not drunken, as ye suppose. . . . But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel, . . . I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh." The same day three thousand men were saved. Back of this "stir" were several days of tarrying and prayer. Apostolic unity and apostolic praying brought apostolic consequences.

There was *no small stir* at the temple gate when the man lame from birth

was healed and entered with Peter and John into the temple, leaping and praising God. Onlookers were filled with "wonder and amazement," and "all the people ran together, . . . greatly wondering."

There was *no small stir* when they "brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude . . . bringing sick folk, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one."

There was *no small stir* when Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to the people. The people with one accord gave heed, and there was great joy in that city. Many were converted, baptized, and healed. Then the apostles at Jerusalem sent Peter and John, who laid their hands on the believers; the Spirit fell, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

There was *no small stir* in Ephesus when Paul went there to preach. He laid his hands upon about twelve of the Christians, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

In fact, God wrought *special* miracles by the hands of Paul at Ephesus. There was *no small stir* when many Ephesians who practiced curious arts brought their books together and burned them in a huge bonfire to the glory of God. (There would be *no small stir* today if men would do likewise with the devil's merchandise in their possession!)

As we retrace the same pattern of prayer—praying in unity, praying in fervency, praying even in desperation—heaven will respond with such amazing answers that once again the records will attest to similar results, *no small stir*. Earth-shaking events are caused by heaven-moving prayers. ◀◀

**Universal Week  
of Prayer**

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# THIS WE BELIEVE

A SERIES OF BIBLE STUDIES BASED  
ON THE STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS  
ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

BY P. C. NELSON



## PART ONE: THE SCRIPTURES INSPIRED

**T**HE GREAT PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT had its origin in the widespread desire in the hearts of men and women for a closer walk with God, a better understanding of His Word, and for experiences exactly corresponding to the New Testament pattern. It is a reaction against the formalism, coldness, and unbelief prevalent in our times. Pentecostal people, more than others, have experienced the supernatural power of God in their own lives, and with one voice proclaim their faith in the Bible as a supernatural book, for which, as the infallible, inspired Word of God, they firmly stand.

A. H. Strong has well expressed what we mean by the inspiration of the Scriptures: "*A special divine influence on the minds of the writers of the Bible, in virtue of which their productions, apart from errors in transcription, and when rightly interpreted, together constitute an infallible rule of faith and practice.*"

Paul says to Timothy: "All scrip-

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ture is *given by inspiration of God*, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). In the above text, the words, "*given by inspiration of God*," translate a single word in the Greek — *God-breathed*. The words "*divinely inspired*" (both words coming to us from the Latin) are probably the nearest English equivalent. The German translation says that all Scripture has been "*given in by God*," and the Swedish says, "*given out by God*"; the Danish says, "*in-blown by God*." God breathed into man what man breathed out.

Peter says that holy men of God spoke "as they were moved [or impelled] by the Holy Ghost." See Weymouth's rendering of 2 Peter 1:20, 21. In Hebrews 1:1 we read that God "*spoke*" by the prophets and later by His Son. No one can read the Bible attentively without feeling the conviction that all the writers claimed to speak and write by divine authority, as they were directed by the Spirit of God. This makes the Bible God's Book, and different from all other writings in the world.

Keep in mind the fact it was the Scriptures as they came from the hands of the writers in their original languages that were inspired, and not

translations of these Scriptures, however good these translations may be. Contrary to the common view, the oldest translations are not the best. Some of them are translations of translations, as that of John Wycliffe in 1380, which was made from the Latin Vulgate, and not from the original languages. Nevertheless that was a wonderful help to the cause of Christ, as it was the first English Bible to be put into the hands of the English-speaking people. Other translations appeared which marked distinct advances, and then was brought forth, in 1611, that monumental translation called the King James' Version.

During the last hundred years many manuscripts of the Old and of the New Testament have been discovered, enabling scholars who understand these languages to follow the stream of divine truth closer up to its source, and enabling the Revisers, in 1901, to bring out the American Standard Version. Many other revisions have been made by individual scholars, all helping in one way or another to make clear the meaning of the original text. To this writer, Weymouth's translation into modern English is the best of the free translations, and Worrell's Translation of the New Testament, with copious and helpful notes, is the best of the very literal translations. In these later versions many obscure texts are cleared up, and we would recommend them for comparative study.

Let us consider briefly the reasons why we stand for the full inspiration of the Bible:

1. JESUS GAVE THE OLD TESTAMENT HIS FULL SANCTION. He accepted it as the infallible Word of God. "Verily, I say unto you, *Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled*" (Matthew 5:18).

2. THE BOOK IS THE PRODUCT OF ONE MASTER MIND. Sixty-six books, by about forty different writers, living at different places and in different environments during a period of sixteen hundred years, each, without being aware of it, contributing his essential part to make one whole, each adding to and making clear, but never contradicting what the rest wrote! Such a miracle can be explained only by allowing that there was one Master Mind in control of all these human authors. See 1 Peter 1:10, 11; Revela-

tion 19:10; John 5:39, 46; Luke 24:27.

In his "Hermeneutics" Eric Lund says: "Among the writers, the 'holy men of God,' who spoke always inspired by the Holy Spirit, we find persons of various classes and education. Some are priests, as Ezra; poets, as Solomon; prophets, as Isaiah; warriors, as David; shepherds, as Amos; statesmen, as Daniel; sages, as Moses and Paul; and fishermen without letters, as Peter and John. Of these, some formulated laws, as Moses; others wrote history, as Joshua; one wrote psalms, as David; another proverbs, as Solomon; some prophecies, as Jeremiah; others biographies, as the evangelists; others letters, as the apostles.

"In respect to place, the writings were at points as distant as are the sands of Arabia, the deserts of Judea, the porticoes of the temple, the schools of the prophets in Bethel and in Jericho, the palaces of Babylon, on the banks of the Chebar, and in the midst of the Western civilization."

3. THE TYPES, SYMBOLS AND CEREMONIES ARE EVIDENCES. The verbal predictions concerning Christ are wonderful, but how much more marvelous the story of Jesus written in the biography of the patriarchs, in the construction of the tabernacle and the temple, and in the services, the sacrifices, and the ceremonies, and in other types and shadows.

4. THE BIBLE PROPHECIES STAMP THE BOOK AS DIVINE. No one but Almighty God, who knows the end from the beginning, could reveal what is so minutely foretold by the prophets concerning individuals, cities, nations and the world, but most minutely of all concerning the birth, ministry, message, death, and resurrection of Christ and His coming glory (1 Peter 1:10, 11).

5. THE MORAL STANDARDS OF THE BIBLE PROVE IT TO BE DIVINE. The teachings of the Bible constitute the highest moral standard known to man—a standard so high and holy that man without divine aid can never reach it. Moreover, heathen religions have immoral gods, but the God of the Bible dwells "in light which no man can approach unto" (1 Timothy 6:16). Our God can say, "Be ye holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16). Our Lord will never be satisfied with us till He has wrought out His holiness in us,

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# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**What is meant by the expression, "The blood cleanseth"?**

This means that as we trust in the merit of our Lord Jesus through His atonement, all our sinful past is blotted out, or cleansed away. Then, by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, the heart is made and kept free from sin.

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**Does the scripture, "He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin," mean that Jesus became a murderer in order to save the murderer, and that He bore in Himself all the vileness of human sin in order to save us?**

The meaning is that He became a sin offering for us, taking the guilt of our sins upon Him. Jesus took the curse of our sins upon Himself, even though He Himself did no wrong. He bore the penalty.

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**Why is Bar-jesus (Acts 13:6) called Elymas in verse 8?**

Bar-jesus, or Bar-joshua, meaning "son of Joshua," was undoubtedly his name. This man is spoken of as a "false prophet" because the source of his information was not God. He is called a "sorcerer," a magician, one whose curious arts are so strongly condemned in the Scriptures. He was a pretender, a person who claimed audience with God, while he was little more than a fortune teller. Authorities tell us that *Elymas* was a title given to him, probably referring to his skill. He was looked upon as a wise man, a man of knowledge. It is said that *Elymas* comes from the Arabic *ilm*, meaning knowledge, science, doctrine, arts. While looked upon as a man of arts, Bar-jesus was in reality a deceiver, a servant of Satan.

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**Does a man have a soul, or is he a soul?**

In Scripture, *soul* is used in both senses. When God created man He created him "a living soul" (Genesis 2:7), meaning a living being. In a number of places in the Bible man is

spoken of as a "soul." Abraham and Lot took "the souls that they had gotten in Haran" (Genesis 12:5). The "souls" here are all the living things they had acquired—both man and beast. "These are the sons of Zilpah... even sixteen souls" (Genesis 46:18). This means that Zilpah had sixteen children and grandchildren.

While the term *soul* is used to refer to the entire being, it is also used concerning that life in man which is distinct from the body. "Her soul was departing (for she died)" (Genesis 35:18). "Let this child's soul come into him again" (1 Kings 17:21). "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36)

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**Is it true that after his conversion a man still reaps the results of the wild oats he has sown? (Galatians 6:7)**

Galatians 6:7 is primarily a warning to believers. If, after being saved, one "sows wild oats" by living after the flesh, he shall of the flesh reap corruption. This needs consideration in the light of Romans 8:13—"If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die." The works of the flesh are set forth in Galatians 5:19-21, with the warning that "they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

As to "oats" sown before a person is saved, when God saves a person He blots out all guilt for his past sin, but there are consequences which might be suffered. The drunkard is forgiven when he accepts Christ, but he may suffer the effects of a burnt-out stomach unless God in mercy performs a miracle in his body. The thief may be saved, but this does not assure him that he will not have to pay his debt to society for his crime.

*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).*

WHICH OF YOU, INTENDING TO BUILD A TOWER, SITTETH NOT DOWN FIRST AND COUNTETH THE COST.

# COUNTING THE COST

BY KENNETH D. BARNEY



UNLIKE MANY OF US, THE SAVIOUR did not lose His equilibrium over crowds. Well did He know that many were attracted simply by the contrast between His ministry and that which they had been hearing in the synagogues for years.

Others were drawn by the strange, magnetic force exerted by a crowd. His miracles had astonished them; they wanted to see what would happen next! And so, for a time, thousands streamed after this popular Prophet from Nazareth, and by human standards His ministry appeared to be a success.

But the Lord knew the hearts of men, and beneath the surface He saw that many who followed were not prepared to pay the full price of real discipleship. "Which of you," He asked, "intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish."

Had Jesus been like some modern religious leaders He would have been so thrilled over the crowds coming out to hear Him that He would have given them a hearty handshake, baptized them, read a little ritual, and assured them all was well. But in order to build His Kingdom, Christ needed a different kind of disciples. He must have men and women whose hearts were touched and cleansed by His power; whose loyalty had been tested by suffering and sacrifice. And in our own time,

with so much of the superficial prevalent in religion, men need to be reminded that *true* discipleship involves a price.

Briefly, let us consider what it costs to be a Christian and what it costs *not* to be one.

In the first place, to be a real Christian will cost us our *sins*. Many today want a religion of convenience, permitting them to hold firmly to their sins with one hand and to God with the other. Pity such deluded souls! Their consciences may be salved, but their souls are not saved. Being a Christian will cost a man his filthy habits. It will cost him his whiskey and beer; his habits of cursing and filthy talk. It will cost him his dances; his gambling; his shady, crooked business deals; his indulgence in lust and immorality. There can be no fence-

straddling. "Without [holiness] no man shall see the Lord."

Be assured that being a Christian will cost the *friendship and fellowship of the world*. By "the world" we mean the people, places, and ideas that are opposed to the principles of the gospel. I recall a boyhood friend who came to my house once after I was saved. I told him of my experience and he never came back. Our close friendship was broken. It was simply part of the cost of my being a Christian. It was a shock at the time, but the joy of the Lord soon filled the vacancy. Those who refuse the gospel have different ideals, motives, and pleasures from Christians and two cannot walk together except they be agreed.

Being a Christian will cost us our selfish *ambitions*. Once a person is truly born again of the Spirit, his life no longer belongs to him. No more can he say, "I will do thus," but rather, "I will do it *if* it is God's will."

The life of a genuine Christian is a life of *following the leader*—and the Leader is Jesus Christ. There is no place for covetousness, carnal pride, or selfishness in the life of a true disciple. I do not mean to say for a moment that being saved deprives one of ambition. Rather it turns that ambition into different channels. Instead of being devoted purely to selfish ends, it will be aimed at glorifying God. After salvation, the question will not be, "Is this to *my* advantage?" but, "Is this for God's glory?"

Being a true child of God will cost us *time, money, and service*. Before

## BIBLE VERSE

MARK 8:36, 37



For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

one is saved, he considers his time very much his own. But that changes at conversion, and all time becomes the *Lord's* time. God has asked us to keep one day out of seven holy unto Him in a special way. A Christian will find joy in giving this and as much *extra* time as possible. He will gladly knock on doors and invite people to church. He will attend revival services night after night. He will devote time to prayer and Bible study.

Then there is the matter of *money*. Our Christian life is going to cost us ten cents on the dollar. God forbid that anyone who names the name of Christ should flinch at tithe-paying. A selfish, stingy Christian is never happy. A non-tither is non-victorious.

There is a terrible price to be paid if one decides *not* to be a Christian. You may be sure that it costs far more to continue in sin than to be God's child. It will cost you your *peace of mind and conscience* not to be saved. Sinful living upsets the mind and nerves and brings torment to the conscience. No wonder billions of dollars are spent on liquor, tobacco, and dope

every year by Christ-rejecters. They are paying the price!

Not being a Christian will cost *heartache and unhappiness*. It may cause your home to be broken up. God's law of the spiritual harvest never fails. "Sowing wild oats" brings a day of reaping that is unspeakable in its agony.

Not being a Christian will cost a man his *fellowship with God*. And this is a terrible price indeed. Make no mistake about it: God cannot fellowship with sin. In wartime we sometimes send spies behind the enemy's lines to cut his communications. Sin is an enemy that cuts the communication between a soul and God. Never talk about the Christian life being hard. It is the way of the transgressor that is *really* hard. The sinner must tread the path of sorrow alone. He must face life's harsh, grinding problems without a God to be his hope and stay. It is part of the price he has chosen to pay.

Finally, not being a Christian will cost the eternal loss of the soul. Scientists and doctors have made a great

study of the human body and can trace the function of every cell and tissue. But what about that one part of man that never dies—the soul? The body—wonderful machine that it is—will be here only a short time. But ages upon ages after the body has returned to dust, the soul—the *immortal* part of man—will be living, somewhere. Being a Christ-rejecter will cost the individual his soul. Surely that is too great a price to pay for a few short years of selfish, sinful living.

Let us never be guilty of leading souls to believe that being a Christian is without its price. There are many who once started down the road of righteousness but soon, like the short-sighted builder, discovered that the price was greater than they had anticipated, and so they turned back. Doubtless the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. They began to build but were not able to finish. But let us never fail to press upon men's minds the truth that to live *without* Christ costs infinitely more than to live as His disciple. Being a Christian is worth all it costs! ◀◀

# THE MORNING WATCH

—BY OSWALD J. SMITH

**F**OR OVER FIFTY YEARS I HAVE OBSERVED the Morning Watch. I begin by reading the Word of God, remembering the words, "As newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). Then I turn to prayer in obedience to Psalm 5:3, "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up."

When I was saved a personal worker asked for my Bible and wrote on the flyleaf, "This Book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this Book." And I have found it to be true. The two cannot go together.

The reason so many do not enjoy the Bible is that they do not know the Author. It is one thing to meet Jesus Christ at the time of conversion; it is quite another to become acquainted with Him by spending time in His presence.

The Bible should be read daily just as the manna was gathered daily. We

would not dream of taking only one meal a day, much less a week, since our bodies need to be nourished regularly. Yet some of us, I am afraid, neglect the spiritual food that is even more essential.

I read the Word of God as I would read a letter, or as I would eat fish. When I get a letter I start at the beginning and read to the end. That is the way to study the Word. Start with the first chapter of Genesis and read to the last word of Revelation, reading two or three chapters a day; and then do it again. I have read the Bible through many times but I never tire of it.

If I come to a verse I cannot understand I do not cast the book aside any more than I would throw away my plate of fish because of a bone. I simply lay "the bone" aside and go on reading, as I would go on eating. Then when I read it again some of the statements that I thought were bones I am able to digest.

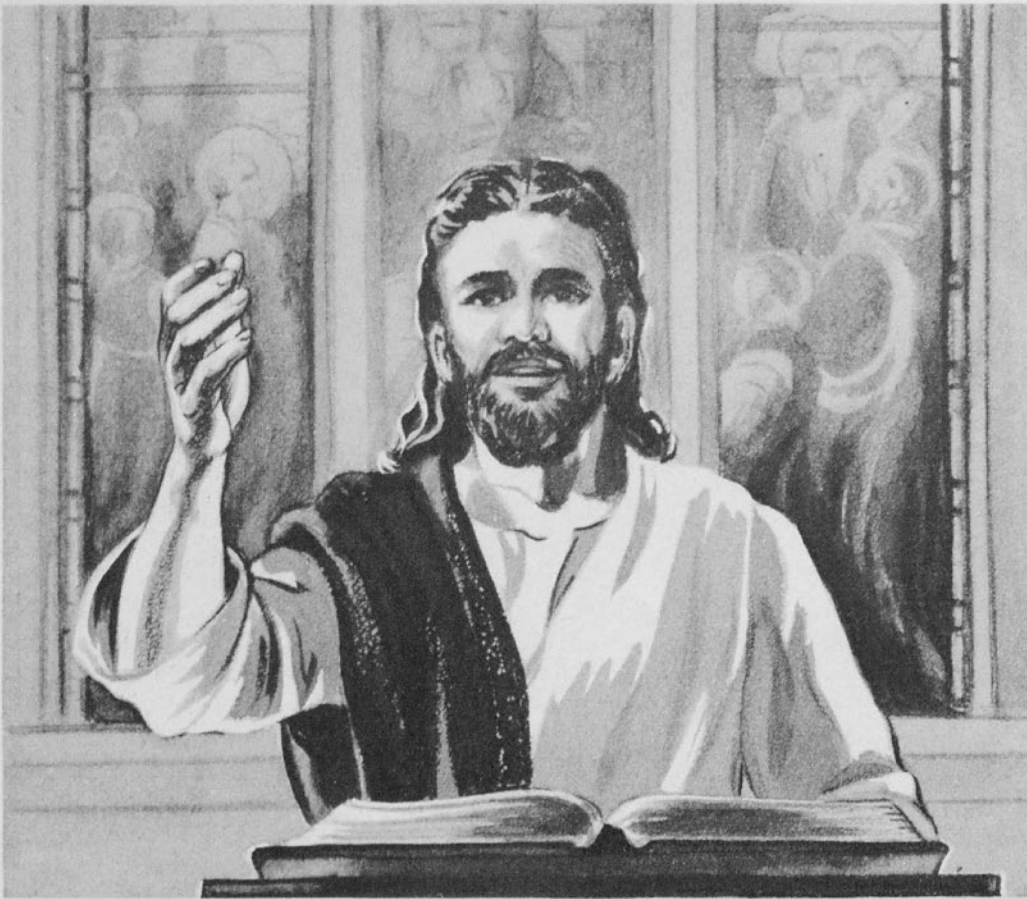
When you read God's Word He talks to you. When you pray you talk to Him. After a time with the Book, I turn to prayer, and thus I become acquainted with the Lord Jesus Christ.

I have found three enemies to the prayer life:

First, *interruptions*. I discovered that I had to have a time and a place for prayer. My time is in the morning. I would never dream of going to my work before first meeting God. My place for prayer is my study, when I am at home. We have time for everything else; we must take time for prayer.

Second, *wandering thoughts*: I used to have all kinds of thoughts, plans and programs come in upon me when I was praying, and I found myself thinking of various matters. How did I get rid of these wandering thoughts? By praying out loud; by putting my petitions into words. I always pray out loud.

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# IF JESUS WERE YOUR PASTOR

WOULD YOU ENJOY HIS SERMONS OR  
WOULD THEY MAKE YOU A BIT  
UNCOMFORTABLE?

BY RALPH W. HARRIS

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**W**HAT IF JESUS WERE YOUR PASTOR? Interesting to think about, isn't it? Probably you appreciate the man of God who ministers in the church where you are a member, but surely no one could serve more perfectly than the Man of Galilee. He would excel in every kind of ministry.

If Jesus were your pastor, what a wonderful speaker He would be! Would you not like to hear from His own lips the familiar Sermon on the Mount? Would you not like to hear Him tell once again, with rich pathos, the story of the Prodigal Son? Would you not like to have Him, as on the Emmaus Road so long ago, open up the Scriptures to your heart? Like the Lord's companions on that never-to-be-forgotten day, you would certainly say, "Did not our hearts burn within us?" Every scripture would take on new meaning as He explained it. Wonderful!

If Jesus were your pastor, what glorious prayers you would hear! When He said, "Our Father which art in heaven," it would be radically different from any other time you ever heard that familiar prayer. What a thrill it would be to hear Him commune with the Father, as in John 17! Like the disciples of old you and the other believers would draw near to plead, "Teach us to pray."

If Jesus were your pastor, what a pastor He would be! Visiting those in need. Healing the sick. Cheering the faint-hearted. Comforting those in sorrow.

Would you like to have Jesus as your pastor? "Wonderful!" you say? Wait! Perhaps you should think more seriously about what it would mean.

If Jesus were your pastor, what would He expect of *you*? How would Jesus feel about your community, for the most part untouched and unmoved by the gospel? More children playing in the streets on Sunday morning than children sitting in Sunday School classes. More people in bed than in a church pew. A large percentage of the population in church only three times in their life—to be baptized, married, buried. Sprinkled by the representatives of the Church three times—with water, with rice, with earth.

What would Jesus do in your community, in your church? Would He do nothing? Would He accept the *status quo* with a "ho hum" attitude? You know He wouldn't. He would pray in agony as He prayed in Gethsemane. He would weep with compassion as He wept over Jerusalem. Most important, He would act. He would do something about the situation.

What would Jesus do? He who was

the Good Shepherd would know He must go after the lost sheep. If the people would not come to Him, He would go to them. He would make Himself available. He would at least give them the chance to accept or reject His invitation.

If Jesus were your pastor, what would He expect of *you*? (Getting a little closer to home now, isn't it? Are you still sure you would want Him as your pastor?) Don't you think His sermons might become a little pointed? How would you react if Jesus preached on Luke 13:6-9 and told of the man who came looking for fruit from a fig tree; and when the man found none, he commanded that the tree be cut down because it was cumbering the ground, just taking up space? And what if, after reading the scripture lesson, the Lord were to look over the congregation and His eye would fall on you? What if He said, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away"? What if He talked about the salt that was good for nothing because it had lost its flavor? Do you think that you might begin to squirm a little?

That might be bad enough, but what if Jesus were your pastor and came to you in person to ask you to help in visiting the homes of your com-



munity, to find and reach and win the lost? Would you try to brush Him off with the stock excuses you have used with other pastors or leaders? "Too busy. Too tired. Other important activities." It would be rather difficult to talk that way before His searching gaze, wouldn't it?

Now, are you still sure you would want Jesus as your pastor? Not quite so attractive as it first appeared, is it? Not unless you listened to Him. And obeyed. And went. And worked with Him.

But what joy you would have if you *did* go! If you followed Him as He went after the one lost sheep, not on the mountain but in the gray frame house on the corner. Or perhaps the red brick right across the street from your church! What joy you would have as you helped the people of your community become acquainted with your pastor. With Jesus.

What if Jesus were your pastor? Well, in a very real sense, He *is* your pastor. Peter refers to Him as the "chief Shepherd." Jesus calls Himself "the good shepherd," and says, "I know my sheep, and am known of mine. . . . And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." He *is* concerned about your community. He *does* weep over the fallen one. He does want to lift up the weak. Through His Word, through His messengers, through His Spirit, He is speaking.

"No training," you say? You need use that excuse no longer. During this month, in churches across America as well as in city-wide training classes, there will be training courses on "The Ministry of Visitation," a book by John T. Sisemore. If you attend such a class and study this book, you will learn the basic principles for successful visitation.

Any Christian worthy of the name wants to please his Master. To go after those in your community who know not Christ is one of the most effective ways of fulfilling the Great Commission.

The author of the above-mentioned book says in his foreword: "This book was prepared and is sent forth with the prayer that it might be helpful to those faithful Christians who take seriously the scriptural injunction to 'GO...SEEK...FIND.'" These are the commands of Jesus—your pastor.



Officials talk over plans to improve and expand the Assemblies of God ministry to the aged. Shown in the picture (left to right) are: C. B. Horton, President of the Horton Nursing Home System; George B. Waggoner, President of the Highway Home for the Aged, Hatfield, Pa.; Charles W. H. Scott, Executive Director of Department of Benevolences; Curtis W. Ringness, National Secretary of Benevolences; Ralph M. Riggs, General Superintendent; and Karl Steffens, Birchwood Home for the Aged, Huntington, L. I. N. Y.

## Seminar on Homes for the Aged

**A** SEMINAR FOR THE ADMINISTRATORS of homes for the aged was conducted on the campus of Central Bible Institute, November 11-12. Speakers included C. B. Horton, President of the Horton Nursing Home System of Seattle, Wash., and Dr. Oreen Ruedi, Professor of Sociology, Southwest Missouri State College.

Charles W. H. Scott, Director of the Department of Benevolences, brought the opening address on the subject, "Ministry to the Aged." He pointed out that this ministry is of growing importance and should be considered as a responsibility of the church.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the meeting was to establish a stronger working relationship between administrators of homes for the aged operating in the Assemblies of God fellowship. Through this closer association it is hoped that it will be possible to better serve the aged of the Assemblies of God churches. Twenty homes in nine states were represented at the meeting. These homes care for a total of 630 aged and infirm residents. The majority are operated as private enterprises by Assemblies of God ministers or laymen. Homes sponsored by districts and churches were also represented.

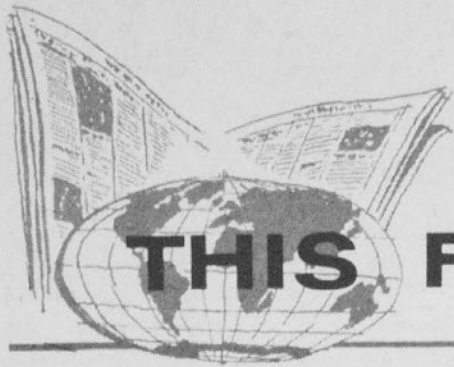
### MINIMUM STANDARDS

Suggested minimum standards for

Assemblies of God recognized homes were presented. The administrators were instructed to study these standards and prepare suggestions to be presented to a committee composed of C. B. Horton (who operates six nursing homes in Washington, Idaho and Iowa), Lloyd Young (who operates three nursing homes in Iowa), and Bird Campbell (operator of a nursing home in Missouri). The committee will meet with Brother Scott and C. W. Ringness, national secretary of the Department of Benevolences. Proposed minimum standards will be considered by all administrators at their next meeting. When adopted, these minimum standards will become a guide to all operators of homes for the aged who seek recognition by the Assemblies of God Department of Benevolences.

### PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT

Personnel recruitment was shown to be one of the most critical problems faced by operators of homes for the aged. There is an acute shortage of qualified registered and licensed practical nurses in this field. Persons interested in knowing more about the opportunities for ministry in homes for the aged should write to the Department of Benevolences, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Inquiries will be forwarded to the administrator of the nearest Assemblies of God-related home. ◀◀



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Delinquency

### TREND INDICATES ONE IN FIVE MAY BECOME DELINQUENT

"If present trends continue, it is likely that perhaps one boy in five will show a delinquency record by the time he reaches draft age," warned William C. Kvaraceus, professor of education at Boston University.

According to a national magazine there was a sharp 70% increase in juvenile court cases between 1947 and 1955—a rate four times greater than the child population growth during the same period.

### JUVENILE ARRESTS SET RECORD IN TEXAS

Arrests of juveniles in Texas, up 16 per cent from last year, are at an all-time high, Homer Garrison Jr., Director of Public Safety, reported recently at Austin.

"The rate of arrests of juveniles could be drastically reduced if parents would adopt and enforce a rule of knowing where their children are and what they are doing," he continued.

Urging parents and the public to support law enforcement, Mr. Garrison said, "In many cases, parents are deeply shocked and surprised when they learn that their children are engaged in criminal activities. They admit they do not know anything about their companions. Parental control is not a responsibility that can be shifted to law enforcement agencies or the community."

### SINGAPORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FIGHT DELINQUENCY WITH RELIGION

The Ministry of Education in the British colony of Singapore has issued a decree permitting nearly 100,000 children in public schools to receive instruction either in formal religion or in ethics, beginning January 1, 1959. Purpose of the decree, it was stated, is to help combat juvenile delinquency and resist Communism.

Instruction will be given by teachers chosen by their respective religious bodies and the classes will be on school

premises during school hours. Attendance will be optional. Preliminary surveys indicate that about 29,000 will take the ethics course; some 40,000 will study Buddhism, 14,000, Islamism; 6,000, Hinduism; 4,600, Protestantism; and 4,000, Catholicism.

## Scriptures

### BIBLE SOCIETY DISTRIBUTES 67 MILLION COPIES OF SCRIPTURES

In the past five years the American Bible Society has distributed approximately 67½ million copies of the Holy Scriptures, an average of 13½ million per year, it was disclosed at the annual meeting of the Society's Advisory Council. Gospels, Testaments, and complete Bibles were distributed in 270 languages in foreign lands as well as within the United States.

The Bible Society keeps about ten million volumes in stock to meet the growing demand for copies of the Word of God. It carries a stock of whole Bibles in 81 different languages, New Testaments in 103, and smaller por-

tions in 154 tongues. These are sold at less than cost, the deficit being met by contributions from members of various Protestant churches.

The Advisory Council adopted a record budget of \$5,151,000 for the Bible Society's work in 1959. This represents an increase of \$482,000 over the total spent last year.

### NO MAGIC IN THE BIBLE

When the cornerstone for the new First Presbyterian Church of New York was laid recently, leaders scorned the traditional practice of "burying the Bible."

The minister, John O. Mellin, pointed out, "We see no magical or good luck symbol in the Word of God as contained in the Scriptures, so we are not including a Bible [in the cornerstone] as is usually done in such cases."

The same could be said for the closed and neglected Bibles in many homes today. The power of the Bible lies only in reading and appropriating the Word by faith.

## Israel

### THE FIG TREE IS BUDDING!

Israel has been celebrating its tenth anniversary as a state. Its growth in many areas has been spectacular. Since the birth of the new state over 900,000 immigrants have entered the country, and the population has grown from 800,000 to more than 2,000,000. Twenty-seven thousand school teachers are required to teach her children. This represents a 450 per cent increase in the number of teachers in the ten-year period.

The number of acres under cultivation has doubled. Shipping has increased from ten to thirty-five ships, with a tonnage increase from 14,000 to 250,000. Exports amounted to \$29,000,000 ten years ago, but are now bringing in \$135,000,000 per year.

### RETURN OF THE EXILES

Itzhak Ben-Zvi, President of Israel, gives some interesting statistics in his

### CONFERENCE TO COMBAT COMMUNISM



Dr. George L. Ford, Executive Director for the National Association of Evangelicals, interviews Madame Chiang Kai-Shek during the ninth annual All-American Conference to Combat Communism at Indianapolis, Indiana. The first lady of Free China told the conference that the very nature of communism fosters the seeds of its destruction, but the free world must be alert to exploit the weaknesses.

She told a cheering crowd at a banquet given in her honor that "soon, very soon, the cries in China will reach their crescendo—then we of Free China will go to their succor."

book, *The Exiled and the Redeemed*. He states that ninety per cent of the Bulgarian Jews are now in Israel. Of the Turkish Jews, 43 per cent are "home"; of the Yemenite Jews, practically all are in Israel. From Iraq have come 125,000.

The Jews of Iran are moving in fast, he says, along with their brothers from Afghanistan, Egypt, and North Africa. There are still over a million Jews in Mediterranean lands who desire to return to Israel.

#### **ANCIENT CAESAREA TO BE RECONSTRUCTED**

Ancient Caesarea on the Palestine coast is slated for reconstruction. A new modern city will arise on the site of the historic seaport which was built by Herod the Great and named after the Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus, according to an announcement by Baron Edmond de Rothschild, founder of the Caesarea Development Corporation.

Around the ruins of the once-magnificent civil and military capital of Judea, he said, a new garden city with a light industry center and an international camping area will emerge. The medieval ruins, dating from the Crusades, will be restored as a tourist attraction.

#### **BIBLES EXPORTED FROM ISRAEL**

A cargo of Bibles weighing two tons was loaded recently aboard the S. S. *ETROG* at Haifa, bound for Rotterdam. "For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Isaiah 2:3).

#### **BIBLE VILLAGES DISCOVERED INTACT**

The *New York Times* reported recently that Dr. Nelson Glueck, noted Biblical archaeologist, has discovered several Judean Kingdom villages, two of which are virtually intact. Israel's Negev Desert has been uncovered to reveal these villages after 2,500 to 3,000 years.

## **Moslems**

#### **THE CROSS DESPISED**

Moslems hate the gospel so intensely in Saudi Arabia that Bibles are forbidden. The United States Air Force base was not permitted to have a cross on top of its chapel. The International Red Cross, for its work in the country, has been compelled to change its symbol from a cross to a red crescent.

There are ninety million souls in the Arab world, and Saudi Arabia is the stronghold of the anti-Christian opposition, according to *Prophecy Monthly*.

# EVANGEL DEADLINE

SOMEONE IN NEW ENGLAND is starting the new year with a clear conscience. The city of Worcester, Massachusetts, received a bundle of \$10 and \$20 bills amounting to \$520.00. Accompanying the bundle was an unsigned note saying the money was "for materials and work not done good." It was the largest "conscience payment" in Worcester's history.

REINCARNATION OF THE SLAIN CULT LEADER, KRISHNA VENTA, is predicted by his followers. The self-styled "Messiah" was killed December 10 in an explosion at the cult headquarters in a wooded canyon near Los Angeles. Evangelical Press News Service reports that the slain "Christ: (as he was called by about 100 followers) was really Francis Pencovic, once a boiler maker in Berkeley, who had a police record dating back to 1941.

THE METHODIST BOARD OF TEMPERANCE marked the 25th anniversary of repeal of the prohibition amendment by publishing a 20-page booklet entitled, "Here We Stand...." It compiles for the first time the official statements of 18 major Protestant denominations condemning alcoholism and urging that alcoholic beverage advertising be curbed.

HERE'S AN ANSWER for the next person who asks why there are so many churches. The Methodist Board of Temperance says there are now 437,933 places where beer or liquor is sold in the U.S., compared to only 306,893 places of worship including all religious faiths (even 49 Buddhist temples).

IF WE WERE SUCCESSFUL in adding 129,600 people to the Church every 24 hours, there still would be as many unchurched people in the world as ever. The latest estimate from the United Nations tells of a net gain of 129,600 in the world population during every 24-hour period.

CHURCH BINGO PARTIES MAY BE LEGAL now in Colorado but they are "off limits" to Episcopalians. Joseph S. Minnis, Episcopal bishop of Colorado, announced that the position of the Church on the gambling question remains unchanged despite the November elections. "You can't make it right by legalizing it," the bishop said. "It is a moral issue."

TWO PROTESTANT WOMEN MISSIONARIES returned to civilization after 53 days deep in the Ecuador jungle making friends with "stone-age" Auca Indians who slew five male missionaries three years ago. The women, Betty Elliot, 32, widow of one of the slain missionaries, and Rachel Saint, 40, sister of another, were escorted on their return by friendly Indians. After a short rest they will return, possibly taking other missionaries with them.

COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS IN EAST GERMANY have begun to omit all Christian symbols and references to religion in funeral advertisements and death notices.

PROTESTANT CONGREGATIONS IN FORMOSA have raised \$2,300 for relief work on Quemoy Island, where shells from Communist China continue to fall every other day causing great suffering and loss of life. Part of the money will be used to repair the Protestant church on the island.



Missionaries and workers at 1958 Potgietersrust Conference



John Richards arranging reception committees for the conference

# FORWARD WITH THE GOSPEL in Potgietersrust, South Africa

*By John Richards*

**O**UR ANNUAL COMBINED CAMP MEETING, workers' conference, and short-term Bible School held at the Zebediela Mission Station was a great blessing to the Africans and missionaries alike. There was a precious spirit of unity and love among us. The district report revealed that there are now 2,050 baptized members, thirty-nine Assemblies (not including preaching posts), twenty-four certified workers, and twenty non-certified helpers.

The report also revealed that the number of those baptized in the Holy Spirit has increased appreciably. Sunday Schools have also made forward strides. The number of well-built churches has increased. Our hearts are made to rejoice as we see the people

who once worshiped in mud huts and under the trees assembling in well-built churches.

Our annual short-term Bible School, which lasted four weeks, broke all records with 183 students attending. In 1935 when the short-term school was started it was intended for workers only; later it was enlarged to include all departments. Classes are held for the women, the young people, and the children as well as for the men students. The school is a yearly event eagerly anticipated by everyone.

We believe in a balanced missionary effort. Our policy is to advance on all fronts through:

1. Indigenous churches, led by the nationals themselves.

2. Tent and campaign ministry by both nationals and missionaries.

3. Village visitation and open-air work, together with tract distribution.

4. Sunday Schools and teacher training.

5. Youth work.

6. Bible teaching on the local level and short-term Bible schools.

7. Youth and Sunday School rallies, as well as church rallies.

Each of the foregoing ministries is important. Church visitation has been conducted largely by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mason. Mr. Mason also performs the weddings and attends to the official business as district secretary. Mother Richards-Scoble, with forty-six years experience on the field, is a



Convoy of trucks bringing delegates to Women's Rally.



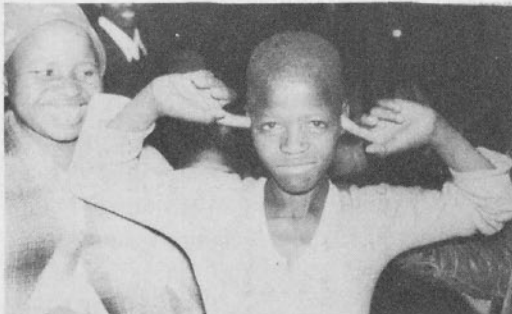
School in full session. Children sit in altar space.



Women from seventeen assemblies attending the Women's Rally.

great blessing among the women. Together with my co-workers we have held some stirring revivals with the large 50-foot by 110-foot homebuilt tent. These meetings are usually conducted at assembly level to build up the local work. Our national pastors and their helpers have proved to be a great blessing to the field with their good follow-up work.

With loving co-operation between the missionaries and nationals, the work of God moves triumphantly forward to the praise of our soon-coming King.



Deafmute receives healing through prayer.



Brother Richards prays for a blind woman who was instantly healed.



Helpers making brush shelter for camp kitchen for conference and short-term school.



Brother Richards and helper making tents.



New building in Foggia, Italy

## A Missionary to Africa Sends a REPORT ON ITALY

BY ELVIS DAVIS

**L**ISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY. I'm a missionary to *Africa*; I've no axe to grind, no personal profit to receive, yet I'm writing of revival in *Italy!*

God let me visit this ancient land to see and have a small part in fanning to a blaze the fires of God's blessing.

We speak of other lands being ripened harvest fields. This could be said of Italy, all Italy. Within the churches the atmosphere is like a tinder box, only waiting for the spark to set them on fire. I've seen whole congregations swept with the glory of God until the entire audience was aflame with the fire of Pentecost, praising,

praying, and being filled with the Spirit—meetings lasting for many hours at a time.

This is not an isolated instance. This is happening in Rome, Naples, Foggia, and other cities throughout Italy. Here is a strong, compact Pentecostal work led by consecrated, capable men. This revival is not the fruit of a few days of meetings. It is the result of years of sacrifice, hunger, and prayer for just such a move.

In one place the pastor had been preaching for some time and exhorting his people to exercise faith for the working of the Holy Spirit. His face was lighted with holy joy when God began to baptize his people.

Italy is not on the verge of revival but has already tasted the firstfruits of a heaven-sent awakening that could well sweep this land of past glory into the most glorious day of all its long history. The people are hungry for God. They are men of spiritual understanding who want God's will. They need two things. First of all they need prayer—much prayer. They also need finances to help in the great move of evangelism that is now possible. The country which once felt the tread of the Roman Legions now feels the power that was within Paul and can make God's people "more than conquerors" in the spiritual warfare today. ◀◀

### MISSIONARY News Notes



Word has been received that Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Landrus and daughter have arrived safely in Liberia, West Africa.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Flattery and their daughters are home on furlough from Senegal, West Africa. They are staying at Mission Village, Route 5, Box 720, Springfield, Missouri.



# Mother Was Peculiar

BY KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK

TO THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF LOUD, angry, and profane words, two chickens came flying over the fence that divided our yard from the neighbor's garden. The chickens were flying, but not under their own power; their necks had been thoroughly wrung.

We children had been playing hide-and-seek. Now we froze in wide-eyed horror and listened in wordless awe to the colorful language of our neighbor, Mr. Blank, as he viewed the damage Mother's prize White Rocks had wrought to a row of his tender young lettuce.

Recovering from our stunned silence, we wasted no time racing into the kitchen to inform Mother of this most shocking occurrence.

Four excited, angry children, talking all at once, described the situation most

dramatically and adequately and waited to see what Mother would do. Would she rush out and shout angrily across the fence to Mr. Blank, as Mrs. Picket, on the other side of his house, often did? Or would she cry, and call Papa, and let *him* deliver the retaliation that surely was due our hot-tempered neighbor?

Mother did neither. Sad-faced (for these were expensive, purebred stock) but calmly, she viewed the still flapping chickens. "Bring the ax," she instructed my brother. "And heat a big kettle of water," she told Big Sister.

Soon the delicious aroma of stewing chicken permeated the house. No loss without some small gain was the general feeling as our young appetites began to look forward to suppertime. Would it be chicken and dumplings or chicken pie, I wondered.

It was to be chicken pie, I soon discovered; two of them, in fact. I watched as Mother cut her own special leaf design into the top crusts, fitted them carefully over the casseroles of savory chicken, and set them into the oven to brown golden and flaky.

I watched as she put a lemon cake together with a creamy filling, and frosted the whole with fluffy white icing and coconut. M-m-m! Almost like a birthday or a Sunday school picnic, thought I, as I licked the bowl.

When the chicken pies were done, Mother told the older girls to set the table, as she had to run over to Mr. Blank's for a moment.

"To Mr. Blank's! What on earth for?" was the incredulous question we all cried out simultaneously.

"To take him one of the chicken pies, and a piece of cake, and to tell him I am sorry my chickens damaged his lettuce," replied Mother, matter-of-factly.

"But, Mother!" I cried, indignantly, "that mean old man! He called all of us and all of our chickens such terrible names! Why, he said—"

"Hush, Dear. Never mind what he said. Mr. Blank is a lonely, unhappy old man—and he is not a Christian. We should feel sorry for him and be very kind to him, for he is our neighbor and our responsibility. Our chickens did destroy some of his lettuce, and the least we can do is show him

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FOR THE JUNIOR READER

## A SCRIPTURE PUZZLE

Fill in the blanks in the following Bible verses. Each dash represents one letter of a word.

Notice that each dash has a number directly under it. After you have written the correct letters in the blanks, transfer each letter to the square in the puzzle which bears a corresponding number. For example, the letter

which goes in the first square is "A." The number under it is 25. Therefore, place the letter "A" in square 25 on the puzzle.

When you have solved the puzzle, you will find in it an important message from the Bible—with all words going across. You can check your answer by looking up the latter part of John 3:3.

### SCRIPTURES:

A. "Go to the  $\frac{\quad}{25} \frac{\quad}{10} \frac{\quad}{6}$ , thou sluggard" (Proverbs 6:6).

B. "Shall the  $\frac{\quad}{17} \frac{\quad}{2} \frac{\quad}{35} \frac{\quad}{11} \frac{\quad}{14} \frac{\quad}{7} \frac{\quad}{30} \frac{\quad}{29}$  it- self against  $\frac{\quad}{22} \frac{\quad}{37} \frac{\quad}{8}$  that heweth therewith?" (Isaiah 10:15).

C. "Be  $\frac{\quad}{27} \frac{\quad}{41} \frac{\quad}{33}$  deceived; God is not  $\frac{\quad}{42} \frac{\quad}{28} \frac{\quad}{24} \frac{\quad}{36} \frac{\quad}{23} \frac{\quad}{40}$ " (Galatians 6:7).

D. "That which is  $\frac{\quad}{13} \frac{\quad}{48} \frac{\quad}{15} \frac{\quad}{38} \frac{\quad}{46} \frac{\quad}{44}$  the flesh is flesh" (John 3:6).

E. "Ye must be born  $\frac{\quad}{19} \frac{\quad}{45} \frac{\quad}{9} \frac{\quad}{20} \frac{\quad}{16}$ " (John 3:7).

F. "My tongue is the  $\frac{\quad}{5} \frac{\quad}{32} \frac{\quad}{21}$  of a ready writer" (Psalm 45:1).

G. "Hast not thou made an  $\frac{\quad}{34} \frac{\quad}{4} \frac{\quad}{18} \frac{\quad}{31}$  about him?" (Job 1:10).

H. They  $\frac{\quad}{3} \frac{\quad}{26} \frac{\quad}{39} \frac{\quad}{1} \frac{\quad}{47}$  the glory of th  $\frac{\quad}{12}$  uncorruptible God into an image . . ." (Romans 1:23).

we are sorry, and try to repay the damage."

Anxiously I watched from behind the snowball bush. What would happen to Mother? A man capable of wringing chickens' necks in anger might do just about anything. I picked up a large stick. Just holding it gave me a sense of security. I knew the others were watching from the dining room window. Trembling, we waited.

But there was nothing timid in Mother's manner as she went swiftly, shoulders erect, to Mr. Blank's front door, bearing the napkin-covered tray. I can still see her white apron strings blowing, and feel the knot of fear in my throat as she knocked on the door and presented her peace offering to the terrible-tempered Mr. Blank.

Poor Mr. Blank. He whose vocabulary never lacked epithets with which to express his anger now had not a word at his command! Even an outraged child could feel a tinge of pity for him as he stood there in the doorway, embarrassed, ashamed, and wordless in the face of Mother's sincere and kindly overture.

Remembering Mother as she lived and as she died, I realize that she never stepped out of character; she was always and only herself in any circumstance or situation. Her belief in God and the unshakable quality of His Word was profoundly simple. If Jesus said, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully use you"—then He meant just that, and a follower of His must obey the injunction quite literally.

I have often laughingly said that Mother lived by the "Three G's." "Living the Christian life takes a certain amount of *gumption*," she often said, "and all the *grit* you can scrape up, and then, when God adds His wonderful *grace*, anybody can get along just fine."

One day at recess I overheard my teacher discussing Mother with another teacher. "She teaches Sunday School, does all kinds of church work, takes her religion so seriously. Writes, too; poetry, I think—you know the kind that rhymes and means something."

The other teacher shook her head. "She must be a very peculiar woman," she said.

Come to think of it, I guess Mother was a peculiar woman. I would like to be more like her!

—*Herald of Holiness*



# Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

## Monday, January 5

**Read:** Genesis 3

**Learn:** "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

**For the Parent:** This chapter describes the entry of sin into the lives of human beings. Point out: (1) sin is disobedience to God's commands; (2) the nature of the temptation Satan presented to Eve—the urge to doubt God's Word, vv. 1-5; (3) how Adam and Eve sinned, v. 6; (4) sin shattered their relationship with God, v. 8; (5) the punishment upon sin, vv. 14-24; (6) the promise of a Redeemer from sin, v. 15.

**Question Time:** What is sin? (See above) How did Satan tempt Eve? (vv. 1-5) What did sin do? (v. 8)

## Tuesday, January 6

**Read:** Genesis 5:18-24; Hebrews 11:5, 6; Jude 14, 15

**Learn:** "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death... for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God" (Hebrews 11:5).

**For the Parent:** From the passages read, review the story of Enoch, pointing out: (1) he walked with God; (2) he pleased God; (3) Enoch didn't die—God took him home to be with Him; (4) Enoch is generally accepted as a type of the believers in Christ who will not die—they will be "raptured" when Christ comes (see 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 and 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18).

**Question Time:** What testimony did Enoch have? What happened to him?

## Wednesday, January 7

**Read:** Psalm 1

**Learn:** "For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish" (Psalm 1:6).

**For the Parent:** This familiar psalm contrasts the godly and the ungodly. Show these contrasts, stressing both positive and negative aspects of each. Point out also the rewards of each, verses 3, 6. There are two ways open to all in life; it is up to each to choose which way he will go. Help the members of your family group make the right choice. This psalm lends itself well to a decision time.

**Question Time:** What are some of the contrasts between the godly and the ungodly? What are the rewards of each? (vv. 3, 6)

## Thursday, January 8

**Read:** Mark 1:1-8; 2 Corinthians 7:9-11

**Learn:** "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" (Mark 1:3).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "John the Baptist" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review the life of this great man of God, pointing out: (1) prophecies relating to his coming—Isaiah 40:3-5 and Malachi 3:1; (2) his mission—to prepare the way for the Messiah, vv. 2-8; (3) his message of repentance, v. 4. This latter point can be tied in with 2 Corinthians 7:9-11. Our mission, too, is to prepare the way of the Lord.

**Question Time:** What was John the Baptist's mission and message? (See above) How is our mission and message similar to his?

## Friday, January 9

**Read:** Psalm 146:5-10; 148 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created" (Revelation 4:11).

**For the Parent:** Juniors are beginning a study on, "What Is God Like?" This lesson deals with God the Creator. Review the story of creation in Genesis. Inspire an appreciation for God's wonderful works in nature and for the creation of man. Stress that God is all-powerful and is worthy of our worship and praise.

**Question Time:** Who created all things and why were they created? (Revelation 4:11) When were they created?

## Saturday, January 10

**Read:** Matthew 15:21-28 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

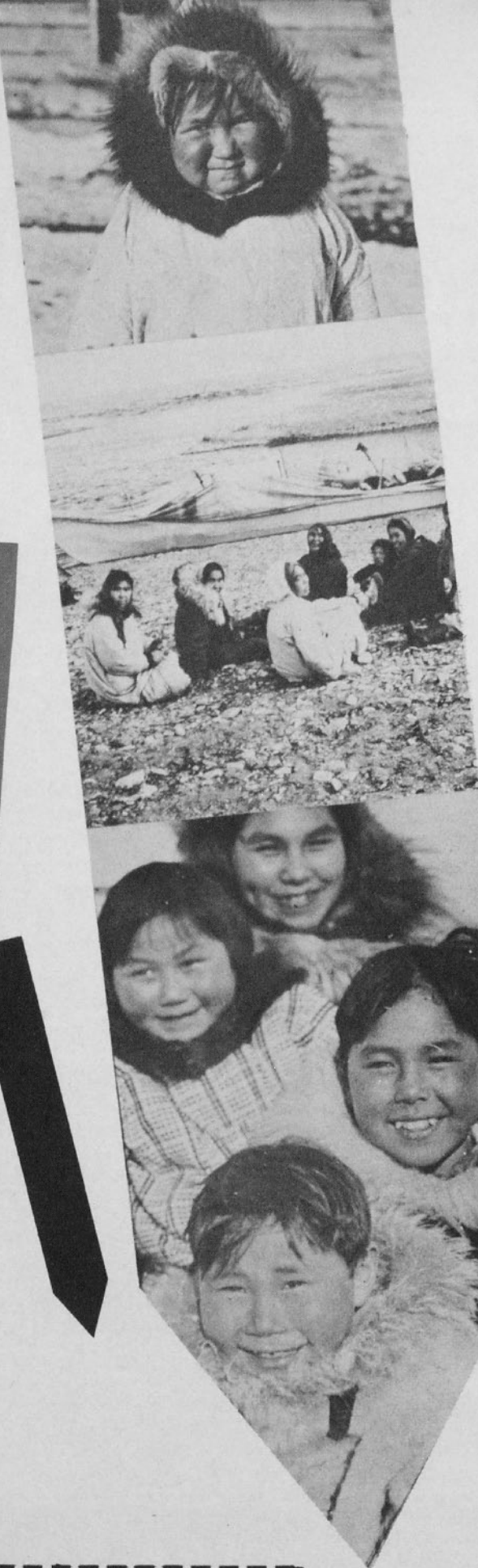
**Learn:** "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed" (Jeremiah 17:14).

**For the Parent:** The story of the healing of the daughter of a woman of Canaan should inspire our faith to believe God for the healing of our bodies. Point out the persistence and faith of this woman, how Jesus tested her faith, and the reward of her faith—her daughter was healed that very hour. Jesus is still the same today, and is able and ready to heal our bodies if we will only trust Him.

**Question Time:** What was Jesus' first reaction to the woman from Canaan? (v. 23) What did He say about her faith?

IN OUR NEWEST STATE AND  
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# Staking our claim



THE Springfield Missouri *News and Leader* carried an article (June 29, 1958) on Alaska from which we quote: "Alaska is, in many ways, exactly what Alaskans call it—the last frontier of potential U. S. development. But it is a frontier populated by a young, affable, friendly, and talented people—Americans all—who envision the greatest state of the Union growing from a land that too few of their countrymen know much about. . . . Alaska's governor predicts a population of more than a million in ten years. . . ."

The article further states that 200,000 former residents of every state in the Union have made homes in Alaska; and that added to this number are 35,000 Aleuts, Indians, and Eskimos, plus military personnel. The National Home Missions Department is still responsible for the Assemblies of God work in Alaska, although it is now a state.

The ALASKA EMERGENCY FUND has had such heavy demands upon it of late for church repairs (necessary before deep winter sets in), fuel, insurance, tires for planes, etc., that it is now far in the red. The children's homes often have unexpected expenses. The Assemblies of God has 82 home missionaries in Alaska who are counting on us to help them "stake a claim" for God while there is time. Use the coupon provided at the left for your offering to further the Kingdom in our newest state.

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# Giving the Gospel to the Jews

By GERTRUDE CLONCE

**M**UCH EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO reach the Jewish people through Shalom Center, the Assemblies of God Hebrew Mission in Chicago. I am so happy that about a year ago the Lord spoke to me in behalf of this needy field of His vineyard. The Lord has placed me in one of the largest Jewish settlements in the metropolis. There are about 100,000 Jewish people here, and the Pentecostal message is new to them.

There are many Orthodox and Reformed Synagogues, but very few Jewish people attend the synagogues today. This is OUR DAY to reach them for Jesus Christ. One could imagine he was in Jerusalem if he would go to a corner in my shopping center and hear them speak Yiddish. Only their prayers are said in Hebrew.



Mrs. Gertrude Clonce, a worker at the Shalom Center (photo at right), Hebrew Mission of the Assemblies of God in Chicago.

Today most of their children are learning Hebrew.

On this corner we do most of our tract distribution. Some who pass by will ask: "Who pays for these little Bibles you give out and who pays for the nice tracts?" Soon a conversation is started and many stop. Then we are able to explain that we are interested in them and want them to have the joy of knowing that they have an atonement today through Jesus, "Yeshua Ha Moshiach," who is their crucified Saviour as well as ours. We explain to them that we Gentiles would not have a Redeemer had not God chosen the Jewish people through whom to give us an atonement for our sins. Some who pass us are very resentful

and make bitter statements, but we are happy that prayer changes things. Because of our tract distribution, many are asking for Bibles and New Testaments. Each day with renewed joy we tell them to read and search the Scriptures.

Since Israel is celebrating her tenth anniversary many inquire, "When is the Messiah coming?" We are glad for the opportunity to tell them they must have their sins forgiven to be ready for His soon appearing. Some tell us how they have sent off their money to the land they love and are hoping to go there in the future.

I would like to take you to a home in my neighborhood, where the lady

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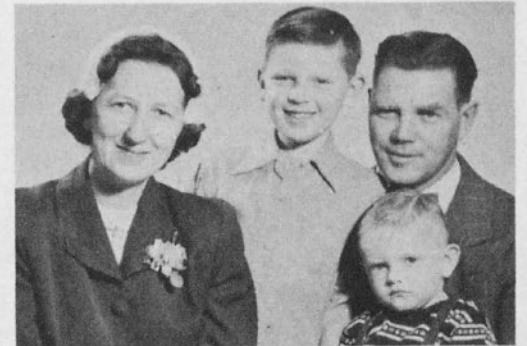


## BUILDING NEEDED IN TUBA CITY

One Sunday morning recently, eighty Navajo and Hopi Indian adults and children gathered in a house trailer (10 feet by 47 feet) for Sunday School and church services. The reason: the tent in which they had been meeting had been badly ripped. Besides, the snowy, cold weather was hardly con-

ducive to hold Sunday School and church services in a tent.

The Ted Johnsons are devoting themselves to building a work for God in Tuba City, Arizona. A church building has been started and some labor has been donated. However, if the church is to be completed soon, it will take



The T. L. Johnson family, missionaries to the Navajos and Hopis at Tuba City, Arizona. The snow-covered tent (photo at left) in background is the one in which the Johnsons had been holding services. Left to right: Mr. Johnson and son, Leland, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. R. L. Brandt and son Bryce, R. L. Brandt, National Home Missions Secretary, and J. K. Gressett, Arizona District Superintendent.

at least \$400 more than the amount now on hand. Should the Lord lay it upon your heart to assist in this urgent need, please send your offering right away to the National Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo., marked for the TUBA CITY BUILDING FUND.



## JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday School Lesson for January 11, 1959

MARK 1:1-8; 2 CORINTHIANS 7:9-11

Some men of achievement are overrated by an idealistic public while the real worth of other men seems never to be appreciated fully. John the Baptist falls in this latter class, yet Christ Himself paid him great tribute.

### JOHN'S MISSION (Mark 1:1-3)

"I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee." John's mission in relation to Jesus may best be understood by the following illustrations:

(1) *He was a voice, or herald.* In small towns in France where no newspapers were published, news was spread by a towncrier, or herald, who with the beating of a drum assembled the people and gave out the news. John's work was to assemble the Jewish nation and announce the coming of the Kingdom and the King. He thus described himself as "the voice of one crying in the wilderness" (John 1:23).

(2) *He was a spiritual roadmaker.* In days of old, before a king visited a town, workmen would be occupied days ahead of time in repairing and preparing the roads over which the king would travel. So John, by his preaching of repentance and denunciation of sin and formalism, awakened men's consciences and thus prepared the spiritual roads for the Messiah and His message.

### JOHN'S MODE OF LIVING

"And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey." John lived the life of a recluse; he did not mingle freely with the people. In his rough dress and appearance he would remind the Jews of the Old Testament prophets, particularly Elijah. Therefore when the people saw him they would conclude that he was an old-fashioned prophet and would give him their attention.

John's life of extreme unworldliness and self-denial speaks, too, of his intense consecration and devotion to God's call upon his life. While God may not require such extreme dress today, He certainly longs for those who will be as completely given up to His work as was John. Self-denial and inward separation from the world is essential to spiritual power and effective testimony.

### JOHN'S MESSAGE

"John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all of the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins."

The word "repent" means "to change one's mind," or "to think again." John had been preaching about the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven and of the Coming King, God's Messiah who was come to rule in men's

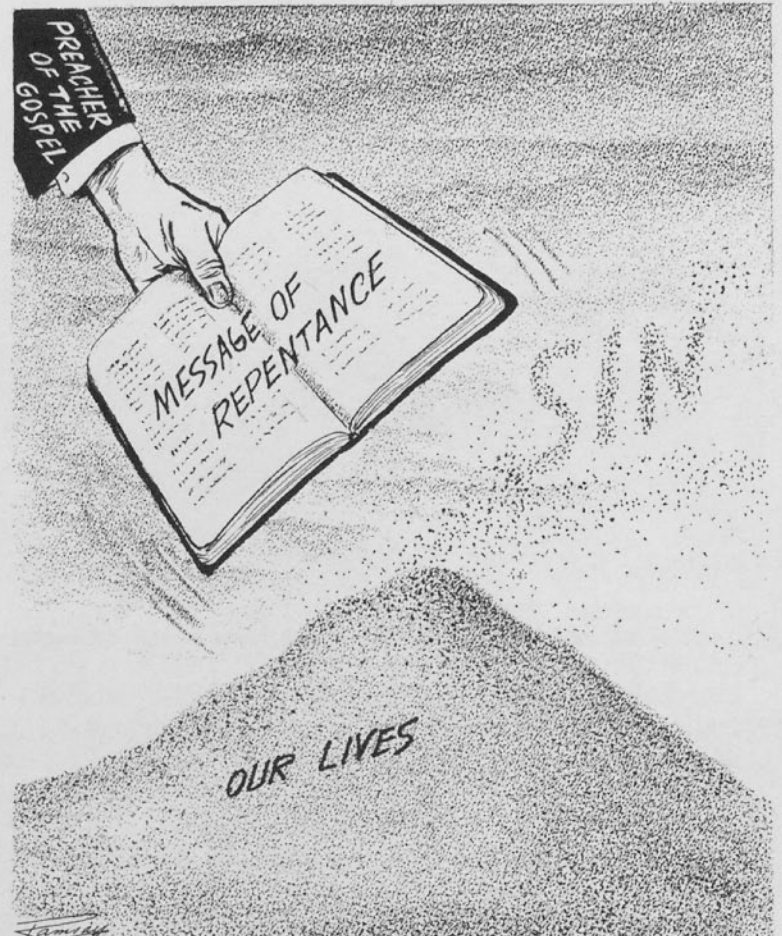
hearts according to God's holy will. In view of these facts, men were called upon to consider their ways, to revise their lives to conform to God's will. The word *repentance* includes in it consideration, conviction, and conversion, which means turning from rebellion against God to submission to God. The word is well illustrated in the steps of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:17-20).

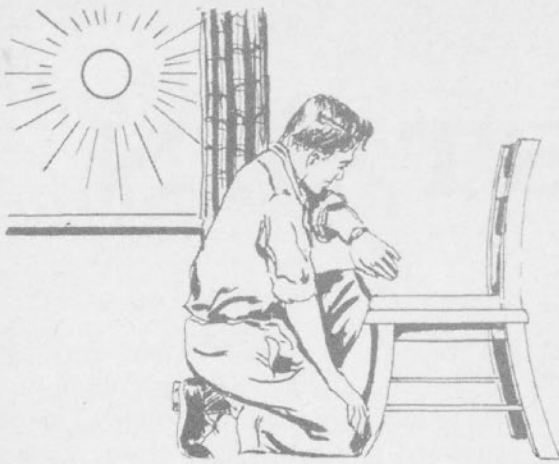
How this note of repentance needs to be sounded today when men are so often told they may *join* the Kingdom of God. The truth is that they can only *be born* into the Kingdom and that as a consequence of repentance! See John 3:3; Acts 3:19; Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 17:30.

### JOHN'S MESSAGE ILLUSTRATED (2 Cor. 7:9-11).

Some people have a shallow conception of the meaning of repentance. It does not merely mean shedding tears or sorrow. Sometimes people are only sorry because they have been caught and not at all really sorry for their sin! The verses before us are from a letter from the apostle Paul to the Corinthian church. Some time previously this church had sinned in permitting a member of the congregation to remain in fellowship who had committed serious moral sin. Paul had written a stern letter, telling them to deal with the offender and thus clear themselves of wrong. In this present letter he rejoices in that they had deeply repented and had proved their repentance by being very careful to carry out Paul's instructions. Therefore "I rejoice," says Paul, "not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance... for godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." It is just such godly sorrow as this which will bring sinners to God and revival to the church. —J. Bashford Bishop

### THE FAN IN HIS HAND





# CHAT or VISIT?

BY E. WAYNE STAHL



*J. Weidman*

**F**ROM MY SEAT IN CHURCH THAT evening I glanced toward a wall on which there hung a great sheet of cardboard. And there at its top, in letters inches high, I seemed to read "Prayer Chat." I was somewhat startled to read that word in connection with prayer.

But soon I realized that, in the hurriedness of my looking, I had misread the word. It actually was "Chart." The huge paper rectangle was so captioned because it specified various missionary projects for which intercession was requested.

But I wonder if our private praying is not sometimes in danger of being, in these days of rush and busyness, more like "chats" than real visits with the Lord. "Chats" are brief talks with others about matters that are not particularly important. A neighbor runs in for a minute or two to "pass the time of day." Or you meet someone downtown and stop to "chat" a minute or two.

There is a real peril in making our prayer time too brief and hurried. The brother whom I heard speak at church a few Sundays ago illustrates what I have in mind. He belonged to the Gideons, and he had come to explain the work that noble organization is doing in circulating the Scriptures.

The regular teacher of the Men's Bible Class was ill, and the visitor was asked to substitute. His teaching was a real blessing to the class. It was manifestly under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, simple but effectually reaching the heart.

When he spoke at the preaching service following Sunday School, he testified to the immense profit that he found in spending an hour every morning in secret prayer and study of the Bible. And I said to myself, "That explains the help he gave us as a teacher." He had been on his knees

a few hours earlier, and so he had power as he stood on his feet before those men.

Is there not a danger that talk with others may become mere "chatter" because we only "chat" with our Lord in the prayer closet?

That man's hour with his Father the first thing in the morning empowered his whole day. Jesus said to Peter, the sleeper, in Gethsemane, "Could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation."

If that apostle had prayed in the Garden, he would not have denied Christ and cursed in the judgment hall. A professing Christian who one day fell into sin confessed that he had not prayed in the morning.

The Morning Watch faithfully observed means that we are strengthened to be watchful against our enemy the devil. A fellow student in my college time realized the importance of waiting on the Lord. He told me that he

was trying to light a lamp; but by the time he applied the tip of the match to the lamp wick, the little flame had disappeared. Why? Because, he said, he did not give the little burning splinter of wood time enough to produce a strong flame. His "haste made waste" of a match. And the lamp remained unlit.

And he added, "It's like that in our praying in the secret place sometimes. We are in such a hurry that we do not get our souls kindled from heaven." I think of the Psalmist's testimony, "While I was musing, the fire burned."

Oh, how it pays to "take time to be holy"! The Pentecostal conflagration came to the one hundred and twenty in the Upper Room because they had tarried "until"; and the fire swept down (Luke 24:49). Are you an *Until-er*?

Part of this tryst with God can consist of prayerful Bible reading. For true prayer is not just a monologue, but mutual conversing. Said David, "I will hear what God the Lord will speak." He will speak powerfully to us through His Word. I have found that reading the Bible on my knees is a distinct aid in making it reach my heart.

An hour a day in this heavenly exercise does not mean that this time must be spent all at once. It can be divided into portions of thirty, fifteen, ten, or even five minutes. The Psalmist prayed "at evening, morning, and at noon." Daniel likewise had three daily periods for prayer.

Here was the secret of Oliver Cromwell's amazing triumphs. One day, as he and a friend were looking at statues of eminent men, he said to his companion, "When you make my statue, make it kneeling. For thus I come to glory." —*The Free Methodist*

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# THE MEANEST SIN

BY JAMES A. DEWEERD

WITHOUT QUESTION, THE SIN OF backbiting is the meanest sin of mankind. Of the ten commandments, it is interesting to note that two of them have to do with the tongue.

The tongue is a tireless muscle that can work with incredible rapidity. It has a great potential either for good or evil. We must always remember that although one end of it is loose, the other is attached to the individual, which makes us responsible for what it does. Its first purpose is to taste and savor food. Its second function, which is peculiar to man, is a means of communication. Of its proper use, think of the deathless words of Lincoln or Churchill, or the immortal language of the apostles Peter and Paul, or of the truth which our Lord taught in the Gospels. On the other hand, think of the tremendous evil when it is used to spread a lie, to propagate error, or to assassinate character. There is no way of measuring the untold suffering which has been caused by propaganda or by the spreading of words that ruin and depreciate.

With honesty and an open mind, let us familiarize ourselves with some of the scriptures referring to this subject. There is nothing better than God's Word to enlighten us and to enable us with sincerity to arrive at an understanding. That the nature and sin of backbiting is entirely out of harmony with the best moral standards, is pointed out by many figures of speech. One compares it to a lion of the jungle stalking the unsuspecting victim in his lair. Another uses the sword as a simile since, like the tongue, it grows sharper with use. The writer of Proverbs reminds us that it is as a seed sown, and tells us there are six things which the Lord hates, one of which is "sowing discord among the brethren."

For these reasons, we can see that from God's point of view backbiting is a much more serious sin than we are in the habit of considering it. The Psalmist asked, "Who shall abide in thy tabernacle?" and the answer given is,

"He that backbiteth *not* with his tongue." Again he asks, "Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" and gives as a final test, "He that hath clean hands and a pure heart." James reminds us that if any man seems to be religious and bridleth not his tongue, that man's religion is vain.

Let us review some of the far-reaching and deadly effects of the sin of gossip and talebearing. God alone knows the deep grief of those whose reputations have been whispered away by others.

Not only does the one criticized, suffer but also there is irreparable damage done to those who listen. Perhaps the greatest effect is on the life and the character of the backbiter himself. The Bible teaches us that "whoso diggeth a pit shall fall into it." The backbiter loses all sense of high honor and fine moral values. He develops a spirit of arrogance and of pride. In fact, the sin of gossip fundamentally springs from pride, as it is an attempt to tear others down in order to build oneself up.

Self-deception is another evil result



## Faith Drives Out Fear

*A traveler crossed a frozen stream  
In trembling fear one day;  
Later a teamster drove across  
And whistled all the way.  
Great faith and little faith alike  
Were granted safe convoy;  
But one had pangs of needless fear,  
The other all the joy.*

of the man who practices evil-speaking. It tends to a pharisaical attitude of one doing evil that good may come. This is contrary to the teaching of the Scripture, "He that is of a faithful spirit covereth the matter." "An ungodly man diggeth up evil, a froward man soweth strife." No one spreads scandal in the interest of holy living or for the protection of the work of God. The Christian way is to obey the injunction, "If a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness."

To arrive at the source of the trouble and the final remedy of sins of the tongue we must first recognize that it springs from the heart, for "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good. The character within decides one's conduct.

The only adequate remedy is to seek heart cleansing, for a new heart can result in a changed nature.

Because of the commonness of the sin, it is indeed difficult to avoid it. It is well to give the backbiter "the cold shoulder," for gossip dies of starvation on such a diet. One must keep his mind free from suspicion and prejudice and cultivate a deep hatred of the sin of evil speaking as well as for all other sins. It takes a great deal of daily discipline to keep from "mouthing off."

When you become the victim of another's tongue, it is well to remember that a lie will fall under its own weight and usually run itself out of existence. Many times those who speak evil of others are like the woman who criticized her neighbor's washing as it hung out on the line to dry. The woman to whom she was speaking ran her fingers over the pane of glass out of which they were looking and showed where the dirt really was. If a doctor can tell something of one's health by looking at the tongue, the philosopher measure the mind by one's speech, so others can judge our spirituality by our words.

—Christian Witness

# Healed of Concussion

On September 30, 1958, I was injured while helping my husband on the farm. He was showing me how to pull a self-propelled combine with the tractor when the combine rolled backward and I was struck in the back of my head. My forehead was mashed against the steering wheel of the tractor.

The doctor who examined me said I was suffering from shock and possibly a concussion. I was in severe pain. We called our pastors, Brother and Sister Leon Martin, and my parents to pray for me. The Lord wonderfully healed me and I never had another pain like that.

In order to satisfy some, I had an X ray made on Monday of the following week. It revealed that I had had a concussion and possibly an eye injury. The concussion had caused fluid on the brain. But we never doubted that the Lord had healed me. On Thursday I had my eyes tested. Both eyes showed 20/20 vision.

The doctors also tested for brain injury and found none. The fluid was gone, too. Both doctors said it was a miracle that I was spared.

I never had any pain after the first time I was prayed for, but my head was still sore. My brother-in-law prayed for me and the soreness left. Oh, I love the Lord for all He has done for me. Our Saviour is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He will heal for all who will believe.—Mrs. Imogene Ransford, Box 441, Crescent, Oklahoma.

(Endorsed by Pastor and Mrs. Leon L. Martin, Assembly of God, Crescent, Oklahoma.)

## The Morning Watch

(Continued from page seven)

Third, *drowsiness*. I used to become sleepy when I wanted to pray. That was because I knelt down, closed my eyes, and put my head on my arms. Years ago I formed the habit of walking when praying. I have walked hundreds of miles in my study. By walk-

ing up and down the room I never become drowsy. I am able to keep wide awake.

I discovered that when I knelt down and prayed silently, ten minutes seemed a long time, but when I prayed out loud and walked the time went by quickly.

By following these methods I have been able to spend many hours in prayer, and have found the Morning Watch my strength and my stay. The problems are solved before I meet them. God hears and answers. Instead of letting my circumstances get on top of me and sending me to a sanitarium with a nervous breakdown, I am able to keep on top of my circumstances. I know of no greater thrill than communion with God in the Morning Watch.

## Giving the Gospel to the Jews

(Continued from page seventeen)

answered one of our return cards and requested a Bible. It was sent to her by mail but could not be delivered since she was at work. On calling, I assured her we would see to it that it got into her hands. When I handed her a copy of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, she looked at me so pitifully and said, "All that I know is, when I die I'm going to hell." I explained to her that if she would accept Jesus (Yeshua) she would be able to go to heaven. She wiped the tears from her eyes and thanked me for coming. I promised I would return soon.

We do a great deal of personal work and mail out much literature. We gather twice a week at Shalom Center seeking the Lord for the "lost sheep of Israel" and are believing God for souls. When we answered one of our response cards the other day, we were able to make about thirty calls in that apartment court. One bell we rang was answered by an elderly rabbi. At first he accused me of being a missionary who was trying to convert them, but soon God let us have an entrance. I read to him Isaiah 53:5, 6 and talked to him of the need of an atonement for his sins. He was unable to gainsay the Scriptures. After that he treated me very cordially and also accepted our literature.

The rabbis have substituted the Talmud for the Word of God. The Jews, therefore, do not live according to the Bible but rather according to the rabbinical laws and traditions of the Talmud. But God is dealing with the Jewish people in a special way. A few are seeking God. However, a large number of them have gotten into Christian Science, Catholicism, Seventh-day Adventism, etc. We are happy that some of these can still be reached.

A Jewish lawyer who has been seeking the Lord for thirty years told me how many different faiths he had believed before we contacted him. Recently he seemed satisfied as we gave him the gospel and left him a copy of *The Pentecostal Evangel*.

As it was two thousand years ago, so it is today, and it will be tomorrow: "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. But there shall not an hair of your head perish." The rabbis rage; the poison of Jew-hate pollutes the counsel of this world's leaders. Israel seeks to build her national home without the Lord's help—"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." The Lord has assured us that there will be a faithful remnant. We desire to do our best to help win that "remnant" for the Bride of Christ. We appreciate the prayers and offerings of our supporters for our work here in Chicago and trust you will stand with us in the winning of these precious Jewish souls for His Kingdom and glory.

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# My Substitute

BY JAMES SIMPSON

*Inventor of Chloroform*

WHEN I WAS A BOY AT SCHOOL I saw a sight I can never forget—a man tied to a cart and dragged through the streets of our town, his back already torn and bleeding from the lash. It was a shameful punishment.

For many offenses? No; for one offense. Did any of the townsmen offer to take some of the lashes for him? No; he who committed the offense bore the penalty all alone. It was the penalty of a changing law, for it was the last instance of its infliction.

When I was a student at the university I saw another sight I can never forget—a man brought to die. His arms were tied to his sides, his face as pale as death. Thousands of eyes were upon him as he came into view.

Did any man ask to die in his stead? Did any friend come and loose the rope and say, "Put it around my neck; I will die instead"? No; he paid the penalty himself. He broke the law at one point and he died for it. It was the penalty of a changing human law in this case also, for it was the last instance of capital punishment being inflicted for that particular offense.

I saw still another sight I shall never forget—myself a sinner, standing on the brink of ruin, condemned to eternal punishment in the lake of fire. For one sin? No; for many, many sins committed against the unchanging laws of God.

I looked again and beheld Jesus Christ as my Substitute. He bore in His own body on Calvary all punishment for my sin. He died on the cross that I might live in glory. He suffered—the Just for the unjust—that He might bring me to God. He

redeemed me from the curse of the law. I sinned and was condemned to eternal punishment. He bore the punishment and I am free.

The law of God required a perfect righteousness such as I never had. Again I looked to Him and found that "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." The law required spotless purity and I was defiled with sin.

Again I looked to Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. I was a child of Satan, a child of wrath, "but as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." And I found in Him not only my Substitute, but the full supply of every need of my life.

I commend this wonderful Saviour to you, "for there is none other name under heaven whereby we can be saved."

## Baptized to Evangelize

By Evangelist Paul Hild

RECENTLY IN A REVIVAL IN CORNELL Wisconsin, we were greatly impressed by the consecration of a man in the assembly who took time to work for the revival. So often little is done because the laymen are too busy in their everyday jobs to help get people out to the meetings. But Perry Shackleton felt he must do his part for the sake of souls, so he put some of his work off and went from door to door inviting neighbors to the crusade. He would pray with them as God led, and the Lord blessed his efforts. He has seen some wonderful conversions in his personal work.

His daughter Dora, mother of a fine family, also put normal pursuits aside and, taking along her smaller children who weren't in school, went calling day after day, and it brought results for the Master! They were literally fulfilling the Lord's words, "I must be about my Father's business."

The reason for such love for the Lord's work and desire to go out into the highways and reach the lost is

given in Brother Shackleton's testimony:

"Looking back on the twenty years of wasted life before I received my Baptism in the Holy Spirit, I realize I did little or nothing for the Lord. But when He baptized me ten years ago, He filled me with boldness and wisdom to deal with the unsaved and to pray for the sick. Since that time Christ has helped me to win many souls.

"Brother and sister, the time is short; let Him fill you with power to witness in your church and community. The evangelist and the pastor cannot win souls until you bring them in, but if your prospect is ready for prayer don't leave until you have prayed with him."

These words are true to Christ's promise, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me . . ." (Acts 1:8). Friend, we don't receive the precious Baptism to abuse it, or lose it, but to use it and to be used for reaching others for His glory.

One young man said recently that he was saved and filled and yet unhappy. Then God spoke to him, urging him to get busy and *work* for the Kingdom of God, and he has been so happy since he obeyed. Why so many unhappy Christians around? They have received God's *best* and aren't sharing it.

"The harvest truly is great," Jesus said, "but the labourers are few." Let us pray God that He will loose our hands, then let us grab the soul-winning sickle and be off to daily and year-round harvest. Don't forget, Jesus came *to seek and to save that which was lost*. Can we do less than SEEK?



Evangelist Paul Hild and Pastor L. Kringle commend Mrs. Dora Black and her father, Perry Shackleton, for their outstanding efforts in personal evangelism.

# THIS WE BELIEVE

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and we stand approved before Him, without spot or wrinkle or any other blemish (Ephesians 5:27). Such a standard is utterly beyond the comprehension of carnal man.

6. THE CREATOR OF MAN IS THE AUTHOR OF THE BOOK. The Bible reveals man to himself and penetrates to the very center of his being, as no other writing can do. As Weymouth renders Hebrews 4:12: "For God's message is full of life and power, and is keener than the sharpest two-edged sword. It pierces even to the severance of soul from spirit, and penetrates between the joints and the marrow, and it can discern the secret thoughts and purposes of the heart."

7. THE BIBLE REVEALS THE ONLY WAY OF SALVATION. God alone can show man the way to forgiveness and cleansing from sin, and deliverance from evil habits and the powers of darkness. In the gospel the way of life is made so plain that the feeblest intellect can understand how to approach God, and the wisest of earth cannot fathom the depth of God's wisdom as seen in the divine plan of salvation (Romans 11:33-36).

8. THE WORLD RECOGNIZES THE BOOK AS DIVINE. All thinking men

put the Bible in a class by itself, and recognize its supernatural character. It is *the Book*, as its very name from the Greek signifies. It has been translated into more languages than any other writing, and is by far the most widely circulated book in the world, and the best seller. Whole libraries have been written to interpret its sacred pages, and the earth's greatest sages bow in reverence before it.

9. BY ITS FRUITS WE KNOW THE BOOK IS DIVINE. Wherever the Bible has been read, preached and obeyed it has transformed individuals and whole nations. Its fruits are always good and wholesome. The neglect of the Word of God means sin, suffering and sorrow.

10. THE BIBLE WILL OUTLAST THE UNIVERSE. It has withstood all the onslaughts of its enemies and, what is worse, the misinterpretations of its friends. The guns of infidelity have been trained upon it, but not a turret of this mighty castle of truth has fallen.

"For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven" (Psalm 119:89).

"For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Matthew 5:18).

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Numberless books have been written concerning the Bible as a whole, and concerning the separate books of the Bible, to explain the origin, authenticity, integrity, inspiration, transmission and translation of each book. The following books will be found very interesting: Horne's *Introduction* (two large volumes containing a great mass of material); *The Book of Books*, William Evans; *The Word and Works of God*, Gilbert S. Bailey; three by Marcus Dodd: *Introduction to the Old Testament*, *Introduction to the New Testament*, *The Bible—Its Origin and Nature*; *All About the Bible*, Sidney Collett; *How We Got Our Bible*, J. Patterson Smyth; *Evidences of the Authenticity, Inspirational and Canonical Authority of the Holy Scriptures*, Archibald Alexander; *Visions and Voices*, or *Who Wrote the Bible?* Charles A. Blanchard; *In the Volume of the Book*, George F. Pentecost; *Annals of the English Bible*, Christopher Anderson (giving an exhaustive history of the English Bible); *The Bible and Its Christ*, R. A. Torrey (a most convincing argument); *Origin and History of the Bible*, C. E. Stowe (the husband of Harriet Beecher Stowe, who wrote *Uncle Tom's Cabin*), a large valuable work.

The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. Hence this statement of Fundamental Truths is intended as a basis of fellowship among us (i.e., that we all speak the same thing. 1 Corinthians 1:10; Acts 2:42). The human phraseology in such statement is not inspired nor contended for, but the truth set forth is held to be essential to a full Gospel ministry. No claim is made that it contains all truth in the Bible, only that it covers our present needs as to these fundamental matters.

Preamble to Official Statement of Fundamental Truths



## Fractured Skull and Spine Miraculously Healed

S. M. (Mack) Blankenship, formerly a logging truck driver, suffered for five years from injuries sustained when a log fell on him from the top of a loaded truck. His skull was fractured and he received a compression fracture of the spine.

For five months he was in a body cast. Then followed four and a half discouraging years without a steady job because of severe spinal pain and partial paralysis.

But the last five years have been different. He moved to Lewiston, Idaho, and began attending First Assembly there where Norman Gardner was pastor.

"I went to Brother Gardner for prayer," he recalls, "and God did a marvelous miracle of healing in my body. I soon gained forty pounds and was able to go back to work regularly. I haven't lost any time from work at all because of ill health. Surely God has made me every whit whole."

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(Norman Gardner, Seattle, Wash., who was Brother Blankenship's pastor, is now an evangelist. He endorses this testimony and adds, "Brother Blankenship has for several years been employed as a bulldozer operator—significant witness to the thorough work of healing God has done in his body.")



# YOU CAN GET REVIVALTIME IN YOUR COMMUNITY

**R**EVIVALTIME'S MESSAGE IS NOW blanketing a great portion of America and many parts of the world. Going out over the ABC network and from a large number of independent stations, the broadcast reaches many millions of listeners every week.

Pastors from all over the nation have reported its penetration into their communities. In their visitation programs they have discovered that many new people contacted have been listeners to the REVIVALTIME broadcast. Hospital patients, shut-ins, prisoners, professional people, college and high-school students, businessmen, as well as laborers have written to tell of the inspiration and blessing that REVIVALTIME has been to them. Many of them have given their hearts to the Lord, and others have been healed, while still others have been encouraged to have greater faith in God.

In one state alone, during a two-month period, people from approximately 130 cities and towns without an Assemblies of God church wrote to REVIVALTIME. This ministry by radio is spreading the full-gospel message and is preparing the hearts of men and women everywhere for a great Pentecostal revival.

Many have been unaware that they can get REVIVALTIME into areas where it is not now heard. Not only is REVIVALTIME on the ABC network, but the broadcast is being aired on more than 180 independent stations. *You can have the broadcast in your community.*

If REVIVALTIME is not heard clearly in your area, you are missing a great opportunity to spread this glorious message to many thousands of people. This can add tremendously to the influence of your church in your community. As the people listen to the broadcast

God can make them hungry for a full-gospel church.

Let us help you get REVIVALTIME aired in your city, if it cannot be heard there now. Follow these simple suggestions:

1. Make contact with the local radio station or stations to find out what times could be made available and the cost of obtaining the best possible time. (An audition tape of the broadcast is available from the Radio Department upon request.)

2. Air-time cost must be paid in one of two ways. (1) An individual or individuals, a local church or churches may pay the station direct. The Radio Department will furnish broadcast tapes free of charge.

Or (2) they can pledge the amount and send it direct to the Radio Department and the air-time cost will be paid by the department.

3. After making arrangements for the finances to pay for air time, your next step (if you choose to pay directly to the station) is to sign a contract with the station. If pledges raised to pay for the air time are to be sent to the department, inform the department as to when the broadcast is to start. Time and cost must already be cleared with the station.

4. Immediately contact the Radio Department, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, giving information such as: *a.* When tapes are to start going to the station. *b.* Information about the station. *c.* Time of release. *d.* Individuals or churches sponsoring the broadcast.

5. At the end of each month, a report of the amount paid to the station must be sent to the Radio Department in order for the church to receive denominational credit. If a group of churches is sponsoring the broadcast, the amount each contributes must be

## RADIO NEWS FLASH!

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

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- TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA (WBOW)  
1230 kc.—250 watts  
Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
- CULPEPER, VIRGINIA (WCVA)  
1490 kc.—250 watts  
Sundays, 3:00 p.m.
- CRAIG, COLORADO (KRAI)  
550 kc.—1,000 watts  
Sundays, 1:30 p.m.

shown so that each church can be credited accordingly.

6. Upon receiving these reports, the national office will see that receipts are prepared and sent to the individual or churches.

We are anxious to help you reach your community for Christ. Many will listen to a radio program who will not attend your church. **LET REVIVALTIME WORK FOR YOU!** Introduce the full-gospel message to your community through REVIVALTIME.

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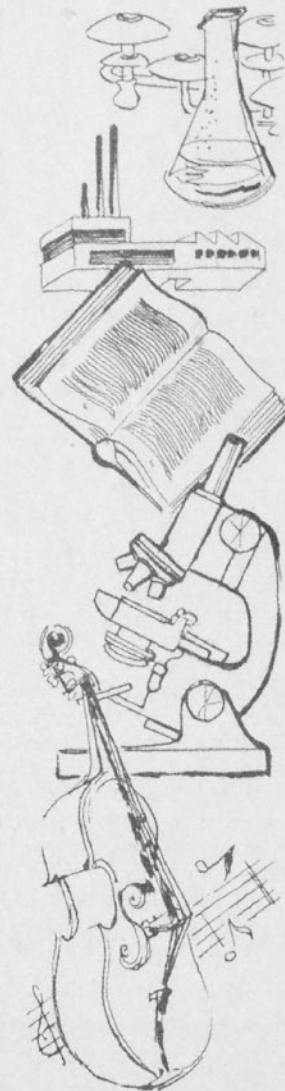


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# Spotlight on Evangelism

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, 434 WEST PACIFIC ST., SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

► **BLENHEIM, ONT., CANADA**—The people of Glad Tidings Tabernacle here greatly enjoyed a week and a half of revival crusade with Evangelist and Mrs. Richard Owens of Wilmington, Del. The presence of the Lord was felt in every service. The healing power of the Lord was manifested as well.

—*W. T. R. Chapman, Pastor*

► **FLORENCE, COLORADO** — Evangelist and Mrs. Don George of Abilene, Texas, just closed a most successful old-time revival here. It was the best revival the assembly has had in years. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Many were healed and blessed also. There were many first-timers and new folk in almost every service. The church was greatly encouraged. The preaching and music was a great blessing to all.

—*R. H. Bishop, Pastor*

► **BETTENDORF, IOWA** — The Gospel Tabernacle here has just closed a very wonderful revival with Evangelist Andrew Teuber of Springfield, Mo. The straightforward preaching of the Bible brought real results both in salvation and in the healing of the sick. Several very definite healings took place as the people waited on God after the faith-building scriptural messages. Members of the church declare it to have been one of the best meetings in the history of the church. To God be all the glory.

—*M. Ralph Hutchinson, Pastor*

► **GUNNISON, COLO.**—The church here recently enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Wallace Hickey of Englewood, Colo. There was a sweet presence of the Lord manifest as 16 knelt at the altar for salvation and seven were filled with the Holy Spirit. Several were also healed. God healed many with eye afflictions, and one man was healed of tumor-

ous looking moles on his body. The growths are almost completely gone, now. An interesting feature of the meetings was the soul-winning course taught and demonstrated by Sister Hickey. She taught the people how to use the Bible in dealing with sinners and has thus given them effective tools with which to work for the Master.

—*Walter Wolff, Pastor*

► **MUSCATINE, IOWA**—During November, Evangelist and Mrs. Paul R. Wood conducted a revival at Glad Tidings church here. The ministry in sermon and song was richly anointed and met a definite need in the church. On the closing Saturday night the Magnifier Quartet from Central Bible Institute joined the evangelists in a great youth rally. The revival fires still burn.

—*A. A. Buntentbach, Pastor*

► **FENNVILLE, MICH.**—The church here is rejoicing in the wonderful outpouring of God's power and blessing during a recent revival with Evangelist Glenna Byard of Lodi, Mo. Some 41 souls prayed through to real salvation and 26 were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—*Virgil L. Barker, Pastor*

► **CHEYENNE, WYO.**—The Full Gospel Assembly enjoyed three weeks of glorious revival in September with Evangelists Park and Mary Reed of Canton, Okla. Several souls were saved, some filled, and many refilled with the Holy Spirit. Lives were transformed by the power of God as Brother Reed preached under a great anointing. He uses a large prophetic chart which makes the Word so easy to understand. Sister Reed also did some fine preaching and her singing was enjoyed by all. On the last day of the revival 12 were baptized in water and nine adults were added to the church.

—*George D. Alber, Pastor*

► **HIGHLANDS, TEX.**—Evangelist Martin Luther Davidson recently concluded a successful revival campaign in the First Assembly of God. His anointed, stirring, and informative messages proved to be a real blessing. The revival spirit continues.

—*James W. Morris, Pastor*

► **PRATT, KANS.**—Evangelist Bob McCutchen of Austin, Tex., recently concluded special meetings which were some of the very best held here. People were saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, and healed by the power of God. The congregation is still rejoicing over the results of these meetings.

—*David L. Richards, Pastor*

► **DERBY, KANS.**—Very recently the evangelistic party known as the "King's Family," of Wichita, Kans., conducted two weeks of meetings here. The party is made up of Evangelist Bill Gebrosky and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brown. The church here is new and for two years it was impossible to hold lengthy revival campaigns because the congregation met in a large hall that was used for other activities on certain nights of the week. Now the church has completed a 30 by 55 feet structure and this was the first revival meeting to be held in it. There were many miracles of salvation and healing, and a number received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Attendance records were shattered and the church was greatly revived.

—*Stanley L. Munyon, Pastor*

► **GARDEN CITY, MICH.**—Evangelist B. R. Minton of Tallahassee, Fla., recently conducted a series of meetings in the Bethel Missionary Assembly. The Spirit of God anointed the preaching on Bible Prophecy and the messages were an inspiration to all. The attendance was the best in a long time. Souls were saved, and there was a renewed consciousness among the people of the soon coming of the Lord. Brother Minton used a large chart to illustrate his sermons.

—*Jacob J. Traub, Pastor*

► **ALLENTOWN, PA.**—First Assembly of God recently experienced one of its greatest revivals under the ministry of the Musical Vanns of Toledo, Ohio. Well over 40 souls came forward to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Over 150 people attended the church for the first time. A number received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Sunday crowd was the largest of any since Easter, 1957. There were many spiritual victories achieved as a result of the meetings. The ministry of the Vander Ploegs was enjoyed by all.

—*David A. Berquist, Pastor*



A weeknight crowd at evangelistic meeting in Allentown, Pa. conducted by the Musical Vanns

► **FLINT, MICH.**—On October 28, Evangelist B. R. Minton of Tallahassee, Fla., brought to a climax one of the finest evangelistic campaigns the Bethel Assembly of God has ever had. Souls were saved, and there was an awakened interest in the prophetic Word. Brother Minton is a fine Bible teacher as well as an able evangelist. His large, colored Bible chart was a real attraction in the meeting.

—Edwin Eliason, Jr., Pastor



Pastor James L. Tate (left), Evangelist Paul J. Graban, and Sunday School Superintendent Frank N. Willetts point to Sunday School attendance which surpassed the population of Midlothian, Md.

► **MIDLOTHIAN, MD.**—A most unusual and highly profitable salvation-healing revival has been enjoyed by the Trinity Assembly with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul J. Graban of Vineland, N. J. The three-week meeting was marked with many victories for God—Spiritual, physical, numerical, and financial! Scores of folk were healed of various ailments from headaches to extreme deafness, severely ulcerated legs, etc. More than 20 people were saved and others were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many of the Christians laid hold of new faith for their lives. In this small, out-of-the-way community with a population of less than 400 people, all previous Sunday School records were broken. The attendance actually surpassed the population of the community with 409 in Sunday School. Over 150 "first-timers" attended the meetings.

—James L. Tate, Pastor

► **ARROYO GRANDE, CALIF.**—The Assembly here just closed a very successful revival with Evangelist John McPherson, a Cherokee Indian also known as "Chief Yunsane." The evangelist conducted a "Gospel Pow Wow" at 7:00 each evening for the children and followed it by a regular evangelistic rally. There were 225 boys and girls at these services. Extra chairs were set up to take care of the crowds, for the adults enjoyed the "pow wows" as well as the children. A number of souls were saved, both adults and children. The revival has been a real blessing to the church.

—Dorman N. Buttram, Pastor

► **ADRIAN, MICH.**—Bethany Assembly enjoyed a wonderful two-week revival campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. Donald Cantelon of Canada. Twenty-five adults as well as many young people and children found Christ as their Saviour. Several men for whom the church had been praying for a long time were gloriously saved. Two men received the Baptism of the

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR	
Ala.	Montgomery	Central	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	Vaudie Lambert	
Ariz.	Casa Grande	A of G	Jan. 13—	Leroy Cloud	Elmer Geesey	
Calif.	Barstow	A of G	Jan. 13-Feb. 1	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Ronnie Wiseman	
	Brawley	A of G	Jan. 6-18	The A. Segesmans	Joseph Marr	
	Delhi	A of G	Jan. 1—	Chas. Chambers Party	N. A. Chambers	
	Fresno	A of G	Jan. 11—	Merel Thornton & wife	Mack Lancaster	
	Gridley	A of G	Jan. 4—	G. Lucky	Hazen Chester	
	Lindsay	A of G	Jan. 4—	J. G. Hall	H. R. Grams	
	Needles	A of G	Jan. 4-19	Park Reed	Lottie Newman	
	Westmoreland	Gateway	Jan. 14-25	Norman Jones	E. L. Boone	
	Fla.	Ft. Walton Beach	Wright	Jan. 4-18	Musical Petersens	Houston Miles
	Ill.	Galesburg	Calvary	Jan. 6—	Walter D. Lascelle	Harry Walterman
Quincy		* Faith	Jan. 1-18	Paul Wood & wife	J. M. Graham	
	Rock Falls	A of G	Jan. 11-16	Bob Olson	Harry Lutz	
Ind.	Indianapolis	Central	Dec. 28—	Bob Hoskins	T. L. Vibbert	
Kans.	Topeka	First	Jan. 1-11	Christian Hild	Paul Lowenberg	
La.	Baton Rouge	First	Jan. 4—	Moses Copeland	R. L. Logan	
Md.	Baltimore	Essex	Jan. 13-25	H. B. Kelchner	Steve Bogdan	
	Westernport	A of G	Dec. 29—	Roy W. Frazier	E. W. Welford	
Mich.	Mt. Clemens	A of G	Jan. 4—	James Weaver	D. O. Norcross	
Mo.	Hannibal	First	Jan. 4-18	Garfield J. Unruh	Glenn Clure	
	N. Kansas City	** First	Jan. 4-9	Gene Gollither	R. A. McClure	
N. Y.	Corning	A of G	Jan. 1—	Leroy K. Dodge	Norman Love	
N. J.	Irvington	A of G	Dec. 30-Jan. 11	Wm. F. McPherson	Reg Yake	
Minn.	Rochester	A of G	Jan. 4-18	Paul Hild	O. E. Carter	
N. Dak.	Cando	A of G	Dec. 30-Jan. 11	Paul Sandgren & wife	Marlin Kallevig	
	Defiance	A of G	Jan. 4—	Smith-Rasmussen Team	A. W. Lawrence	
Ohio	Tipp City	Bethel Tab.	Jan. 4-18	Harold May	E. P. Cooper	
	Enid	A of G	Jan. 4-25	O. E. & Hallie Gaddis	Earl Kelly	
Okla.	Okla. City	Evangel Tab.	Jan. 6-18	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	Floyd L. Poag	
	Roseburg	A of G	Jan. 4—	H. C. MacDonald & wife	C. O. Ross	
Oreg.	Springfield	First	Dec. 30—	Johnny Hoskins	Lester Carlsen	
Pa.	Trafford	Gospel Tab.	Jan. 6—	J. B. Woolums	William Schell	
	York	First	Dec. 28—	Ralph A. Creider	E. O. Leeper	
Tex.	Cleburne	Bethel Temple	Dec. 30-Jan. 11	Bob McCutchen	T. A. Braziel	
	Dallas	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 18	Warren Litzman	E. E. Krogstad	
	Greenville	A of G	Dec. 28—	Gene Allen	J. D. Ross	
	S. Houston	A of G	Dec. 28—	Leroy Fleck	C. C. Swaim	
	Waxahachie	Park	Jan. 4-18	Fred Carrington	Jerry Shipman	
Va.	Norfolk	Delaware	Jan. 4-18	Jack & Clara Peters	C. Stanley Cooke	
W. Va.	Keyser	A of G	Jan. 4-18	J. Earl Douglas Team	R. C. Lymburner	
Wis.	Madison	A of G	Jan. 4-9	Bob Olson	Hugo W. Olson	
Alaska	Sitka	A of G	Jan. 4-18	Denny Davis	Wesley Hansen	
BWI	Antigua	P.A.O.C.	Jan. 11-Feb. 8	Paul & Dorothy Olson	Abe Jacobson	
Canada	Hamilton, Ont.	Central Tab.	Jan. 4-18	John H. Bostrom	J. H. Blair	

\* Dedication Revival

\*\* Workers Training

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

Holy Spirit. Attendance was good, numbering as high as 246 during the week and 353 on the closing Sunday. There were as many as 150 visitors in one service. The Sunday School attendance has been increasing each Sunday since the revival. To God be the praise for this moving of His Spirit.

—Arthur G. Clay, Pastor

► **AMBRIDGE, PA.**—The two-year-old Assembly here experienced a precious visitation of God during four weeks of meetings with Evangelist Eugene Petroski. During the meeting souls were saved and many were healed. Among others, all the Sunday School teachers and the superintendent received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The anointed ministry of the Word lifted the church to a new plane of worship, consecration, and service.

—Clara S. Eagle, Pastor

► **FITCHBURG, MASS.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Eddie Lowmaster of Punxsutawney, Pa., ministered here during a 12-day revival. The anointing of the Holy Spirit rested upon each service, and the Word was preached in real power. There was a capacity crowd nearly every night. A few new people attended for the first time. About eight were saved and several sick bodies were healed.

—Edward R. Neuhaus, Pastor

► **HOBBS, NEW MEX.**—The Glad Tidings Assembly has been blessed by a real Pentecostal revival under the ministry of Evangelist Raymond Schaeffer of Snyder, Tex. At least 15 came to the altar for salvation and two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. God blessed in every service and there were large crowds each night. Many who had been sick testified to healing.

—O. W. Newman, Pastor

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

## LOUIS F. TURNBULL WITH CHRIST

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Louis Finlay Turnbull, 80, went to be with Christ on November 20, 1958. His passing climaxed a long and victorious fight of faith.

Brother Turnbull was ordained by the Christian and Missionary Alliance in 1901. He married Josephine Eldridge and they



L. F. Turnbull

sailed for western India on their honeymoon to begin work as missionaries there. They established a strong work which became indigenous and flourishes yet today. The Indian people appreciated Brother Turnbull so much that they gave him the honorary title of "Dye Ah Sah ger Sahib," which means,

"Thou Great Sea of Mercy," just before he left for America after twenty years of service.

In 1921, Brother Turnbull became the pastor of Bethel Temple, Los Angeles, and affiliated with the Assemblies of God. He served the church faithfully and happily for some thirty-four years. This church led the district in missionary giving for years.

Brother Turnbull's ministry was not limited to the church he served. He loved the General Council and the Southern California District and gave much time and strength to executive work. He served the district in one office or another for about thirty-five years. He was superintendent for a brief period and also served for some time as secretary-treasurer. He was a member of the district executive committee during his entire time at Bethel Temple. After serving the movement as a general Presbyter for many years, he was elected as a lifetime honorary member of that body.

In 1954, his faithful wife was called Home, and now they have been reunited in the presence of the Saviour they loved and served.

## CONVENTION A BLESSING TO MISSISSIPPI YOUTH

Twenty-seven young people responded to the altar call as Hansel Vibbert concluded his message Thanksgiving night at the Mississippi District C. A. Convention. God's presence was sensed throughout the convention, and the ministry of Brother Vibbert of Evansville, Indiana, did much to help our young people. Many rededicated their lives to the Lord and others found Christ as their personal Saviour.

The South-Easterners, a male quartet from South-Eastern Bible College, was one of the outstanding features of the convention. They sang in every service and the blessings of the Lord were upon them.

Chaplain Brown of the Columbia Training School, Mississippi's school for boys and girls who have been in trouble with the law, stated that the young people at the school always look forward to receiving the EVANGEL and the C. A. HERALD.

They are receiving 21 EVANGELS and 20 HERALDS, as a result of subscriptions paid by the Mississippi C. A. Department.

R. G. Hardy, pastor of the Assembly of God in Columbia, was host pastor.

—Samuel H. Balias  
District C. A. President

## STUDENT ROBBED—THIEF SAVED

George Woldseth, a student at South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Florida, was robbed by an armed bandit at his place of employment on September 19. A 20-year-old masked youth entered a service station where he works and ordered Woldseth to give him the \$40 in the cash drawer.

Woldseth testified to the bandit of the saving power of Christ. The armed youth fled with the money, but fifteen minutes later he returned and gave the money back.

"I'm sorry," he said. "Believe me. I'll never do it again."

The bandit was later arrested in Dade City and confined to the Bartow County Jail. The following Sunday night he accepted Christ as his Saviour under the ministry of S.E.B.C. students during their weekly evangelistic meeting in the jail.

The converted robber asked to see Woldseth who visited him in the jail. Although the youth has been sentenced to one year imprisonment, he testifies of a real experience of salvation and a determination to live for God.

## REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

Three regional conventions are being planned this year by the National Sunday School Department. "Reach This Generation" is the theme for the conventions and the subthemes are: "Reach Youth," "Reach and Teach," and "Reach Now."

The first convention will be held in Washington, D. C., from March 9 to 11 at the Sheraton Park Hotel auditorium.

Springfield, Missouri, is the site for the Central Regional Convention. It will convene from April 21 to 23 at the Shrine Mosque Auditorium.

The Western Regional will be held from April 28 to 30 in Stockton, California. The Civic Memorial Auditorium will house this convention.

Members of the National Sunday School Department staff will travel to each convention to conduct workshops, participate in visual demonstrations, and supervise exhibits. They will also be available for counseling on problems related to the Sunday School.

An outstanding panel of speakers is scheduled for each of the three conventions.

## PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR FINANCING REGIONAL CONVENTIONS

Characteristic of the spirit of fellowship among the churches of the Assemblies of God is the manner in which contributions are given to various appeals. For the 1959 series of regional Sunday School conventions a plan of pre-convention financing has been outlined to eliminate the strong appeals during the conventions and to help balance the convention budget.

An offering from each church will help maintain a forward-moving Sunday School program in our denomination. If you would like to share in this ministry of giving, send your offering to your district office designated for the 1959 regional Sunday School conventions.

## NAMED TO ACCREDITING COMMITTEE

M. E. Collins, president of Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Texas, was elected to the Executive Committee of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges in its recent meeting in Chicago. Cordas C. Burnett, National Secretary of Education, was also reappointed to a second term as a member of the Association's Commission on Public Relations.

The Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges is the accrediting body to which Assemblies of God colleges have belonged since 1948. A professional accrediting association, AABC represents 42 Bible colleges in relationship to other accrediting organizations and the U. S. Government Department of Health, Education and Welfare.



Congregation at Marinette, Wis. on Anniversary. Front center (left to right): Pastor and Mrs. Hayes and Evangelist and Mrs. McDuff.

## ANNIVERSARY AT MARINETTE, WISCONSIN

The first anniversary of our new Assemblies of God church building was observed November 2, 1958. The day was a great victory. It began with a record-breaking attendance of 224 compared to 156 the previous year in Sunday School.

At the conclusion of a ten-day revival twelve persons were baptized in water and from 10 to 15 persons had come forward for salvation. Evangelist Colman McDuff of Texas City, Texas, was the evangelist.

The church plans to observe the anniversary every year.

—Morris E. Hayes, Pastor

## VBS WORKSHOP ITINERARY

Staff members of the National Sunday School Department will conduct VBS workshops, as follows:

Jan. 5—Denver, Colo. (Glad Tidings Tabernacle; R. C. Schachterle, Pastor) Billy Reeves, leader.

Jan. 5—Detroit, Mich. (Berea Tabernacle; Ted Ness, Pastor) Alex Hunter, leader.

Jan. 5.—Memphis, Tenn.; Paul Fenton, leader.

Jan. 5.—St. Louis, Mo.; Harold Burris, leader.

Jan. 6—Cleveland, Ohio (First Assembly; M. M. Brewer, Jr., Pastor) Alex Hunter, leader.

Jan. 7—Columbus, Ga. (Bealwood Assembly; A. M. Wall, Pastor) Paul Fenton, leader.

Jan. 7—Indianapolis, Ind. (Trinity Assembly; W. F. Duncan, Pastor) Harold Burris, leader.

Jan. 7—Spokane, Wash. Billy Reeves, leader.

Jan. 8—Buffalo, N. Y. (Riverside Assembly; Paul Ridings, Pastor) Alex Hunter, leader.

Jan. 8—Yakima, Wash.; Billy Reeves, leader.

Jan. 9—Jacksonville, Fla.; Paul Fenton, leader.

Jan. 9—Seattle, Wash.; Billy Reeves, leader.

Jan. 9—Toronto, Canada (Danforth Gospel Temple, Harry Faught, Pastor) Alex Hunter, leader.

#### D-CAP CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

The National C. A. Department has announced that the 1959 District C. A. Presidents' Conference will be held February 23-26 on the campus of Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Mo. The conference is open to all district C. A. officers and sectional C. A. representatives.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MISSIONARY CONVENTION**—January 8-11 at Bethel Assembly of God, Third and Washington Sts., Chambersburg, Pa. Speakers: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Osgood, Ruth Weitcamp, and James Long.—by Samuel Weidler, Pastor.

**PRAYER AND BIBLE CONFERENCE**—Seven Southwest Districts to meet January 12-14 at First Assembly of God, Plainview, Texas. J. W. Newby, host pastor. Services begin evening of the 12th.—by E. R. Foster, Conference Secretary.

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## to the editor



#### "Peter and the Pope"

I wish to thank you for the editorial in yesterday's EVANGEL (November 30th issue). I live in a city of many Catholics and I hand out many EVANGELS. I'd be glad for more eye-openers like this.

ODIS WILSON  
Santa Maria, California

I have never read anything like that article, "Peter and the Pope." So much said in so few words: a complete coverage of the situation.

CLYDE O. HICKS  
Pastor, Assembly of God Tabernacle  
Alma Center, Wisconsin

A friend of mine gave me a copy of your November 30th issue. The editorial about the big fuss that was made about the Pope expressed my view exactly. I am neither Catholic nor Protestant—simply a member of the New Testament church which was in existence long before even the Catholic Church. Stick close to God's Word and I'm for you.

C. A. HILL  
Whiskeytown, California

#### in Episcopalian's Letter

I am not a member of your denomination, but an Episcopalian. I received a roll of various religious papers from a friend and God has placed it on my heart to write and commend you on your wonderful magazine.

In reading I found yours was the only magazine in the bundle that did not contain any sharp criticism of other churches and their members. I personally believe we ought to use our God-given time in witnessing for Christ instead of trying to undermine other denominations.

How much I enjoyed the EVANGEL. May God continually make it a great blessing to many.

A READER  
Olympia, Washington

#### Mystery of the Godhead

I was interested in the little article by J. C. B. called "A Divine Mystery" (in the October 19th issue). May I take exception to the interpretation of Mark 13:32 given in that article?

I believe we have much in the Bible to support the doctrine of the Trinity, but this particular scripture is one we should avoid lest by our misinterpretation we give cause for blasphemers to say that Christ "partook of the ignorance and shared in the prejudices of His day."

The King James Version reads: "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father." The Greek that is here translated "but" consists of two words, "ei me," the simple English of which is "if not." The late Archbishop Trench, when lecturing at a London college, called attention to this about fifty years ago.

So the phrase should read, "Neither the Son, if not the Father." In other words, "If I were not God as well as man, even I should not know."

A similar thought is given in John 9:33, where these two Greek words are correctly translated "if not." It states: "If (ei) this man were not (me) of God, He could do nothing."

There seems to be a definite reference here to the Messiah's title in Isaiah 9:6, "The everlasting Father"—hence the literal truth of Christ's words, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father... I and my Father are one." Thus the actual words used by the Lord in Mark 13:32, instead of being a confession that His knowledge was limited, are in reality a declaration of His omniscience, since He claimed in this very passage to be one with the Father, and as such knew all things.

We enjoy every issue of the EVANGEL and hope this explanation will help others as it has helped us.

MRS. A. WALKER HALL  
Hilo, Hawaii

#### Science and the Scriptures

Being a member and Sunday School teacher in one of our local Assemblies of God, I receive and thoroughly enjoy THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL each week. I would not be without the wealth of spiritual food it contains. I would purchase the magazine for Brother Williams' question-and-answer feature alone; but I have just finished reading "The Geophysical Year and The White Horseman" by L. S. and I must acknowledge that I prefer Herbert Hoover's interpretation.

No Christian familiar with the Scriptures would deny that we are indeed living in the last days, but man's wonderful scientific achievements should not be looked upon with suspicion and regarded as the forerunners of inevitable doom. If everyone entertained the opinion expressed by L. S. we would still be living in the dark ages.

The article states, "God has appointed an end to this situation. He has drawn a line of demarcation between heaven and earth and He will not permit man to cross it." I do not recall seeing anything like this in the Bible. Some took the same attitude toward the automobile and the airplane!

On the contrary, science will reach its acme during the millennium. Nowhere in the Scriptures have I read that the inventions of man, the advances in science, medicine, and agriculture will be done away with at the second coming of Jesus Christ. To believe such a doctrine would suggest that we will live in a primitive society during the millennium.

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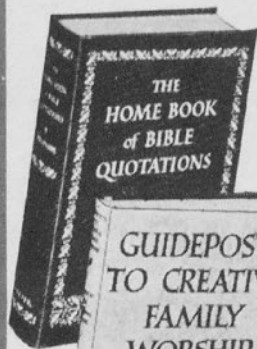


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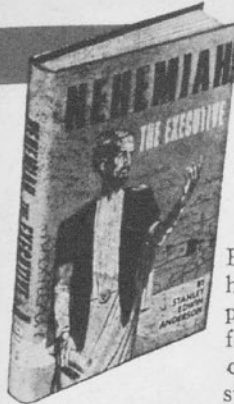
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A familiar story serves to illustrate this point. Bill Brown and John Jones once argued as to which of them had the more extensive knowledge of the Bible. Both men were smugly confident. As the discussion continued, Brown extracted two one-dollar bills from his wallet. Slapping the money on the table, he challenged, "Those two dollars say that you can't even repeat the Lord's Prayer!"

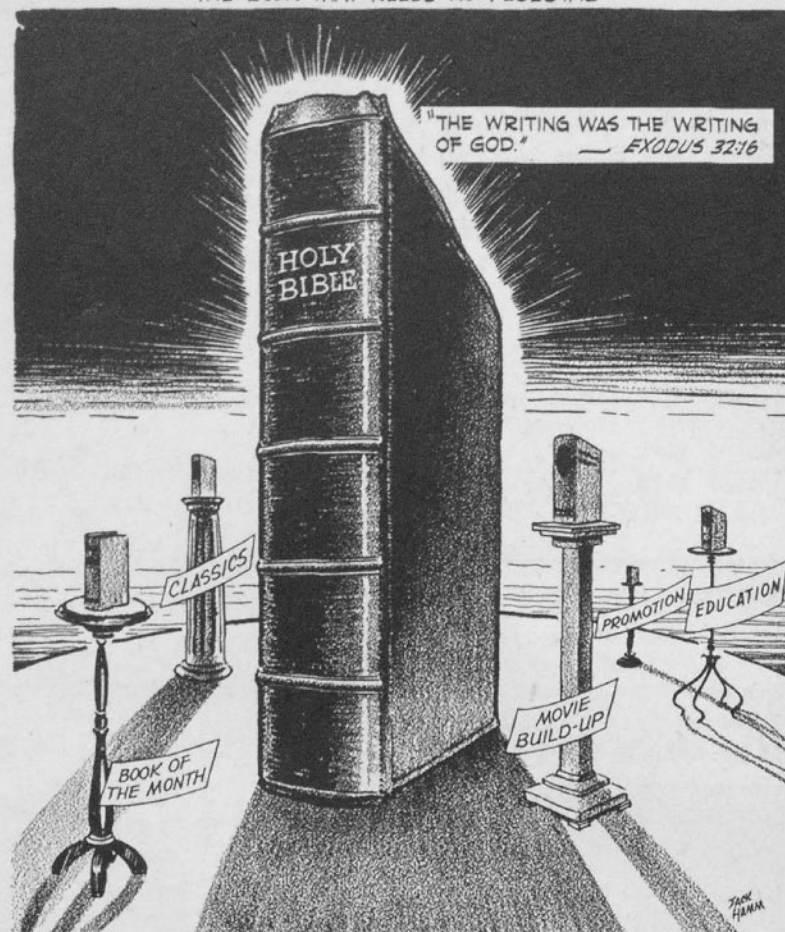
John Jones, not at all abashed by his opponent's bombast, matched the sum and began his recital:

*"Now I lay me down to sleep;  
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to keep.  
If I should die before I wake,  
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to take."*

His challenger conceded, "Well, I didn't think you could do it—but you did!"

Of course, their gambling instincts intimated, perhaps even more than their obvious ignorance, that they were both strangers to God's Word. Such ignorance is inexcusable, but it is quite prevalent. There may not be many folk today who suppose that the epistles are the wives of the apostles, but the average "man on the street" can hardly name more than one or two of those apostles! And some nominal church-goers can do little better.

Such a lack of knowledge is most dishonoring to the Word of God, especially since this condition is largely



the result of neglect of studying the Bible. What rank ingratitude for man to neglect one of God's greatest gifts. How appalling that man dishonors by his indifference what God has chosen to honor so highly! "Thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name" (Psalm 138:2).

Some seek to justify their neglect of Scripture by pleading the difficulties of the Bible. Certainly, portions of God's Word pose problems for the interpreter, but its central message of salvation is so simple a child can comprehend it. Spurgeon likened the Bible to a body of water, saying, "The Word of God is so shallow a lamb can wade in it, and so deep an elephant can swim in it."

There are some who excuse themselves from Bible study by pointing to supposed inconsistencies in God's Book. Usually, however, the imagined inconsistencies lurk in the lives of such people rather than in the Word of God. The Bible does not contradict itself, but it does contradict them! Billy Sunday used to say, "I never met a man who refused to believe the Bible who wasn't living in some sin he did not want to give up."

The Bible is one of man's most precious possessions. It is a priceless treasure presented to humanity by its divine Author, our Creator and Redeemer. God has magnified His Word even above the honor of His name. How inexcusable, then, if men and women are ignorant of its contents and negligent in availing themselves of the privilege of exploring its treasures.

How well do you know your Bible?

There is no shortcut to attaining mastery of the Scriptures. Diligent attention to systematic study is the duty of every individual who would do the will of God. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

