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America's First Orbital Flight

By Astronaut John H. Glenn, Jr.

A Memorial Poem by Dwight C. Ritchie

God heard a world of people humbly pray,
In one accord and each in his own way,
That He would guard the life of Colonel Glenn
And bring him safely back to earth again.

God answered prayer, as He agrees to do
When men unite their hearts in purpose true.
He could not break that promise Christ had made,
So Glenn who trusted Him was not afraid.

With patience he had waited for a time
When weather would permit his sudden climb.
When this occurred and rocket parts were right,
A corps of scientists put him in flight.

The rocket flamed and all its engines roared,
And into perfect orbit quickly soared;
Then jettisoned its load and followed John
As 'round the earth his spacecraft hurried on.

He traveled more than eighty thousand miles
In one of mankind's most historic trials.
The knowledge he obtained may take men far;
Perhaps ere long to planet, moon and star.

Besides the scientific data learned,
For which men's minds for many years have yearned,
There is a lesson plain for men to see—
A secret that will make all nations free:

When hearts unite in prayer to God above,
The earth can be a place of peace and love;
And this includes as well all Communists,
If they will now confess that God exists.

Their Sputnik pave the way to outer space;
Their scientists were first in this great race.
They claim they sent a rocket to the moon,
And hope to land men on its surface soon.

Man's high achievements should not make him proud,
But thankful that he is by God allowed
To learn a little of His wisdom great
That did the universe and life create.

Can Communists now claim that atoms fused
And made the mighty rockets that were used
To put in orbit man and satellite?
Plain logic tells them that cannot be right!

It took the understanding and the skill
Of scientific intellect and will
To plan each part that made the final whole.
It needed men with body, mind and soul.

So all the wonders of the earth and sea
Did not appear without the Lord's decree.
His knowledge planned, His will and word did make
The earth and air, the ocean, stream and lake.

He stored them with all things that men would need
To live in health and happiness, but greed
Infected human souls, and gendered hate,
And pride and want and war did all create.

Yes, human lusts are at the root of all
The problems that perplex the great and small.
It is not chance and economic plan
That brought the evils that now trouble man.

If Communists these facts will but believe,
And words of wisdom from the Lord receive;
All Stalin's books and Marx's too destroy,
The world can soon be filled with peace and joy.

We know united prayer with God prevails,
For not one word of His sure promise fails;
So let us now agree with one accord
To look in faith and prayer to Christ the Lord,

To save from doom our erring race of men,
As He preserved from death brave Colonel Glenn.
Let us from lusts and pride and folly turn,
And from today God's lessons humbly learn.

Three orbits Glenn did make; three paths we must
Pursue if we in God do fully trust:
Flee from all sin; then walk in Truth divine,
* And like Perth's people, make our light to shine.

God's Word is all it takes to make men free,
And those who follow Christ find liberty.
He is the Way to God, the Truth, the Light.
He brings to blinded minds the gift of sight.

When men once see that God and Christ exist,
And Communists no longer Truth resist,
But all to reason and to wisdom bow,
True co-existence can begin right now.

But till that time let's keep our armor bright,
And poised each moment of the day and night,
While we agree unitedly to pray
For peace and safety in our world today.

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*The people of Perth, Australia, turned on the lights of the city to salute Astronaut John H. Glenn as his space capsule passed overhead.

We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule over the nations. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.

WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

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The same scripture that says, "Be not drunk with wine," also says, "Be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). There is nothing optional about it. We are not merely *urged* to be sober—we are *commanded* to be. And we are not merely *urged* to be filled with the Holy Spirit—it is a command which, if not obeyed, makes us guilty of sin.

The reason for this command is quite simple. We cannot live a victorious Christian life through self-effort any more than we could be saved by self-effort. We need the infilling of God's Spirit to make us what we ought to be.

First we need to obtain this infilling; then, having obtained it, we need to maintain it. Let us notice four features of this Spirit-filled life.

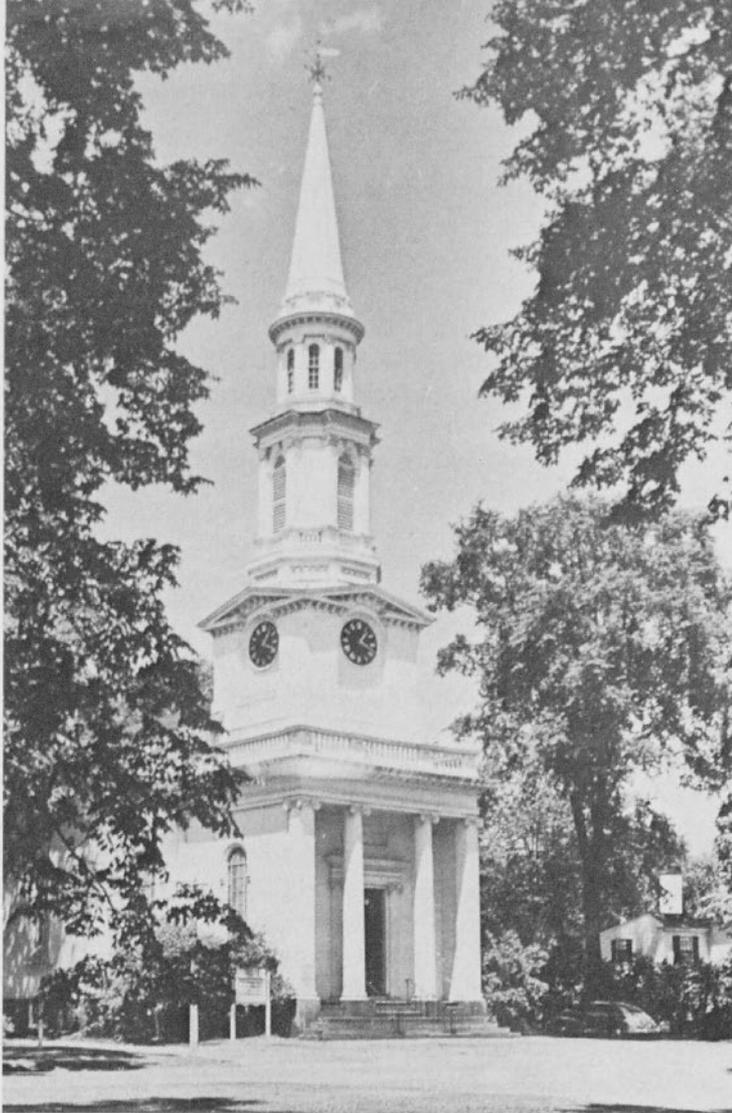
1. *It is a life of joy.* The apostle said, "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." J. B. Phillips gives a literal translation of these verses, as follows: "Don't get your stimulus from wine (for there is always the danger of excessive drinking), but let the Spirit stimulate your souls. Express your joy in singing among yourselves psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making music in your hearts for the ears of God!" Surely we Blood-washed Christians have much reason to rejoice. Our past sins are washed away. Our present life is filled with blessing. Our future is bright with the promise of eternal life. No wonder we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory!

2. *It is a life of power.* The Saviour said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you," or, as Rotherham translated it, "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit cometh upon you." We see the promise fulfilled in the lives of the apostles. Before they received the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, they ran like hares; afterward they stood like lions. Before, they cringed before their accusers; afterward they stood erect before rulers and preached the gospel in spite of threats of imprisonment and death. The same God-given faith and courage that carried them triumphantly over every obstacle, and gave them patience and grace to do the whole will of God, can be seen in Spirit-filled lives today.

3. *It is a life of purity.* Whereas John baptized with water, Jesus baptizes with Fire. "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with Fire" (Matthew 3:11). Water cannot wash away our sin. It takes the blood of Jesus to make us clean and it takes the Fire of the Holy Ghost to keep us clean. No germs of sin can survive the Spirit's Flame. The Fire purges us from impure thoughts, impure speech, and impure deeds while we live after the Spirit and not after the flesh.

4. *It is a life of love.* The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. This love constrains us to exalt our Lord and not ourselves. It causes us to be concerned with the welfare of others more than of ourselves. It was this love that won the admiration of a pagan world in days gone by, and if we would see the multitudes drawn to Christ today we too must be filled with the Spirit and impregnated with this same divine love so that every word and every deed in our daily lives is an expression of Christian compassion.

—R.C.C.



as to his position on the great doctrines of the gospel of Christ. No human autobiography ever written can surpass in self-revelation the epistles of Paul. They are unsparing. His extreme God-consciousness during the actual writing or dictating of them comes through in such statements as, "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost" (Romans 9:1); "We speak before God in Christ..." (2 Corinthians 12:19); and, "In the sight of God speak we in Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:17).

It can most certainly be assumed that, in his search for a church home today, Paul would not be much influenced in his decision to join because of its size, its modern facilities, its prominent location, its program, or its prestige. Nor would the personal qualities of its pastor—his personality, his education, age, ability, nor his popularity—have any appreciable bearing on Paul's decision. The choice would be determined basically by the faithfulness of both the pastor and the church to the truth of God's Word, and his overriding desire would be to find and fellowship those of "like precious faith."

What, then, would be the great foundation truths that Paul would demand as part of the teaching and practice of *his* church? For the answers we turn to his own writings in his letters to the churches of his day. The following order of listing does not necessarily reflect the relative importance of each truth.

First, Paul's church must *accept the Bible as the infallible and divinely inspired Word of God.*

This major truth was cherished by the apostle to the very end of his life, for it is in the second letter to

Choosing the Right Church

By ARNE VICK *Pastor, Bethel Temple, Los Angeles, California*

IF THE APOSTLE PAUL WERE ALIVE TODAY ON EARTH, which church would he join?

He certainly would have a wide selection of churches from which to choose. Statistics indicate the existence of approximately 250 separate denominations or organized groups of professing Christians in America. It is almost inevitable that one should be confused and bewildered when he tries to decide which of the multitudinous claimants to heaven's approval actually presents the strongest case in the light of God's Word.

If the inquirer will subject all denominational claims to authenticity to the test of the Scriptures, he soon will find his confusion giving way to solid conviction. In the case of Paul, we know by his epistles that he arrived at a very certain decision as to the kind of church God intended His people to have.

A careful study of Paul's epistles will yield an answer both clear and accurate to the question, "Which is the right church?" He has forever gone on record—in language sometimes thunderous, always unmistakable—

Timothy—the last of all his epistles, written in the shadow of the executioner ("I am now ready to be offered...")—that he records for all generations to follow his unshakable opinion of the holy Scriptures: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God..." (2 Timothy 3:16). If Paul were here today he would be shocked to discover the incredible inroads of liberalism against his declared concept of the divine inspiration of the Scriptures, and he would be disturbed to find that masses of professing Christians experience varying degrees of doubt as to their ultimate authority in things relating to both time and eternity.

With all such doubt-plagued, vacillating, and uncertain souls he would find himself sadly out of step and without any feeling of spiritual *rapproch*, with its consequent desire for increasing identification and affiliation. *His* church *must* agree with his unshakable affirmation, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God!"

Again, *Paul's church must accept Christ as the uniquely divine, virgin-born, eternally existent, Son of God.*

From his inspired pen often flowed such rapturous peans of praise and sublime exaltations of Jesus as the Christ, God's only begotten Son, that human language could scarce support it. We need but to consider one passage from his epistles to be instantly immersed in and exhilarated by his breath-taking *magnificat*. Here are some phrases from Paul's pen in the first chapter of the Colossian letter: "For by him were all things created..." "He is before all things, and by him all things consist." "For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell" (Colossians 1:16, 17, 19).

Any person with such a concept of the identity of Jesus of Nazareth would never apply for membership in a church where Christ was reduced to the category of a mere human teacher and religious leader. Paul would undoubtedly reject fellowship with all such, saying, "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."

Furthermore, the church of Paul's choice must be a fellowship of born-again believers—individuals who have an experiential, heart-felt, life-transforming knowledge of God through Jesus Christ.

For he who wrote, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature..." (2 Corinthians 5:17), could never identify himself with a congregation of people who were personally ignorant of the true meaning of the "new birth" and whose concept of Christianity consisted of mere intellectual assent to the gospel story—with an added veneer of outward righteousness. To such misguided people Paul would constantly reiterate, "They that are in the flesh cannot please God" (Romans 8:8), and, "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

In fact, it is highly doubtful whether Paul would consent to the use of the word "church" in speaking of certain groups of alleged followers of Christ today. An "audience" is not necessarily a "congregation," in the scriptural sense of the word, any more than a "crowd" constitutes a "church." For only to those who gather together in His name, though they be but two or three in number, is the promise of Jesus' presence given. Paul would insist that the meetings of his church be spiritual in atmosphere and be characterized by worship "in spirit and in truth."

Moreover, it is clearly seen from Paul's writings that his concept of the church included the provision that its members must be Spirit-filled and recipients of "the promise of the Father"—the baptism in the Holy Spirit—which was first given at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost.

For in the epistle generally rated the most profoundly spiritual of all his letters, he fervently exhorts—yea, commands—the Christians of Ephesus to "be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). Just what would be his opinion of the average denominational church of today, with its rejection of the baptism of the Spirit according to the apostolic pattern of Acts 2:4, and its consequent failure to receive and exercise the gifts of the Spirit, would very probably make those groups both dismayed and embarrassed.

All the evidence in both the Book of Acts and the epistles that follow leads to the clear conclusion that

the early Christians were *all* Spirit-filled, taking their standard from the pattern established 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). Paul's intense desire that believers should go on beyond conversion to receive the baptism of the Spirit is plainly seen in his immediate and searching query of the disciples at Ephesus, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" (Acts 19:2). How the man who could write without the slightest reticence, for the Christian church of all ages to read, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all" (1 Corinthians 14:18), could ever bring himself to affiliate with a church that rejected both the scripturalness and the importance of this Pentecostal experience, is impossible to conceive.

That Paul was also a firm believer in *physical healing through prayer*, and that he practiced the same continually, is a matter of abundant record.

He experienced his first personal healing within hours after his Damascus road conversion when, in his blinded state, he heard Ananias say, "Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus... hath sent me that thou mayest receive thy sight... and immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith..." (Acts 9:17, 18).

This personal miracle, so early in his new life, must have played a large part in the formulating of future faith and practice; and thereafter, throughout his long and fruitful ministry, God honored his faith "with signs following." The Bible says, "And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul" (Acts 19:11). It describes the healing of the life-long cripple at Lystra, recorded in Acts 14:8-10, plus many other miracles on Paul's missionary travels. The apostle sums these up in 2 Corinthians 12:12 saying, "Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds."

In the light of all this, simple logic demands the conclusion that Paul's church today must preach and practice divine healing.

In the theology of Paul one further major truth shines through with throbbing hope and radiant expectation—the return of Jesus, "to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe..." (2 Thessalonians 1:10).

In fact, it is to Paul that we are indebted for the
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Day by Day in Your Bible

Read It Through in '62



April 1—Begin 1 Samuel 27

April 7—Finish 2 Samuel 16

God Is 'Filling the Big Empty Places'

*Wherever He can find hearts that are hungry and open,
He is filling these lives with His Spirit.*



by **ALMA WARE CROSBY**
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WHEN I RECEIVED THE BAPTISM OF the Holy Spirit years ago Jesus came to me in vision, raised His hand, and said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8). Ever since that wonderful experience I have prayed for God to lead me to hungry hearts.

I remember one day a Salvation Army lady came to my desk in an insurance office selling *The War Cry*. She looked weary and with tenderness in my heart I said, "You are a sweet Christian. I believe Jesus wants to baptize you in the Holy Spirit." I quoted Scripture verses to her and she just yielded herself in Jesus' arms and received the blessed Comforter (John 14:16, 17).

On another occasion a Methodist friend, rather embarrassed, came to borrow on her life insurance policy. She had possessed means and now that she was growing old her property was depreciating, her income was small, and I sensed she was heavyhearted. A compassion came into my heart for her and I told her she needed the comfort of the Holy Spirit. She received the Baptism before I could give her all the Scripture passages!

The author, Mrs. S. H. Crosby, is an ordained Assemblies of God minister. Due to advancing age she is not actively engaged in a pulpit ministry at present but God is giving her and her husband a very fruitful ministry to individuals instead.

I praise God for meeting these hungry hearts—but I have never seen *so many people* so hungry for the Baptism as *now!* I am so glad our Father is willing to give the Holy Spirit to all His children who ask Him (Luke 11:13).

Friends in another state wrote on a Christmas card, saying: "We attend prayer meetings in the home of a Spirit-filled Episcopalian physician. His wife and children have also received and several Methodist ministers in our area have received the Baptism. God is working and *filling the big empty places* these days." They then asked us to come and help them in these cottage prayer meetings, but we had to answer that we are happily busy doing the same thing here in Texas and we feel this is where God wants us for the present.

For wonderful things have been happening in our own home. God draws hungry hearts to our house and grants my husband and me the honor of being present while He fills them according to the Bible pattern (Acts 2:4; Acts 8:17; Acts 9:17; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 19:6, etc.)

Some time ago a well-known businessman, long plagued with the demon of alcohol, came to our home ready to seek God for deliverance. He had been a fine man, generous and good to his family and friends, successful in his business *until* liquor took pos-

session of him. For weeks at a time he would go on a wild orgy of drunkenness and spending, finally coming back to find his business almost ruined and his family heartbroken. We welcomed him into our home and he received a mighty Baptism and complete deliverance from the desire for alcohol. He now gives his testimony with a heart on fire for God and brings his friends to our home to receive the Baptism!

A Methodist pastor from a nearby city received the infilling of the Holy Spirit about a year ago. He had such a burden on his heart for his people that he began to preach fiery evangelistic sermons and some were really "born again." They wanted the same overflowing of the Spirit as he had, so he began to bring them by ones and twos to our place. Almost without exception they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit the first time they came to seek. Some of them brought others and I would ask the new ones, "Well, have you received the Baptism?" They would usually smile and say, "Not yet."

This pastor called one day at the home of a member of his church who had lost her leg and was in a wheel chair very discouraged. He told her about the Comforter and she received Him right there. He also prayed for her healing as she was soon to have an eye operation. On his next visit he found her cheerfully sweeping and dusting her home from her wheel chair. With great joy she told the pastor that the doctor now said she did not need the operation!

One day this Methodist preacher phoned to ask if he could bring a friend from another city to see us. When they came in I hardly knew where to begin with this handsome, well-dressed and dignified man, but I knew why our friend had brought him. So I asked, "Are you a Christian?"

He responded, "Yes."

"Do you have the baptism of the Holy Spirit?"

He smiled and said, "Not yet."

I must confess I felt a need for special help from God to counsel this man, but I summoned courage and said, "If you are hungry for the Baptism, you may have it since you are a Christian. But you must be like a little child and let us help you the way we help everyone."

He said, "That's what I want," and

took off his expensive glasses and loosened his beautiful tie as though he were getting ready for an ordeal.

I felt led to give him a simple illustration to show that the Baptism is a wonderful gift that God wants to give His children. I offered him a book as a gift, and showed that receiving the Baptism is like accepting a book from a friend—we just reach out and take it and thank God for it. The distinguished young man caught the thought and began thanking God with all his heart. Of course, he soon was filled.



But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.



The other night the same Methodist pastor called to say that a Baptist preacher wanted help—he was hungry for more of God. After they arrived we enjoyed a time of fellowship in the Word with this fine young minister, and then he knelt with the Methodist preacher at his back, my husband on one side, and me on the other. He received a mighty Baptism and while under the Spirit's power that night he "preached" in an unknown tongue for a long time.

Then, still under the Spirit's power, he spoke in English about the nearness of the time when there would be just two churches—he emphasized *just two*—the world church under the power of the government, and God's true people. We had a wonderful prayer meeting and consecrated our all to Jesus.

What probably was our most unusual experience along this line began when Brother Crosby and I were parking our car on the street recently. A tall man, who looked like an Indian but told us later he also had a little Negro blood, was parking his car just ahead of us. The two men exchanged greetings and the stranger remarked, "I'm a sick man." My husband learned he had been sick with stomach ulcers for a few years and had not been able to keep food down for three days.

My husband told him how God had healed him of ulcers and we invited the man to follow us to our home so we could pray for him. He readily consented.

We prayed first for his body, after which I gave him some light food. He enjoyed it and was strengthened. We explained the way of salvation to him and he not only accepted Jesus as his Saviour but received one of the sweetest Baptisms I have ever witnessed. Prostrate on his face he thanked Jesus with all his heart for the Holy Ghost.

A few days ago he came back to see us. He told us he was attending a full-gospel church and was determined to go on with God.

Not long ago a prominent minister friend paid us a visit. He is very hungry for more power from God but is prejudiced against "speaking in other tongues." He has confidence in my husband and me and permitted me to give him my personal testimony to illustrate the *value of speaking in other tongues*.

I told him that when I received the Baptism I was so absorbed with the Lord in prayer I didn't even know I was speaking in tongues, but afterward friends praying with me said I did. Later when I would be in earnest prayer I sometimes would pray in other tongues. Then I saw in the Bible how Scriptural this is. Paul said he did the same thing and he also said, "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself" (1 Corinthians 14:4). I told our minister friend I had the same experience and was greatly built up and blessed in the Lord. We are praying that he will accept this truth and be endued with this power from on high (Luke 24:29). He promised to come back.

I do thank God for leading me into this Spirit-filled life. I find that as

I wait on Him in prayer He lays certain persons and situations upon my heart. The Holy Spirit causes me to weep and often groan with deep agony of heart as I pray in a heavenly language. Often this experience ends in holy laughter and great joy after I have "prayed through." I find this is Scriptural for I read in Romans 8:26, 27, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Some of my most miraculous answers to prayer have followed experiences like this.

Another reason for speaking in tongues, I find, is as a sign "to them that believe not" (1 Corinthians 14:22).

An old Jewish woman called me to pray for her at the hospital. She said, "Mrs. Crosby, pray for me! Tomorrow they're going to cut my leg off." And crying piteously she said, "Oh, I don't want to lose my leg. Pray, pray!"

I looked down on this "child of Abraham according to the flesh" and my heart was moved in anguish to help her. I told her I only prayed in Jesus' name so she first must accept Him as her Saviour and Messiah. She said, "Oh, Mrs. Crosby, don't bother me. I'm a good woman. Just pray for my leg."

As I began to speak to her again, big strange words began to pour out of my mouth. She stared and said, "Where did you learn to talk it?"

I told her I did not know what I had said. She explained that I had spoken in the language of her childhood in Romania and she had never heard it spoken in America before. I told her that Jesus had spoken to her through the Holy Spirit, so she raised her hands and accepted Him as her Saviour then and there.

We are thrilled by what God is doing these days. We are almost afraid to leave home for we never know when someone will come needing salvation, deliverance from a sinful habit, or the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Surely God is filling the big empty places today!



When the Song of the Lord Begins

-By F. B. Meyer

ABOUNDING JOY IS THE PRIME CHARACTERISTIC OF OUR holy religion—joy unspeakable and full of glory. If your life as a Christian is joyless, it is important that you find out the reason why. Our Lord said, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" (John 15:11). If your joy is not full, you have not entered into the heart of our Lord's sermon on the Vine and the branches.

Paul said, "The fruit of the Spirit is . . . joy" (Galatians 5:22). There is no effort about fruit. Indeed, the effort of the bough is to repress the fruit, so that gardeners have to prune away excessive production. If the bough is properly connected to the trunk, it bears fruit; and if you are properly related to our Lord, joy will be as natural to you as singing to a bird.

Some years ago during the excavations in the Forum at Rome, as the rubbish was being cleared away there suddenly gushed forth the waters of a spring that had been choked for centuries. Poor little spring! Longing to express itself and flash in the sunlight, it had been choked by the accumulations of the years.

Likewise, if you are a joyless Christian, there is a spring of gladness in your soul which has been stopped. In order to let me lay hold of your conscience, turn to 2 Chronicles 28:27 where we are told: "When the burnt offering began, the song of the Lord began also."

The use of the word "began" indicates that the song had ceased. In fact, for sixteen years the song of the Lord had never broken from Levite throats. The temple courts, intended by David to resound with the praises and worship of God, were still. In this they resembled your heart, for your heart was meant for music. If it has ceased, it is probably from the same reason.

THE SILENCE IN THE TEMPLE

What had happened during those sixteen years? Turn to the twenty-eighth chapter, verses 24 and 25. "Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the Lord, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem. And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the Lord God of his fathers."

King Ahaz was weary of the worship of God. So he put out the lights, he closed the doors, he turned the Levites adrift. The sparrows made their homes in

the neglected courts of the temple. Neither Ahaz, nor the priests, nor the Levites frequented the holy place.

Then came a change. Hezekiah became king and he, "in the first month, [of his reign] opened the doors of the house of the Lord, and repaired them. And he brought in the priests and the Levites . . . and said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the Lord God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place" (2 Chronicles 29:3-5).

"Carry forth the filthiness"—that is what must first be done. It is the call of the apostle Paul: "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit" (2 Corinthians 7:1).

After the priests and Levites "went into the inner part of the house of the Lord . . . and brought out all the uncleanness that they found" they made a sin offering. Sin was put away.

THE SILENCE IN OUR CHURCHES

Let us apply these truths first to our churches. You are eager for a revival of undefiled religion, that your hearts and homes should be full of praise to God. I call on the elders, deacons, and leaders in our churches to come into the inner courts that they may be thoroughly cleansed from the filthiness that has accumulated there. Nobody wanted it in the temple—it just accumulated. And the dust and filthiness of the world has accumulated in our souls, and you and I must deal with it.

Some years ago I met a minister who told me the story of a revival which came to what he called "a decayed work in a distant country district." He had set apart a day for united prayer, and when many people had gathered together he explained that they were there to pray for a revival.

"After the opening hymns and prayers," he recalled, "the meeting was thrown open. Presently a leading elder rose and said, 'Pastor, I don't think there is going to be a revival of the Holy Ghost here as long as Brother Jones and I don't speak to each other.'

"He left his pew, walked down the aisle, and said, 'Brother Jones, you and I haven't spoken for five years. Let's bury the hatchet. Here's my hand!'

"The old man returned to his pew and sat down. A sob broke from the audience, and then there was silence again.

"Soon another elder rose and said, 'Pastor, I think there will be no revival here while I say fair things

to your face and mean things behind your back. I want you to forgive me.'

"We shook hands, and the audience relapsed into stillness again."

The minister told me that he then witnessed the strangest scene of his life. For ten minutes men and women crept noiselessly about the house settling old disputes. And God began to visit them.

The workers in a factory nearby heard what was going on in the schoolhouse, and at lunch time they came over. The pastor preached to them the simple gospel, and within five minutes four of the ringleaders in sin in that community were crying to God for mercy. A revival broke out that lasted for three years.

We must get back to first principles. We are right with God in the exact proportion that we are right with the men and women around us. Let us test ourselves, not by what we are on Sundays at church, but by what we are to the man whom we like least. That is the true gauge.

Is there any unkind, jealous feeling between pastor and pastor? Any irritation or fretting because of another's success?

Are you Christian people prepared to square up old scores? To give up things in business that you know are not perfectly consistent with Christ's commands?

If so, shake hands; write that letter; pay that money; have done with that source of irritation. Let the love of God be poured into your soul, and after that joy will come.

THE SILENCE IN THE HEART

Let us now come to your own heart. Is any secret sin harbored there? Joy began in my life one solemn night when I knelt before Christ and had the holy light of His Spirit turned upon one thing in my heart that was filthy. It had accumulated there, and I hardly knew it. I had been living a very unsettled life for some time, when a young fellow came and spoke in my church, and led me to feel that he possessed a secret which I had not myself.

I told him I wanted to learn his secret, and he asked, "Have you ever given yourself entirely to Christ?"

"Yes," I replied, "in a general way I have."

"If you have not done so entirely, go alone and settle it," he advised.

That night I knelt by my bed, with the door of my room locked, and resolved that I would not sleep until I had settled the matter and surrendered everything to Jesus. It seemed as though Jesus was by my side, and that night I yielded myself absolutely to Him, and said: "From this night I want Thee to do as Thou wilt with my life."

The next morning I wakened expecting a sort of "hallelujah" feeling, but I had only a delightful sense that I did belong to Jesus Christ, and a hundred times that day I said to myself: "I am His! I am absolutely His!"

Have you some hidden cupboard in your soul in which you are harboring things whose miasma is killing your joy? Before you can have God's best, you must let Him search your soul and show what the unclean thing is which entered years ago and has choked your spiritual vitality ever since.

WHEN THE SONG BEGAN

Now notice what happened next. Hezekiah had the altar ready. On one side were the priests with the whole burnt offering, which signified Christ's entire consecration to God in His death, and also the entire consecration of believers to Christ in life. On the other side were the Levite choir and the musicians. At a given signal the burnt offering was laid on the altar. Then as the fire began to burn, the sweet voices of the choristers burst forth in song and the music of the instruments was heard again.

I once met a man who had chosen a solitary life in order to be free from the cares of a family. But when his brother died, leaving a large family of children, it fell his lot to care for them. He soon came to know real joy in sharing his home and love with this large family. It was when he began to sacrifice himself that happiness came into his life.

And if to live for others is sweet, what must it be when you are all in all for Jesus? "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a *living* sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1).

When a man submits himself to the will of God, he finds it good, acceptable, and perfect. The thing he feared becomes his joy. As you look into Christ's face and say, "Rabboni—Master," Easter joy springs up in your soul. God help you to clear away all the filthiness, and yield yourself to Him. Whether you can sing with the voice or not, the song of the Lord will begin in your soul!

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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Bible

Bible Distribution Record Set in Uruguay

The American Bible Society reports that circulation of Scriptures in Uruguay in 1961 broke all previous records. This was due in part to a "Bible Army" consisting of over a thousand laymen who promised to sell or donate at least one Bible. Several seminary students gave their holidays to Bible distribution and groups of young people gave their Saturday evenings to this work, going out in teams of two or three with baskets full of Scriptures.

Canadians Neglect Bible Reading

A poll of 6,500 Protestant ministers reveals that Canadians skip reading the Bible because they think it is trivial, dull, and hard to understand. So says the Canadian Council of Churches, sponsor of the survey and the representative of 85 per cent of the country's Protestant congregations.

Broken down, the survey shows that 29 per cent of the ministers said that nonreaders think the Bible is irrelevant; 26 per cent said people can't understand it; 24 per cent said nonreaders find it uninteresting; and 21 per cent claim they are too busy to read the Scriptures.

Churches

Clergymen Warned on Psychiatry

Churches in seeking to improve the nation's mental health should look first toward the gospel and theology and not toward psychiatry, a noted psychologist declared in New York.

Dr. Carl A. Bramlette, Jr., coordinator of Mental Health Education for South Carolina, said that the church's "ministry of healing" should stress theology rather than seek a panacea in psychiatry. "The healing ministry of the church is established in the Gospels," he said.

Sweden Closes 121 Churches

The National Association of Swedish Parishes announced in Stockholm that Sunday morning services would be discontinued January first in 121 Lutheran parishes. It blamed the cut-back on insufficient funds from the government.

New Zealand Minister Solves Back-Pew Problem

An Anglican vicar in Wellington has found a way to persuade his congregation to come up front, instead of sitting in the back pews. He posted a notice in the rear of St. Mark's Church, which says: "The back seats are reserved for the super-pious and the ultra-holy. Normal Christians sit

up front." Rector Matthew Calder finds the sign has the desired effect. Most people reading it smile a bit—and come up front.

Mormons to Build Skyscraper

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) plans to erect a structure of some thirty to forty stories in New York City to serve as an administrative and worship center for the New York Stake of the denomination.

The new center, scheduled for occupancy by April, 1965, will include offices, a chapel, classrooms, and an information bureau. Much of the building will be rented out. Property acquired thus far has cost about



CEREMONY AT BANGKOK, THAILAND—Lt. David W. Plank, CHC, USN, Chaplain for the *USS Maury* (AGS-16), is shown presenting a framed and suitably engraved portrait of the *Maury* to His Royal Highness Prince Vajiralongkorn, ten-year-old Crown Prince of Thailand, and heir apparent to the throne. His sister, Princes Ubolratana, is in the right foreground. Also touring the ship were twenty-seven classmates of the royal children.

Following presentation of the picture, three *Maury*-made models (one auto, two ships) and a *Maury* plaque were presented to the young prince. A U. S. Navy sailor hat was then given to each of the twenty-nine guests who boarded the *Maury* for a visit last January 26.

Chaplain Plank is one of our twenty-three Assemblies of God chaplains serving the spiritual needs of U. S. servicemen throughout the earth.

\$1,250,000. Mormons in the New York metropolitan area are said to number "more than three thousand."

Miscellaneous

Claim Life Will Start in Test Tube

Dr. Harlow Shapely, astronomy professor emeritus at Harvard University, said recently at Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn., that "it will soon be possible to create life in a test tube" and that science "essentially has crossed the gap between the nonliving and the living."

The kind of life that a bio-chemist can create in a test tube, he said, will not be a complicated organism but a kind of protein molecule evolved from amino acids and other pre-protein life-building blocks. "Given the right conditions," he said, "hydrogen, ammonia, water vapor, methane gas, and catalytic electrical charges, life will inescapably appear."

Interesting but unlikely! The Scriptures teach that it is God's exclusive prerogative to give and take life.

Rabbi Scores Anti-Christmas Pronouncement

Emmet M. Frank, prominent Virginia rabbi and spiritual leader of Beth El Hebrew congregation, expressed disagreement with the stand taken by the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington (D. C.) on the question of religious observances in the public schools. He said the council's opposition to such observance disheartened him deeply.

"As one who sang in my... high school choir and at Christmas participated in singing carols," he said, "I can say it had no adverse effect on me psychologically, emotionally, mentally, or physically. I was happy to add my baritone voice to this season out of respect for and concern in the religious feelings of my fellow classmates. It did not harm me or them, but rather fostered a religious experience."

Rabbi Frank said that Christians and Jews always should be vigilant to preserve the separation of Church and State but should "not waste our time in a fruitless, falsely inspired condemnation of Christmas and Hanukkah in the public schools." Such observances do not constitute a "teaching of religion," But an "intercultural exchange," he said.

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

YOUR QUESTIONS



✧ *What do people mean when they speak about the Rapture of the Church?*

They mean that time when Jesus will come to take His own out of this world. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

✧ *Can you harmonize 2 Chronicles 6:36 ("for there is no man which sinneth not") with the commandment, "Be ye holy; for I am holy (1 Peter 1:16) and, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14)?*

Only Christ is absolutely perfect. The desire and disposition of our hearts should be to follow Him that we might be like Him. We have to recognize, however, that there are infirmities of the flesh and that the best of people may err.

Speaking of believers who seek a perfect life, James says, "For in many things we offend all..." (James 3:2), and John adds, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves..." (1 John 1:8). When we become conscious of having missed the mark, we then should confess our sins, that we may be cleansed. See 1 John 1:9.

✧ *What did Jesus mean when He said, "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division" (Luke 12:51)?*

This is explained in Luke 12:52, 53. When a person gets saved and takes a stand for Christ, it will likely provoke opposition by those who reject Christ—even families are divided. He who decides to follow Jesus must be prepared to suffer persecution, and to maintain his stand even though relatives and former friends make life hard for him.

✧ *What did Jesus really mean when He said, "He that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal" (John 12:25)?*

On different occasions Jesus encouraged "hatred." In Luke 14:26, Jesus said, "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren,

and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." But elsewhere in Scripture children are told to honor their fathers and mothers, and husbands are instructed to love their wives.

We therefore conclude that the hatred Jesus had in mind was not something provoked through ill will, or involving a desire to injure. The meaning is that all things, even our closest ties of love, should be subjected to the will of God. All should be loved less than we love the Lord.

✧ *Of whom do Isaiah and Paul write, in the words, "I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me" (Romans 10:20)? See Isaiah 65:1 also.*

It is evident these verses mean that the Gentiles would accept redemption through Christ and Israel would reject it. See the appeal of the Lord to the Jews, in Isaiah 65:2-7 and Romans 10:21, which was rejected.

✧ *Does not the "newness of life" recorded in Romans 6:3, 4 begin with the new birth?*

It does. The new birth is the planting within us of the life of God by the Holy Spirit. However, it is but the beginning to which much may be added of spiritual life and power.

✧ *Who are "the saints" spoken of in Daniel 7:25, and what does it mean by them being "given into his hand"?*

The general understanding is that "the saints" of Daniel 7:25 will be the faithful Jews in the time of the Great Tribulation. The New Testament Church is a mystery not revealed in Old Testament times. See Ephesians 3:3-6. The saints being "given into his hand" means they will be subject to the power and authority of the Man of Sin—he will conquer them.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

Have you arranged a settlement
of your account with the Great Judge?

PAID— WITH BLOOD

by Clyne W. Buxton

A POLICEMAN STEPPED IN FRONT OF my car and motioned me to halt. "The speed limit on this boulevard is thirty miles per hour," he stated brusquely. "According to our electric timing device you were traveling at the rate of forty miles per hour. Here is a speeding ticket for \$17.50, which you may pay in cash at the City Hall, or you may pay with blood."

Pay with blood? The statement stunned me. "Yes," he explained, "you may pay by giving a pint of blood to the American Red Cross."

At the Red Cross office the doctor gave me a brief examination before the nurse drew the blood from my veins.

"What," I queried the doctor, "is the difference between my blood—being a white man—and that of men with yellow, red, or black skin?"

"None," was his simple answer. "Beneath the pigment of the skin all flesh is alike."

He informed me that if the blood agrees as to type, etc., a red man's blood or any man's blood would flow in my veins with absolutely no complications.

As the doctor talked thus, within me the Spirit began to "preach." Did not Paul state on Mars' Hill that God "hath made of one blood all nations" (Acts 17:26)? Does not God therefore love one race or color as



C. A. DAY SKIT—Youth of the First Assembly of God, Ennis, Texas, are shown presenting a short C. A. Day skit centered in last year's theme, "Above and Beyond."

much as another? Is not His love equal toward all men? My own heart answered "Yes."

When the Red Cross had drawn the blood I was given a slip of paper showing I had given blood and was told to take the slip and ticket to City Hall. I presented them at the proper window and without any question the clerk wrote with red ink across the ticket these words, "PAID WITH BLOOD."

Here my heart could not help but reminisce of Calvary. I remembered how Christ suffered for my sins; how His beard was torn from His chin; how he was beaten; how He labored up Golgotha with His cross; how He was nailed to that cross for me. I had been "speeding" toward destruction, and had been "fined" with eternal death, but Christ paid my fine with His blood. My heart sighed, "Thank you, Lord, for giving your blood for my sins."

As the clerk blotted the wet red ink I thought further: I had looked forward to the day of judgment, seeing myself standing tremblingly before the majestic, dreadful court of heaven—guilty of many sins and knowing that sins were punishable by death. I could offer no defense; I had done all of which I was accused. Then the Mediator, the Lawyer, the Christ stepped forward and proclaimed unwaveringly to that heavenly court, "It is all right. I paid for his sins at Calvary with My blood. The account was fully settled long ago!"

—Church of God Evangel

JUNIOR READER'S FEATURE . . . BY DICK CHAMPION

CODE MESSAGE

Here's a Bible message for you in a new code. All the vowels in the message are the same as they originally appear. So don't change a, e, i, o, u, or y. But the consonants have been changed according to the following key; b = c; d = f; g = h; j = k; l = m; n = p; q = r; s = t; v = w; x = z. (Of course, if "b" equals "c", then "c" also equals "b", and so on.)

MESSAGE

"Apf ge gasg nus a pev toph ip ly lousg, ewep nqaite upso ouq Hof: lapy tgammm tee is, apf deaq, apf tgammm squts ip sge Moqf.

(To check your answer, look up Psalm 40:3.)



THE SOVEREIGN SAVIOUR

Sunday School Lesson for April 8, 1962

HEBREWS 2:5-10, 14-18

Our lesson text continues the theme of last Sunday's lesson; namely, Christ's superiority to angels. Compare Hebrews 1:14 with 2:5. "For unto the angels hath he [God] not put in subjection the world to come." The writer's thought is that it is to men and not angels—and to Christ, man's representative—that the coming habitable world has been subjected, thus proving Christ's superiority. The sacred writer then shows how Christ subjected Himself to the death of the Cross, thus descending to the lowest in order to raise man with Him to highest glory and sovereignty.

THE NECESSITY OF CHRIST'S HUMILIATION

Behold the dignity of man (verses 5-8)! God created man to be the ruler of the earth; he was to be the representative of God, and king here below. To Adam, as representing the whole human race, He gave dominion over all the works of His hands (Genesis 1:27-28; 2:19, 20); but—

Behold the descent of man! "We see not yet all things put under him." Adam failed to possess this sovereignty given him by God. He sinned and came under the penalty of sin which is death, subject to Satan's bondage. His dignity was lost, his condition hopeless, but—

Behold the destiny of man! "We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man."

The writer glories in the fact that God's purpose was not defeated. Man shall yet be exalted. He shall yet reign with Christ and share His throne (Revelation 3:31; 5:9-10)! How can this be? Because Jesus became a man, suffered temptation, fulfilled the law, tasted death for every man, and is now at the right hand of God exalted. His presence there as a man, and representing man, is a guarantee that all those who follow Him shall one day be there too!

THE FITNESS OF HIS HUMILIATION

Some people find in the suffering of Jesus something unbecoming in the character of God. They say, "How cruel of God!" But was it?

"It became him [God]." It was "becoming" to God to allow the Cross—it was in keeping with His love, His wisdom, and His holiness. Why so? Because in "making the captain of their salvation perfect through suffering" God was "bringing many sons to glory"! The humiliation of Jesus was absolutely necessary to the salvation and exaltation of man! Jesus Himself taught this truth. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground,

and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

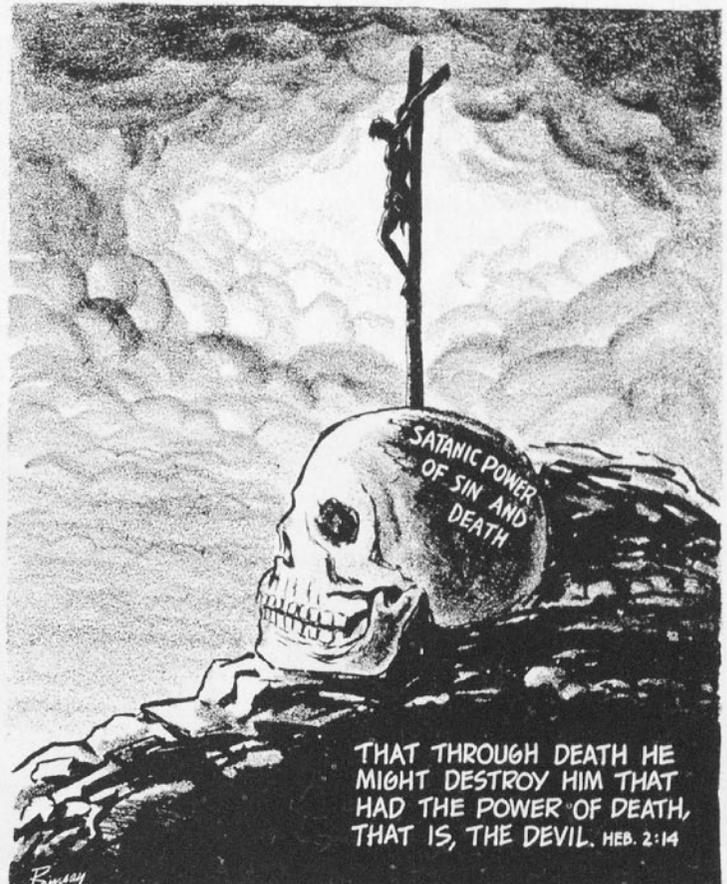
THE RESULTS OF HIS HUMILIATION

He broke the power of Satan. "That through death he might destroy him that had power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." The death of Jesus brought to naught the power of the devil. And what is the power of the devil? Sin. Because of sin man fears death knowing that to die in sin means eternal punishment. But Jesus suffered the penalty for sin—not His own sin, for He had none, but ours. Therefore all those who by faith are united with Him can look at the termination of physical life no longer as the penalty for sin, but as a passage to a new and glorious life of triumph and blessedness.

"For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham." It was not to help angels that Jesus became man and died, but to help "the seed of Abraham," and not merely the Jews, but all those who will by faith receive Him, thus becoming the seed of Abraham (Galatians 3:7).

He became our High Priest (vv. 17, 18). How wonderful! Because He became a man and suffered temptation Himself, He is able to sympathize with us in our temptations. And because He was victor over temptation, because He died and ascended into the holy place in heaven, there to present before the Father His own blood as a complete and everlasting sacrifice for sin, He is our merciful and faithful High Priest. He ever lives to make intercession for us, with power to enable us to overcome even as He did!—*J. Bashford Bishop*

DEATH VERSUS DEATH





Two New Churches Launched in Missouri and Washington

BRIGHTON, MISSOURI

By C. J. GREER

I WAS SITTING IN THE MORNING worship service at Central Assembly, Springfield, Mo., when the Lord spoke to my heart, giving me a burden to pioneer a church in Brighton, Mo. I had recently resigned a small pastorate and had temporarily accepted a Sunday school class of junior boys at Central Assembly.

I groaned in my spirit and prayed silently, *Please, Lord, do not ask me to start a work there. I know about that place. Several attempts have been made to establish a Pentecostal work there and they have all failed.*

But the Holy Spirit kept dealing with me. I felt God wanted me to purchase an unused schoolhouse I knew was in Brighton, with the prospect of establishing a congregation and then building a new church.

When we arrived home from the church service, I asked my wife to hurry with the dinner, for God had called me to build a church and we would have to go and look into the situation.

We drove the sixteen miles northwest of Springfield and found the sturdy rock schoolhouse right on Highway 13 at Brighton, a small village of 75 souls—mostly elderly retired folk. The schoolhouse was a comparatively new building, but it had been used only two years and then had been abandoned when the school district consolidated. Weeds had grown nearly to the eaves, and most of the windows had been kicked out; several doors had been jerked off by vandals. Otherwise it was solid.

My wife and I set a maximum figure we would offer for the prop-

erty, which consisted of two beautiful acres of land and a well. Now all we had to do was find the owner. It took three trips on three consecutive days to contact the man who owned this school property.

God was moving. The owner had decided only the week before that he would sell it. We were his first prospects. He offered it for several hundred dollars under our calculated figure. We bought it under a year lease with the option to buy the contract. We were to repair all damaged places, apply one coat of paint on the exterior, and replace an outbuilding that had been removed. At the end of the year if we could take our option, the money we had paid in rent (thirty-five dollars a month) would be applied to the principal. Then we would pay the balance in cash. If we were unable to buy it, the owner would still have his rent money and a much-improved property.

During the month of July we cut weeds, repaired, and painted. By working day and night and with the help of several friends, we built an old-fashioned brush arbor.

The first of August we began a

revival campaign under the brush arbor. Attendance was good, but the response was poor. No one was saved or filled with the Holy Spirit. My heart was heavy when, after four weeks of revival effort, we had no converts and had gained seemingly no ground.

On the first and second Sundays of September we conducted Sunday school under the brush arbor. We had an attendance of nine, seven of whom were my own immediate family. The second Sunday twelve attended. A slight but steady increase continued, and we averaged twenty-eight by the end of our first year. God had blessed, souls had been saved, the sick had been healed, and the move was on.

By the end of the second year attendance was averaging in the seventies. The third year we had several setbacks. Our Sunday school slipped back into the thirties and forties, but those who remained were faithful. They worked and prayed, and in our fourth year attendance began climbing again.

The past year has been the most momentous one in our church's history. The assembly is exceptionally missionary minded. Offerings for missions in 1961 totaled \$617. In a few months our indebtedness will be liquidated completely. We have built a new four-room parsonage. New oak floors, paid for by a local lady member, have been put in the church. A new five-hundred-dollar neon cross, mounted on the church building, was donated by a former deacon of mine.

The property is now valued at \$20,000. Our Sunday school is averaging in the sixties and we are witnessing spiritual growth in the members. With God's blessing and the cooperation of our district officials and a wonderful congregation, another Assemblies of God church has been established.



Pastor C. J. Greer (left) and congregation of the Highway Assembly at Brighton.



New Assembly of God in Rochester, Wash. Mrs. Classie McKinney, pastor.



The congregation at Rochester.

ROCHESTER, WASHINGTON

ROCHESTER, WASH., A SMALL FARMING and dairy community, formerly had just two churches—Methodist and Lutheran. Now another church has been added—the new Assembly of God.

Pastor Classie McKinney is grateful for the fine cooperation of the district office and her congregation in erecting the new building. Some district churches have assisted the fledgling assembly with offerings, and the district Home Missions department has paid thirty-one dollars a month on the building.

James Smiley donated the ground for the church and A. W. Graham, a member of the congregation which was formed in July, 1958, supervised building operations. The church people assisted greatly, donating time and labor. On March 5, 1959, the building was dedicated with R. J. Carlson, district superintendent, as guest speaker.

Attendance now averages thirty. Prospects for a good, solid work in this up-and-coming community are bright.

JAIL MINISTRY on an Indian Reservation



By VERN McNALLY *Sisseton, South Dakota*

MY INTEREST IN JAIL MINISTRY BEGAN several years ago when I was the supply pastor for a church in western South Dakota. We conducted regular jail services on Sunday afternoons.

As I continued to attend and was privileged from time to time to preach to a group of men that were certainly in need of Christ, my burden for prison ministry increased. One of the men to whom I ministered was a known murderer. Since my first association with prison ministry, my concern for the men in the jail has never ceased.

Since my coming to Sisseton, S. Dak., as an appointed home missionary to the Sioux Indians, ministry in the Roberts County jail in Sisseton has opened to me through the very cooperative sheriff and his wife. They welcomed me into the jail and gave me every liberty I requested in conducting services. On occasion even the sheriff's office has been used as a counseling room. Since the present sheriff took office, the inmates had had no pastor or even a priest who was concerned enough to visit in the jail.

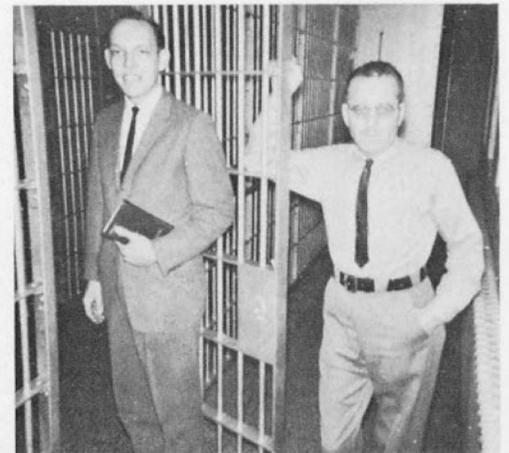
In prison ministry we contact many different types of personalities. In this particular jail, about sixty per cent of the prisoners are Sioux Indians.

Not too long ago, about eight out of the twenty prisoners were involved in an attempted jail break. When I reached the jail, I found that the major planning for the break had been done by a quiet, courteous man who had been raised in a strict holiness family. Plans had even been made for the disposal of the sheriff and his deputy during the break. The prisoner who led the attempted break had never accepted the Lord as His Saviour, although he admitted there was a God and that he should be serving Him. He

declined to pray with me and left that jail for the penitentiary unsaved. This is only one of the heartbreaks we encounter as we work among those behind bars.

After going to the jail by myself for a few Sundays because of the lack of available assistance, I realized that this was God's plan for the present. Although I have two Sunday services of my own to preach, plus teaching a Sunday school class, I feel constrained to preach in each of the four cell blocks in the jail. There is no large room or "tank" into which the prisoners may assemble for services.

I have found that preaching in each of the cell blocks makes the message of salvation more personal to the inmates. Almost every Sunday someone responds to the invitation to pray for salvation. I have been thrilled to see as high as thirteen come to the Lord in one Sunday. Over the past six-month period we have witnessed the salvation of over sixty men and women in this jail. Pray for them that they may stand true to the Lord. Their temptations are many, but God is able to keep them, even in their prison environment. ❧



Vern McNally with sheriff at the jail where he ministers each Sunday.

Guatemala has been experiencing unique blessings from the Lord in recent weeks. The fellowship of Assemblies of God executives met in Guatemala City, December 11-15. Evangelist Hal Herman was one of the speakers at the conference and remained in Guatemala to conduct a two-week salvation-healing campaign in Zacapa. The day after the Zacapa revival concluded (January 7), the annual conference of Assemblies of God missionaries in Guatemala began. All three events are reported in this "Evangel" so you may rejoice in the blessings of the Lord upon our work in Guatemala.

Nazario Surrenders — Revival Follows

BY MIRIAM HAYDUS
Missionary to Guatemala

NAZARIO ARRESIS, WHO HAS BEEN pioneering a work in Zacapa, Guatemala, is singing today because God has blessed Zacapa with a salvation-divine healing campaign under the direction of Missionary-Evangelist Hal Herman. Hundreds of people from all over the province filled the amphitheater which Zacapa opened without charge for the campaign. Some walked twelve miles to attend the services.

Speed-the-Light vehicles were used as sound cars and, with the help of Bible school students, all the nearby towns were blanketed with thousands of handbills. Bible school students also helped as personal workers, ushers, and counselors. They were deeply impressed and were helped by Brother Herman's ministry.

Many people were healed during the campaign. An aged woman was healed of blindness; others were delivered from deafness, hernias, arthritis, sinus trouble, heart conditions, ulcers. All these diseases disappeared when the people exercised faith in the power of the living God.

Provincial Governor Muñoz gave us all the necessary permits to conduct

the campaign and was our dinner guest in the Speed-the-Light trailer we use for extension work. The governor was deeply moved by Evangelist Herman's testimony of being saved while working for Columbia Studios in Hollywood. He gratefully accepted a Gospel of John.

The chief of police and four officers gave us full protection. Radio station Modelo broadcast the entire service by remote control every night. People testified to being healed while listening to the program. Station Manager Señor Fajardo said, "I am a Roman Catholic but I am all for this campaign!" He testified that he had seen a vision of Jesus appear over the assembled audience.

As a result of the campaign, a church has been opened and the congregation overflows the building.

The wonder of God's blessings has caused Nazario to sing for joy. He knows that the work in Zacapa has not always been so wonderful, and he remembers that he has not always been able to sing the praises of the Lord.

Nazario was converted as the re-

sult of the faithful witness of a young man from the Assemblies of God Church in Jutiapa, Guatemala. After his conversion, Nazario felt the Lord dealing with him to quit his job and go into full-time ministry. He was afraid to obey the Lord since he was the sole support of his mother, brothers, and sisters.

Nazario struggled with the Lord and stubbornly held onto his job until his employer became angry with him and he had to quit. He then found a job with a road gang but had not worked there long until he was taken to the hospital. The doctors did not expect him to live.

Women from the local WMC group came to pray for Nazario and advised him not to resist the call of the Lord. After they left, Nazario fell asleep. In a dream he saw two, beautiful, strong hands with nail prints in them. The hands came toward him, made an incision in Nazario's stomach, and removed a cancer. They held the cancer so Nazario could see it, and a voice said, "Nazario, you are healed!"

When Nazario awoke he was amazed to discover that he was, indeed, healed! He surrendered himself completely to the Lord and entered Central Bible Institute in Guatemala City. He was one of several students who volunteered to pioneer a work, and he went alone to Zacapa, a large city in northern Guatemala.

Nazario found life difficult in Zacapa. It was a great encouragement to him when Evangelist Hal Herman opened the two weeks' crusade.

The blessings of the crusade continue in Zacapa, and Nazario is thankful that he surrendered his life to Christ and allowed the Lord to use him in pioneer ministry in his native Guatemala. ■■



Missionaries Walter and Miriam Haydus (left) dine with Guatemala's Governor, Colonel Muñoz.



Many people were healed and saved during the meeting in Zacapa with Evangelist Hal Herman.



Delegates from Central and South America and the West Indies attend the five-day executive meeting in Guatemala City.

Executives Meet in Guatemala

By MELVIN HODGES
Field Secretary for Latin America

THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL MEETING of Assemblies of God executives in the northern republics of Latin America was held in Guatemala City, December 11-15. The previous meeting, two years earlier, had been held in Matagalpa, Nicaragua, with representatives from the Central American countries only. This year the invitation was widened to include all the northern area of Latin America, as well as the northern countries of South America and the West Indies. Representatives were present from Mexico, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Venezuela, and Colombia, besides the five Central American countries.

There were three days of profitable discussion on the problems of developing the work. Special attention was given to an all-out effort of evangelism in these critical days with the thought of using the total potential of the church, from layman to pastor. Reports were given of the growth of the work in the different areas.

From the standpoint of fellowship alone, the meeting was well worthwhile. National brethren became acquainted with their co-laborers in other republics and were encouraged to

hear their reports of growth, and to realize also that the problems connected with the development of the work are universal.

It was decided that the fellowship meetings would be held every four years. A permanent committee was elected. Ralph Williams of Venezuela was chosen president; Guillermo Fuentes (superintendent of Mexico) was chosen vice-president; and Gustavo Galdamez (superintendent of El Salvador) was chosen secretary-treasurer.

A converted Indian family was present one afternoon and sang special songs. These poor people of humble status manifested remarkable talent in singing, and moved the hearts of all present to evangelize the unreached tribes that remain in Latin America.

The fellowship, called CELAD (initials in Spanish for fellowship of executives of the Assemblies of God) was a great encouragement to all. Delegates left with a greater vision and an increased burden for the work of God. There is a general feeling that the time is short, that we must finish the task of evangelism, and strengthen the church for the days ahead.

A TOOTHACHE BRINGS BLESSING

By H. C. Ball

HOW STRANGE IT SOUNDS TO connect a toothache with a spiritual blessing, but this really happened during the annual convention of the Assemblies of God in Guatemala City in January.

The annual convention met in the spacious auditorium of Asamblea Central (Central Assembly) in Guatemala City on January 8. Two hundred and fifty-five ministers and delegates, along with hundreds of visitors from all over the Republic, gathered for this meeting.

It was my privilege to minister twice daily to the convention and Brother Hal Herman was the night speaker. It was easy to minister to such an enthusiastic congregation, among whom were quite a number of Indians in native costumes.

From early morning to late at night, with but little intermission, hymns of praise and prayer could be heard, and the presence of the Holy Spirit was evident in every service.

From the first night, believers received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and hunger for this experience grew daily. The third night of the convention quite a number received the Baptism and, after a wonderful service, everyone retired for the night. Every available space in the church, as well as in the Bible institute adjacent to the church, was occupied by ministers, delegates, and visitors.

In the middle of the night one brother whispered to another sleeping beside him, "Please pray quietly for me, I have a terrific toothache."

In spite of the desire of these men not to disturb anyone, the power of God suddenly descended upon them and spread all over the building. By two o'clock in the morning, five had been baptized in the Holy Spirit. I presume the toothache was gone; I heard no more about it.

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Ignore Your Feelings!

By CHARLES ALFRED HARRIS

THE BOY SCOUTS HAVE A MOTTO THAT Christians would do well to adopt: "Be prepared." The Christian should be prepared for anything and everything. So often we consult our feelings instead of our faith when the unexpected comes.

Bert said, "I never felt worse about anything in my life. Here was this fellow in trouble. But I was feeling low myself so I brushed him off. When I read of a suicide the next day it didn't register until I saw a picture of the man who had jumped

off a high-level bridge. It was the man who had stopped me on the street and said he was in trouble, and could I help him? The truth was: I didn't want to talk to anybody because I didn't *feel* too good. A number of things had happened that had made me begin to doubt."

He paused and then went on, "Believe me, I ignore my feelings now. Perhaps people take advantage of me sometimes, but I know I feel better for taking the time to try to help them.

"I don't want another man on my

conscience—such as the one who jumped off that bridge..."

When I ran a mission on Skid Row I was told many times that the men took advantage of me. I was aware of this, but I didn't want to take a chance of having a soul lost because I didn't help the one who *did* need it. Often I had to help all I met in order to reach those who *really* needed help. Many times I didn't *feel* like it, but God can help us forget our feelings and do what needs to be done.

Countless opportunities for good are passed up by Christians because they don't feel like helping at that moment. How many Sunday school teachers have come to class ill-prepared because they didn't feel like making the necessary effort to study the lesson well. Many a class has gone without a teacher too long because so many who were asked to take it didn't feel like doing so. It may be they didn't give that as their answer, but often it was the truth back of the excuses they gave.

"Would you consider teaching our orchestra in the young people's group?" Bill was asked. He was the best musician in the church—a top trumpet player. He knew the orchestra

Christian Day School Workshops at Regional Conventions

BY CHARLES W. H. SCOTT

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED TO the regional Sunday school conventions to be held this week in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and next week in Fresno, California. It is the workshop on the ministry of Christian day schools which is being conducted on Tuesday afternoon at each convention.

Roy W. Lowrie, Jr., principal of the Delaware County Christian School of Newton Square, Pennsylvania, was the featured speaker at the Harrisburg convention on Tuesday, March 20. The school which he represents is six years old and is fully accredited by the State of Pennsylvania. The Harrisburg workshop brought into sharp focus the growing need for a school program where our children can receive an education in a Christian atmosphere.

The workshop speaker for the Oklahoma City regional convention will be Richard W. Bishop, pastor of Calvary Tabernacle in Chicago. Brother Bishop serves as chairman of the board of the Chicago Christian Academy, the Christian day school presently being operated in the educational facilities of Calvary Tabernacle. The workshop will be in the Municipal Auditorium in Oklahoma City on April 3 from 2:00 until 4:30 P.M.

The workshop feature in Fresno will feature a panel of three ministers who are presently directing the activities of Christian day schools in their respective communities. They are: Pastor R. G. Markey of the First Assembly of God of Garden Grove, California, who will speak on the subject, "How to Start a Christian Day

School"; Pastor Thomas Ming of the First Assembly of Wilmington, California, who will describe the facilities needed to develop a school of this type; Donald Price, principal of the Monte Vista Christian School of Watsonville, California, who will present the philosophy, curriculum, and relationship to State schools. This workshop will be on April 10 at 2:00 until 4:30 P.M. in the Memorial Auditorium.

The purpose of the workshop will be to inform our membership of the value and importance of this new field of ministry. Opportunity will be given for questions and discussion of how this program can be conducted and what facilities are needed to establish a school of this nature. Literature concerning the program will also be available. ❧

What Have I Done Today?

We shall do so much in the years to come,
But what have we done today?
We shall give our gold in a princely sum,
But what did we give today?

We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,
We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,
We shall speak the words of love and cheer,
But what did we speak today?

We shall reap such joys in the bye and bye,
But have we sown today?
We shall build us mansions in the sky,
But what have we built today?

'Tis sweet in these idle dreams to bask,
But here and now, do we do our task?
Yes, this is the thing our hearts must ask—
What have I done today?

leader was leaving soon so he was prepared for this question. He had his answer ready, "I'm sorry but I just can't do it. I have too much to do now."

Afterwards Bill told a friend, "I don't feel like taking that job. I could have had it before—if I had wanted it."

This was true. The young lady who was moving away had done her best, but she had taken the job only because no one else would. She had personally begged Bill to take it but he wouldn't.

The orchestra went to pieces. Some of the young people drifted from the church. Who can say if Bill was directly responsible? I wonder if at the Judgment Seat of Christ the excuse, "I didn't feel like it," will actually be given or if, like the man who did not have on the wedding garment, some of us will just find ourselves *speechless*.

This world is in a sorry mess and it needs people of faith to help. It needs people who start each day with the prayer, "Lord, prepare my heart today that I may be able to help those with whom I come in contact."

I was instrumental in helping a would-be suicide one day. I arrived on the scene just in time to prevent the young man from taking his life. He was amazed that I arrived at his home *just then*. He said, "How did you know? How did you get here so fast?"

I said, "Jack, God lets His servants know things as they walk with Him. He helps them to be prepared for just such a situation as this in

which you find yourself today."

But until we ignore our feelings we will never do the work there is to do. Until we are prepared at all times to do what must be done, God's cause will be hindered.

Queen Esther, in the Bible, was reminded that she had "come to the kingdom for such a time as this." It was put to her in the form of a question, but she accepted it as a fact that God wanted her to be prepared to try and save her people in the hour of their need. They were saved and Queen Esther played no small part in their salvation. If we could ask her, I'm sure she would say that she didn't *feel* like taking her life in her hands the way she did. But she was prepared to ignore her feelings and do the task to which God had called her.

An old man was asked, "How did you happen to have the answer ready that turned that criminal to God?" The old man smiled with the wisdom of many years of Christian living as he said, "I guess God had prepared me for that moment."

God has prepared us all for many moments if only we will be ready to fit into His plans. There is no lack of opportunity for the prepared people who are also prepared to ignore their feelings and get on with the job.

A minister recently went to be with the Lord after about sixty years of faithful ministry. He had preached with vigor and passion even though he was hardly ever free from pain. His faith was greater than his feelings of distress. His love for souls mattered more than the pain in his head. His desire to please the Master concerned him more than did his hacking cough. He was always prepared for his work though he rarely felt like doing it—so great was his bodily suffering.

How far would our missionary work have progressed if missionaries had said, "I don't feel like going to another land"? Did Carey go to India on feelings? Did he stay there because he always felt like it? Did Judson suffer hardships in Burma and Hudson Taylor go through privations in China because they were prompted by their feelings? No! They went in spite of feelings. There was the call of God. Feelings were not consulted as they obeyed God and heathen were

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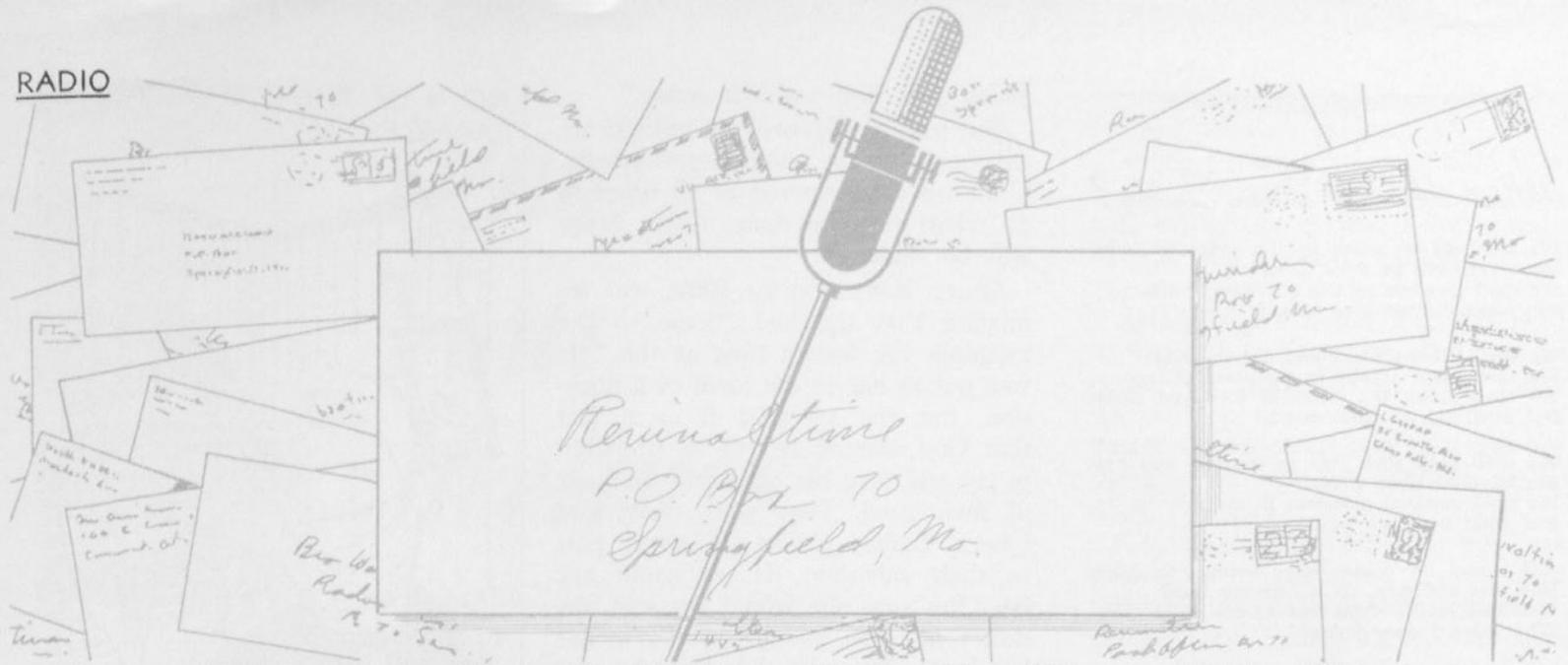
MA MEADOWS SURE LOVED KIDS. NO ONE really knew whether she had ever had any of her own—but she sure loved other folks'. She scraped and saved to help several promising young people through Bible college.

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Needs of Many Kinds Prompt 28,745 First-time Letter Writers in 1961

WHAT WOULD YOUR CHURCH DO IF 28,745 names of new prospects were brought to it in a single year?

This is the number of persons who wrote to *Revivaltime* for the first time last year. Some gave contributions; most asked for prayer, counseling, or spiritual advice. But each name represented a person who had been inspired to write by hearing the *Revivaltime* broadcast or by reading *Revivaltime* literature.

One who wrote was Mrs. J. K., a woman of twenty-three, who once had been a Pentecostal Christian. However, nearly four years ago Mrs. J. K. had married a Roman Catholic, and—as she expressed it—“I can only say that a small part of the first year was happy.”

Their differences were too great; and when his work and hobbies took him away from home much of the time, this young woman began to develop unreasoning fears and a great feeling of loneliness and depression. Now living at home again she was

unhappy, unable to find peace with God, and on the verge of a nervous breakdown. Like many thousands, Mrs. J. K. wrote to *Revivaltime* for prayer and comfort.

Another correspondent was Mrs. J. S. of California. An unusually active church member, she longed for more power to reach hearts and lives for God. She is not of the Pentecostal or full-gospel faith, although she has spasmodically sought for the infilling of the Holy Spirit for three years.

Because she attended a few prayer meetings in the homes of Assemblies of God members, her pastor gave her a book condemning all Pentecostal groups as dangerous sects. However, she is not satisfied with her present Christian experience.

“This is the first time,” she wrote to *Revivaltime*, “that I’ve ever written a letter like this to anyone. I have always taken my needs directly to God and He has always answered—but somehow I can’t get through to Him concerning this part of His Word.

“Please help me if you can,” she continued. “Above all, please put me on your prayer list.”

Mrs. E. T. of Missouri had a problem far too common among those who write to *Revivaltime*. A dear relative—in her case, her sister-in-law—is an alcoholic. The sister-in-law also has physical ailments and mental problems, partly caused by her drinking and partly by her marital problems.

“My sister-in-law wants to do better,” Mrs. E. T. wrote, “but it seems she can’t break loose. Also,” she continued, “her husband has threatened to place her in an insane asylum if she doesn’t get better soon. Please pray for this couple.”

Another one of the 28,745 names of those who wrote to *Revivaltime* for the first time was N. F., a nineteen-year-old young man. For the past year he had been forced to work in his parents’ tavern. Twice his parents turned him out of his home for refusing to enter the tavern.

As he wrote to *Revivaltime*, N. F.

was leaving home, with no money and no job. He requested prayer for himself as he left to try to live for the Lord.

These letters were answered. For each person with a problem who writes to *Revivaltime* receives a personal letter, of course; his name is placed on the prayer list which goes to the prayer partners; and C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* speaker, prays for his need. In addition, the name of each person who writes to *Revivaltime* for the first time is referred to our representative in the district in which he lives.

The district radio representatives, in turn, are asked to forward the names either directly to the closest pastor or to the sectional presbyter to distribute to the pastors nearest the addresses.

Revivaltime's purpose is to introduce people to the Pentecostal message and to create a hunger for spiritual things. However, *Revivaltime* itself cannot, through the radio, literature, and correspondence ministries alone, give the personal touch essential to win friends and members to the local Assemblies. The local pastors must follow up these individuals and show personal interest if the correspondents are to become associated with a local Assembly or have their need met.

Equally important, *Revivaltime* cannot meet all the spiritual needs of persons like Mrs. J. K., Mrs. J. S., Mrs. E. T., and N. F. The individual assistance of a local church and pastor would be extremely valuable in helping these persons solve their problems. And as the pastor and church help these needy persons represented by the names sent each month, they will be performing the mission Christ commanded us to do, and they will be bringing souls into the kingdom of God and into the church.

If it were not for the ministry of *Revivaltime*, many of the 28,745 who wrote for the first time last year would never have come in contact with the Pentecostal message.

As *Revivaltime* reaches the unsaved, unchurched, and spiritually hungry among its listeners, your prayers and offerings are needed. Your part may be small, but it is vital in this ministry. Send your letters and offerings to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

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April 12-15: BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA, First Assembly of God (*Revivaltime* origination, April 15).

IGNORE YOUR FEELINGS

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won for the Master because God's men were prepared to obey.

A missionary said to me, "As I return to the field this time it is only because I know I must. God has called me. The glamor went long ago. I don't feel like going but I will go because souls there need Christ."

The apostle did not say, "According to your feelings be it unto you," but, "according to your faith." We must have faith in God no matter

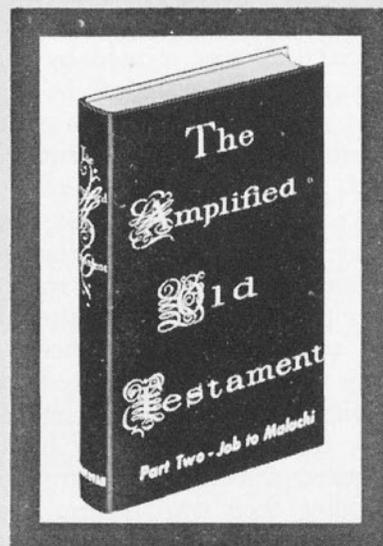
what comes our way—not only for our own sakes but for the sake of others who need encouragement in the Lord.

To keep our faith predominant we are told to look "unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." Looking unto Jesus will help you to ignore the way you feel, and even the way Satan tries to make you feel. Looking unto Jesus will help you to be ready for the task waiting for you.

You will be more prepared than you realize if you will start each day by reading God's promises and then saying, "I believe these promises." Now you might wail, "But supposing I don't feel anything when I say I believe?" That has nothing to do with the matter. God responds to the fact that you say you believe His Word and to the fact that you are prepared to ignore your feelings.

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Read God's Word and believe it. Say you believe it. Act as though you believe it. Work as though you believe it. Feelings will not get you down in an atmosphere like that! "

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CROOKED SPEECH

By L. NELSON BELL

"CROOKED SPEECH" IS A BIBLICAL term found in Proverbs 6:12 and amplified in many ways throughout the Scriptures.

The phrase denotes any deviation in language which is displeasing to God. Included are the "careless" or "useless" words of Matthew 12:36; the blasphemous words against God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit; the impious use of His Name because of which no man shall be found guiltless; the false witnessing of the Ninth Commandment; the lying words of those perverters of truth who have no part in heaven.

Crooked speech is a serious offense against God and so widespread in the world that we all stand guilty before the One from whom nothing is hid.

PROFANITY

That profanity is so commonly heard is no reason for anyone to take it as an acceptable manner of speech. It should be opposed by vigorous protest as a sin against God and an affront to man.

It is not strange that for the *unregenerate* "devil," "damn," and "hell" are often a part of their language. They are speaking of their own master, their own condition, and their ultimate destination.

How often is profanity nothing more than the blustering of a bully. It shows to others the limitation of one's vocabulary. It is conversation's cesspool and an offense to those who are forced to hear it. Profanity is the crutch of conversational cripples and places those who use it in a category more offensive than those who are physically unclean or afflicted by a loathsome disease.

That profanity is used by so many who are unregenerate is to be expected. That some Christians indulge in it is a reflection on their spiritual judgment.

We live in a time when profanity is so universal that it arouses little comment and even less resentment. That this is, in part, an aftermath of two world wars is no excuse. That many women are also guilty in no way lessens its offensiveness or seriousness. In fact children now hear these "crooked words" from many sources, including their own homes. No wonder that profane language is commonplace!

BLASPHEMY

Blasphemy is the intrusion of profanity into the realm of sacrilege. It is speaking against that which is holy; being critical of that which no human

should; attributing to Satan the works of the Holy Spirit; setting up one's self as a judge against God.

Blasphemy is taking God's name in vain. It is assuming prerogatives which belong to Him alone. It is cursing where man himself stands in judgment. It is usually a direct attack on God and can place the blasphemer in direct jeopardy.

GOSSIP

Nowhere are "crooked words" heard more frequently than in the realm of gossip.

Gossip is usually a lie passed on surreptitiously either for the dubious pleasure of creating a sensation, or for the more overt intention of injuring the one who is subject to it.

Gossip is so common that those who do not indulge in it are rare. There is some strange fascination about passing on a juicy bit of scandal. How we love to take the mistake of an acquaintance and magnify and twist it so that we may have a fascinating conversation piece! And, how rarely does the gossip reflect the truth!

It is our observation that nowhere is gossip found to be more of a prevailing sin than in some Christian circles.

By its reputations are ruined, mo-

tives judged, friends separated, and Christian witness neutralized.

CRITICISM

Hand in hand with gossip is the critical spirit. Because someone does not act or react as we think they should we begin to criticize, and the step from this to gossip is so short and the end results so similar that Satan must chortle when he sees Christians fall into his trap.

Why should a Christian adopt for himself a standard of conduct with certain prohibitions (often unrelated to Biblical truth) and then set himself up as a judge of those who live in a Christian freedom which their own consciences justify before God? There are good people who teach as doctrines things which are actually the commandments of men and they then become both judge and jury against those who are equally led in other ways by the Holy Spirit. This is not right and it very decidedly injures the witness of the Christian.

The first cousin of criticism is "backbiting," a favorite game of those who forget that Christian love of the brethren is a definite command of the Lord.

How many ministers have had their usefulness in a certain congregation destroyed by the critical tongues of their parishioners!

How many Christians have suffered at the hands of fellow Christians who have undertaken to judge their actions without knowing the circumstances by which those actions were determined, or the Spirit-directed motivation behind that which they do!

The executive editor of one of our city papers, a friend of the writer, found his paper caught in the cross-fire of two warring factions in the churches of his community. One day he asked the writer: "Why do Christians act like this. Dr. . . . seems to spend his time attacking Christian men doing far more in the kingdom of God than he has ever been able to accomplish."

Little wonder that the apostle Paul, writing to the Galatian Christians, said: "But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another."

LYING

The word "lie" is an ugly one. It has caused much violence and even hearing it used makes the righteous cringe.

But lying is widespread. It may be the calculated and premeditated perversion of the truth. Or it may be the implication of something we know to be the opposite of that implied.

The Bible tells us that lying lips are an abomination to the Lord and a canvass of the word in its Bible usage shows how seriously lying is regarded and how much under the judgment of God the liar stands.

Listed in the "seven things which God hates" are found, "a lying tongue," "a false witness," and "a man who sows discord among brothers." Any consideration of the subject of "crooked words" brings us face to face with our own sinfulness in this matter.

It is to be expected that such misuse of speech will be found in the unregenerate world. At the moment our problem has to do with Christians. In this area we are woefully at fault and it requires that we confess the sins of our lips and like Isaiah of old ask that they be touched by a coal from the altar of God's holiness that they may in turn be pleasing to Him.

—Christianity Today

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John Eliot's Wife

by James E. Adams



WHEN ANN MUMFORD MET JOHN ELIOT SHE WAS twenty-six, old enough to know there was no future for a prospective Puritan preacher in England, and mature enough to thoughtfully consider the cost of marrying one.

Actually, though, Ann had only a short time to count the cost for John quickly came to the conclusion that she was the only woman for him. By the time he proposed, the feeling was mutual and so they were engaged. That was in 1630.

Ann had met her future husband in the home of Thomas Hooker, a preacher forced out of the ministry three years before due to his Puritan leanings. He had then opened a grammar school at Little Baddow in Essex and had selected John as his assistant.

"Ann," John had said, "when I came to this blessed family, I saw for the first time the power of godliness in its lively vigor and efficacy. I have reached the conclusion that my education at Jesus College in Cambridge qualifies me for—and I believe God would have me enter—the ministry."

But shortly after Ann said "Yes," a spiritual court sitting at Chelmsford called Hooker to appear before the High Commission to answer for his Puritan and nonconformist teachings. Forty-seven conforming preachers interceded in his behalf but to no avail, so he fled to safety in Holland.

John began to preach in Hooker's stead—in secret Puritan meetings. Ann admired him for this but sensed that trouble was near. Her intuition proved to be correct: while the High Commission did not have enough evidence to try John, they could and did refuse him license to teach anywhere in England. Marriage was now out of question.

As the lovers talked one day, John said, "Ann, I would not be satisfied to sail for Holland just to escape persecution. Many have done that. I must go where there is a definite need."

"Do you think Mr. Hooker did wrong in fleeing to Holland?" Ann asked quietly.

"Oh, no!" John hastened to say. "He had to make a quick decision in order to avoid imprisonment. But I (I mean we) have time to choose our field of ministry."

"Are you thinking of New England, John?"

"Yes!" John's eyes sparkled. To be free to worship God as our conscience dictates. To help and share in the lives of free men carving a new life in the wilderness. Perhaps there would even be opportunities to teach the natives about God."

"Yes, I agree. But..." Ann sat with eyes downcast.

John gently took her hand in his. Looking into her eyes he said, "We cannot be married now. I must go alone. When I find a place of ministry I will send for you."

And so a bravely smiling young woman waved goodbye to her betrothed as he sailed on the ship *Lyon* bound for America on November 3, 1631. Already she was being schooled in disappointment and separation.

Several months later Ann received a letter in John's handwriting. Eagerly she opened it. In part it said, "We landed in Boston and were given a very pleasant reception. The pastor of First Church, Mr. Wilson, is now in England settling his affairs. Governor Winthrop and Lieutenant Governor Dudley have persuaded me to conduct the services during his absence. This is a wonderful opportunity and the people appreciate my preaching, but for the present it keeps me from choosing my field of ministry."

Ann had not exactly expected John to ask her to sail for America in his first letter. Nevertheless, she was disappointed. Several more months dragged by.

John's second letter arrived. "Come! Come immediately!" The words seemed to fairly leap from the page. Ann could hardly believe her eyes but it was true. Governor Winthrop and the people of First Church wanted John to stay with them and promised to install him as teacher and assistant to Mr. Wilson when the latter returned from England.

Ann didn't write; she was ready to sail when the next ship left for New England. She spent sleepless nights on that voyage—not so much because of the tossing of the ship but because she wondered if the people would accept her as readily as they had John. They did. Ann and John were married in October, 1632.

Ann had never been happier. Then one evening she noticed that John was in a very quiet and thoughtful mood. "John, you may tell me what is troubling you," she said quietly.

"Well—I—" John seemed to have difficulty in knowing how to begin.

"I know you are not satisfied here in Boston. You do not feel really needed."

John smiled. "Ann, you make it so easy for me to tell you. You are a wise woman. You are the best wife..."

So Ann learned how John had promised a number of his brethren in England that if they decided to emigrate to New England, he would be happy to serve

as their pastor. This was to be in the event he did not have a regular church connection. Ann could have pointed out the fact that since he had a church he was relieved of his promise. She didn't though. And on November 5, 1632, John was established as teacher of the church in the comparatively new settlement of Roxbury.

Problems—a new settlement, a new church, families starting life over in a new and strange environment—kept John and Ann busy for several years. God gave them a fine daughter and then a son. In addition to her household duties, Ann was exceptionally gifted in nursing the sick and in dressing wounds. Besides the people of Roxbury, she ministered to Indians that John was continually bringing to their door.

She realized that John had something more in mind than the physical needs of the natives for he would try to talk to them. Then he began making lists of their Algonquin words—with the meanings. Finally he brought home a young Indian who could speak English quite well. "Ann," John said in introducing them, "this young man has consented to teach me the Algonquin language. Can he live here in our home?"

If Ann was surprised she didn't show it. She just busied herself making room for her new guest. This young man served as John's interpreter and helped him grasp the Algonquin dialect sufficiently to translate the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and several passages of Scripture, besides composing exhortations and prayers.

As John became more and more engrossed in preparing to minister to the Indians, Ann and her (by this time) six children gradually assumed responsibility for practically all the home chores.

One day she amused herself by asking John to whom the cows belonged that were just outside their door. He didn't know they were his own!

If Ann had not been exceptionally adept at handling the household finances, her family would have gone hungry many times. Frequently her husband gave a good portion of his salary to the needy. But she never complained.

One day Ann learned that one of John's parishioners had dangerously wounded himself. She also knew that this man had been reviling her husband in speech and in writing. But when John asked her to go and dress this man's wound, she readily consented. When the man recovered, he visited the Eliot home to express his thanks and offer Ann some compensation. She refused, and John invited him to stay for dinner. Wife and husband together turned a critic into an intimate, life-long friend.

Then in October, 1646, Ann prayed God's blessing upon John as he started his ministry among the Indians in earnest, preaching in their wigwams in their own language. With his regular duties in the Roxbury church, she knew he would have less time than ever to spend with his family.

When John came home late at night during the winter, Ann always had a fire blazing on the hearth and broth simmering in a pot. She had a word of cheer when he

was discouraged. She was a ready, eager listener to his reports of more and more frequent conversions among the Indians.

God signally blessed John Eliot's labors among the red men. Hundreds were converted. They wanted God's Book in their language. In 1661, John printed the New Testament and followed with the Old Testament in 1663. And so the first Bible printed in North America—the Bible in Algonquin—was distributed among the Indians.

John Eliot has been eulogized by many as the "Apostle to the Indians." But he did not earn that title alone. Part of the credit belongs to his wife. The most fitting tribute for Ann, his constant helper, was penned by an ancient scribe: "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. . . . She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. . . . She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. . . . A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates" (Proverbs 31). " "

Choosing the Right Church

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greater portion of our knowledge of this transcendent event. How greatly impoverished we would be if Paul had not given us 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, which opens with the familiar, "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep"—which reaches its awesome climax with the apocalyptic unveiling, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout."

And what a tremendous gap would exist in our understanding of God's end-time purposes if we had been deprived of Paul's revelation in 1 Corinthians 15:51-54, opening with the soul-thrilling announcement, "Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed." Certainly Paul would not seek membership in any church today that did not accept and live in the light of our Lord's glorious return. These are but two of many passages in Paul's writings which testify to his total commitment to the truth of Christ's return; and again, we are forced to conclude that any church hoping to include him among its members must share his views on this subject also.

All students of the Pauline epistles will instantly be reminded of many other great truths given the Church through the apostle, and the present writer is well aware of them all. He has no thought of ignoring or modifying Paul's emphasis on such vital truths as sanctification, the fruit of the Spirit, death to the old nature, and many more. But these and related subjects fall generally into the area of spiritual growth and achievement of Christian maturity, whereas the object of this article has been to discover the foundational truths of the Early Church that we might find a Bible answer to the question, "Which is the right church?" " "

Sources: *Life of John Eliot* by Convers Francis, *The Library of American Biography*, vol. 5, conducted by Jared Sparks; *The Beginnings of New England* by John Fiske, *Encyclopaedia Britannica*.

Evangelism **BREAKTHROUGH**

DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, 1445 BOONVILLE AVE., SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI



DELAND, FLA.—Evangelist and Mrs. Clarence Pansler of Akron, Ohio, concluded a revival at the First Assembly of God here on December 17. The services were an inspiration to all who attended, and the church was stirred for God. Nine knelt at the altar for salvation, five of whom were from the same family.

—William Berringer, Pastor

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PHOENIX, ARIZ.—The ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Stewart of Glendale, Ariz., was a great blessing to Faith Assembly of God here. Individuals were saved, some were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and a number were healed. Many first-time visitors attended the meeting which was better attendance-wise than any other revival ever conducted in the church.

—Willis K. Hirsch, Pastor

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KENSETT, ARK.—A Sunday school record of 25 or 30 years' standing was broken recently in the Assembly of God here when 201 attended the last Sunday of a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Howard Watkins. Twenty-three persons accepted Christ as Saviour or were reclaimed, several were refilled with the Holy Spirit, and 12 were baptized in water.

—Freddie L. Howard, Pastor

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WINSLOW, ARIZ. — Previous Sunday school attendance records were broken recently at the Indian Assembly of God Mission here during a revival conducted by Evangelists Fred and Sarah

Byers. Twenty persons came forward for salvation, and eight others received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

—Robert Ruark, Pastor

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BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Healing of partial blindness in one eye was attested during a revival campaign conducted at Calvary Full Gospel Church with Evangelist Ted Tedford. Three persons were baptized in the Holy Spirit, eight others received a refilling, and two backsliders were reclaimed. A deeper appreciation of prayer by the congregation seemed to be an outgrowth of these special services. Each morning at 10 A.M. prayer meetings were conducted for the evening services. Revival still continues in each service.

—D. W. Hyatt, Pastor

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YUMA, ARIZ.—Recently, at First Assembly of God, people continued in prayer and praise until 4:30 p.m. one Sunday after the Lord began to bless in a Sunday school session. This happened during a two-week revival with T. W. Carlton in which a great number of persons were saved and ten received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Several young people felt definite calls from God upon their lives as a result of the campaign.

—O. W. Killingsworth, Pastor

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KANSAS CITY, MO.—Central Assembly reports an outstanding revival with the Musical "Vanns" of Toledo, Ohio, in January. In spite of a record snowfall of 32 inches, crowds attending the meet-

ings were larger than those at any previous effort. Several entire families were won to Christ.

—Paul Brewer, Pastor

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VANDUSER, MO.—An unusual move of God among the young people and children was reported at First Assembly during a very successful revival just concluded with Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo. Eleven found Christ as Saviour and three received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many others were stirred to a deeper consecration.

—Anna Mae Rogers, Pastor

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KEYSTONE, ALA.—A great move of the Spirit of God was manifested during a ten-night revival just concluded at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Charles Thomas. Nine confessed Christ as Saviour and one received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Scores of people received healings, including one boy who had been deaf.

—W. C. Fields, Pastor

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TUCSON, ARIZ.—Central Assembly reports the continuous blessing of God throughout a ten-year span in which a record average attendance has been reached each year. The year 1961 closed with a successful two-month soul-winning crusade aided by the capable ministry of Evangelists Ken and Lois Irwin. During this time approximately 50 people accepted Christ and thousands of salvation booklets were given out by members of the congregation.

—Spencer A. Weddle, Pastor

SYLACAUGA, ALA.—God's blessings rested upon a two-week Deeper Life revival conducted here at Full Gospel Tabernacle by Evangelist Harry V. Vibbert of Evansville, Ind. Believers were filled with the Holy Spirit (including a Baptist girl) and many were drawn closer to the Lord.

—R. H. Davis, Pastor

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NATURAL DAM, ARK.—Recently there has been a special move among teen-agers here at Grandview Assembly during two revivals in which individuals were saved, some received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and nine were baptized in water. The first revival was conducted by Pastor Lowell Snitker of Greenwood, Ark., and the second by Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Ludwig.

—Doyle Crane, Pastor

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ROCKFORD, ILL.—A New Year's evangelistic crusade conducted by Evangelist Harold May Jr., of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, at the First Assembly of God was most effective. Young and old alike responded to the challenge of God's Word. It was a very inspiring sight to see teachers kneeling with their Sunday school classes, and children and parents praying in family units.

—E. A. Manley, Pastor

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SPRINGFIELD, OREG.—The congregation at First Assembly rejoices in the deep, spiritual meetings recently concluded by Evangelists Fred and Sarah Byers of California. Eighteen were baptized with the Holy Spirit in the good old-fashioned Pentecostal way; some of these had sought for many years. A number of persons came to the altar for salvation and 14 were baptized in water. Morning services added interest to the meeting.

—Lester Carlsen, Pastor

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MANSFIELD, MO.—The ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Merritt of Atlanta, Ga., was used of God in a special way during a recent Holy Ghost revival at the Assembly of God here. Sinners were saved, backsliders reclaimed, believers filled with the Holy Ghost, and many others received a new infilling.

—James Bradberry, Pastor



Crowd attending the revival campaign conducted recently by Evangelist and Mrs. Glen Shinn of Fort Worth, Tex., at Trinity Assembly in Pasadena, Calif. A number were saved and several were refilled with the Holy Spirit. Harley M. Smith is pastor.

MISSOURI CHURCH CONDUCTS BIBLE READATHON

INDEPENDENCE, Missouri—The Men's Fellowship of the First Assembly of God in Independence, Mo., sponsored a "Bible Readathon" which began at midnight on New Year's Eve and was completed after 70 hours, 31 minutes, and 15 seconds.

Pastor Al Stricklin began the reading and various members of the church participated in the schedule which called for four-hour periods of reading by two or more alternately. The reading was done from the pulpit and loud speakers carried the voices of the readers outside the church. Both Independence and Kansas City newspapers carried accounts of the project.

Oren Massey, MF chairman, reported that many of the church members began to read the Bible through in 1962 as a result of this effort.

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EVANGEL COLLEGE STUDENTS READ BIBLE IN 65 HOURS

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri—Students at Evangel College completed reading the Bible aloud by turns in 65 hours and 37 minutes, nonstop.

The Bible-reading event at the Assemblies of God liberal arts college was sponsored by the student Christian Life Commission. While classes continued as usual, 120 students took turns going to the prayer chapel at thirty-minute intervals to participate in the project, which was part of the college's "Read It Through in '62" program. Young men did the reading in their dormitory between the hours of 10:30 P.M. and 7:30 A.M. but the daytime reading was done in the prayer chapel.

The students averaged reading 11,848 words per hour. There are 773,796 words in the King James version which they used during the readathon which began at 10:20 A.M. on Wednesday, February 7, and ended at 3:57 A.M. on the following Saturday.

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MILWAUKEE CHURCH TO BURN MORTGAGE

The Milwaukee Gospel Tabernacle, 5511 W. Burleigh St., Milwaukee, Wis., will observe both its mortgage-burning and the tenth anniversary of its pastors, Harvey L. and Mrs. Flaherty, on Wednesday, April 4. This service will be preceded by a *Revival-time* rally on Tuesday, April 3. C. M. Ward will be the guest speaker for these services.

Robert Spencer, former district superintendent of the Wisconsin and Northern Michigan District, will speak April 6 and 8.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT COUNCIL—April 23-26 at First Assembly of God, 52 Bellevue St. S. W. Grand Rapids, Mich. Guest speaker, Cyril Homer. C. A. rally on opening night and three sessions daily thereafter. For reservations write: Reservations Committee, 52 Bellevue St. S. W., Grand Rapids.—by Orle L. Robinson, secretary.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	E. Brewton	First	Apr. 1—	James Mooney	R. H. Broadhead
	Montgomery	Central	Apr. 1—	Perrello brothers	V. V. Lambert
Ariz.	Tucson	Southside	Apr. 2-8	Roberta Lashley	Carl Reynolds
Ark.	Barber	Echo	Apr. 1-7	Royce L. Lowe	Arlin B. Elmore
	Fayetteville	First	Apr. 1-15	Johnny & Mrs. Garrison	Wayne Danner
	Hector	A/G	Mar. 26-Apr. 8	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	C. F. Mauldin
	Van Buren	Sunnyside	Apr. 8-15	Royce L. Lowe	Norman Kilpatrick
Calif.	Carlsbad	Gospel Tab.	Apr. 3-15	The Tanner Team	P. A. Zimmerman
	Redding	A/G	Apr. 5-15	The Bender Team	Harold Byram
	San Francisco	Glad Tid. Tem.	Apr. 2-15	Ron Prinzing	Floyd Thomas
	Turlock	Northside	Apr. 3-22	Arvel Kilgore	Jerry Morris, Chm.
Fla.	Jacksonville	Southside	Mar. 27-Apr. 15	Jimmie & Carol Snow	J. B. Davis
Ga.	Atlanta	Bouldercrest	Apr. 8-22	Johnnie I. Carroll	Eugene Gustafson
	Newman	First	Apr. 8—	Nettie Parham	L. G. Gilstrap
Ill.	Chicago	Ebenezer	Apr. 3—	John Higginbotham	Paul Bredesen
	Decatur	Glad Tidings	Mar. 27-Apr. 8	Charles E. Crank	George Rutledge
	Moline	Grace	Apr. 8—	Billy Wolfe	Howard Wicker
Ind.	Linton	A/G	Apr. 1—	Asa L. Williams	L. R. Nowell
Iowa	Davenport	West Side	Mar. 27-Apr. 8	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Elton Bell
	Des Moines	Berean Chap.	Apr. 8-22	Jimmie Parrack	David Houghton
Kans.	Iola	A/G	Apr. 8-22	W. O. & Mrs. Ziegler	L. P. Pember
La.	Denham Springs	First	Mar. 18—	C. C. Pontious	Lloyd McGuire
Mich.	Adrian	Bethany	Apr. 3-15	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	Arthur G. Clay
	Grand Rapids	First	Apr. 5-15	Morris Cerullo	Wesley Wibley
Mo.	Mercer	A/G	Apr. 8-22	Bonnie M. Ruble	Joe Marr
	St. James	A/G	Mar. 20-Apr. 1	Fred Numrick	T. Bluford Conway
	Steelville	First	Mar. 27-Apr. 8	Bob & Jeri Winford	Joe R. Massey
	Strafford	Potter	Apr. 1-8	Halquist & Appenseller Tm.	Forest Arnold
N. H.	Concord	A/G	Apr. 3-8	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Hudson T. Hilsden
N. Y.	Bay Shore	A/G	Apr. 3-15	Dan & Anita Bogdan	Eugene Benjamin
	Huntington Sta.	A/G Pent.	Mar. 27-Apr. 8	Joe & Mrs. Villinova	Charles Shaffer
Okla.	Ryan	A/G	Apr. 2—	Al Davis	James H. Gilbert
	Tulsa	Berryhill	Apr. 3—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	Tony & Walsa Foxx
	Tulsa	Sheridan	Apr. 8—	Glen & Faithe Shinn	Glenn E. Millard
	Yukon	A/G	Mar. 25-Apr. 1	Victor Etienne	J. L. Robertson
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	Moosic	Full Gosp. Tab.	Apr. 3-15	C. S. Tubby	F. S. Van Meter
	Muncy	A/G	Mar. 24-Apr. 15	Ralph A. Creider	Paul Baughman
Tex.	Amarillo	First	Apr. 8—	Gene Martin	E. R. Foster
	Ft. Worth	Boulevard	Apr. 8-22	Paul M. Wells	Carl Stewart
	Kermit	First	Apr. 3-15	A. J. Chandonnet	M. F. Hankins
	Lubbock	North Side	Apr. 3—	Jimmy & Mrs. Merritt	Scott Mitchell
	Paris	First	Apr. 8-22	Eddie Wilson	H. A. Strange
	Sherman	Glad Tidings	Apr. 1—	J. W. & Mrs. Walker	John Trotter
	Yoakum	First	Apr. 8-15	W. J. Theiler	Arthur E. Hokett
Va.	Front Royal	First	Apr. 3—	L. K. Dodge	T. B. Pierce, Sr.
	Leesburg	Full Gospel	Apr. 1-15	Loyd Middleton	G. W. Gowans
	Warrenton	A/G	Apr. 4—	Earl & Mrs. Douglass	T. J. Kerfoot
Wash.	Centralia	First	Apr. 8-20	Wallace S. Bragg	Ralph M. Phillips
Canada	Revelstroke, B.C.	Evang. Tab.	Apr. 3-15	John Eller	R. Schmunk
	Gananoque, Ont.	Calvary Pent.	Mar. 27-Apr. 8	Robert J. Price	Don MacPherson

Announcements should reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance, due to the fact that THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL is made up 25 days before the date which appears upon it.

WITH CHRIST

G. ATWELL BREWER, SR., 61, of Sorento, Ill., went to be with the Lord January 17. Brother Brewer was ordained in 1923 in the Illinois District and ministered as an evangelist and pastor. Pastorates served were in Pawhuska, Okla.; Bethalto, Springfield, Merritt, Virginia, Cuba, Hartford, Decatur, Greenville, and Sorento, Ill. He is survived by his wife and seven children. One of his sons, Paul V. Brewer, is an ordained minister pastoring in Aurora, Ill.

JOSEPH H. CLARK, 86, of North Hollywood, Calif., went to his eternal reward on January 12. Ordained in 1922 in the Southern California District, Brother Clark ministered as pastor and evangelist. Pastorates served were Pasadena, Lankershim, North Hollywood, Redlands, Coalinga, and Santa Paula, Calif. In 1943 he was superannuated. However, he did not retire from ac-

tive ministry until a severe heart attack at the age of 73 forced him to retire. Survivors include his wife, one daughter, and two sons.

ALBERT W. LAWRENCE, 68, and his wife FANNY I. LAWRENCE, 60, both passed away in January. Sister Lawrence died very suddenly January 19 from an attack of the mumps. Her husband passed away ten days later following a heart attack. In a letter to the editor, written following his wife's death, Brother Lawrence told how lonely he was without her, as they had spent their lives together as co-evangelists and as co-pastors. Brother and Sister Lawrence attended Central Bible Institute together, graduating in 1927. The following year they were ordained together in the Kansas District. Later they transferred to the Ohio District. Pastorates held were in McCracken and Chetopa, Kans.; Grafton, Ill.; Harlem Springs, Scio, Windham, and Defiance, Ohio.

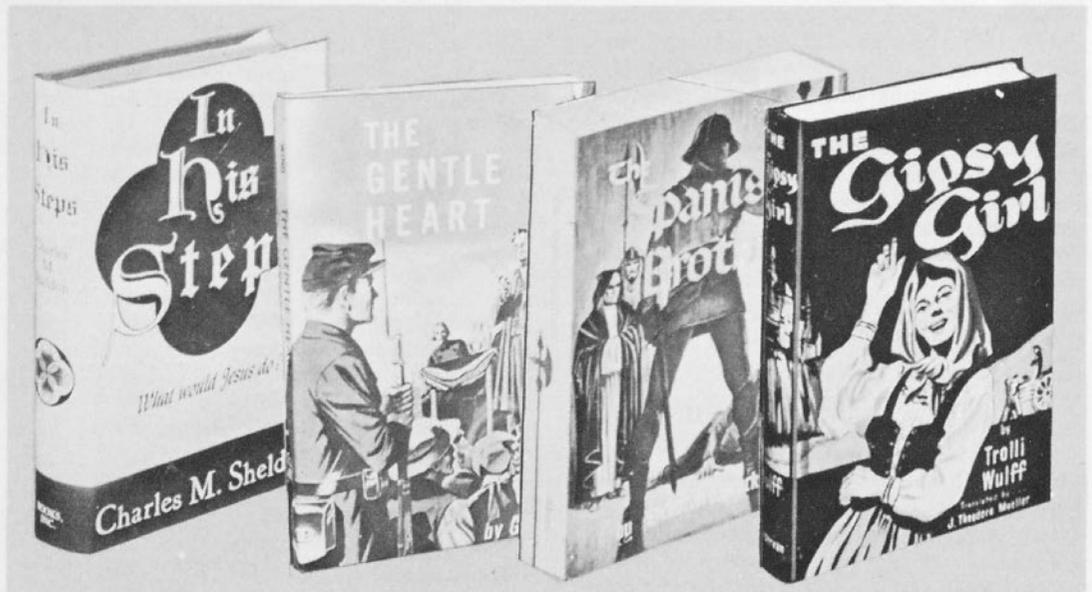
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THE COFFEE HOUR

by Eleanor Eliason Meier

Is this the
answer to the
present day
youth problem
in the
Sunday School?



"WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR COFFEE black or do you use cream and sugar?"

A routine coffee break in a day at the office? No, this is the college-age Sunday school class of a certain church. It appears that in the present changing day in which we live some incentive is needed to keep the members active, interested, and *awake!*

I am a little puzzled, for my mind returns to the day I was a student in that age class. Then the allotted hour was always too brief a time to contain all of the gems of truth we gathered from our godly teacher.

Over eleven years have elapsed since then, so perhaps I am not aware of the change in youth. I might agree with you if I did not have indelibly stamped on my heart some very *recent* scenes of a college-age class in a church we pastored.

When we formed the class it had a total of three pupils, all boys. Some

might have felt this was not enough to inspire a new teacher. This teacher, however, had a different opinion. He felt honored to be able to do something for God. Perhaps his eagerness was due to the fact that most of his life had been wasted—spent in sin and pleasure. He welcomed the privilege of laboring now for Christ, his new Master.

There was another reason too—he had a deep love for young people.

All week he studied and prayed. His teacher's quarterly became worn from use. He searched the Scriptures for the lesson background, chapter by chapter, and not just verse by verse. His interest in his pupils carried beyond the classroom. He met them on the streets and in the store—always with a warm smile and a readiness to listen to them. This news began to travel and the class grew.

Because he loved young people he

also understood them. He recognized their need for fellowship and fun. He began to plan some parties. One was a wiener roast. He picked a location by the home of an elderly couple—a couple that did not attend church. As the young people gathered around the fire to sing and testify, their voices carried on the warm night air to the open windows of the room where this couple sat. After prayer they prepared to leave. They were stopped by the words of gratitude from this man and woman. Those young people learned a valuable lesson that night—as Christians our lives can convey Christ to unbelievers in all of our activities.

With the falling snow a Christmas party was prepared. Wise planning once again preceded the social and they ended up by calling on shut-ins, elderly people, and hospitals to sing carols. They learned that service for Christ can bring genuine pleasure.

Some of the class went to work and by their teacher's example they were taught that sacrificial giving brings reward *and* earthly joy. The Sunday school offerings increased until it became evident that this one class alone was purchasing most of the needed supplies and materials.

Spring brought work on the church and what enthusiasm young men of that age can inject into competitive work! Was it just coincidence that their teacher brought them and pounded nails, mixed cement, and shoveled dirt along with them?

Service to others was soon the motto and again the example was set by a teacher who laid aside leisure moments for the work of the Lord. It inspired gestures of kindness that were demonstrated by two of the girls who baked a cake for the ill pastor's wife, and by some of the boys who spent an entire day helping the pastor work on the Sunday school bus.

Summer holidays meant more leisure time, so the class formed a choir and also an orchestra. What pride they felt in their church as their group was invited to other churches to sing or play.

The church building was small and so the living room of the parsonage became the new room for this class that had grown from three to over twenty. Due to illness I became a guest of this class and I remember

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the interest, the questions, and the answers.

I remember also the Sundays when the lesson books were laid aside. Here, away from the ears of those who might laugh, came the questions revealing needs of these young lives. Together, class and teacher, they sought and found the answers in God's Word. Never was a query treated lightly or left unanswered. Each pupil was always made to feel that he or she was important and loved.

Sometimes a member would be absent. I can still remember how earnestly that teacher brought his pupil before the Lord in prayer until the absent one returned.

Since this is a real story, it needs to be said that the class did not *always* run smoothly. A time came when signs of restlessness and disinterest began to show up. I saw the class lose some of its members. I waited to see what would happen.

A choice had to be made. This teacher could have decided that modern youth gets bored quickly and a coffee hour would break the monotony and shorten the time—yes, he could

have started this and maybe it would have worked. His solution was different.

This particular Sunday the class began as usual with the shuffling of feet, exchange of greetings, and the business of attendance records. There the pattern ceased. I can still see that teacher as he faced his class holding his Bible. He began to tell them how sorry he was and what an apology he owed them.

Surprised, they ceased their preoccupation and sat waiting. Then with tears coursing down his cheeks, the teacher told them how he loved them. He was saddened to see that their interest was waning and the group was getting smaller. All week he had prayed and now he felt that perhaps he had failed in leading and directing them. His heart ached over their souls and the destiny of their lives. He wanted to witness a revival in the church and the desire of his heart was to have it begin in their class.

It was difficult for him to bare the agony of his soul and they knew it. Shame burned on their faces and their heads dropped. My own heart began

to seek the Lord with awe as I saw these young people one by one slip to their knees and begin to weep and pray. The Holy Spirit descended like a flood in such a wave of sweetness that no one heard the dismissal signal.

The hearts of the older people were awakened when they saw the humbleness of their youth. That Sunday the morning worship service ended in an altar call that included the entire congregation.

This teacher found his solution not in the coffee hour but in the words of the apostle Paul, "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God" (1 Corinthians 2:1-5). " "

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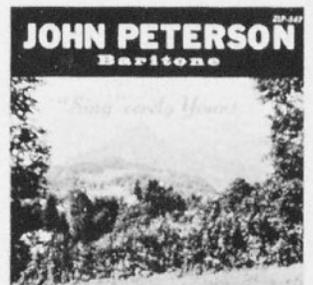


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Writers
Crafts
Christian Day Schools
7:00-9:30 Opening Rally

WEDNESDAY

9:30-11:30 United Morning Sessions
Concept of Growth—
Essentials of Growth
Message
2:00-4:30 Afternoon Workshops
6:30 Vespers
7:00-9:30 Evening Rally
Message
Visual Presentation

THURSDAY

9:30-11:30 United Morning Session
Lab Session
Message
Literature Presentation
2:00-4:30 Afternoon Workshops
6:30 Vespers
7:00-9:30 Closing Rally
Feature Awards
Message

SPECIALIZED WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOPS FOR MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY

2:00-2:30 Sunday School with a Purpose (CS)*
2:40-3:30 Administrating Effectively
Evaluating for Progress
Planning a Year's Program
Total Education Program of the Church
Training for Teamwork
3:40-4:30 (Repeat above workshops)

THURSDAY

2:00-2:30 My Relationship to the Sunday School (CS)*
2:40-3:30 Attendance Building—
Schools over 200
Attendance Building—
Schools under 200
Community Outreach
Facilities and Equipment
Public Relations

3:40-4:30 (Repeat above workshops)

WORKSHOPS FOR SUPERINTENDENTS AND OFFICERS

WEDNESDAY

2:00-2:30 Leading with a Purpose (CS)*
2:40-4:30 (Extended Workshops)
Departmental Superintendents
General Superintendents
Secretaries and Records

THURSDAY

2:00-2:30 My Responsibility as a Leader (CS)*
2:40-3:30 Attendance Building—
Schools over 200
Attendance Building—
Schools under 200
Opening Worship Service
Understanding Our Literature
Extension Ministry
3:40-4:30 (Repeat above workshops, except that Cradle Roll replaces Extension Ministry)

WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS

WEDNESDAY

2:00-2:30 Teaching with a Purpose (CS)*
2:40-4:30 (Extended Workshops)
Child Evangelism
Elementary Children
Preschool Children
Teen-agers
Young People and Adults

THURSDAY

2:00-2:30 My Call as a Teacher (CS)*
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