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In many places throughout the land, the people of the Lord are receiving a new breath from heaven. God is refreshing the spirits of His workers as with a cool zephyr on a hot summer day. He is revitalizing His servants with billows of spiritual power as when a brisk breeze springs up on a placid lake where drifting sail boats wait for a driving force. He is sending clouds of blessing over fields that have been drying up for lack of spiritual rain.

As when the Lord Jesus breathed upon His disciples and said to them, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost," so today He is breathing upon His Church and enduing His followers with power from on high. Many local assemblies are rejoicing over seasons of revival. In some places where no one had received the Baptism of the Spirit for months on end, dozens of people have been filled with the Holy Spirit recently, and many have been saved and healed.

In some cases the revival has come through evangelistic campaigns or other special meetings, such as the week of prayer, while in other cases the renewing came during the regular services. No doubt the impact of the series of Spiritual Life prayer meetings is being felt in many places. Earnest prayer is having its effect and God is breaking through in youth rallies, sectional meetings, district conventions, and wherever He is given the opportunity. Thank God for the raindrops that are falling—and for the showers yet to come.

There is the "sound of abundance of rain" and it is not confined to the Pentecostal movement. Spiritually hungry believers in many denominations are praying for and receiving this wonderful Pentecostal baptism. Numbers of church members are discovering they never had been "born again." We rejoice over the increasing number of Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Episcopalians, Mennonites, and others who have been saved and filled with the Spirit. Surely God wants to visit every church of every denomination and give life in place of the "dead bones" of formal religion and empty ritual.

The vision of Ezekiel can have a spiritual fulfillment throughout all Christendom. In his vision the prophet saw an entire valley full of dry bones (Ezekiel 37). The scripture says they were *very* dry. The question was asked, "Can these bones live?" The Lord said they could, for He would breathe upon them. He who breathed into the first Adam and made him a living soul is able to breathe upon every son of Adam and give him this abounding life of the Spirit. The extent of His reviving work will depend on the extent of our faith, prayer, and cooperation with Him.

The greatest need of the Church of the Lord Jesus today is to receive this breath from heaven, as the disciples received it on the day of Pentecost. On that day it came with a mighty force—as the sound of a rushing mighty wind. This breath from heaven filled the house where they were sitting and it filled the disciples, too. "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). This Breath of God is nothing less than the blessed Holy Spirit. May it fall upon all believers everywhere and give to them the spiritual renewal which their hearts desire.—R.C.C.

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GREAT COMMISSION-1961

**MISSIONS IS A SINGLE PACKAGE—HOME AND FOREIGN GO TOGETHER.
IF THE HOME BASE IS NEGLECTED, THE FOREIGN WORK WILL DRY UP.**

BY T. F. ZIMMERMAN

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

GO YE..." IS BOTH AN INDIVIDUAL and a group commission. When Christ spoke these words (Mark 16:15) He directed them to the "church board" of eleven in Jerusalem. The command constituted a commission to the board as well as to each of the disciples individually as they sat "at meat."

Home missions, too, is both an individual and a group command. No individual can retire to the comfortable surroundings of his own pew and leave the outreach to another. Nor should any congregation feel that it has arrived so long as there are people throughout its community, district, and nation who have not heard the full gospel.

"But ye shall receive power..." was the key to success in fulfilling the great commission. This prophecy preceded the statement, "...and ye shall be witnesses." The power of Pentecost or, for that matter, the power of salvation should become an endowment to witness. It should result in evangelistic action. This is the secret to home missions. Only as a church or an individual enjoys this endowment of power does the church grow.

The Early Church filled Jerusalem with its doctrine and reached all the known world because it was endued with power from on high. As in those days, so it is today; the religious world is being blessed and shaken through the witnessing of those who have received the mighty Pentecostal baptism. Within the past year hundreds of individuals in Lutheran, Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist, and other denominational circles have received an infilling with the Holy Ghost because someone witnessed.

All too often the well-organized metropolitan church or the comfortably situated urban church becomes absorbed in its own program and forgets there are thousands around them not reached. But the burden of church extension

should penetrate every area of our fellowship: the individual, who may be able to contribute time and money; the local church, that may be able to "mother" another church or assist a pioneer pastor; the section, that may be able to sponsor new churches as projects; or the district and national offices with their combined facilities and resources to reach outward and onward.

Perhaps we sometimes forget that missions is a single package—home and foreign go together. If the home base is neglected, the foreign work will dry up. The ideal situation is where resources at home are so well used, witnessing is so widespread, and work so fruitful that the foreign also will mushroom.

There are many ways of reaching the community, the nation, and the world. Few churches are so situated that they could not begin a branch Sunday school. Others are large enough and well-enough established to become a "mother church." Perhaps all too many churches, large and small, make insufficient use of the talents they have

in reaching out. Cottage prayer services, jail services, rest home services, street meetings, personal witnessing, and similar activities can spark the fire that will result in a revival and a new church.

We need a revitalized church, quickened through the vision that only prayer can give, if we are to extend our borders rapidly enough to meet the challenge. Christ surely looked forward to these days when He told the disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few" (Matthew 9:37).

During February each of our forty-four districts will have rallies to push home missions. Churches and individuals will be invited to attend these rallies to pray, work, and catch the vision of the whitened harvest fields. It is hoped that at least 50,000 individuals will attend these rallies and other thousands will support them with their prayers.

It is true—God has blessed the Assemblies of God, and during the past forty-six years hundreds of magnificent churches have been constructed across the country. Many humble missions on side streets have been replaced by towering structures on main streets. Sunday schools have swelled and overflowing churches have been enlarged. God help us in this surge (which we need and must have to be a healthy, growing movement) to remember that our outreach should not end on main street. May we be empowered during the sixties (and thereafter, should the Lord tarry) to reach people wherever they are.

Unfortunately, many small churches of all faiths close each year because the vision is lost. May the 1961 effort of our Home Missions Department quicken our vision and may God endue us with power to carry out this year's theme of Mission U.S.A., *Operation Home Base*.





OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE FUTURE

DAVID NOT ONLY SERVED HIS OWN GENERATION FAITHFULLY BY THE WILL OF GOD,
BUT ALSO MADE PROVISION FOR THE GENERATION THAT WOULD FOLLOW HIM.

GOD DESCRIBED KING DAVID AS A man after His own heart. David not only served his own generation faithfully; he also had a deep sense of responsibility to the future. Nowhere does this quality of character shine forth more than in the preparations he made so that Solomon could build the temple.

Different generations grapple with different problems. A different ministry is needed to meet the challenge of one generation than is required for another. This was so in the case of David and Solomon.

David began life as a shepherd lad who first attracted the nation's attention by killing a giant. He spent years in hiding from the jealous wrath of the king he was to succeed. The gigantic task of lifting Israel back to its place of greatness after its deterioration under Saul became his. There were strong enemies to battle, so most of his years were filled with the thunder of war. He felt the sting of treason from two of his own sons. The burden of consolidating Israel's gains and unifying the tribes in one great nation under God fell upon him.

In contrast, Solomon's course began as the chosen heir of his beloved father. His reign commenced in the sunlight of the people's love and adulation. He ruled in an era of peace. His administration was one of brilliance. His palaces, his retinue, his luxurious living, his treasuries, his navy, and the outward grandeur of his reign are noted in the Scriptures.

Yet, despite the contrast in their careers and their personalities, both David and Solomon were God's men for their times. And when God told David that he would be allowed to prepare for the building of the temple, but would have to leave the actual erection of it

to Solomon, it was another beautiful example of the continuity of God's program.

No generation is disconnected from another. Each builds on the foundation of the past. This should serve to keep us humble in times of success. If we are having things rather easy and seeing great blessing on our efforts, it may be because someone in the past spent much time getting things ready for us to build.

Never have I discovered more eloquent words in this connection than those of Dr. G. Campbell Morgan in his one-volume *Exposition of the Bible*: "None of us can ever do a complete thing for God. All His works are too great. Nothing we touch is other than a piece of work begun and dropped ere the weary hands had completed their task. And, in turn, nothing we take up can we complete. There are always others coming on who will continue the toil, for God's work must be done. Let us count it greatest honor to have touched the work at all, and be content to have put in one day's work thereon between morning and sunset."

There are two scriptures in particular which have arrested my attention concerning David's attitude of responsibility to the future. The first is found in 1 Chronicles 22:5 where it is stated that "David prepared abundantly before his death." After the Lord told him that he must make the preparations for Solomon to build the temple, David became a "man in a hurry." He knew that his remaining years of life

were not many, and as long as his strength lasted he toiled furiously and spent himself unstintingly in gathering the material and the money with which Solomon could complete the task.

Our days of life too are comparatively few. Are we spending our time "preparing abundantly" so that those who follow us will have a stronger foundation on which to build and will have advantages and resources that we did not have? It is our responsibility to do just that, for what we do or fail to do touches the future as well as the present. We must not forget the divine continuity in the work we are doing.

I believe there is a lesson here for all of us who are pastors of churches. There should be a continuity in the life and ministry of a local church. No pastor, whatever the length of his tenure, can disconnect himself from either the past or the future. He builds upon what has gone before, and as he labors he should keep in mind that someone will have to build on the foundation he lays. Let us be careful, then, not to operate in such a way that things will be hard for the next man. Surely it is not in the order of God for a church to go through a period of sheer agony every time there is a pastoral change. There will always be an adjustment, to be sure, but if all of us while building will keep in mind our responsibility to the future, that adjustment will not be severe. May the Lord help us to strive to avoid interfering with the continuity of God's work.

Those in the evangelistic ministry, too, would do well to keep in mind their part in insuring the continuity of God's program. Whatever type of ministry an evangelist has it should

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serve to strengthen the future ministry of the pastor and the spiritual life of the church, and be a help rather than a hindrance to future revival meetings in the assembly.

The second outstanding statement concerning David in his preparation for the future is found in 1 Chronicles 28:11, "Then David gave to Solomon, his son, the pattern." How wonderful! And how divinely ordered!

We must be sure that before our work is done we show the generation to come the pattern they should follow if they are to serve their age. The temple was not to be built according to human caprice, but in line with the pattern revealed by the Spirit. This principle holds true in all ages where God's work is concerned.

Regarding Solomon in the beginning of his reign, the Scriptures tell us in 1 Chronicles 29:25, "And the Lord magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel." But the Holy Spirit is also careful to add this word about the man who made the preparation for Solomon's brilliant reign, "And he [David] died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor" (verse 28).

Thank God for this man after God's own heart, this king with such a deep sense of responsibility to those who, in the future, would build on his foundation. He prepared abundantly before his death. He gave his son the pattern. God help us to do likewise! ◀◀

THE CHURCH— A FELLOWSHIP

BY GRETCHEN S. ASKEW

CHRISTIANS BELIEVE THAT THE birth of the Church occurred on that memorable Day of Pentecost. We can visualize the multitudes gathered together as one body under the power of a great leader. We can hear the sound like "the mighty rushing wind" and each man speaking "in his own tongue as the Spirit gave him utterance." We can imagine how it must have felt as the Holy Spirit descended upon the people who were all in one accord and in one place.

We hear Peter as he lifted up his voice and proclaimed the word of truth. The newborn Church became that day the hands and feet and mouth of Christ, who is the head of the Church. Since that hour men have been meeting in "togetherness" as a body of believers, worshiping in His name. In every land, in remote mountain recesses or on busy thoroughfares, men and women have continued to come together to revere His holy name and to create a better world in which to live.

What, then, is the Church? It is, and always has been, a body of believers

—a fellowship of faith. It is a fellowship of faith in the invisible, faith in the reliability of God's promises and in His ever-abiding love. It is the epitome of trust and self-commitment. It is the open mind ready and willing to receive the merciful outpourings of a beneficent heavenly Father. It is a corporate group—men and women marching side by side out into the vast unknown, believing in and bearing witness to the perfect way of Christ for all men.

What is the Church? It is a fellowship of hope—a body of believers, bound in the unity of its strength, under the wise guidance of a Master Leader; destined to make the blind to see and the lame to walk; ready to aid the helpless and the erring, give food to the hungry, assurance to those in despair, love to the lost and lonely, and comfort to those who sorrow. It is that which supplies an anchor both for the here and now and for eternity.

What is the Church? It is a fellowship of transforming love—love for one another and for all mankind everywhere. It is the medium through which



This Is My Church

This is my church!
What peace of soul I here so often find!
What sweet release from chafing worldly care!
Here, with true friends, what fellowship we share!
Our burdens flee away on wings of prayer,
And there is blessed rest for heart and mind.

This is my church!
This tear-stained altar is my sacred shrine,
Here often have I knelt in earnest prayer,
Owning my weakness and the Father's strength,
And, rising from my knees, refreshed at length,
Have borne with joy the burden that is mine.

This is my church!
God's sanctuary; God's and yours and mine!
And countless multitudes through years to come
Shall meet to worship 'neath its humble dome,
And it shall be to them a guidepost home—
A shelter by the way—a light divine!

—Message of the Open Bible

Christians find the opportunity to express their highest compassion in a ministry of kindness and mercy to a world which sorely needs it. It is the representative body of the sacrificial Father and of a Saviour whose vicarious suffering sets a perfect example of love in its highest form. It is the heart and soul of the greatest cause ever known to mankind, for it is guided by One whose hand rules our eternal destiny unerringly.

There is no demand in the Scriptures that the Church become a model of efficiency, or a collection of perfect people. It is not necessary, nor desirable, that all Christians think alike, build churches alike, or employ the same governmental or liturgical practices. What the Scriptures do ask is that this body of believers—known as the Church of the living God—express Christ's revelation to all mankind. The Church is Christians in a fellowship of faith, hope and love, bearing witness to all men that He is the Saviour of the world. ◀◀

A BENEVOLENT CHURCH

FIRST ASSEMBLY AT SULLIVAN, MISSOURI
PUTS FIRST THINGS FIRST

WE SALUTE THE FIRST ASSEMBLY of God in Sullivan, Mo. as being a benevolence-minded church.

This congregation takes seriously the Bible verse which says, "Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared. . . ."

According to A. W. Pettet, First Assembly's pastor, this church has proved over and over again the truthfulness of the promise: "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Out of hearts full of love, the believers at Sullivan have given to make life easier for others. Many times such giving has been done at great sacrifice, but never has God been left in debt to those who freely gave in order to lift the heavy load of those less fortunate.

The First Assembly gives much of the credit for its growth and the blessings it has shared through the years, to the fact that Benevolence giving has always been counted a great joy and privilege. Perhaps the view of the congregation can best be summed up in the feeling of the official board, who in discussing the need of blacktopping



Pastor and Mrs. A. W. Pettet

the parking lot, decided that with the many needs of Benevolence ministries, missions, etc., it would be wiser if the \$2,000 required for blacktopping could be given instead to these urgent needs.

First Assembly has a rather old building, but this is not due to the fact that the congregation is not financially able to build a fine modern building. Rather, it is because First Assembly channels its finances into the areas which they feel have greater needs, in view of the imminent return of our Lord. The congregation is growing rapidly, Brother Pettet affirms, and they expect in the near future to out-

grow the present facilities. This growth is attributed, to a large part, to "putting first things first" in Benevolence and missionary giving.

The Sunday school offering of the second Sunday of each month is designated to Hillcrest Children's Home, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. This began under the ministry of Pastor Odis Virgin in the spring of 1957. Since that time an average of \$74.97 has been given each month toward the operating expenses of Hillcrest, for a total of \$3,298.68.

First Assembly, upon hearing of the need to furnish a reception room at Hillcrest, did not hesitate, but gave \$1,000 for this need. They were also one of the first to furnish a room in Garrison Memorial Cottage for teenage boys, when this need was publicized recently.

They do not stop at giving to Hillcrest. An offering of \$500 was received when First Assembly learned that this was the amount needed to furnish a double bedroom in Bethany Retirement Home, Lakeland, Florida. And regular offerings are received for Aged Ministers' Assistance also.

Brother Pettet's conviction is this: Churches, like individuals, when they, shut up their bowels of compassion to the ministry of giving, will find the flow of God's blessings choked by their own selfishness. A church does not lose that which it gives to Benevolences, but receives it back from the Lord many fold over. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

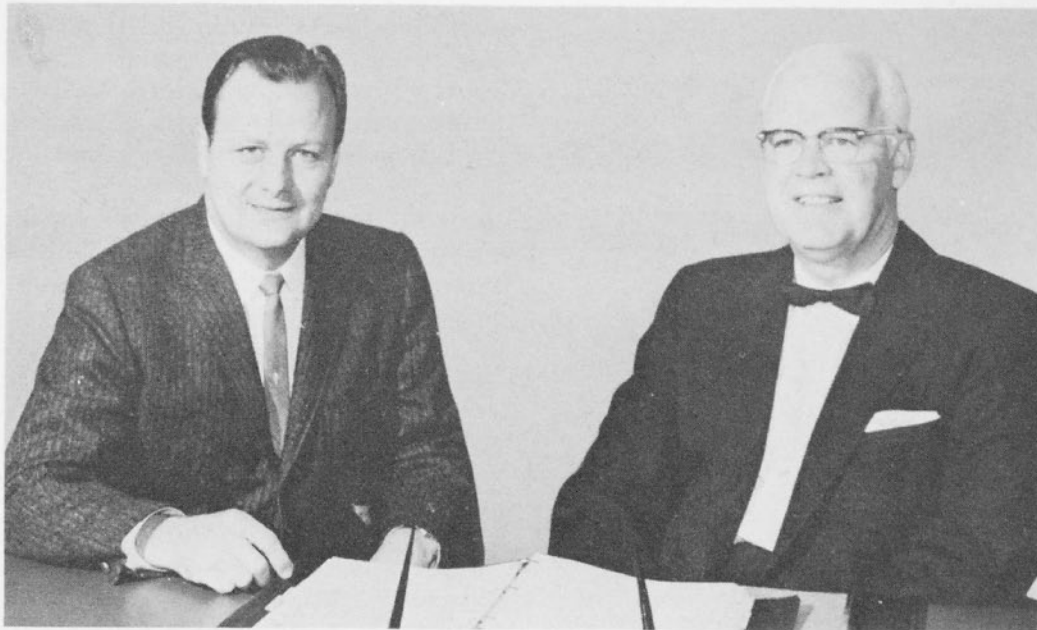
Until Jesus comes, let us continue to give to those for whom nothing has been prepared! ◀◀



Congregation of the First Assembly of God, Sullivan, Mo.



First Assembly of God and parsonage, Sullivan, Mo.



Curtis W. Ringness and Charles W. H. Scott to be hosts at seminars

DEPARTMENT OF BENEVOLENCES TO CONDUCT SEMINARS

In connection with its ministry to the aged, the Department of Benevolences will conduct a series of seminars for operators of homes for the aged—the first of which will convene in Mount Hermon, Calif., February 17 and 18. The hosts will be Charles W. H. Scott, Assistant Superintendent of the Assemblies of God and Executive Director of the Department of Benevolences, and Curtis W. Ringness, National Secretary of the Department of Benevolences.

The Assemblies of God has an adult membership of some 500,000 persons in the United States, states Brother Ringness. It is estimated that 4 per cent of this number are in some type of institution for the aged.

Bethany Retirement Home, in Lake-

land, Florida, is the only home for the aged owned and operated by the General Council of the Assemblies of God. However, there are thirty-five other homes operated by individuals, churches, and districts associated with the denomination. The purpose of the forthcoming seminars is to encourage the establishment of more homes for the aged; to give practical assistance in maintaining such homes; and to give recognition to Assemblies of God approved homes which accept and meet the standards set forth.

Individuals interested in information concerning these Homes for the Aged Seminars may write to:

DEPARTMENT OF BENEVOLENCES
434 WEST PACIFIC STREET
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

He Who frets

He who frets has lost his God—is indeed as if God were not.

Surely it is worse than having no God, to kneel down and say, "Our Father Who art in Heaven," and then to go forth fretting and fearing, as if He never knew or cared.

It is worse than being an orphan, to have a Father and yet forget His love.

How perplexed the angels must be at the sight of the fretting child of a Heavenly Father!

"Has he not a Father?" asks one in amazement. "Does not his Father love him?" says another. "Does not his Father know all about him?" says a third. "Is not his Father great and rich?" asks a fourth. "Has not his Father given us charge concerning him?" say they all. "How then can he fret?"

If there be one grain of truth in our belief that there is a living God who holds us unutterably dear, who is seeking in all things and through all things to lead us to the highest, the fullest, what room is there for us to fret or fear?
—Mark Guy Pearse



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At what age should I make a will?

At your present age if you are over twenty-one. No person has the assurance of becoming a day older. Therefore, it is important that you do not wait to make your will.

What if my possessions are few?

No matter how small your estate, you have definite wishes as to how it will be used after your death. In order to be certain that your wishes are carried out, you must leave a valid will.

I need help in making my will.

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The Route to **REVIVAL**

WE REPEATEDLY ASK GOD FOR REVIVAL
BUT DO WE REALLY WANT IT?

BY S. FRANKLIN LOGSDON

REAL REVIVAL IS NOT A PROCESS. Real revival is the outcome or result of the freedom with which we permit the Holy Spirit to operate in and through our lives.

Before there can come a real awakening and a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, there must of necessity be contrition of heart, even deep sorrow toward God, and the deep grief we have caused the Holy Spirit. We must be bent and broken sufficiently to feel the hurt which our coldness, stubbornness, and impenitence have inflicted upon the heart of Christ.

We must endeavor to sense the deep longing of the Psalmist when he solemnly entreated the Lord, saying, "*Wilt thou not revive us again?*" (Psalm 85:6). At once, of course, we detect a concern. Spiritual conditions had dipped to a very low ebb. The godlessness of the atmosphere was becoming rather stifling, and his surging emotions found an outlet in a tearful supplication which betrayed a distressed soul, a desiring heart and a discerning mind.

He knew the source of blessing. "Thou!" he said, almost breathlessly, somehow realizing that he must fall back upon God or upon nothing. Who else could help? Who else possessed the goodness, the grace, the greatness?

"Thou!" his poor, weary heart was pleading. He was addressing the wonderful One, the waiting One—the One who had said, "I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people" (Isaiah 65:2).

The prayer was necessarily brief. Desperation never engages in lengthy supplications. "Lord, save!" cried Peter as the waters began to swallow him. That was all, but it brought results. So it was with the Psalmist.

The burden of his plea was in the one word "revive." The people needed revitalization for, while there was life, there was no manifestation. They sought restoration, for something was lost. They desired resolution, for purpose was gone. The word "us" spoke of God's erring people, God's disobedient children, God's fruitless servants; and the significance of the word "again" inheres in the fact that it recalled a better day; it referred to former blessings; it requested another opportunity.

Real revival comes when there is a willing waiting upon God, a sincere confession of sin, a longing to be forgiven, a readiness to make restitution. There must be a willingness to forgive others, an attempt to correct strained relationships, a voluntary abandonment to the Lord of all we are

and have. God requires of us a pronounced eagerness to know His Word and will, a determination to practice the Truth, as He reveals it, and a private, personal life which is in complete harmony with our public testimony. With these simple, well-defined conditions met, let us observe what supports the possibility of genuine, Spirit-promoted revival.

God Wants to Revive His People

What father would delight in the sickness of his child? What parent could rejoice in the waywardness and disobedience of his children? That the present need is pathetically and irrefutably great is apparent. The hour calls for a challenge of no small proportions. When the apostle Peter spoke of "stirring up" the minds of the people by putting them in remembrance, he employed a term which meant "to awaken fully." Many times in every age God's people have been stirred but not awakened sufficiently to acknowledge their sins and to rally to the cause of Christ; but our Father wants, with affectionate longing, to infuse us with the abundant life.

God Wishes to Renew His Presence

He desires to refresh the hearts of His people and to inspire them with holiness. The flesh is capable of making a grandiose display before a decadent age, to elicit the applause of the crowds; but it does not change the heart from its wild propensities. It is the recognized presence of God that humbles the heart, strengthens the soul, and encourages service. To Moses, Jehovah assuringly promised, "My presence shall go with thee." The quick response of God's servant, and a very natural one, was in effect, "How else could we possibly go on?"

God will manifest His presence among His people when conditions permit Him to do so. The benediction had just been pronounced at the close of the evening meeting in a church in Pennsylvania—the close of an ordinary service—when someone in the congregation began singing, "I've wasted many precious years, now I'm coming home." The sudden unannounced singing began before the people had attempted a departure. It gradually increased in volume and impressiveness until it seemed that an Unseen Hand was directing the congregation as a full-sized choir. A lady in the rear pew arose and walked resolutely to the front, only to be followed by others,

all of whom knelt to sob out their hearts before the sympathetic and understanding Saviour. About half of the congregation departed, while those remaining, for the most part, knelt between the pews. When the evening had ended, more than thirty precious folk, with moistened eyes and shining countenances, were assured of a work of grace in their hearts. Joy was predominant among all who were there.

When a discerning brother of Christian maturity was asked his reaction to this glorious occasion, he simply replied, "Anyone could readily see that the Holy Spirit was pleased over something, and the Lord sweetly manifested His presence." These are the times of refreshing which He wishes us to experience.

God Wills to Reveal His Purity

"Launch out into the deep," the master commanded Peter, when he had completed His message to the people on the shore. With long, strong, and steady strokes the little craft was propelled through Gennesaret's historic waters. Did Peter know where the depths were? Of course! Those waters were as familiar to this fisherman as his own homestead. But he was to find other depths—depths for which his heart had longed but which had never before become his blessed discovery. It was an experience which one gains, not by plying the seas, but by bending the knees.

Of all the varied developments in Peter's life, none was so fraught with tenderness and beauty as that which occurred in the little ship in mid-sea. That strong, sturdy, weather-beaten fisherman, in bent posture, is broken at the knees of Jesus. His bearded, upturned face is stamped with indescribable, gripping amazement. "Leave me, O Lord, for I am a sinful man," the poor fisherman mumbles, his eyes suffused with tears.

This was the grandest moment in the life of the apostle. It was the same Lord Jesus whose call he had obeyed; it was the very same One who had pushed out from the shore with him. There was neither conviction nor exclamation on his part then. But now,

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Heroes for Christ

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty

BY DAVID W. PLANK

Assemblies of God Chaplain, U. S. Navy

FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY AND intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Squad Leader in Company B, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division (Rein), in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 12 September 1951." So begins the Medal of Honor Citation awarded Sergeant Frederick William Mausert III of the United States Marine Corps for his heroism in battle.

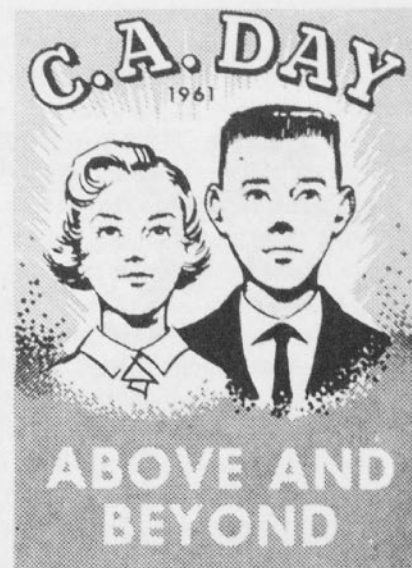
These are the events which took place on 12 September 1951 and which merited Sergeant Mausert being given the nation's most highly esteemed commendation, the Medal of Honor.

The sergeant's company was pinned to the ground and suffering heavy casualties under murderous enemy machine-gun, rifle, artillery, and mortar fire laid down from heavily-fortified, deeply-entrenched, and concealed hostile strongholds on Hill 673, a bit of enemy-held real estate which was important only because it was an obstacle to victory.

Despite a painful head wound inflicted by enemy fire when he left his concealed position to bring back two critically wounded men through a fire-swept area to the safety of the rear lines, Sergeant Mausert, taking the point position, led his platoon into the assault in a furious bayonet charge against the first of an "impregnable" series of bunkers. Stunned and knocked to the ground when another bullet struck his helmet, he regained his feet and resumed his drive, personally silencing a machine gun, and leading his men in destroying several other emplacements in the area.

But the hill itself was still in enemy hands! So, quickly reorganizing his

unit for a renewed fight to the final objective, the top of Hill 673, Sergeant Mausert boldly left his position as the enemy's fire gained in intensity. Making a target of himself, he advanced alone into the face of an enemy machine gun, drawing the fire away from his men, enabling them to move further up the hill into a more favorable assault position. Even though he was severely wounded again when the enemy fire found its mark, he still refused aid and continued spearheading the assault to the topmost machine-gun nest and bunkers, the last bulwark of the fanatic aggressors.



Leaping through a veritable wall of enemy fire, he destroyed another machine gun with grenades before he was mortally wounded by bursting grenades and machine-gun fire. Stouthearted and indomitable, Sergeant Mausert, by his great valor and extraordinary heroism, inspired his men to sweep on, over-running and finally securing the objective.

What magnificent courage! In the face of deadly and fanatical opposition, the sergeant unflinchingly fought for the cause of liberty; to share in its purchase he paid with his life.

To what end are you willing to go for the godly convictions, the principles in which you believe? How dear to you is the right, the pure, and the true? What price are you prepared to pay? How high will you go to take a stand? Are you willing to go above and beyond the call of duty? ◀◀

TODAY IS BGMC DAY—GOAL \$23,000

THE IMPORTANCE OF A FAMILY ALTAR

THE FATHER TO THE CHILDREN SHALL MAKE KNOWN THY TRUTH.—ISAIAH 38:19

RICHARD BAXTER WAS ONE OF ENGLAND'S greatest ministers. In early life he went into a community which was composed almost entirely of rich, cultured people. He found that the congregation was cold, and all was not as he had expected it to be in the ministry. He was disappointed and disheartened, but he said, "The way to save the church and this community is to establish religion in the homes of the community, and to build the family altar."

Baxter therefore spent three years in visitation, determined to establish a family altar in every home in that community. He succeeded amazingly, and this condition in the homes was the fountain-head that filled his church to overflowing and started that magnificent ministry and life for which he became famous.

Fundamentally, Christianity must involve the family relationship. You cannot have a thriving church without a family altar in the homes of its members. Baxter was right and proved it.

Now let us look at a different situation. Thomas Boston was likewise a great minister, but, unlike Baxter, he spent the years of his early ministry in the city slums among the poor people. There he discovered the same condition—the church was cold and empty. He had no influence. He was disheartened and discouraged. He decided that the only way to save the church is to save the family, so he went all through that community and established family altars, where they worshiped

God every day in the week. He spent many months building up the altars; then his church started to revive, and the community was filled with spiritual power and influence.

One of the noblest of missionaries was John G. Paton. No man showed more heroism and sacrifice than did that loyal soldier of the Cross. Read the biography of this devoted missionary. You will find on the first page the secret of that life of service, the one memory around which all the rest of Paton's ministry centers. That recollection is of his father reading his old family Bible twice a day at the family altar, children all around him hearing the message of God, then all going down on their knees together. Paton says that his father's mighty religious influence in that old home made him all he was and started his missionary life and work. As you read the rest of his biography, you will find this spiritual influence in operation all through his life.

The next case we shall examine is that of two brothers. They lived in a country home in their boyhood, and afterward became rich men. They went occasionally to visit their father and mother living in the old home. Finally the father and mother went to heaven. The sons did not know what to do with this old home. One of them said to the other, "If you'll sell out your interest to me, I'll tear down the house and I'll build a summer home there and let you come out to it when you want to." Accordingly, they took

a trip out to the old homestead to tear it down.

These two brothers, past middle life and rich, went into the house and looked through it. Many sacred memories swept around them. One walked up and down in front of the old fireplace, and the other sat down. Finally one said to the other:

"You know, Bob, what I'm thinking

FOR JUNIOR READERS

PICTURE PUZZLE

PSALM 50:15

Christ in the Home

Give us homes that God has founded; give us homes with love unbounded;
Give us homes where Jesus' presence can be felt;
Give us homes where father, mother, son and daughter, sister, brother,
All in prayer to God the Father oft have knelt.

Give us homes where faith is treasured; give us homes where joy is measured
By the time and the devotion paid the Word;

Give us homes where love is yearning for the Saviour's soon returning;
Give us homes where lives are centered in the Lord.

—H. H. Savage
(Courtesy Zondervan Publishing House)

about? I've changed my mind since I've been here. This house is going to stand here; it's not going to be torn down."

"That is a strange thing," the other brother said, "because when I was walking up and down in front of the fireplace, that is the very thing I was thinking."

He looked over at the chair in which his father used to sit. "Here is the old chair that father sat in while he read the Bible when we had family worship—the chair around which we knelt as father lifted us all to God."

They stayed there two hours to talk things over. They both got down on their knees by the old chair, repented, and wept their hearts out before God. They went back, saved men, and gave their money to God.

So the old house stood. Not a single thing was moved out. It was too sacred to touch, because the family altar had stood there. It is a great thing to go back to the old house. If you cannot go back any way but in memory, go back.

Let me tell you about another old farmhouse. In that old kitchen—around that great fireplace—father, mother, and twelve children gathered twice a day to read the old family Bible and lift their hearts in prayer to God! I am remembering that old house, that old scene, that marvelous influence.

Do not be surprised when I tell you that every one of those children was saved by the grace of God. Four of them became ministers of Jesus Christ, and all the rest of them Sunday school teachers—God's chosen men and women. And they all found that inspiration and life at the family altar when father opened the Bible and then lifted his heart to God. That is the greatest heritage in the world.

What inheritance will your children have? What memories are you planting in their minds each day?

—*Triumphs of Faith*

"Oh, brethren, be great believers! Little faith will bring your souls to Heaven, but great faith will bring Heaven to your souls."

—*C. H. Spurgeon.*

The Place of the Prayer Meeting



BY GRADY FANNIN
District Superintendent Northern New England District

SOMEONE HAS SAID, "PEOPLE who go to church Sunday morning love their church; those who attend Sunday night love their pastor; but those who are faithful to the midweek prayer meeting love God." It might also be added that the latter keep the power of God operating in the church.

Spurgeon once asked a visiting minister if he would like to see the power plant of his tabernacle. He led the way downstairs and opened the door to a large prayer room. Several hundred people were on their knees interceding for the service. It was the secret that brought thousands of souls to Christ.

It is written that several members of Jonathan Edwards' church spent the whole night in prayer before he preached his memorable sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." As a result, the Holy Spirit was present in such convicting power that elders of the church threw their arms around the pillars and cried, "Lord, save us. We are slipping down to hell."

The first service mentioned in the Book of Acts was a prayer meeting which lasted ten days. This meeting concluded with one hundred twenty being filled with the Holy Spirit. In the public meeting which followed, three thousand souls were saved.

All New Testament meetings had one thing in common—they always contained a revelation and manifestation of the divine. God worked in and through the services to fulfill the purposes of the kingdom of God; namely, saving souls, bap-

tizing in the Holy Ghost, healing the sick, and raising the dead. It is this manifestation of the divine, whether through anointed preaching or the working of miracles, that is so necessary today to bring man face to face with God.

If we are to have an anointed ministry, we must learn to "... tarry... until ye be endued with power from on high." The Early Church did not cease their tarrying after the Day of Pentecost!

There is a tendency today to sacrifice the old-fashioned prayer meeting for special services and programs. The church prayer meeting should not be a prayer-and-leave-it service but one of intercession with determination. The church should stand unitedly on the promises of God through fervent prayer until the power of Satan is broken.

Without prolonged times of intercession, we will face men's need with the arm of flesh and surely fail. However, if God's people will have a consistent life of prayer, join forces, and intercede before God, no obstacle will stand in the way. We will be able to advance with the same power, blessing, and victory as the Early Church!

"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).

(Reprinted from the booklet, "If My People..." Copies of this attractive 36-page booklet containing sixteen articles by the executive presbyters of the Assemblies of God are available at \$10.00 per hundred, postpaid. Write to: Public Relations Office, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.)

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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Books

PRIZES OFFERED FOR READING BOOKS

Some \$10,000 worth of book and travel awards are being offered by *Christian Life* magazine in a nationwide reading contest. Grand prize is an all-expense vacation for two (worth \$750) which will be awarded to the winning individual; and an identical prize will be awarded the pastor of the church whose members collectively score the highest number of points.

Scoring is on the basis of one point for each page of Christian fiction read, and two points for each page of Christian nonfiction. Robert Walker, editor, says the reading contest will end March 31, 1961.

For every 1500 points scored each contestant will receive a book. The winning church will also receive a library of Christian books worth \$250. And from a list offered by fifteen publishers, pastors may choose one book for each 20,000 points reported by their church. *Christian Life*, an independent evangelical monthly, has offices at 33 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill.

NEWLY-TRANSLATED NEW TESTAMENT TO BE PUBLISHED IN MARCH

The New Testament portion of *The New English Bible* will be published on March 14. By that date nearly one million copies will be in print.

The Old Testament and Apocrypha will not be published for several years.

The New English Bible will not be a revision but an entirely new translation from the original Hebrew and Greek Scriptures. The committee that initiated the translation work in 1947 said: "In the urgent task of evangelism, one main difficulty of the Church is the difference between the language customarily used by the Church, and English as currently spoken. . . . There is a danger that archaic language may give the impression that the message itself is out of date and irrelevant. This is especially deplorable since the New Testament was written in the 'common' language of the time."

The new translation employs contemporary English that is, say the pub-

lishers, "clear and natural, but not self-consciously modernistic."

Scholars of eleven denominations and from a number of British universities took part in the work of translating the New Testament, which took thirteen years to complete. The translators were appointed by the major Protestant churches of England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland.

TRANSLATORS REVISE MOSSI TESTAMENT

Five thousand copies of the revised Mossi New Testament have been released by the American Bible Society for distribution in West Africa. Complete with illustrations and pictures, this revision is chiefly the work of Missionary Eva Radanovsky, the leading reviser, and a Mossi national worker, Ten-Kuma, of the Assemblies.

Chaplaincy

SPREADING GOSPEL LIGHT IN GREENLAND'S LONG NIGHT

Walter Tashnick, Assemblies of God

chaplain stationed at the U. S. Air Force base at Thule, Greenland, says the sun has ceased to shine up there at "the top of the world," and will not reappear until the middle of February; but, contrary to the Biblical night "when no man can work," the Christian workers at Thule are working diligently during the long Arctic night to diffuse the Light of the gospel among the personnel.

"The famous Camp Century or City Under the Ice, which you no doubt read about in newspapers and magazines such as *Saturday Evening Post* and *Life*, is now the responsibility of the Air Force chaplains here at Thule," Brother Tashnick writes. "This is because the Army chaplains assigned there were returned to the States for the winter. It has been my privilege, on several occasions, to fly some 138 miles out on the Greenland Ice Cap, land on the snow with our ski-equipped



ASSEMBLIES OF GOD SERVICEMEN IN ICE-BOUND GREENLAND

Wherever they may be, east or west, north or south, Assemblies of God servicemen seem to seek each other out. At Thule Air Base in Greenland it is easy to find men of the Assemblies of God faith for this frozen outpost has an Assembly chaplain. Here he is shown reading the Word of God to other Assembly servicemen. Left to right: SSgt. Dal Mize (Texas), TSgt. Pat A. Smith (Arkansas), TSgt. Albert Holloway (Louisiana), AIC Jesse Ramas (Texas), AIC Dale A. McCall (Michigan), and Chaplain (Major) Walter Tashnick (Michigan). These are a few of the many to whom the Servicemen's Division ministers.

plane, and go down below the surface to conduct worship services for the construction men, engineers, and scientists working there.

"A lovely chapel has been built under the ice by the Army Engineers. During my last trip I organized a Bible study group which is now meeting regularly by themselves. Their leader is an Army officer, an atomic expert, presently engaged in operating the nuclear reactor which provides heat and power for the camp."

Thule Air Base, the most northern base in the Air Force, is a major part of the national defense system. Part of its duty is to operate the first ballistic missile early-warning system whose giant radars continually probe Arctic skies against sudden attack on North America.

Israel

ATOMIC POWER STATION BUILT SECRETLY IN ISRAEL

The existence of a new atomic reactor in Israel has been revealed. A high government source said it was kept secret until now for security reasons and to forestall a possible Arab boycott of foreign companies supplying material for the project.

Location of the 34,000-kilowatt atomic research reactor is somewhere in the Negev Desert. The project was begun in the summer of 1959. Rumors that Israel was producing atomic bombs were quashed by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. He told the Israeli Parliament that the project was dedicated entirely to peaceful purposes, specifically the development of the Negev.

SAYS ISRAEL ALREADY HAS ITS OWN ATOMIC FUEL

"Using the uranium, phosphates, and heavy water now at our disposal, we can set up an atomic power station which could be independent of foreign fuel sources." So said Prof. E. D. Bergmann, Chairman of Israel's Atomic Energy Commission, in a recent lecture.

He did not elaborate on the production costs of these three components of atomic fuel, or whether their use was an economically feasible proposition. But he did say that Israel scientists have directed their efforts for ten years toward developing a local source of atomic fuel. Hydro power is insufficient for Israel's future development and the country is looking to atomic energy as its future source of power for industry.

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Please explain about the Hebrews borrowing from the Egyptians. Would it be honest to borrow if one did not plan to repay? Exodus 12:35,36.

The Revised Version reads, "They asked of the Egyptians jewels of silver, etc." (v. 35). Where it reads, "They lent unto them such things as they required," the Revised Version reads, "They let them have what they asked" (v. 36). The Hebrew word translated "borrow" has the meanings of both borrowed and asked. It could be used either way, as I understand it.

Since the early churches had more than one elder, ought not there to be elders in the churches today?

In the Early Church godly men were chosen to serve as elders. One at least ministered in the Word. These men were overseers of the spiritual activities of the local church. "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine" (1 Timothy 5:17). Officers should be provided according to a congregation's need. For the most part, our deacons serve both as elders and deacons, cooperating with the pastor in the spiritual welfare of the church, and also in caring for the material needs. Personally, I have no objection to local elders.

Does the Bible indicate that Phebe was a deaconess? Romans 16:1.

The word translated "servant" in this passage which says, "Phebe, which is a servant of the church," is *diakonon* which literally means "deaconess." I believe that she was a deaconess.

Is it right for a preacher to say he is called to preach a "hard" gospel, and then to preach in a rough manner?

It is right for a minister to feel that he must preach "all the counsel of God," but he should prayerfully seek to avoid harshness. We are called upon to "speak the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15).

Will the present heavens and earth be destroyed? If so, what did Jesus mean when He said, "The meek shall inherit the earth"? Matthew 5:5.

The heavens to be destroyed probably are our atmospheric heavens. These, together with the earth, will be destroyed in preparation for the new heavens and new earth. See 2 Peter 3:7, 10. Many believe this destruction will be a renovation, the present materials being used to bring in the new heavens and new earth of Revelation 21:1.

Probably Jesus had in mind the time of the millennial kingdom when He said, "The meek shall inherit the earth." See Revelation 20:1-4. But it might include a place in the new or renewed earth spoken of in Revelation 21:24.

What happened to the daughter of Jephthah? Judges 11:34-40.

One opinion is that Jephthah literally made a sacrifice of her, as he vowed to do. Another opinion is that she was kept apart, separated unto the Lord, so that she never had the joy of marriage. She was made a kind of Nazarite unto God, although there is no record of women Nazarites. Those who believe she was separated to be a "living sacrifice" take their opinion from the facts that, to fulfill the vow, "she knew no man" (v. 39), and that "the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in the year," which they believe would not have been done had she been slain and offered as a sacrifice.

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).

Nigerians Visit Liberia

Historic "First" Scored in Africa When Nigerian National Officer Conducts Sunday School Conventions for Liberian Churches

BY RAYMOND T. BROCK



Convention team: Marlin Peterson, Matthew Ezeigbo, and Rex Jackson

HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE IN OUR AFRICAN FIELD. FOR the first time a national worker on one mission field has been invited to conduct a Sunday school convention in another African country.

Matthew Ezeigbo, Assistant Superintendent of the Nigeria Assemblies of God, and Missionary Rex Jackson have just concluded Sunday school conventions in Pleebo, Owens Grove, and Tchien, Liberia.

Brother Ezeigbo was a delegate from Africa to the International Sunday School Convention held last year in Minneapolis. Returning to his native Nigeria, this national worker spread a new spark of Sunday school enthusiasm throughout his country and now he has shared his ministry with another African republic. Using visual aids supplied by the National Sunday School Department, Brother Ezeigbo presented Sunday school promotion in a way that Africans can readily accept.

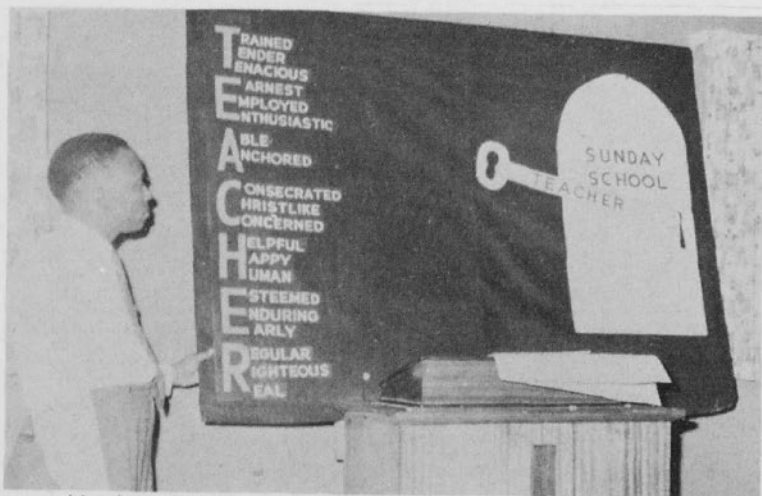
Rex Jackson, Superintendent of the Nigeria Assemblies, reports that "special appreciation was often expressed for having Brother Ezeigbo come. Many times when the missionary speaks of Sunday school matters (and other things, too) there is the attitude that such things might work in America, but not in Africa. But when an African national told of the great blessing the Sunday school has been to his own church, to himself, and to all Nigeria, it was very impressive, and the Liberian nationals took note. Brother Ezeigbo was so well received that several times he was asked if he could not stay at least six months and help them more."

The success of these conventions was assured by the planning of Marlin Peterson, Superintendent of the Liberia Assemblies of God, and the missionaries co-operating with him. To attend the convention, many of the nationals walked four days to get to Pleebo and then walked home again.

An outstanding feature of the Pleebo convention was the presentation of skits prepared by the young people. One of them, which the Liberians wrote and produced, depicted the healing of the man born blind. The other skit, provided by the National Sunday School Department, showed how a Sunday school of 75 could grow to 300 in just one year.

"The plan used in Nigerian Sunday schools was explained," Brother Jackson reports. "The fire of enthusiasm was kindled and a number of pastors asked for immediate help in getting Sunday school organized. Quarterlies are now being ordered from the Assemblies of God Press at Aba, Nigeria, so that the two fields will be using the same Sunday school materials."

The convention in Pleebo coincided with graduation at



Matthew Ezeigbo visualizes his Sunday school presentation

PHOTOS BY REX JACKSON



Pastors and Sunday school workers, most of whom walked many miles to attend the convention in Pleebo



Skit by Pleebo young people depicting how a Sunday school can increase from 75 to 300 in just one year

the Bible school. Brother Jackson delivered the graduation address for the four graduates.

The goodwill contact between the Liberian and Nigerian fields—Brother Jackson's ministry in the Bible school, the Sunday school "show-how" of Brothers Ezeigbo and Jackson in the conventions, and the co-ordinating of Sunday school curriculum in the two countries—will bear fruit for the kingdom of God long after the days of special meeting have passed. ◀◀

Too many people make cemeteries of their lives by burying their talents.

MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

November, 1960

CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 2,638.52	Northwest	45,269.89
Appalachian	681.23	Ohio	16,457.02
Arizona	5,396.93	Oklahoma	18,034.17
Arkansas	9,363.35	Oregon	13,847.85
Eastern	15,971.24	Polish Br.	93.60
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N. Calif.-Nev. ...	27,791.33	Miscellaneous ..	176.40
N. Texas	11,585.09		
Total Amount Reported	\$439,173.52		
District Funds	\$11,328.34		
National Home Missions	2,697.47		
Office Expense	3,906.82		
Given Direct to Missionaries	3,953.37	21,886.00	

Received for Council Missionaries	\$417,287.52
Received for Non-Council Missionaries	6,239.06
Missionary offerings not allocated to any State	5,158.48
Total Receipts	\$428,685.06

DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$173,536.69
Equipment	56,199.62
Missionary Work	100,926.18
National Workers Abroad	11,740.52
Deputational Returns	749.45
Buildings in Foreign Lands	41,221.64
Missionary Transportation	63,905.12
	\$448,279.22
Transferred from "Hold Accounts"	19,594.16
	\$428,685.06

School of Missions

1961 School Scheduled to Be Conducted at Springfield, June 12-23

BY NOEL PERKIN

Director

EACH SUMMER FOR THE PAST TWO years the Foreign Missions Department has conducted two weeks of intensive instruction in subjects pertaining to missionary work and the policies of the General Council and of the Foreign Missions Board.

The School of Missions is for missionaries who may be on furlough, for district missionary representatives, and for candidate missionaries as well as for any others who may wish to take this course of instruction.

This was formerly known as the School of Orientation and was arranged primarily for newly appointed missionaries and candidates for missionary service. Missionaries on furlough were also urged to attend that they might aid the new missionaries and the school through their experience in foreign missionary work, as well as have opportunity to become fully acquainted with current policies of the Foreign Missions Department.

The 1961 school is being further developed by instruction from the Foreign Missions Board and will be known in the future as the "School of Missions." This year it will convene June 12-23 on the campus of Central Bible Institute at Springfield, Missouri.

The primary reason for the change of name is that the studies covered are not only suited for new Assemblies of God missionaries, for whom the course is compulsory, but also covers subjects that are appropriate for all

missionaries of the Assemblies of God, regardless of the years of their service.

Among the subjects covered will be the explanation of foreign missions policies; the missionary, his life and testimony; media of communication in evangelism such as the preacher and his message, radio, television, literature, and the national worker; co-operation of the missionary with the local church and district; hindering forces to world evangelism, such as Communism, Roman Catholicism, and Islam. Opportunity will be given for panel discussion on matters of general importance and interest relative to missions.

There will be an added emphasis in the School of Missions by having District Missionary Secretaries or representatives in attendance. One District Missionary Secretary who attended the school last year stated emphatically that he felt the course of instruction was tremendously helpful and he would urge every district to send its representative; in fact, he thought it should be made mandatory for all District Missionary Secretaries to attend the school.

College credit is available for those taking the complete course. This has been arranged in co-operation with Central Bible Institute. A registration fee of \$10 is required in order for Central Bible Institute to maintain proper records for credit as well as to assist in the general costs of the school; otherwise, tuition is free. Board and room in Central Bible Institute will be \$4 a day for missionaries, District Missionary Secretaries, and missionary candidates.

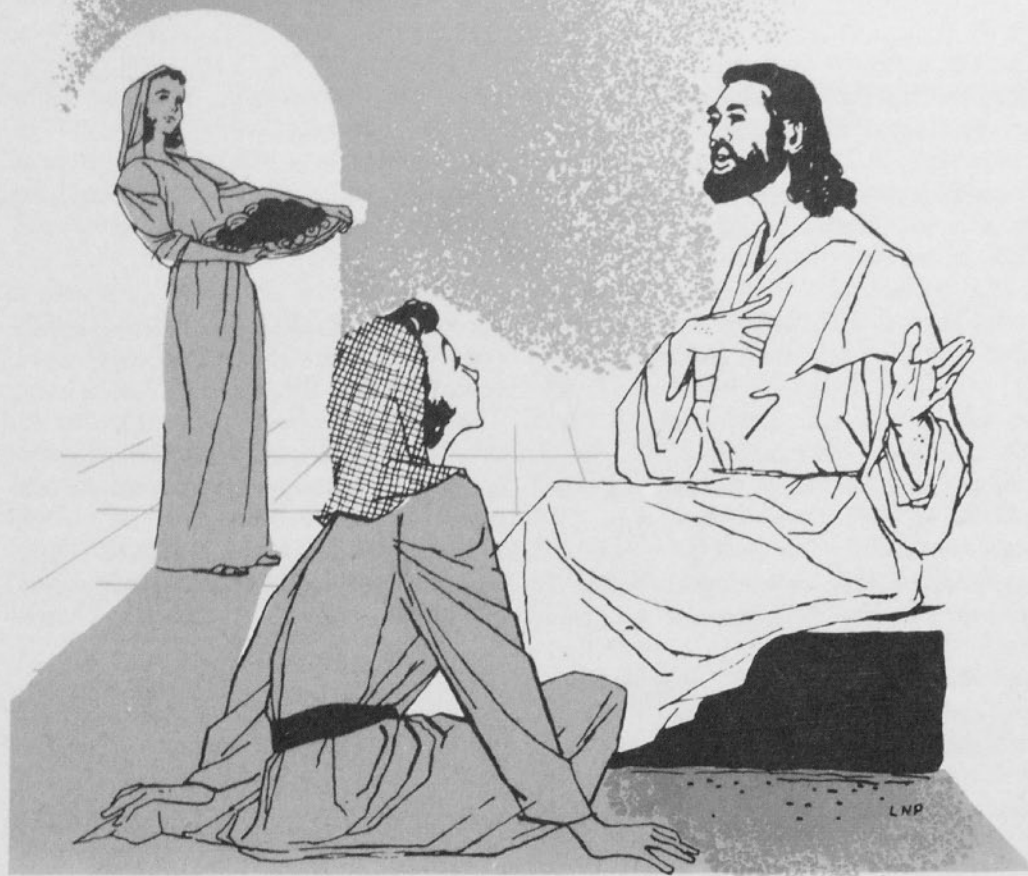
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Missionary candidates in morning lecture session in 1960 school

Martha, Mary, and Our Mission

—BY DONALD GEE



TERESA OF AVILA WAS RIGHT WHEN she said, "To give our Lord a perfect service Martha and Mary must combine."

Usually we seem to assume that all of us, whether men or women, must be either "Marthas" or "Marys." That is to say, we must be either the mystical and spiritual type, or else be so practical that our spiritual life is confessedly weaker thereby. The thought declared by one who is sometimes considered the outstanding woman in Spanish history—that it is both possible and indeed highly desirable to combine something of the two in one well-balanced personality—hardly occurs to us. Yet, why not?

It will be objected at once that our Lord praised Mary at the expense of Martha because she left the mundane service of the kitchen to sit at Jesus' feet and hear His word. That is true, but it must be remembered that the occasion was exceptional. Such a Visitor,

and such an opportunity, justified putting everything else aside temporarily.

But it is written that Martha "received Him into her house" (Luke 10: 38) and it looks as though there might have been no opportunity for Mary to listen to Jesus if Martha had not afforded it through her housekeeping. And if those scholars are right who tell us that the true significance of the words, "But one thing is needful," is, "But one dish would have sufficed for all their immediate physical needs," we can see the force of our Lord's gentle rebuke.

Martha (like so many Christian hostesses ever since) was mistaken in showing her love for Christ and her delight in having Him as her guest by putting on an elaborate meal. No one will suppose that our Lord, who fed the hungry multitude on the mountain, would be so hopelessly impractical as to imply that Mary should be forever sitting at His feet, or that Martha should never

prepare and serve a meal. We all need our regular meals, whether Marys or Marthas or even the Christ. The mistake was in departing from simplicity. It caused Martha to be "cumbered about" (literally, "distracted") and therefore irritable and in a poor spirit for getting the best things of all. But we may be sure that Jesus would have been just as quick to correct Mary if she had manifested chronic spiritual selfishness that led her to neglect her fair share of domestic duties.

There has always seemed to me a peculiar fitness in the fact that the story of Martha and Mary immediately follows the parable of the Good Samaritan. It provides an inspired corrective for absorption in service at the expense of devotion. Our Good Samaritans and our Marys each need to study the context of their favorite passage.

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What has all this to do with our mission? The homey story of Martha and Mary has provided material for countless homilies on personal behavior, but it also contains a fundamental principle for our collective life and work as Christians. Our collective "Marthas" are our committee meetings, and our collective "Marys" are our prayer meetings. Great is the victory when we learn how to hold both of these in right relationship and proportion.

In this age of the "organization man," and in the present highly institutionalized activity of our evangelistic work at home and overseas, our danger plainly is tilted toward the "Martha" complex. We hold conference after conference until we become almost breathless in rushing from one to the other. But do we ever stop to quietly ask ourselves just how much our multiplicity of committee work has accomplished, or is accomplishing? At the local level some pastors in the denominational churches complain bitterly that far too much of their time and strength is taken up with all kinds of church committees. Is it getting us anywhere in true revival? Is it yielding spiritual dividends comparable to the time expended? Are we slaves to our own organizations?

Martha's mistake lay in departing from simplicity. A certain amount of committee work is absolutely necessary for effective collective activity. We cannot do things together without meeting and talking together. Times of counsel have a vital place and only fanatics

ignore this. Secretaries and offices and constitutions fulfill an essential function in our gospel mission. Without them we drift into chaos or despotic individuality. But the drift into ever-increasing bureaucracy must be watched as we watch for our souls.

For bureaucracy is a soul-less thing. We lose our Lord by living ceaselessly in the church's "kitchen." The danger for Martha is all the greater when her "kitchen" possesses all the gadgets that make for utmost efficiency. The tragedy was that she left Christ in the "parlor." Let the imagery be pardoned for the sake of the truth. Committee service is not wrong. It is essential. But it must be kept rigidly down to the "one thing needful"—the simple necessities.

At the other extreme we have the "Mary" complex that would have us spend all our time in the prayer meeting and end by being impractical and probably tainted with spiritual pride. Whereas, in the Bethany story, it was Martha who criticized Mary, it could easily have had a sequel where Mary criticized Martha. And she might have claimed that Jesus was on her side, but never if only a simple dish had been provided so that Martha and Mary could have sat together at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

Things being as they are today, we need more emphasis upon waiting on God. In the end our ministry and sense of mission will cease to possess any driving power from the Holy Spirit if we neglect prayer and devotion. We need more "Mary" conventions than "Martha" councils until the balance is restored. But let both flow together in fervent devotion and practical simplicity while we hold the vision clear of what a truly Pentecostal revival can contain for world-wide witness to the Lord Jesus Christ. ◀◀

February is—

MISSION U.S.A. MONTH

Assemblies of God districts are scheduling "Mission U.S.A." Rallies during February (in most instances). This year's rally theme, OPERATION HOME BASE, emphasizes the necessity for strengthening the work of the Assemblies of God on the home front. Be sure to attend the rally nearest you. Dates and places will be announced by your district home missions representative. National goals have been set at 50,000 in attendance and \$30,000 in offerings for this year's mission U.S.A. rallies.

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New Church in Hailey, Idaho

EVER SINCE THE MID-THIRTIES, when the Union Pacific Railroad opened up Sun Valley Lodge, central Idaho has been the fun center for thousands of Americans. The excellent skiing to be found on the sunny slopes of the Sawtooth Mountains in the beautiful Wood River Valley has attracted throngs of winter sportsmen. During the spring and summer the crystal-clear streams beckon fishermen from all over America. In the fall the nearby mountains lure big-game hunters in search of deer, elk, moose, and bear.

Central Idaho has truly been a sportsman's paradise for those seeking worldly pleasure. But for years there has been no full-gospel preaching.

A few Christian people have seen the need and prayed for a full-gospel work to be opened. In the past, a few attempts to start a work appeared fruitless. Various non-Pentecostal denominations attempted to establish a church but gave up. There is a Baptist church in Hailey, twelve miles to the south of Sun Valley; and there are Presbyterian churches in Ketchum (one mile south of Sun Valley) and Bellevue (four miles farther south), but after fifty years these are still on a home missions basis.

Within the past year another denomination tried to start a new church but their efforts ended in failure in two months. The Wood River Valley of central Idaho evidently is not fertile ground for the advancement of our Saviour.

In September 1958 the Southern Idaho District Council of the Assemblies of God decided that it was time to start a work at Hailey, the county seat and the largest community in the valley. In early September a Bethany Bible College graduate, Charles F. Baldwin, with his wife Pauline, felt led to Idaho to pioneer the new work.

On November 16 the first service

was held in the local Grange Hall with eight present. Progress was slow, for there were no Assemblies of God people in the valley. There were two Pentecostal (non-Assembly) families to help at the start but one family moved in a few months, leaving only one family to help the pastor.

The nearest Assembly is over forty miles away, so the new church has had little support to strengthen the meetings.

But God has blessed the effort and as the church completes its second year the outlook is encouraging. The average attendance lately has been in the twenties and there have been as many as thirty-four present. Brother Baldwin has had to engage full-time in secular employment to support his family but the people are learning to tithe. Two and one-half lots have been purchased on the main street with the hope that in the near future the young congregation will have a church building of its own.

This predominantly Mormon community still presents many obstacles. The deep winter snows hinder attendance in the new Assembly. A new quarter-million-dollar Mormon chapel is near completion.

The churches of Southern Idaho District have been helping to meet the payment of the rent on the Grange Hall and have supplied a home for the Baldwins on the grounds of the Bellevue Bible Camp (the youth camp site). But southern Idaho is a pioneer area and funds in this struggling district are being stretched to the limit. There are other home mission churches besides Hailey that need financial aid.

Please pray for Southern Idaho District and especially for the work at Hailey. Ask God to supply the needs so the new church can be established firmly to extend the kingdom of God in this community where the full-gospel ministry is so desperately needed.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Baldwin, pastors of the new Assembly in Hailey, Idaho

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



THE INFIRM MAN AT THE POOL

Sunday School Lesson for February 12, 1961

JOHN 5:1-16

THE SUFFERING CROWD. John 5:1-3.

What an accumulation of suffering, sickness, and sorrow was found at Bethesda! How typical of a world today which, in spite of the marvelous progress of medical science, is so full of people who, with heart-rending eagerness bordering on despair, flock around anything or anyone that vaguely holds out to them a hope for peace and health.

THE STRANGE CONTACT. Vv. 5, 6.

These verses suggest many lessons:

(1) *God's sovereignty and grace.* Why did Jesus single out this man from all the others? Was it because he was the most helpless and his case the most hopeless? We may not be able to answer such questions, but we can rejoice in God's love and grace which has singled us out from the millions who know Him not!

(2) *The limitations of Christ's healing ministry.* Observe that as far as we know this was the only man of all the crowd that was healed. A very unfair criticism is made of some who are used of God in healing; namely, "If they have the gift of healing, why don't they heal everyone?" The answer is that not even Christ did that! He healed all who came to Him, but He seldom took the initiative as in this case. And in every performance of healing ministry, Christ only acted in the power of the Spirit and at the directive of the Father.

(3) *Purposeful questioning.* "Wilt thou be made whole?" The question seems unnecessary! Would not anyone who had been so long in such a condition want to be healed and well? (a) Jesus wished to awaken hope in the heart of one who had been helpless for so long that hope had about died. Thus Christ began gently to awaken and arouse the faith He would later demand. (b) To test desire. Because a man has a spiritual need does not mean that he is aware of it, nor that he desires to have the need met. Jesus meant what He said when He asked the question! There are many today who would rather have sympathy than health. There are many who talk about desiring holiness but are not willing to part with sin.

(4) *Readiness for the duties of life.* Christ's question meant, "Are you ready for the duties of life?" It is amazing that there are so many who are content to remain spiritual paralytics because they shrink from the demands made upon those who wholly follow Christ. Many a person draws back from seeking a deeper experience with God for fear of the consecration which may be required. "Wilt thou be made whole?" "Are you really willing to be fitted for the highest and purest life?"

(5) *The importance of the will.* Christ's question makes it very clear that the human will plays a prominent part in healing (or in getting anything else from God). Some are not healed because they have no fixed purpose to be healed. The faith which secures healing is more than a

mental attitude; it is a definite act of will in appropriation.

THE SAD CONFESSION. V. 7.

"Sir, I have no man." What a pitiful plight! How suggestive of the loneliness and selfishness which abounds in the world today! *Every man for himself* is the spirit which moves so many. What a miserable world it would be if it were not for those who find joy and happiness in helping others! "We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak... in honor preferring one another... Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification... Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ."

THE STARTLING COMMAND. Vv. 8, 9.

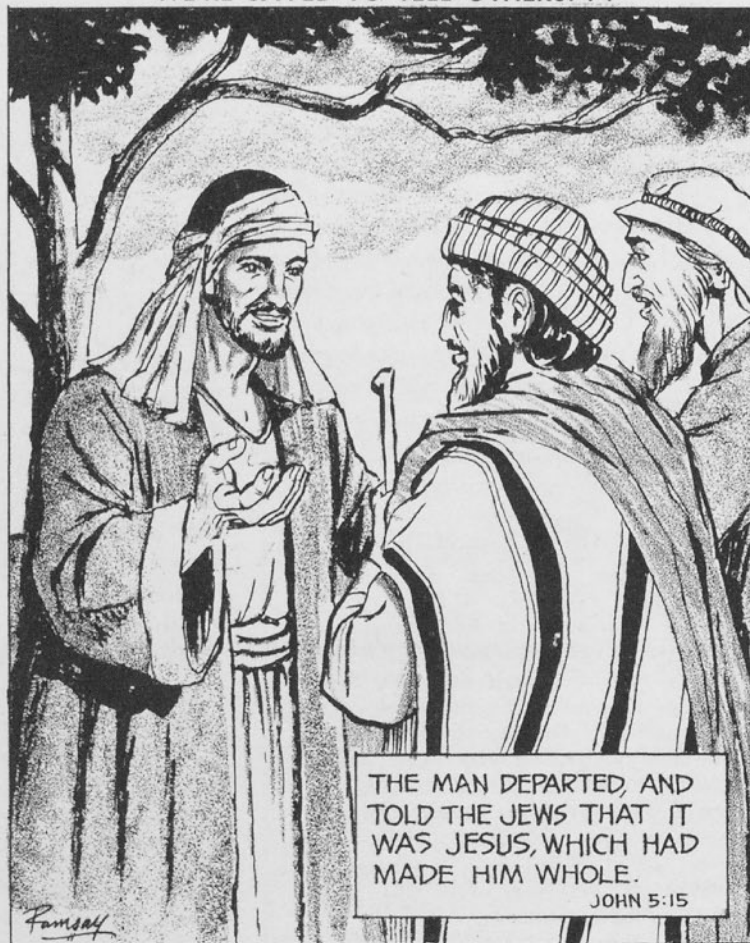
The needy man is asked to do that which without Divine help was utterly impossible! But as he responded to Christ's Word with the obedience of faith, Christ's power flowed into him and healed him! So it always is. God's commands are His enablements.

THE SEVERAL CONSEQUENCES. Vv. 10, 11.

(1) *Heartless criticism.* Christ has worked a miracle and the Jews want to kill Him for it because He did it on the Sabbath! It is possible to be so bound by tradition and prejudice that we miss great blessings made available by truth. (2) *Gratitude.* The healed man goes to the Temple to express to God his gratitude for his healing. (3) *Warning.* "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." It is quite evident that there is often a connection between sickness and sin. Again, there is something worse than even thirty-eight years of affliction—to have a well body which serves sin! To have received healing by the power of God ought to inspire one to lifelong devotion and service to Christ!

—J. Bashford Bishop

"WE'RE SAVED TO TELL OTHERS. . ."



THE MAN DEPARTED, AND TOLD THE JEWS THAT IT WAS JESUS, WHICH HAD MADE HIM WHOLE.

JOHN 5:15

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The Route to Revival

(Continued from page nine)

he has "launched out into the deep." Now, he has witnessed something; sensed something; faced something which had never become apparent to his understanding before. What he had seen, what he had perceived, quickly revealed to him, by contrast, the sinfulness of his own heart. With Isaiah he was saying, "I am a man of unclean lips . . . for mine eyes have seen the Lord of hosts." It is only as we see Him as He is in all the perfections and purity of His character that the purging is desired and the live coal from off the altar is requested.

God Waits to Release His Power

Simultaneous with the renewal of the presence of the Lord to a believer's cold and cluttered heart, and the revelation of His purity, comes the release of His power. It is resurrection power. It lifts one back to a higher plane, back to heaven's tableland; back where fellowship is once again enjoyed freely with the Father and with the Son. The thoughts are elevated; the faith is strengthened; the heart becomes eager to do the will of God.

Revival is not a momentary emotional upsurge. It is an unforgettable dealing with Him whose irresistible voice, which will call forth the dead from their graves, has issued the sovereign command to rise to higher heights. It is a new display of the new life which was gained through faith in Christ as Saviour—an energy which transcends and outlasts all fleshly effort, making the conduct attractive, the ministry productive, and the prayer-life effective.

The plea of the heart for revival grows out of the soil of self-dissatisfaction. Longing for it germinates at once when an honest appraisal of the life is made. None can satisfy the heart like Jesus. No other love is so warm and welcome, so true and tender. No other type of life is so exemplary or so commending as that which is under the control of the Holy Spirit. There

is no other mental frame comparable to the assurance that we are operating within His will. And when one ray of Divine revelation is allowed to shine through the shadows of a backslidden condition, it at once becomes apparent that one is complete only in Christ. All the supplemental things which had been accepted and applied are proved to be false and insufficient. Then, when the loneliness of being, causes the heart to sink into that weird, indescribable emptiness of distance from Christ, even as anyone whose footing becomes insecure grasps for something solid, so the repentant one reaches out insistently for the Rock which is both our Foundation of security and our Fountain of blessing. This longing, being interpreted, is the same cry as of old, "Bring the Book!" (Nehemiah 8:1).

"The Word of God is quick and powerful." If we apply it to our lives, does it not follow that it will evidence its life and manifest its power?

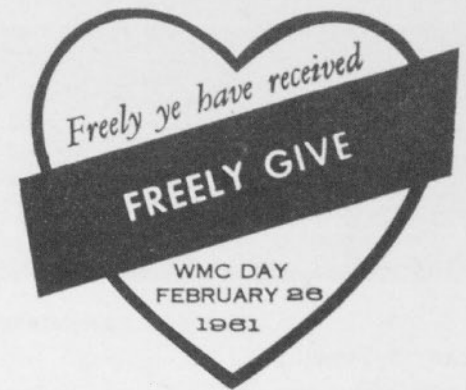
"O Lord . . . thy thoughts are very deep." If we apply His thoughts to our lives, will not our shallowness and leanness give way to depth and enrichment?

"Thy testimonies are very sure." If we apply His testimonies to our lives, will there not be more certainty in our experience?

"Thy testimonies are very fruitful." If we assimilate His Word, will we not be more holy?

If we were as honest as the Psalmist and as conscientious, we too would confess, "Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law."

When the Holy Spirit manifested His presence on the Day of Pentecost as a rushing wind, the place was filled with His presence and the people were filled with His power, so much so that multitudes in Jerusalem were "amazed and marvelled." The work of the Spirit always elicits awe and wonder, for His ministry always produces God-honoring results.



Do you ask, "Will God receive His people?" God asks, "Will my people, who are called by my name, humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face?" That is to say, "Will my people be revived?"

When we are sufficiently penitent to despise our sin, to disown it, and to depart from it, then will we answer our Father in heaven with David of old, "When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek." Then will God hear from heaven; then will He bless His people; then will the people reverence and obey His Word. Then will the true meaning of revival be known.

—The Northwestern Pilot

Without Christ

CHRIST IS THE WAY. Men without Him are like Cain, wanderers, vagabonds.

HE IS THE TRUTH. Men without Him are liars, like the devil of old.

HE IS THE LIFE. Men without Him are dead in trespasses and sins.

HE IS THE LIGHT. Men without Him walk in darkness and know not whither they go.

HE IS THE VINE. Men who are not in Him are withered branches prepared for the fire.

HE IS THE ROCK. Men not built on Him are carried away by the flood of judgment.

HE IS THE BREAD AND WATER OF LIFE. Men without Him will hunger and thirst through all eternity.

HE IS THE ALPHA AND OMEGA. Men without Him have neither beginning of good nor end of misery.

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The Family Altar



MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

READ: 2 Timothy 3:1-9

LEARN: "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, . . . having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2 Timothy 3:2, 5).

FOR THE PARENT: In this passage Paul lists some of the characteristics which shall prevail in the last days. He calls these days "perilous times," and then gives the reasons for that definition. Discuss the characteristics he mentions about those without Christ (verses 2-9). Show how these characteristics are present among men and nations today, indicating we are living in the last days—the time immediately before the second coming of Christ. Verse 8 probably refers to Pharaoh's magicians (see Exodus 7:11, 12, 22; 8:7, 9:11).

QUESTION TIME: What are some of the characteristics of men in the last days?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: James Modder, India.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

READ: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

LEARN: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God . . . That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16, 17).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the material studied yesterday. Contrasting with the evil lives of wicked men is the godly life of the apostle, v. 10. But such godliness also brought persecution, v. 11. However, all who live godly can expect some type of persecution, v. 12. Conditions among the ungodly will grow worse, v. 13, but we are to continue in God's Word, vv. 14-17. Point out the purposes of God's Word from verses 15-17.

QUESTION TIME: What type of treatment can godly people expect? (v. 12) What are the purposes of God's Word? (vv. 15-17)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Lionel P. Furman, Congo; Mrs. D. A. Guynes, Malaya.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

READ: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

LEARN: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).

FOR THE PARENT: This epistle contains the last written words of the apostle Paul. From this passage notice: (1) his concern for Timothy's faithfulness to the true message of the gospel, vv. 1, 5; (2) his awareness of the stubborn perverseness of human nature, vv. 3, 4; (3) this perverseness of others should not affect our wholehearted service to God, v. 5; (4) Paul's awareness of his approaching martyrdom, his testimony of faithfulness to God, and his certainty of God's approval, vv. 6-8.

QUESTION TIME: What are some of the things Paul charged Timothy to do? (vv. 2, 5) What testimony did Paul have before death?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Robert Ridener (Indian), Wyoming; Mrs. W. W. Anderson, Ghana; Willis G. Long, India.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

READ: John 5:1-15

LEARN: "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities" (Hebrews 4:15).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "The Infirm Man at the Pool" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review this story pointing out: (1) the situation, vv. 1-4; (2) the need of a "certain man," v. 5; (3) Christ's awareness of the man's need, v. 6; (4) Christ's question, v. 6; (5) the man's answer—seeing only the immediate situation, v. 7; (6) the miracle, vv. 8, 9; (7) the problem the Jews had concerning this miracle, vv. 9, 10; (8) Jesus revealed Himself to the man and counseled him to forsake sin, vv. 14, 15.

QUESTION TIME: What was this man's need? How did Jesus meet it? Why did the Jews object to the healing?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Annie Bailie, Hong Kong; Norma Johanson, Liberia; Mrs. L. M. McNutt, Togo; N. Lawrence Olson, Brazil.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

READ: Mark 4:35-41 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him" (Luke 8:25).

FOR THE PARENT: Have the group review the story of the calming of the storm by Jesus. Stress especially the concern of the disciples in the midst of the storm and their feeling that Christ apparently did not care whether they perished or not, v. 38. Not only did Jesus care, but He demonstrated His care by calming the wind and waves, v. 39. He also used this occasion to rebuke the disciples for their lack of faith, v. 40.

QUESTION TIME: Were Jesus and the disciples the only ones on the seas at this time? (v. 36) What happened while they were at sea? (vv. 36-39)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Forrest G. Barker (superannuated), Peru; Mrs. L. P. Breusch, India; Mrs. Mildred Schultz (Indian), Washington.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

READ: Judges 7:1-23 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "The Lord God will help me" (Isaiah 50:9).

FOR THE PARENT: From this story point out: (1) how God reduced the size of Gideon's army, vv. 1-6; (2) the purpose of the reduction, v. 2; (3) God's promise to Gideon, vv. 7-9; (4) God's reassurance to Gideon, vv. 10-15; (5) Gideon's instructions to his men—their battle plan, vv. 16-18; (6) the battle and how God brought victory to Gideon and his men, vv. 19-23. Spiritual victories, too, come from depending on God completely and from obeying all He tells us to do.

QUESTION TIME: Why did God reduce the size of Gideon's army? (v. 2) What was Gideon's battle plan? (vv. 16-18) How did God give him victory? (vv. 22, 23)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. F. A. Merian (superannuated), India; Louis P. Richards, Korea.

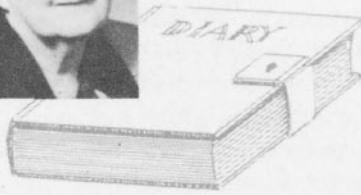
MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SUNDAY: Mrs. D. H. Baker, Malaya; Wesley E. Bjur, Chile.

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LED TO HUNGRY HEARTS

BY ALMA WARE CROSBY

WHEN VISITING TO PRAY WITH AN elderly couple who lived in a small house, I met a girl who had come in to wash dishes for a meal. She was so timid and downcast, hardly lifting her eyes to look at me. Her body was stooped and her feet were weak and almost crippled.

The elderly woman told me the girl's husband had been in prison for some time, and now she was staying in a small house nearby with her sister, whose husband drank.

"Let's ask her if she would like for us to pray for her," I said to the older woman. She agreed to my suggestion.

Turning to the girl I asked if she would like prayer. She smiled weakly and humbly knelt and sought the Lord. Soon she was enjoying a bright and happy conversation.

Good shoes were put on her feet, and day work was secured for her in numerous homes, including mine. She was so grateful for what the Lord did for her. She began to grow in the Lord, quitting her cigarettes entirely.

One day I told her about the baptism in the Holy Spirit and showed her the scriptures that referred to it. Within a few moments she was filled with the Holy Spirit. Her countenance altered and her personality changed, causing her whole way of life to be improved.

I am glad that God's "eye salve" was on my eyes that day so I could see this hungry heart when she would hardly face us.

Hungry hearts are in every walk of life! If we pray each day for divine guidance, God will lead us to them.

While attending a large convention in the East I was at a banquet. There was hilarity and singing as we ate. Persons from various states were called upon to lead a song. At last someone called out, "Miss Alma from Texas, lead the next song."

They practically pulled me up to lead

the song. On the way the Holy Spirit whispered in my ear, "This is your opportunity to witness for Jesus." I arose and led the diners in singing *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*. Before I could sit down the vice-president of a large eastern concern called me over to him and said, "Now this has all been foolishness, but you have given us something worthwhile. It makes me think that perhaps you can help me." I gladly agreed to try.

"My soul is not saved," he said. "I have been a church member for many years; am on the official board of a large church; I work hard and am so anxious to find peace that I go down early Sunday mornings and assist the porter in lighting fires and other chores around the church, but *I am not saved.*"

"Let us slip out into the lobby," I suggested to him. We did, and there in a secluded spot among the palms I told him the simple story of salvation. There he found Christ as his own Saviour. His eyes lighted up with a heavenly light as he found happiness, peace, and eternal life.

My aged sister was an invalid, so the family retained a woman to care for her. My husband and I were planning to visit her when we received a letter from her. She told of having a

new woman to help her who was very tender and kind with her, was a fine cook, and satisfactory in most ways. However, she smoked cigarettes constantly, and even smoked cigars, so that she had the place smelling of tobacco.

"I believe I just won't stay at Sister's house with that woman there," I told my husband. "Let's stay at my brother's this time, and just visit Sister."

"Honey," he said, "you know she will have her feelings hurt." Then he added, "Now don't get so self-righteous."

That woke me up, so we drove to my sister's house and met Lillie. She weighed about three hundred pounds and had a most pleasant, friendly face. She welcomed us and soon had a nice supper ready for us to enjoy.

Knowing it was church night in the little town, we said to my sister, "Well, we will slip off and go to church." To our amazement she seemed real happy about it and said, "Why don't you ask Lillie to go with you?"

Since my sister had been displeased for years about our leaving the family church for a Pentecostal one, we hardly could believe our ears when she made such a suggestion. Lillie agreed to go with us. The church we visited had the good *old-fashioned* habit of inviting people to pray at the altar before the service began. My husband and I turned to Lillie and asked, "Would you like to come and pray with us?"

She lifted her big body up and walked to the front where she knelt beside me at the altar. Conviction came upon her and before Lillie arose she was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Her big body was shaking with happy sobs and holy laughter. A most unusual service followed.

Lillie went home transformed. She never took another draw on a cigarette or cigar. She became a mighty testimony to my family of the power of Pentecost.

We have the greatest story in the world to tell, and the Holy Spirit, who desires to win hungry hearts, wants to use our mouths to tell the story.

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FIRST THE HIDING AND THEN THE revealing. All life develops first in secret, and then is openly manifested. The Bible is the only book in the world that reveals life as it actually transpires. "The word of the Lord came unto him [Elijah] saying, . . . hide thyself by the brook Cherith." Later the Lord sent him to Zidon. Then the word of the Lord came to him again, saying, "Go show thyself unto Ahab" (1 Kings 17:18).

THE DEALINGS OF GOD

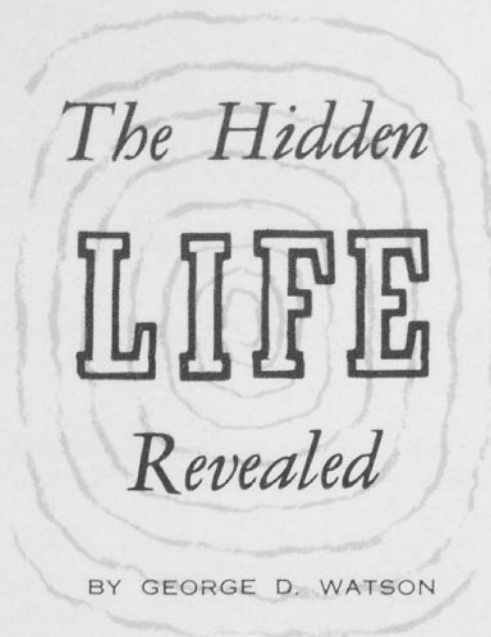
The hiding was a time of probation, of giving the people of Israel an opportunity of repentance; and the showing himself was a time of judgment, of slaying the false prophets, and of proving the true God by fire from heaven. These two facts in the life of Elijah illustrate the dealings of God with mankind in all generations, and also illustrate the progress in a life of faith. In order that Moses might be prepared for his great work, he lived a hidden life, taking care of sheep for forty years in Mount Horeb.

How significant are the words concerning his infancy, for it is said that from his birth his mother hid him three months, and then when she could no longer hide him she committed him openly to the care of God. So that in his infancy there was first the hiding, and then the open revelation. And his great life in after years seems to have been wrought out according to the pattern of his infancy. After the hidden life of forty years with his sheep, he was suddenly called to the most public life in the world—a life that showed forth the compassion of God in delivering His own people, and the judgments of God upon the Egyptians.

In the life of Joseph there was first the long years of hiding down in the land of Egypt, when all his family supposed him to be dead; and then came the revealed life when he was made known to his brethren, and his name and fame were spread among all the nations of the earth.

HIDING IN THE WILDERNESS

In the life of David seven years were spent with his band of followers hiding in the wilderness, in caves and canyons, among the heathen people, going through countless hardships; but after the death of Saul, God told him to go up to Hebron where he was publicly crowned the king of Judah, and the greatness of his nature and



character soon became manifest to the eyes of the world.

The life of John the Baptist is another striking example of first the hiding, and then the revealing of a great life. It is said that from his early boyhood he spent his time in the wilderness, until the time came for his showing unto Israel when he was thirty years old.

The life of Paul was wrought out according to the same plan. Many suppose that Paul lived in Jerusalem after his conversion, but he tells us that he went into Arabia. Very likely he went to the vicinity of Mount Horeb where Moses and Elijah had been shut away with God. He was there three years, during which time all the old Scriptures were revealed to him, and also the new plan of the Church and of salvation and the kingdom of heaven was opened up to his understanding, for he says he did not learn any of these things from man, but by the revelation of the Spirit of God. After this hidden life in Arabia he went to Jerusalem to visit the apostles, and from that time on he was the most conspicuous Christian in the world.

A FATHOMLESS MYSTERY

Not only these cases which I have mentioned, but the very life of the incarnate Son of God was on the same pattern. The hidden life of Christ is a fathomless mystery which no one has penetrated. From the time of His birth to that of His baptism, we have only a three days' peep into His boyhood, when he went with His parents to Jerusalem at twelve years of age.

These great lives are patterns of

God's plan for all His people in all periods of their probation in this world. And even the life of things in the natural world are on the same plan. When a seed is planted in the ground it must begin by making the root to go down in the earth before the top is made.

In the building of a Christian life there must first be the formation of the secret fountains of that life in the unseen conviction, the private prayers, the deep inward meditations, the secret communion with God, before there can be the open manifestation and visible fruit in the public life of good deeds.

Another truth to be observed is that in all the cases I have mentioned, there is a correspondence between the kind of revealed life that is to follow.

PROMINENCE AND GLORY

For instance, the hidden life of Joseph was caused by the hatred of his brethren, and in that hidden life there were false charges, reproach, shame, and the vile degradation of an old prison. Afterward, in perfect contrast with all this, when he rose to prominence and glory, and his life became revealed, the honor and love, dominion, world-wide fame, and extreme glory came in the same proportion as the extreme humiliation he had suffered previously.

The hidden life of Moses was caused by the wrath of the king of Egypt, and in his hidden life he learned perfect humility, being a servant to Jethro; but when the time came for his life to be fully revealed he was made the supreme master of the world, and with authority to punish the king of Egypt; so that his exaltation was in perfect contrast to his humiliation, and there was a perfect correspondence between the character of his hidden life and the character of his revealed life.

The hidden life of David was caused by the envy of Saul, and all his sufferings brought about by the envy of those who hated him because of his superior qualities; and when the time came for his life to be manifested as the king of Israel, he won the hearts of all the people, and had the great gift of pleasing them in the same ratio that his enemies had been envious of him.

SHUT IN WITH GOD

John the Baptist had nothing to do with this world. He lived the most un-earthly life of any man. He never came

into contact with the laws, society, fashions, manners, money, or wisdom of this world; his life was utterly hidden away from the world, and shut in with God. On the other hand, when the time came for his showing to Israel, the record of his public life was only in connection with the Son of God. He was herald of the Messiah, a voice in the wilderness crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

The hidden life of Paul was not like that of Joseph, or Moses, or David, but it was a hidden life in special reference to the knowledge of Scripture, to learning the mysteries connected with the kingdom of heaven, the second coming of Christ, the apostasy of the Church, the revealing of the Antichrist, and those mysteries of grace that had been hidden from the prophets of the Patriarchal and Jewish dispensations. And hence when he came to his public apostolic life, he expounded the Old Testament more thoroughly than all the other apostles, and was God's chosen instrument to give us a more nearly perfect form of Bible doctrine than any other inspired writer.

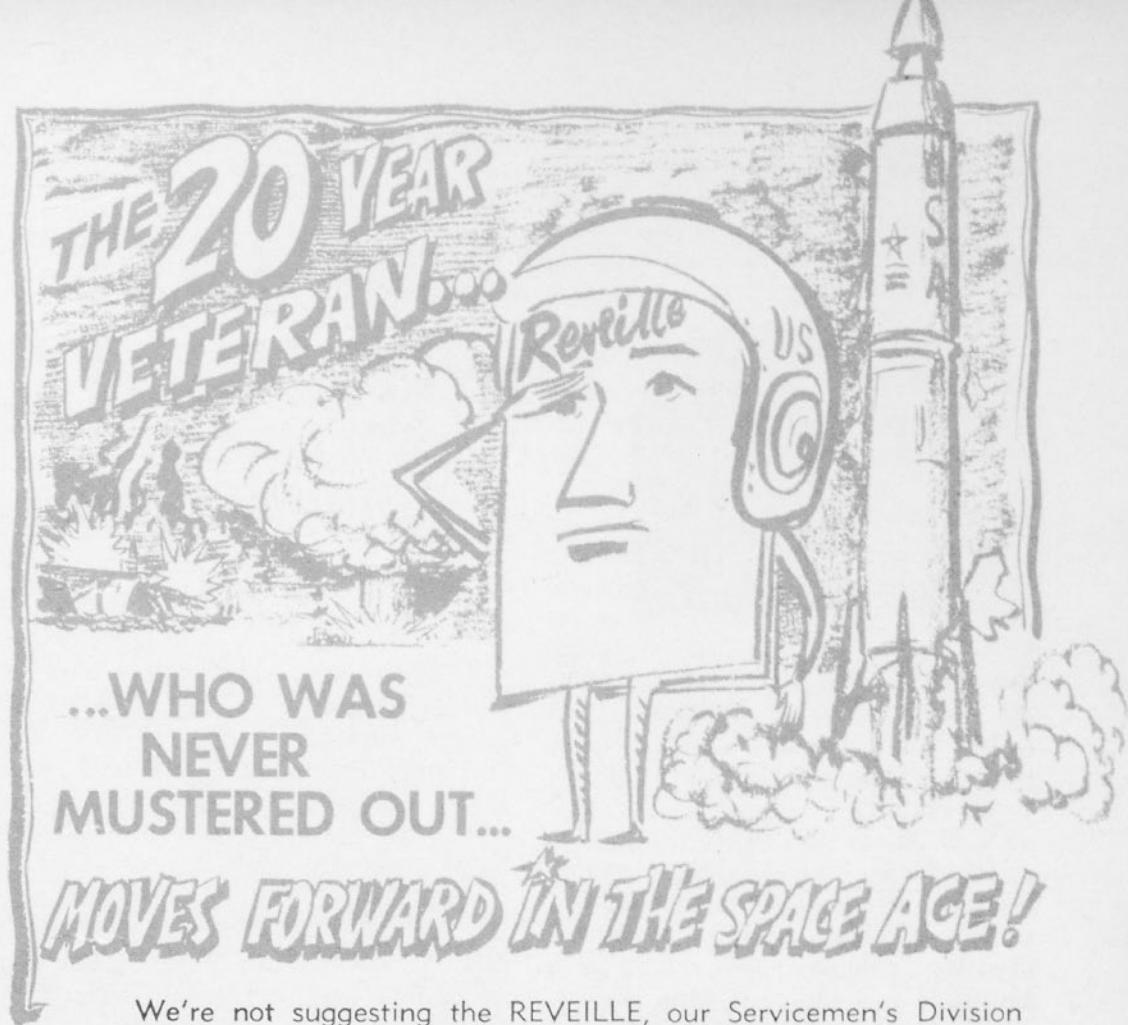
THE NATURE OF THE TREE

Just as there is a direct relationship between the nature of a root that is hidden in the ground, and the nature of the tree that is manifest above the ground, so in every life there is an exact relationship between the character of the hidden life and the character of the manifested life. A great many people want a large manifested life without having the previous preparation of a hidden life.

There are others who seem to live entirely a hidden life in this world, and they are tempted to chafe beneath the restraint. But according to God's unerring plan there will come in the future state the manifested life in exact proportion to the qualities in the present life.

Now on a large scale, the spiritual Church of Jesus is living a hidden life in the present dispensation, but at the Lord's second coming the true Church will rise in the first resurrection and enter upon her glorified manifested life, and the glory of that revealed life will be in perfect contrast to the trials and humiliations of the present hidden life. For now "ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God," but "when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." ◀◀

February 5, 1961



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BY OSWALD J. SMITH

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO BE A CHRISTIAN, and intend to be sometime," said a man to his friend one day, "but I want to enjoy the pleasures of the world first."

"Well, that's all right," responded his friend. "Go on and enjoy the world! You can become a Christian afterwards."

"But just when should I become a Christian?" inquired the other, in a somewhat anxious tone of voice.

"Oh, *five minutes before you die* will be time enough," replied his friend in a casual sort of way.

"But I don't know *when* I am going to die," he exclaimed. "I may not have another five minutes to live."

"In that case," remarked the friend, "the time to become a Christian is **NOW**."

The Bible's advice cannot be surpassed: "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1). You *may* have another chance; but remember, there is a time coming when you will not—you will have made the final choice.

This may be that time. As surely as God lives, the hour will strike when you will attend your last gospel meeting, hear your last sermon, and make your final choice. So this may be your last opportunity.

There is no "tomorrow" with God. It is always *today*. "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). God's time is *now*.

Three things may make this your last opportunity.

LIFE IS UNCERTAIN

"The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?"

"And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

"But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" (Luke 12:16-20).

It was Jesus who said *this*. Oh, fool, fool, not to reckon with the uncertainty of life! Will you, too, play the fool, and continue to procrastinate until suddenly your doom is sealed? Death is everywhere—startling and unexpected! Today you are here, tomorrow you may be in eternity; today walking about strong and well, tomorrow lying cold and silent! Accidents on every side! Danger wherever you go!

The next train you ride may hurl you into the presence of your Maker! The street you cross on the way home may see your mangled body beneath the wheels of a passing car. Even now, while plans for tomorrow are passing through your mind, the voice of God, could you but hear it, may be saying to you also, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee," or "This week thou shalt die" (Jeremiah 28:16). Yes, life is uncertain.

JESUS IS COMING

The *time* of His coming no man knows, but the *fact* of His coming is absolutely certain. Some day, suddenly, He will burst through the clouds, "for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

In the story of the ten virgins, five were wise and five foolish. They were all waiting for and expecting Him, but

the wise were ready, the foolish were asleep.

"And at midnight, there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him...."

"And they that were ready went in with him to the marriage, and the door was shut.

"Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

"But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 25:1-13).

Are you ready? Dare you meet Him *tonight*? If He should come before morning, would it be all right with you? Are you prepared to meet Him *now*? Oh, sinner friend, I beg you to delay no longer. Trifle not! Jesus is coming—how will you face Him? "Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44).

THE SPIRIT MAY CEASE TO STRIVE
Saul said, "God is departed from me" (1 Samuel 28:15). This was the saddest, darkest experience in his life. Oh, the hopelessness of such a condition—the Spirit gone, God departed, man left to himself, night approaching, swift and certain doom! Oh, to have no hope in Jesus!

Of some it is written that "God gave them up" (Romans 1:24)—forsaken by God, the God who loved them, who died for them, and would have saved them, if they would have let Him.

Year after year, month after month, week after week, the Spirit has been striving with you. God has been calling, pleading, beseeching, but—"Ye would not." Again and again you have heard His voice in sermon and in song. Every time the invitation has been given, you have recognized the gentle wooings of the Holy Spirit entreating you to give yourself to Jesus. And every time you have answered, "No!"

God said, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man" (Genesis 6:3). These are solemn words. Be warned before it is forever too late! Will you seal your doom, and damn your own soul? Or will you obey the voice of the Spirit *now*, and take the Lord Jesus as your Saviour?

Delay not, for the Spirit may cease to strive, and your last opportunity be gone! Life is uncertain. Jesus is coming. Be saved today and avoid being lost forever. ◀◀

Healed and Delivered from Drug Habit

AFTER TWICE ATTEMPTING SUICIDE AS a result of many years of drug addiction, I was delivered from the power of all drugs in March, 1960. This miracle of deliverance and healing came in answer to the prayers of many people.

I felt like the woman described in Mark 5:25, 26—I suffered many things of many physicians and never was any better. Because I suffered from severe headaches I was hospitalized twelve times, for one to nearly five months each time, but I found no relief. Pains became so severe that it was necessary to take large doses of drugs for relief. I could not sleep without drugs. For five years I took 3200 mg. of tranquilizers per day—(Equanil) Darvon, a wonder drug for relieving pain, and Sodium Amytal for sleeping, plus other medications. This made me an addict.

I first attempted suicide by cutting my throat, both wrists, and both ankles with a razor. In addition I drank iodine and lysol, and took an overdose of

sleeping capsules. As a result I was put into a mental institution for drug addiction for nearly five months.

A short time after being released I again suffered with colitis, losing twenty-five pounds in two months. Then I was put back on strong medications and returned to the hospital. There they fed me intravenously daily and kept me under heavy drugs, and gave me a double dose of sleeping capsules to secure rest. I became addicted again and daily took sixty capsules of Sodium Amytal—enough to kill a couple of people. One day I passed out, with poison already broken out on my body in a rash. For twelve hours I lay in a coma in the hospital.

The physician told my daughter he didn't expect me to live, but God was merciful to me. He put a burden of prayer upon the hearts of His people for me. As a result, my life was spared.

Because of colitis I was not able to eat raw fruit or vegetables. One night while out for dinner I ate a raw vegetable salad, praying in the name of the Lord that it would do me no harm. Praise God, there were no ill effects. Then I began to realize that if my stomach and bowels were healed I was

healed completely, so I took a step of faith and threw my pills away. For the first time in years I was free of all medication and physician's care. No longer was I looking for God to heal me while under medical care and drugs. I was now in a position where God could receive the glory for my healing. I praise God for healing my body. Other physicians could not heal me. One by one, more than a dozen doctors tried in vain—each one referred me to a different doctor—but the Great Physician did not fail me.

Only those bound by drugs can realize what it means to be delivered. I hope my testimony will encourage those addicted to drugs to look to God for deliverance.—Mrs. Edith C. Laurie, 3702 Terrace Ave., Pennsauken, N.J. (wife of Louis F. Parisi, a pastor in the Italian Branch of the Assemblies of God)

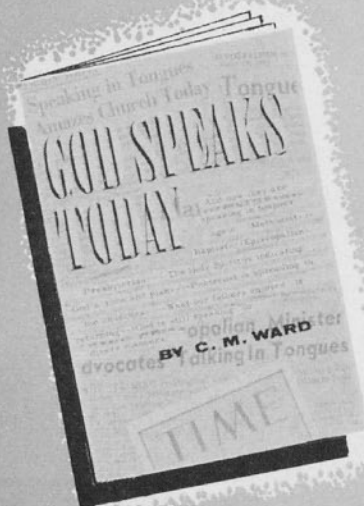
(Endorsed by Harold W. Barnes, pastor of Calvary Assembly of God, 570 Walnut St., Camden, N. J.)

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Spotlight on Evangelism

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► BELLEVIEW, MO.—Evangelists Tom and Dean Heady, Jr., recently conducted a 15-day revival at the Assembly of God here. There were two conversions. The services were well-attended throughout.

—P. T. Huffman, Pastor

► ATTICA, IND.—Dale Zink of Elkhart, Ind. was the evangelist at a two-week revival here. Five persons accepted Christ as their Saviour. The church was edified as the truths of God's Word were brought forth. Folk left the services with a greater desire to do God's will in these last days.

—Oscar Beadle, Pastor

► TROY, MICH.—A two-week evangelistic campaign held at the Assembly of God here with the J. B. Davis Evangelistic Party brought gratifying results. Eleven came to the altar for salvation, five renewed their consecration, and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. There were 85 visitors attending the meetings which helped to break the all-time Sunday school record.

—Louie H. Calaway, Pastor

► WILMINGTON, CALIF.—Three weeks of outstanding meetings were held at First Assembly by Evangelist and Mrs. Glen Shinn. Many were saved and a number were filled with the Holy Spirit. During the revival, special chapel services were held at the Wilmington Christian School where 25 to 30 of the children were saved. The ministry of the evangelists was a great blessing to the church and day school.

—Thomas Ming, Sr., Pastor

► CATLETT, VA.—Capacity crowds attended the services at a recent revival conducted here by Evangelist and Mrs. V. M. Dullabaun. The anointed ministry both in sermon and song was a great blessing. Many renewed their dedication to Christ. This revival has provided the impetus needed by the church to meet the spiritual needs of the community.

—Alden A. Yates, Pastor

► MATADOR, TEX.—First Assembly rejoices in a fine revival just concluded with Evangelist Ervin Asiatico of Plainview, Tex. Four were saved, several re-filled with the Holy Spirit, some testified to receiving healing, and an entire family was added to the church.

—George House, Pastor

► WARRIOR, ALA. — The ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. L. C. Eldridge of Bakersfield, Calif. was especially blessed of God in a three-week revival conducted at the Assembly here before Christmas. Some 26 found Christ as Saviour, 14 were filled with the Holy Spirit, and the entire church was spiritually revived.

—George E. Skipper, Pastor

► ALTON, ILL.—Edwards Street Assembly reports a successful revival with the Donnell-Holler Team of Springfield, Mo. Approximately 25 were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The Kid's Crusade, special music, and anointed preaching were appreciated by the church.

—Lloyd Shoemaker, Pastor

► MIAMI, OKLA. — Thirty-two persons were saved or reclaimed and 10 were baptized with the Holy Spirit in a recent revival at First Assembly with Evangelists Jimmie and Carol Snow. A peak attendance of over 750 was recorded with many first-time visitors. Crowds were consistently among the best in our church history.

—Daniel T. Sheaffer, Pastor

► DALLAS, TEX.—Maplewood Assembly recently concluded a most successful revival crusade with the Singing Callicoats. Large numbers came to the altar for sal-

vation. There was an unusually good attendance during the entire campaign, and many young people attended for the very first time. The evangelistic team, composed of a father and four daughters, has appeared on a number of nationwide TV programs. Their consecrated talent in singing the old songs of the church brought tears to many eyes in the services and resulted in unscheduled altar services.

—Ray R. Soper, Pastor

► OTTUMWA, IOWA—A revival meeting at First Pentecostal Assembly with the G. A. Snively Evangelistic Team was mightily blessed of God. The fine musical programs and sincere preaching attracted excellent crowds. Several came for salvation; a number testified to definite healings, and at least five were baptized in the Holy Spirit. There were many first-time visitors.

—Stanton E. Johnson, Pastor



View of Sunday night crowd at the Edwards Street Assembly in Alton, Ill. during the meetings with the Donnell-Holler Team. (Lloyd Shoemaker is pastor)



Crowd attending the Jimmie Snow evangelistic meetings at First Assembly in Miami, Okla. (Daniel T. Sheaffer is pastor)

► PRINCETON, MO.—The entire church here was blessed during a three-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Donald Payne of Albany, Mo. Many came to the altar for salvation and rededication. There were also some outstanding healings.

—L. H. Howard, Pastor

► GALLUP, N. MEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. James Burkett and daughter of Denver, Tenn. ministered at Indian Assembly during October. A goodly number were at the altar every night seeking God and many were reclaimed. Several testified to God's healing power. The evangelists' consecrated ministry and love for souls was an inspiration to the entire church.

—Caleb Smith, Pastor

► CASSVILLE, MO.—The Assembly here enjoyed a thoroughly Pentecostal revival last September with Evangelist and Mrs. George Boatright. Five were saved, three received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and there were a number of definite healings.

—Raymond R. Chappell, Pastor

► ST. JAMES, MO.—Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo. ministered during the first two weeks of December at First Assembly here. Five persons came to the altar for salvation, four were filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number were refilled. A return meeting is scheduled for September.

—T. Bluford Conway, Pastor

► BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—A highly successful revival was recently concluded at First Assembly under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Leslie C. Eldridge. The spiritual commitments totaling a score or more souls saved and reclaimed have added materially to the life of the church. The emphasis on the Word and faith meant much to the entire congregation.

—O. B. Hunnicutt, Pastor

► BRYAN, OHIO—A recent three-week revival brought great blessing to the Assembly here during the ministry of Evangelist James Tucker of Medina, Ohio. Several were reclaimed; others were refilled with the Holy Spirit, and a number testified to experiencing the healing power of God. Many applied for church membership.

—R. L. Buckingham, Pastor

► KEYSER, W. VA.—An old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival was enjoyed at the Assembly of God here during a four-week revival led by Evangelist John Higginbotham of Cleveland, O. Many were saved; there were some outstanding healings. The meetings were scheduled to last three weeks. However, because of the mighty moving of the Spirit on the closing Sunday morning when 15 responded to the altar call, the special services were extended another week. There was a high spiritual tide throughout the entire campaign.

—R. C. Lymburner, Pastor

► KANSAS CITY, MO.—Sheffield Assembly rejoices in a most successful four-week revival conducted here by Evangelists Jimmie and Carol Snow last October. A total of 87 persons accepted Christ and 34 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. On many occasions there were overflow crowds. When the evangelist spoke on Rock 'n' Roll music (for which he was noted before his conversion) it was impossible to get all the people into the building, with the result that some had to be turned away. Although the meetings had been widely advertised by printed publicity and radio, it was felt that the real secret of the success of the revival was the fasting and prayer which began about three weeks earlier.

—C. W. Quattlebaum, Pastor

► MEIGS, GA.—In December this community was blessed during a revival campaign with Brother Leon Comer from Moultrie, Ga. Another good meeting was conducted by Evangelist James Rathel of Pelham, Ga. There were 12 saved and 11 filled with the Holy Ghost. Distribution of the outreach issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel* proved to be an effective way of reaching new people with the gospel. The young people really enjoy working for God.—Mrs. Opal Warren, Reporter

► EAU GALLIE, FLA. — Enthusiastic crowds attended the recent meetings at Glad Tidings conducted by Evangelist and



Attendants at the Indian Assembly in Gallup, N. Mex. during meetings with Evangelist James Burkett (Caleb Smith is pastor)



The congregation in Keyser, W. Va. during the evangelistic meetings with John Higginbotham (R. C. Lymburner is pastor)



Overflow crowd at the Sheffield Assembly of God, Kansas City, Mo. during the meeting with Evangelist Jimmie Snow (C. W. Quattlebaum is pastor)



Croup of workers at Meigs, Ga. distributing *Evangelists* at hospitals and other places

Mrs. Fred Voight of Durant, Fla. God's blessings were felt in a wonderful way each night and many found Christ at the altar. The evangelist received a gracious healing touch as fasting and prayer was made for him during the services. Attendance reached an all-time high and there were many visitors.

—Martha Oldham, Pastor

►HAMMOND, IND.—Two weeks of evangelistic services at Hessville Assembly for children under 15 years of age brought outstanding results, both in attendance and in the number of children saved. Evangelist Paul Hild of Minneapolis, Minn. was the campaign speaker. With its western theme, "All-Kids Roundup," the revival was the means of bringing many boys and girls to the Gospel Ranch where they could be lassoed for Christ with His lariat of love and salvation. The total attendance reached 1400. The Sunday school has had splendid and immediate results from this effort, with numerous prospective families to reach for Christ. A newly saved couple from a recent revival with Evangelist McDowell were among the main workers to corral the children. A neighboring Assembly loaned their Sunday school bus to help transport the crowds, and many packed their cars with children. Hessville Assembly is thoroughly sold on Child Evangelism and is inspired more than ever to obey the words of Christ, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

—Harold Duncan, Pastor

►PIQUA, OHIO—On November 20 the church here concluded a meeting with Joyce Gore of Traverse City, Mich. as evangelist. One individual was saved, eight were reclaimed, one filled with the Holy Spirit, and some refilled. The church rejoices in the spiritual response through the anointed singing and straight-forward preaching of the Word.

—Irvin Shank, Pastor

►DE RIDDER, LA.—A gracious move of the Spirit of God was prevalent throughout a recent revival conducted at First Assembly by Evangelist and Mrs. A. G. Calaway of Newton, Tex. Ten found Christ as Saviour, and a number were reclaimed. There were also ten filled with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, and many were refilled.

—J. O. Devitt, Pastor

►LA CROSSE, WIS.—First Assembly reports a fine revival with The Tanner Team of Wilmar, Minn. The anointed ministry of the Word as well as the inspired and varied music that was presented will long be remembered here. Older members of the congregation claimed that more outsiders were brought into the meetings in this campaign than in any other in the history of the church. A return meeting is anticipated.

—Donald K. Skaggs, Pastor

►PARAMOUNT, CALIF.—A most refreshing revival was recently held at First Assembly with Evangelist and Mrs. Glen Shinn. Many found Christ as Saviour, and 12 were wonderfully filled with the Holy Ghost. At the request of the board, the evangelist returned two weeks later for another service. At this time, sufficient funds were raised for the pastor's fare to the Holy Land.

—T. S. Singleton, Pastor

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Chickasaw	First	Feb. 5—	Jimmy & Mrs. Swaggart	Jack Smith
Ariz.	Douglas	First	Feb. 12-26	Wm. Paul Edwards	E. E. Franks
	Globe	First	Feb. 12-26	E. D. & Mrs. Bagwell	Joe Dube
	Tucson	Eastside	Feb. 12-25	Gail Copple	Paul Holloway
Ark.	Calico Rock	A/G	Feb. 5—	Faye Wakefield Thurman	S. A. Sublett
	Little Rock	First	Feb. 5-19	David Hastie	James A. Villani
Calif.	Bakersfield	Full Gosp. Tab.	Feb. 12-26	Watson Argue	D. H. McLaughlin
	Chula Vista	First	Feb. 12-26	Linfield Crowder	Minor Higgins
	Lindsay	A/G	Feb. 8-19	Orrin & Ann Kingsriter	Herman Grams
	Los Angeles	Western Ave.	Feb. 5—	Gene Martin	Warren Hill
	Manteca	First	Feb. 7-26	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Don Annas
	Oceanside	* A/G	Feb. 6-19	Virgil & Edythe Warens	P. C. Walcher
	Oroville	First	Feb. 8-19	Martin Busch	Charles R. Shuss
	Sanger	* A/G Chapel	Feb. 5-10	Charles Senecal	Charles R. Stern
	Denver	First	Feb. 7-19	Arthur & Anna Berg	Verne J. Crews
Conn.	Naugatuck	First	Feb. 6—	Ronald Ripley	J. A. Eckstadt
Fla.	Altha	Page Pond	Feb. 8-19	John Eller	C. A. Hubbard
	Bristol	A/G	Feb. 12-26	Douglas Bartlett	Fannie Hutchison
Ga.	St. Petersburg	Glad Tidings	Jan. 31-Feb. 12	Calvin Melton	J. Bashford Bishop
	Tavares	First	Feb. 6-12	Allan A. Swift	Warren C. Anthony
Savannah	Eastside	Feb. 5-19	Fisher-Check Team	Harris Fennell	
Ill.	Winchester	First	Jan. 31-Feb. 12	Joel Palmer & wife	W. E. Thurmond
Ind.	Bicknell	Calvary	Jan. 29-Feb. 12	Malcolm Reid	W. A. Van Winkle
Kans.	Hutchinson	First	Feb. 5—	Donnell-Holler Team	Russell Rexroat
	Olathe	A/G Church	Feb. 12-26	Floyd Dennis	E. E. Henley
	Topeka	First	Jan. 22—	Tommy Barnett	Paul Lowenberg
Md.	Jones Creek	Bethel	Feb. 7—	L. K. Dodge	T. P. Miller
Mass.	Malden	Calvary Temple	Feb. 7-19	Charles Crabtree	Edward R. Skane
Mich.	Colon	A/G	Feb. 7-19	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	Fisher-Chaffee
	Grand Rapids	Woodmere Garden's	Jan. 29-Feb. 19	Musical Vanderploegs	J. H. Meppelink
Miss.	Greenwood	Bethel	Jan. 31-Feb. 12	H. L. & Mrs. Carroll	Richard Findley
Mo.	Lee's Summit	First	Feb. 5—	G. A. & Mrs. Snavely	Robert Palmer
Nebr.	Hershey	A/G	Jan. 31-Feb. 12	F. D. McClellan	Robert D. Sinner
N. Mex.	Truth or Consequences	A/G	Feb. 5-19	Bertha Mae Blair	Harold E. Hill
N. Dak.	New Rockford	A/G	Jan. 31-Feb. 12	Paul Clark Team	Alton Glaze
Ohio	Youngstown	Calvary	Feb. 7-19	Olshevski Musical Tm.	Raymond Taber
	Bokoshe	First	Feb. 5-19	Howard Thompson	Loyle Boyd
	Nowata	First	Feb. 7—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	P. A. Henegar
Okla.	Oklahoma City	Grace	Feb. 12-26	Hubert Surratt	J. D. Keen
	Shawnee	Northside	Feb. 6-19	Jesse K. Moon	Ross Gentry
Pa.	Connellsville	A/G	Feb. 8-19	Robert Watters	Edward Hatchner
S. Dak.	Rapid City	First	Feb. 12-26	Wes & Pat Larson	Doyle Thompson
Tex.	Corpus Christi	Bethel	Feb. 12-26	J. W. Nash	M. R. Boatright
	Dallas	Lovefield	Feb. 12—	Freddie Richardson	W. E. Hand
	Houston	Heights	Feb. 8-19	Hardie G. Weathers	Kenneth Barney
	Mesquite	First	Feb. 12-26	B. P. Carroll	H. W. Hood
Va.	South Norfolk	Bethel	Feb. 12-26	Peitter-Harden Team	H. B. Mason
Wash.	Wapato	Pentecostal	Jan. 24-Feb. 5	Paul Cantelon	Earl J. Hance
Wis.	Shawano	A/G	Feb. 8-26	The Tanner Team	Howard E. Flaherty
Mexico	Merida, Yucatan	** A/G	Feb. 8-12	Warren Litzman	Harley W. Vail

* Children's Revival

** Area Wide Campaign

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.

►DAWSON, GA.—First Assembly rejoices in the wonderful works of God manifested during recent meetings with Evangelist Calvin Melton of Mobile, Ala. God honored His Word with a great harvest of souls, especially among the youth. Results of the meeting are still being felt in the Assembly.

—Jesse Ray, Pastor

failure. Ordained in 1945 in the Southern California District, Brother Silva served as an evangelist and pastor in California.

REWEL W. NEWBY, 75, Pryor, Oklahoma, having been bedfast for a number of weeks following a stroke, went to be with the Lord on January 9, 1961. Brother Newby was one of the pioneer preachers of the Assemblies of God, having been active since 1909. He held pastorates in Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma. He is survived by his wife and seven children. Of the four sons and three daughters five are active in the ministry—Edgar L., Roswell, N. Mex.; George W., Pryor, Okla.; Mrs. L. G. Flowers, Colorado City, Tex.; Mrs. L. C. Owens, Joplin, Mo.; and Mrs. J. L. McQueen, Springfield, Mo.

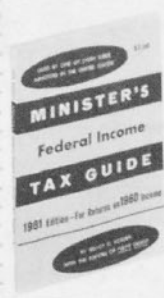
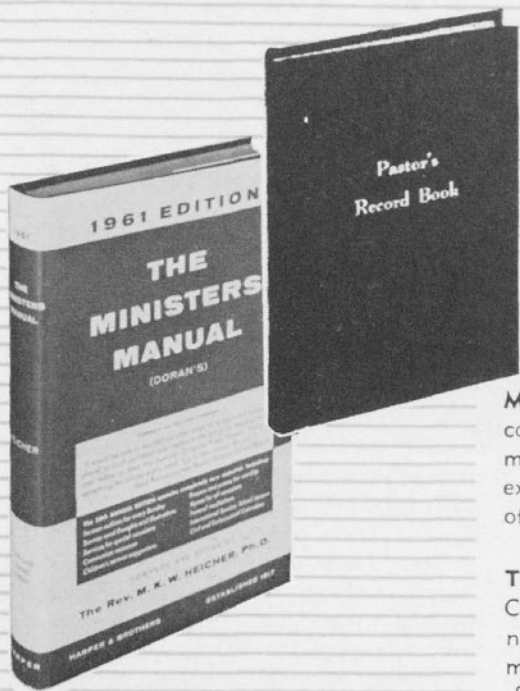
The funeral service, conducted at Lawton, Okla., was in charge of George W. Hardcastle. Robert E. Goggin and E. R. Foster participated in the service.

WITH CHRIST

JOHN ROBERT DeSHAZO, 79, of Leggett, Tex., passed into the presence of the Lord on December 20. For a number of years he was retired. In 1926 he was ordained in the Texas District and served as pastor in Leggett for many years. He also engaged in evangelistic work in Texas.

FRANK M. SILVA, 62, of Watsonville, California, went to be with his Lord on December 25, 1960 following acute congestive

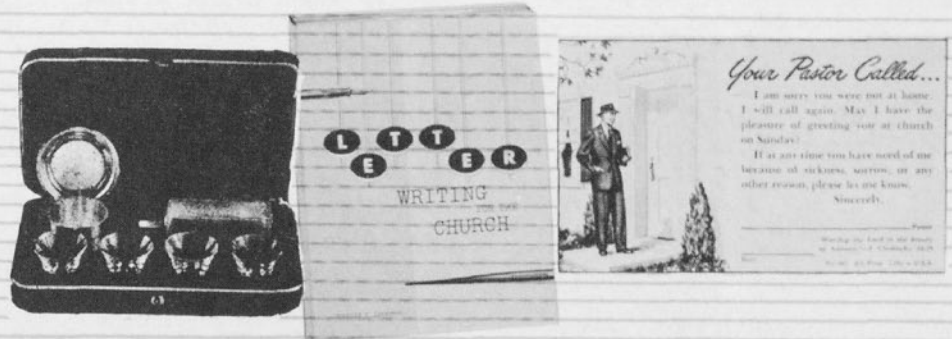
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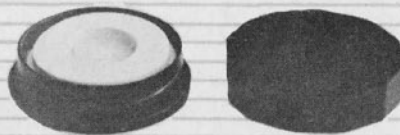
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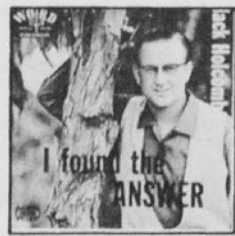
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Praying for the President

I am glad that the *Evangel* has urged the readers to pray for the President of the United States. If any man in the world needs prayer it is John F. Kennedy, for grave responsibilities rest upon his shoulders, not only for the U. S. but for the whole world.

We do well to remember the admonition of the Word of God that we should pray for all people, but especially for those in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. The Bible says that to do this (that is, to pray for the President) is "good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour."

In the days of the apostle Peter, the king was a heathen, and yet he admonished the believers to "honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king." Whether the President be a Protestant, Catholic, Jew, or infidel it is both our duty and privilege to honor him and pray for him.

JOHN HUBA
Czechoslovakia

Remember When?

In reading the feature "Remember When?" I was especially struck with the mention of Evangelist Watson Argue's meetings in Surrey Tabernacle, London, England, thirty-five years ago. Yes, I well remember that night in 1925 for that was when the Lord met me. I went home from the Tabernacle, found a children's Bible, and looked up, the scriptures on salvation. The chains of sin fell off, and from that night to now I have been a new creature in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah! Christ has been my "all in all" ever since—for spirit, soul, and body.

MRS. L. WARINER
Melbourne, Australia

Step by Step Through the Tabernacle

I enjoy reading the *Evangel*. I have kept the issues containing the series of studies, "Step by Step Through the Tabernacle." I thought these were very good so I put them in a scrapbook.

I thought Brother Riggs' articles on "Bible Holiness" and "Predestination" also were outstanding.

EVANGELIST VERNICE TURNER
Cottage Hills, Illinois

Husband Saved Before He Died

I would like to pass on a few words to comfort someone just like myself. My husband passed away last October, at the age of eighty. We had prayed for his conversion for many years. I am happy to say that God answered prayer. Other people could see the change in him.

If you are praying for an unsaved loved one, don't give up in despair. God will answer your prayer if you keep believing.

MRS. MINNIE HOWDEHELL
Winfield, Missouri

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We began the program about one month before Christmas, and about December 15th the missionary secretary air-mailed the money to several missionaries. This year the offering amounted to \$440.00.

The idea was suggested and instituted by our Sunday school superintendent, Carl Pitcock.

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MILTON A. NEWMAN, Pastor
Colorado Springs, Colorado



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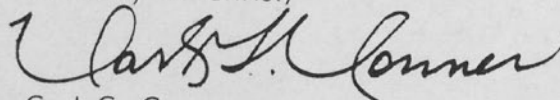
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