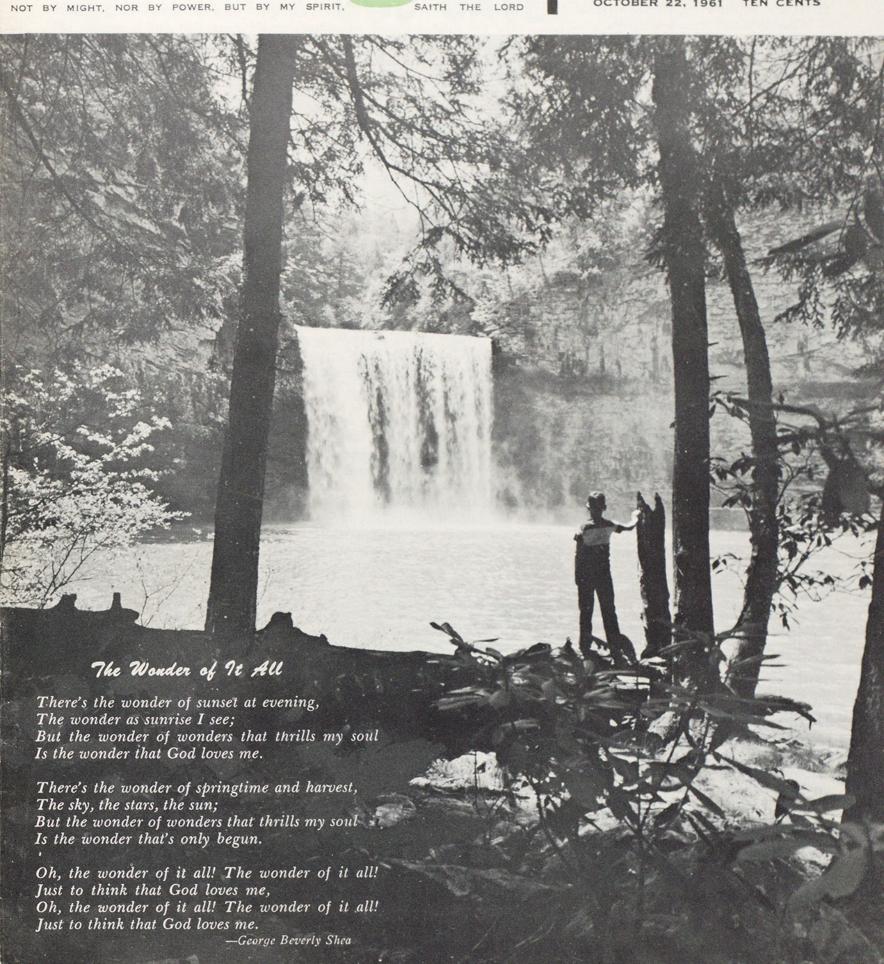
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#### Thirty Thousand a Day

Words, words! The world is full of them. One famous publisher said, "If you are an articulate person, you utter some thirty thousand words each day." This is enough to fill a fair-sized book. Perhaps only the most talkative individuals would eject that full a stream of sounds but it is certain that if all the words spoken by an average person could be fed into some kind of an electronic sorting device which would separate the worth-while words from the worthless ones there would be a veritable mountain of rejects.

There are witty words and witless words. Weighty words and weak words. Some words are welcome and some are wretched. Some are winsome and some are wrangling. If all our words could be sorted into piles, which pile would be greater-the warm, worthy, well-chosen words or the warlike, wounding, wasted ones?

Words have a tremendous potential either for weal or woe. A certain Greek philosopher asked his servant to provide the best dish possible. The servant prepared a dish of tongue, saying: "It is the best of all dishes, because with it we may bless and communicate happiness, dispel sorrow, remove despair, cheer the fainthearted, inspire the discouraged, and say a hundred things to uplift men."

Later the philosopher asked his servant to provide the worst dish of which he could think. A dish of tongue appeared on the table. The servant explained, "It is the worst, because with it we may curse and break human hearts, destroy reputation, promote discord and strife, set families, communities, and nations at war with each other." He was a wise servant. As Solomon said, "Whoso keepeth his tongue, keepeth his soul from trouble."

Wanton words can ruin us. "Every idle word that men shall speak," said Jesus, "they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." The Bible also says that "in the multitude of words there lacketh not sin," so let us guard against wanton words, windy words, wasted words. Said George Eliot, "Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of the fact!"

Wise words can save a soul from hell and point men to the skies. Sometimes there is need of warning words. Never should we permit ourselves to say anything except wholesome words. "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Watch your words. Guard against words of wrath. Avoid words that wreck. Remember that words never die. Every word you speak is recorded in heaven to be played back at God's desire; and the Lord clearly tells you, "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned!" Words of repentance may save you. Words of self-defense may damn your soul forever.

An elderly colored woman, much beloved in her community, was asked about her formula for making and keeping friends. "Well," she replied, "I stop and taste my words before I let them pass my teeth." With the help of the Lord it is possible to control your speech. It is within your power to determine whether they will be bitter or sweet.

Let us all pray with the Psalmist, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord."-R.C.C.

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#### A Remarkable Account of Divine Deliverance from Sickness

Standing before the minister who had just united us in marriage, my wife and I listened as he prayed God's divine blessing upon us. Little did we know the many times our faith would be tested.

Seven years later Satan began attacking us in all his fury. This was polio season and the disease was raging in our part of the country. Little was known about treating the disease and most of the major cases either died or were left hopelessly crippled.

We were pastoring First Assembly of God in Luxora, Arkansas, where God was giving us an unusual outpouring of His Spirit. People were being saved in almost every service, many were experiencing marvelous healings, and scores were being filled with the Holy Spirit. God was preparing us for

the testing of our faith.

I shall never forget the afternoon when our three-year-old son Jerry told us he was sick. He was running an extremely high temperature and soon developed severe pains in his back and legs. Calling in some church members, we immediately went to prayer. Even so, the temperature continued to rise and the pain became almost unbearable. I asked Jerry if he wanted me to call a doctor. He informed me God could heal him so I continued to pray. It seemed that as long as I prayed the pain could be endured. When I stopped, however, the pain again became unbearable.

I knelt by the bed, fully aware that this was a situation I had never faced before. I informed the devil that since Jerry wanted to trust God for his healing I would still be there the next morning, if necessary, interceding in his behalf.

I prayed on and on. The fever con-

tinued to rise and Jerry began talking incoherently. On through the night I prayed. I thought of Jacob wrestling with the angel all through the night and finally obtaining victory at the break of day. This gave me new strength

and courage, and I became more and more determined to prevail.

Sometime during this battle I became aware of the necessity of having God's Word hidden in my heart. It was necessary for me to remind Satan all through that long night that I was more than conqueror over tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness,

# GOD GAVE US OUR THREE SONS TWICE

By JOHN C. DICKINSON

Benton, Arkansas

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peril, or sword, and that I was persuaded "that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature" could separate me from the love of God. The Holy Spirit kept impressing me with the words, "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world," and I knew that through



God was with this family as they went through the valley of the shadow of death three times. Shown with Pastor and Mrs. John Dickinson are Byron (front), Charles (left), and Jerry (right).

Jesus I would win this battle.

I quoted every verse of Scripture I knew. I reminded God of His promises as I wept and agonized before Him. It was a battle of life and death.

Suddenly, I became aware that a new day was breaking. Just as suddenly, I realized Jerry's fever was cooling, and as I watched he was soon sleeping the sleep of a normal, healthy child. I knew then I had won the battle in the wonderful name of Jesus. I no longer felt the presence of the Satanic force, for the room seemed flooded with the presence of Christ Himself.

God spoke to me that morning, informing me I had won the battle over a dreadful disease. He was so near I felt I could talk with Him and when I asked, "What?" He spoke the second time and said, "Polio." I said, "Lord, people won't believe unless you give me a sign." I finally arose—satisfied and refreshed after a wonderful experience in the Lord's presence. I knew the sign would come, although I didn't know how or when.

Jerry awoke at midmorning and wanted to be dressed and fed immediately. As soon as he began moving about, we noticed he was almost unable to use his right leg. From October until January, Jerry continued dragging his right foot. He wore out three pairs of shoes during that short time.

I will never forget the day when our district C. A. president, Joe Wilmoth, and a group of ministers joined me in prayer for Jerry's complete deliverance. I knew God had healed him and there was no need for him to go through life dragging his foot. I don't know the exact time the work was accomplished, but when I came home Jerry came running down the sidewalk—a perfectly normal, healthy boy. He has never dragged his foot again.

In February of 1950, while still pastoring the church in Luxora, we faced another trying experience. One day our oldest son Charles came running in to tell us he had been bitten by a dog. He showed us the bite and then ran back outdoors. We surmised that his pet had playfully nipped him, and since the bite didn't appear too serious, nothing more was said about the incident.

On Friday afternoon, one of the ladies of the church called and informed me her little sister had been

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#### Fourth in a series of articles on coming events by R. M. Riggs

WE NOW TURN OUR ATTENTION TO events and matters of importance that follow the glorious Rapture of the Church. In connection with the coming of the Lord there is a judgment.

James gives us this startling revelation, "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord...stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: Behold, the judge standeth before the door" (James 5:7, 9). The wonderful Lord, for whose coming we look and long, and which we will hail with rapture, will Himself be the judge.

There are no less than twelve distinct predictions in the Bible that, when the Lord comes, He will judge His people and dispense rewards to those who deserve them. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10). This is typical of the scriptures to which we refer. The others are in Romans 14: 10; Isaiah 40:10; 62:11; Matthew 12: 36, 37; 16:27; Luke 14:14; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; 4:5; 2 Timothy 4: 7, 8; Revelation 22:12.

This can be considered a terrifying thought. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5: 11, immediately following his announcement concerning this judgment, "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." Doubtless this thought was in his mind when he said in 1 Corinthians 9:16, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel." Depending upon the degree of our diligence and faithfulness in carrying out the commands of our Lord and living

up to all of our privileges, we too may contemplate the judgment seat of Christ either with joy or with anxiety.

John said there will be those who will be ashamed before Christ at His coming, and others who will have boldness in the day of judgment (1 John 2:28; 4:17). It will be worth our while, therefore, to look into the subject carefully that we may live and prepare ourselves in a way that will guarantee our comfort and delight as we too stand before our Christ in judgment.

Note, first of all, the time and place of the judgment seat of Christ. Paul said in 2 Timothy 4:8, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Paul says it will be "at that day." Peter says in 1 Peter 5:4, "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

In terms of the sequence of events as recorded in Revelation 11:15, 18, it is there stated that when the seventh angel will sound (approximately at the middle of the Tribulation), it will be "the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great." Thus we have the time stated to be during the Great Tribulation.

The saints are to be protected from the Great Tribulation and hidden away in the "chambers," with doors shut about them (Isaiah 26:20, 21). We all are looking forward to that "meeting in the air" (1 Thessalonians 4:17), where we will be with the Lord. Let

no one consider it desecration to declare that this will be the *place* where the judgment seat of Christ will be held, where all Christians are gathered before Him.

Now what will be the *basis* of that judgment? The first answer is that we will be judged according to our abilities, and the advantages, which we have had here on earth.

In the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), the man who traveled into a far country delivered unto his servants his goods, "to every man according to his several ability." The various "talents" (pieces of money) were distributed to these servants in proportion to the native ability they had with which to handle the respective portions of their master's goods. The men with the five talents, two talents, and one talent were therefore men of varying degrees of capacity and ability. A casual survey of our neighbors reveals the fact that men have different abilities in this world.

There is also a wide range of opportunities and advantages which men have. Most of these are accidental as far as the men are concerned. Paul said, "For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it? (1 Corinthians 4:7). This is a trenchant commentary on the disposition of many people. They pride themselves on their birth and any natural gifts which they have; or else they are jealous, critical, and envious of those who are more fortunate than they in this regard.

Our Lord is going to make careful distinction of the degrees of ability and



## THE JUDGMENT

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opportunity with which we are endowed. It must be noted that the person who had exceptional ability and the person with mediocre ability both received identical commendation and reward from their master. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matthew 25:21, 23). They were judged not on the amount of money they had accumulated but on the faithfulness with which they had discharged their respective responsibilities. This, therefore, is Christ's picture of how He will judge His servants when He returns.

Evaluate your own position in life. Especially consider your God-given privileges of nation, neighborhood, and family into which you have been born. Your church and school advantages must be taken into consideration, along with natural gifts with which you are endowed. Our divine Judge will strike an exquisite balance in all such matters and render verdict to us in proportion to the opportunities which we have enjoyed.

In Luke 12:47, 48 we are given another summary of that judgment. "And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." This is a clear declaration that our responsibility and answerability at the judgment will be in proportion to the degree with which we have been endowed, when here on earth.

Another basis for judgment at the judgment seat of Christ will concern our Christian works. The parable of the pounds in Luke 19:11-27 deals with a different matter than the parable of the talents. In Matthew 25, the servants were different according to their several abilities at the time when their Lord invested in them. The servants in Luke 19 were all endowed equally; each servant received one pound.

In what way are all Christians equal? They all have the Lord Jesus in their hearts. They all have the promises of God's Word, and they all have the availability of the Holy Spirit and His gifts. This parable, therefore, represents the degree to which Christians

If you want to live-

## THINK AND TURN

BY DON MALLOUGH

Do you have the ability to think? Do you allow yourself to think? If either answer is negative then you need read no further. The power of thought is one of the greatest endowments given to mankind. Yet how infrequently the machinery of thinking is used.

Someone has said the "Great American Desert" is under the American hat. George Bernard Shaw rather facetiously wrote, "Few people think more than two or three times a year. I have made an international reputation for myself by thinking once or twice a week."

Over forty years ago Thomas J. Watson chose one word as the motto for his vast business empire. All his employees are confronted with the motto, THINK, wherever they turn. It takes more than such reminders, however, to make people actually think.

Theoretically, everyone can think but, in a practical way, all cannot do so. First we do not think, then we will not, and finally we cannot. The whole process is one of degeneration.

If more people would allow themselves to think there would be many more decisions for the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the failure to think that causes the masses to drift downward. It is because they do not ponder that they go on in the path to destruction.

The Psalmist gives testimony of his

experience of conversion. He says, "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments" (Psalms 119:59, 60). In saying, "I thought on my ways," he literally said, "I turned my life upside down, round about, and looked at it from all points of view." The result of such thinking and this thorough examination was that he turned to the Lord.

In allowing himself to think he brought about an inward change which in turn brought outward results. He not only turned his thoughts to the Lord but his feet as well. One can turn any other part of his body and not change directions, but when he turns his feet he turns himself completely.

If you think, you will turn. When you ponder and cogitate upon your past, your present, and particularly your future, it will provide the impetus to seek the Lord. Allowing your mind to dwell on eternity, with all it entails, will tend to make you seek the Lord early.

One philosopher said, "Most people would rather die than think—in fact, they do so." Many have tasted eternal death because they would not allow themselves to think.

The Psalmist dealt with the matter personally. He said, "I thought on my ways." Will you stop long enough in the hustle and bustle of life to think on your ways? When you do, your decision, like his, will call for hurried action. Listen to his testimony, "I made haste and delayed not to keep thy commandments." A true evaluation of the matters of life caused him to seek the Lord hurriedly.

You can think if you will. If you think, you will turn. If you turn, you will live. The pathway is set before you clearly.

THINK-TURN-LIVE.

appropriate the full possibilities of redemption, participate in the wonderful plan of salvation, and receive the blessed Holy Spirit and His gifts.

It is not a light matter that these marvelous opportunities are ours. The Lord who gave them will require of us that we receive and utilize all of these wonderful opportunities. This has to do with witnessing to our salvation, with winning other souls to the Lord, with faithfulness at church, loyalty to our pastor and our church's program, being filled with the Spirit from day

to day, and being a willing, faithful instrument in His hands.

The individual who will go to the full length in these matters will be made ruler over ten cities. The one who is less faithful will be rewarded accordingly. And the one who is utterly unresponsive to the call of God, disobedient to the commands to all Christians to pray and to witness, is in danger of severe reprimand at this judgment seat of Christ. One servant even lost the pound that he had. What

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#### PRESENT WORLD

#### Bible

#### PRESIDENT URGES BIBLE READING

President John F. Kennedy called on all Americans to turn to the "spiritual values enshrined and articulated in the Holy Scriptures," and to study the Bible as a "chart of life." He issued his plea in connection with

He issued his plea in connection with National Bible Week, October 16-22, which is sponsored by the interdenominational Laymen's National Committee.

"The Bible is a meaningful document in the world today when men are once more struggling to preserve religious rights along with all other basic human rights," the President said. "For Americans to remind themselves of its value as a chart of life is always timely."

#### CANADIAN LAWYER SAYS NEW ENGLISH BIBLE IS LIBELOUS

Lawyers are being libeled by the New English Bible, says Ontario's Attorney General Kelso Roberts. By substituting the word "lawyer" for "scribe," he says, the new version consistently links the profession to the Pharisees.

Speaking at the opening of a county courthouse in Sarnia before an audience of lawyers, including Canada's Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, Roberts cited one passage: "Alas you lawyers and Pharisees, hypocrites...."

"This," said the attorney general, "is the unkindest slur of all." He said the translators must have included the word with their tongues in their cheeks because it is not in any way related to "scribe."

#### REFUGEES GET GERMAN SCRIPTURES

Latest figures on Scripture production in Germany show that 1,252,590 copies of God's Word were printed in 1960. A large portion of these were distributed among escapees from Communist-ruled areas and other displaced persons living in West Germany.

#### Women

#### SALARY SUGGESTED FOR MOTHERHOOD

At a recent Christian Family Forum in South Bend, Ind., a university professor spoke about the importance of motherhood as a "career." He said motherhood deserves more prestige than some of the "careers" that are followed by mothers who leave home to take other employment.

Changes have occurred in recent years to make mothers' roles more difficult, he said, and people should recognize this. How can prestige be restored to the role of motherhood? A hundred-dollar-a-week salary would help, he said—but he did not explain who would issue the pay checks.

#### WOMEN URGED TO DIRECT THEIR MISSION ZEAL TO FOREIGN-BORN NEIGHBORS

Protestant church people are sometimes inconsistent in their attitude to foreign-born neighbors, a convention of United Lutheran Church Women was told last month. Protestants have zeal and concern for foreign missions but when a foreigner leaves his native land and comes to America we seem to change our attitude.

Referring to Puerto Rican immigrants, the speaker asked: "What is the alchemy of a \$37.50 coach flight that changes an island resident into a 'problem newcomer'?" Why shouldn't he remain the recipient of our missionary concern after he moves into our neighborhood?

#### MORMONS OPEN THEIR HOMES TO 430 INDIAN CHILDREN

Hundreds of Indians have been brought under the influence of the Latter-day Saints church at Salt Lake City, Utah, by a seven-year-old program of

#### CHRISTIAN BOOKSELLERS MEET AT MIAMI BEACH

More than 1,000 attended the 12th annual convention of the Christian Booksellers Association which was held at Miami Beach, Fla., August 6-10.

The five-day sessions featured the importance of the Bible in its history and distribution. Don C. Norman of Skokie, Ill., showed in his exhibit of rare Bibles one written by hand over 700 years ago. Among the 50 others in his display were the Coverdale Bible, which was the first complete Bible printed in English (1535), and a complete two-volume facsimile of the Gutenberg Bible with an original leaf of this famed Bible, which was the first to be printed from moveable type more than 500 years ago in Mainz, Germany.

Shown with Norman is William F. Moore of Chicago, executive secretary of the Christian Booksellers Association (wearing white coat). In the photo Norman is presenting Moore with an advance copy of his book, The 500th Anniversary Pictorial Census of the Gutenberg Bible, a \$100-a-copy folio vol-

ume (published in September 1961 by the Coverdale Press, Chicago).

David Johnston, manager of the merchandising division of the Gospel Publishing House, attended the convention. The Assemblies of God usually participates in the CBA conventions as a book distributor (with a display booth) and also as a dealer.

J. O. Harrell, our general manager, reports that more and more interest is being shown in Pentecostal books. Each year we receive orders from new dealers who never have purchased our full-gospel books before.

Speakers at the 1961 convention included U. S. Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas, who stressed the importance of Christian books at this point in world history; and two well-known authors—Miss Eugenia Price and Dr. August Van Ryn. Sixteen workshops explored practical phases of bookselling in Christian outlets.

The 1962 convention of CBA will be at Chicago, Ill., July 22-26.



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assistance to school children. Each fall many Mormon families take in Indian children who stay with them all winter while attending school, then return to their homes on the reservations for the summer. The program hit a peak this fall with the placement of 430 children.

#### Miscellany

#### ASTROLOGY FLOURISHING IN U.S.A.

"Five thousand astrologers practice their craft in the U.S. today," reports *Christian Victory*, but the leader of them all is Bruce King (Zolar) who has headquarters in New York City. This one astrologer alone "markets about a half million of his horoscopes each year," and is reputed to have nearly ten million followers.

Astrology teaches that "each man's fate was fixed by the relative positions of the heavenly bodies at the exact moment of his birth." This, of course, is sheer nonsense and vain superstition—and yet millions are deceived by a lie.

#### FBI CHIEF SAYS 1961 CRIME RATE IS "APPALLING"

The nation's crime rate is continuing to rise at an appalling rate, according to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

Mr. Hoover, who recently reported that a final compilation of police rec-

ords for 1960 showed a 14 per cent increase in crimes, said that a preliminary survey of the first six months of 1961 shows that the crime rate has risen seven per cent above the same period in 1960. He said the statistics for 1961 show a continued climb in every kind of crime except forcible rape which declined one per cent.

#### MILLIONS SPENT ON PET FOOD

The American public spends more on food for cats and dogs—or on chewing gum—than it gives to foreign missions. The totals for last year were as follows:

\$325,000,000 for dog and cat food; \$304,000,000 for chewing gum; \$5,-000,000,000 for tobacco; \$10,500,000,-000 for alcoholic beverages; \$2,000,-000,000 for travel; \$76,000,000 for lipstick; and \$16,000,000,000 for amusements.

The grand total of all money given to foreign missions last year by all Protestant churches in the U.S. was \$145,152,092—less than one dollar per person.

#### SERVICEMEN PRAY FOR PEACE

"America is not only prepared and ready to fight for peace, but we are equally prepared and ready to pray for peace." This statement was made by Captain C. D. Rhymes, Jr., Com-

mander of the U. S. Naval Training Center at Bainbridge, Maryland, as he proclaimed a Day of Prayer for World Peace on Thursday, September 14.

Over 1,800 persons participated in the round-the-clock vigil. People of all denominations came to St. Paul's Chapel at the naval center to pray, including civilians as well as servicemen and their families (and WAVES). Military chaplains led the prayer services and there was not a moment that the chapel was empty during the entire 24-hour period. In addition to individuals coming and going at their convenience, there were two volunteers for every half hour to assume a "prayer watch."

It is believed this was the first prayer vigil of its kind ever held on a U. S. military installation.

#### LUTHER HONORED ON POSTAGE STAMP

Martin Luther is being honored for the first time on a postage stamp designed for regular use. He will be pictured on the 15-pfennig value of a new set being issued by the German Federal Republic for use in West Germany and West Berlin.

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## REVIVAL AMONG THE GYPSIES

By KENNETH WARE
Missionary to France



At night, in their tents, the gypsies sing praises to God and exalt His name. (Photo courtesy of L'Agence Coordination)

fields of Normandy, was the scene of a revival in 1936 during which hundreds were saved. Churches were started in Lisieux and in the surrounding villages. However, because of strong opposition and the destruction during the war, the church was reduced to a handful of believers.

In 1954 a Christian worker was daily in the market selling Bibles and giving tracts and handbills to invite the people to gospel meetings. One day an illiterate woman took a tract and put it in her purse. For months the small piece of paper was there. Many times it fell on the ground when she was using her purse, but each time she put it back.

One day her son Jacques was very ill. The doctor took her outside the trailer and told her, "Take consolation from your other children. This one will die soon. He has T.B."

At this time she remembered the man

A gypsy baptismal service in France. (Photo courtesy of Europress)

in the market place and how he was speaking of Somebody who can save and heal any disease. She took the paper and asked a neighbor to read it. She learned the address and the name of the local preacher—Brother Gichtenaere.

The pastor came. He read the Bible and explained the truth of the gospel. As Brother Gichtenaere was praying, the boy was immediately healed and accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour. He was the first of many who today are praising the Lord daily for redemption.

Jacques' mother wrote to another son, Jean. He had been searching for God for years. As soon as Jean arrived with his family, the news spread throughout the gypsy tribes. Jean was a witness and today there are forty-two like Jean preaching the Word of God. At least 3,000 gypsies have been baptized these past years.

One must remember that a few years ago the gypsies were persecuted and more than 500,000 of them died in death camps. Their standard of living has brought on persecution. Their weakness is alcohol. They like to drink fresh wine and sing to forget about their needs. Many times their singing ends with fights. In recent meetings the new converts have given testimonies: "I was a liar." "I was a thief." "I used to beat my good wife and children."

Today they are sincere, faithful, and honest, singing the praises of the Lord

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Jesus. The Cello, the guitar, or the violin once used in orgies which ended many times in bloody battles, now accompany their hymns of worship. Some of them who lost family and health during the war have received health and happiness through their salvation.

Meet three of these children—Marie, Jean, and Antoine. They remember how Mom and Dad were executed before their eyes. For years they were lost children but now they have Christ. The two older children—fourteen and sixteen—were baptized in water and in the Holy Spirit. They have found a family, the gypsy church of Jesus. They have found a father, the Heavenly Father. Now they can smile again.

All of this work is under the supervision of a French Assemblies of God pastor. Pray for this work among the gypsies of France.

#### CHRISTIAN READING ROOM PLANNED FOR SAMOA

Witnessing is communicating the gospel. An effective way of reaching the young people of Samoa is through a bookstore and reading room which is being opened in Pago Pago in the immediate future. The store is being attractively designed so that it will appeal to the young people of Samoa.

Would you like to help in reaching the youth of Samoa? Check your bookshelves and see if you have some books which you should like to have used in this project. The most urgently needed books are Christian fiction, Bible school texts, and helps in Bible study, such as commentaries, concordances, books on homiletics, and doctrine.

Books should be sent directly to Maurice Luce, Box 217, Pago Pago, American Samoa.

#### An Unusual Convention in Cuba

BY ROY NYLIN Missionary to Cuba

W E HAVE JUST WITNESSED THE most glorious national convention our church in Cuba has ever known.

Disunity among the brethren showed up strongly in the early elections held in the city of Holguin, June 26-30, 1961

Two whole days were spent in voting with thirty-two ballots cast, and we were no closer to electing a superintendent than when we began. But then

it happened!

Toward the evening of the second day, God spoke through one of our pastors that the delegates were making an idol of man. One of our Bible Institute teachers, Carlos Anderson, received a revelation that the three contending candidates should be eliminated and that God would choose one who would be elected by acclamation. It was also revealed to him the name of that person, but he was not permitted to give his revelation in the business session because it would appear as if he were "politicing."

Our convention met this year in two different sessions—a closed business meeting for pastors and delegates in a neighboring church, and a meeting for the public at the same time in our church.

It was Thursday morning, and we were in the midst of balloting, when a messenger came from the main church telling us that the Spirit had fallen in an unusual way. We were urged to come. The business meeting was dismissed and when we entered the other church we were instantly bathed by the presence of God. There were messages in tongues and prophecies; confession and repentance of sins accompanied the moving of the Holy Spirit. To another pastor God revealed the name of His choice for superintendent, but he did not announce the name.

That night in the business session it was decided to test the revelation of Carlos by letting the assembly decide if it was from God, as is taught in 1 Corinthians 14:29. A vote was taken and it was decided unanimously to ac-

cept the revelation as from the Lord. The three candidates for superintendent therefore were eliminated. Constitution, bylaws, and parliamentary law were laid aside and it was decided to allow the two to whom the Lord had revealed His choice to write that name on ballots. These two ballots were to be given to the moderator, and if they were not for the same individual we would proceed in the normal manner with the balloting. But it was agreed that if they were the same individual, he would be acclaimed superintendent.

You can imagine the intensely dramatic moment as the two ballots were handed to the moderator. In a voice filled with emotion he announced, "They are the same!" The whole congregation was electrified and rose to its feet in a body as Olallo Caballero was acclaimed the new superintendent. That moment will go down in history as one of the greatest in our Assemblies of God movement in Cuba. A miracle had taken place which united the Cuban brethren in perfect harmony.

Olallo Caballero is one of our oldest workers in Cuba. He was our first Bible school graduate. Humanly speaking, he was the most unlikely candidate for superintendent. There are many others with far greater talents and capabilities; he is not striking in appearance. But he was God's choice! Like Jesse of old, we had paraded our most likely candidates and our "David" was not even considered until God revealed His will in a most unusual way.

God taught us a very important lesson that day. In God's sight, man's natural capabilities are not as important as a meek and humble spirit and a heart full of love in bringing harmony to the church.

The next morning, the assistant superintendent, Bernardo Amor, was elected by acclamation. Kerry Gonzalez was elected secretary and Floyd Woodworth was elected treasurer by unanimous vote. God's Spirit moved in a marvelous way and the convention came to a glorious climax.

We understand that the method we used in these elections should not establish a precedent in our church but that it was God's special way to get us out of a most difficult situation. God's ways are not man's ways. We are now in complete unity at a time when Cuba needs a united church. Pray for a spiritual awakening in Cuba, for it is the only answer to this country's need

#### MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

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#### GIVE BY NOVEMBER 20

As the artist's wise men start their trek toward Bethlehem, it reminds us that Christmas is just around the corner. Have you included the missionaries on your Christmas list? To make sure your missionaries have extra joy at Christmas, send your offering immediately. Offerings must be received in Springfield before November 20 if they are to reach the overseas missionaries in time. Designate your offering for the missionary of your choice and mark it Christmas Offering. Address it to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific, Springfield, Mo.

## Sunday's Lesson

#### PAUL FACES PERSECUTION

Sunday School Lesson for October 29, 1961 Acts 14:1-20

Our lesson today gives us the account of the continuation of the first missionary journey of Paul and Barnabas. The following points are outstanding:

THE APOSTLES' FAITHFULNESS TO THE JEWS. Compare Ch. 13:50-53 with 14:1.

Though the Jews of Antioch had bitterly opposed and persecuted them, forcing them to leave the city, yet Paul and Barnabas did not fail to preach to the Jews of Iconium. They did not consider the Iconium Jews unworthy of the gospel because of the conduct of the Antioch Jews. We ought not to judge and condemn any race because of the actions of certain members of that race. We ought also to remember that it is wrong to condemn whole denominations because of the failures of some of its adherents. The Apostles' Preaching Confirmed with Signs Following. Ch. 14:1-3.

Though they were again opposed in Iconium, the Lord "gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands." Jesus Christ has never changed. The Spirit which empowered these men is still available today. The need today is just as great. Ought we to rationalize the present scarcity of signs and wonders in our midst? Unquestionably, God is moving His people everywhere today to pray in faith for a new revival of apostolic power and results.

THE APOSTLES' REFUSAL TO RECEIVE GLORY FROM MEN. Vv. 4-18.

In Lystra, a great miracle of healing took place. Paul saw a cripple who had never walked, saw that the man had faith to be healed, spoke the word of faith, and the man was healed. In consequence, the people of the city became wildly enthusiastic and attempted to worship the apostles as gods. Greatly distressed at this turn of affairs, the apostles earnestly pointed out that they were ordinary men, and sought to turn their attention to God.

There are much-needed lessons here. Unwise Christians sometimes become too taken up with the preacher who, after all, is simply the human instrumentality, and too little concerned with the Lord of glory. Thus it is that, so often, so-called spiritual ardor disappears when the preacher leaves the scene. Again, it is a good thing for all of us to remember that our chief business is to point men and women to Christ and keep ourselves in the background.

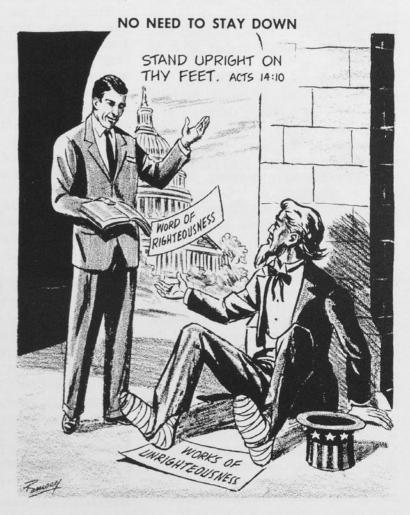
THE APOSTLES PERSECUTED BY THOSE WHO HAD IDOLIZED THEM.

Behold the fickleness of the Lystrians! The same people who had wanted to worship Paul and Barnabas now attempt to stone them to death. But such is the way of unsanctified human nature. Very often the people who make the most over the new pastor will be the first to turn against him.

How are we to account for the strange and sudden change in the attitude of the Lystrians? They were suffering from disillusionment. They took an unrealistic attitude toward the apostles and thought they were gods. When they found that they were not, their reaction was one of resentment. Here is a lesson in human relationships. When we place certain individuals on pedestals and idolize them, we are in for a rude awakening. It works something like this. We think an individual is just wonderful, perfect, and so spiritual that he or she could not possibly do anything wrong or make a single mistake. We demand of our idol a perfection which no human being can live up to, a perfection which can only be demanded from God Himself. Then, one day we discover that our idol after all is not perfect, and immediately we are disillusioned. Our reaction is to turn completely from him and reject him.

What is the remedy? First, we need to see people as they are and not demand of them perfection, which can only be found in Christ. Second, we ought to see people as they are without becoming cynical or critical of them. Jesus "knew what was in man," and He knows the worst about all of us, yet He never was and never will be cynical and bitter toward anyone. We ought, indeed, to respect others and believe in them, without placing in them that trust which only Jesus deserves. Let us neither idolize nor criticize. Instead, let us keep our eyes upon Jesus. The Apostle's Healing and Courage. Vv. 21-28.

From the language in these verses, it seems that Paul came very close to death. But "the disciples stood round about him," praying in faith—and God raised Paul up at once. And observe that, instead of taking a lengthy vacation, he went right back to his preaching. It is this same indomitable spirit which constrains many of God's faithful servants today. —J. Bashford Bishop



#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

READ: James 3:1-6

LEARN: "And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity" (James 3:6)

For the Parent: One of the biggest problems of most people, including Christians, is with the tongue. This passage, in dealing with this problem, emphasizes: (1) responsibility goes with privilege, v. 1; (2) the person who can control his tongue can also control the rest of his being, v. 2; (3) illustrations showing how powerful horses and great ships are subject to man's will by little devices, vv. 3, 4; (4) the tongue is small, but it exercises great control over those who do not subdue it, vv. 5, 6; (5) the source of power of the uncontrolled tongue, v. 6. QUESTION TIME: Who is a perfect man? (v. 2) From where does the uncontrolled tongue get its power? (v. 6)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: B. T. Bard, Hong Kong; Howard C. Osgood, Malaya; Mrs. Anthony Sorbo, Indonesia; Mrs. John Weidman, West Africa.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

READ: James 3:7-12

LEARN: "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be" (James 3:10).

FOR THE PARENT: (1) man's power over beasts and animals, (2) man by himself cannot tame the tongue, v. 8—indicating that our help in this must be from God; (3) the inconsistencies which Christians are frequently guilty of uttering, vv. 9, 10; (4) the Apostle's evaluation of these inconsistencies, v. 10;

(5) his reasoning behind his evaluation, vv. 12. Christians have the nature of the heavenly Father; therefore, their words should glorify and honor Him.

QUESTION TIME: How does man's ability to tame animals compare with his ability to control his tongue? (vv. 7, 8) How can the tongue be controlled? (See above.)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. John Garlock, South Africa; Mrs. M. L. Ketcham, Far East; Mrs. Calvin Olson, East Pakistan; Eva Wright, Alaska.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

READ: James 3:13-18

LEARN: "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" (James 3:17).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the material studied earlier this week. Point out: (1) the wise man shows his wisdom not by his many words but by his life ("conversation" in this verse refers to a person's behavior), v. 13; (2) the condition of our hearts eventually finds expression in our words, v. 14; (3) characteristics of earthly wisdom, vv. 15, 16; (4) characteristics of heavenly wisdom, vv. 17, 18.

QUESTION TIME: How does the wise man show his wisdom? (v. 13) What are the characteristics of earthly and heavenly wisdom?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Norman Correll, East Africa; Harold Jones, West Africa.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

READ: Acts 14:8-15, 19, 20

LEARN: "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake" (Philippians 1:29).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Paul Faces Persecution" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Great times of victory are often followed by great trials. Illustrate this from today's lesson, showing: (1) the miracle God performed through Paul, vv. 8-10; (2) the attitude of the people, vv. 11-13; (3) Paul's care to be sure that all the glory went to the Lord, vv. 14, 15; (4) the fickleness of the crowd which resulted in Paul's being stoned and left for dead, vv. 19, 20.

QUESTION TIME: How did the people of Lystra react to the miracle God performed through Paul? (vv. 11-13) But what did they do shortly after this? (vv. 19, 20)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Meyer Tan-Ditter (Jewish), California

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

READ: Luke 18:9-14, 18-27 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5). FOR THE PARENT: In continuing the lessons on salvation, this lesson for Juniors emphasizes why people need to be saved, From the two illustrations—the parable and the actual incident—stress Jesus' teachings on why people need to be saved—all have sinned and can receive forgiveness only from God. Good living, riches—none of these can save us. Jesus Himself is the only way of salvation.

QUESTION TIME: What is the important lesson from the parable of the Pharisee and the publican? (vv. 9-14) What stood between the ruler and eternal salvation? (vv. 22-24)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. David Kensinger, Costa Rica; Alvin Oya (Indian), Washington; David H. Peck, West Africa.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

READ: 2 Kings 2:1-12 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "Blessed are they that do his commandments" (Revelation 22:14).

FOR THE PARENT: From the story of the translation of Elijah to heaven emphasize: (1) Elijah's nearness to God while he was on earth, v. 1; (2) Elisha's persistence in staying with Elijah, vv. 2-6; (3) the miracle at the Jordan River, vv. 7, 8; (4) Elisha's request for a double portion of Elijah's spirit, vv. 9, 10; (5) the conditions, v. 10; (6) Elijah goes up to heaven in a whirlwind, v. 11; (7) Elisha saw Elijah go into heaven, thus fulfilling the requirement for his request, v. 12. QUESTION TIME: What quality expresses the attitude of Elisha at this time? What request did Elisha make of Elijah? (v. 9) What condition had to be met? (v. 10) Was it met? (v. 12) MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Henry B. Garlock, Nyasaland; Miss Evelyn Hatchett, Malaya; Mrs. Riley Kaufman, Hong Kong; Mrs. Dan Maser, Honduras, Mrs. Harold Hanson (Indian), Connecticut; Gordon Olson, Alaska; Norman Rehwinkel (Indian), Wisconsin; Mrs. David T. Schmidt, Alaska.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SUNDAY: Mrs. Robert Cummings, India; Miss Martha Jacobson, Nigeria; Mrs. Clarence Strom, Alaska; Wesley R. Hurst (Secretary of Promotions), Springfield, Missouri.

October 22, 1961

### THE POWER OF GOSPEL MUSIC

#### AN ADDRESS AT THE GENERAL COUNCIL MUSIC BREAKFAST

By Emil A. Balliet, Pastor of First Assembly, San Diego, Calif.

M USIC IS THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE OF MANKIND," wrote Longfellow. And Carlyle added to this, "Music is well said to be the speech of angels." For music is the gift of God to man. He created the sounds and the harmonies, and then gave to mankind the capacity to enjoy and to be inspired by them. And part of the divine intention in creating music is that through this spiritual and exalted channel man should communicate with God.

Music and worship have been, and are, eternally linked together. Songs of praise attended the creation of the world, "when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy" (Job 37:7). The high point of the use of music in worship in the Old Testament is in the account of the dedication of Solomon's Temple. In preparation for that great event, four thousand Levites were trained in the art of song and playing on instruments (1 Samuel 23:3-5)! On the day of dedication the singers and musicians were assembled at the east end of the altar, arrayed in white linen robes. One hundred and twenty priests played a fanfare on trumpets, and that vast choir burst into song (2 Chronicles 5:12-14). So overpowering, so overwhelming was the effect of that inspired music that, "as the trumpeters and singers were as one ... the glory of the Lord filled the house of God."

Surely there could not be a Director of Music who would not love to have heard—or directed—the music of that day!

We have in our possession the hymn book of the saints of the Old Testament. It is the Book of Psalms. It contains one hundred fifty songs of praise.

In the New Testament the inspiring stream of music continues. The story of Jesus begins with the burst of angelic choral singing. Perhaps one of the tenderest notes in the life of Christ is heard on the night of His betrayal,

for it is written, "And when they had sung an hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives."

In a letter Clement of Alexandria wrote to a friend, he had this to say about Gospel Music in the Second Century: "We cultivate our fields, praising; we sail the seas, singing hymns; our lives are filled with prayers and praises and Scripture readings, before meals and before bed, and even during the night. By this means we unite ourselves to the heavenly choir!"

Leap from the second century to the time of the reformation, and note that God used three things in that great reviving of the Church: (1) Luther's bold, uncompromising stand on the Word of God; (2) Luther's translation of the Scriptures into the language of the people; (3) Luther's beautiful songs, the chief of which became the battle hymn of the reformation—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God! So effective and so appealing were Luther's gospel songs that his opponents complained, "The whole people are singing themselves into his doctrines!"

Move down to our own times, and the links that bind music, worship, and evangelism become all the more clear.

Can you think of Moody without Sankey? It was a startling innovation in Moody's time to have Sankey seated on the platform, singing the Gospel. Can you think of Torrey without Alexander? Or Billy Sunday without Homer Rodeheaver? Or Billy Graham without the magnificent singing of Beverly Shea!

1. Consider the Power of Gospel Music to Inspire. One of the prime requisites of the ministry of music is that it must reach the soul with inspiration. Music that is coldly mechanical, or simply a demonstration of technical ability, is void of spiritual impact, spiritual inspiration. (I once heard Dr. Charles S. Price speak of a choir that



Portion of crowd that attended the daily afternoon sessions of the "Melody Music Hour" in the Coliseum annex during the General Council.

took ten minutes to repeat eight words, "The Lord turned again the captivity of Zion!")

The Holy Spirit cannot only inspire the writing of a beautiful gospel song, but He can and will take control of the singing of that song and use it to lay hold of the inner, spiritual being of the listener. This is the ministry of music at its inspiring best!

D. L. Moody and Ira Sankey were traveling by train to Edinburgh for a great series of meetings. As they traveled, Sankey read the morning paper. On one page he read a poem by Elizabeth Celphane which greatly stirred him. He took out his pocket knife, cut the poem from the paper, and put it in his vest pocket. One afternoon, Moody preached a sermon on "Jesus the Good Shepherd." When he finished speaking, he turned to Sankey and asked if he would sing something appropriate. There was only one thing that came to Sankey's mind-it was that poem he had clipped from the newspaper. He took it from his pocket, placed it on the organ rack, and began to compose and sing at the same time. "There were ninety and nine that safely lay...." When he finished the first verse, Sankey wondered if he could repeat the melody in singing the second verse! He could, and he did! And who is there who has not been caught up in the inspiration of The Ninety and Nine. 2. THEN TOO, MUSIC IS AN IDEAL CHANNEL FOR THE

For one may take inspired words and music and make them the full expression of the deepest longings and desires of one's own soul. Usually behind every great song there is a spiritual experience which gave birth to the song. And when another passes through the same deep waters, there is a fellowship rich and helpful which can be shared through the song.

EXPRESSION OF WORSHIP.

Perhaps one of the most widely used encouragements to faith and worship is the song the Lord gave to Paul Rader, Only Believe. Paul Rader says he was crossing a busy intersection with his little girl Harriet, her hand tightly clasped in his, and he asked, "Aren't you afraid, Harriet, when you see all these cars?"

And she answered, "No, Daddy. Why should I be, when you are with me!"

Paul Rader says that as he thought of his relationship to the Lord, and the privilege of walking with his hand in the nail-pierced Hand, he realized that there could be no reason for fear. With the Saviour near, all things would



General Council Music Committee conferred at luncheon meeting.

#### A NEW CLUB FOR CHOIRS

The Music Division of the Gospel Publishing House has set up a Melody Choir Service Club to assist our churches in their music program. Membership in the club was offered for the first time at the General Council in Portland, and there was an avid response.

The cost to members is only \$1 a year. Each member receives 12 brand-new choir arrangements-three each quarter, beginning in January, 1962-done by outstanding mu-Those who sign up before October 31 will receive a FREE bonus Christmas arrangement which will be mailed out on November 1.

If you have a youth choir, for 50 cents a year you can get six choir arrangements. Pastors, enroll your music director or choir leader in this new club. Send the name, address, and fee to: Melody Chior Service Club, Music Division, Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri.

be possible if he would only trust and believe. And then the words of Jesus began to sing in his heart-"Only believe, only believe, all things are possible, only believe." Many a believer, facing the impossible, has been inspired to worship and trust as he has sung these wonderful words.

3. But Gospel Music Is at Its Thrilling Best in ITS POWER TO PRESENT THE GOSPEL!

The evangelistic, soul-winning power of the gospel in song is absolutely amazing. How many times I have seen an audience melted to tears and moved to surrender as the invitation song was sung. Oh, the evangelistic power of Will Thompson's song, Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling! Thompson has had an undreamed-of share in helping many a person to yield to Christ through his beautiful hymn.

Charlotte Elliot struggled to find salvation through good works through her own, sincere efforts. And then she was told, "Charlotte, it is not what you do for Christ, but it is trusting what He has done for you! You must come to Christ just as you are, and He will save you!" On her knees, in the privacy of her own room, she knelt and wept her way to Christ. Before rising from her knees she had written the words that have blessed multitudes-

> Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee? O Lamb of God, I come!



Emil Balliet spoke to 212 at music breakfast Friday morning



#### Seattle Choir Featured on Revivaltime

The Revivaltime broadcast which originated at Portland, Oregon, during the biennial General Council featured the 70-voice choir of Calvary Temple, largest Assemblies of God church in Seattle, Wash. This talented volunteer choir is frequently in demand for appearances at conferences and other functions, and has recorded a long-playing album for Sacred Recordings. Their ministry at the General Council during the week-end services was a means of great blessing both to the many delegates and to the vast radio audience.

Bud Tutmark, a successful businessman who owns a Seattle realty company, is director of this outstanding choir.

He also is a master of the Hawaiian guitar and a recording artist for Sacred Recordings.

During the broadcast the choir was directed by Cyril McLellan, *Revivaltime's* regular music director. The narrator was Bartlett Peterson, general secretary of the Assemblies of God and executive director of the radio department.

C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* evangelist, can be seen at the pulpit. D. V. Hurst, national radio secretary, and two engineers from KWJJ, Portland (inset photo) produced thebroadcast.

#### God Gave Us Our Three Sons Twice

(Continued from page three)

attacked by a dog. I rushed to the doctor's office to see the child, a member of our Sunday school, to get a description of the dog.

I called my wife and related the story. She said the description fitted that of a dog she had chased off our porch the day Charles had been bitten. My fears mounted. I began to wonder if perhaps this dog had bitten Charles. The phone rang again and my wife in-

formed me the dog was back in the neighborhood. I quickly called the police and by the time we reached the house, my wife had corralled the dog in the yard. I rushed to the school to get Charles and the little girl who had been bitten and they quickly identified the dog as the one that had bitten them.

We were soon convinced that the dog was rabid. He had every symptom of the dreadful disease. In talking to some of the boys living in the neighborhood, we discovered that several others had been bitten also. I called the doctor and brought him up to date on the events, and he felt we should begin the Pasteur treatment at once. Ninetysix hours passed before Charles had his first injection—hours that were

precious in saving the lives of those affected.

Wednesday night Charles became desperately ill. By morning his temperature was very high and he had large blood-red spots all over his body. We took him to the clinic as quickly as possible, but by noon he had lost all control of his nerves. He gritted his teeth constantly and refused food and liquid. We felt we had done all humanly possible, but we were aware that too much time had elapsed before we actually knew what had happened.

Members of the church again joined us in prayer and many stayed long into the night. Sometime in the early morning hours, God heard and answered our prayers. The fever receded and we knew we had again triumphed through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Charles is now attending Henderson State Teachers College in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. My wife and I felt we had been entrusted with Charles' life once again just as we had been entrusted with Jerry's life a second time three years before. I know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that God is a prayer-answering and a miracle-working God who steadfastly cares for His own.

Our third son Byron was born in 1952 while we pastored First Assembly of God in Blytheville, Arkansas. He was a strong, healthy baby but when he was sixteen months old our faith was again tried through his affliction.

One evening I drove to another town to speak in a service. When I arrived home I found Byron very ill. Long before morning, we discovered he was unconscious. I called our family physician. When he arrived, he quickly examined the baby and informed me that little Byron would have to be rushed to the hospital for further tests.

After making the tests, he came to me and said, "Mr. Dickinson, I know you're not easily excited, so I'm going to be frank with you. Your baby has the worst type of spinal meningitis and has only one chance in a thousand to recover. He just can't live. His brain is already seared. I would like to ask you not to pray for him to live. If he should pull through, he will be a helpless cripple, blind, or so mentally deranged he probably won't even know his name—or perhaps all three. You and Mrs. Dickinson have your ministry before you, and he would only be a burden. We will do all we can for him and see to it that he doesn't suffer."

We prayed to God for help. I made some calls to praying friends, including our district superintendent, G. W. Hardcastle.

My wife and I were the only ones allowed in the room besides regular hospital attendants. Byron's head and feet began to draw backward until there were only seven or eight inches between them. The fever raged high, and he was still unconscious. Sunday there was still no change.

During the morning worship service, several of our church members decided to fast and pray for Byron's healing.

They prayed late into the afternoon, Someone suggested they anoint a hand-kerchief and bring it to us. In some way one of the ladies managed to get by the nurses' desk and into the isolation room. She handed me the hand-kerchief, then turned as the nurse called her away. I took the handkerchief and prayerfully laid it on the unconscious, drawn little body. There was no change, but I know God was present.

The National Sunday School Convention was to begin in St. Louis, Missouri, and Brother Hardcastle was going to attend but he called me before leaving. I told him there was no change, and he told me he would request prayer for Byron at St. Louis.

As we continued to sit beside the bed, there were times when it seemed Byron could no longer breathe. His heartbeat was hard to find and we had almost given up hope for his recovery. We knew that unless God performed a miracle very quickly, Byron couldn't live much longer. My wife had already left the bedside and was sitting in a chair weeping.

Twice he stopped breathing and both



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times we were ready to inform the nurse that he was gone. Both times, however, he slowly began to breathe again.

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By Tuesday, the baby was walking around in his bed. On Thursday the doctor told me: "Mr. Dickinson, I want you to know that the day of miracles is not over. This child is a living testimony to that. We gave him only morphine to keep the pain down. He came through this with only the help of the good Lord." Tears filled his eyes as he talked with us.

When Byron was finally released from the hospital, we decided to weigh him and were amazed to find that he had gained a pound! He had taken absolutely no nourishment for four days and he had been on a liquid diet for two or three days after that, yet he had maintained his weight and even gained a pound!

Byron is past eight now and has finished the second grade. He is a straight-A student and very alert. There have been no ill effects of the disease whatsoever. Once again, God entrusted us with the care of our child.

I don't know what God has in store for our sons, but I know one thing—each of them has been made to know that God is a God of miracles. He has proved this in their lives, for He gave us each of our sons twice. How wonderful it is to serve a God whose miraculous power is a constant witness to the lost, showing them our Saviour.

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And the Word of the Lord shall be to you and to your children a Way of Life, and you shall speak of it always, and shall learn of it at all times.

## HIDING THE WORD IN YOUNG HEARTS

By RUTH BEECHICK

AM GOING TO START MY CHILDREN memorizing Scripture as soon as I get home." That was Bonnie, superintendent of our primary department, speaking.

ing.
"Why this sudden inspiration?" I asked.

"We asked your son to quote some Bible verses this morning and he said all of Isaiah 53. It's amazing! To think a child could do it at that age!"

This last was familiar; others have said the same thing. If parents only knew how easy it is, I thought, many would be just as eager to try it with their own children.

This is the method I've used in teaching Scripture to our children. It isn't really very systematic because we aren't the systematic kind. But it is a way of life for us, the working out of Deuteronomy 6:6 and 7: "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

We do just that, so even on the busiest days we can fit some memorizing into the schedule. Children love to sit on the kitchen counter and talk while Mother bakes or washes dishes. When little dimpled Andy sits there to keep me company it's hard to tell which of us loves it more. Ironing leaves my mind free for other things so the time is doubly profitable when I quote Scripture verses with the children.

And there is no better discourage-

ment for the quarreling in the back seat of the car. The children don't look on this as burdensome; they notice they are getting lots of extra attention and they thrive on it. Frequently one comes asking, "Can I say some verses now?" Once the habit is established, the opportunities throughout the day seem innumerable. When little shoes become untied, or a zipper gets stuck, or a sliver must be removed, there is time for a verse of Scripture before sending a little boy back to his play.

I make a special effort to use the time when I tuck the children into bed at night. If a child falls asleep thinking of Scripture, his subsconcious mind continues to work. These things are then impressed even more indelibly upon him.

You don't have to know these verses of Scripture yourself before teaching them to your children. I have done most of my memorizing right along with the children. In fact, this is an almost effortless way to learn hundreds of verses myself. I use the Bible only as long as I need to on a new portion.

When our oldest boy Allen was nearly five, I could not forget a statement that I had read somewhere in college psychology: "The five-year-old is in his most impressionable year of life." If all the things that enter our little boy's mind during this year are making their mark for life, I thought, I'd better take care of what those impressions are! This reflection led me to the Bible. What could be more valuable to him than the Word of God?

On his fifth birthday he made an unobtrusive start by learning: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." In the days that followed we experimented with memorizing processes and found the "whole" system most satisfactory. Here is how we worked.

I chose a passage no longer than six or eight verses. As I quoted one phrase at a time, Allen repeated it after me. These phrases were very short-sometimes just two or three words. I immediately corrected any small error he made. (This precision makes it easier the next time.) Each day we repeated the passage from one to three times as we had opportunity. I began making the phrases longer, and then I just started a phrase for Allen to finish. He was thrilled to find that sometimes he could go on without my help. As he needed help less and less, he made a game of counting the promptings. Six one day, four the next, just one. and finally the day came when he could say it all with no help from me. I never pushed the memorizing but tried to keep these times relaxed and pleasant for the children.

For small children this method is the simplest, most enjoyable, and also gives more meaning to the passage being learned.

Explaining the meaning of the verse itself brings many blessings. One day I was asked, "What does 'cleanse' mean, Mommy?"

"It means to clean or wash," was all I answered. That evening during prayers a little voice said, "And we thank you, Lord, that you can wash away all our sins."

The real secret of memorizing is frequent review. Some people draw up a schedule for this, but we are the kind who can't stick to schedules so we do the reviewing the same way we do the learning: just keep at it a little all the time. Even a portion completely forgotten does not represent time wasted. It has made a mark on the life that can never be erased. And it can be relearned with less effort than before. Several such relearnings will make an imprint upon the mind that will last for life.

We speak of memorizing as "learning by heart." This is an apt phrase because by the time something is learned well enough to repeat from memory, it is only a short step more until it is "in the heart." The Psalmist said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalms 119:11). This hiding away of the Word to insure against sin opens up a whole new world of meaningful discipline in the home.

For example, when a child disobeys, we can ask him to quote Ephesians 6: 1: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." This adds to the parent's voice in the matter, the voice of God Himself. That carries considerable weight with one who has been taught from babyhood about the heavenly Father. Of course, we must be consistent in exacting obedience.

Before a spanking, it is well for a child to quote one of these verses: "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him" (Proverbs 22: 15), or, "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell" (Proverbs

FOR THE JUNIOR READER



#### What Angels Can't Tell



BY ELVA JOHNSON

ONCE THERE WAS A MAN NAMED CORNELIUS WHO DID NOT KNOW ABOUT Jesus. He was an officer in the Roman Army. He prayed to God, hoping that God would show him how to be saved.

God heard this officer's prayer and sent an angel to give him a message. But the message was not about Jesus. It was about Peter. The angel knew Jesus had died to save all the people in the world, and he knew that Jesus could save Cornelius, too, but he wasn't allowed to tell it.

Can you imagine how sweetly an angel speaks? Probably they can say things in just the right way and never make a mistake. You would think an angel would be just the right kind of preacher to tell Cornelius about Jesus. But all the angel was allowed to do was to tell Cornelius to send some men to a town named Joppa. When they arrived in the town they were to go to a certain house. There they would find a man named Peter, who would come and tell Cornelius and his family how to be saved.

Perhaps you wonder why the angel never once was permitted to say the name of Jesus! It would have been a lot simpler for the angel to have told Cornelius about Jesus, but there was a very good reason why he could not. Do you know the reason? It is because God has planned that only people—like you and me—are permitted to tell others about Jesus. You see, Jesus didn't die to save angels. He only died to save people. So only people can tell about Him. If we don't tell others, they just won't know.

Try to remember who told you the story of Jesus the first time. Was it an angel? No, it might have been your mother, or perhaps it was your Sunday school teacher, or a friend. At least it was a person, not an angel.

If you have friends at school or anywhere else who do not go to church or Sunday school, be sure to tell them about Jesus. When you do, you are telling them something that angels can't tell!

23:13, 14). Through the use of such verses the child learns to obey because God requires it and that, after all, is the reason behind all other reasons for obedience.

When television came into our home it brought with it a new set of problems. One boy complained when certain programs were forbidden. I had him memorize Philippians 4:8: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, or if there be any praise, think on these things."

Then I explained that the contents of many programs are not the pure and lovely things God would have us fill our minds with. This is a more permanent solution to the problem than if we parents dictate what he can see and what he cannot see.

There are verses to fit a wide variety of home situations. Recently when the quarreling between our two little sons reached a certain stage, Proverbs 15:1 was a made-to-order verse. For laziness try Proverbs 15:19; for ingratitude Ephesians 5:20. This list is almost unlimited but these few samples will show the possibilities of using Scripture verses in discipline problems.

Children brought up this way are learning to live according to the Word of God and are learning to use it as their lamp and light.

Not long ago Allen, now eight, in speaking of the King James version, said, "I like the language of the Bible—it sounds so holy." I detected a deep and real love for God's Word. In this one remark I was more than repaid for having made the decision I made when he was five.

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### Evangelizing the American Indian

COMPILED BY RUTH LYON

In the Northwest District, Alvin Oya, a Chehalis Indian (his mother is of the Skokomish Tribe), ministers to his people in the Skokomish Indian Assembly. He was born on the Chehalis Indian Reservation near Olympia, Wash. His parents moved to Puyallup Valley in Washington when he was four and his father worked for a farmer in that area until Alvin was fourteen.

The family remained on the farm after the farmer's death and the children were able to finish grade school. Alvin Oya then had two years of high school. In all of this time, he cannot recall having heard anyone tell of Christ and His saving power, and no one invited them to church!

After Brother Oya's marriage in 1942, he began attending church with his wife, who is a Klallam Indian. Her parents were already saved and they prayed for the salvation of the young couple. Their prayers were answered before the year ended. The couple was converted and both of them received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The Oyas began to feel the call of God to minister to their people. Not only did they serve in their home church as Sunday school teachers, but Brother Oya also was C. A. president, assistant pastor, and custodian. In 1955, after engaging in evangelistic work among the Indian people, the Oyas accepted the pastorate of the Elwha Assembly, where they stayed five years. They

built a parsonage while there. After resigning they spent another year on the evangelistic field and then were elected pastors of the Skokomish Indian Assembly. The Oyas have one young daughter.

In the Southern California District, at least two missionaries are Indian. Arthur Stoneking from Dubuque, Ia., is pastor of the largest all-Indian congregation in the metropolitan area of Los Angeles—at Bell Gardens. He is part Winnebago Indian. Seventeen different tribes are represented in this church.

Brother Stoneking very seldom attended a church while growing up in this strong Catholic town. Raised in a home broken by divorce, he was transferred from one relative's home to another and finally was allowed to be back with his own mother. However, the boy was often neglected while the parents were on a drinking spree.

In 1943 Arthur Stoneking entered the U. S. Navy. After participating in two of the worst battles—Okinawa and Iwo Jima (in which a Pima Indian, Ira Hayes, had a part in raising the American flag on that island)—he received a medical discharge in 1945.

That same year he married. The family began attending the First Assembly of God in Maywood, Calif., where Sister Stoneking had been saved as a child. Brother Stoneking

went to the altar and came away a changed man. Immediately he began witnessing for Christ on street corners, in homes, and in skidrow missions. This was difficult for him, for he did not even know John 3:16! He began to pray that God would make it possible for him to go to Bible college. However, he had only finished the tenth grade and needed a high-school diploma. He took government examinations, passed them, and thus received a diploma.

Brother Stoneking then entered Southern California Bible College (now S.C.C.). During this time, he drove the school bus for the Maywood Christian School and was able to contact Indian parents through their children. The couple began to call on the fifteen Indian families close to their home.

Twenty-five people responded to the invitation to visit in the Stonekings' home one Friday night. For most of them, this was their first time to hear about a Saviour, and they were so hungry for the Lord the workers could hardly believe it. The Stonekings served them refreshments and some stayed very late. Other services were held, and before long people began to get saved.

That was the beginning of the Indian Revival Center in Los Angeles. A great revival broke out and Indians were coming from everywhere, it seemed. Soon the Stonekings were forced to rent a hall to accommodate



Arthur Stoneking



James F. Pepper



Alvin Oya



Charles Slater

the crowds. They moved the meetings to a better building. The Bell Gardens Assembly allowed them to use part of their church for Sunday nights and later gave this congregation the building that is now on their own lot. Their average attendance has reached 175 and growth continues.

J. F. Pepper, a Cherokee Indian pastor of the Assembly of God in Redlands, Calif., has been instrumental in raising thousands of dollars for the Indian work of the Assemblies of God in missionary services and conventions. He has had some successful camp meetings among the Indian people.

Brother Pepper's paternal grandfather was one of the Cherokee Indians who ran away and hid in the mountains during the "Trail of Tears" Cherokee Indian Removal in North Carolina and thus did not go to Oklahoma Indian territory.

The Pepper family was never taught to go to church since the father was a rank unbeliever. Brother Pepper was not attracted to religion either and drifted into sin. But one day Jesus appeared to him in a vision. In his own room, with no one else present, he knelt and was saved. About a year later, Brother Pepper heard about the baptism of the Holy Spirit and finally he was filled during a great tent meeting.

The Lord had called him to preach shortly before this experience and he was preaching in the Baptist churches. However, his Pentecostal experience soon closed the door for preaching in

this denomination.

Brother Pepper's first call to work among the Indians was on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation at Wolf Point, Mont. There were 14,000 Sioux, Assiniboine, and Cree Indians here. He pastored the white church in Wolf Point and then began services out on the reservation in the government school and also in the homes of the Indians. The Peppers worked among the Indians there for three years. Since that time they have never done strictly missionary work on the reservations, but they promote Indian missions whenever and wherever they can.

In the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District Charles Slater, part Winnebago, has pastored the Morgan Siding Indian Assembly at Gresham, Wis., for about five years. Born in Hecla, S. Dak., he moved with his parents to Pollock, S. Dak., when he was two years old. During his childhood his fa-

ther was employed by the government as dean of boys at the Martin Kenel Indian School. Brother Slater's boyhood was filled with exciting experiences in hunting, trapping, and rodeos.

When Charles Slater was twenty years old, the family moved to Selfridge, N. Dak., on the Standing Rock Reservation, the place where Sitting Bull is buried. While there he became acquainted with the J. K. Wead family and worked for them on their farm. In this home Brother Slater soon learned about Pentecost, for Mother Wead was a zealous Pentecostal witness.

In an attempt to run away from God, Brother Slater went to Rapid City, S. Dak., but in about three months yielded to the conviction of the Spirit and was saved. Later he married and settled in Rapid City, where he became a church board member, Sunday school superintendent, and C. A. leader of the First Assembly. Later moving to Newell, S. Dak., he helped to establish a new assembly.

In a New Year's Eve service at Vale, S. Dak., God gave Brother Slater a vision and a call into the Indian ministry. In 1937 he accepted the pastorate at Pringle, S. Dak., where he stayed for nine years. He was elected to the presbytery of the South Dakota District and later was elected assistant superintendent of the district for several terms. Moving to Pierre, he built the church there and pastored for almost eight years.

In January 1954 Brother Slater received appointment from the National Home Missions Department as a missionary to the Indians and became director of Indian missions for the district. He helped start the Indian works in Sisseton, Norris, Wagner, St. Charles, and Rapid City. The Slaters now work mainly with the Stockbridge Indians, although the Oneida, Winnebago, and Menominee Indian tribes are represented in their congregation.

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#### JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

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does that mean in the way of loss at the Judgment Seat?

The Christian worker who builds his church with mingled gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, and stubble will have his work carefully examined and analyzed at that day. All unconverted people whom he accepts into church membership will be rejected, and he will have no credit for having built such material into his church. Only the precious stones and metals of people who are really born again will be accepted as worthwhile. If he has not erected a spiritual edifice, his whole works will be burned and will be as if he had not worked at all. What a solemn prospect and somber warning is this word by the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said in Matthew 24:45-51, a faithful and wise servant who gave his household meat in due season would be blessed of Him and made ruler over all His goods. Conversely, if those pastors beat and bruise their people, and indulge themselves rather than feed the flock, the Lord will cut such workers asunder and appoint them their portion with the hypocrites. "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." This bitter experience is not found in heaven, and we must conclude that it is to the alternate place where these faithless, selfish church workers will be assigned. It might not be amiss to call attention to the fact that it is abilities, advantages, and Christian works which will be judged at that Judgment Seat, and not personal sin. Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:5; and 1 Corinthians 6:9, 10 all tell us plainly that sinners will be excluded from heaven, not being allowed to inherit the kingdom of God. Among these sins are hatred, variance (dissention), emulations (jealousies), wrath, strife, sedition, heresies, envyings, thievery, and covetousness. These are listed along with adultery, murder, drunkenness and idolatry. It is all loathsome to God and will not be admitted into heaven. The doers of any of these things will not appear at the Judgment Seat of Christ but will be left behind with other sinners to receive the wrath of

Another solemn word must also be

written here. In Matthew 18:21, 35, Peter asked Jesus how many times he should forgive the man that sinned against him.

In answer to this question, Jesus gave the parable of the two servants who were forgiven debts. The first servant was forgiven a tremendous debt, simply because he asked for forgiveness. He, in turn, would not forgive his fellow servant a very small debt. The Lord of those servants was very angry with the first one and cast him into prison; he delivered him to the tormentors. Now, hear Christ's own solemn word: "So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses" (Matthew 18:35).

It is also built into the Lord's prayer: "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.... For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:12-15). How solemn is this word! How tragic the tendency to minimize the sinfulness of failing to forgive from our heart. Enmity and ill feeling toward our brethren is a root of bitterness that will defile and exclude us from heaven.

And now for a picture of the varying degrees of reward which will be meted out at that judgment. (Matthew 5:12 speaks of "great reward." Matthew 6:1 of "no reward." 2 John 8 speaks of "full reward." 1 Peter 4:18 says that some righteous will scarcely be saved. 2 Peter 1:11 tells how we may receive an "abundant entrance" into the everlasting kingdom.

We have already referred to the passages which speak of suffering loss and being saved so as by fire, being ashamed and not having boldness before Him at His coming. In Mark 9: 41, He assures us that "whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose His reward."

Without attempting any interpretation of the Book of Revelation, it surely is apparent to all that there will be those who will stand before the Throne with palms in their hands, and who will serve him day and night in His temple. Read Revelation 7:9-15. This is in contrast to others who are seated upon thrones, who have on their heads crowns of gold, and who sing, "Thou hast made us kings and priests and

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we shall reign on the earth." See Revelation 4:4, 5, 9, 10.

There will be degrees in reward at that day, all meted out accurately, in accord with our choice and conduct here on earth. We shape and determine our own position in the eternal kingdom by our day-to-day attitude and behavior here. And that position will be revealed at the judgment seat of Christ.

#### SOUTHWESTERN ALUMNI SET NEW DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The annual alumni meeting for Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Tex., has been changed from May to November 10 and 11. This was done by action of the International Alumni Association Executive Committee (Blake Farmer, president; Hugh Jeter, vice-president; and Mrs. W. B. McCafferty, secretary).

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY SERV-ICES, First Assembly of God, Stanley and Brewton Sts., Andalusia, Ala., Nov. 1-12. Guest speaker will be Vincent Roccaforte, Houston, Tex. The church was organized and set in order on Nov. 1, 1931.—by A. T. Hickman, Pastor.



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#### EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
	Atmore		Oct. 25-Nov. 5	Bob & Jeri Winford	Robert Rogers
	New Brockton		Oct. 25-Nov. 5	J. I. Carroll	J. H. Barfield
Ark.	Little Rock	Central	Oct. 29—	George Hayes	Bird H. Campbell
	Yellville	First	Oct. 29-Nov. 1:	2Lester Young	R. M. Boyd
Calif.	Bell Gardens	Full Gospel	Oct. 22-	L. C. & Mrs. Eldridge	S. E. Bowler
	Carlotta	A/G	Oct. 25—	Fisher-Cheek Team	
	El Monte		Oct. 25—	Donnell-Holler Team	
	Fontana		Oct. 24-29	Ralph & Edith Coe	Alton B. Todd
	Fresno	Northeast	Oct. 24-29	Everett Olp	T. H. Fuller
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	Garden Grove	First	Oct. 29—	J. G. Hall	Ralph Markey
	La Jolla	A/G Church		Ralph Cranston	Joseph Prettyman
	La Mesa	Gospel Tab.	Oct. 29—	Ron Prinzing	D. G. Scott
	Napa	First	Oct. 24-Nov. 5		Duane E. Trulin
	Oildale	A/G	Oct. 18—	Paul E. Riggs	George Brown
	Pasadena	Trinity	Oct. 25-Nov. 5	Orrin A. Kingsriter	Harley Smith
	San Francisco	Glad Tid. Tem.		2O. E. (Gene) Vaale	Floyd W. Thoma
	San Jose	Alum Rock		Earnest Rogers	Philip Lindvall
	Panama City	*First	Oct. 24-29	Paul Hild	Glen D. Miller
	Winter Park	Calvary		2C. Merrill Johnson	Dale C. Zink
	Lincoln		Oct. 22-100v. 1		
11.		First		A. A. Wilson	E. E. Cornelison
	Paris	*First	Oct. 15—	Lucelia Lanz	Fred Hendrickson
	Keokuk	First		2 Ralph Hutchinson	Allan Ullestad
	Newton	A/G		G. A. & Mrs. Snavely	
	Louisville	Evangel Tab.	Oct. 29-Nov. 5	5 Louise Nankivell	W. L. Rodgers
la.	Springhill	First	Oct. 29-	M. R. McKnight	Gerald D. Wilson
	Cabin John	Riverside		2John Higginbotham	A. B. Marks
	Dearborn	*Gospel Tab.	Oct. 22-27	Bob Olson	Parvin Lee
	Flint	Riverside Tab.		Ernie Eskelin	Ivar Frick
	Albert Lea	A/G	Oct. 24-Nov. 5		E. H. Whitcomb
	Little Falls				
		A/G		Arthur & Anna Berg	Kenneth Freiheit
	St. Paul	Summit Ave.		Musical VanderPloeg	
Miss.	Moss Point	A/G		5 Douglas Bartlett	L. E. Hart
Mo.	Kansas City	Friendly Church	Oct. 17-29	Billy D. Guthrie	Bill Cambers
	Sullivan	First	Oct. 22—	Lloyd Middleton	A. W. Pettet
	Tarkio	A/G	Oct. 22—	C. M. Smitley	Leroy Rogers
N. J.	Camden	**Calvary	Oct. 22-27	Victor Etienne	Harold W. Barne
	Trenton	First		5 Jack & Clara Peters	John J. Paproski
N Mey	.Lovington	First		5 Jerry & Mrs. Roberts	Oral Boteler
	Jamestown	First		5 "The Grabans"	G. L. Riffe
	Girard	Summit	Oct. 30—	Evan Richards	Richard L. Barth
Okla.	Chandler	First	Oct. 29—	Al Davis	James Guinn
	Duncan	Bethel	Oct. 25—	Al Davis	Willie Lowder
	Sand Springs	First	Oct. 15-29	Bobby Green	George E. Smith
Oreg.	Brownsville	A/G		Gospel Evangelaires	Donald L. Anders
Pa.	Easton	A/G		Mildred Kimmel	Conrad J. Schaefe
	Landisburg	A/G Church	Oct. 24-29	Byron D. Jones	F. Eber Reitzel
	Latrobe	Calvary Tem.	Oct. 25-27	John French	Roger J. Rakon
	Philadelphia	Calvary Tem.	Oct. 15-29	Edward Spinola	James A. Griepp
	Shade Gap	Fair Ridge Pent		Allan A. Swift	Belvy White
	York	First	Oct. 17-29	Stanley MacPherson	E. O. Leeper
S. C.	Clover	First	Oct. 18—	Rudolph Nichols	Billy J. Tims
	Greenville	Southside	Oct. 17-29	Milford Addison	J. L. Gallman
	Greenwood	First	Oct. 22-Nov. 1	l Perrello Brothers	Ruby Hazel Duck
Γex.	Borger	Keeler Hts.		Leon & Ann Bayless	O. E. Eldridge
	Dallas	Forest Lane	Oct. 31—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	R. L. Hamm
	Grand Prairie	Northside	Oct. 18-29	Warren Litzman	Worth Williams
	Hutchins	First		2 Wm. Paul Edwards	E. F. Dunn
Va.	Norfolk				
		Calvary	Oct. 22—	D. C. Ogden	C. Stanley Cooke
Wash.	Colfax	Full Gospel	Oct. 15-29	Archie & Mrs. Phelps	
	Seattle	Calvary Tem.	Oct. 15-29	Velmar Gardner	Glen Horst
	Seattle	Evangel Tem.	Oct. 25—	The Tanner Team	John M. Tappero
	Sedro-Woolley	Bethel Tab.	Oct. 24-Nov. !	5 Musical Lebsacks	Carl Gunderson
Wis.	Viroqua	A/G	Oct. 24-29	"Ernie" Moen	Donald R. Filbec
	Drumheller, Alta	Elim Pent.	Oct. 20—	Lolita Thompson	E. C. O'Brien
				Robert R. Bayless	Wm. L. Thornto
	Hong Kong Manila	A/G A/G	Oct. 22— Oct. 30—	Robert R. Bayless	Alfred Cawston

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Wm. W. Keeney

It happened at Indianapolis the night before Thanksgiving. After preaching about Pentecostal power for more than twenty years, Acts 2:4 suddenly became a reality in my life!

But before going into further details concerning my Pentecostal experience, let me mention a number of events that contributed to this happy outcome.

I was saved at the age of thirteen, and at that very moment I felt a definite conviction that my life should be given to the service of God. Years later I attended a

Holiness Bible school and saw my need for a deeper spiritual life. After seeking the Lord I felt a very definite witness to an experience I called Sanctification. Then I entered the ministry and for more than twenty years enjoyed the thrill of preaching the gospel; however, I was often conscious that mine was not the ministry of *power* which I earnestly coveted and which I saw demonstrated by the apostles in the Book of Acts.

During my pastorate in a southern Indiana city, a gentleman approached me in one of the downtown stores and introduced himself as a minister. After a few general remarks he began to speak of the wonderful power of God in salvation, healing, and the baptism with the Holy Spirit as received by those in the Book of Acts. Something about his witness of the baptism with the Holy Spirit instantly moved my heart with hunger.

I almost broke into tears when I said, "Brother, perhaps you do not know it, but you are witnessing to a minister. Will you pray that my hungry heart will receive what you are talking about?" He assured me that he would.

I have never seen that man since that day, but my hunger never left. It was so great it almost led me to distress. The joy of my ministry was overcome with the hunger. For years I had been indirectly associated with the Pentecostal movement, but not until my encounter with this man in the store did I become deeply interested. I immediately began to seek for this Pentecostal experience. In all my study and sermon preparation, I could see nothing but my own spiritual need.

Then came another blessed contact. I discovered there was an Assembly of God about ten miles from the church I was pastoring. I went to the pastor, Walter Solmes, and told him of my hunger. He was so very kind and understanding. Through his patience, counsel, and prayer I received much help. I shall never forget the blessed times we spent together waiting on God in prayer.

Feeling definitely led of the Lord, I resigned my pastorate. This gave me more opportunity to attend other churches.

It was during a visit to Indianapolis that I learned of the West Side Gospel Tabernacle, where Thomas Paino and his son Thomas Jr. are pastors. God gave me wonderful experiences there, night after night, while I was seeking the Baptism. Each time I sought, God lifted me a little higher. The Holy Spirit was gradually preparing my heart for, as a result of my former teaching, I had great mental conflict in knowing how to yield unreservedly to God.

That wonderful night before Thanksgiving will never be forgotten. When Evangelist Marrles Moore gave the altar call, I went forward again to seek the Lord. After some time of prayer, when most of the seekers had left the altar, I realized the gracious presence of the Lord settling down. Suddenly I was conscious of being completely yielded to the Spirit's control; it seemed as though I was a large vessel being emptied of everything when the filling of the Spirit came.

Mighty, unutterable gushings and flames of love accompanied the glorious witness. I had preached about Pentecostal power for more than twenty years, but never until that moment did I know what it was. This was reality! This was what the apostles received on the Day of Pentecost when "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4).

This wonderful infilling has been mine to enjoy these past months. Though we have been misunderstood by many of our friends and have passed through many valleys, yet—

There's something within me that's holding the rein, Something within me that banishes pain; Something within me I cannot explain—
All that I know is there's something within.