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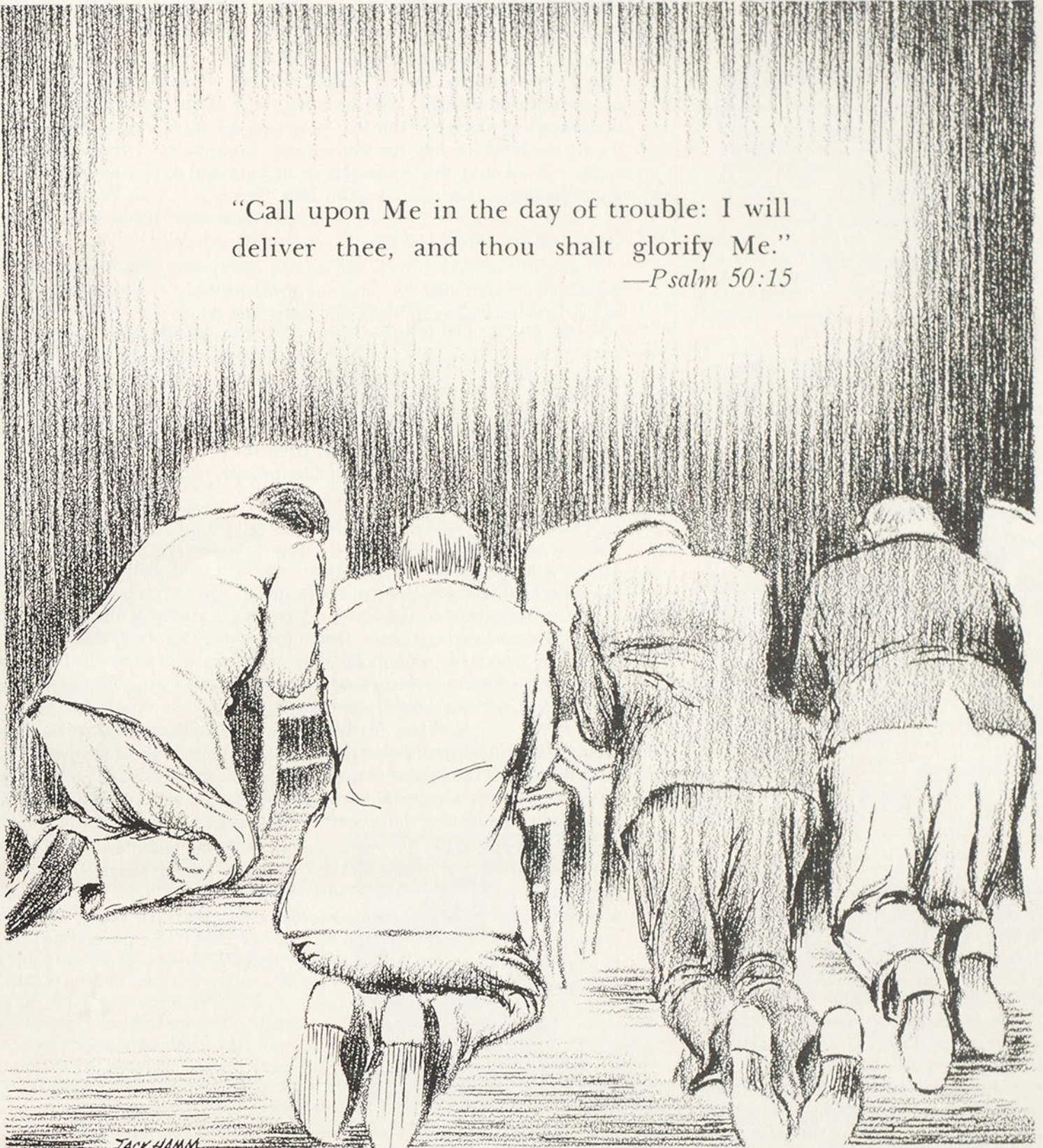
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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“Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.”

—*Psalms 50:15*



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It's Time to Pray!

In case any believers needed to be reminded of the gravity of the world political crisis, we hope they paid attention to President Kennedy's recent discussion of the Berlin situation on radio and television. The President urged Americans of all creeds to pray for divine help in easing the East-West tensions that threaten to plunge the world into war.

God is our only salvation. Without His merciful intervention it would seem that millions of people on both sides are doomed to perish in a nuclear holocaust. The head of the Russian government evidently is determined to violate the four-power treaty on Berlin and is virtually daring the West to stop the Communists from taking over the entire city.

The situation at this writing is so delicate and explosive that anything might happen. One rash move in East Germany, Cuba, Formosa, or any of a dozen points where the two sides are at swords' points could start the worst war in human history.

If ever we needed to turn to God for mercy and help, it is now. The impotence of statesmen to solve the problems only emphasizes the words of the Saviour who said, "Without me ye can do nothing." We have tried in vain to build a peaceful world. We have made great national sacrifices; we have fought for peace; we have tried to buy it by spending billions on foreign aid; we have attempted to insure it through NATO, SEATO, the UN, and other channels. But human means are not enough. There is no peace to those who leave God out of their lives. Peace is a gift from God which He withholds from the proud and self-sufficient but freely bestows on all who will humble themselves and obey His commandments.

We need a Redeemer who can cleanse our hearts from pride, disobedience, self-indulgence, and all sin. It is sin that brings war. It is greed, hate, and stubbornness that set men and nations against each other, and only the preaching of the gospel of Christ can remove these seeds of war. It is true that the Eastern powers are ruled by atheists who hate God and suppress the gospel. One might think, therefore, that God would be against them and would favor those countries which, nominally at least, acknowledge Him and encourage people to serve Him. That is true, but sometimes God uses ungodly nations to punish His people for their disobedience. Our heavenly Father loves His children enough to chastise them. He let Israel and Judah be conquered because of their sins. He used the armies of heathen kings as whips to correct His idolatrous people. Perhaps America and other so-called Christian nations will have to suffer some very humiliating defeats to bring them to their knees.

The Psalmist calls, "O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." Let us pray for ourselves, for our nation, and for all the world. Let us humble ourselves, and pray, and seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways, that He might fulfill His promise to forgive our sins and to heal our land. A spiritual awakening is the only way to peace. We must humble ourselves—or be humbled. The choice is ours.

—R.C.C.

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When the Fire of the Lord **FELL**

NEVER DID ANOTHER MAN OF GOD stand forth in such solitary grandeur as did Elijah on Mount Carmel. We find the story recorded in 1 Kings 18: 36-38, as follows:

"And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

"Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

"Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt-sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

"And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God."

One man dares to come forth from the presence of God to the heights of Carmel and, defying the hosts of hell, give a living demonstration of the majesty and might of the God of Israel. With calm audacious faith God's lone prophet stands forth at a critical hour in the history of Israel and overthrows the powers of darkness. Here is a hell-shaking faith at its very highest! One lone man with the power of God at his disposal turns the tide of battle.

On the summit of Carmel, withered and scorched by long drought, the priests of Baal are gathered, and behind them the men of Israel. Suddenly against the brazen, cloudless sky there arises the stern prophet of the Lord. Lifting arms heavenward, he rings out a summons upon the stillness: "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him" (1 Kings 18: 21).

It is a summons of defiance and faith.

With holy boldness he proposes that each side take a bullock and lay it upon the altar and put no fire under it—"and the Lord that answereth by fire, let him be God."

"Baal" or "Bel" means "Lord." Baal was the sun god of Babylon. The attraction to the worship of this god was the sensual dancing and feasting that took place in the high places, and the awful cruelty that thrilled the worshipper when the children were made to pass through the fire in sacrifice to this monstrous deity (2 Kings 16:3; 21: 6; Jeremiah 19:5). The prophet's challenge therefore was a frontal attack against their sun god.

The priests could scarcely refuse it without confessing the impotency of their god whose special attribute was fire. The challenge is thus taken up and Baal's prophets work themselves up into a state of hysterical ecstasy, leaping on the altar, and gashing themselves with knives, while Elijah mocks them with satirical remarks about their god's being asleep. No fire comes down from the sun god Baal.

Then Elijah builds his altar, implicitly observing the commands of the Holy Scripture in Leviticus 1:7, 8. He pours



water upon the altar three times to prevent any suggestion of concealed fire. *His confidence is exuberant.* He is so sure of God because of his mighty times of wrestling in the secret place. Elijah prays aloud. What an utterance of faith and calm repose! There is no trace of nervousness. There is no panic, no strain, no theatrics. There is simply the confident petition of the man who knows his God and is sure that it is very easy for *Him* to perform the miracle. Let every Christian worker study this prayer intently. Let him read it alone in his closet upon his knees. "Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. . . ."

Then the fire fell and consumed sacrifice, wood, stones, dust and water. "And all the people . . . fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God."

Fire! The fire of God! This is ever the proof appointed by God and accepted by men. A cynical, unbelieving age is weary and bored with our pretensions and programs. It is looking to see if the fire of God is burning in our midst. Fire in the Scripture is always symbolic of the presence and power of the Almighty in the midst of His people. Fire and fire alone will convince the unsaved of the reality of the claims of the Church.

Today we are being challenged on every side. Communism, modernism,

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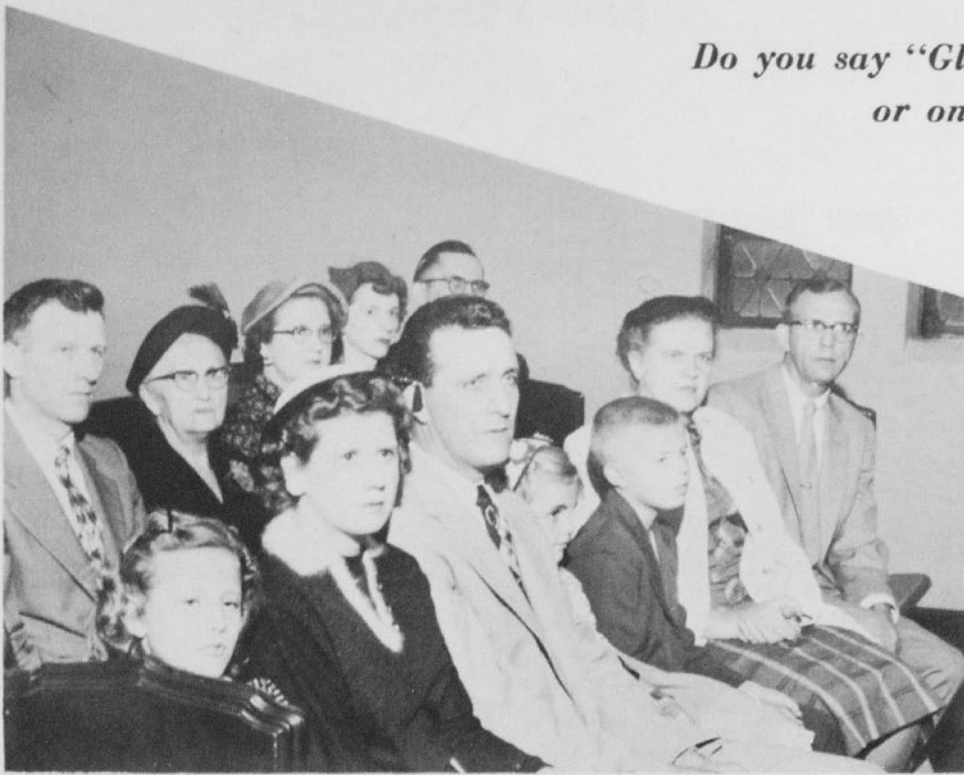
BIBLE VERSE



Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD. PSA. 27:14

Do you say "Glory to God!" with your life,
or only with your lips?

A Sermon by
Wesley Paul Steelberg



glorify God" (John 21:19). On God's side it didn't matter whether it was fifty years or seventy or a hundred that were lived here on earth. I think He looked at the life itself and wanted it transplanted to heaven after it had a start of only fifty years of glorifying God on earth.

God says of man, "I created him for my glory." That means that, as a father and husband, and as one of God's servants, I am *responsible* to give God glory, and so are you. It does not matter in what walk of life you find yourself—what spiritual capacities you possess or fail to possess—your life on earth is meant to glorify God. The creatures of intelligence that God created, He placed on earth for that one basic reason—that they should personally and individually bring glory to Him.

David with an artesian well of praise bursting from his soul caught God's thought and echoed it when he said, "Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name" (Psalm 96: 7, 8).

I don't know what suggests itself to your mind when I speak of giving glory to God. Maybe you are thinking in terms of some healing that God has performed in your body and you have stood to your feet in a testimony service and said, "I thank the Lord that He has brought healing to my body." You have praised the Lord, and you say, "I am giving glory to God." And you are! We are told very distinctly, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me" (Psalm 50:23), and again, "Ye that fear the Lord, praise him" (Psalm 22: 23). In fact, we can never exhaust this avenue of glorifying the Lord for we are told, "In every thing give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

But while this is the most usual avenue we think of when we contemplate

GLORIFYING GOD

LIFE BRINGS MANY QUESTIONS AND A very common word on the lips of man is "Why?" Widows say to me, "Pastor, why did this happen? I have children and I can see no reason why my husband had to be snatched from me." Others ask, "Why is God allowing these adverse things to happen to me? Why was I born anyway?"

We interpret everything by our finite physical and mental capacity, in the light of our physical relationships—"me and mine"—and if *we* are happy that is all that counts. We get the cart before the horse, so to speak, and seem to think that since God has placed us on this earth He should tend to all our whims and fancies. We feel we should be the chief object of His attention and affection.

But this is not God's perspective—it is an altogether different picture from God's side! The wonder of it is that God in His graciousness and mercy—in His love and magnificent mindfulness of man—*has* chosen to look upon finite creatures like us and hearken to our cries, hear our pleas, and acknowledge our praises.

Perhaps—Isaiah 43:7, where we are told the basic reason for our existence upon earth, has the answer to many of

our questions. Here God specifically states about His creation, man, "I have created him for *my* glory."

When He chooses to reach down and lift to Himself a tiny baby that has not come into the full bloom of childhood, we should try to think of God's side of this and observe that time means nothing to Him. There is an hour coming when even for us "Time shall be no more." If we can remember that, it helps us to see a lot of things differently. Man measures life chronologically, by years, but it may be that God measures it by the intensity and purpose for which it is lived.

My father died when he was just fifty years old, at the peak of his efficiency as a leader and a man of God. Hundreds of people have said to me, "Isn't it a shame he had to die so young?" It wasn't a shame at all! You see, he glorified God with those fifty years while he was here. I am sure that since then he has been glorifying God there, and indeed will continue to do so even when our Lord "shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe... in that day" (2 Thessalonians 1:10).

In the case of Peter, Jesus even signified "by what *death* he should

giving glory to God, there is more than praise involved. Glorifying God is more than a thanksgiving. Jesus said, in Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify the Father which is in heaven." Our *good works* can glorify the Father! Our lives are to shine forth in a message of beauty and power and strength.

When a light bulb in your house no longer burns because its filament is damaged, what do you do with it? Do you put it on the mantelpiece and say, "Isn't it lovely? Isn't it beautiful? It is my lovely burned-out light bulb!" No! And I think the Spirit of God will drive home the message behind this little illustration.

You may have all the outward aspects of a Christian who glorifies God; you may try to make it appear that your life is glorifying Him every single day; but if your spiritual light is gone out—if your works of righteousness are not seen—they cannot bring glory to God.

Oh, the wonder of the thought that you and I have the opportunity of glorifying the infinite One, the matchless One! "Oh," you say, "He couldn't possibly receive glory from *my life*." Oh, yes, He can, and the prescription for this amazing thing is given to us in 1 Corinthians 10:31 where we read, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Again, we think of Jesus' words in John 15:8, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit." Here is another definite word about what is expected of us who were created for the paramount purpose of glorifying God. Have you given serious thought to this? Are you busy gathering sheaves to lay at His feet? Did you know that you bring glory to God when you win a soul to the Lord Jesus Christ? You may be one who says, "I want my life to glorify Jesus—I want Him to have all the glory." Well, then, get busy winning souls! There is nothing that brings Him more glory than that.

There is other fruit, too, that He looks for in our lives—the fruit of the Spirit. Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance are nine characteristics that are part of the nature of God. When these are brought forth in our lives, we show that we have really been made "partakers of the divine nature." God is *glorified* when through members of His redeemed family His charac-

teristics are shown forth and His nature demonstrated.

There is an enlargement of this thought in Romans 15:5, 6, which says, "Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another, according to Christ Jesus: that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God." What here brings glory to God? Unity among His children! Love for one another! May God give us the unity of spirit that binds us together and casts out all that is unlovely and unlike Him.

How solemn is the thought that we are temples of the Holy Ghost, which is in us, and that we are not our own, for we "are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." This takes in everything—your body and your spirit! It takes you in from the top of your head to the soles of your feet—from the outside clear to the inner core of your being. You are all God's, and all of you is meant to glorify Him. Notice it is because we have been

bought with such a price—the blood of Jesus—*therefore* we are to glorify God in our body and in our spirit, which are God's. Is that reason enough?

What you say, what you think—the very attitude of heart and mind—should be such that it will bring glory to God. Sometimes even the look of a face can bring glory or dishonor to His name. You can say one thing and with your face reveal something different, so that what you say does not mean a thing because you have not glorified God with your countenance.

What a searching thing it is that the Spirit of God looks into our hearts and asks, "Are you striving to glorify God with everything that you are and possess?" This is a very serious question to answer: it is the purpose for which we are here!

If we come to the end of the road and our lives have not been spent in giving glory to God, we have failed in the purpose for which we were brought into existence! ◀◀

Little Boy's Heart Healed

Looking at our son Bobby today, a happy and healthy boy, one would never think he had once suffered from a serious heart condition. It is only the goodness of God that he is alive.

Bobby was born with a congenital heart block. The valves of his heart were not opening and closing as they should. Blood was leaking from his heart because of these deteriorating valves. His skin appeared cold all the time; it had a bluish tinge, even under his finger nails. Added to this heart



Bobby Wetherell

condition was the problem of asthma.

We took him to seven different doctors. They all said the same thing—surgery would be necessary when Bobby was three and one-half to four years of age. He was given many shots and much medicine.

About a week before his healing (in July 1960) he became much weaker and his condition took a very serious turn. He was having hemorrhages and losing consciousness. The doctor did all he could and said that Bobby's body could take no more medicine.

The night God healed him, he had a hemorrhage in church. Our pastor asked us to bring him forward for anointing with oil and prayer. The Christians gathered around and everyone prayed. God heard our humble prayers and healed this child!

The very next day after God healed him, Bobby's flesh was a healthy pink, and he had enough energy for two little boys!

Two doctors have checked him since then and could not find any trace of a heart condition. He is well today. How we praise God for this MIRACLE.—Mrs. Carl Wetherell, Holly Hill, Florida.

(Endorsed by James T. Galligan, pastor of Holly Heights Assembly of God Church, Holly Hill, Florida.)

Why Join the Church?

BOTH BY PRECEPT AND BY EXAMPLE the Bible has much to teach us about church membership, yet we find that this is a subject that is not often preached in our assemblies.

I have been somewhat disturbed at times over the light attitude some take toward membership in the church. Several excuses are given. Some of them perhaps are valid, while most of them apparently are indications of either a lack of interest in the program of God or a drawing back from the responsibility that church membership brings.

The question arises, *Do we have a right as Christians to withhold our membership from a church in which we can find a place of service and where we can receive spiritual food, instruction, and inspiration to equip us to live for God and serve Him?*

If the Early Church is meant to be our example we have very strong reason for preaching that saved people should become church members.

But of course a person should be saved before he joins the church. Church membership and conversion are not identical. As important as church membership is, we know that simply to join the church is not enough, and can never take the place of conversion. Those who do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, and who will not declare their personal allegiance to Him as the Lord and Master of their lives, have no place in the membership of the church of Christ.

But persons who are saved *should* join the church. We read of the exploits of the Early Church and are thrilled with its victories of faith. A part of those victories are evidenced in the remarkable growth recorded in the Book of Acts. We are glad that the Holy Spirit thought it well to keep "count" and not only record names in the Lamb's book of life or in the roll of the invisible Church. The record shows us the remarkable growth of the church that was *visible and on earth*.

It seemed not at all uncommon in those days to count the souls that were saved. And we are shown how these newly-saved ones found their way into the number that comprised the church



Here are practical and Scriptural reasons why you should act on this important matter

By JAMES E. HAMILL

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—in other words, were "added to the church." From the 120 charter members present in the upper room when the Church was born, we find a phenomenal growth as a result of what happened on the Day of Pentecost. After Peter's sermon "they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." There was nothing secret about this addition to the church; count was made not only in the book of heaven but also on earth where the three thousand newborn Christians needed shepherding in the churchfold. The joining was not an entirely mystical spiritual joining that some day would be made known, but there was an awareness by the others when their numbers increased and when the "Lord added to the church daily..." (Acts 2:47). There was the invisible addition being made, but there was also a visible adding of the church members.

These new converts and church members knew where they were supposed to go for soul food and instruction. They had meeting places where they heard doctrine and where they had prayer and communion with fellow believers. The bond that tied them together was so strong, it even affected

their giving of material things (Acts 2:42-47).

After the healing of the lame man and Peter's second sermon, another large addition of saved people resulted, and "the number of the men was about five thousand" (Acts 4:4). Notice again there seems to have been a tangible addition—something that could be seen—people that could be counted.

When judgment came in the case of Ananias and Sapphira, members of the church did not come and ask to have their names removed from the roll, but we read that "believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women" (Acts 5:14). Being "added to the Lord" and being added to the church and its members seem to be expressions used interchangeably here. In the verse just before this we read, "And of the rest durst no man join themselves to them." It could be seen and very easily ascertained whether or not a person had joined the Early Church!

Not only was this true in Jerusalem, but we read that when Barnabas went to Antioch to preach "much people were added unto the Lord" (Acts 11:24). This "adding unto the Lord" brought so many people together that Barnabas felt his need of a helper. He consequently went after Saul and brought him to Antioch and "it came to pass that for a whole year they assembled themselves with the church and taught much people."

This church believed in "assembling themselves together" to receive teaching from their pastors. Nor did they try to shun the responsibilities that belonging to the church brought to them, for in verse 29 we read how "every man according to his ability determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea."

Very apparently, then, all converts in the New Testament times became church members. They thus presented a united front in spreading the gospel throughout the world. Together they could meet the need of fellow Christians in another church and send relief to them. And when they met a crisis in their own group—as they did in Acts

6—they could resolve it by acting together in a businesslike way and electing deacons to take care of the emergency.

Without an organized church, without a membership, little could be accomplished in realizing the eternal purpose of the Church. One great handicap would be that the church could not own property, for to do so it must be organized and have a membership. The property then would have to be owned by an individual or by a board of trustees chosen by an individual or by themselves. Thus the financial investment of the people in the church property would enrich certain individuals rather than the congregation as a whole.

Without organization and membership the church could not voice its selection of pastor and leaders. It would be able to accomplish very little for God on the mission fields of the world.

Why do saved persons not join the church? There are many excuses and of course some reasons. Some feel they are not good enough to join. But one does not have to be perfect to join the church! If you wait until you are perfect, you may never become a member. Church membership is not a certificate of advanced Christianity—it is simply the recognition of saving faith in Jesus Christ.

The door of the church is open to all who are saved by God's grace, to all who have been born again. The church does not exclude from its membership those who have meager knowledge of the Word, or who may not be as far advanced as other persons. Rather, one of its chief reasons for existing is to feed newborn Christians and to help them grow. The babes in Christ are part of the family of God!

There are some people who because of pride of tradition fail to associate with a Spirit-filled, Bible-believing church. I have often heard them say, "My father and my grandfather belonged to such-and-such a church and I belong to it, and will probably die a member of it." And yet for spiritual food and fellowship these people attend a full-gospel church! They do not give their best to their father's church nor to the church they attend.

I have great respect for my grandfather and the tradition of my family, but my grandfather traveled by horse and buggy. I prefer to travel by jet plane! In this day I refuse to be bound by the traditions of my fathers, and

certainly I must make my own choices concerning the things of God.

The failure of some Christians to join a church may be a hindrance to younger Christians, as it arouses questions in their minds. They may wonder about the reason—is it a lack of confidence in the church? Does he not think its doctrines sound? Does he doubt its leadership or policies or membership?

Do not wait until you find a perfect church to join, for if you finally found such a church they probably would not take you in—lest the church become imperfect by so doing! But there are a few questions that all people should ask themselves before affiliating with the church: (1) Do I believe this church preaches the Bible? (2) Do I have confidence in its leadership? (3) Am I assured that in this church my soul will be fed on spiritual things? (4) Will the fellowship of the mem-

bers of this church enrich my spiritual life? (5) Will I find a place of service for my Lord in this church?

I fear that some people do not join the church because they do not want to assume any responsibility. They feel that if they become officially affiliated with the church they will have certain responsibility as to the lives they live, faithful attendance, services to render, as well as certain financial obligations. But do they realize that these responsibilities are theirs as Christians whether they are members of a church or not?

What is the right attitude for a Christian to take in this matter? Remember our Lord did not hesitate to assume responsibility in our behalf when He gave Himself to die in our stead. How can we be recipients of His blessings and not be willing to assume the responsibilities necessary to advance His cause? ◀◀



It Happened at Joe's Bar

VISITATION PAYS! THE BROADWAY Assembly of Lorain, Ohio, has had a Tuesday evening visitation program for a number of years. This last spring we planned a visitation revival. "If the unsaved will not come to the church for a spring revival, we will take church to them," was the pastor's motto.

One evening two of the men visited Joe Schobel at his bar on Colorado Avenue. Mr. Schobel had been suffering from spinal arthritis for over ten years. The doctors could do no more for him, and he was in pain day and night. He was in such a condition that he could not bend over, and could hardly sit or lie down.

Joe had been raised in a Roman Catholic family and had never been to a full gospel service. Therefore, he did not know that Jesus could save and heal. The two church visitors discussed the Bible truths with him for some time. Then they asked if he wanted

prayer. He replied in the affirmative. As they knelt and prayed, Joe opened up his heart and was wonderfully saved. A few moments later he declared, "The pain is gone!" A double miracle had occurred in those few moments: Joe was saved and healed.

A few days later as the pastor was visiting Joe, one of his regular bar customers came into the bar and said, "Hey Joe, I heard you are going out of business."

"That's right," said Joe. "The Lord has done too much for me that I should continue to sell this stuff."

Joe was genuinely converted and so was his bar. Joe's Bar is now Joe's Barber Shop. Joe Schobel and his wife now attend the Broadway Assembly regularly. Both of them followed the Lord in water baptism last Sunday evening.

We are planning another visitation revival next spring.

—By K. A. Smith



Ivan Correll

Christian Church Minister Receives the Pentecostal Baptism

WHAT IS BEHIND THE INCREASE of interest and attendance at the Park Road Christian Church in Spokane, Washington?

Pastor Ivan Correll believes the change began last winter when he was invited to attend a breakfast at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane. Dr. James Brown, pastor of the Upper Octorora United Presbyterian Church, Parkesburg, Pa. was guest speaker and told of his experience in receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Correll comments, "His testimony touched me deeply. I would have expected such a message from a Pente-

costal preacher, but coming from a Presbyterian—that was another story."

At another meeting he attended, a former Jew, son of a Jewish rabbi, told of his conversion and how he was baptized in the Holy Spirit. "These men," says Ivan Correll, "had a profound influence upon me; and although I didn't know it then, I was already headed for a most blessed experience myself."

Mr. Correll says that for a long time he had felt his lack of power in preaching. He was never quite satisfied with his manner of delivery. He depended upon notes, though he did not always follow them.

While he always preached a positive gospel and souls were saved, yet he sensed a need in his own life and ministry. And interest in the church was mediocre—it was not poor, nor was it satisfactory. "The harder I worked, the slower things seemed to move along," he says. Only a few of the people were exerting any energy in the program. Because of the financial arrangement, Mr. Correll worked nearly full time. He couldn't visit or study as he should and this had its effect on the church.

Then last November something happened. While making some business calls, Pastor Correll stopped at the establishment of a business friend to congratulate him on his new building. On the second floor Byron Klaue had installed a swank executive office. Here the men conversed.

In the course of the conversation, Mr. Klaue pointed out to Pastor Correll that he could receive the Holy Spirit right then if he so desired. He also said there was a lock on the door to insure privacy when needed.

Correll then said, "Lock the door." And what followed was hardly what he expected.

He thought there would be lots of noise, agonizing, emotional excitement; but Brother Klaue did not even ask him to kneel. Instead he asked him to sit in a reclining chair.

"Going behind me, he asked me to hold up my arms. Then he took hold of them to aid me when they tired. He began to pray, asking the Lord to fill me with the Holy Spirit. He told me what to do. Finally, when I was ready to give up and admit such an experience was not for me, something took hold of my voice and out tumbled a language I had never heard before!

"I listened, trying to figure out what

language I was speaking. I was not in a trance nor was I out of my mind. I could hear every word I was saying and wished I could understand it. I saw millions of people before me; possibly I was speaking their language. One thing I knew—I was praising the Lord in a language He understood. This talking in tongues went on for about an hour.

"The following day my whole being tingled and I had difficulty speaking English fluently. I had to slow up in order to be understood. I was actually afraid the other tongues would flow out again. In making my sales presentation, I had to correct myself many times."

The following Sunday morning Pastor Correll announced at the close of the service that he had a personal testimony to give that evening. Fifty-five persons came to listen.

"I was trembling from head to foot as the sermon began," he says. "A spirit of quietness fell over the congregation such as I had never felt in any Christian Church before. When the invitation was given for those who would like an experience similar to mine, three came forward—an elder and two young people. Before the night was over the two young people had been touched by God and praised Him in a heavenly language. One of these was my son Ward, the other was one of our teen-age girls."

To understand fully the significance of this experience upon Ivan Correll, we must look into his background. He received his bachelor of theology degree from the Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Oreg., in 1943 and then went to Oregon State College where he completed work for his bachelor of science degree. During this time he was associate pastor of the First Christian Church in Albany, Oreg. Later, six hours in graduate studies were completed at Oregon State College toward his master's degree in family life. Now for eighteen years he had been preaching in Christian Churches in Washington and Oregon.

During this time Ivan Correll was not unaware of the Pentecostal emphasis on the baptism of the Holy Spirit. His brother Bernard is pastor of the Assembly of God in South Sioux City, Nebraska. Often the two brothers would discuss the subject. Of these times Ivan says, "We clashed over the teaching. My brother called it 'the baptism of the Holy Spirit.' I called it simply 'the filling.' Finally we just re-

frained from discussing it in order to keep on friendly terms. Yet the experience which I said was not true and was not for this age, did happen to me last November. The Lord flooded my soul and I became a different person."

Yes, this baptism of the Holy Spirit has changed the life and ministry of Pastor Correll and his congregation.

Many have been healed. Ten have received the Baptism, including five adults.

"I am finding spiritually starved people all around," he says. "The Spirit of the Lord is sweeping over the land. Many ministers and lay people in a number of Communion are receiving this blessing. In the words of Dr. John

H. Osteen, pastor of Lakewood Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, 'Pentecost is not a denomination; it is an experience.'

"Christian, heed the admonition of the Lord and seek Him. Let His Spirit fill you genuinely, and from within you shall flow 'rivers of living water' (John 7:38)." ◀◀

A Message to the Unconverted—

Plenty of Time?



THERE WAS A STRANGE DREAM TOLD long ago. A man dreamt that he saw Satan seated on his throne, and all his evil spirits gathered around him.

Suddenly the question was asked by their master: "Who will go forth to ruin souls on earth?"

The answer came readily enough from one: "I will."

"What will you tell them?"

"I'll tell them there is no God."

"That will not do," he returned gloomily. "Men know there is a God. Sometimes they deny it to their neighbors; but deep in their hearts they know that there is One, and that they must face Him one day. They may try to stifle the thought, but when sickness or death comes, it isn't easy to do so. That story will not ruin them."

And again he repeated the question: "Who will go forth to ruin souls?"

"I will," a second spirit replied.

"And what will you tell them?"

"I'll tell them that there is a God, but that He is a just and a Holy God, and that they are too bad to come to Him."

"That won't do," repeated Satan. "Their very need will drive them to Him. Besides, while there are Bibles left in the world, they have only to read how God invites them, sinners as they are, to come to Him and receive everlasting life. I want something more clever than that."

Once more the dreamer heard the terrible question ring through the courts of darkness: "Who will go forth to ruin souls?"

There was a long pause.

At last he saw in his dream a third spirit come forward and stand before

the throne, and repeat the words: "I will."

"And what will you tell them?"

"I'll tell them," he answered slowly, "that there is a God. I will let them hear the gospel as often as they like. They may know the story of God's love in giving His Son for lost sinners. I will not hinder them."

"But how will that ruin them?" Satan asked impatiently.

"I'll tell them it is all true, but," he added, with a look of fiendish malice, "I'll tell them there is *plenty of time* to think about accepting God's offer."

A murmur of applause passed through the caverns of despair.

"Go forth," said the Prince of Darkness; "you will be successful."

So he went and this is what he did.

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At a prayer meeting in a country neighborhood in western Washington a young man appeared to be much convicted. An earnest worker in the meeting went to him and lovingly pleaded with him to seek the Lord. He hesitated, but finally said, "No, I will attend to the matter when I am through hauling logs; I have one month to work yet."

Four weeks from that day he and a young friend went bathing in Lake Tacoma. He was using profane language while undressing. Plunging into the lake he swam into the deep, cold water, was taken with a cramp, screamed wildly for help, then sank to the bottom. *He was one month too late.*

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A lady in Scotland became greatly concerned about her soul. One night she was so troubled she could not sleep, but

walked the floor in great distress of mind. At last she sat down and wrote in her diary: "Next week I will attend to the salvation of my soul."

The next day she went into scenes of pleasure and gaiety, and the day after she was taken violently ill, and soon became delirious. Before her death the delirium left her mind long enough for her to say these solemn words: "*I am one week too late! I am lost!*"

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A young lady in New York attended a revival meeting with her parents. A Christian aunt became greatly burdened and distressed for the young lady, who was unconverted. At last she went to her and earnestly pleaded with her to come to the Lord at once; but she refused.

At the close of the meeting they started home. A few yards from the church there was an accident. The young lady was thrown violently against a telephone pole and instantly killed. *She was one hour too late.*

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The evil spirit had done his work. "Plenty of time," he had whispered, but plenty of time was **TOO LATE**.

Satan says, "Tomorrow." God says, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1).

Satan says, "Plenty of time." God says, "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Are you, my friend, going to listen to the voice of Satan or the voice of God? You need not be too late. If you will take Christ **NOW**, you will not be too late. ◀◀



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Bibles

BIBLE SOCIETY SETS NEW RECORD IN SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION

American Bible Society distribution of Scriptures around the globe reached a rate of 2,600 per hour in 1960, establishing a new record of 23,210,485 pieces for the year, it was announced at the agency's 145th annual meeting in New York City.

The total included 1,253,626 Bibles, 1,925,007 Testaments, and 20,031,852 Gospels or other Bible portions. They were distributed in 75 countries in 277 languages. The total represented a 32 per cent gain over the previous record set in 1959.

The Society furnished 1,025,957 Scriptures to the U. S. armed forces during the year and carried on its ministry to the blind by furnishing Braille Bibles, Talking Book Records, and "Finger-Fonos," small hand-turned phonographs. Churches of various denominations throughout the U. S. gave \$1,001,769 toward the Society's \$4,258,346 annual budget.

GIDEONS TOLD GOVERNORS NEED SPIRITUAL REJUVENATION

Unless the governments of the Western world experience a spiritual rejuvenation, they won't be able to check the forces of destruction now being unleashed by scientists, the 62nd annual

convention of the Gideons was told at Toronto, Canada.

The warning came from a Scottish evangelist, J. Sidlow Baxter, of Edinburgh, as he addressed more than 2,000 delegates from 15 countries at the largest convention ever held by the Bible-distributing businessmen.

Dr. Baxter said the United Nations has been prostrated by the Russian bear. "It's the most bare-faced bear we've ever had to bear with," he quipped.

"When governments forget God, we can't be saved by them; we've got to be saved from them," he said. "Our British leaders would give anything to see a revived interest in Sunday school."

Since the movement was formed 62 years ago at Janesville, Wis. the Gideons have distributed more than 47,000,000 Bibles and Testaments throughout the world. In Canada more than 90 per cent of all hotel and motel rooms have Gideon-donated Bibles in them.

Churches

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION SETTING NEW RECORD THIS YEAR

The government reports that, as of June 30, construction of new churches in the U.S. is slightly ahead of last year's record total. The \$84,000,000 worth of new church buildings begun

in June boosted the total for the first half of 1961 to \$488,000,000 and the government predicted that the year's total will reach a new high of \$1,025,000,000.

HOME FOR ALCOHOLIC PRIESTS

According to Jim Bishop, who writes a copyrighted column for King Features Syndicate, Inc., there is a sanitarium for alcoholic priests in Michigan. Laymen of the Detroit archdiocese of the Roman Catholic Church started the sanitarium with the approval of Edward Cardinal Mooney. Known as "Guest House," it is a two story mansion on the shore of Lake Orion where priests afflicted with alcoholism may be sent for medical and psychiatric treatment.

"Guest House has arrested alcoholism in more than 80 per cent of all priestly patients," Mr. Bishop reports, "and bishops of other dioceses have started their own 'Guest Houses.'" He says it costs \$600 a month to treat each patient.

CHURCH OF GOD SETS GOALS FOR DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR

The Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.) is observing its Diamond Jubilee this year and Charles W. Conn, Public Relations Director, has outlined the following goals for 1961: "An increase of 20,000 new members, 444 new churches, 195 new Sunday schools, and 128 new Young People's Endeavors."

Well-Known Educator With Christ



EUGENE V. BRONSON, 78, of Kirkland, Wash., was called to higher service on July 7. He was a graduate of the University of Illinois in Urbana, and the Garrett Biblical Institute of Northwestern University in Evanston. Upon graduation he served as a Methodist minister for 22 years, part of this time as a "circuit-riding preacher" in the west. He served in the First World War as a U.S. Army chaplain and was the first chaplain assigned to Fort Lewis, Wash.

Brother Bronson received the baptism with the Holy Spirit in 1924 and joined the As-

semblies of God. He served several pastorates and held official positions in two districts. He also served on the faculties of four Assemblies of God Bible schools, the longest period of service being at Northwest Bible College as instructor and dean. He retired from active teaching in 1952. His wife preceded him in death eight years ago, and he is survived by two sons.

Dr. Charles S. Price once referred to Eugene Bronson as a "prince among God's servants" and many who knew and loved him give affirmation to this expression.

L. A. RADIO STATION PURCHASED

The International Church of the Foursquare Gospel (Los Angeles) recently purchased radio station KRKD which will make available a full-time 24-hour per day operation with 5,000 AM watts and 60,000 FM. The evening hours carry the same programs on both stations.

M. D. Buchen, manager of the broadcasting division of the church, says: "We look forward to a great future in broadcasting and solicit your prayers."

125,000 GATHER IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR ALL-DAY GOSPEL SING

Police estimated that 125,000 persons gathered on the lower slopes of Grandfather Mountain on Sunday, June 25, for the 37th annual "Singing on the Mountain." As many as 70,000 were assembled at one time. Long lines of cars were coming and going all day long. The turnout set an all-time record.

The program of gospel singing, preaching, and old-fashioned religion continued from sunup to sundown. It has been an annual event since Joe Lee Hartley, now 90, decided he wanted to share his faith with others and chose this kind of meeting for doing it.

Foreign

SCHOOLS NATIONALIZED IN CUBA

The Cuban Ministry of Education at Havana announced that all Roman Catholic parochial and other private schools in Cuba have been nationalized. It said the schools have been officially incorporated in "the educational system of the nation," including "the totality of their properties, rights, and stocks."

Almost all of the 2,000 Jews who lived in Cuba, mostly in the Havana area, have fled the country. Their only congregation has disbanded, a rabbi says.

FAITHFUL MOSLEMS CARRY COMPASSES

Officials of the project HOPE, the hospital training ship, were impressed with the devoutness of the natives they treated while in Indonesia. They said that most natives were found to be carrying small compasses. These native Moslems always kneel with their faces toward Mecca, and pray three times a day. They need the compasses so they can be sure they are turned in the right direction.

How much simpler and more effective to turn our faces upward when we pray. No need of a compass to tell which way is up—and after all, our prayer should be directed to the God of heaven, not to a sacred city.

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Will the little children of unsaved parents go to heaven when they die?

We believe that children who die before they reach an age of moral consciousness will be saved. We will be judged for our own sins, not for the sins of our parents. "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12).

What is meant by 1 Corinthians 15:50—"Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God"?

It means that, in our present natural state, we cannot inherit the kingdom. We will be given spiritual bodies in place of our present bodies which are material.

When Jesus comes and catches us away, will we leave our clothing as Jesus left His when He rose from the dead? Is it scriptural to sing, "This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise"?

I think it is in harmony with scripture to sing, "This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise." The meaning is that we will no longer be robed in a mortal and corruptible body, but we will be robed with a glorified body. This does not refer to clothing.

Will Old Testament believers be caught away with the Church when Jesus comes?

I believe so, for does not the Church (the "called-out ones") include faithful believers of all the ages? Abraham "looked for a city that hath foundations." God will not disappoint him. We are told that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob will be seen in the Kingdom (Matthew 8:11). On the gates of the New Jerusalem will be the names of the twelve tribes of Israel (Revelation 21:12-13). I expect the entire Church of Old Testament and New Testament believers will be included in the Rapture. What a great family reunion that will be!

Did not Paul seek his own glory when he said he was a masterbuilder while others were only helpers? 1 Corinthians 3:10.

Paul likened himself to a masterbuilder because it was through him that the gospel came to the Corinthians. He laid the foundation by leading them to Christ. Paul would not have said this were he speaking of the conversion of Cornelius, for example, because it was Peter who laid the foundation there. See Acts 10:34-48. Paul had brought the gospel to Corinth; others followed him and built on his foundation. Their ministry was needed as much as Paul's because they contributed to the development of Christian growth and knowledge there. Paul could plant, but watering also was necessary for growth.

Ought not capital punishment be abolished since we live in the "day of grace"?

There was grace in the days of Noah, for God put the rainbow in the sky and promised never to destroy the earth again by water; but God also recognized human government and told Noah that "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed" (Genesis 9:6). This edict was further expanded when God established Israel as a nation under the leadership of Moses. We live in a time when many do not take crime very seriously. Psychology tries to blame crime on an early impression that was made on the subconscious mind; when this breaks out in irregular behavior they would excuse it. There is weakness in not holding man responsible for his deeds.

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).

Building for Christ in the Philippines

By Evangelists Al and Tommy Reid



Evangelist Al Reid and Pastor Joseph Li

DURING OUR RECENT MINISTRY IN the Philippines we opened seventeen new churches. The revival that began in Manila several years ago has been spreading into surrounding towns and villages with the result that thousands of people are being converted to Christ. Many times crowds of five to ten thousand people attended the services, gathering to hear the message of eternal life and to witness the healing power of CHRIST.

Most of the converts have been brought to Christ through the ministry of divine healing. God has wrought some mighty miracles in the healing of physical infirmities. A large number of converts have come from idol-worshipping families but have surrendered to God and are serving Him.

Our first step in opening a new work is to send a group of Bible school students to teach the children and hold a vacation Bible school. The children learn the story of Jesus and learn to sing the songs of the Church. Our next step is to acquire property, or a place to hold services, and send a national worker to the community to work with the people and build a congregation.

The big step forward comes when we take our equipment and "invade" the city with a great revival crusade. The crowds gather in reverence to hear the gospel message and witness God's healing power.

Our minds go back to the marvelous miracles—the totally crippled girl in General Trias, unable to walk because of polio; the paralyzed lady in Pulot Sorsogon, bedfast for ten years, whose healing stirred an entire community for God.

The final and most thrilling step is the erection of the church building. Many of our buildings are built by the people themselves as they donate labor and materials to establish a place to worship God. Others have been financed through a "revolving loan plan." During one five-month period we erected seven church buildings seating from 125 people to nearly 500, according to the size of the local congregation.

Possibly the most thrilling evidence of God's power was the church that we saw erected at Niac, Cavite. Two of our young workers, Brothers Irving DeMesa and Andres Ilagan, opened a revival in Niac in May, 1959. The peo-

ple began immediately to respond to their ministry and the crowd grew nightly. God began to perform miracles that stirred the town for Christ—deaf ears were opened and the crippled were healed.

Brother DeMesa stood before the crowd on the third night and told them he would like them to build a church so they would have a place to worship God. They began to donate materials and labor, and the church building began to take shape. Before the revival meetings came to a close, the church was complete and they were able to continue services in their own building. The latest report from Niac was that the new attendance record for Sunday school was 796. ◀◀

Send Foreign Missionary offerings to
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Foreign Missions Department
434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.



A typical open-air revival conducted in General Trias, Cavite



Congregation at the Assemblies of God church in Bulan, Sorsogon



Life and Growth by God's Word



By DEAN BURCHETT

Chairman of National Missions Council of Men's Fellowship

PETER ADMONISHES US AS CHRISTIANS to "desire the sincere milk of the word that we may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). This presupposes two things: the availability of the Word, and a hunger for spiritual growth. We in the United States have the Word readily available, and yet there is frequently an evident lack of spiritual hunger. On the mission field, however, our missionaries tell us that there is a stirring, moving hunger for light and truth contrasted by an alarming lack of the availability of the written Word.

I remember distinctly, as a college student sitting in a Sunday school class, when our teacher was emphasizing the situation. He pointed out that this area of our Christian experience was so important that if any of us, or anyone that we knew, did not have a copy of the Scriptures, he would gladly furnish one from his own financial means. It was later determined that a young Spanish lad who was attending the class did not have a Bible. I can still remember the satisfaction that came when that situation was corrected. The recipient found the satisfaction of having the Word of God readily available to himself; the donor felt the satisfaction of knowing that he had helped to further the spiritual growth and development of a fellow Christian.

It has been my privilege over the past several years to have a part in meeting just such a need for millions of nationals the world over through the "Light for the Lost" program of the Men's Fellowship. Each month we receive letters from our missionaries in which they relate personal experiences of the power of the Word to transform lives and to guide into spiritual maturity.

There is no doubt that an effective way of presenting the Truth is by placing a portion of God's Word in a person's hand. This is the premise upon

which the businessmen who founded "Light for the Lost" operate. In this way it is possible to teach the plan of salvation and at the same time provide a means whereby the scripturally advocated method of Christian growth may take place.

Lest some feel that this method of evangelism and teaching is limited because of the literacy of the peoples of the world, let me hasten to say that America is not presently the most literate nation. I have on my desk a letter from Paul Klahr, one of our missionaries to Japan, in which he says: "The amount of Gospels to be distributed is limited only by the amount of money that can be supplied to us."

Japan has a higher literacy rate than the United States. To every born-again Christian this need should represent a challenge, realizing that as the Word is placed in the hands of those in darkness, they can become acquainted with Him whom to know is life eternal." Also, as they have the Word available to study and consider, they become aware of the truths of the Word which contribute to understanding God's plan of salvation and spiritual growth.

In these extremely perilous days the ministry of "Light for the Lost" is to provide the written Word to bring the lost to Christ, establishing them in His Word. Then, if the missionaries are forced out of the country, national converts will be left behind; and national believers with thousands of "written missionaries" will continue to spread the message of God and His salvation.

You, too, may share God's Word with others through "Light for the Lost." If you should like more information concerning the missionary literature ministry, write to the Department of Men's Fellowship, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri. ◀◀

MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

JUNE, 1961

CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 2,385.97	N. Texas	10,365.07
Appalachian	674.39	Northwest	29,127.73
Arizona	2,485.20	Ohio	11,079.35
Arkansas	4,999.13	Oklahoma	16,488.19
Eastern	15,822.07	Oregon	11,426.95
Georgia	2,008.64	Potomac	9,842.40
German Br.	1,609.52	Rocky Mtn.	9,229.08
Greek Br.	4.00	S. Carolina	703.62
Hungarian Br.	10.00	S. Dakota	1,682.63
Illinois	10,708.98	S. Florida	6,714.15
Indiana	4,986.74	S. California	44,003.28
Italian Br.	202.05	S. N. England	6,046.09
Kansas	8,806.06	S. Texas	8,066.03
Kentucky	774.03	S. Idaho	1,440.50
Lat. Am. Br.	369.77	S. Missouri	7,753.00
Louisiana	3,048.26	Span. E. Dist.	195.15
Michigan	14,753.79	Tennessee	3,094.79
Minnesota	29,332.27	Ukrainian Br.	112.45
Mississippi	1,582.97	W. Central	5,428.84
Montana	2,366.42	W. Florida	2,142.66
Nebraska	3,609.85	West Texas	5,588.22
New Jersey	6,499.00	Wis.-N. Mich.	5,042.02
New Mexico	2,057.07	Wyoming	798.15
New York	12,083.92	Alaska	236.16
N. Carolina	1,032.76	Canada	1,048.89
N. Dakota	2,722.81	Hawaii	319.89
N. N. England	1,151.72	Foreign	289.72
N. Calif.-Nev.	27,330.90	Miscellaneous	96.00

Total Amount Reported	\$361,779.90
District Funds	\$10,738.65
National Home Missions	2,609.67
Office Expense	4,763.69
Given Direct to Missionaries	1,562.94
	19,674.95

Received for Council Missionaries	342,104.95
Received for Non-Council Missionaries	4,012.43
Missionary Offering not allocated to any State	5,589.62

Total Receipts \$351,707.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$147,205.88
Equipment	40,466.79
Missionary Work	64,745.73
National Workers Abroad	7,434.21
Deputational Returns	443.51
Buildings in Foreign Lands	23,908.07
Missionary Transportation	49,295.12

\$333,499.31

Transferred to "Hold" Accounts 18,207.69

\$351,707.00

MISSIONARY News Notes



COMING: Mr. and Mrs. Glen McCollister have returned from Hawaii. Their address is 34 Cranham Court, Pacifica, Calif.

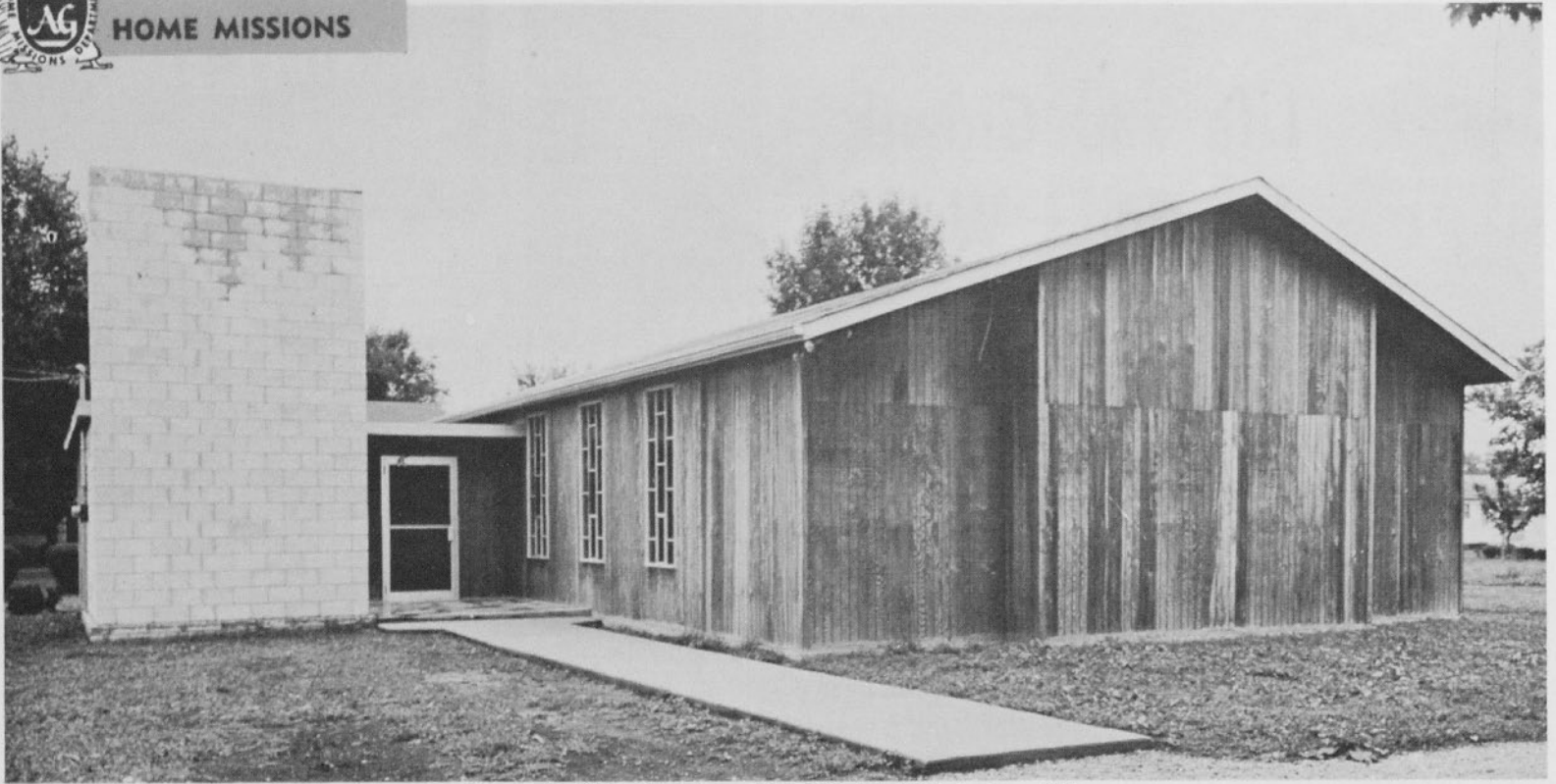
Home from Ghana are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ziemann. They are living at 218 E. Water St., Watertown, Wisconsin.

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TRANSFER: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Petersen have changed their field of service from Korea to Japan. Their address is 163 Yamate Cho, Ashiya Shi, Hyogo Ken, Japan.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Mr. and Mrs. Orville H. Carlson, Assemblies of God Mission, West Rupsa, Khulna, East Pakistan.



First unit of the First Assembly of God in Wilmington, Ohio

Ohio District Launches Pioneer Church

Here is a thrilling story showing the kind of cooperation it takes to build a pioneer church

THE NEW FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD in Wilmington, Ohio, is a shining example of what can be done when Assemblies of God members have a vision for the extension of the kingdom of God and are willing to sacrifice and cooperate to see new churches established. *Revivaltime* also played its part in opening a door into this community.

The afternoon of January 1 marked

a milestone in the story of the development of an Ohio Home Missions church at Wilmington. It was the day of dedication for the first unit of a proposed fine Assemblies of God building in this lovely city.

District Home Missions Director Paul J. Emery was the dedicatory speaker and spoke on "The Beginning of Conquest." Many of the pastors and their people from the Southwest Section were present and participated.

Mrs. Marie Moore, the present pastor, with the assistance of her husband George, has done a great work in Wilmington. Gordon Lawson, the first pastor, organized the worship services in the home of the Edwards family. This family had become interested in the Assemblies of God through *Revivaltime* and desired to have an Assemblies of God church in Wilmington. The Edwardses, with six other couples, had been meeting in homes to worship prior to the beginning of the Assembly there. After several weeks of home services,

the group was able to rent an upstairs hall.

Donald Steele followed Gordon Lawson as pastor. While he served this charge, the present property was purchased by the Ohio District Home Missions Department. This property included a large home on a corner lot. The location is ideal, for it is near the downtown area on State Route No. 3 south. The house was redecorated and made to serve the dual purpose of church and parsonage. The exterior was painted and a new heating system installed.

Sister Moore became the pastor of a very small and discouraged little group on December 17, 1958. They were then worshiping in the living room of the old house. But this situation soon changed, for neighboring churches and district organizations rallied to the cause.

The Deer Park Assembly loaned \$1,000 for this project; the Minute Man program of the district provided \$1,225; the WMC Dime March supplied \$1,000; a \$1,000 grant from the district's Speed-the-Light Home Missions funds was made; and some money was donated from the district's regular Home Missions offerings. Also, special contributions were given by the Cincinnati First Assembly, Conneaut Assembly of God, and West Carrollton Assembly of God.

For the original purchase, the district



Pastor Moore and family

borrowed \$1,000 from the National Home Missions Department and obtained a loan from a local building and loan association.

The new building itself is a prefab, but nearly all of the local work was done by volunteers. Men from several nearby churches joined with the local men and women and worked hard and long to make this building a reality. Brother Moore also donated much time and labor in the construction of the building.

The new unit contains an auditorium, a vestibule, and restrooms. The interior has peach-colored walls, shell pink ceiling, and beige floor tiling. The building is beautiful, yet simple in design. Eventually, the congregation hopes to remove the old house and build a larger auditorium and additional Sunday school rooms. There will still be ample room for parking.

Following the dedication, special services were conducted for one week with various nearby pastors ministering. Evangelist James Tucker then followed up with two weeks of very successful meetings, climaxing with the ministry of District Superintendent Clarence W. Hahn on Sunday, January 22. Attend-



Interior view of the First Assembly of God in Wilmington, Ohio

ance in the new church has reached 92 and the average is 74.

From all indications, this pioneer church has a bright future. Pray that God will crown the efforts of all who have had a part in this Ohio church extension project with a great harvest of souls in the Wilmington area. ◀◀

THE HOME MISSIONS CHALLENGE

The Church Extension Division of the Home Missions Department has a potential ministry of 110,000,000 people in the United States. One third of all Americans claim membership in a Protestant church; but 75 per cent of this one third are virtually lost to the church—they attend only occasionally.

Only 8 per cent of the U. S. population attends church Sunday morning; 2 per cent attends in the evening.

Each year, Mission U.S.A. rallies, spear-headed by the national office and sponsored by Assemblies of God districts, are conducted throughout the nation in the interest of church extension. Offerings taken at these rallies are used to finance new churches.

For 1961, the national goal is 300 new churches. On January 1, 1961, there were 8,233 A/G churches in the U. S., or one for every 22,000 people! A national goal of one A/G church for every 10,000 population has been established.

Rural people make up only 13.5 per cent of America. The population trend is almost totally cityward. Suburbia is mushrooming. Let us answer the challenge and establish churches for a full-gospel witness in every community.

New Church in Mobile, Alabama Dedicates Educational Unit

February 26, 1961, was a happy day for members of Calvary Assembly of God, Mobile, Ala., for it marked the dedication of their new educational building. The Billy Crosses, pastors, and their congregation had been looking forward to this occasion from the time they began holding services in a rented building (originally used as a tavern) eighteen months before. Fourteen attended Sunday school that first Sunday.

The small group purchased an acre lot for \$3,000. It was in a choice location, eight blocks from a new \$150,000 shopping

center, six blocks from a new school, and between two new housing projects with twelve others within a three-mile radius.

The group obtained a \$1,000 loan from the National Home Missions Department and a \$5,300 loan from a local bank and built the education unit in which they temporarily conduct church services. Plans are in the making for a main auditorium as soon as the new church can repay its present indebtedness. The new educational building is appraised at \$11,050 and total indebtedness is \$6,300. ◀◀



Pastor and Mrs. Billy Cross (right) with group who attended the first service at the Calvary Assembly in Mobile, Ala.



New educational unit of Calvary Assembly will house the congregation until the main auditorium is built



A happy group of people attended Sunday school at the Calvary Assembly of God on the day of dedication.



Memories OF HOME

Concluding Article in the Series,
"How to Have a Happy Home"

BY HAROLD F. BRANCH

AS WE LIVE EACH DAY, WE ARE MAKING memories. Every day adds to them and determines more fully their final character.

It used to fascinate me, as a child, to listen to the roar, as I held a hollow shell to my ear. I imagined that that roar I heard was the echo of the wild waves beating against the shore upon which the shell used to lie. I now know this is not true. The roar was caused simply by the throbbing of my own heart, the trembling of my own fingers.

"We are making our memories, and the character of them will be determined by the way in which we are living today." Our memories will make old age and eternity happy or unhappy. That is what memories do! And memories are made up of our daily life.

What a place home is for memories! How its scenes twine into and about the very heart strings! There is no sickness so dreadful as homesickness. It is a mental and spiritual ailment; and in some cases, doctors tell us, it actually causes death. Part of the sorrow and suffering of Christ here upon earth is to be accounted for by the fact that He was away from His Father's home. He loved the children of men, but He missed the glory and joy He had in His Father's house.

How careful we should be of the memories of home. We make them every day of the week, and we never know when we are making the last of them. Life is so uncertain that we never know when we are having the

last meal together, or the last talk, or the last walk. We leave the house in the morning: there has been a misunderstanding; perhaps bitter, ugly words have been spoken, or perhaps we have gone off in sullen silence. Those things may become a lifelong bitter memory to us.

The story is told of a young man of kind and gentle nature who left his home for his daily task. He had not been gone an hour when his body was borne home. The scaffold upon which he was working had given way and he had been killed. One of his sisters was more grief-stricken than the others, seeming to have a sorrow peculiar to herself. She could only say, "I was not kind to him as he left this morning."

Memories! Once made, they are eternal and cannot be changed!

Home Memories Stay Especially Close with Children.

Every person bears in heart and life the impress of the home from which he came. What kind of memories will our children have of home? Will they be memories that comfort and inspire and ennoble and bless, or will they be memories that sear and burn, that are bitter and a curse? We should face the matter squarely, being fully assured that the children we send out into the world will never fully escape from the memory and influence of the home. If one's childhood home has been true and sweet, its benediction goes through all of life.

Here is the testimony of one man: "Many a night I remember lying quiet-

ly in the little upper chamber before sleep came. There would come a gentle footstep on the stair, the door would noiselessly open, and a well-known form, softly gliding through the darkness, would appear at my bedside. First, there would be a few pleasant inquiries of affection, which gradually deepened into words of counsel. Then she would kneel, her head close to mine, and her most earnest hopes and prayers would flow forth in prayer. How largely a mother can wish for her boy! Her tears bespoke the earnestness of her desire. I seem to feel them yet where sometimes they fell upon my face. Rising, with a good-night kiss, she was gone."

A memory like that is the greatest gift a parent can leave a child. It will be a bulwark to guard against temptation and sin. It will prove a golden chain binding the child to the feet of God. Is it not worthwhile to fill a

FOR THE JUNIOR READER

FILL THEM IN

Paul's letters to Timothy were like the advice of a father to his son. All the following verses are taken from Paul's second epistle to Timothy, but some important words are missing. Can you fill in the blanks? (Each dash represents a missing letter.)

1. "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou up the of God, which is in thee" (1:6).
2. "For God hath not given us the spirit of; but of , and of , and of a sound mind" (1:7).
3. "Be not thou therefore of the of our Lord" (1:8).
4. "Hold fast the form of sound , which thou hast heard of me, in and which is in Christ Jesus" (1:13).
5. "Thou therefore, my son, be in the that is in Christ Jesus" (2:1).
6. "Thou therefore endure , as a good of Christ" (2:3).
7. "If we with him, we shall also with him: if we deny him, he will us" (2:12).
8. Study to show thyself unto God, a workman that needeth not to be , rightly the word of " (2:15).

ANSWERS:
1—str, gift; 2—fear, power, love; 3—ashamed, testimony; 4—words, faith, love; 5—strong, grace; 6—hardness, soldier; 7—suffer, reign, deny; 8—approved, ashamed, dividing, truth.

child's life with memories like that? How careless we parents are! God forgive and help us!

If a home is a truly Christian home, sorrow may come but it will not put out all the lights. It rather makes the home more tender and loving. It draws it closer to God. Sanctified sorrow transfigures a home, and brings more of God down into it. So it often happens that the memory of sorrow proves to be the tenderest and firmest clasp that binds home-hearts together.

To make the memory of home all it should be, we must have Christ enthroned in it. There should be a family altar, where at some time each day all the family gather together to hear God's words and to pray together. We are fast moving through this world. Soon all that remains will be the memory of our lives. If we do nothing else well in this world, let us build well in our own homes.

A beautiful story is told of Mozart. His last musical composition was his Requiem. After days of illness and the

most painful labor, it was finished. His daughter Emily came into the room just as he was setting in the last notes, and Mozart handed to her the manuscript, saying, "It is finished; my Requiem is finished, and I too am finished."

"Say not so, dear father," said the gentle Emily. "You seem stronger today."

"I shall never be well again," replied her father. "But here, Emily, sit at the piano and play these notes and sing them with the hymns of your sainted mother."

Emily obeyed, singing with a voice made rich by the tenderest emotion. Then when she had finished, she turned from the piano, expecting the approving smile of her father; but she saw only the look of peace on his features and the seal of death. He had gone home on the wings of his own requiem.

There will be no requiem so sweet to the heart in the last hour of earthly life as the requiem of blessed and hal-

lowed home memories. It will make music in the heart more sweet than the song of angels. May we live at home so sweetly, so unselfishly and lovingly, that the memories we make within our home may be our holiest requiem, on the breath of which our spirits may be wafted away to the Father's house.

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What Is Christianity?

In the home it is kindness.
 In business it is honesty.
 In society it is courtesy.
 In work it is fairness.
 Toward the unfortunate it is pity.
 Toward the weak it is help.
 Toward the wicked it is resistance.
 Toward the strong it is trust.
 Toward the fortunate it is congratulations.
 Toward the penitent it is forgiveness.
 Toward God it is reverence and love.

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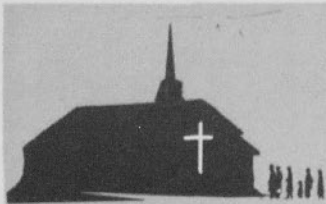
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The Family Altar



MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

LABOR DAY

READ: Romans 15:1-13

LEARN: "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves" (Romans 15:1).

FOR THE PARENT: Use this holiday to remind members of the family group of their Christian responsibilities to others: (1) bearing the infirmities of the weak, v. 1; (2) working to please others and not ourselves, vv. 1, 2; (3) noting the example of Christ, v. 3. Then point out: (1) the purpose of the Scriptures, v. 4; (2) the importance of having Christ's mind in us, vv. 5, 6; (3) accepting other believers on the basis of what God has done for us and them, vv. 7-13.

QUESTION TIME: What is a responsibility that goes with strength (v. 1)? Do you think this refers to natural strength, to spiritual strength, to mental strength, or to all? Why?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Miss Ruth B. Anderson, Egypt; Robert A. Merian, South India; Mrs. Clara Wingard (superannuated) China.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

READ: Romans 15:14-24

LEARN: "Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God . . . I have fully preached the gospel of Christ" (Romans 15:19).

FOR THE PARENT: From this passage point out: (1) what Paul commends these believers for, v. 14; (2) reasons behind his boldness in exhorting them, v. 15; (3) Paul's awareness that it was only through God's grace that he was a minister, v. 15; (4) Paul's specific mission—to make Christ known to the Gentiles, v. 16; (5) God had honored Paul's witness, v. 19; (6) Paul's desire to be with these believers, vv. 22-24.

QUESTION TIME: For what did Paul commend these Roman believers (v. 14)? Why are those qualities commendable? In what manner did Paul preach the gospel of Christ (v. 19)?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Billy Bray, East Africa; Mrs. Harold Jones, West Africa; Mrs. John Swank (Indian), Arizona.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

READ: Romans 15:25-33; 16:17-27

LEARN: "Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them" (Romans 16:17).

FOR THE PARENT: Review Paul's expressed desire to visit the Christians in Rome, vv. 22:24. Then point out: (1) Paul's mission to Jerusalem, v. 25; (2) the importance of Christian charity, vv. 26-28; (3) Paul's confidence that he would visit the Romans, vv. 28-33; (4) his warning about those who cause divisions, 16:17, 18; (5) the power of influence, 16:19; (6) Paul's prayers for these believers and his reminder that God is above all, 16:20, 24-27.

QUESTION TIME: Why was Paul going to Jerusalem (15:25-28)? How did Paul feel about Christian responsibility in material things (15:27)? How can this be applied to our giving?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Warren B. Denton, Philippines; Ovid A. Dillingham, North India; Lewie E. Spencer, Costa Rica.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

READ: 1 Samuel 3:1-14

LEARN: "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth" (1 Samuel 3:9).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "God Calls Samuel" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Have the group review the material studied last week relating to the birth of Samuel (1 Samuel 1). Then point out: (1) Samuel's faithfulness to the tasks appointed to him, v. 1—and stress how God counts faithfulness a very important virtue; (2) Samuel's readiness to serve Eli in spite of personal inconvenience, vv. 2-8; (3) Eli's slowness to perceive spiritual things, v. 8; (4) Samuel's obedience to God, v. 10; (5) the revelation which came to him, vv. 11-14.

QUESTION TIME: What does this lesson tell us about Samuel's spiritual life? Why do you suppose God chose to use Samuel?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Miss Frances J. Ivy, U. P., India; John H. Kennedy, Sierra Leone.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

READ: James 1:19, 26; 3:2, 5, 8; Proverbs 15:28; 29:11; 10:19; 20:19; 31:26; Psalm 34:13; Ephesians 4:25, 29; Colossians 4:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body" (James 3:2).

FOR THE PARENT: Our Christianity shows brightly when we speak—showing whether or not we are really living up to what we profess to have. That is why the Christian must guard his words so carefully. That is why Satan seems to have an easier time causing us to stumble through our words than through almost any other means. Have various members of the family group read today's verses, commenting briefly on each. Stress the importance of honoring God both with our words and our lives.

QUESTION TIME: Why are our words so important? How are they related to our Christian lives? (See above.)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. David K. Irwin, Egypt.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

READ: Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 18:9-14 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13).

FOR THE PARENT: Have the group first review the story of the two prayers: the Pharisee and the publican. Point out how they differ in their attitude and approach to God and the one that pleases God. Then discuss our Lord's teachings about prayer from Matthew 6 pointing out: (1) it is primarily between us and God, vv. 5, 6; (2) it should come from the heart, v. 7; (3) it is built on our confidence that God hears and answers prayer, v. 8; (4) a pattern for prayer, vv. 9-13; (5) a condition to be met for forgiveness, vv. 14, 15.

QUESTION TIME: How did the Pharisee and the publican differ in their approach to God (Luke 18:9-14)? Which one pleased God?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: E. Charles Niles, Venezuela; Miss Henrietta Tieleman, Formosa; John Verbarandse, Costa Rica; Ralph J. Harer, British Honduras; John S. Mattax, West

Africa; Lyle R. Phillips, Japan; Glen Davenport (Indian), Washington; Chaplain (Captain) Orville McCormick, Japan.

SEPTEMBER 10

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SUNDAY: Theo O. Johnston, Bolivia; Miss Joy Adams, South Africa; Homer I. Specter, Haiti; A. Walker Hall, Hong Kong.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

READ: Psalm 119:113-120

LEARN: "Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word" (Psalm 119:114).

FOR THE PARENT: From this Psalm point out: (1) what we are to hate, v. 113; (2) what we are to love, v. 113; (3) what God and His Word are to us, v. 114; (4) God's Word brings hope, v. 114; (5) the importance of right associates, v. 115; (6) we can depend on God to uphold us and keep us safe as long as we abide in His law, vv. 116, 117; (7) those who disregard God's laws will be destroyed, vv. 118, 119; (8) we need to have a healthy fear of God's power and His judgments upon those who do not follow His laws, v. 120.

QUESTION TIME: Why do you think we should hate vain thought (v. 113)? Of what should the Christian be afraid (v. 120)?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Miss Mollie E. Baird, Philippines; David L. Kensinger, Costa Rica.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

READ: Psalm 119:121-128

LEARN: "I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies" (Psalm 119:125).

FOR THE PARENT: From this passage point out: (1) when we are faithful to God and His Word, we can expect Him to be faithful to us and to help us in our hour of need, vv. 121, 122; (2) yet even this expectation is based only on God's mercy, vv. 123, 124; (3) God gives us the understanding necessary to follow His will, v. 125; (4) the Psalmist's desire to see God's works which would show the folly of the wicked, v. 126; (5) the Psalmist's attitude and life because of God's laws, vv. 127, 128.

QUESTION TIME: What was the Psalmist's attitude toward the correctness of God's Word (v. 128)? What further effect did this attitude have on his life (v. 128)?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Chaplain (Ltjg) Ronald G. DeBock, San Francisco; Mrs. Ralph Hollandsworth, West Africa.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

READ: Psalm 119:129-136

LEARN: "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Psalm 119:130).

FOR THE PARENT: In this continuing study of the importance of God's Word, point out: (1) one reason why we keep God's testimonies, v. 129; (2) the effect of God's Word, v. 130; (3) we should earnestly desire to know more of God's Word, v. 131; (4) God shows mercy to those who love Him, v. 132; (5) keeping our lives patterned after God's Word helps avoid the possibility of our being conquered by evil, vv. 133, 134; (6) we need to learn continually from God's Word, v. 135; (7) disobedience to God's Word brings sorrow, v. 136.

QUESTION TIME: What do you think verse 130 means? What is one way we can keep from sin (v. 133)?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Miss Lillian Hogan, Congo.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

READ: 1 Samuel 7:7-17

LEARN: "Put away the strange gods . . . from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only" (1 Samuel 7:3).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "God Uses Samuel" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review the previous two studies of the life of Samuel—his birth (1 Samuel 1) and God's call (1 Samuel 3:1-14). At this time the children of Israel had realized that God's hand was upon Samuel. They were looking to him for spiritual counsel and help. Emphasize Samuel's dependence on God and the great victory which came because of that faith. Also point out Samuel's influence.

QUESTION TIME: How long did Samuel judge Israel (v. 15)? How did God bring victory to Israel (vv. 7-14)?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Robert Ruark (Indian), Arizona.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

READ: 1 Samuel 26:7-12, 21-25 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

FOR THE PARENT: David had been anointed to be king over Israel, yet Saul was still actually serving as king. And Saul was out to kill David. Discuss this incident where David had the opportunity to kill Saul. Show David's reasons for refusing to kill Saul, vv. 9-11. Discuss Saul's reaction when he learned that David had spared his life, vv. 21, 25. Stress the importance of showing Christian kindness, courtesy, and love at all times.

QUESTION TIME: Why wouldn't David kill Saul (vv. 9-11)? How did David let Saul know he had had the opportunity to kill him (v. 12)?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: David H. Baker, Malaya; Robert Cobb, Nigeria; Howard L. Fox, West Africa; Cyril C. Huckerby, Jamaica; James G. King, Nigeria; Mrs. Groasmun (Indian), Utah.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

READ: Matthew 6:12-14, 15; 18:21-35 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven" (Luke 6:37).

FOR THE PARENT: From the story of the unforgiving servant (Matthew 18:21-35) point out: (1) Peter's question, v. 21; (2) Jesus' answer, v. 22; (3) the story Jesus told to illustrate His answer, vv. 23-34; (4) the main emphasis of the story—we should at all times be ready to forgive the person who has wronged us, v. 35; (5) the warning that God will not forgive us our sins against Him if we are not willing to forgive those who have sinned against us, v. 35. (Emphasize this idea further from Matthew 6:12, 14, 15.)

QUESTION TIME: How does our failure to forgive another affect our relationship to God? (See above.)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Robert W. Edwards, South India; Walter J. Kornelsen, West Africa.

SEPTEMBER 17

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SUNDAY: Mrs. Sam Beckdahl, North India; Donald E. Fullerton, Mexico.

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Speaking of Teachers

By J. ROBERT ASHCROFT

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A TEACHER IS INFLUENCE. TEACHERS also are *information* and *inspiration*.

Take the late W. I. Evans for an example. For over twenty years he was a beloved teacher and administrator at Central Bible Institute. He influenced the lives of persons to whom he communicated Christian knowledge so effectively that his students took on his vocabulary and mannerisms.

It was not uncommon for strangers, upon hearing students of "Pop" Evans (as he was affectionately known), to identify these students immediately as having been trained by their beloved instructor. There was something about the posture, diction, and message that reflected Brother Evans' ministry and personality.

This influence was deeply felt in my own life. Though I did not have the honor of sitting in his classroom, it was my high privilege to be a teacher under his administration. I particularly recall the avid interest which grew in my heart to be close to him in times of prayer. He met with his faculty for prayer before the beginning of each school day. He was the first one in the prayer room, and those who came early had the privilege of kneeling close by and listening to his prayer. I can hear him now—those great phrases and deep emotional expressions are still an influence in my life.

One phrase stands out. It was this: "We recognize and acknowledge Thy presence, Father." The priority he placed upon devotion and loyalty to God will forever be a guiding light to my own life and ministry.

If a teacher is not an influence he is no more a teacher than the automated

machines of our time which compile arithmetical figures and print them on a tape. The changing of life is the measure of real teaching.

A student said of William James: "You went to other lectures and you were impressed, even oppressed, by the massive information, by the greatness of the scholar. But you never came out of James' lectures feeling what a great man *he* was. You came out with a strange new feeling, 'If I could only find myself, what a great person *I* might be.'"

It is an *influence* like this that gives meaning to a teacher.

A Teacher Is Information

E. O. M. was one of the last instructors I had. I shall never forget the Niagara of data which flowed from his mouth as he spoke to his classes. No book, or library, could better compile and synthesize the encyclopedic knowledge about subject matter that poured through the mind of this teacher. Living information is much more dynamic than literature or the laboratory.

Living knowledge is information that comes out of living experience. Phrases like, "I was there," "I saw," "I heard," "This happened to me," are the great phrases of an informed teacher, especially those teachers who are instructing the young prospective missionary or minister. Our Bible college and Bible institute teachers are persons who have been trained in the field of experience as well as knowledge.

Information from books becomes communicable when it is transmitted through a life. It is human personality, inspired by the love of God, that can

fountain forth truth in such a stimulating way that the mind of the student drinks the truth and it becomes a part of him.

A Teacher Is Inspiration

E. S. is one of the best instructors I know. He is fast in action. To see him in action and know his teaching are an inspiration, for his teaching and performance are complementary. It cannot be said that he knows facts but cannot act.

Knowledge and performance together form the real inspiration to great learning. The confidence of the student is full when he sees his instructor fulfilling his own instruction. In some cases people cannot *do*; therefore, they teach. Happy is the school which has great teachers who are also great doers, for real teaching is real living. No one can change the life of another through teaching if he has not changed his own life through learning.

Bible college teachers like E. S. are a demonstration of their commitment to Christ through their "second-mile" and "third-mile" dedication and service. It is no wonder so many of our pioneer churches come from young ministers who blaze a trail in new communities. They have learned a ministry of truth and service from such teachers as E. S. in our Bible colleges.

More Than a Teacher: Jesus

Jesus is the Redeemer. His life was given for His "own." To truly enter into the redemptive work of Christ, each person must give himself. On this great truth rests the highest principle of effective teaching.

Whoever will lose his life for others,

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will "find" it in those for whom he loses it. Such is the joy of every Bible college instructor. They see the fruit of their sacrifices in the souls who have been won, the mission stations manned, the churches built.

Every Bible college teacher has the secret joy of saying, "That missionary, that minister, was in my class." What a joy! And everyone who shares in our schools shares the fruitful ministry of each student.

Teachers in the schools of the Assemblies of God are influence, information, inspiration, and—! ◀◀

"Dynamics of Pentecost" to Be Theme of Chicago Convention

Speakers for the convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, to be held in Chicago, Ill., October 31 through November 2, 1961, will follow the theme, "Dynamics of Pentecost."

The three-day convention will meet in Moody Memorial Church. Approximately 4,000 persons are expected to attend the various sessions.

Speaking on Tuesday, October 31, will be Everett P. Fulton, president of Open Bible College, Des Moines, Iowa. His subject will be, "The Dynamics of Spiritual Unity." J. Robert Ashcroft, president of CBI and Evangel College, Springfield, Mo., will speak on "The Dynamics of Divine Love."

Charles W. Conn, editor-in-chief of Church of God publications, Cleveland,

Tenn., will preach on "The Dynamics of Spiritual Gifts." Kenneth W. Erickson's theme will be, "The Dynamics of Witnessing"; he is pastor of the Foursquare Church in Decatur, Ill.

The Tuesday night service will be a Youth Rally. The speaker, Howard P. Courtney, general supervisor of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Los Angeles, Calif., will bring a report on "Pentecost in Jerusalem."

Morning and afternoon speakers on Wednesday, November 1, will be the chairman of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, Walter E. McAlister, of Toronto, Canada; and R. Bryant Mitchell, general chairman of the Open Bible Standard Churches, Des Moines, Iowa.

At 8 P.M. the pastor of the Moody Memorial Church, Dr. Alan Redpath, will address the convention on the theme, "The Dynamics of Apostolic Revival."

Featured speakers on Thursday, November 2, will be William H. Turner, executive secretary of the Pentecostal Holiness Church board of foreign missions, Franklin Springs, Ga.; and James L. Slay, Church of God state superintendent, Salem, Va.

The concluding service will be at 8 P.M. Thursday. The speaker will be Thomas F. Zimmerman, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Mo. whose subject will be, "The Dynamics of Twentieth-Century Pentecost."

Delegates from the 14,000 member churches will make North Park Hotel, Chicago, their headquarters during the convention. There are twelve Pentecostal denominations in the fellowship.

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Sunday's Lesson

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GOD USES SAMUEL

Sunday School Lesson for September 10, 1961

1 SAMUEL 3:1-14

A careful reading of 1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22-36 will reveal terrible conditions existing in Israel: (1) The ministry of a corrupt priesthood. (2) The administration of a weak high priest. (3) The pressure of powerful enemies. (4) The scarcity of prophetic revelation. "The word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision." God's Word was not getting through to the people, thus leaving them in spiritual darkness. (5) The lack of political unity. But God had been preparing a leader to meet the need of the hour and lead the people to God.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CALL (1 Samuel 3:7).

Even Samuel could not get by on the spiritual experience of his mother! Up to this time, all that he knew about the Lord he had learned from his parents and from Eli. And to this knowledge he had surely been faithful (1 Samuel 2:11, 21, 26), in a time of general unfaithfulness, immorality, and infidelity of the priests.

Now Samuel must have a definite personal experience with the Lord himself. As one who was to be a prophet, he must know God's voice, be sensitive to God's Spirit, and get his messages first hand. There is a danger among us of depending upon our parents, church, environment, intellectual knowledge of the Bible, to the neglect of a living and vital personal relationship with the Lord. Pentecost is more than a label; it is a relationship with Christ through the Spirit!

THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE CALL (1 Samuel 3:2, 3).

Samuel received his call in the Temple where he had been faithfully performing his daily duties. It seems that he was the confidential servant of the high priest, sleeping near him, and in the habit of receiving directions from him.

1. *God called Samuel while he was young.* Josephus the historian reckons him to have been about twelve at this time. How easily we forget that children have great spiritual capacities! Recently the writer of this page had the thrilling privilege of seeing missionary approval given to a consecrated young man who had been saved at the age of nine, when the writer told the story of Sammy Morris in a children's service. How carefully we ought to encourage and develop the spiritual potentialities of our boys and girls.

2. *God called Samuel during the night.* (1) God calls at unlikely times. It was after Samuel had gone to bed thinking that the day's work was over that the call of God came. At such an hour as we think not God may wish to call us to some needed service—will we be ready? (2) God calls when the din and confusion of the day is over. "The soul opens its doors to listen when the sounds which attack the senses are not heard."

THE MANNER OF THE CALL (1 Samuel 3:4-6, 8).

1. *Samuel was called by name.* This indicates that the Lord had a special knowledge of his character and a special

claim to his service. Is this not, in a sense, true of all of us? Compare John 10:3; Genesis 22:1; Exodus 3:4; Daniel 10:11.

2. *The call was repeated four times.* Samuel as yet had not learned to recognize the voice of God. Spiritual dullness and insensibility to spiritual things often make it necessary for God to speak repeatedly. As we grow in the Lord, however, we cultivate a sensitiveness to God's voice.

THE OBEDIENCE TO THE CALL (1 Samuel 3:10).

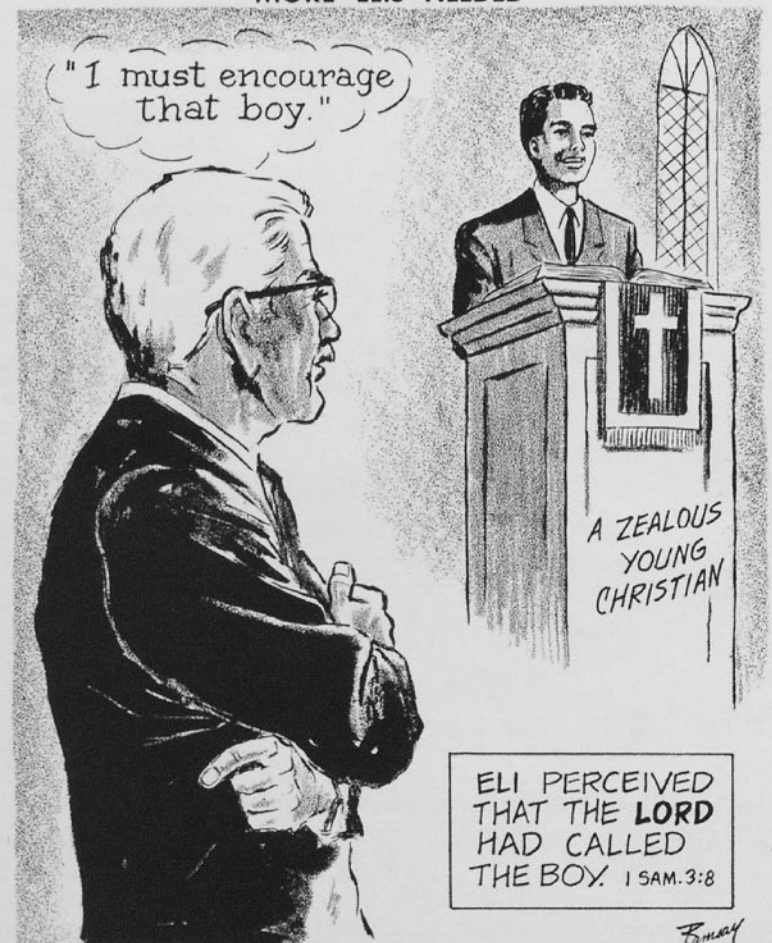
Dull Eli finally realized that the Lord was speaking to Samuel and instructed him. Three times Samuel had his rest disturbed and yet each time he was prompt in his response to what he thought was Eli's voice. Surely he had learned already to subdue two difficult things—his body and his temper!

1. *There is a need for teaching children to obey God.* Eli did not hear the voice in the Temple but he did tell Samuel how to interpret and answer that voice. There is a lesson for all parents here. Says Maclaren, "God calls each child in our homes as truly as He did Samuel. From each the same obedience is asked. Let parents see to it that they think rightly of their work, and aim at nothing short of helping their children to hear and respond to the call of God."

2. *Samuel's response was a life-long consecration.* "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth." For fifty years he faithfully served his people; and when he prepared to retire from public life, he challenged the people to put a finger on anything wrong in his life or administration. Samuel had finished his course. He had kept the faith. He had been obedient to the consecration made during his childhood.

—J. Bashford Bishop

MORE 'ELIS' NEEDED





South of the Border in '62

THEY WILL BE COMING BY AUTOMOBILE, train, chartered bus, and plane. At the invitation of the Assemblies of God of Mexico, several thousand Pentecostal youth from North and South America will converge on delightful Mexico City next August to open the First International Christ's Ambassadors Convention.

There has never been anything like it. District C.A. activities are a regular feature in the United States—and there have even been national conventions on occasion—but never has there been an *international* convention for our youth! And this convention gives substance to the national C.A. theme for 1962, "Year of Mission."

The National C.A. Department, assisted by several other groups at General Council Headquarters in Springfield, Mo., has worked in close cooperation with the missionary and national personnel of Mexico to prepare for the "ICAC." The carefully-laid plans of three years will come to blazing life as the youth of two continents blend languages in praise to God at the convention site in Mexico City, August 14-17, 1962. A variety of services and activities have been planned, beginning Tuesday night and concluding Friday night. Devotional and instructional meetings will be conducted in both English and Spanish.

And there will be *inspiration!* For American C.A.'s, meeting Christian youth from far-away places will be thrilling. C.A.'s from the United States will be visiting a foreign mission field for the very first time. They will see missions in action. The Latin American Orphanage, National Bible schools, and mission stations are within a short distance of the capital city. Speed-the-Light equipment will acquire vivid meaning. Pagan superstition on every side will point sharply to deep human need. Such firsthand observation will burn indelible impressions on young minds, kindling fresh missionary vision. C.A.'s who attend the ICAC will never be the same again.



By BILL MENZIES



The convention will be *instructive*. Latin American countries, long dominated by the Roman church, have been convulsed in the past twenty years not only by social and political revolutions but by spiritual revolution as well. A striking phenomenon has been the remarkable growth of Pentecostalism in these countries. In the wake of this spectacular revival, thousands of Pentecostal Latin young people have cried for organizational aids and instructive literature. A major thrust of the Mexico City Conference is to provide practical assistance to youth leaders, placing in their hands carefully-prepared youth program materials in Spanish. These tools, now being prepared, will be an enduring result of the ICAC.

Mexico City boasts many natural attractions. Situated 7500 feet above sea level in the beautiful central highlands, the temperature never reaches 90 de-

grees; even in August the nights are cool. This bristling modern metropolis of 4½ million is at the center of breathtaking archaeological, historical, and geographical wonders. A kaleidoscope of vivid contrasts promises to make the afternoon sight-seeing tours a colorful dimension for alert teen-age visitors to the ICAC.

What will it cost? Actually, accommodations in Mexico are surprisingly inexpensive. Travel costs will vary, depending on distances involved and the type of transportation. The only charge in connection with the convention itself is a small registration fee.

Crossing the border requires some advance planning. There are important details that prospective conventioners *must* have. August is Mexico's busiest tourist season—so it is imperative that you write *now* for information. Use the handy coupon on this page. ◀◀

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Nebraska Assemblies Release Revivaltime on Lexington Station

By LESTER W. DICKINSON
Nebraska District Superintendent



Lester W. Dickinson

I FEEL REVIVALTIME IS ONE OF THE answers to the prayer which has been upon my heart for a number of years.

The ranch areas of Nebraska, covering hundreds of square miles, contain scores of families with no church home. Many of them live miles from any church. Often as I have driven through the ranch country my heart has been burdened, and I have wondered how

we in Nebraska could ever reach these people. I believe *Revivaltime* is going to meet a real need in these rural areas.

For a number of years I have felt KRVN, a 25,000-watt station in Lexington, was the strategic station over which to release *Revivaltime* in our state. It is strategic in that it is beamed to cover the greater part of Nebraska, plus parts of Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, and South Dakota. In some areas of Nebraska, particularly in the ranch country, KRVN is virtually the only station which comes in clearly.

During March of this year, I felt God was directing us to inquire into the possibility of releasing *Revivaltime* over KRVN. I visited Bill Freeman, one of our own Assemblies of God men and an announcer for the radio station. He assured me he would look into the matter. Within a few days I had word from Brother Freeman that time was available and the station would carry *Revivaltime*.

In a survey of our district we found some areas where stations releasing *Revivaltime* overlapped in their cover-

age, while other areas were not receiving *Revivaltime* at all. By discontinuing two other stations and adding KRVN, our district will receive a far greater coverage than before.

We prepared this data and presented it to our district council in session last April. The ministers attending the district council enthusiastically endorsed this change in releasing *Revivaltime*.

As *Revivaltime* went out for its first airing over KRVN on Sunday morning, June 4, there was praise in my heart for this God-given opportunity to bring the gospel to many who have not heard this full-gospel message.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Nebraska is currently leading the nation in percentage of churches giving to *Revivaltime*. During the first six months of the year, 65 per cent of the Assemblies of God churches in Nebraska gave regularly to this radio ministry. With a concerted effort by the pastors, they have been able to "blanket" their district with the *Revivaltime* broadcast. Your prayer and support can help not only to "blanket" Nebraska but also to take this ministry to "blank" areas where *Revivaltime* is not heard. Write today to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.



Bill Freeman, production director at Station KRVN

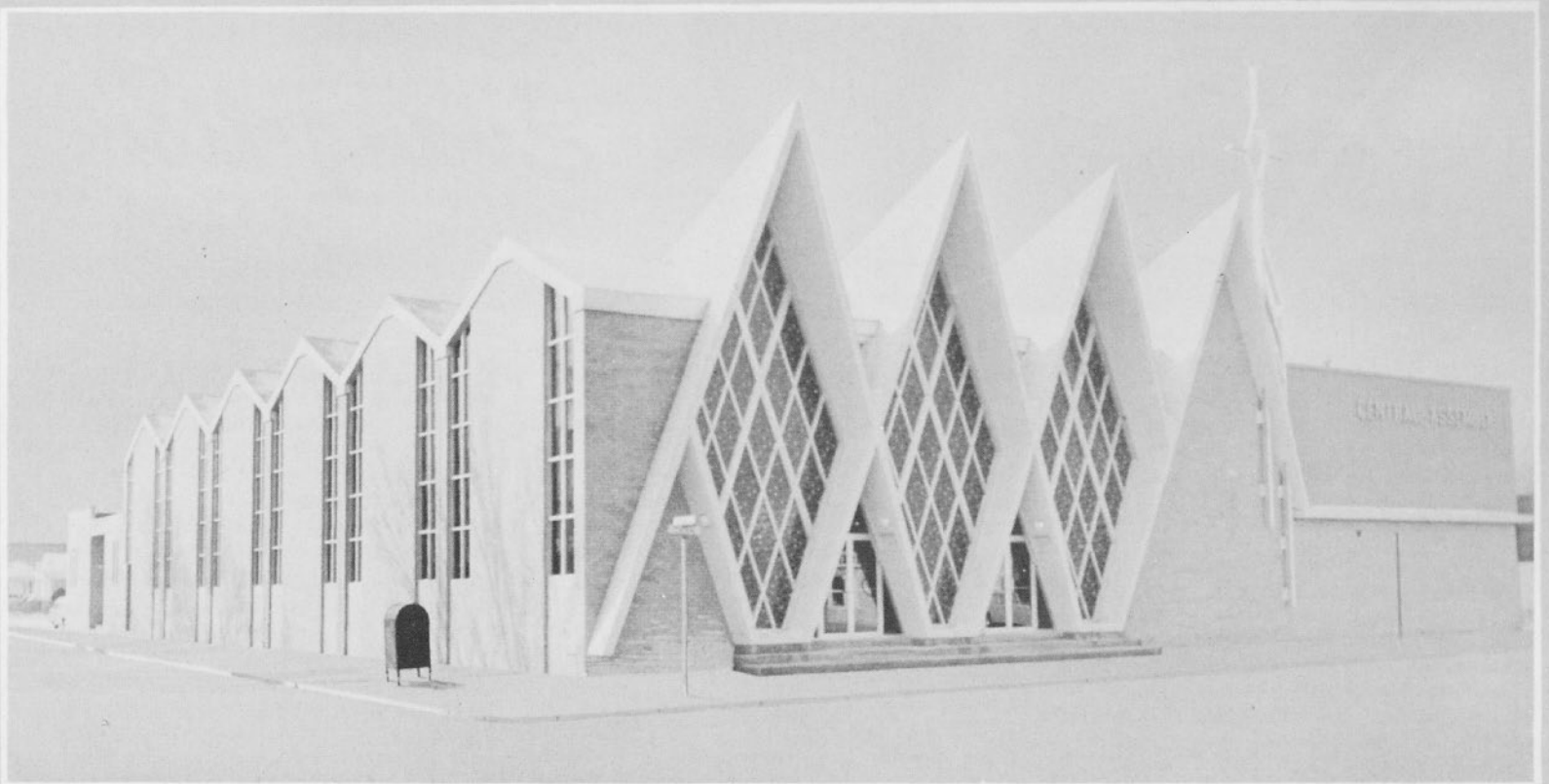


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KRVN Transmitter

Revivaltime is now released over this station at Lexington, Nebr.



The new Central Assembly is of contemporary design

New Church Dedicated at Wichita, Kansas

Central Assembly of God in Wichita, Kansas, recently moved into the beautiful new sanctuary located at 2225 East Central. General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman of Springfield, Mo., delivered the dedicatory sermon.

Pastor Victor Trimmer reports that the new auditorium seats over 1000. The total floor space including Sunday school facilities is 39,000 square feet. Among the unusual features of the building are the diamond-shaped windows of cathedral trop-

icel in the entry and the fifty-foot clear span wood folded plate roof design.

The building is furnished with the very latest type of Sunday school equipment throughout. Visitors find it to be a model plant for a departmentalized Sunday school.

The off-street parking facilities, paved and lighted, will accommodate 130 cars.

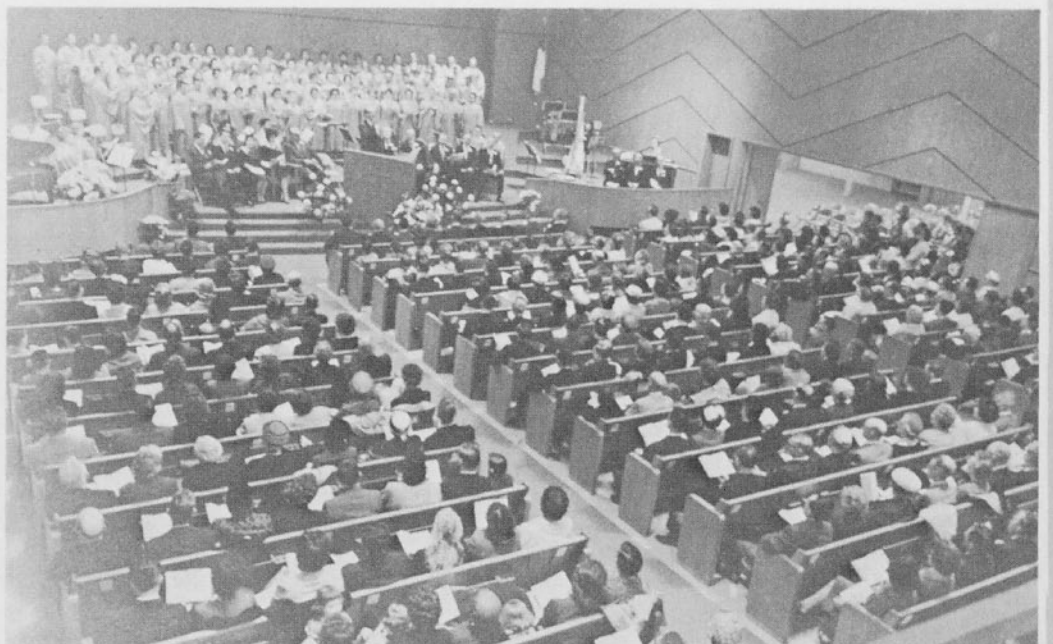
Former pastors of Central Assembly were: Charles E. Peak (1944-46), Paul Greisen (1947), and J. Boyd Wolverton (1947-1958).

Brother Trimmer says they have had the joy of seeing over 200 saved at Central Assembly since the new church was occupied. There has been an average of 90 visitors per Sunday since the dedication.

During the past summer there were 667 enrolled in Vacation Bible School. Attendance at Sunday school averaged 691 during the recent four-month period. God is blessing the church in an unusual way and many have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.



Pastor Victor Trimmer



Over 1300 were present at the dedication service



Spotlight on Evangelism

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

► MEXICO, MO.—On June 25 the Tanner Team from Wilmar, Minn. concluded a very successful revival at the Assembly of God here. Several were saved and some received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Good crowds attended the services each night.

—Merle J. White, Pastor

► ABILENE, TEX.—A week of meetings with a Deeper Life emphasis brought great blessing to the folk at Bethel Temple here. Each evening Evangelist Irye Townsend preached on a different phase of the theme, "Christ on the cross."

—Wilson G. Estes, Pastor

► OPELOUSA, LA.—First Assembly recently witnessed a glorious move of the Spirit of God during a revival with Evangelist Charles W. Hyde of Vidor, Tex. One night four individuals were filled with the Holy Spirit. This church, as well as neighboring churches, was spiritually inspired through the meetings. The anointed preaching, special music, and the children's sessions brought great blessing. —Johnnie F. Davis, Pastor

► ROCKAWAY, N. J.—Revival continues at first Assembly following special services with the Bender Team of Pittsburgh, Pa. From the very first night sinners were saved and believers filled with the Holy Spirit. In all, 30 came forward for salvation and 19 were baptized in the Holy Spirit. As a result of the anointed preaching the congregation was stirred to go out and do things for the Lord in a greater way than ever before. The congregation was greatly inspired through the special organ music.—Levi L. Storms, Pastor

► HOLLY HILL, FLA.—Sunday school attendance reached an all-time high of 132 at Holly Heights Assembly during a revival conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Joe Ronsisvalle. At the close of the meeting ten persons followed the Lord in water baptism. Many healings were recorded during one of the Friday evening services. It was at this time that a young man ran from the church as a message was being given in tongues. Later, this man testified that he was saved at 2:30 the following morning as a result of that message which he felt had been just for him and from which he could not escape.

—James T. Galligan, Pastor

► COATESVILLE, PA.—An outpouring of the Holy Spirit has been in evidence here at Full Gospel Church since last November. Though no special evangelist has been engaged, the congregation is being visited with an outstanding holiness revival. Thus far, 43 have accepted Christ as Saviour, ten backsliders have been reclaimed, and 39 believers have been filled with the Holy Spirit. Numerous healings have been reported; one man was miraculously healed of a broken back. God saved him and brought his entire family into

the church, filling his wife and four children with the Holy Ghost.

In a year's time the average Sunday school attendance has tripled and two buses have been added for use in the Sunday school, as well as in the church and young people's meetings. One year ago there were no young people's meetings in the church. Now, in answer to prayer, there are more than 50 youth in attendance every Friday night. They also attend practically every service, and God is using them in the manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

God delivered an alcoholic for whom the church had been praying for some time, and filled him and his wife with the Holy Spirit. Now he, his wife, and children attend church regularly.

Just prior to commencement some of the students from E. B. I. came to hold services. There was a glorious move of the Spirit of God during the altar service as young people and adults sang, shouted, prayed, and danced in the Spirit. The church here is reveling in this holiness revival.—C. E. Strauser, Pastor

► MCKINNEY, TEX.—A most successful three-week revival has just been concluded at the Full Gospel Assembly of God with the Leon Bayless Evangelistic Team. The moving of the Holy Spirit was pre-eminent during the campaign. Six individuals were saved, a large number were reclaimed, ten received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many were refilled. The sick and afflicted received a definite healing touch of God. Ten were baptized in water and 16 united with the church. The congregation is sincerely grateful for God's visitation upon His people.

—Earl J. Rogers, Pastor

► WALLA WALLA, WASH.—The Assembly of God here experienced a time of real spiritual refreshing during the two weeks of meetings concluded on June 4 with Evangelist Cornelius Eylander of Everett, Wash. There was a good response to the faith-building messages from the Word of God. Twenty-two received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—Leonard J. Philp, Pastor

► CANTON, OHIO—A very outstanding meeting has just been concluded at Bethel Temple with "The Musical Vanns" of Toledo, Ohio. There were at least 35 decisions for Christ. The entire meeting was well attended and the week-night crowds were well above average. Over 125 first-timers attended the church during the short nine-night meeting.

—Robert M. Graber, Pastor

► FITZGERALD, GA.—Approximately 125 visitors attended the Assembly of God here during a three-week revival with Evangelist Ronald Jackson of Charleston, S. C. Several found Christ as Saviour. This was, indeed, an encouragement to this new Assembly. Revival fires continue to burn in the hearts of the people.

—C. A. Parker, Pastor

► CLAYBURN, B.C., CANADA—The ministry of Evangelist Virgil and Edythe Warrens of Fullerton, Calif. was singularly blessed of God during the Fraser Valley Pentecostal camp meeting for boys and girls. A total of 279 children were registered. The power of God was witnessed from the opening service as children were "slain under the power." Fifty-five received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. As soon as they were filled they began to pray for others who were seeking. Many others were refilled with the Holy



A record-breaking Sunday school attendance of 550 was set at Bethel Temple in Canton, Ohio, during meetings with "The Musical Vanns." (Robert Graber is pastor)

Spirit. About 75 testified to accepting Christ as Saviour.

—F. A. Kaiser, Pastor & Camp Dir.

OMAHA CHURCH 25 YEARS OLD

Glad Tidings Assembly at 19th and Cass Streets, Omaha, Nebraska, is 25 years old. The church observed its silver anniversary with special missionary services August 6, at which Brother and Sister Murray Brown of Togo, West Africa, were the featured speakers.

Pastor L. E. King pioneered the work and has remained in Omaha all these years. Prior to 1936 there had been two efforts to get an Assemblies of God church started in the city but both groups only lasted a short while.

Services began in a former Methodist basement church with 21 in Sunday school. God blessed the tent services held on the church lot for six weeks and a congregation was formed. In November 1936 the group rented a former Lutheran church building. Five years later they purchased this building in which they continue to worship at the present time. Considerable work and remodeling has been done through the years.

Recently the church voted to purchase an apartment building across the street for Sunday school expansion. This meets an urgent need.

God has given Brother and Sister King and their coworkers a bountiful spiritual harvest during the past 25 years. Many have been led to Christ and have experienced His saving, healing, and baptizing power. Twelve young people from the congregation have gone out into full-time gospel ministry. About \$50,000 has been given to world missions thus far. Sunday school attendance this year promises to set a new record for the yearly average.

"God surely has helped us," says Brother King. "We give Him the glory for what has been accomplished and look forward to greater victories in the future should Jesus tarry."

ANNOUNCEMENT

FIFTH ANNUAL HOMECOMING—Sept. 3 at First Assembly of God, Porterville, Calif. Eugene Williams, former pastor, guest speaker.—by Floyd Cagle, Pastor.

WITH CHRIST

GEORGE H. BRISTER, 55, Rosamond, Calif., passed into the presence of his Lord on July 17. In 1938 he was ordained in the Texico District. At the time of his Homegoing he was a member of the Southern California District. Brother Brister served as pastor and evangelist. Pastorates served were Alamagordo, N. Mex., Palm City, Homeland, and Rosamond, Calif. He is survived by his wife and two children.

VELIA V. ELDRIDGE, 70, of San Antonio, Tex., went to be with the Lord May 20. Ordained in 1939 in the Texas District, Sister Eldridge had served as pastor and evangelist through the years. Pastorates held were in Terrell Wells and San Antonio, Tex. She is survived by her husband.

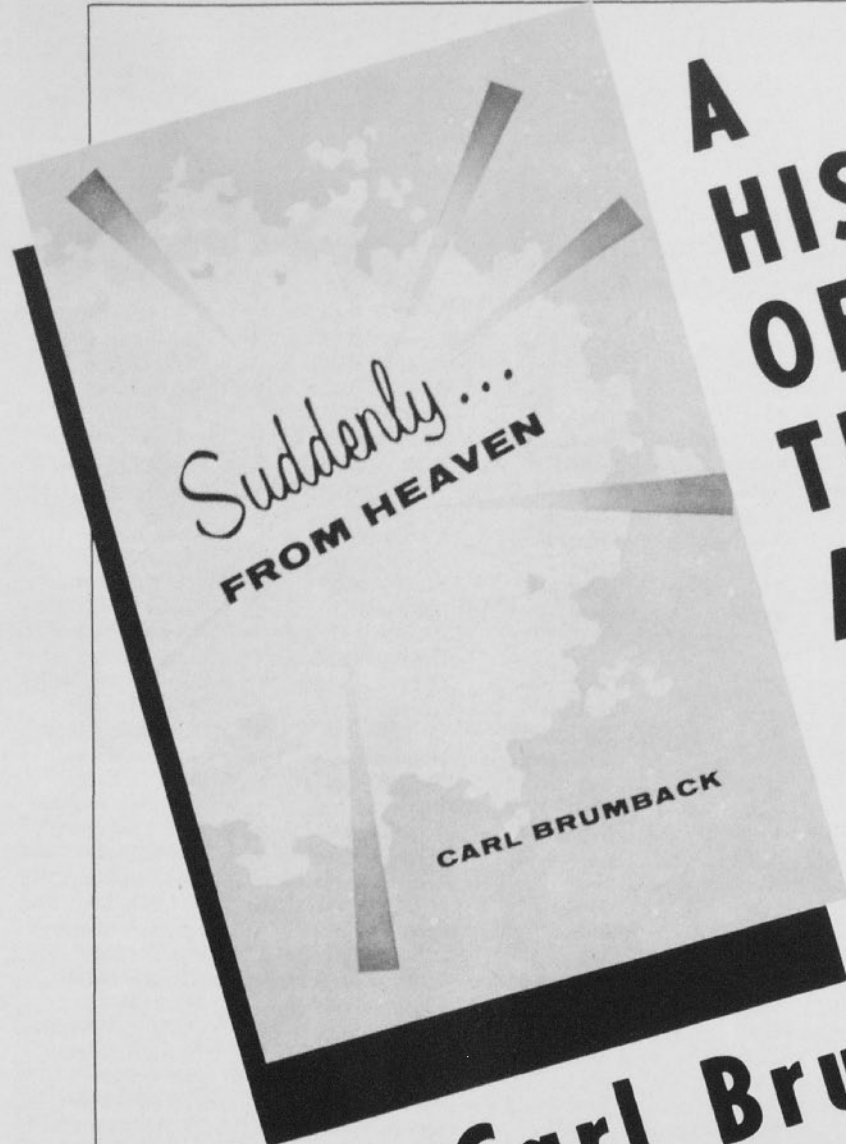
EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Bessemer	Garywood	Sept. 10-24	M. O. Bruce	L. R. Self
	Warrior	A/G	Sept. 5-17	John Eller	George E. Skipper
Alaska	North Pole	A/G	Sept. 5-17	Lloyd Perera	Ralph Miller
Ark.	Strong	A/G	Aug. 27-Sept. 10	Vincent Roccaforte	Raymond Rowland
Calif.	Anderson	A/G	Sept. 3-17	John A. Stallings	J. W. Wien
	Colton	* A/G	Sept. 5-10	Ralph & Edith Coe	Thomas Benvenuti
	Crescent City	A/G	Aug. 30-Sept. 10	Fisher-Cheek Team	D. L. Rhodes
	Cupertino	Monta Vista	Sept. 3-17	Carl & Edna Goodwin	H. Russell Baker
	Farmersville	A/G	Sept. 3—	David O. Bunch	Jess L. Higginbotham
	Grover City	A/G	Sept. 5-17	Orrin & Ann Kingsriter	Joe Olson
	Hayfork	A/G	Sept. 5—	Gene Hensley	D. D. Nelson
	Northridge	* A/G	Sept. 12-17	Ralph & Edith Coe	Ralph Lotridge
	Paramount	First	Sept. 3-17	Charles T. Crabtree	T. S. Singleton
	San Bernardino	N. Loma Linda	Sept. 10-24	Don & Pat Hall	J. P. Williams
	Stockton	Calvary Tab.	Sept. 3-17	Watson Argue	Leonard H. Rogers
Colo.	Clifton	A/G	Sept. 10—	W. O. & Mrs. Ziegler	J. E. Austell
Fla.	Jacksonville	Riverview	Sept. 5-17	Paul Alessi	A. B. Wainwright
Ga.	Atlanta	Northwest	Sept. 3-17	J. I. Carroll	M. G. Barfield
	Clinchfield	First	Sept. 17—	Nettie Parham	Russell Peavy
	La Grange	First	Sept. 6-17	Roger Wood	S. L. Broadhead
	Rome	First	Sept. 10—	Bob Rich	Armando Valdez
Ill.	Chicago	The Stone Church	Sept. 10-24	Wallace S. Bragg	Ernest C. Sumrall
Iowa	Bettendorf	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 11—	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	Edna Watson
	Davenport	El Bethel	Sept. 18—	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	Ralph E. McCaulley
	Gray	A/G	Sept. 5-17	Larry Allbaugh	Wayne Jameson
	Ottumwa	First Pentecostal	Sept. 10-24	The Musical "Vanns"	Stanton E. Johnson
	Webster City	** First	Sept. 5-17	Norman & Mrs. Hays	Norman Benwig
La.	Venice	A/G	Sept. 10—	Don R. Logan	Gayle D. Erwin
Mass.	Leominster	** A/G	Aug. 27-Sept. 8	Victor Etienne	Woodrow Fletcher
Mich.	Bay City	First	Sept. 5-17	Arnold & Anita Segesman	C. A. Davenport
	Berkley	A/G	Sept. 5-12	William Farrand	Dan Kolenda
	Detroit	Evangel	Sept. 12—	John Higginbotham	Fred Smolchuck
	Detroit	Southfield	Sept. 10-17	L. G. (Buddy) Creel	R. L. Clark
	Manistee	A/G	Sept. 12-24	Robert J. Price	Harold Ausbury
	Sturgis	A/G	Sept. 5-17	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	Don Matthews
Minn.	Minneapolis	Fremont Tab.	Sept. 10-24	Arthur & Anna Berg	Harry M. Myers
Miss.	Caledonia	Stateline	Aug. 28-Sept. 10	Douglas Bartlett	Wages Hollis
Mo.	Bolivar	A/G	Sept. 3-17	James C. Wynegar	Clarence Wiegand
	Jefferson City	First	Sept. 17-Oct. 1	Bonnie M. Ruble	Norman Brewer
	Kansas City	Central	Sept. 17-Oct. 1	Jimmie Parrack	Paul Brewer
	St. James	A/G	Sept. 10-24	Glenna Byard	T. B. Conway
	St. Louis	Evangel Temple	Sept. 5—	Jim Chandonnet	Walter Barrett
	Springfield	Central	Sept. 10—	Bobby Green	J. L. McQueen
Mont.	Baker	A/G	Sept. 5-17	Dave Eide	Robert M. Bryant
	Culbertson	A/G	Sept. 10-22	Charles Senechal	Marvin Eldridge
Nebr.	Ogallalla	A/G	Sept. 17—	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	Clyde Buck
	Red Cloud	A/G	Sept. 5—	Robert A. Paul	Earl Fread
	Scottsbluff	First	Sept. 3—	L. H. Sheets Family	Milo Harmon
N. J.	Freehold	Georgia	Sept. 5-17	Oren Paris	Walter Pierce
	Mt. Ephraim	Bethel Tab.	Sept. 17-Oct. 1	Oren Paris	Ernest E. Edwards
N. Y.	Richmond Hill	** Bethlehem	Sept. 12-17	Joe Villanova	William J. Behr
N. Dak.	Grand Forks	A/G	Sept. 12-24	The Grabans	W. L. Serdahl
	Tioga	A/G	Sept. 5-17	Evelyn Glosser	Joseph Syverson
Ohio	Delaware	Calvary	Sept. 8-10	Olshevski Musical Tm.	Robert Howard
	Sandusky	Pentecostal	Sept. 3-17	G. A. Snavelly Team	A. L. Garlock
Okla.	Collinsville	A/G	Sept. 5-17	Billy D. Guthrie	C. H. Miller
	Jay	A/G	Sept. 5—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	H. F. Durbin
	Lindsay	First	Sept. 17-Oct. 1	E. E. Hembree	G. W. Hathcock
	Putnam City	AG	Sept. 12-17	Bobby Green	Don Rippey
	Tecumseh	A/G	Sept. 10-24	E. L. & Mrs. Surratt	Robert P. Rider
Oreg.	Milwaukie	A/G	Sept. 3-17	Bill & Mrs. McPherson	Bennie R. Harris
	Prineville	First	Sept. 12-24	O. E. Vaale	N. E. Ravan
Pa.	Allentown	First	Sept. 5-17	Ralph Bender Team	Albert D. Skymer
	Canonsburg	Glad Tidings Tab.	Sept. 5-17	Leon Morrow	Robert H. Shipp
	Daisytown	Walkertown	Sept. 5-10	A. A. Swift	Robert Clayton
	Daisytown	Walkertown	Sept. 12-17	Olshevski Musical Tm.	Robert Clayton
	Hollidaysburg	Tabernacle	Sept. 12-17	A. A. Swift	Hayes Stauffer, Jr.
S. Dak.	Sioux Falls	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 10-17	Louise Nankivell	Andrew S. Teuber
Tex.	Dallas	Grace	Sept. 17-Oct. 1	Leon & Ann Bayless	Fred Davis
	Victoria	First	Sept. 10-24	Mike Wright Family	D. L. Blackburn
Wash.	Sumner	A/G	Sept. 5-17	Gaidies-Wagner Team	R. F. Ashworth
Wis.	La Crosse	First	Sept. 12-24	Garfield J. Unruh	Donald K. Skaggs
	Milwaukee	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 10—	Louis & LaVerne Roggow	Harvey L. Flaherty
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When the Fire of the Lord Fell

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Mohammedism, materialism, and intellectualism are demanding to be heard. The world demands proof, and rightly so, of the presence of our God among us. Even the false religions have a perfect right to demand from us a sign and evidence of the supernatural.

Every age must have its own proof of the majesty and power of God in the Church of Jesus Christ.

It is not enough to give witness of God's power in days gone by. The unbelieving world wants to see a living demonstration of the power of God today. We cannot inherit the evidences; we must produce them. Elijah did not just remind the people of the wonders that God had wrought for their fathers in delivering them from the power of Pharaoh. He did not remind them of the miracles of the Red Sea and of Jordan. No! The past is dead and buried. We can delve into the past for instruction and inspiration, but we must not live there. We must serve and worship a God of an up-to-date experience—a God who is working mightily now. The cry goes up around us, "Where is the God of Israel today?" Every age demands its own proof and we must supply it for our own.

God's people must have the fire of God in their midst.

The Church was born in the fire and in the fire only can she live and conquer. Without the fire of God she is a poor sickly thing. Without the fire of God she lies helpless on the battlefield. Our opportunities to evangelize were never so glorious. Our tasks were never so great. But at this momentous crisis in world history we stagger helplessly amid it all. Many of us have lost our note of authority, the secret of our wisdom, the might of miracles, because of our woeful neglect of the Spirit of God. We possess a theology of the Spirit but have little consciousness of His presence and power.

It is useless to advertise the banquet if there is nothing to eat. It is useless to call the people if the living Christ is not in the midst of us. It is His presence that makes the feast. The energy of the flesh can promote amusements, organize programs, and raise millions of dollars for the work of the Lord, but it is the presence of the

Holy Spirit that makes a person or place the Temple of the living God. Our palatial buildings which we think suggest progress are no criterion that the living God is among us.

Oh, for the fire of God to fall today! If we have not the fire of God, nothing else counts. Sound orthodoxy is not enough. We must have the fire of God in our ministry. All the gifts which the Spirit brought at Pentecost are at our disposal today. The Holy Spirit is ready to work in and through us so that we may go forth to the world as representatives of Jesus Christ who is risen and glorified.

The men and women whom God uses are the men and women who have been disciplined by Him in the secret places. The prophet was hidden by God that he might be manifested by Him. Before God could say to him, "Go show thyself," He had to say to him, "Go hide thyself." This man lived in the very presence of God. In one sense he never left it. His watchword was, "As the Lord God of Israel liveth before whom

I stand" (1 Kings 17:1; 18:15). Through hours of meditation and communion he became an intimate of the Almighty. Elijah's credentials and authority came from his association with Jehovah.

Let us notice also that Elijah's offering upon the altar was a complete one.

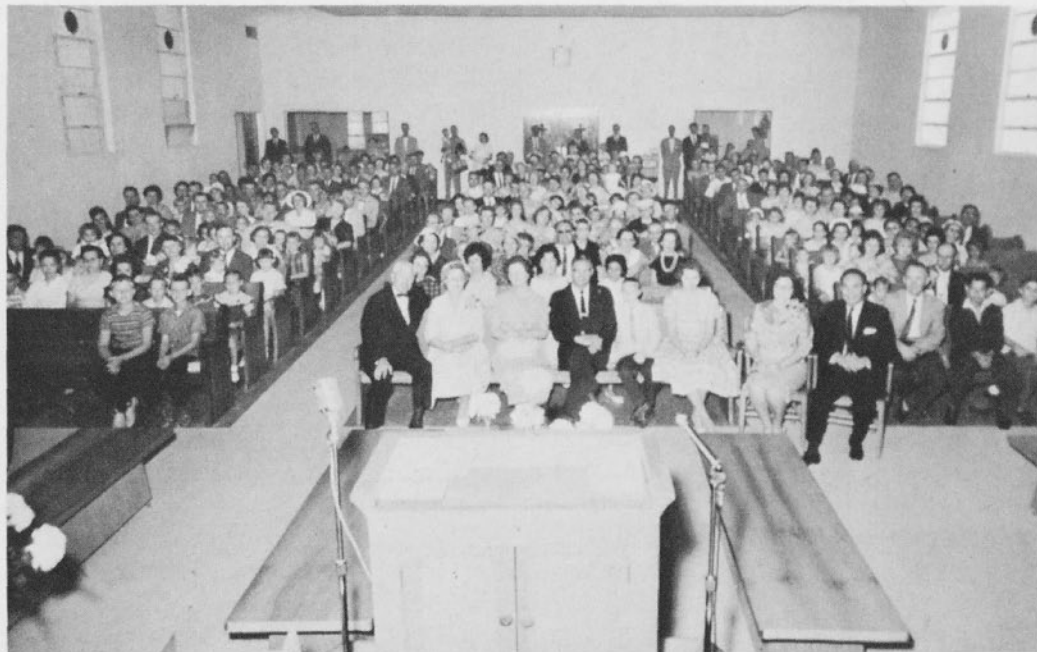
The fire was given in response to the prayer of an utterly yielded soul. After repairing the altar, God's servant offered a *burnt offering* upon it.

Now the burnt offering was a peculiar offering in that it was completely consumed upon the altar. It was the only offering in which the victim was offered in every part, the inward as well as the outward—the fat, kidneys, liver, and all. So Elijah was reminding God that he himself was willing to be wholly consumed by the fire. The whole of his life, the outward as well as the inward, was put there in that great act of his.

There was a day when Bramwell Booth went to his father, the salvation Army General, to explain to him that the physicians could do nothing more for his eyes.

"I shall never see your face again?"

"No, probably not in this world," was
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EL PASO CHURCH MARKS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The First Assembly of God Church in El Paso, Tex., celebrated its thirtieth anniversary on Pentecost Sunday with appropriate services. Pastor William F. Hageman was in charge of the arrangements.

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From this church have sprung other Assemblies of God churches and Pentecostal missions in the El Paso area. The original congregation continues to grow and prosper under the hand of God.

the answer. The General's hand moved slowly across the counterpane until it grasped his son's. Then he said, "God knows best. Bramwell, I have done what I could for God and for the people with my eyes. Now I shall do what I can without my eyes."

The fire of God will never fall upon an empty altar.

There is an altar before every one of us. If you have not placed yourself in utter abandonment upon that altar, the fire cannot descend. How many Christian workers try to deceive themselves and God by offering a partial surrender. They have so many reservations which God cannot accept; it is only when these are abandoned that God will answer their prayer. *God only answers the prayer of desperate men.*

When the fire fell it seized, penetrated, possessed, and triumphed over everything.

Now this is what the fire of God does in our lives—it burns up everything before it, the resistance of the enemy and the rubbish in the people of God. The fire of God is devastating in its penetration and possession. That is why revival, when it comes, brings drastic consequences.

In some parts of Africa the grass grows from twelve to fifteen feet high. Fire is set to this long grass regularly, for if the old grass is left it prevents the growth of the new. So it is in the Church. There are things that stand in the way of new growth, new life, new power and new victory, and so there must come the scorching fire to burn those hindering things out of the way. Oh, how much rubbish there is in our lives! Whatever is of no use to God in our lives is rubbish. Whatever does not glorify God in our lives is rubbish. There is no use for you to cry to God for the fire unless you are prepared for it to penetrate every department of your life and burn up all the dross of sin and selfish ambitions.

The purpose of the fire was not to advertise Elijah nor in the final analysis to vindicate him.

It did vindicate him, but that was not the purpose of the fire. The fire was sent to glorify God. You cannot exploit the fire of the Holy Spirit for

any personal gain. The "Spirit of burning" will not come to advertise an individual, organization, or movement. He will come only to glorify the precious Christ of God. Elijah had one burning desire and that was the glory of his God. Let this be our only ambition, and we may pray with confidence, "Let the fire fall," knowing that Elijah's God still lives today and answers the prayers of His servants.

Courage to Witness

A Christian man was doing business with a lawyer in St. Louis. As he was leaving he hesitatingly said, "I have often wanted to ask you a question but I have been a coward."

"Why," replied the lawyer, "I did not think you were afraid of anything. What is the question?"

The man said, "Why are you not a Christian?"

The lawyer hung his head and replied, "Is there not something in the Bible that says no drunkard shall have any part in the Kingdom of God? You know my weakness."

"That is not my question," answered the Christian man. "I am asking you why are you not a Christian?"

"Well," said the lawyer, "I cannot recall that anyone ever asked me if I were a Christian, and I am sure nobody ever told me how to become one."

Then the Christian drew his chair close to the lawyer, read some passages from the Bible, and said simply, "Let us get down and pray."

The lawyer prayed first: "O Jesus, Thou knowest what a slave I am to drink. Here this morning thy servant has shown me the way to God. O, break the power of this habit in my life." Giving his testimony later, this drinking lawyer said, "Put it down big, put it down plain, that God broke that power instantly."

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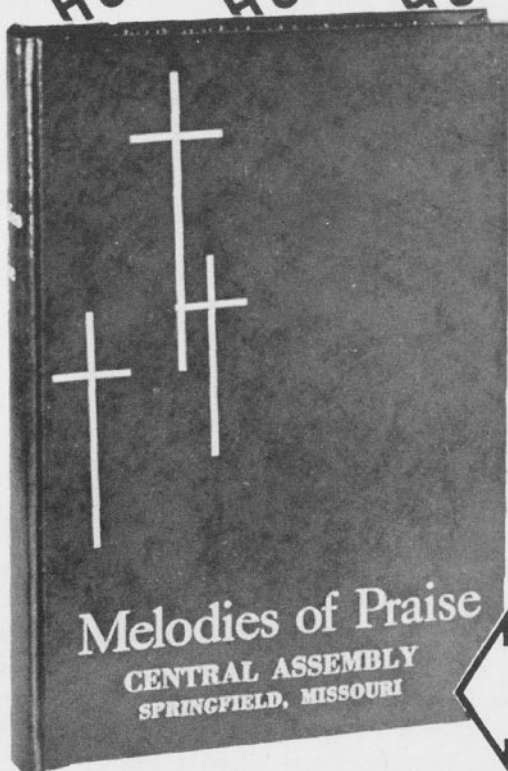
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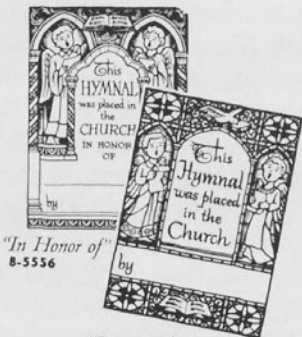
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The Tangled Kite String

By EDITH MANCHESTER

LITTLE TIMOTHY STALKED INTO THE ROOM THROWING his kite in one direction, the ball of string in another, and himself on the sofa, muttering, "That old string! It gets so tangled all the time I can't fly my kite."

I looked at the tangled string on the floor. "It's not too messed up," I encouraged him. "I'll see if I can help untangle it."

But as Timothy eyed the troublesome string his ill-humor increased, and he peevishly kicked the ball across the rug. It rolled—and what had been a small tangle now became the most matted heap of snarled string I had ever seen.

I had promised to help, so I overlooked his little tantrum. I rather enjoyed tackling that hopeless-looking mess, watching it gradually change into a neatly wound ball.

As I worked I thought how much this tangled string was like our own lives which often get all snarled up. If we would only put the situation into God's hands right away He would straighten out the tangle for us, but so often we get cross and impatient—and like Timothy's one disastrous kick, our reactions to circumstances make matters far worse than they were before.

I thought of Jacob, galled by the fact that his brother should inherit the family blessings when obviously Esau was not sensitive to spiritual values. As the Bible puts it, Esau was a "profane person," whereas Jacob was hungry for God and desirous of God's will. But Jacob's impatient actions resulted in his becoming a fugitive from home and from a brother who wanted to kill him. It took God twenty years to undo that tangled state of affairs in Jacob's life!

As I worked at my son's kite string the snarl began to loosen a bit here and there; then suddenly several feet of string came free and I made rapid progress—until I hit a new snarl. Sometimes I was tempted to pull on the string without weaving the free end carefully in and out. This made temporary gain, but resulted in the rest of the snarl's becoming tighter and more unmanageable and I always regretted my impatience. I thought of how patient God is with the messed-up lives we hand over to Him. We wonder why He is so slow to act, but He knows what a sudden yank on the string would do! "Ye have need of patience" (Hebrews 10:36) is His word to us.

But as with my kite string, there are times when the going is suddenly smooth—a particular knot comes loose. How we enjoy the letup of problems and tensions! The master Untangler knows how we need times of relaxation and spiritual refreshing in preparation for a fresh bout with the matted string.

For several years I have been longing for God to straighten out a certain tangle. Sometimes it seems that nothing is happening, and then a sudden miraculous loosening of a knot shows me that God has been working all the time. In my elation I eagerly hope that each loosening is the final unwinding, and great is my disappointment when events prove that the end has not been reached. Through the years I have learned to be more patient in God's hands, not getting unduly excited at each step toward the final solution, or unduly depressed when I fail to see evidence that my heavenly Father is working on my behalf.

I suspect that the final unwinding will be like the end of Timothy's kite string. It looked as though I had a long way to go yet, when suddenly the remaining snarl came free, the string fell into a long loose line, and in a few seconds was wound into a neat ball. God has a way of working slowly, unnoticeably for a long time, and then suddenly everything falls into place and the answer comes!

The most thrilling examples of how God can untangle hopelessly wrong circumstances is the story of Joseph, sold by his brothers into Egypt. When he gained such favor that Potiphar made him overseer in his house, Joseph must have felt God's hand at work untangling his life's string. But when he was lied about and cast into prison the new snarl must have seemed more indissoluble than ever. Fresh hope came when the chief butler, whose dream Joseph had interpreted, was released. Perhaps at last the tangled string would be unwound! But the knot was not yet ready to be loosed. When the time did come, how suddenly it all happened! Joseph was brought from the prison in haste and in a few hours was made ruler over all the land of Egypt. Now there was only one more tangled spot in the string, and again there was a long wait, but suddenly Joseph found himself confronting his ten brothers, and it was not long until the string was all straightened out.

When God undertakes to solve a complicated tangle, He never stops until the last knot is unraveled. He never loses patience though the job may take years. "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward" (Hebrews 10:35). Don't yank the string and make the tangle tighter, as Jacob did. Don't throw it on the floor and give up in impatient disgust. Stay yielded and loose in God's hands. Just when you think there will never be an end to it, God will shake out the final snarl and your string will suddenly come free! ◀◀