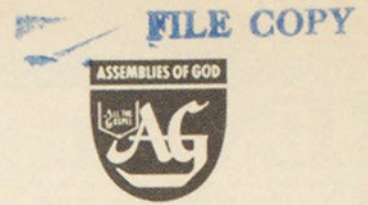


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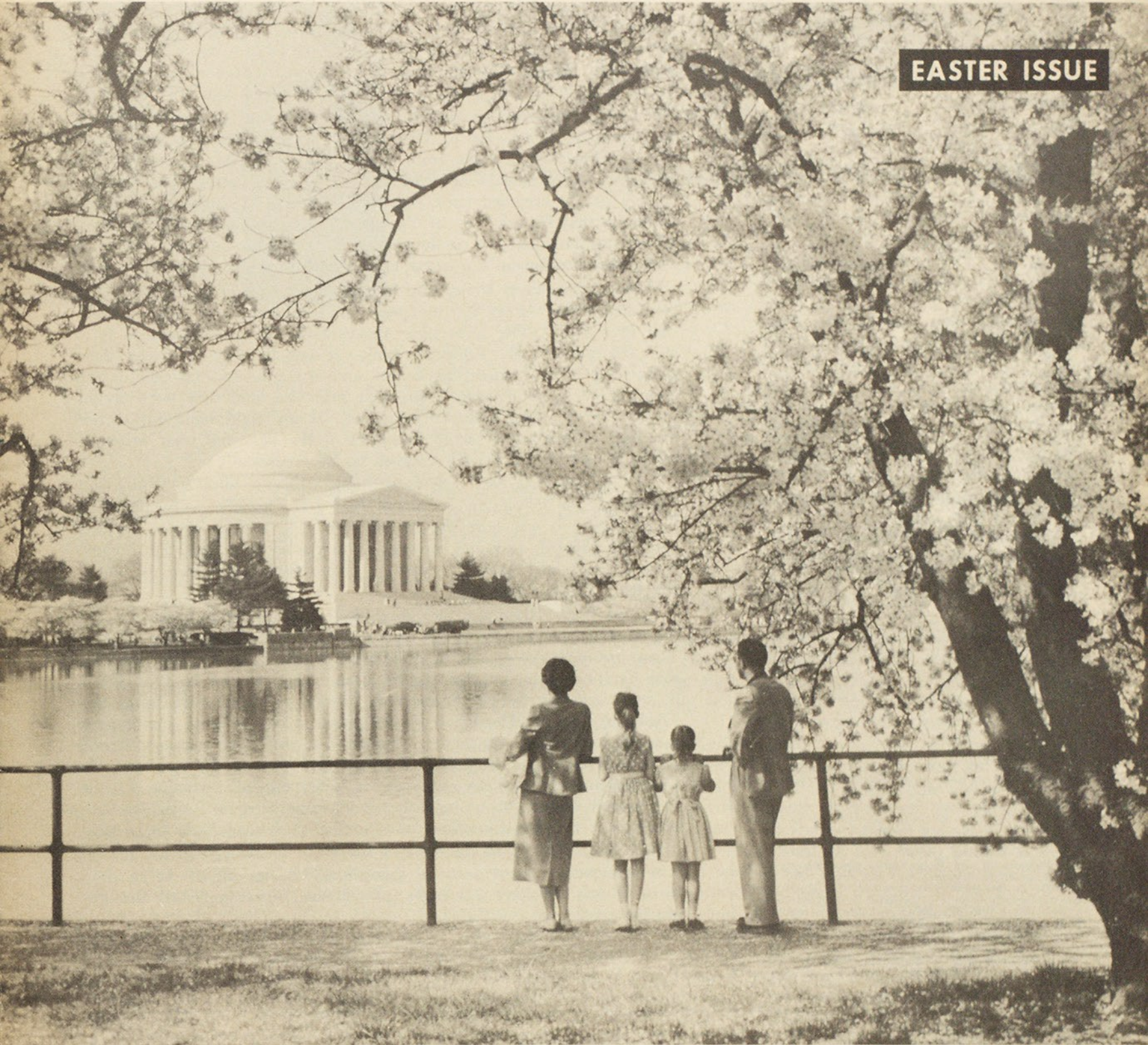


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Prayer for Jerusalem

The Advisory Committee of the Sixth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches is sounding a world-wide call for prayer. It is urging each church to set aside a day of prayer—preferably during this Easter season—to intercede for the great convocation at Jerusalem which will begin on Friday, May 19, and climax on Pentecost Sunday, May 21.

The meetings will be held in the beautiful new Convention Center in Jerusalem, Israel. Up to 3,000 delegates are expected to be present. These delegates will come from every part of the free world; and if, during the conference, God should be pleased to breathe upon this assembly as He breathed upon that first company of Christians in Jerusalem on that historic day of Pentecost, baptizing them with the Holy Ghost and with fire, the result well might be a fresh outbreak of Pentecostal fires throughout the length and breadth of the whole earth.

There is scriptural admonition to pray for Zion and her people. The Psalmist wrote, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." The Jews have always loved Jerusalem because it is here the house of the Lord was built. It was the city of David, their great king. They praised its beauty and strength, and throughout the long periods of banishment from their promised land they were taught to say, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning." Their most sacred memories of the past and their brightest hopes for the future are all wrapped up in Jerusalem.

The city also has very dear associations with our faith as Pentecostal Christians, for it was in Jerusalem that Jesus taught concerning His kingdom and it was here He did many of His mighty works. It was here He suffered, died, and rose again. It was here the Holy Spirit came upon His disciples soon afterward to endue them with heavenly power for their gospel ministry.

Let us pray indeed for the peace of Jerusalem, remembering as did the weeping Saviour the things which belong to its peace (Luke 19:42). These are momentous days in God's plan for the nations. The very fact that God has brought His ancient people back to the land of Israel in such large numbers indicates that Biblical prophecies are being fulfilled and that the Messiah soon will appear. Today Israel stands as a sovereign state with its own parliament, its own flag, currency, army, navy, air force, and language. No less significant is the fact that the Government of Israel has extended a most cordial invitation to the Pentecostal Movement to have its world conference in Jerusalem—and this will be the first Christian convention of such magnitude to be held in the "holy city" since the days of the early apostles.

A momentous event such as this should inspire all of us to pray earnestly and to believe that God's full will shall be accomplished throughout the conference.—R.C.C.

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Christ's Body

A Body Hast Thou prepared Me—Hebrews 10:5

An Easter Meditation

BY GEORGE E. HOLMES

SO FAR AS WE KNOW, AMONG THE galaxies of planetary systems of which ours is but a small part, this small sphere on which we live is the only one to have been personally visited by Jesus, the Son of God. At some time, in the inscrutable counsels of the Eternal, it was decided and written in the volume of the Book that God would visit and redeem the people of earth whom He had created.

In order to accomplish this He would become one of them. He therefore prepared a body in which He could become manifest to the world: "Wherefore, when He cometh into the world He saith . . . a body hast Thou prepared Me" (Hebrews 10:5).

The birth of Christ was unique. His human body was directly begotten of the Holy Spirit. Mary, before she and Joseph came together, was "found with child of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 1:18). Later a physician, investigating this phenomenon, recorded the words of the angel to Mary: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore, also, that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35). The body of Christ was divinely prepared in the womb of Mary.

C. H. Spurgeon expressed the wonder of the Incarnation: "Behold, O heavens, and thou earth, and ye places

under the earth. Here is something worthy of your intensest gaze. Sit ye down and watch with earnestness, for the invisible God comes in the likeness of sinful flesh, and as an infant the Infinite hangs at a virgin's breast. Immanuel did not send, but *came*; He came in His own personality; in all that constituted His essential self He came forth from the ivory palaces to the abodes of misery; He came promptly at the destined hour; He came with sacred alacrity as one freely offering Himself." So exult all devout souls.

When Eve was made, God brought a motherless woman from the body of a man. When Jesus was born, God brought a fatherless man from the body of a woman.

Jesus, who made man, was made in the likeness of man. He who created angels was made a little lower than the angels. A body was divinely prepared for the Incarnation.

In and through this prepared body Jesus experienced every kind of temptation and trial. By Jacob's well, for example, in noonday heat the Divine Visitor experienced human weariness and thirst (John 4:6, 7). In the lonely wilderness, after long abstinence from food He was urged by Satan to satisfy miraculously His hunger pangs and, just this once, give the body priority over the spirit (Matthew 4:3, 4). Again, He was dared to play fast and loose with His body by leaping from the heights of a sacred building (Vv. 5, 7). He was, moreover, tempted to prostitute the use of that prepared body, just once, and so gain all the kingdoms of the world, by doing homage to Satan (Vv. 8, 10).

In Eden, it was through the human body that sin entered, took up its abode, and showed its power; but, blessed be God, Christ, in His body, resisted and overcame temptation and sin and so counteracted the dire consequences to humanity.

"A body hast Thou prepared Me." For the accomplishment of redemption the Son of God needed a body in which (speaking with all reverence) He could be crucified and die. His body bore the overpowering weight of the cross as He walked to "the place of a skull." It bore the crown of thorns and was made unsightly by the rivulets of blood so caused. The ungodly spat in His face, bruised His flesh by buffeting and scourging, and pierced His members with nails hammered home. They lacerated His body with a spear. Thus, all the world was shown what Satan, acting through unregenerate man, would like to do with the Divine Victor.

Yet, it was "in His own body on the tree" that He bore away our sins (1 Peter 2:24). It is through "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ" that all who believe can be saved and sanctified (Hebrews 10:10). The divinely prepared body is the redeeming body.

He dismissed His spirit at the victorious conclusion of the conflict, and His body expired, but His flesh did not decay as we would expect. It did not see corruption (Acts 2:31). It was soon raised up by God, for this was part of His mighty plan in the overthrow of the Archfiend and Ruler of the darkness of this world. Christ needed a body so that He might show

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Christianity at the Crossroads

The dam is breaking. Pentecostal blessing is flowing into new sections of the Christian Church as Methodist, Baptist, Episcopalian, and other believers are being filled with the Holy Spirit.

I WAS STARTLED BY A RECENT MAGAZINE article which pointed out that more scientific progress has been made in the world during the past decade than in the six thousand years of previous history. The writer of the article indicated that acceleration in the future should be more rapid than in the past ten years.

But it is not in the field of science alone that great progress has been made. There have been equally startling changes in the spiritual realm. Ten years ago, who would have thought a Pentecostal revival could break out in the old-line denominational churches? Yet today the Spirit of God is falling upon Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Mennonites, Lutherans, and others. Hundreds of believers among these churches have experienced the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the initial physical evidence of speaking in other tongues. Groups of people in many of these denominations are coming to feel quite at home where the supernatural moving of the Holy Spirit is being demonstrated. Many wonderful healings are being witnessed in some of these circles.

A recent editorial in *The Living Church*, which for eighty years has been "A Weekly Record of the News, the Work, and the Thought of the Episcopal Church," has been widely quoted. We quote again:

"Speaking in tongues is an ancient Christian manifestation. The apostolic Church had no doubt that speaking in tongues was a gift of the Holy Spirit, and Paul, though he sought to minimize the confusion which speaking in tongues produced in public worship, avowed that he was a frequent user of this gift. In the third century, it was still common.

"Episcopalians have long viewed this phenomenon as tolerable in a safely distant past but most objectionable in the present. Christians who spoke in tongues were dismissed as ignorant 'pentecostals' or 'holy rollers.'

"Speaking in tongues is taking place within the Episcopal Church today. It no longer is a phenomenon of some odd sect across the street—it is in our midst, and it is being practiced by clergy and laity who have stature and good reputation in the Church. We have had some correspondence with those involved, and we find nothing in that correspondence to suggest that they are crackpots or neurotics."

An article in *Christian Life* describes how the power of God transformed the Methodist Church at Chevy Chase, Maryland (Dr. C. H. Richmond, pastor).

"The more we examined Scripture, the more clearly it appeared to us that there were a number of manifestations of His power which God had given to us as His children to be used for His glory," says Pastor Richmond.

"One morning, the director of education came to Pastor Richmond's study. Although he knew she was a talented young woman, he had not expected her to be especially interested in the deeper spiritual life. In a voice filled with awe, however, she told him about her experience of the night before.

"Returning from a Bible study and prayer meeting, she had gone to bed where she lay worshiping the Lord. Suddenly she was aware of His presence in a most vivid way—and of the fact that she was worshiping Him in a language or tongue she did not understand.

"As others in the congregation entered into this new relationship with

the Lord, the Holy Spirit in a quiet and orderly way bestowed His gifts until virtually all began to be demonstrated in the Chevy Chase church."

Another issue of *Christian Life* (November, 1960) contains the remarkable story of John H. Osteen, pastor of Lakewood Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. In describing how the Lord led him out into this new life in the Holy Spirit, he says:

"There came into my life an experience that none of my theological training and no part of my pastoral ministry had prepared me for in the slightest. It has revolutionized my living and my ministry, and has made me acutely conscious—as I never had been before—of the reality of the living Person of Jesus Christ in the world. . . .

"A warm surge of His love poured like a stream upon me and my body perspired as though I were in a steam bath as I worshiped the Lord in a language I could not understand. That was about two years ago. . . .

"A few weeks ago as a church we had an outstanding experience as we partook of the Lord's Supper together. I described to the people how Jesus said, 'This is my body' and 'This is my blood . . . given for you.' In some wonderful sense we realized that. The presence and power of God was very real.

"As we finished, eight people stood spontaneously to their feet to tell how, in the presence of Jesus, some infirmity had left them.

"This move of God is far bigger than the sphere of our local congregation, and has involved many other evidences of God's power. . . .

"We are Southern Baptist, and have no intention of being other than that.

"We can only say that we want to

enter as fully as God desires into the move of His Spirit in these days. The experience that has come into our church has not changed our friendships or our denomination. But it has utterly revolutionized the kind of lives we're living."

This moving of the Holy Spirit has given the members of this Baptist church in Houston a greater burden for souls. "We want our church to be a missions center," says Pastor Osteen; "not only that people may come to know Jesus Christ here at home, but abroad, as well. Our goal is to establish a hundred churches in the Republic of Mexico. Currently we have spots for about twelve of these, and have already rejoiced at the work of the Spirit there. And the more emphasis we have put on missions, the more people have been drawn to Christ in our church."

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit has always resulted in a new surge of evangelism. The period between the Resurrection and Pentecost was a time of preparation for a dynamic overthrow of Satanic powers. God prepared the hearts of the disciples as they waited upon Him in prayer day after day; and finally, when the Holy Ghost came upon them, these humble fishermen were transformed into men of power with ability to bind demonical powers and speak the word of deliverance to captives of sin. This resulted in a period of unsurpassed advance for Christ as the gospel was taken to the ends of the known world.

Today God is moving again and the sphere of His working is far beyond any one organization. Satan's forces flee as individuals lay aside religious pretense. These new believers in the supernatural are launching into their God-given rights. Such a demonstration of the Holy Spirit is making vast advances in the harvest on the foreign mission fields, as well as in America.

As Christianity stands at the crossroads wondering what course to take in these changing times, a voice is heard from heaven, saying, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6). The way to victory is the way of the Cross, the way of Pentecost, the way of the Great Commission to evangelize the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Our forefathers faced the issue and sold out to God. They gave themselves to a life of intercession and evangelism. They counted all worldly wealth or per-

sonal pleasure as a small thing and gladly consecrated everything to the task of serving the Lord. When we recall their tears, groanings, and intercession we are reminded of the words of Psalm 126:5, 6—"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Today we stand at the crossroads as a Movement of Spirit-filled people. We realize the time is ripe for a mighty move of the Holy Spirit, and we find that the Spirit is particularly moving in some of the old-line denominations. We rejoice at what God is doing, and at the same time we are challenged by the conviction that God wants to set our Assemblies on fire for a greater ministry than we have yet experienced.

Our recent Spiritual Life prayer meetings throughout the nation have pointed us in the way we should take. If it has been the bedrock of deep consecration upon which our Movement was built in the past; if our churches have been established through prevailing prayer, an evangelistic vision, and a ministry filled with the Holy Spirit—can we expect to meet the need of this heartbroken world with anything less today?

The Assemblies of God is marked by the spirit of evangelism. This must always remain so. But behind the work of evangelism there must always be a heart burden if we are to win men to Christ. God has given us tools for this

task. They have been handed to us by our forefathers who evangelized with a passion for the lost. But tools are not enough. Human skills and natural enthusiasm are not enough. Promotional programs are not enough. It is inevitable that any promotional plan which does not have the proper God-given, Christ-centered, Spirit-filled motivation for a foundation will eventually crumble and fall, no matter how able the leaders or how good the plan.

We are entering into the Pentecost Crusade, which runs from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday (May 21). Evangelism will be emphasized during this seven-week period. It is our hope that each member of the church will consider his place in God's harvest field and accept the personal challenge to win the lost to Christ. The key to success is renewed dedication through a realization of the need of a life that is possessed by the Holy Spirit and yielded to His plan for personal evangelism.

The prophet Joel viewed this great final harvest in chapter 2, verse 28—"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh..." It seems evident that we are living in that time. Let us make room for God to work in us and through us. Without the mighty striving of the Holy Spirit, our efforts would end in sure defeat; but if we will let God have His way it well may be that the days of our greatest usefulness in the hands of the Lord are just ahead of us. ◀◀

A PRESBYTERIAN TESTIMONY

In the April issue of *Pulpit*, James H. Brown, pastor of the Upper Octorara United Presbyterian Church, Parkesburg, Pennsylvania, writes:

"I sensed that I was standing just outside the door of a new and wonderful experience in the realm of the supernatural, as indeed I was. I began to feel anew the meaning of my regeneration by the Holy Spirit; the sacrificial work of the Lord Jesus Christ for me became more personal than ever before; and the fact of the Resurrection was more than historical fact, for I was sharing in its life and energy.

"As I meditated and prayed, the Holy Ghost came upon me. Deep within, I began to magnify the Lord. Soon there came from my lips a language I had never known or uttered. A warm fragrant oil, it seemed, was poured over me. I found a place of rest in God that I had never experienced until that time."

'GOD, GIVE US TEARS'

Have you shed tears—tears for others? David did. So did Jeremiah. So did Jesus. The strongest men weep when they are moved by a strong enough passion for the lost.

BY VIOLET SCHOONMAKER, FORMER MISSIONARY TO INDIA

ANCIENT STOICAL PHILOSOPHY taught the repression of all emotions, either of pleasure or pain. And even today, some look upon weeping as a sign of effeminacy and weakness.

An Indian Doctor of Laws once told me with considerable pride that he could not remember having shed a tear in his life, not even on one occasion when he was forced to undergo a painful physical operation without an anesthetic of any kind, or even at his mother's death, although he had loved her dearly.

Psychiatrists, however, tell us that weeping may act as an escape valve for over-wrought emotions and as such is of great benefit to the human body. We all know what it is to feel better after a good cry.

I am glad that Jesus wept. Some have pictured Him as a sort of Superman incapable of pain or suffering. They have gone so far as to say that temptation meant nothing to Him and that He felt no agony of physical suffering when nailed to the cross. Such a Saviour would not appeal to me. I want One who was "made like unto His brethren," One who can be "touched with the feeling of our infirmities," One who "suffered being tempted" and whose cheeks, like mine, were sometimes wet with tears.

However, there is one notable difference in His tears and many of ours. His tears were not shed for Himself but for others. A mother, bereft of her husband and left alone on a foreign mission field with six little ones to care for, was weeping one day when a Voice came to her saying, "No more tears for yourself! Keep them for others." This is what Jesus did.

We read of Jesus weeping on three occasions: (1) at the tomb of Lazarus, (2) as He beheld the city of Jerusalem just before He was crucified, and (3) in Gethsemane. Shall we look at these three occasions?

1. *At the tomb of Lazarus (John 11:35)*
We read in John 11:5 that Jesus

loved Martha and her sister Mary and Lazarus. Were His tears at the tomb tears of sympathy for the two sisters, or tears over His own loss of a friend, or were they tears because of the weeping, unbelieving onlookers? Perhaps all these things entered in.

But I like to think that there was something deeper than this in the heart of Jesus as He stood by the tomb of Lazarus that day. This may have been the first time that He had lost a dear friend and tasted the awful tragedy of death. He had made man to be supremely happy. But the cruel monster death had forced its way into His creation, breaking up homes, destroying

hopes, separating loved ones, and casting appalling gloom and sadness over the whole race of mankind. The human body, beautiful and perfect, the crowning work of His creation, was now destined to dissolution, decomposition, and corruption because of sin. What an awful thing is sin and death! Christ had come to destroy both of them. He forgave the sinner who believed on Him. And we never read of His coming into close contact with a corpse without making it alive.

The day would come when there would be no more sin or death. All who were in their graves would hear His voice and come forth. But men would not believe this and so they would continue to sin and continue to die. Jesus wept, and then He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" It has been said that if He had omitted the name, "Lazarus," all the dead would have come forth that day at the sound of His voice!

Yes, men still sin. Death continues to reign. The bereaved still sorrow. The Christian, however, sorrows not as others who have no hope. "Weeping may endure for a night" but for him "joy cometh in the morning."

2. *On His way to Jerusalem (Luke 19:41)*

This is one of the saddest pictures in the earthly life of Jesus. Jerusalem—"the throne of God," "the city of the Great King," "the city of God"—how He loved it! God had been pleased to set His Name there. Many times He had defended the city, fought for it, and spoken great things of it. But again and again its enemies had razed it to the ground because it refused to hear His voice. They had stoned the prophets He had sent to them. Now He had sent His Son, giving them the opportunity of hearing Him, but they had rejected Him and were about to put Him to death. He had come to gather them together "as a hen doth gather her brood under her



THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED

Is risen indeed! Behold and see
The One who shed His blood for thee;
And, having gazed upon His face,
Caught His sweetness and His grace,
Go tell a world of sinful men
The Christ who died hath risen again.

Is risen indeed! Hast thou not known
He still appears unto His own?
The radiant, living, loving Lord
Fulfilling all His promised Word;
Christ lives within—oh, truth sublime!
Praise God—'tis Easter all the time.
—Alice Reynolds Flower

wings" but they "would not." Can anything be more bitter to bear than spurned, rejected love?

Jesus wept as He looked upon the city that day. He foresaw their house left so desolate, their enemies casting a trench about them and laying the city even with the ground. He saw their temple destroyed and a million of their people slain. "Jesus wept." He was still thinking of this as He carried His cross to Calvary. Turning to the daughters of Jerusalem, who followed Him

weeping, He told them to weep not for Him but for themselves and their children.

3. In Gethsemane (Hebrews 5:7)

Here we pause tremblingly before the greatest sorrow of earth. Here we fall at His feet as dead. The world is completely barred out from this sight. The great majority of professing Christians, like the eight disciples, stop at the gate. A few, like Peter, James, and John, go a little farther, but their eyes are
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a short time before and she had given up in despair. She said she didn't believe there was a God or He wouldn't have taken her all. Also, she quit going to church and said she would never pray again.

As they told me her story my heart was filled with a great desire to help her. I was told that she lived alone in the town hotel where she painted beautiful pictures. Since her room was so crowded, my relatives, having a large bright room available, invited her to come and use it for a studio. So she came over often to paint.

The next morning the lovely little old woman came into my nephew's house. After conversing a few minutes she excused herself saying, "I will go and paint a while." I felt a great desire to help her so prayed to the Lord for guidance in approaching her.

"May I see some of your pictures?" I asked. It pleased her that I was interested. She smiled her assent and led the way to them. I enjoyed looking at the paintings for a while.

After a time I held my hands out to her, saying, "I hear you have had a great sorrow."

"Yes," she replied with a look of despair in her eyes, and she dropped her head.

My arms went around her slight figure and I began to tell her the love story of the Cross. She had been a faithful member all her life of a church that did not teach the new birth, and in her crucial hour of need her religion had failed her. I told how God allowed His Son to suffer more than any other son, just for us. I pointed out that when we survey the wondrous Cross we can never doubt God's great love.

There as we stood together the great love of Christ reached her heart and all doubts and fears were wiped away. Her whole face lighted up as she looked to Jesus and poured out her heart to Him in prayer.

Before I left the room she gave me a painting, *Bowl of Roses*, which I cherish greatly. I went to show it to my family. When the little lady came out, our niece said to her, "My, you have made Aunt Alma very happy."

Turning to the whole family group the dear little lady said, "Aunt Alma has made me very happy." I knew what she meant. She was grateful that someone had pointed her to the living Christ and He had given her just what she needed. ◀◀

A PAGE FROM A SOUL WINNER'S DIARY



Baptized To Be a Witness

BY ALMA WARE CROSBY
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WHEN JESUS BAPTIZED ME WITH the blessed Holy Spirit, I saw Him in a vision. Jesus was standing on the sand of the seashore with uplifted hands. He said to me, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me . . ." (Acts 1:8).

When I realized that a portion of His mantle of power to witness had fallen on me, I went out with great eagerness to tell the story of salvation everywhere. He caused me to see the fields whitened to harvest, and as I "went forth weeping" it seemed "ripe" souls ready to be plucked just came my way.

One time a tramp came to our back door. As I was alone I did not invite him in, but handed his plate of food out to him together with a gospel tract. I asked, "Are you a Christian?"

He replied, "No, but Lady, I want to be. I'm getting older and I've been studying about it."

I went out into the yard. We made an altar of the wash bench and there he gave his heart to Jesus. That night he went to a mission and testified that a woman named Mrs. Crosby had led him to the Lord, I was told.

In my business office I hired a lovely young Jewish woman as stenographer. For some time I did not feel led to speak with her about her soul. Almost daily, though, I would give her letters

of Christian encouragement to write to people. These would touch her heart and sometimes she would ask me to tell her something of their story.

One day when we were on some rather difficult work in my business she seemed rather absent minded. Feeling a little impatient I said, "Well, what is the matter? We just aren't getting anywhere today."

Suddenly tears came to her eyes and she said, "Well, Mrs. Crosby, I think it is your religion that is bothering me."

"Oh, how about us just quitting work for today," I said, "and let us go to our church to talk and pray."

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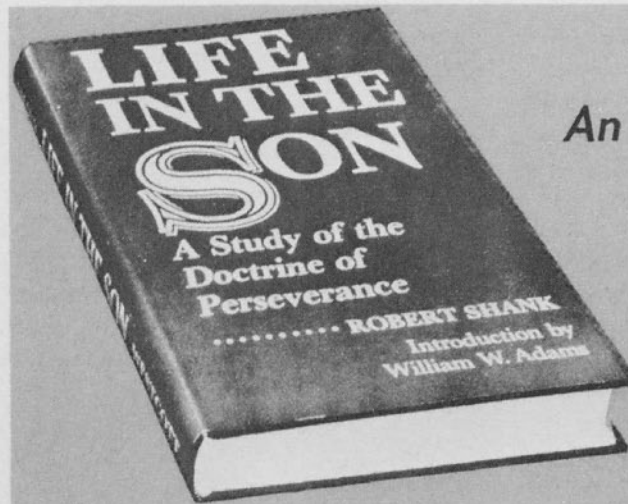
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TOURISTS IN ISRAEL BECOME AMATEUR ARCHAEOLOGISTS

THERE IS A "BUG" IN ISRAEL THAT has infected some of the country's citizens, and many tourists are also falling victim to its bite. However, the tourist is assured that the affliction is not fatal and can be very enjoyable. Even the particular itch which affects the victim, "ar-cha-e-ol-o-gy," has a pleasant-sounding nomenclature. Wherever the visitor travels in Israel he

will come in contact with history, for the country is one where the stories of the Bible were experienced, where the major religions of the world have had and still have their domiciles, and where conquerors have trodden.

For the visitor the history of the past might not have been exposed had it not been for the efforts of the archaeologist. And, fortunately, many of

Israel's outstanding figures have been interested in "digging into the past" so the contemporary world could be aware and learn more of its predecessors. A popular figure here and abroad, Yigael Yadin, former Israel Army chief of staff, left his soldierly duties for the intrigues of archaeology. Another former army head, Moshe Dayan, also has a deep interest in archaeology when his duties as minister of agriculture permit.

For the citizens of Israel the search for ancient ruins and relics has become a secondary occupation. It is not unusual for children to go on such surveys whenever there is an extended holiday, and their elders also engage in this activity when time permits. Thus, it is no wonder that the tourist, in his wanderings throughout the country, will be smitten and hope that he too can uncover something which will help illuminate the past.

Because of the smallness in area of Israel the traveler is able to visit any of the sites that have been reconstructed with little manipulation of the schedule, and transportation is available to any of the areas.

While Rome may be known for its catacombs, it cannot stand alone in this enterprise. For if the visitor will travel about ten miles southeast of Haifa to Beth She'arim he will exult in being able to witness the reconstruction of an important city which existed about 2,000 years ago as a center for learning and later became a burial site for great Hebraic scholars of the period. At Beth She'arim he will find elaborate underground tombs where some of the venerated rabbinical leaders of the pre-Christian and early Christian era were buried. Here too have been uncovered the remains of a large synagogue, several public dwellings, a glass factory, and an olive press. Also, as evidence of a higher and sophisticated civilization which once existed here, coins, glass pottery, vessels, and an abundance of fresco and relief work have been uncovered.

Southeast of Beth She'arim (a ride of about twenty minutes) the archae-



Acre, the picturesque Crusader town along the Mediterranean in Israel, is known for its pretty castles, church steeples, minarets and mosques. Equally interesting are exotic, narrow, Oriental market streets, crowded with shops and cafes.



Catacombs at Beth She'arim, near Haifa, where some venerated rabbis were buried.

ological neophyte will come upon the ruins of one of the oldest and most important cities in the ancient world—Megiddo. The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, financed by John D. Rockefeller Jr., started to excavate Megiddo in 1925. Some of what was uncovered during this expedition is at the Oriental Institute of Chicago University.

Megiddo was noted for its strategic location. It was of particular importance in ancient history being located on the main connecting artery between Egypt and Assyria. One of Egypt's mighty kings, Thutmose III, sent his army against the city in 1478 B.C. and the battle is described in hieroglyphics on the walls of his temple in Upper Egypt.

Megiddo was important militarily in King Solomon's time, about the tenth century B.C. When the Israelites entered Canaan, Megiddo's native king was slain by Joshua, who was Moses' successor. During Solomon's reign it was a bulwark for the defense of the kingdom. Well fortified, Megiddo's ruins have disclosed remains of stables where Solomon's horses were quartered for his mighty array of chariots and horsemen.

Throughout the years many important battles were fought at Megiddo and in Bible prophecy it is indicated that the last great battle will be fought

at the Mount of Megiddo (Armageddon). Even as recent as World War I, Megiddo's strategic location was of importance for it was through its pass that the British advanced through Northern Palestine to combat the Turkish forces. Field Marshall Allenby was commander-in-chief of the British forces for this successful campaign and he was subsequently granted the title of Lord Allenby of Megiddo.

Again, the life of the peoples in the Megiddo region has been brought to light by the findings of the archaeologists and it is these discoveries that will engage the visitor's eyes and intellect as he roams through the ruins searching for history. And, not only will he be delighted by the review of history, but as he ascends the mound where ancient Megiddo was located he will gain a panoramic view of the Valley of Jezreel and its surrounding mountains; Galilee and Nazareth, Tabor, the Hill of More and Mount Gilboa, all names of the past but still identified with contemporary Israel.

Though the site of Biblical Hazor, in Upper Galilee, was identified in 1928, extensive excavating was not begun until 1955 under the guidance of General Yadin. In the comparatively short time that the diggings have been undertaken much has been uncovered which reveals Hazor's past. The fact

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that a fortress was situated here has been established with the findings of the remains of such a structure, a tower and a fortified city wall. While Hazor was the site of battles in Biblical days it apparently also was a region of tranquility; for the city developed around courtyards of shepherds who grazed their flocks in the rich pastures of the Hula Valley region.

As visitors explore the excavations at Hazor they may even come across pieces of pottery dating back thousands of years. Such pieces may be gathered by the searching tourist and kept as souvenirs without fear of having violated any criminal codes.

From the abundant greenery of the
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One of the most interesting sites for a tourist in Israel are the ruins of the ancient synagogue at Capernaum. It is believed that Jesus preached in this synagogue.



THIS PRESENT WORLD

U. S. A.

NAE HAILS KENNEDY'S STAND ON EDUCATION AID

A spokesman for the National Association of Evangelicals praised President Kennedy's stand restricting federal aid for education to public schools, and said Roman Catholic criticism of the President's position will bring the issue "out into the open" for public debate and decision.

Donald H. Gill, associate secretary for public affairs of the NAE, said: "President Kennedy's fine support of the principles of the separation of Church and State is gratifying to all those who raised questions of Church-State relations during the recent Presidential campaign."

METHODIST WOMEN DEPLORE CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE

Methodist women in nine southeastern states where the Civil War centennial is being celebrated have sent a message to the White House expressing "deep regrets" that Congress authorized the five-year celebration. They fear that the observance may stimulate "divisive elements" in the country.

The executive committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church asked President Kennedy to use his influence "to emphasize the unity that was achieved, rather than the divisions of those tragic years."

RELEASED TIME DOWN IN NEW YORK

There was a decrease of about five per cent in the number of public school children enrolled in the Released Time Program for Religious Instruction in New York City in the past year. Currently 106,136 are attending the classes which are conducted by Protestants, Roman Catholics, or Jews in churches or synagogues near the schools. Attendance is voluntary.

BAPTIST HOSPITALS REFRAIN FROM SEEKING FEDERAL GRANTS

Two hospitals operated by the Southern Baptist Convention are looking for eight million dollars to meet capital

needs during the next decade but they have decided not to seek federal government grants. The board of the hospitals, located in Jacksonville, Fla. and New Orleans, La., voted against asking for public tax funds under the Hill-Burton Act which provides aid for hospital construction.

To accept federal funds, board officials said, "would violate a principle Baptists cherish—that of Church-State separation."

Canada

CANADIAN CHURCHMAN HITS "HIGH COST OF DYING"

A church leader told Canadian funeral directors they must make "an agonizing reappraisal" of the high cost of dying, or face the possibility that the Christian community will set up its own funeral co-operatives. He rapped "the high cost, cheap taste, and pagan trappings" of modern funerals. He had harsh words also for the undertaking industry's use of cosmetics and other frills.

COLLECTING A MILLION ROSARIES

The Catholic Women's League of Canada has launched a campaign to collect a million rosaries for the Catholics of Chile. The women believe that if the people of Chile, who are too poor to buy rosaries, had these prayer beads they would be closer to God.

The trouble is that in the Roman

rosary the prayers to Mary are ten times as numerous as those addressed to God. In using it the people are "worshiping and serving the creature more than the Creator!" Our Lord uttered a solemn warning against such practices as using prayer beads when He spoke of "vain repetitions" and "much speaking" like the heathen (Matthew 6:5-8).

How much better it would be if the Catholic women were preparing to distribute a million Bibles to the people of Chile! The Scriptures would tell them the proper way to pray and worship God in spirit and in truth.

U. S. S. R.

"WEDDING PALACE" IN MOSCOW

A "wedding palace" was formally opened in Moscow as part of a Communist program to make marriage ceremonies more solemn and memorable events. The "palace" is a mansion which formerly belonged to a Czarist nobleman.

Designed to provide the glamor lacking at non-religious ceremonies in registry offices, the palace is modeled after one previously built in Leningrad.

JEWISH LEADER EXPLAINS PROBLEMS OF HIS PEOPLE IN RUSSIA

Although anti-Semitism exists in the Soviet Union, "it is untrue to characterize the Soviet Government as anti-Semitic." So said Dr. Nahum Gold-

CHAPLAIN LINDVALL NOW A COLONEL

John A. Lindvall, Assemblies of God Army chaplain, has been elevated to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He is the first chaplain of the denomination on extended active duty to receive this honor.

A native of Michigan, Chaplain Lindvall entered the Army in 1944 and served in Europe until 1946. He was recalled to active military duty in 1950, was stationed in Japan and Korea in 1951-52, and in Germany in 1955-57.

Serving with the 82nd Airborne Division from 1952-55 in Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N. C., Chaplain Lindvall achieved the rank of senior parachutist with 30 jumps. He is now stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

Chaplain Lindvall is one of 20 Assemblies of God ministers currently serving on active duty with the Armed Forces. These chaplains maintain a vital tie with the church through the Assemblies of God Servicemen's Division.



mann, president of the World Zionist Organization, at a news conference.

Dr. Goldmann, who returned recently from the World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem, declared that at a meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Committee not long ago "too much stress was placed on anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union." The issue in that country, he said, was not discrimination against Jews as individuals but "the denial to the Jewish community of the same facilities accorded other religious and national minorities." He contended this denial was not anti-Semitism but rather "unequal treatment."

Ethiopia

MISSION IN ETHIOPIA TO GET BOAT INTENDED FOR KHRUSHCHEV

A jet-propelled boat which Soviet Premier Khrushchev admired very much on his visit to America, and which former President Eisenhower intended to present to the Russian leader when he visited Moscow, is going to a United Presbyterian missionary instead. The missionary will use the boat to reach a remote section of Ethiopia which cannot be reached except by the Gilal-river during the rainy season. Even then, the river is only a few inches deep and incapable of navigation in conventional motor boats.

The jet boat lay on the lawn of the U. S. embassy in Moscow for several months after Mr. Eisenhower was forced to cancel his visit to Russia. It was finally returned to the manufacturer in America, who sold it to the missionary at the wholesale price. Mr. Eisenhower will be invited to dedicate the boat before it is shipped to Ethiopia.

Hungary

NEW TRANSLATION OF BIBLE INTO HUNGARIAN COMPLETED

A new translation of the Bible into Hungarian has been completed at Budapest after fourteen years of work by a Protestant inter-faith committee.

The committee, working under the auspices of the Hungarian Bible Council, produced a translation of the New Testament which was published about ten years ago. A trial edition of the Old Testament is expected to be ready for distribution before the end of 1961. It is the first revision of the Hungarian Scriptures to appear in more than three hundred years.

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Are all angels male? If not, where does the Bible speak of female angels?

Jesus indicated in Matthew 22:30 that the angels are sexless and do not reproduce.

Where in the Bible does it say that God created man "mighty and mysterious, a little lower than the angels"?

For a reference stating man was created a "little lower than the angels" see Psalm 8:5 and Hebrews 2:7. The nearest reference to the thought of man being created "mysterious" perhaps would be Psalm 139:14.

Was Simon, who carried the cross for Jesus, a Negro? Luke 23:26.

I believe not. He was a Jew, either born in Cyrene or a resident there, who had come to Jerusalem to keep the Feast. Those of Cyrene were present when the Spirit fell at Pentecost (Acts 2:10). Some of those present when Stephen was stoned were "men of Cyprus and Cyrene" (Acts 11:20). Among those present when the call came to Saul was "Lucius of Cyrene" (Acts 13:1).

A teaching has arisen that men and women ought to greet one another with a holy kiss. I am afraid the practice of this teaching would lead to free love. Am I wrong?

The oriental greeting of welcome, as it is still practiced, was a kiss on each cheek. It was very different from kissing as now practiced generally, which tends, too often, to excite passion. Freedom of kissing between the sexes is almost sure to lead to free love and immorality.

Can one person possess all the gifts of the Spirit?

In the manner some look upon spiritual gifts, I doubt that the apostles had all the gifts of the Spirit. God gave them ability to meet situations as they arose. Today, God might bestow upon any person the ability which the hour demands. It is the indwelling Spirit that bestows gifts, and He does this "to every man severally as he will" (1 Corinthians 12:11).

If we are living in the dispensation of the Holy Ghost, ought not we to pray to the Holy Ghost?

As a practice, I would say No. Jesus taught the disciples to pray to the Father in His name (John 15:16; 16:23). This should be the rule in prayer. Jesus, however, did honor earnest prayer directed to Himself (Acts 7:59, 60). I would not discourage calling on the Holy Spirit for help, but would discourage a practice of praying to the Holy Spirit.

The reason we speak of this dispensation of grace as the dispensation of the Holy Ghost is that it is by Him the blessings provided by the atonement of Christ are ministered to us.

I am told it is wrong to continue to pray for a child when he has been given to the Lord. Is this correct?

Job had dedicated his children to the Lord, I believe; yet he continued to sacrifice and pray for them because he knew they were in a world of temptation. I believe we should both pray for our children and pray with them. Also, we should "bring them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord," teaching them the right way, and setting a proper example before them. We must trust God to keep, as well as to ask Him to keep. Prayer that is the product of worry is not believing prayer.

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).

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Andrew Stirling Suddenly Called Home

ON SUNDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 26, Andrew Stirling preached his last sermon at the Faith Memorial Assembly of God in Atlanta, Ga. His subject, most appropriately, was "A Door Opened in Heaven" (Revelation 4:1).

"When the doors of Heaven open for me," he said, "I am glad I can walk right in." It seemed that he was preaching his own funeral for he talked about the glory of Heaven and told what a wonderful place it was. He said that Jesus was the open door into Heaven and urged sinners to prepare to enter that place by accepting the Saviour.

Afterward he went to the prayer room and prayed with some of the people who were seeking the Lord. Later that night some friends drove him to the bus depot but before he could board the bus for his earthly home he was stricken and within five minutes he had departed for his heavenly Home.

During the preceding week Brother Stirling had attended a three-day meeting of the Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God. Brother Stirling had served as a member of the top governing board of the denomination since his election at the 1959 General Council in San Antonio as a field member representing the southeastern area of the nation.

Our departed brother will be missed very keenly in the Executive Presbytery as well as in the North Carolina District where he served as District Superintendent from 1946 to the end of his life under his leadership, the Assemblies in North Carolina more than doubled in number. His wise counsel was deeply appreciated by all his brethren. He literally poured his full strength and devotion into the work of the Lord.

This dedication to service, combined with a rare gift of spiritual insight, a quiet spirit, and a fervent love for his fellow men, endeared him to all who knew him.

Andrew Stirling was born in Scotland on February 21, 1913. He came to the U.S. at the age of sixteen. He attended public school and the Bellahouston Academy in Glasgow, Scotland; the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio; and Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Mo.

In 1939 he was ordained to the ministry by the Potomac District Council of the Assemblies of God. He served as pastor in Elizabeth City, Edenton, and Buxton, N. C. From 1943 to 1946 he taught school in Buxton, due to the teacher shortage during the war years, and for two years he was principal of the high school while serving as pastor of the Assembly there.

Since 1945 he was a member of the General Presbytery of the Assemblies of God, representing North Carolina. He was a popular speaker at camp meetings and district conferences throughout the United States. He also served on several important boards, including the board of directors of South-Eastern Bible College in Lakeland, Fla.

Brother Stirling is survived by his wife, the former Verna Mae Jennette of Buxton, N. C., whom he married in 1938; a son Baxter, 15, of the home; and a married daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Deanie Guttery. The funeral service was at Glad Tidings Assembly in Dunn, N. C. Brother T. F. Zimmerman, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, conducted the service and delivered the funeral sermon. Brother G. F. Lewis, assistant general superintendent, gave a tribute to the deceased. ◀ ◀

also heavy and they go to sleep. No man could look upon the agony of the Son of Man in Gethsemane or gaze upon His last awful hours upon the cross when darkness shut Him in. One, however, saw it all and has told us a little about it. He was with Him when He wept at the tomb of Lazarus and when He wept on the hillside overlooking Jerusalem. He was with Him in the garden and it was through Him—"The Eternal Spirit"—that "He offered Himself without spot unto God."

The three disciples had heard their Master say, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death." But they little understood His words. They did not hear Him say, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." They did not see the bloody sweat fall upon the ground, nor hear the strong crying, nor see the tears with which He offered up prayer and supplication unto Him that was able to save Him from death (Hebrews 5:7). Only the Spirit of God heard this cry and could tell us about it and He could also tell us that "He was heard in that He feared." Was He heard? Was He saved from death?

Bible students have ever tried to fathom the meaning of the cup, the bloody sweat, and the death from which our Lord prayed He might be saved. But they have not agreed in their conclusions. A few—a very few—have been enabled by the Spirit of God to go on a "little further," the "stone's cast" that lay between the Lord and His three disciples. They have had a little glimpse of the cup, filled with the filth, the uncleanness, the corruption and abominations of the sin of the world as it was pressed to the pure lips of our Saviour. They have glimpsed the bloody sweat, and their ears have caught a faint echo of His strong crying to be saved from death, as the weight of a whole world's iniquity was laid upon His frail human body, crushing it to the ground. It seems that the enemy sought to kill Jesus before He reached the cross to make atonement for the sin of the world. Our Lord's prayer to be saved from such a death was heard. An angel was sent from Heaven to strengthen Him. He was saved from death in the garden that He might die upon the cross, a sacrifice for sin.

Yes, Jesus knew what it was to weep. We thank Him for His tears. It is because of them that our tears will all be wiped away some day.

And today He comforts us as no other can. He presses our tear-stained cheeks to His own and tells us that He knows all about it. He bore not only the sorrow of being stricken of God and afflicted, but He "bore *our* griefs and carried *our* sorrows" too. (See Isaiah 53:4.)

*See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all."*

Have you shed tears—tears for others? It is time you did. David wrote often of his tears and David was not a weak man. In Psalm 42:3 we read that his tears had been his meat day and night, and in Psalms 126:5, 6 we read that "they that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Jeremiah is spoken of as the weeping prophet. In the 14th chapter of his prophecy and the 17th verse, he prays that his eyes might "run down with tears night and day" for his people.

Joel wrote, "Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, *weep* between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord!" (Joel 2:17).

Paul was not ashamed of his tears. He mentioned them again and again in his epistles. In his last talk with the Ephesian elders, he reminded them how he had served the Lord with "all humility of mind and with *many* tears" (Acts 20:19).

Pastors, evangelists, missionaries, Christian workers, if we are not shedding tears today, may God have pity on our dry eyes! How can we say we are followers of Jesus if we do not weep for others? "God, give us tears!" we pray. ◀◀

Money may be the husk of many things, but not the kernel. It brings you food, but not appetite; medicine, but not health; acquaintances, but not friends; servants, but not faithfulness; days of joy, but not peace or happiness.

—Jenrik Ibsen



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MF LEADERS CHALLENGED AT THREE-DAY SEMINAR

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—"Men's Fellowship holds a key to spiritual witnessing that can result in revival in each church," stated Thomas F. Zimmerman, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, in his message to the second annual Men's Fellowship seminar meeting on the Central Bible Institute campus, February 7 to 9.

Speaking at the Wednesday evening dinner, he called the Men's Fellowship witnessing objective "a timely emphasis because of the spiritual awakening being demonstrated in other denominations." He further emphasized that "the men's groups harbor the beginning of an expanding personal evangelism program. If kept strictly on a spiritual basis the program will be of vital importance to each pastor and local church."

Fifteen districts were represented at the seminar by ministerial or lay representatives. Goals and objectives for the forthcoming year were formulated. Major goal is for the chartering of more groups. Approximately 650 Men's Fellowship chapters are chartered now out of over 8,000 assemblies in the United States.

Four areas of service were outlined during the conference in which further development is planned. They are:

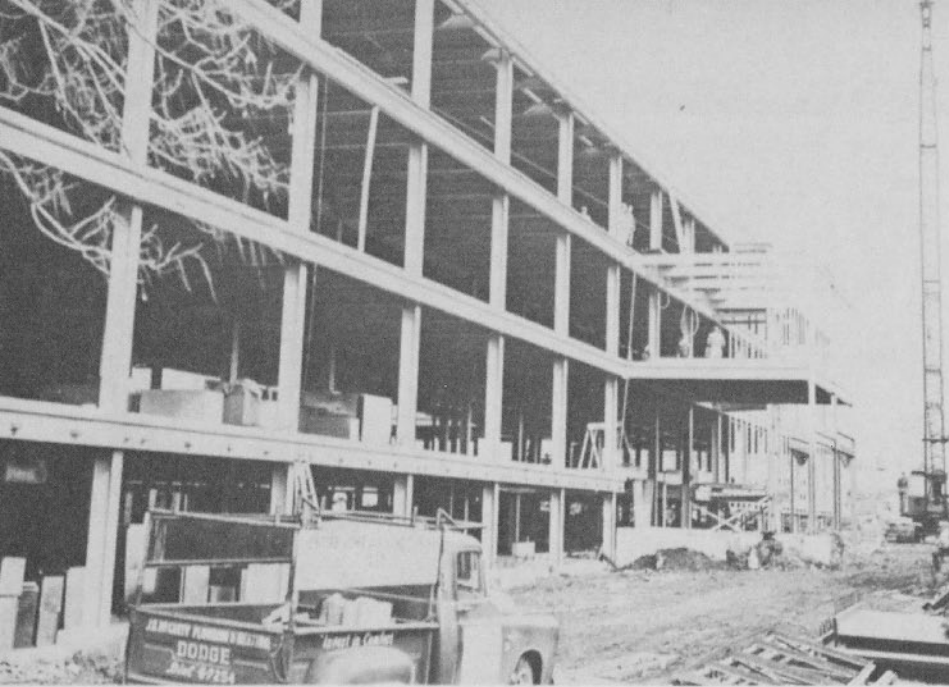
(1) Action Mandatory, the soul-winning emphasis launched last fall, was established as an annual program for the men. Emphasis will begin with the New Year watchnight service and continue through March.

(2) Further plans were considered for creation of a program for senior boys, ages 12 to 18.

(3) As a missionary effort, *Light for the Lost* will be accelerated. It provides funds for mass distribution of gospel literature in foreign lands. Enlargement of this program of missionary aid to include heavy-duty equipment such as light plants, water systems, machinery, and tools was suggested.

(4) Recognizing the importance of education for today's youth, the men began the groundwork planning for a revolving scholarship fund to be made available to students in each of the Assemblies of God Bible schools and colleges.

The seminar demonstrated how many of the objectives of Men's Fellowship are being enlarged and accelerated. A greater ministry is offered to the men of the Assemblies of God than they now fill. In each local church, the Men's Fellowship presents an excellent opportunity for developing and expanding each individual's ministry.



Excellent progress was made during winter months. Due to mild season the workmen had a minimum of idle days.



Mixing trucks emptied the concrete into a huge iron bucket.



A 100-foot boom crane hoisted concrete to hopper on top of building.

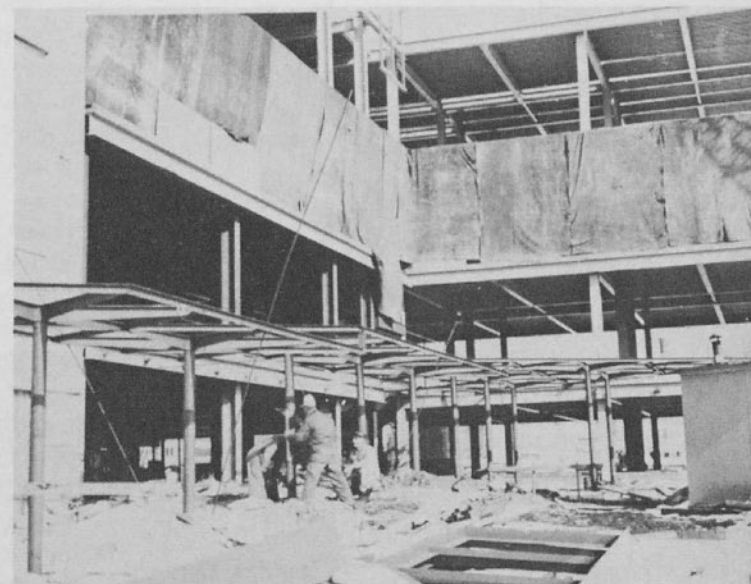
New Assemblies of God General Office



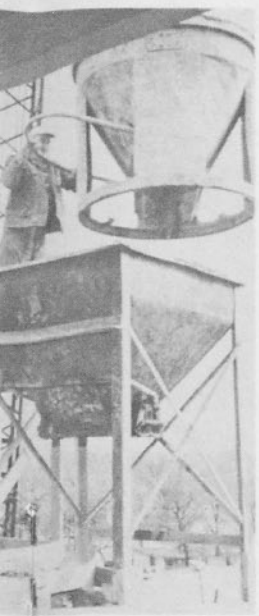
In freezing weather, welders worked on top floor installing brackets to hold aluminum frames for curtain wall.

Rapid progress has been made on the new Administration Building at Springfield, Missouri, which will house the general offices of the Assemblies of God. It is expected to be ready for occupancy by December 1.

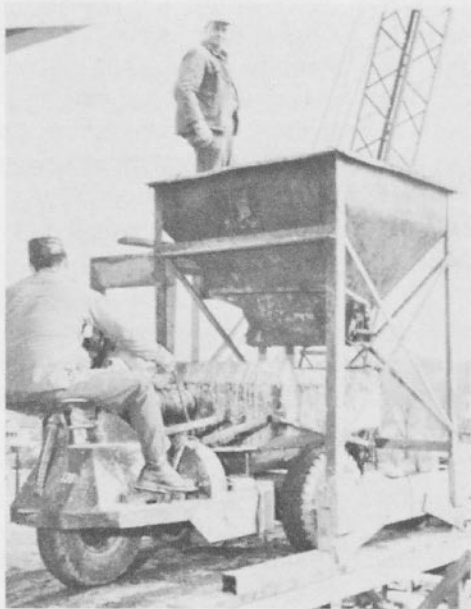
The new 360 by 105 foot structure fronts on Boonville Avenue, a main thoroughfare. It adjoins the twelve-year-old printing plant of the Gospel Publishing House. In addition to providing more floor space for executive offices and the expanding operations of the publications



Snow on ground did not stop workmen from moving ahead with canopy at south entrance near the parking lot.



Crane hoisted the bucket on top floor.



A three-wheel material buggy took concrete and dumped it on the floor.

ices Being Built

department, the new building will contain many modern facilities which will increase the efficiency of all the General Council departments which serve our Sunday Schools, churches, and missionaries. It will have a 600-seat chapel for staff prayer meetings and Revival-time broadcasts.

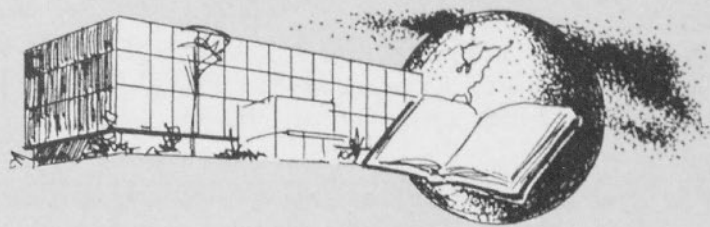
The curtain-wall design calls for five-foot-square panels of porcelainized aluminum in a turquoise blue. Windows will be of gray-tinted glass.



Additional 400-ton capacity air conditioner unit was moved into power plant to serve the new building.



While building is under construction, interior decorators select colors, drapes, and furnishings that will combine beauty and economy. Here Gordon Benson, expert designer, works on ideas for General Superintendent's new office.



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JESUS IS ALIVE TODAY

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THERE WAS NEVER AN ENTERPRISE which seemed more completely at an end than did that of Jesus on the last Old Testament Sabbath. Christianity died with Christ, and was laid with Him in the sepulcher. When He was buried, there was not a single human being that believed He would ever rise again.

The breakdown of the disciples had been complete. When He was arrested, "they forsook Him and fled."

Jesus had, indeed, foretold His sufferings, death and resurrection. But they had never understood these sayings; they forgot them or gave them an allegorical turn which, after His death, yielded them no comfort whatever. The women came to the sepulcher on the first day of the week, not to

see it empty, but to embalm His body for its long sleep. Mary ran to tell the disciples, not that He was risen, but that the body had been taken away and laid she knew not where. When the disciples were met together "they mourned and wept." There never were men more utterly disappointed and dispirited.

How is it that in a few days these very men were full of confidence and joy, their faith in Jesus had revived, and Christianity had a far greater vitality than ever before? The disciples say the reason was that Jesus had risen, and that they had seen Him. They tell us about their visits to the empty tomb, and how He appeared to Mary Magdalene, to the other women, to Peter, to the two on the way to Emmaus, to ten of them at once, to eleven of them at once, to James, to the five hundred, and so forth.

Are these stories credible? They might not be, if they stood alone. But their reports of the resurrection of Christ were accompanied by the indisputable resurrection of Christianity. And how is the latter to be accounted for except by the former?

The remarkable thing is that when the disciples resumed their faith in

Christ they were no longer pursuing worldly ends, but intensely spiritual ones; they were no longer expecting thrones, but persecution and death—yet they set about their new work with an ardor of devotion and a faith in results which they had never shown before.

What effected this change? The disciples say it was the Resurrection and the sight of the risen Christ. But *their testimony* is not the only proof that He rose. The incontestable proof is *the change itself*—the fact that they had suddenly become courageous, hopeful, believing, wise, and equipped with resources sufficient for the task before them.

It is a happy thing that the resurrection is capable of such proof; for if Christ be not risen, our faith is vain; but if He be risen, then the whole of His miraculous life becomes credible, for this was the greatest of all miracles. He was "declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of Holiness, by the resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4).

The Easter season, when once again we commemorate the fact that Jesus Christ rose from the dead, is a fitting time in which to place your trust in

TOO LATE!

By
V. RAYMOND EDMAN

THE EASTER STORY HAS A SIDE-light that is simply startling. It declares: "Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared . . . and they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre" (Luke 24:1, 2).

These women were much in earnest. They had made preparation of spices for the body of the Lord Jesus, as was the custom in the Near East. They left their homes before daylight so as to come early to the grave; but they came too late. He was not there. He was risen from the dead!

Why did they come late? It was because they had not believed His Word. He had told them plainly and frequently that after He was dead and buried He would rise from the

dead on the third day. Could any promise be more plain?

Their experience can be ours also. We, too, have His Word which we are to receive and believe. On that first Easter day He stated graphically and pointedly: "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:46, 47).

Because He died for our sins and rose again, our responsibility is to repent and to believe the Gospel so that we might have forgiveness of sin and newness of life in Him. The Bible says plainly: "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." Now salvation's door is open; and the invitation is urgent

and gracious: *Whosoever will, let him come!*

But that door will not always remain open. The Lord Jesus said: "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are" (Luke 13:24, 25).

Dreadful words—the door is shut! We can have every good intention to accept the Lord Jesus as Saviour and to be ready for His coming; but like the women we can come too late for not believing His word now.

Repent today, and accept Christ as your personal Saviour while you have time. Too late will be everlastingly too bad!

—American Tract Society

Him who said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25, 26).

Do you believe on Him? Have you been born again? Have you received the new life that comes to those who repent of their sins and accept the risen Christ as their personal Saviour?

TOURISTS IN ISRAEL

(Continued from page eleven)

North the tourist may travel to the arid South and the Negev where the existence of past communities has also been established. Avdat and Shivta, both readily accessible from the ancient yet modern city of Beersheba, have been identified as areas where Byzantine-Roman influence prevailed during the first to sixth centuries. Shivta is one of the best-preserved Byzantium ruins in the Negev. Among the findings here are three churches, private homes, and other structures indigenous to a planned community. The location of Avdat atop a hill overlooking the Negev affords one a fine view of this region and the ruins of Avdat which have been uncovered reveal a sophisticated society which knew how to exist in such a sparse area. Avdat became a trading center and stopover where merchants of the desert could rest and replenish their stocks before continuing on their journey through the desert. A Roman bath, burial caves in the sides of the hill, a Nabatean altar, ruins of dwellings, water cisterns, and a reservoir to contain the infrequent rains, a monastery and fortress, have been among the findings of the excavators.

Thus, wherever one wanders in his travels throughout Israel he will come across areas of preserved antiquities, and the search continues for a better insight into a past which became a foundation for succeeding civilizations.

An American scholar has described Israel as a boon to archaeologists. For, within this small country, he said, can be studied the remains of "different synchronous cultures," as well as the "evolution of a single culture." The visitor will discover this truism as his travels take him to Acre, Nazareth, Caesarea, Sodom, Ein Gedi, the Galilee, Ascalon, Jerusalem, Ein-Karem, Capernaum, Ramla, and even modern Tel Aviv.

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JOSHUA, A FAITHFUL SERVANT

Sunday School Lesson for April 9, 1961.

Exodus 17:8-16; 24:13; 32:17, 18; 33:11

"Joshua, the son of Nun, the servant of Moses"—that is the way the Bible designates the man who was to become Israel's greatest leader next to Moses himself. This son of an obscure member of the tribe of Ephraim teaches us some great lessons. He that is faithful in that which is least will be faithful also in much. The man who learns to take orders is the only man qualified to give orders. These truths are illustrated in our series of lessons on the man who became Moses' successor.

SERVING IN BATTLE. Exodus 17:8-16.

Soon after leaving Egypt, Israel is attacked by the Amalekites, a war-like tribe destined to be among the arch-enemies of Israel for centuries. The responsibility of leading the battle against them was placed by Moses upon the youthful shoulders of a hitherto unknown Israelite named Joshua.

"And Moses said unto Joshua, . . . go out, fight with Amalek: tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. So Joshua did as Moses had said." In this the first mention of Joshua in the Bible he appears to possess the three qualities essential to leadership; namely, courage, faith, and obedience. This was undoubtedly Joshua's first experience in battle—and he faced a formidable foe! Yet his courage was equal to the occasion. And he obeyed without question. The secret? His faith in Jehovah of Israel! He had already learned that the Lord was mighty in battle and that victory would come not because of the size of his army but because of the power of God released by the intercessory prayers of Moses! So it is today. Spiritual battles are won or lost depending on what happens on "the hill" rather than on the size of the army in the valley!

SERVING IN THE MOUNT. Exodus 24:13; 32:17.

"And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God." We often overlook the fact that young Joshua was with Moses during those sacred forty days with God! Who can estimate the effect upon Joshua of those great days? In those days such a revelation of God and nearness to God was the privilege of a chosen few, "but we all with open face" may come unto the mount, "beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord." We, too, may be "changed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord." And in the measure that we learn to serve and minister in God's holy presence, shall we be able to lead others into spiritual victory and blessing!

SERVING IN THE TABERNACLE. Exodus 33:11.

Our third glimpse of Joshua finds him in the tabernacle with Moses after the affair of the golden calf. God's glory has descended upon the tabernacle in the form of

the pillar of cloud. "And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face . . . And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle." Joshua thus proved himself to be a man not seeking a position of prominence but a man who had a genuine appreciation of that which is spiritual. For years he was content to be regarded as a servant of Moses, content to wait upon him, run his errands, and do his bidding. It was reward enough that he might have the priceless privilege of fellowship with Moses the man of God. And during these years, as is quite evident, he caught the vision of Moses, the faith of Moses, and the spirituality of Moses!

Says a great preacher of another century: We, too, have boys sometimes among ourselves not unlike that. They love and choose and are always to be found among good things, in good places, and reading good books while yet they are still children. They take to the Sunday school, and to the church, and to the Bible class, and to the missionary meeting and as such boys rise to be young men they are already promising pillars in the house of their fathers' God.

"There is no finer grace to be found in any young man's heart than his admiration and reverence for great and good men . . . And when a young man has eyes to see and a heart to love and honor those good and gifted men he reads and hears about; or, still better, those who live near him, nothing could be a sounder sign or a purer promise of his own future character than that."

God give us today young men who appreciate that which is spiritual and eternal, who are free from carnal ambition, who are big enough to serve and obey, and we shall see the church of tomorrow go forward in the might and power of God!

—J. Bashford Bishop

SECRET OF VICTORY



Three Trouble Spots for Parents

As it so often happens, the children can point out sooner than anyone else the areas of parental failure

BY E. EUGENE WILLIAMS

WHY DO WELL-MEANING PARENTS often turn their children into neurotics? And why do young people with "every opportunity" for happiness develop emotional disturbances which, in the more serious instances, blight their entire lives?

Parents, anxious to do the best they possibly can for their children, often ask, "Where are we failing them?" "How can we still be the kind of parents that our children need?"

For the benefit of the growing army of deeply concerned mothers and fathers, three critical trouble spots in parent-child relationships are brought into focus here. Research for this study amounted primarily to listening carefully to emotionally upset youngsters tell their stories. This is what they said.

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"My parents sure made a serious mistake when they had kids. They don't have time for us. About the only way I can get to talk to them is to make an appointment!"

These words came from a high-school senior. They point up the first big trouble spot... *too busy*.

A university freshman remarked: "Dad worked eight hours a day, five days a week. How much I wanted him to play catch with me or to take me fishing! Whenever I suggested we do something together, he always replied, 'Can't. Too busy.' The situation never changed."

Another young lady informed me, "It was a rare occasion when our family ever did anything together. Both Mom and Dad work. Our kitchen is like a cafeteria. Seldom do we have a meal

together as a family. I'll bet I've eaten six thousand peanut butter sandwiches in the last five years!"

Intense feelings of frustration result in the children of "too busy" parents. The last place children want to find an "impersonal approach" is in the home.

The most effective parents are those who have a change of pace, who know how to alternate between hard driving and relaxed deliberateness. Slow down, and do it frequently. Give yourself a chance to think about things that are important rather than merely urgent. Slowing down the body may well speed perception of what matters most. I have a hunch the children will then get a high priority rating in the "what matters most" column!

II

A second trouble spot for parents occurs in the area of observation and appreciation... *not interested*. The symptoms are the "Yeah" and "Okay" answers to the children who are proudly standing before their parents displaying or discussing something that means a great deal to them. Some parents become so proficient in making replies that they can give them without taking their eyes off what they are doing at the time! This is less painful for them, of course, because that way they never see the hurt expression on the face of their child. Looking back upon this type of experience "grown-up children" attending college have a number of things to say.

"My Dad was sure the cold-fish type. Nothing ever excited him except fishing and hunting. He never knew whether

I passed my grades or not. One time when Mom told him I fell off my bike and had to have three stitches taken he really came to life. His answer was 'Uh huh!' It was pretty much like that as long as I can remember."



Another said, "Mother never stood still very long. I recall coming into the house on quite a few occasions to tell her what I was doing in the back yard, or to tell her about the pretty butterfly I had seen. She always had one stock answer, 'Okay, okay, now scoot along and don't bother me.'"


Compare this with the thoughtful parent who "just happens" to come upon his child doing something creative, like making mud pies in the backyard. Then there is the bending of a knee, the kindly look of interrogation, and the friendly remark—"Say, that really looks like something special. What are you going to call it when it is finished?"



The answer usually takes about five
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FOR THE JUNIOR READER



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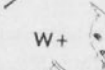
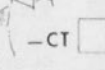
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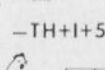
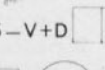
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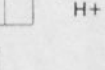
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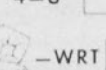
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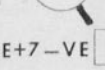
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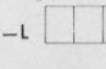
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seconds. That is, it takes about five seconds until the child really understands how interested Mother or Daddy is. After that it may take ten minutes to fill in the details! It's a wonderful investment in time, and leaves a lasting impression.

Much wisdom is found in the Chinese proverb: "Be not disturbed at being misunderstood; be disturbed rather at not being understanding."

III

A third major trouble spot for parents produces neurotic children in large numbers... *too soft*. And yet the aim of the soft, overpermissive and over-indulgent attitude is, supposedly, to avoid the causes of emotional disturbances.

These parents follow a "relaxed" pattern of child rearing, giving in to the child's demands, neglecting to set limits, and treating the term "discipline" as if it were a nasty, crude, and unacceptable word.

They give out—often beyond their means—in order that their children will not be "deprived" as they believe they once were. And what do the "children" say, now that they are grown up and find it extremely difficult at times to deal with the competitive spirit of the age in which they live?

"My mother and father were certainly soft touches. I used to get a great deal of satisfaction watching my parents squirm in their efforts to avoid offending me. It seemed funny then. It doesn't now."

This was expressed in much the same words by a graduate student who was failing to keep his course work up and was threatened with dismissal from the graduate program because of poor marks.

What is the solution to this type of trouble spot for parents? The answer lies in a candid evaluation of what actually takes place when the "too soft" routine is followed.

A child needs some kind of authority in the home, otherwise he doubts the parent's ability to protect him and feels that the parent doesn't care about him. Overly-permissive homes produce indecisive children who have a hard time making up their minds. While the children are little, they need to be taught the sense of right and wrong; they are not born with it. Lack of direction even in little things may lead to a confused state of mind.

Going to bed, for example, can become a problem to a child. He is weary but does not want to miss anything that might be fun. A firm "Time for bed!"

solves the problem he can't solve for himself.

Even adolescents desire a measure of adult control. Successful parents are those who set reasonable limits and stick to them. Reasonable rules, which include wholehearted go-aheads as well as definite hold-backs, are more like guideposts than straitjackets.

Overpermissiveness is one thing; overindulgence is still another. How often a parent thinks, "I am grateful that I can afford to give my children the comforts, the education, the things in life that I always wanted and never could have!"

This attitude disregards the fact that their own struggles were the foundation of their security. Now they deprive their children of a similar opportunity of finding out what life really is!

Instead of learning the truth about money, for example, a child comes to think it is something to be had for nothing, something that he is entitled to by right. While providing the child social security, the parent is taking from him personal security, which is the greater loss.

Having children is a physical process, but the experience is spiritual as well. It is through choosing spiritual values, where they conflict with material values, that true security is to be found. The secure child is one who knows what his parents stand for, and realizes that they cannot be shaken from their standards by arguing or coaxing. This is the kind of authority that children learn to respect, because it is not the authority of age or of force but of principle. Where the parents are sure of their principles, the child will be sure of his parents, and the trouble spots should disappear!

—Moody Monthly (used by permission)

HE DIED—HE ROSE

"He died," saith the Cross; "my very name Was a hated thing and a word of shame; But since Christ hung on my arms outspread, With nails in His hands and thorns on His head,

They do but measure—set high, fling wide— The measureless love of the Crucified."

"He arose," saith the Tomb; "I was dark and drear,

And the sound of my name wove a spell of fear;

But the Lord of Life in my depths hath lain To break Death's power and rend his chain; And a light streams forth from my open door, For the Lord is risen; He dieth no more."

—Annie Johnson Flint

EVANGELICAL CONVENTION TO PLAN NEW STRATEGY



Henry Bast



Harold J. Ockenga



Carl F. H. Henry

Planning strategy to meet a triple threat which faces conservative Protestantism in America will occupy the attention of over 1,000 evangelical leaders as they meet at Grand Rapids, Mich., April 10-14, for the 19th annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The triple threat, according to Dr. George L. Ford, NAE executive director, is posed by atheistic Communism, liberal Protestantism which has forsaken many of the historic Christian doctrines, and Roman Catholicism with its efforts to break down church-state separation.

Asserting that too much of America's religious life is "soft," the evangelical leader said, "We need a rebirth of spiritual conviction in this country that will give us the strength and dynamic of the first-century Christians."

Convention speakers include Thomas F. Zimmerman, president of NAE and general superintendent of the Assemblies of God; Dr. Henry Bast, president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America; Dr. Harold John Ockenga, pastor of Park Street Church, Boston; Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of *Christianity Today*; Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman, speaker on *The Lutheran Hour*; and Dr. Glenn Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United.

All sessions will be held in the Civic Auditorium and Pantlind Hotel, which will serve as convention headquarters. A copy of the complete program may be obtained by writing to NAE, Box 28, Wheaton, Ill.



T. F. Zimmerman



Glenn L. Archer



O. C. J. Hoffman



The Family Altar



MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

MONDAY, APRIL 3

READ: Psalm 111

LEARN: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever" (Psalm 111:10).

FOR THE PARENT: From this passage point out: (1) how we are to praise the Lord, v. 1; (2) where we are to praise the Lord, v. 1; (3) some of the terms which describe the work of the Lord, vv. 2, 3; (4) some of the blessings included in the work of the Lord, vv. 4-9; (5) the importance of fearing the Lord, v. 10; (6) the source of wisdom and understanding—fearing God and keeping His commandments, v. 10.

QUESTION TIME: How are we to praise God? (v. 1) Where are some places we are to praise God? (v. 1) What are some of the things God has done for His people? (vv. 4-9) Where do wisdom and understanding begin? (v. 10)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. H. W. Butler, Upper Volta Republic; Homer T. Goodwin, Ghana; Elwin J. Grundy, Sierra Leone; Mrs. C. F. Juergensen (superannuated), Japan; Oliver J. LaMont (Deaf), California.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

READ: Psalm 112

LEARN: "A good man showeth favor, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion" (Psalm 112:5).

FOR THE PARENT: This psalm points out some of the blessings that come to the person who fears the Lord and delights to do His commandments. These include: (1) blessings on his future posterity, v. 2; (2) material prosperity, v. 3; (3) an enduring righteousness, v. 3; (4) light in the darkness, v. 4. This individual is also characterized by: (1) graciousness, v. 4; (2) compassion, v. 4; (3) righteousness, v. 4; (4) showing favor, v. 5; (5) lending to the less fortunate, v. 5; (6) wise judgment in business, v. 5. Verses 6-10 show the power of God working in behalf of this blessed man.

QUESTION TIME: What are some of the blessings that come to those who fear the Lord? (See above)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Eva Davidson, Ghana; Earl L. Wilkie, Uruguay.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

READ: Psalm 113

LEARN: "Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore" (Psalm 113:2).

FOR THE PARENT: This psalm extols the wonders and virtues of our God. It encourages us to praise the Lord (v. 1) and then gives some reasons why we are to praise Him. These reasons include: (1) God is above all political powers, v. 4; (2) His glory is above all, v. 4; (3) there is none other like Him, v. 5; (4) He is conscious of the needs of the poor and needy, v. 7; (5) all are equal in His sight, v. 8; (6) He is concerned about every part of life, v. 9.

QUESTION TIME: During what part of the day did the Psalmist tell us to praise the Lord? (v. 3) What do you suppose he meant by this? What are some reasons why we are to praise God?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Arthur H. Bauer, Peru; Mrs. R. D. McGee, Nicaragua; Helen V. Rye, Jamaica.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

READ: Exodus 17:8-16; 24:13; 32:17, 18; 33:11

LEARN: "By love serve one another" (Galatians 5:13).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Joshua, a Faithful Servant" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) The preparation of Joshua as a future leader of Israel began long before Moses died. From the verses read point out the ways in which Joshua served Moses and Israel—serving in battle, on the mount, and in the tabernacle. Some type of preparation is necessary for serving the Lord. Joshua learned to serve well wherever he was asked to serve. Because of this attitude, he became a great leader.

QUESTION TIME: In what way was God preparing Joshua for future leadership in Israel? (See above) What lesson is there in this for us?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Byron Personeus, Alaska; Elsie Blattner (superannuated), Venezuela; Herbert B. Felton, Argentina; Mrs. H. A. Park, Hong Kong.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

READ: Mark 16:14-20; Acts 1:4, 5, 8-11 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

FOR THE PARENT: Every Christian has a commission—to witness for His Lord and Saviour. Review how this commission was given to the apostles after the resurrection of Christ. Discuss: (1) what they were to do, Mark 16:15; (2) the reaction to their message, Mark 16:16; (3) the signs that would follow their faithful witnessing, Mark 16:17, 18; (4) the place of the Holy Spirit in their witnessing, Acts 1:4, 5, 8. This passage also contains a promise that Christ will come again, Acts 1:9-11.

QUESTION TIME: What commission is given to every Christian? What is our message? Who helps us fulfill our commission? (Acts 1:8)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Mrs. Gordon A. Olson, Alaska.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

READ: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "The Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).

FOR THE PARENT: After Saul had disobeyed God and was rejected by God from being king over Israel, Samuel was instructed by the Lord to anoint the next king. Discuss the events relating to that anointing, stressing the human outlook that Samuel had as the sons of Jesse passed before him. Point out the important lesson God showed Samuel—that what a person is on the inside is much more important than what he is on the outside. Stress the inner qualities of love, compassion, mercy, gratitude, etc., that God wants us to develop so that we will be pleasing to Him.

QUESTION TIME: What is the important lesson from this story? What are some of the inner qualities that God wants us to have?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Melvin Jorgenson, Republic of Congo.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SUNDAY: Mrs. Louise Kaufmann (Jewish), Chicago; Mrs. R. A. Kensinger, Nicaragua.

Assemblies of God District Projects for Church Extension
Are Achieving Amazing Results Through—

Twentieth-Century "Minutemen"

BY RUTH LYON



UNDYING IS THE FAME OF THE MINUTEMEN OF THE AMERICAN WAR OF INDEPENDENCE. To those militiamen, citizens who pledged themselves to leave their daily work and take up arms at a moment's notice, America owes her liberty.

Although no drums or fifes or sound of marching feet herald their approach, Minutemen are on the march again today!

Through their Minutemen projects, Assemblies of God districts are attempting to bring spiritual freedom to many thousands throughout the United States. They are enlisting men in the churches as co-workers with their home missions departments to establish new churches and assist established churches in times of emergency. When a call for assistance comes, the Minutemen stand ready to answer.

Today, more than 100 million Americans need the gospel. Most of these are not aware that chains of sin bind them. Nor have they read John 8:32 which says, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

In the five-year period from 1956 to 1960, Assemblies of God districts reported 1,179 new churches opened. Each year, several hundred new church-

es are begun, and each district strives to achieve its part of the annual national goal. For 1961, the national goal is 300 new assemblies, and each district has been assigned its part of this goal.

Although each district has a different name for its home missions project, most are taking the Minutemen approach. Observe how the program operates in several of the districts.

The Minuteman Corps of the Northwest District originated at the 1955 district convention. It provides that individuals pledge, as God provides, to give two dollars upon call toward a home missions project. Not more than three appeals are to be made yearly.

During the past four years, twelve appeals were made to the Northwest *Minuteman Corps* for a total of \$25,118.32, and fourteen churches benefited. Each response averaged approximately \$2,000. The initial boost a home missions building project receives often means the difference between success or failure.

As this money is contributed to the district and the new churches by the *Minuteman Corps*, no repayment or interest is charged. A total of 1,574 men are enrolled and the list continues to grow.

The Northwest District has found that an acceptable church building for a small congregation can be constructed for about \$15,000. A strong *Minuteman Corps* program can raise a substantial part of this cost and relieve the congregation from a crippling burden of debt.

The Illinois District's *Minuteman "500 by 5" Plan* enlists men who will give five dollars when called to help open a new assembly. Calls are limited to three per year. The contributions are used mainly to help support a home missions worker.

The Northern New England District calls its home missions program *The Pioneer Church Fellowship*. Already several hundred individuals have pledged to give one dollar for each new church. Calls are limited to five

a year, however. The district hopes to secure one thousand pledges soon.

The Church Founder's Fellowship is the Southern California District's program for opening new churches. Membership is growing rapidly. Two dollars a member is contributed for each project, and appeals are made only four times a year. The executive presbytery of the district, acting upon the recommendations submitted by the sectional home missions committee, decides where the C. F. F. projects will be located and chooses a pastor for the new church.

Five *Minutemen* calls have been issued in the Potomac District for assistance to pioneer churches. From the first four, fine congregations are now enjoying steady progress on a self-sustaining basis. The last call, made recently, was toward the purchase of a church.

The *Michigan Minutemen* stand ready to respond with one dollar to each call authorized by their district home missions department. They may receive four calls a year. Since the program's initiation in October, 1958, six calls have been made successfully.

The first call was designated for the down payment on a building to house the new Rockford Assembly. The *Minutemen* also furnished some equipment for this church. The second call assisted in the purchase of a building to start another assembly in Muskegon. A church building was purchased by the Bronson Assembly and the *Minutemen* responded in their third call to assist in completing the construction of the basement.

The Tuscola Assembly purchased a building which the fourth call prepared for services. Cheboygan benefited from the fifth call to purchase and prepare a school building to house the assembly there.

Response from the *Minutemen* through the five calls amounted to \$1,441. On the fifth call alone \$550 was received. By last August membership in the *Michigan Minutemen* was over 500.

The sixth call created a Minutemen escrow account. This money is held by the Men's Fellowship treasurer until there is opportunity to establish a new work or until a building is available for purchase; then it is available immediately for the project.

The second Sundays of January, April, July, and October have been designated by the Michigan Men's Fellowship executive committee as Minutemen Sundays. At this time local MF groups are asked to respond with offerings of one dollar per man.

In the Northern California-Nevada District the Minutemen project is termed *Church Extension Fellowship*. Six calls have been issued in the past three years to assist in establishing six churches. The district considers this program for church extension an investment, not an expense. District officers say that Church Extension Fellowship does not cost; it pays.

In dollars and cents here is how it pays *materially*:

Bank or insurance appraisals of the six churches	\$381,000
Mortgages outstanding against these properties as of January 1, 1961	\$166,000
Equity as of January 1, 1961	\$215,000
Total C. E. F. proceeds invested in the six churches	\$ 18,760
C. E. F. dividend by increase of net assets	\$196,240

It also pays *spiritually*. Each Sunday more than 650 attend the Sunday schools of the six newly established C. E. F. churches. Many of these are new converts. Before long these churches will be helping other pioneer assemblies. Only eternity will reveal the true accomplishments of the sacrificial giving of the C. E. F. members.

The Builders Club represents the Minutemen approach in North Dakota. Each member contributes five dollars for each pioneer church opened.

God's Mission Men are making strides in the Minnesota District. They helped the new congregation in Grand Rapids purchase a church and parsonage. For each call members send one dollar. Twenty-three new churches have been opened in Minnesota in the past five years.

The Southern Idaho District's *Minutemen's Club* calls for two dollars each time a new church is opened or when an emergency occurs in a church. A few months ago a desperate need on the Fort Hall Indian reservation called for a quick response. The missionaries' living quarters in a basement

had flooded and there was urgent need for a new parsonage. The Minutemen made this parsonage a reality.

Operation Pioneers, the Kansas home missions project, has met with much enthusiasm in the district. In the last five years, twenty-seven churches have been opened. Some of these are credited to this program.

The district Minutemen programs are destined to play an important part in the long-range church extension plans of the Assemblies of God now being developed.

Keep marching onward, Minutemen of the twentieth century! ◀◀

Taking Church To Prisoners

BY HOWARD SHELTON

PROBABLY THE MOST UNUSUAL church service in Leavenworth, Kans., is the one conducted every Sunday afternoon in the county jail by our Assembly of God squad.

At 1:30 every Sunday this group of Christ's Ambassadors, with the pastor, holds a thirty-minute service in the corridor of the jail. These services were started about ten years ago. Usually from six to eight young people (sometimes more) take part. Alvin Norris is the C. A. president.

We sing a song or two, and sometimes the prisoners want to join us in singing. They also request favorite songs. We have special singing for them; then our young people testify, telling of the goodness of God and what

He can do. This is followed by a sermonette from one of the group. Thirty minutes is not much time, but we make good use of the time allotted to us.

In the beginning of these services an old man gave his heart to God and received a real experience. Later he was transferred to the Huntsville prison. He still writes our C. A. president. This prisoner, after a life imprisonment, is now on parole. He is still living for God, as far as we know.

Another happy result of our ministry was what happened to a sergeant with an undesirable discharge from Fort Leavenworth. He had been picked up and held in the county jail. In our service he was really saved. It was nothing short of a miracle when he was released and set free.

Sometimes we do not think we have achieved anything; but we can never tell how much is accomplished. The response we have received makes the time spent more than worthwhile.

Our group has not missed a Sunday up to this time except once when the prisoners rioted and we were not allowed in. We sing Christmas carols on Christmas Eve and give the prisoners treats. We have had excellent co-operation from the county sheriff and the jailers. We give the prisoners opportunity to ask questions.

All sorts of criminals—from bank robbers to murderers—are incarcerated in this jail from time to time while being transferred to some other state or federal prison.

If we can just help one prisoner, the time will be well spent. Inmates are not compelled to attend these services. If the prisoner wants to attend, he is placed in the "tank," a large communal cell. ◀◀



Jailer Arden Rhyne (left) with Pastor and Mrs. Howard Shelton at the entrance to Leavenworth County Jail in Kansas. Leavenworth C.A.s (right) who assist Pastor Shelton with the jail services on Sunday. C. A. President Alvin Norris at extreme right.

Anticipating the Need

By Raymond Brock



WHEN LEGITIMATE REQUESTS ARE received from the field and they cannot be honored because there are no funds available, it hurts.

An appeal came from Uruguay recently. A downtown building was available for the much-needed evangelistic center. When the appeal came, the Foreign Missions Committee was favorable to this advance, but funds were not available to complete the transaction. As a result, the Assembly in Montevideo is still worshipping in inadequate quarters and there is no evangelistic center for the capital of Uruguay.

Only a few days ago an appeal came from Lome, the capital city of Togo. With nationalism growing in Africa and communism threatening to engulf many of the new nations, the Togo missionaries requested funds for an evangelistic center. A commercial building is available and can be converted into a center and Bible school. But, there are no undesignated funds available to be used in answering this appeal.

Although offerings to foreign missions in 1960 were \$471,731 more than 1959, the offerings that were undesignated were down \$43,000. Actually 94.6 per cent of the total foreign missions giving was designated to specific purposes and could not be made available for other legitimate purposes.

Definite designations to Foreign Missions are honored in every detail—every penny received for a designated purpose goes to that purpose one hundred per cent. Last year this left only the 5.4 per cent undesignated offerings to be disbursed by the Foreign Missions Committee to the most urgent needs around the world.

Each distribution of undesignated funds is prayerfully and carefully made. The accompanying graph shows how these funds were disbursed in 1960. It will be noted that the largest portion—38.5 per cent—of the undesignated funds was sent to individual mis-

sionaries whose budgets have not been underwritten by designations. This includes not only money for food, clothing, and fuel, but for the schooling of their children and medical expenses.

The next largest distribution of funds went to support the ministry of our 68 Bible schools around the world. That the training of national workers is vital to modern missions is proved in countries recently closed to missionary endeavor by political strife. In Congo, for example, the print shop, Bible schools, day schools, and churches are continuing their ministry under the leadership of nationals that have been trained in our national workers training ministry. The use of undesignated funds for this purpose is vital and must continue until designations to specific schools and/or to Global Conquest are sufficient to keep the institutions functioning.

Getting missionaries to the field, bringing them home, and providing for emergency travel on the field absorbs 15.1 per cent of the undesignated funds. Missionaries are urged to have a pledged budget to meet this need, but when unforeseen emergencies arise, undesignated

nated funds are used for this need.

To provide funds necessary to keep field projects going and to enlarge evangelistic ministry, 13.4 per cent of undesignated funds was sent to our 70 mission fields. This includes hall rent and subsidy for launching new programs and maintaining activities of missionary advance as approved by the individual field committees.

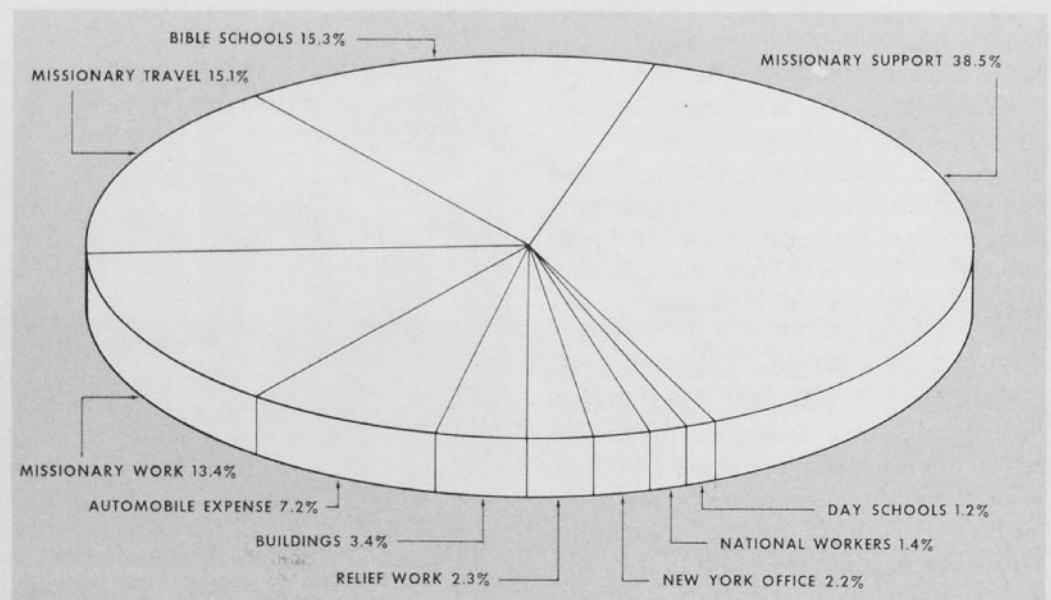
Speed-the-Light provides the missionaries with vehicles, but it is necessary to keep these vehicles in repair and running. To do this and cover the special expenses incurred by accidents, 7.2 per cent of the undesignated funds was used last year for automobile expense.

The building and maintenance of churches, Bible schools and missionary residences is necessary to consolidate our missionary advance. Last year, 3.4 per cent of the undesignated funds was used in erecting and maintaining missionary installations.

Although the Assemblies of God is an evangelistic rather than philanthropic mission, a certain amount of relief work has been necessary in Europe, Chile, Korea, and other areas of crisis. Added to this is the ministry of our clinics and orphanages in strategic nations of the world. Assistance to these ministries from undesignated funds amounted to only 2.3 per cent of the total last year.

The Foreign Missions Department maintains an office in New York to assist missionaries in their purchasing and shipping problems and to provide diplomatic contacts to secure passports and visas. To maintain this vital service 2.2 per cent of the undesignated funds was utilized.

How the Undesignated Missionary Dollar Is Spent



National workers are vital to our missionary advance. To support their ministry until their churches are self-supporting, only 1.4 per cent of our total undesignated funds was used. The emphasis of the Assemblies of God in this matter of supporting national workers is toward establishing an indigenous church. Instead of sponsoring an individual worker indefinitely in pioneer ministry, national workers are selected by the field committees and assigned to places where their ministry is most needed. The same field committees, composed of nationals and missionaries, assist the worker and congregation in establishing a self-supporting church. National worker funds are thus released to help another area where the same ministry is needed. The first congregation then contributes to the establishing of another church. This approach to evangelism through national workers is proving most effective.

The smallest unit of the foreign missions undesignated budget is for day schools. The Assemblies of God maintains 154 such schools which have an enrollment of 16,381 boys and girls. Every year boys and girls are saved and filled with the Holy Spirit while sitting in the same seats where they learn reading, writing, and arithmetic.

We rejoice in the fact that the As-

semblies of God has 777 foreign missionaries working in 70 countries and these are assisted by 11,933 national workers ministering in 11,901 churches and preaching points to some 949,034 adherents and communicants. We also rejoice in our 68 Bible schools, 154 elementary and secondary schools, and numerous clinics and orphanages. That each of these is prospering is a witness to God's approval upon this overseas ministry. This ministry is limited only by the lack of funds. Each of these statistics could be increased if believing Christians in the United States would increase their support to foreign missions. Support of specific ministries is necessary, but it is essential for the Foreign Missions Department to receive undesignated offerings which can be channeled into specific ministries as urgent challenges are presented.

Each church should include "Foreign Missions Undesignated Fund" in its missionary budget. Individuals who should like to be partners in meeting emergencies on the mission field may do so by sending their offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Be sure the designation is complete—*Foreign Missions Undesignated*—in order that the entire offering may be used exclusively for overseas ministry.

while in the States on furlough. Three children were born to them—Robert, who is an Assemblies of God missionary to Formosa; Elsie (Mrs. Domenick Ezzo); and Irene (Mrs. William Riddle).

Brother Bolton spent a total of twenty-five years of missionary service in China. He worked largely among the tribes of the Burma-China-Tibetan border. Hardships, dangers, and privations were encountered, but in reward for Brother and Sister Bolton's faithfulness, many souls were won to Christ.

During World War II the Boltons did missionary work along the famous Burma Road. In 1949 the Communist invasion forced the Boltons to leave China. They transferred to Jamaica for two years and supervised the erection of three churches.

Brother Bolton went to East Pakistan in 1953 and opened up a new evangelistic center in Chittagong. After Brother Bolton's term in East Pakistan, he sailed for Formosa in May, 1960, to engage in pioneer evangelism. Until the date of his homegoing, Brother Bolton's missionary work was characterized by the blessings of God. In a letter to the Foreign Missions Department, three weeks prior to his death, Brother Bolton wrote, "Seven people were baptized recently and gave lovely testimonies of their faith in Christ. We thank God for His presence and blessing in the work here."

Brother Bolton's thirty-seven years of missionary service were exemplary of a life completely dedicated to God.—*Nora B. Blan*

MISSIONARY News Notes



GOING: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goodwin have returned to Jamaica for another term of missionary service.

Leaving for Costa Rica are newly appointed missionaries Mr. and Mrs. John Verbarandse and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schneider have returned to Chile.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Anderson have returned to South India for another tour of missionary service.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goodwin and family



Mr. and Mrs. John Verbarandse and family



Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schneider



Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Anderson and son



Missionary Leonard Bolton Rests From His Labors

AFTER THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS OF FRUITFUL service, veteran Missionary Leonard Bolton was called to his eternal reward on February 18, 1961, after a brief illness. Brother Bolton has worked in China, Burma, Jamaica, East Pakistan, Hawaii, and Formosa. At the time of homegoing he and Sister Bolton were serving in Kaohsiung, Formosa.

Brother Leonard Bolton was born January 9, 1900, in Bournemouth, England. He was converted at the age of twelve years. While serving with the Royal Air Force in France during World War I Brother Bolton received his missionary call.

To fulfill this call of God on his life, Brother Bolton sailed for China in September, 1924. He received missionary appointment in 1928 and was ordained by the Eastern District in 1936.

During his first term of service, Brother Bolton met Miss Ada Buchwalter, who had been engaged in missionary work among the Lisu Tribe in Southwest China for five years. They were married on April 7, 1928,



Spotlight on Evangelism

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► GUYMON, OKLA.—First Assembly reports a great revival with Evangelist D. C. Ogden of Tulsa, Okla. His ministry in chalk drawings and paintings attracted many to the services, and his unique messages won them to the Lord.

—Grady Adcock, Pastor

► PITTSBURG, CALIF.—A profitable one-week revival was held at the First Assembly of God here with Evangelist and Mrs. Donel Leach, missionaries to Alaska. The revival was well attended and all were spiritually blessed.

—H. C. Dodson, Pastor

► KALISPELL, MONT.—God heard and answered intense intercessory prayer with a divine visitation daily at the Assembly of God here. During three and one-half weeks of revival meetings with Evangelist Lela Haycock, approximately 47 were baptized in the Holy Spirit. They received deep and satisfying experiences. One of many outstanding events was that of a young man who accepted Christ on a Monday, was baptized in the Holy Spirit on Friday, and then had the joy of seeing his wife saved and filled with the Holy Spirit the following Sunday evening.

—G. J. Mandigo, Pastor

► MADERA, CALIF.—The second annual Christmas Homecoming revival at South Side Assembly was conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Roy Lee. Each night the building was filled. Unbelievers who had not been in a church service for years were moved upon by the Holy Spirit, and some received salvation. The entire audience was challenged as the evangelist ministered under a heavy anointing of the Holy Spirit. The revival concluded on Christmas weekend with a special homecoming feature as young ministers from the church returned to minister. The revival brought a refreshing which continues in the regular services.

—T. F. Lee, Pastor

► WARNER, OKLA.—Evangelist and Mrs. Roy L. Walkup of Okmulgee, Okla. recently ministered in a revival here. There were nine conversions, five received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and four were baptized in water. Among those converted were students from a local college. Pastors from neighboring Assemblies co-operated throughout the revival and a move of God has been noted. This is a pioneer work having just begun in June of last year with cottage meetings in which eight people were present. God has miraculously provided a suitable church building free of charge in answer to prayer. Salvaged lumber is being used to build Sunday school rooms and a parsonage. Sunday school attendance has reached a high of 52. This town offers a great potential for the full-gospel message.

—Dave and Mrs. Harris, Pastors

► EAST TAWAS, MICH.—The ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. J. W. Beam was a great blessing to the church here. Three were filled with the Holy Spirit, and several were healed. Visitors came from other churches and cities. The preaching was unique—a steady flow of scriptures with faith-building results. Tremendous altar workers, the Beams tarried until everyone was satisfied.

—George Krish, Pastor

► COOPER, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. H. A. Strange of Paris, Tex., ministered in a very successful revival at First Assembly here. Several were saved. In spite of snow and bad weather the services were well attended each night. The meetings were a great blessing to the church.

—J. E. Wilkinson, Pastor

► BUCKLIN, MO.—The entire church was blessed during a most successful two-week revival conducted here by Evangelist Floyd Dennis of Wichita, Kans. Five were saved, several came forward for rededication, and God used the evangelist to inspire faith in the hearts of the people for healing. The emphasis upon the Word and faith meant much to the entire congregation. The revival continues with others receiving Christ as Saviour, among them a family of seven.

—Earl Meyers, Pastor

► TUOLUMNE, CALIF.—A very inspiring meeting has just been concluded at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Claude O. Wood. Some were reclaimed and refilled with the Holy Spirit, and others were healed. All were strengthened to believe God for greater things. By unanimous consent the meetings were extended two days beyond the regular schedule. It was during this time that the church was privileged to enjoy the ministry of Sister Wood also.

—H. G. Davis, Pastor

► TOPEKA, KANS.—Faith Assembly has been greatly blessed by an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival under the ministry of Evangelist Floyd Heady of Fredericktown, Mo. Several were saved, 14 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and the entire church was spiritually strengthened and revived.

—O. W. Hollis, Pastor

► INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Evangelists Byron Lee Wright and Paul Myers were instrumental in reaching the teen-agers of Central Assembly here in one of the greatest revivals ever seen in the history of the church. Hundreds of teen-agers were in attendance during the crusade and many who were confused found the answer to life. Thirty-three bowed at the altar to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. In addition, countless others were reclaimed and reassured of their faith in Jesus Christ. At least 20 were filled with the Holy Spirit. Though there was a strong emphasis on youth, the anointed ministry of Evangelist Wright reached all ages. The entire church was thrilled with the beautiful music including a volunteer choir under the direction of Paul Myers. A highlight of the revival came on a Sunday morning when nearly 400 teens formed a parade, and with a police escort, banners, etc. marched to the nearby Booth Tarkington Theatre for class. This accommodation was made available after the teens had outgrown the educational facilities of the church. In spite of zero weather, ice and snow, the Sunday school attendance reached a high of nearly 1200. On the closing Sunday night the church was jammed and the prayer room was crowded with young people pouring out their hearts to God. The teen-agers are continuing to do great exploits for God under the dynamic leadership of Jack Riley, minister of youth—with the theme, "Teens reaching teens, with Christ as the answer." T. L. Vibbert, pastor



Nearly 400 teen-agers from Central Assembly in Indianapolis, Ind., march to a larger auditorium for Sunday school classes during the meeting with Evangelists Byron Lee Wright and Paul Myers. (T. L. Vibbert is pastor.)

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

► URICHSVILLE, OHIO—God moved in an unusual way during recent meetings here at the Assembly of God with Evangelist John Higginbotham of Cleveland, Ohio. Never have we seen such a deep move of the Holy Spirit in ten years of pastoring here. The evangelist's forceful preaching aroused the believers to pray, to witness, and to bring in their unsaved relatives and friends. As a result many new folk attended the meetings. Five were saved, and several others were reclaimed. Indifferent members prayed through and tarried in the presence of the Lord at great length. The evangelist's fervent ministry around the altar encouraged seekers to find their place in God. Despite bad weather and widespread unemployment, the meetings grew weekly and financial needs were met. The church believes that this is only the beginning of a forward move in God.

—James M. Bryan, Pastor

POPLAR BLUFF CHURCH AFFILIATES WITH GENERAL COUNCIL

Southside Assembly, Poplar Bluff, Mo., was begun as an independent work about 1953 at the corner of Victor and Coolidge Sts. During the years, it has formed a basic organization and has a membership roll and deacons. Recently the members requested affiliation with the General Council and the church was formally set in order as an Assembly of God on November 11, 1960, by District Superintendent N. Cleo Tapp and Presbyter O. M. Montgomery with 15 charter members. J. L. Teetors has accepted the temporary pastorate of the church.

NEW CHURCH AT AURORA SPRINGS

The Full Gospel Tabernacle of Aurora Springs, Mo., was begun in 1954 as the result of a division in First Assembly in Eldon. E. E. Hembree had been pastor of the Eldon church and had resigned. The new group asked him to return as pastor at Aurora Springs. He did return and formed an independent church based on General Council principles, and the church grew to over 100 average in Sunday school attendance.

A building was erected that will seat 350 with adequate Sunday school facilities. The church was set in order on October 31, 1960, by District Superintendent N. Cleo Tapp and Presbyter W. W. Popejoy with 45 charter members. Brother Hembree resigned the pastorate to re-enter evangelistic work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INDIANA DISTRICT WMC RE-TREAT—April 11-13 at Merom Christian College, Merom, Ind. Mrs. Robert Bayless and Mrs. Dan Burgdorf, speakers. For information write Indiana District Assemblies of God, Inc., 2915 E. 38th St., Indianapolis 18, Ind.—by Mrs. Zella Anthony, district WMC director.

C. A. RALLY—Apr. 3 at First Assembly, Phoenix, Ariz. John French, speaker. (V. E. Shores is pastor.)

REVIVALTIME RALLY—March 29-April 3 at First Assembly of God, Aurora, Colo. C. M. Ward, speaker.—by J. L. Boulware, pastor.

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Birmingham	Norwood	Apr. 9-16	John Eller	Leonard Page
	Canoe	A/G	Mar. 27-Apr. 9	Douglas Bartlett	L. M. Pullen
	Clanton	Temple	Apr. 4-16	Bobby Jackson	Nelson E. White
Calif.	Brawley	First	Apr. 2—	Leon L. Martin	B. E. Owens
	Denair	A/G	Apr. 2-16	Andy Fliflet	Jim Logan
	Fields Landing	Full Gospel	Apr. 9-22	James & Mrs. Buttram	Carl Bowles
	Gilroy	First	Apr. 2-16	Don Martin	Donald Bogue
	Paso Robles	A/G	Apr. 4-16	Orrin & Ann Kingsriter	Kenneth Solberg
	San Francisco	Calvary Tab.	Apr. 4—	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	Charles Holland
	Columbus	East Highland	Apr. 2-16	Harold "Bo" Daniel	Keetah Jones
Ga.	Grafton	* A/G	Apr. 9-14	Robert Olson	Norman Hays
Ill.	Michigan City	A/G	Mar. 28-Apr. 9	Garfield J. Unruh	Stewart Robinson
	Muncie	Northside	Apr. 2-16	Sara E. Sharp	Lonnie E. Calloway
Iowa	Washington	A/G	Apr. 2-9	Louise Nankivell	R. L. Covington
	Creston	A/G	Apr. 2-16	Gaidies-Wagner Team	B. H. Reece
	Grinnell	Glad Tidings	Apr. 5—	Charles T. Crabtree	James Hearn
	Keokuk	A/G	Apr. 2-16	Joseph De Grado	A. L. Ullestad
	Maquoketa	First	Apr. 4-16	Cox-Brown Team	Jack Paget
Kans.	Shenandoah	Full Gospel Tab.	Apr. 4-16	Larry Allbaugh	Art Sorenson
	Waterloo	First	Apr. 4-16	Jimmie Parrack	Russel L. Thompson
	Arcadia	A/G	Apr. 2-16	N. B. & Mrs. Raybnrn	A. R. Nichols
	Kansas City	Maple Hill	Apr. 4—	Malcolm A. Reid	Moses E. Copeland
	Parsons	First	Mar. 28-Apr. 9	Bob & Jeri Winford	David Matweiyw
La.	Wichita	Central	Apr. 4-16	Watson Argue	Victor Trimmer
	West Monroe	First	Mar. 26-Apr. 9	S. B. Douglass	Fred Wall
Mich.	Bay City	First	Apr. 4-16	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	C. A. Davenport
	Flint	Riverside Tab.	Apr. 2-16	William Murphy	Ivar A. Frick, Jr.
Minn.	Flint	Trinity Tab.	Apr. 9-23	Glenna Byard	J. H. Burgess
	Ironwood	A/G	Apr. 5-16	G. A. & Mrs. Snavely	Norton L. Shotwell
	Saginaw	First	Apr. 4-16	Robert J. Price	Arthur Thornton
	Worthington	A/G	Apr. 9—	O. E. Vaale	John Everett
	Chaffee	A/G	Apr. 9-16	Bonnie M. Ruble	William Marshall
Mo.	Festus	A/G	Apr. 2-16	Eric M. Johnson	D. Jennings
	Independence	Englewood	Apr. 2-16	H. L. & Mrs. Carroll	Paul Witten
	Maryville	A/G	Mar. 28-Apr. 9	Musical Lebsacks	Rex Anspaugh
N. Mex.	Clovis	First	Apr. 9-23	E. L. Surratt	Eugene McClain
	Moriarity	A/G	Apr. 9-23	Tommy & Linda Crider	D. B. Chaney
N. Y.	Corning	A/G Tab.	Apr. 2—	C. S. Tubby	Norman G. Love
	Ossining	Gospel	Mar. 28-Apr. 9	Dan & Anita Bogdan	R. D. Goodwin
N. Dak.	Rochester	Glad Tidings	Apr. 2-16	Arthur & Anna Berg	D. M. Carlson
	Fargo	First	Mar. 26-Apr. 9	Bill & Mrs. McPherson	R. M. Wiley
Ohio	Martins Ferry	A/G	Apr. 4-23	L. K. Dodge	Alfred Jensen
	Oberlin	A/G	Apr. 4-16	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Howard Spriggs
	Xenia	Laynewood	Apr. 4-16	Sid T. Regnier	Paul Emery
	Bartlesville	First	Apr. 5-9	W. E. (Gene) Scott	H. Paul Holdridge
	Catoosa	A/G	Apr. 2-16	E. D. & Mrs. Bagwell	Walter Leppke
Okla.	Lawton	Bethel	Apr. 2-16	Al Davis	Claude Davis
	Sapulpa	First	Apr. 2-16	L. R. Sturgis & wife	Claude E. Maples
	Tulsa	Suburban Hills	Apr. 5—	Eddie Richards	Dale D. Starling
	Albany	First	Apr. 9-23	H. Ralph Love	Raymond E. Book
	Bend	First	Apr. 2—	Fred Versolenko	Johnny Hoskins
Oreg.	McMinnville	Full Gospel Ch.	Apr. 4-9	Don Gossett	Leon D. Hall
	Carlisle	Bethel Tab.	Apr. 5-16	Olshevski Musical Tm.	Malius Davidson
	Chambersburg	Bethel	Apr. 2-6	Chester P. Jenkins	Samuel Weidler
	Dover	Rohler's Pent.	Apr. 4-16	Richard & Mrs. Owens	William Farrell
	Scranton	Green Ridge	Apr. 7-10	Paul Graban	Parker Hayes
S. C.	Tunkhannock	Gospel Tab.	Apr. 4-16	Nate Killian	LaVerne Clute
	West Columbia	South Congaree	Apr. 5-16	C. A. Kelly	L. M. Norman
	Madison	First	Apr. 5-16	Frank & Mrs. Martin	Jay Alford
	Amariillo	Southlawn	Apr. 5-16	Mack Cantwell	Charles Davis
	Dallas	Blue Bonnet	Apr. 2—	Glynn Freeman	R. M. Sparks
Tex.	Dallas	First	Apr. 9-23	The Tanner Team	E. E. Krogstad
	Houston	Shady Oaks	Mar. 26-Apr. 9	Bill Taylor	Billy Sanders
	San Antonio	First	Apr. 9-23	Hardie G. Weathers	A. L. Todd
	San Antonio	Hot Wells	Apr. 9-23	Leon & Ann Bayless	J. A. Allard, Jr.
	Salt Lake City	First	Apr. 2-16	Bertha Mae Blair	Peter Pilot
Utah	Triangle	First	Mar. 28-Apr. 9	J. B. Heck	W. C. Blewitt
Va.	Kettle Falls	A/G	Apr. 4-16	Wallace S. Bragg	Carl S. Henderson
	Toppenish	A/G	Mar. 28-Apr. 9	Denny Davis	Raymond Walden
	Wilson Creek	A/G	Apr. 2-9	Paul Clark Family	Robert J. Teeter
Wis.	Ladysmith	A/G	Apr. 5-16	G. A. & Mrs. Snavely	William Venske
	Milwaukee	Calvary	Apr. 9-16	Al & Tommy Reid	John Wannemacher
Africa	Umuahia, Nigeria	** A/G	Mar. 28—	Bob Hoskins	Ralph Cimino, Chm.

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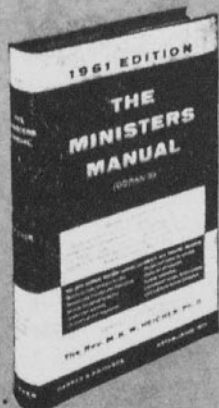
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Christ's Body

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Himself alive after His passion, and He did this to chosen witnesses when He said: "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; handle Me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have" (Luke 24:39, 40).

In furtherance of the divine purpose, Christ needed a body in which He could be taken up to heaven and glorified (Acts 1:9). This is known as "the body of His glory" (Philippians 3:21). At Bethany, on the eastern slopes of Olivet, while His hands were raised in benediction and blessing, "He was parted from them and carried up into heaven" (Luke 24:50, 51). Without His body the watching disciples could not have been witnesses of His ascension.

And because of that body, when He returns, He will be recognized (Acts 1:11). His visible, bodily ascension requires His visible, bodily return. Hal-

lelujah! "His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives which is before Jerusalem on the east" as predicted by the prophet even before the birth of Christ (Zechariah 14:4). Then, "they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for his only son" (Zechariah 12:10). He needs and has a prepared body in which to return to this earth, not as Visitor but as Owner.

Until that day, He occupies and uses a spiritual body, of which the redeemed are members in particular (1 Corinthians 12:27). They are many members, yet but one body (1 Corinthians 12:20). Through this spiritual body God intends to manifest Himself today, as in A.D. 1-33 He manifested Himself through the body of Jesus. The Church, His bride, is subject to much temptation, testing, and crucifixion as He was—always spiritually, sometimes physically so. Resurrection, ascension, and glorification are likewise the divine purpose for the spiritual body (Ephesians 2:4, 7).

Then, "one day, Christ, the secret center of our lives, will show Himself openly, and you will all share in that

BIBLE VERSE



ISAIAH 40:8

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

magnificent dénouement" (Colossians 3:4, Phillips). "We don't know what we shall become in the future. We only know that if reality were to break through, we should really reflect His likeness, for we should see Him as He really is" (1 John 3:2, Phillips).

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