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DO WE CARE ENOUGH?

by Billy Reeves

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ON THE DOORSTEP — YET UNREACHED!

HE CALLETH HIS OWN

Jesus never sends a man ahead alone. He blazes a clear way through every thicket and woods, and then softly calls, "Follow Me. Let's go on together, you and Me.

He has been everywhere that we are called to go. His feet have trodden down smooth a path through every experience that comes to us. He knows each road and knows it well—the valley road of disappointment with its dark shadows; the steep path of temptation down through the rocky ravines and slippery gullies; the narrow path of pain with the brambly thorn bushes; the dizzy road along the heights of victory; and the old beaten road of commonplace daily routine. Everyday paths He has trodden and glorified, and will walk anew with each of us.

The only safe way to travel is with Him alongside and in control. This was the original Eden plan. God was the host in Eden. Man was His guest. That is still the plan. God plans thoughtfully for everything that concerns us. —S. D. GORDON

HAPPY ARE THE PEACEMAKERS!

Two members of a church disagreed over a trivial matter. This disagreement hardened into ill will and hatred. A mutual friend distressed about the situation, said to himself, "I'm going to be a peacemaker and do what I can to heal the breach between my friends."

He called on his friend Brown first and casually asked him, "What do you think of my friend Thompson?"

"Think of him?" flashed Brown. "He is contemptible in my sight!"

"But," said the peacemaker, "you must admit he is very kind to his family."

"Yes, that's true. He is kind to his family."

Next day the peacemaker called on his friend Thompson and asked, "Do you know what Brown said about you?"

"No, but I can imagine the dirty, unkind things he would say about me!"

"Well," said the peacemaker, "he said that you were very kind to your family."

"What! Did he say that?"

"He surely did. Now, what do you think of Brown?"

"I think he is a scamp and a rascal," said Thompson.

"But you will have to admit he is an honest man."

"Yes, he is honest, but what has that to do with it?"

The next day the peacemaker called on Brown and

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said, "Do you know that Thompson said that you are a very honest man?"

"You don't mean it," said Brown.

"I do mean it. I heard him say it with my own ears!"

The next Sunday, Brown and Thompson sat together in church, rejoicing in each other's fellowship!

—*Gospel Herald*

INHALING THE SPIRIT

Mr. Moody invited me to breakfast at his home in Northfield one day. I got to the house before the breakfast hour and met Dr. Meyer beneath a great tree in front of the house. I said to him, "What is the matter with me? So many times I seem half empty, and so many times utterly powerless; what is the matter?"

He put his hand on my shoulder and said, "Have you ever tried to breathe out three times without breathing in once?"

I wondered if he was referring to some new breathing exercise, so I said, "I do not think I have."

"Well," he said, "try it."

So I breathed out once, and then I had to breathe in again. He said, "You must always breathe in before you can breathe out, and your breathing out must always be in proportion to your breathing in."

Then he said, "Good morning," and I went on into Mr. Moody's house. But I had learned my lesson. I knew that I had been trying to breathe *out* more than I had breathed in.

There must be a constant inhalation of the Spirit of Pentecost!

—J. WILBUR CHAPMAN

RISE HIGHER

Those who live on the mountain tops have a longer day than those who live in the valley. Sometimes all we need to do to brighten our day is to rise a little higher.

—*Covenanter Witness*

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

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The Children's Day

Nine-year-old Bethel was the first person up in her house on a recent Sunday morning. It was Mother's Day, and she had told her father the night before that she wanted to surprise Mom by preparing breakfast for the family.

So Dad was up early too, just to be sure everything went right. As they were setting the breakfast table together, Beth said, "There's a Mother's Day, and a Father's Day—don't you think there ought to be a day for children?"

"Oh, there is," said her Dad. "The second Sunday of June is always Children's Day."

"That's funny," said Beth. "I don't remember ever getting any presents for Children's Day."

Probably she never did. Dad never had given much thought to the gift angle. He had enough bills to pay already, for no matter what the occasion might be, or what member of the family might give or receive the gifts, it was nearly always papa who paid in the final analysis—even for Father's Day! But he had to admit that his young daughter had a case.

If boys and girls are taught to remember their parents with favors on Mother's Day and Father's Day, is it not reasonable that we should do something special for them on Children's Day? We do not want the merchants to turn the day into a lavish gift-buying occasion for obvious reasons, but there are many simple ways in which children can be reminded that they are loved and treasured, both at home and at church.

It is at Sunday school and church that Children's Day usually is observed. And the best gift we can give any child, of course, is the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Not only our own children, but every boy and girl in the neighborhood should receive this great gift. They are entitled to it. God wants them to have it. As the picture on this week's cover suggests, there are many children on our doorstep who are still unreached. Some may be underprivileged from an economic standpoint. All are underprivileged, no matter how wealthy their parents may be, if they are not receiving the gospel.

We are told that the unchurched population of the U. S. is increasing at the rate of over a million per year. June is Child Evangelism Month and a good time to reduce the unchurched population by drawing hundreds of new boys and girls into Vacation Bible School, Bible Club, Children's Church, and Sunday school.

Interesting articles on these various types of child evangelism will be found in this week's *Evangel*.

Jesus has warned us: "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones . . ." (Matthew 18:10). The formative years are the most opportune for winning souls and molding lives for God. Never doubt the soundness of a childhood conversion. Surveys show that 86 per cent of all conversions take place before the age of fifteen. Only 10 per cent are saved between the ages of fifteen and thirty. Only 4 per cent are saved after thirty.

The Master taught us to sow the gospel seed on *good* ground. Is any ground more promising, more receptive, more fertile than the tender heart of a child?

—R.C.C.

Three Unheeded



There is no conflict between Pentecostal experiences and Christian ethics. Spiritual blessings never remove one's responsibility for moral conduct.

BY DONALD GEE

THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS IS CONSIDERABLY neglected by many of us. Perhaps we feel its contents are too remote from present realities. Or we suffer from an unbalanced view of "Law versus Grace." Or we go to this Book only for types. Yet Leviticus contains the word "atonement" forty-four times, and reveals that a holy God desires unbroken fellowship with His people and provides means whereby it may be enjoyed.

In its fifth chapter there is a trespass offering prescribed for three specific offenses that involved moral principles which are as applicable today as in the days of Moses. To draw attention to them can answer

those critics of evangelical and Pentecostal revival who say that we do not pay enough attention to ethics.

1. *The Sin of Silence* (v. 1)

There is a silence that is guilty when by uttering what we know to be the truth we could save a soul and a reputation. Moffatt's helpful translation is "remaining silent when he is adjured to give evidence as a witness of something he has seen or known."

The motive may be moral cowardice masquerading as prudence. We can desire to keep ourselves from becoming involved in a dispute, or even legal proceedings, by keeping our mouths shut. So often we have been rightly

warned of the danger of sinning with our lips, for the tongue is "a world of iniquity." But let us remember that there come times when it is equally wrong *not* to speak. Then silence becomes guilty and "he shall bear his iniquity" for a shut mouth. To hear a slander that we can correct by a brave or honest or kindly word and to say nothing is truly a sin of silence.

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is given to make us witnesses unto Jesus (Acts 1:8). There must be few of us who can avoid feelings of shame as we recall occasions when we ought to have spoken for our Lord. We quenched the Spirit. Contentiousness for our own opinions is far removed from a humble witness to what we have known or seen or heard about our blessed Lord.

Even Jesus broke His silence before the high priest when He was put on oath (Matthew 26:63) and plainly answered in the affirmative that He was indeed the Messiah, the Son of God. He knew the law in Leviticus and accepted His moral obligation to speak. He did not allow His silence to become guilt.

2. *The Sin of Ignorance* (vv. 2, 3)

There was legal defilement when uncleanness was contracted unwittingly, or, as the Word says, "If it be hidden from him;" that is, if he sins without being aware of his trespass. In mundane things this often happens to a visitor in a foreign land. I remember unwittingly breaking a traffic law some years ago in Los Angeles. The policeman soon pulled me up!

In small matters we easily offend when in strange surroundings and faced with unfamiliar regulations. We may rightly feel an injustice if we are held guilty for an offense of a minor character committed in ignorance, and the legal officer will usually take a lenient view.

But a very important principle emerges that must be recognized in all such offenses, whether mundane or spiritual, and that is that one's ignorance does not alter the law.

With regard to the law of God and moral righteousness there are many people who mistakenly suppose that a thing becomes wrong only when we *feel* it to be wrong. A moment's thought should convince us that if this were the case each individual's personal conscience would become his

criterion of right or wrong. This could never be, though many would like it that way.

It is not our conscience that makes sin. It is the law that makes sin (1 John 3:4). Conscience accuses or excuses us (Romans 2:15) in the light of the law of righteousness of a holy God. The eternal law of righteousness stands in unaltered majesty amid all the distorted passing popular standards of conduct. Fornication, for example, is not a matter of prevalent ideas. When we have broken God's law, whether wittingly or unwittingly, a trespass has been committed that needs the divine provision of atonement to cover it.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting and He delighteth in mercy (Micah 7:18). That mercy is manifested not in denying the reality of the sin (as some modern cults wish to teach) but in pardoning it upon confession.

It is amazing that the most stupendous crime in human history is described in the Word of God as a sin of ignorance. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do," said Jesus when they nailed Him to the cross (Luke 23:34). "I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers," Peter said when charging the Jews with killing the Prince of life (Acts 3:17). "Had they known it," wrote Paul, "they would not have crucified the Lord of glory" (1 Corinthians 2:8). And his personal testimony was that "I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief" (1 Timothy 1:13).

Their ignorance made them subjects of mercy. We have a knowledge of the heinousness of the crime committed at Calvary that was not fully possessed by those who perpetrated it. Therefore our attitude to the death of Christ for our sins is all the more responsible.

3. *The Sin of Rashness* (v. 4)

"If anyone utters a rash vow to do something either evil or good, taking any sort of rash oath as men will do, unthinkingly, and then becomes conscious of what he has done" (Moffatt's translation), he is responsible.

Rashness is often excused as a matter of temperament. Peter is the classic example in the New Testament, as shown in his rash vow not to deny his Lord, and his hasty slash with

the sword in Gethsemane. The Bible has many instances of rash vows—Esau, Joshua and the Gibeonites, Jephthah, Herod at his birthday feast, the forty or more Jews who plotted to kill Paul.

Most of us are guilty at some time or another of a rash action, or a rash promise, or a rash remark that afterward we bitterly regret. I remember the cruel dilemma of a young preacher who had promised loyalty to a leader who had gone astray. The burden ought never to have been laid upon him. I remember another young pastor who was solemnly required to carry on a human tradition by a retiring leader, and that in public and unexpectedly.

We may commit vows in all good faith or in sheer hastiness without thought. Our responsibility will be judged by God in the light of all our circumstances. But promises are sacred things, and if a rash action on my part involves a solemn vow then it also involves a moral responsibility.

Jesus plainly taught that our "yea" must be yea, and our "nay" nay (Matthew 5:37), and that His disciples above all men must realize their accountability for their words and actions. Truth is sacred, and on our part it must enter into intention as well as declaration.

We may not be conscious of our folly at the time and therefore not feel convicted; but sooner or later, when we come to realize it, we must accept the guilt and act accordingly.

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The Book of Leviticus reveals, as a matter of abiding principle, that in each of these cases there is a prescribed way back into unclouded fellowship with God.

(a) There must be confession (v. 5). This is always fundamental for God's forgiveness of a guilty sinner. "If we confess . . . he is faithful and just to forgive (1 John 1:9). It is amazing how stubbornly we can refuse to admit that we have been in the wrong, but until we humble ourselves there can be no cleansing.

(b) There is atonement (v. 6). God has provided the way. We are not free to choose our own method of atonement. "It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul" (Leviticus 17:11). For us it is the precious blood of Christ, already accepted by God and now to be accepted by us.

(c) The words, "It shall be forgiven him" (v. 10), are the climax of perfect peace. Thank God there is mercy for all who repent and ask Him for pardon.

Truly "The law of the Lord is perfect . . . the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether" (Psalm 19:7-9).

A word from an Executive Presbyter
on the Subject of Church Membership



Why Affiliate with the Church?

In the company of believers there is the strength I need.

"If two of you shall agree . . . it shall be done. . . ."

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

"For we are members one of another."

"Bear ye one another's burdens. . . ."

There is strength in this association. I want to be "one of them."

I choose to be a Christian soldier. As a soldier I cannot do less than become a member of this company by a specific act. I will not be alone, forsaken, defeated, or defenseless if I am part of an assemblage said to be "terrible as an army with banners."

The church is God-ordained. "For-sake not the assembling of yourselves. . . ." The church is reliable and un-failing come better or worse, in sickness and in health, in joy or in sorrow. Shall I eat bread at her table and refuse to lend her aid by my unvarying presence, strength, and support? I cannot refuse to give my name to her roster in pledge of fidelity and oneness.

Unless I, and others like me, become her members, she will become a hollow hallway where people come and go and leave but an echo of passing feet, the ghosts of events and unpaid bills.

One of the greatest earthly honors conferred upon me re-echoes frequently in memory. It was bestowed upon me when the pastor announced my name as a member of the local company of believers.

Every truly born-again person should join the best society on earth—a scriptural church! Here will be found a well-spread table, an overflowing cup, milk, honey, and strong meat; the integrity of the upright, the diligence of the faithful, an understanding heart, a soft answer, the honor of humility, the mouth of wisdom, and the law of kindness.

—BARTLETT PETERSON



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Make Use of Your MONEY

By RAYMOND L. COX

IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR PEOPLE TO SLEEP THROUGH sermons. Some seem habituated to making the house of God a dormitory. But have you ever heard of a preacher falling to sleep while *preparing* a sermon?

It happened to an evangelist in New England. He sought the Lord's leading concerning the evening message and felt constrained to preach about giving. While he meditated, he slipped into slumber. Soon he was dreaming. A huge pile of money appeared, an avalanche of gold and silver coins, crowned with a towering mass of paper currency. The evangelist exclaimed, "What could I not accomplish for the Lord's work if I could get my hands on some of that cash!"

Then suddenly two claw-like hands descended upon the mountain of money. Greedily they grabbed huge sums and carted them off, before returning for more. The very appearance of the paws struck the preacher as an evil omen. They kept diving into the loot, depleting the pile.

The dreaming clergyman heard himself cry, "What does this mean? What is this money? Whose are those hands?"

An unseen voice explained, "The pile of money you behold is the money God's people have hoarded away. Christians have billions of dollars they think they are saving for a rainy day, while the Lord's work languishes for lack of finances."

"But whose are those hands which seized the funds?" the evangelist inquired.

The voice replied, "Those are the hands of the Antichrist who will handle much of that money. Instead

of God's people giving it for the cause of the true Christ, they left it behind for the Antichrist to use!"

One day Jesus Christ will return to rapture His Church. Stockings, mattresses, and banks bulging with hoarded billions left behind by translated believers will become prey for the Antichrist and his kind.

Do not misunderstand. Thrift is a commendable virtue. It is prudent to save. But idle money accomplishes little. A fat bank balance may contribute comfort to the individual, but how much more would it contribute to the progress of the gospel if invested in that cause?

A startled traveler stared at an Italian tombstone. The epitaph announced: "What I spent I used. What I kept I lost. What I gave away I saved."

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Matthew 6:19, 20).

It worked in Finland! A Christian industrialist there contributed thousands of dollars to Christian causes. "You're foolish to squander all that money," carped critics. "Why don't you reinvest it in your business instead? Expand your factories. If you keep giving so much away you'll lose everything."

He did lose everything—for a while. When the communists overran Finland they expropriated all his property, houses, farms, and factories. Of course, they seized the property of his friends too—the ones who warned, "Keep on giving, and you'll lose everything."

Shortly afterwards, during a church service, this man arose to testify. "Thank God," he exulted, "I've invested many thousands of dollars where communism can't get it. Hallelujah, the Reds can't touch the treasures I laid up in heaven."

Americans hardly anticipate the communists taking over this country, but the Bible declares that a dictator will one day rule all the world—the Beast, the Son of Perdition, the Man of Sin, more commonly known as Antichrist. What use will there be then for Christians' hoarded wealth? The church will have been translated. How much better to translate our treasures to paradise too by investing them now in God's program on earth.

No wonder someone said, "Giving to the Lord is but transporting our goods to a higher floor." Have you ever looked upon the offering plate as an elevator?

Martin Luther listened sadly to an appeal for funds to finance a worthy Christian project. "I am penniless at present," he muttered apologetically. "I wish I had something to contribute."

The reformer stood meditating for several minutes, then exclaimed, "I have!" He rushed to a drawer and removed a beautiful and costly medal of Joachim, the elector of Brandenburg. Luther prized it greatly, but said to this treasure: "What have you been doing in my drawer, Joachim? You have been idle. Now you can make yourself useful." The money realized from the sale of the medal went a long way to promoting a worthy enterprise.

Truly the only sure way to save is to *give*. "Lay up treasures in heaven."

WHEN REVIVAL CAME

How God moved a whole community with a sweeping Holy Ghost revival by the simple act of two deacons

By NORM H. DINNICK

SOME THIRTY YEARS AGO THE WRITER WAS PASTOR OF A Baptist church in a community made up mostly of those who tilled the land. The town itself was a center and meeting place for people as far away as twenty-five miles and it was common to see whole families come to church from a distance of fifteen miles in a horse and buggy.

There came a time when the church would be taxed to capacity each Sunday evening with people sitting in the aisles. There was no special speaker, nor was there any other special attraction except the wonderful gospel that was being preached. However, the heartbreaking truth was that during those days of capacity crowds not a soul stepped out for Christ!

Sunday after Sunday the invitation was given and while "Softly and Tenderly" was being sung quietly by the choir and the invitation given there was not a stir in the whole church.

But one day something happened that changed the history of that church and the whole community.

In that church there were two deacons who had been at odds with each other for over forty years. It was a family affair. Each family refused to talk to the other. In fact, one family used to sit on one side of the church while the other family sat on the other, and often the yearly business meeting would be wrecked with accusations being flung back and forth between the two deacons. Instead of the pastor being chairman he more often acted as referee and peacemaker!

Then one day one of the deacons was driving his horse and buggy to town alone. He saw the other deacon walking along the road and realized they were yet four miles away. Though he would not speak to his brother deacon he pulled his horse to a stop and beckoned the walking deacon to get up into the buggy and ride. They drove that four miles without exchanging a single word.

When they reached the outskirts of the town the passenger beckoned to the driver to indicate he wanted to get off. The horse was pulled to a stop and one deacon got out. He stood there for a moment. Then, with tears in his eyes, he said one word—"Thanks." With that the other deacon jumped out of the buggy, threw his arms around his brother deacon, and begged forgiveness. Then and there they asked the Lord to forgive their foolishness and selfishness.

The following Sunday evening the church was filled as usual but there was a difference. The singing seemed to be filled with the Holy Ghost; and before the sermon was preached both deacons arose and confessed Christ and dedicated their lives to the Lord afresh.

That did it. Tears were seen all over the church. Without any invitation people flocked around the pulpit and a time of confession and praise followed. That night some thirty young people stepped out and accepted Christ and several dedicated their lives for the ministry.

But that wasn't all. The fame of that meeting spread abroad and people came from miles around just to be converted. People who hadn't attended church for years came to see the power of God in action and were swept into the Kingdom as great conviction rested on the services.

Today, while both deacons are with the Lord, the work of revival goes on and seldom a service is held without the result of that revival being seen.

It has been said revivals don't just happen. They don't. They come about when the church is working together with a dedicated purpose, when every member of the church can pray and mean it, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." When hearts are in tune with God's plan and purpose there is no limit to what God can and will do.

A WISE REPLY

A young minister was late in going home from church one evening. He entered a crowded bus, with his Bible under his arm, and at once some rough fellows began to make sneering remarks. These remarks continued and when the minister started to leave the bus one youth said, "Say, Mister, how far is to to heaven?"

Many a Christian under the circumstances would have kept quiet or resented the insult; but this man, with a quiet dignity, replied, "It is only a step; will you take it now?"

This gentle reply and the influence of the minister's keeping his temper under provoking circumstances were the means of bringing that young man to Christ.

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HOW HE WAS LED

Never once was Jesus gently led. He was led into the wilderness, to be tempted of the devil. He was led by men filled with wrath, to the brow of the hill, that they might cast Him down headlong. He was led away to Annas; led away to Caiaphas; led into the council of the elders, the chief priests and scribes; led to Pontius Pilate, and into the hall of judgment. And then He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; led away to be crucified! Verily, "His way was rougher and darker than mine!"

—Frances Ridley Havergal



Billy Reeves and Charles Denton, national secretary of the Sunday School Department, discuss child evangelism poster.

Do We Care Enough?

Every church is concerned about its boys and girls—and yet many churches provide nothing except Sunday school for their children.

BY BILLY REEVES
National Child Evangelism Supervisor

MY DAD WOULD PUNISH ME SOONER for saying, "I don't care" than for anything else I did or said. He deplored the philosophy this statement expressed. And as you think of it, a "don't care" attitude is deplorable. This is especially tragic when it describes an attitude toward our children. I would not infer that we as Christians do not evaluate results, but perhaps we have to admit that we have not cared *enough* about our children.

DANGERS WITHIN THE CHURCH

Let us look at the negative side of this picture, not with a defeatist attitude, nor as a "calamity howler," but objectively as we evaluate the teaching and training of our children.

Why not be honest with ourselves? There are many well-trained and well-taught boys and girls. We thrill with satisfaction as we observe them in action. We are proud of their straightforward, uncompromising testimony

for Christ. Each year a fraction of the present crop emerges into the next level of development—whether adolescence or adulthood. However, would a parent be satisfied to see only half of his children saved? Should a church be content if approximately half its children remain in the church? What about the other half?

One author stated that seventy-five per cent of our boys are lost from the church and Sunday school between the ages of thirteen and sixteen; also sixty-five per cent of our girls in this same bracket are lost. At this age fellows and girls begin to think for themselves.

No longer do they accept what Mother and Dad say regarding religion simply because they are parents. Nor do they fully accept all the minister says just because he's a preacher—there are preachers of all kinds. They demand a greater authority. This is why it is so important

that we give scriptural proof of *why* we believe what we believe. There is no fallacy in our doctrine, but a weakness in our communication. As far as the junior and intermediate are concerned, it is not what some adult believes but what the Bible teaches that is important.

We need to teach principles and they are not taught merely in the Sunday school classroom. They are best taught by example. Children are imitators. They do what they learn from us. This calls all of us to self-examination, repentance, confession—then conquest!

THREATS FROM OUTSIDE

Outside forces of evil, sinful environments, and the complacency of many Christians accent the urgency of concentrating on children. If they are to be saved, we must provide the means—no one else will.

Parents are alarmed because the faith of our children is being undermined in the public schools. Although there are some teachers who reverence God, the secular atmosphere of the school is gradually but surely edging out any respect for God, the Bible, or spiritual things. Evolution is taught as if it were a proven fact of science.

Further describing this threat, Ken Hutcheson, in his article, "Christian Schools or Public Schools—WHICH?" (*United Evangelical Action*), said, "Atheist-flavored education deadened the conscience of the German people and paved the way for Adolf Hitler. Dr. Ray McClain says that forty per cent of Hitler's Gestapo had Master or Ph. D. degrees! The world will not soon forget the atrocities of these men. We fear Russia because she has advanced far in scientific knowledge but has no normal restraint."

Today's children are growing up in an environment of whiskey-selling billboards, appetizing TV beer commercials, suggestive magazine advertisements, rock and roll music, and divorce. Children cannot rub shoulders with this daily and escape uneffected. But the threat is not wholly from the outside!

In too many professing Christian homes worldliness is becoming the rule rather than the exception. When parents allow these forces to mar a close relationship with God, it is no wonder that so many children succumb to the evil around them.

This is what happened to Lot—his soul became accustomed to the worldliness and sins of Sodom and Gomorrah. The tragic part is that innocent children, victims of circumstances, suffer eternal consequences.

WHAT SOME CHURCHES ARE DOING

Not everyone is ignoring the children. Across the nation concerned church leaders are working feverishly to meet the spiritual needs of boys and girls within their reach. Pastors of three out of ten Assemblies of God churches see to it that their children have a vacation Bible school. These pastors refuse to succumb to excuses that say, "It costs too much"; "It's not worth it"; "Workers are too hard to find"; "We can't afford it." Churches that really care say, "We can't afford *not to have* a VBS for our children." Hundreds of children are saved in VBS annually—yet there are thousands each summer who idle away valuable hours wishing their church would have a VBS.

Children's church — with Bible teaching—is another means of counteracting the threats and evil forces of our age. When conducted properly this period of training and worship can have long-lasting results in the lives of boys and girls. Excellent lesson materials are used in children's churches in every state. Individual members have felt the burden, prepared themselves, and volunteered for the job. As a result thousands of children have a better chance of being found in church when they reach the senior and youth age levels. The materials, methods, and means are available—the needed element is motivation. The need is for a person with a passion for the children.

Indoctrination classes have been started by pastors who recognize their tremendous responsibility to the children of their congregations. Some pastors hold these on Saturday mornings; others prefer a weeknight. Some have special indoctrination classes on Sunday morning. They follow a straightforward presentation of what we believe, geared to the level of the group. Many Sunday schools and churches are using the "We Believe" Memory Course for Juniors. This is an attractive program with a catechism-type approach. Each year of the three-year course follows a different theme. One Kansas City church requires that all juniors complete a condensed form

of this program during the final six months they are in the junior department of the Sunday school.

Other avenues of ministry are used to reach the unchurched boys and girls as well as to provide further instruction to children already within the church. Home Bible clubs have proved to be one of the most practical child evangelism ministries. Parents will allow their children to attend a Bible club in a neighbor's home one hour a week when they would not allow them to attend your church.

Children's revivals bring a special attraction to boys and girls of the whole community. The united effort of a church in this regard can reach many new families.

Released time in connection with the public school has opened doors of opportunity for many churches. Children are released at their parents' request, to attend a class of religious instruction at a nearby church or building. This is usually one hour a week. Released time will reach boys and girls that are not touched by any other ministry of the church.

The best single avenue for the Christian education of children is a genuine Christian home. This is the best cure-all the church can engage—and the most desperately needed. Every home can have a family altar. The church will do well to be family-conscious in all its ministries. Some pastors are giving special guidance to parents in their responsibilities. An undated Sunday school manual on "The Christian Home" (available from the Gospel Publishing House in September, 1962) will serve as a guide for parents.

The Child Evangelism Division of

the Sunday School Department stands ready to help you in any of these phases of ministry to children. Descriptive material will be sent upon request.

Only as we reinforce our efforts and direct our attention to the needs of the children will we hold these who are now slipping from us. All of us care, but we must care more.

Church leaders who show they really *care* will substitute an example for an excuse. When boys and girls return from camp the adults' tongue-in-cheek attitude which says, "They'll cool off in a week or so," will be replaced with a word of encouragement to the fired-up youngsters.

Pastors who *care enough* will recognize that the children are part of their parish; that they must be provided for and ministered unto.

Deacons who *care enough* will use their leadership to see that the church's children are not neglected.

When Sunday school teachers *care enough*, visitation and follow-up becomes a *ministry*, not drudgery. The routine discourse of the Sunday school lesson gives way to a vital personal interest in each child.

Parents that *care enough* will put their children first before pleasure, material gain, or social standing. They will provide for their children an atmosphere conducive to Christian living. There will be family prayer and Bible reading in the home. Children of parents who *care* will receive the coveted affection and security so desperately needed.

Pastors, deacons, teachers, parents—let's show our faith. Let's prove that we *care enough* to see that the spiritual needs of our children are met.

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VBS

CHANGES A LIFE

A WIDE-EYED BOY LISTENED INTENTLY AS THE VACATION Bible school teacher explained the lesson. Neither he nor the teacher realized that this VBS class would be instrumental in changing the boy's entire life.

During the two weeks of VBS the class had been learning about the Bible, how it came into existence, how we know it is the Word of God, and how it would help in the time of trouble. The capable teacher carefully related these lessons to the life of each student.

That youngster grew into manhood and entered college. There he began reading the pagan poets, exploring the theories of evolution, and uncovering some of the atheistic thoughts of the world. Soon he began to doubt, fear, and lose faith.

Frightened and perplexed, the young man prayed. He did not want to lose his faith, but the evidence of truth seemed to be with the unbelievers. One day while he was praying and meditating, the words of his VBS teacher spoken years before began flooding back to his mind. The facts of God's Word poured into his troubled soul. All the evidence given him in VBS, concerning how we may be sure the Bible is the inspired Word of God, was brought again to his attention.

The young man again found his faith and was made to realize that the real proof of truth is with the believer. He turned his talents to God and, instead of entering

the secular world of employment, answered the call to the ministry. Today he is one of our Assemblies of God ministers.

This story could be repeated hundreds of times. VBS offers one of the best opportunities for planting the truth in children's minds. Here in a two-week training period they receive important indoctrination that will help build a Wall of Faith against the forces of the enemy.

One eastern church recently learned the potential of sponsoring a VBS. The First Assembly of God in York, Pa., had never conducted a VBS until 1960. Moving out of an older building into a new structure, church leaders decided they would try VBS as a means to reach the children in their new community.

An average of 254 youngsters packed into the church each day to learn about the Christ who died for them—almost as many as the entire Sunday school. One day as many as 356 children were in attendance.

The church leaders were so pleased they decided to sponsor a vacation Bible school in 1961. That year the enrollment soared to over 500, with an average daily attendance of 356. The enrollment was twice the size of the Sunday school! This meant they were reaching children they had never been able to reach through their church and Sunday school programs.

Neighbors of the church were amazed at the response and commented that never before had they witnessed anything like this. God moved in the school and, on one particular day, the intermediate boys' class was turned into a prayer meeting.

Writing concerning their VBS plans for 1962, one church leader said, "We are trusting the Lord for a 'better-than-ever' school."

Other success stories like this one are found all over the nation. The El-Bethel Assembly of God in Staten Island, N. Y., reports that many new families were reached through their VBS. Many children were saved and their parents were touched with the gospel because this church sponsored a vacation Bible school. Some 159 "kids" registered at this VBS which had an average daily attendance of 109.

Officials of the First Assembly of God in San Bernardino, Calif., report that during their VBS last year some twenty children made decisions for Christ, and many new contacts were made for the church.

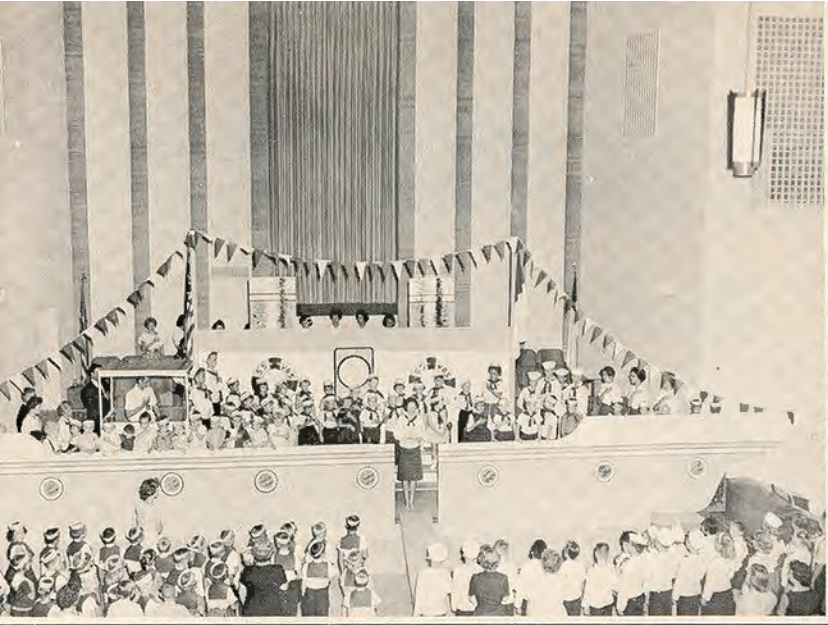
Some fifty children were brought to Christ through a VBS in Overland Park, Kans. Church officials reported an enrollment of 185 for the two-week school. The church leaders said, "VBS takes a lot of hard work and planning; but it is well worth it when over a two-week period of time you see fifty children, from the primary age through the intermediate level, kneel at the altar and give their hearts to the Lord.

More and more, church leaders are finding that vacation Bible school is one of the most effective programs of the church. They see it as a fruitful soul-winning agency. They see that VBS gives the children an opportunity for expression as well as for impression. They realize that in this two-week training period they can do much to shape and influence many lives.

Just as the boy mentioned earlier was changed because of VBS, many other youngsters all over the nation have been and are being influenced for God through VBS.

BY RONNIE HEMBREE

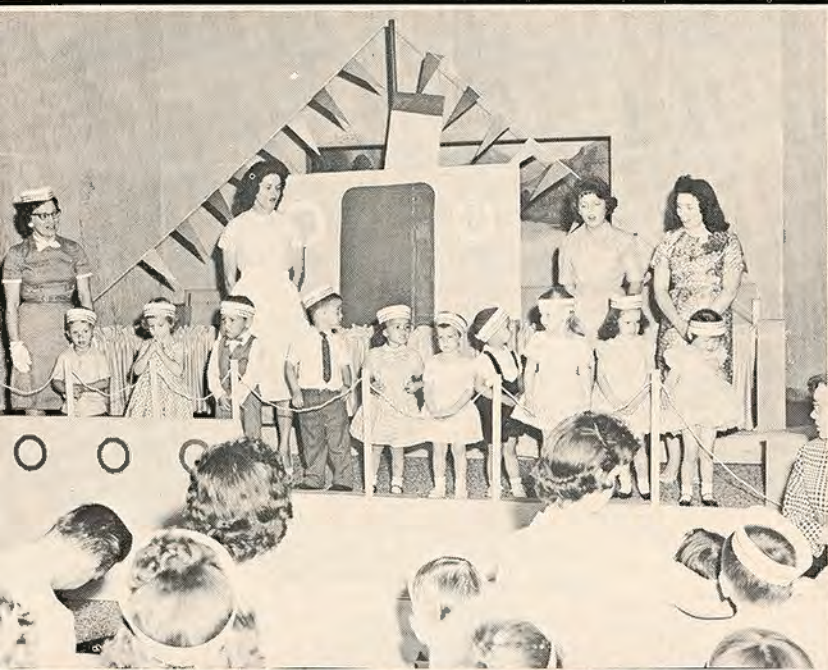




Children saluting the Bible at the vacation Bible school at the Central Assembly of God, Tulsa, Okla. Some 266 children enrolled for the VBS course, "Full Speed Ahead with Christ Our Captain," and the average attendance was 176.



El-Bethel Assembly of God of Staten Island, N. Y., began their VBS with a colorful parade which featured the workers and the children. A scale model sailboat was mounted on the pastor's car. Enrollment reached 159 with average attendance of 109.



The First Assembly of God of Overland Park, Kans., conducted a successful VBS. The school totaled 185 with fifty children finding Christ as their Saviour. Pictured above is the Nursery Class participating in the school's commencement program.

Twenty children found Christ as their Saviour during the VBS sponsored by the First Assembly, San Bernardino, Calif. Average attendance was 300 with sixty-eight VBS workers participating.



A unique feature of the Overland Park VBS was the deaf class. Six VBS workers taught the twelve deaf students. A picnic was sponsored for the deaf students and their families. Five of the deaf students are pictured above as they participate in the VBS program.

Captain H. Dale Roberts of the "Good Ship DVBS" presents the "Old Sea Captain's Storytime" during the closing session of VBS. Captain Roberts used the puppets to illustrate spiritual truths.



RELEASED TIME PAYS DIVIDENDS

It is the only way some school children can be introduced to religious teaching.

THE PHONE RANG IN THE OFFICE which co-ordinates the released-time program in the public schools of Wichita, Kansas. It was a father whose son had died. He needed someone to conduct the funeral. This family had no contact with a pastor or church, but the son had brought home a booklet from the Weekday Church School class and on the back was an address. It was this address that led the father to call the office when he needed religious help.

Released time is a program usually sponsored by a local ministerial alliance whereby boys and girls are released from public school for religious instruction in a nearby church or building. In Wichita the children are released for an hour and fifteen minutes each week. This is done at the request of the parents and in Wichita most parents request it. For this valuable program of religious education, now in its thirty-ninth year of operation, is accepted as an important part of the school curriculum.

Mrs. Paul Samuelson, wife of the Kansas District secretary-treasurer of

the Assemblies of God, has been active in the released-time program at Wichita. Billy Reeves, National Child Evangelism Supervisor, asked Sister Samuelson if there were criticisms or negative pressures against the program. She replied: "Not in recent years. Parents attended released-time classes themselves when they were children so now they know the value of them! We have good cooperation." Mrs. Samuelson has taught in the Weekday Church School program of Wichita for sixteen years and serves on the Curriculum Committee.

In the past thirty-eight years in which this nondenominational program has been in operation over 200,000 children have come under the influence of Christian teaching. There are 205 teachers of religion in Wichita—a few of them are paid but most of them volunteer their services. They spend several hours each week teaching boys and girls (grades 1-6) the story of Jesus and the place He should have in their lives.

Courses of study are basic in content. They include such titles as:

"Learning How Our Bible Came to Us," "Story of Jesus," and "Boys and Girls of the Bible."

The objective of the program is to "aid in the building of Christian character" and testimonies of the direct results of this ministry indicate that the objective is being reached.

States have different laws regarding this program. If the state approves such activity, the local school board decides to what extent the school will cooperate. Kansas State law is lenient compared to some other states and it permits the reading of the Bible (without comment) in school, and the repeating of the Lord's prayer. At a time when godless forces are seeking to take God out of the school and when spiritual—even moral—training is largely neglected, Wichita is resisting the trend. Much credit goes to Mrs. Frances Duke, Director of Religious Education for the Wichita Council of Churches, who directs the city's released-time program.

The churches are grateful for the success of this effort and so are the school officials. Recently a school



principal called the Weekday Church School office *requesting* a released-time program in his school. Approximately seven thousand children are fortunate enough to have this religious education in their weekly school activities. And for some children this is their *only* contact with a church or Christian influence.

Not long ago a lady visited a Nazarene Church in Wichita. A young man walked up to her and said: "You don't remember me but it was through your influence that my family is in church. Years ago when I was a child you were my teacher in a released-time class. Thank you very much!"

The part the church plays in this program is to provide facilities, a principal, secretary, pianist, and three teachers. The teachers also serve as directors to escort the children from school to church and back again. Schools where no church building is available are not neglected. Two mobile "classroom" homes have been purchased—one by the Mennonite Church and the other by the Wichita Council of Churches. These buses go from school to school five days a week. Five hundred dollars a year covers the expense of operating a mobile classroom and pays the salary of the released-time teacher.

Bethel Assembly of Wichita has participated in the released-time program for the past thirteen years. As a direct result of the released-time program, Pastor John Morar has reached several families who are now members of Bethel Assembly. Not long ago the principal of the elementary school brought a junior boy—a problem child—to Pastor Morar and asked the pastor to pray for the boy. Experiences like these make the people of Bethel Assembly know that the efforts made in teaching and winning boys and girls for the Lord do not go unrewarded. Recently the church moved so that they are now beyond the three-block maximum distance from the school and the program has had to be discontinued.

What about the boys and girls in your community—are you reaching them for God? Look into the possibilities of a released-time program for the children. Doubtless there are children—entire families—in your neighborhood that you may be able to contact in this way that will never be reached for God in any other way!



Two Women and a Vision

BY BEVERLY CRANE

TWO CALIFORNIA HOUSEWIVES saw the need for child evangelism in their area, responded, and they have won more than fifty youngsters to Christ since October.

Mrs. Wanda Wilcox and Mrs. Geraldine Walters, both members of the Paso Robles Assemblies of God church, have started a Home Bible Club that has had phenomenal results.

Last September Mrs. Wilcox moved into a public housing project and found it very difficult to get children in that neighborhood to attend Sunday school because of parental objection. She opened a Bible Club in her home and invited Mrs. Walters to teach during the weekly session, which is held from 4 to 5 P.M. on Thursdays.

Although the parents had objected to sending their children to Sunday school, they did not seem to mind their attending the Bible Club. Some thirty-five to forty youngsters gather weekly in Mrs. Wilcox's home to study the Word of God. There have been as many as fifty-four children assembled at one time.

Mrs. Wilcox said at first she was apprehensive as to how the children would treat her home and furnishings. Now, however, she mentions that everything she has done has been more than worthwhile and the children behave perfectly. The children respect

and can be reached through a clean house.

One day a seven-year-old boy attended the Bible Club meeting for the first time. All the children sang the first verse of, "Do You Know That You've Been Born Again?" Before the second verse which resounds, "Yes, I know that I've been born again," the boy had accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. His Catholic mother came and took him from the meeting but not before he had made his decision for Christ.

Boys and girls from all over the neighborhood now attend this Home Bible Club with enthusiasm. One boy carries his crippled companion on his back each week to learn of the Saviour who loved them enough to die for their sins.

Three other Bible Clubs in that California city are led weekly by ladies of the Paso Robles Assembly of God. Mrs. Walters conducts one by herself. Mrs. Thelma Smith has two groups. Danny Solberg (son of the pastor, Kenneth A. Solberg) assists by playing his accordion. Altogether, some seventy-five youngsters gather regularly to learn about Christ, all because these housewives had a burden for neighborhood children and found a way to reach them through Home Bible Clubs.



From Alaska Comes This Story of—

MONICA WAS SO HAPPY! SHE WOULD be able to go to Sunday school and children's church again. She had missed many weeks because she had gone to live with her grandma at Anchorage where no one seemed to have time to take her to Sunday school.

Now it would be different. They had moved again and now would be living just twelve miles from Palmer, Alaska, where the kind folk who had been taking her to Sunday school lived.

But as Monica rejoiced, she looked down at her feet. Could she go? The only shoes she had were these ragged, dirty bedroom slippers. *Yet God didn't care how she looked. She would go.*

How wonderful to sing again the lovely songs about Jesus! Her teacher smiled happily when Monica walked into the Sunday school class. Everyone told her how much they had missed her.

Monica had had a birthday on Tuesday so, when the teacher asked who had had a birthday during the past week, Monica proudly put in the pennies that her kind friends had given her. The little mirror with the picture of "Jesus and the Children" was such a nice gift. As the children sang "Happy Birthday," Monica's heart thumped for joy. Best of all was the prayer the pastor's wife prayed just for her.

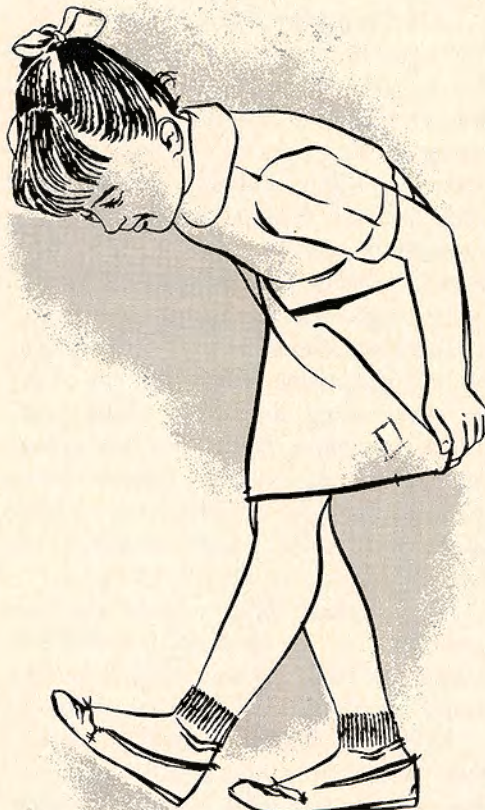
Monica had been saved during the summer, and it had not been easy to live for Jesus in an unsaved home where both Grandpa and Grandma were more concerned about drinking than about her. Monica's mother worked in a night club as a waitress and dancer and Monica seldom saw her. So as the pastor's wife prayed, Monica thought how thankful she was for the group of Christians here at Wasilla.

As Monica marched down to children's church she looked again at her ragged, dirty slippers. *Oh, how I hope no one sees them!* she thought. As she sat she put her feet as far back underneath her chair as possible. She joined in the choruses she loved so well, and soon she had forgotten her ragged slippers.

Monica's Prayer

By VIVIAN KLINE

Then Cecelia, the teacher, told them a story. The story was about little Louisa who found the toes gone in her shoes. Cecelia held up the picture of a pair of shoes with the toes all torn. She said Louisa had shown her shoes to her daddy who was pastor of a little country church, but he just didn't have the money for shoes, and he said Louisa must pray about it. Louisa did pray, asking God to send her the shoes by Sunday. The story went on to tell how a kind lady, seeing her need for shoes, bought Louisa a lovely new pair. Then another lady gave her a pair of lovely white kid boots.



At the end of the story Cecelia told the children, if they had special needs, God had promised to supply all their needs according to His riches in glory. Each of the children knelt by his or her chair and prayed.

Tears came to Monica's eyes as she thought of the story. Did Jesus care, and could He send her a pair of shoes? As she knelt, she prayed, "Dear Jesus, somehow, someday, send me a pair of shoes so I can have them for school tomorrow."

Monica went home with her friends for dinner. "Auntie" had baked a lovely birthday cake and they celebrated Monica's birthday though it was a few days late. As she blew out the candles and made a wish, Monica thought again of her need for shoes.

Then "Auntie" handed her a big box. Would it contain shoes? No, it was a big doll with real hair to comb, wash, and set! Monica was thrilled. Yet no shoes were wrapped in the package.

Soon after dinner Jeanie and Bob, a young couple who were good friends of Monica's, stopped for a few minutes. Jeanie looked at Monica's ragged, dirty slippers and tears came to Monica's eyes. Why did Jeanie have to see them? She had kept them hidden so carefully all day. Jeanie asked Monica very kindly, "Monica, don't you have any other shoes?"

Monica shook her head. "Grandma lost one of my shoes when we moved from the homestead to Anchorage, and I have had to wear these to school." After visiting briefly, Jeanie and Bob left.

About five o'clock Jeanie returned. She called, "Monica, we can only stay a minute as Bob has to get home to milk, but I just had to bring you something." *She held out a beautiful pair of black suede shoes, just Monica's size!* They had found the shoes in the storeroom at the children's home where they had been visiting. A WMC group had sent them to the home, but there was no one who needed them. How glad they were to send them with Jeanie for Monica!

Monica bowed her head. Tears again filled her eyes but this time they were tears of joy. Jesus had heard her prayer and had sent the shoes she needed. Truly God does supply all of our needs, even as Cecelia had told them in children's church. ❧

Here is another poignant story
of co-operation and Christian love
demonstrated by the new congregation
at Wainwright, Alaska

A Piano for Easter

By I. CECELIA PIPER
Wainwright, Alaska

EARLY ONE FEBRUARY MORNING BILLY Patkotak came to the mission with the wonderful news that the new piano would be unloaded that morning at the DEW-line site just five miles outside the Arctic village of Wainwright.

While the late February sun was only a pink glow in the East, dog teams were dashing out across the open tundra in the direction of the Base. This was a tremendous moment. Eighteen months had passed since the new church had been built. In all that time the Eskimo people had wanted an instrument for musical accompaniment during the church services.

Demitri Turk, pastor of the Keen, N. H., Assembly of God had sent us his accordion. Later the Lord had provided a musician, Simon Tagarook from Barter Island, who plays an



The last five miles, a dog team and sled brought the piano to Wainwright.



Amid shouts of joy the men carried the piano into the church and uncrated it.

electric guitar. Simon had faithfully played these instruments, but for special services and choir leading they were hopelessly inadequate. Each Christmas time and especially at Easter we would pray, "Lord, help us to get an organ or a piano for our church."

Last summer I was called away from Wainwright for the summer months. The Eskimo congregation kept the church open and faithfully gathered for services. Each member took his turn leading the service. When the pastor returned there was great rejoicing. The Spirit and blessing of God had held the little flock together. Smiling, they said, "Our earthly shepherd go away, but our heavenly Shepherd never leave us!"

In the absence of outside leadership and out of pure love for Christ and



A group of Eskimos gathered as Simon Tagarook played the piano.

their church, the people had hauled coal for the church and had cut the yearly supply of ice. Also, during this time, they had saved \$900 including \$500 to pay on the gasoline bill for the generator and \$400 toward their new piano. How wonderful is love like this!

In Fairbanks we found that Wien Airlines would transport the piano to Barrow free of charge. This was as far as their large aircraft carried freight. There was still about ninety miles of snow and ice between Barrow and Wainwright.

Billy Patkotak, who works at the DEW (distant early warning) site, discovered the piano could be freighted to his station if there were people there to load it when it came in. Now, in a whirl of snow and with excited shouts of joy, the men unloaded the precious piano at the church door. It had come the last five miles on a dog sled.

Eager hands carried the piano inside the building and gently, almost reverently, uncrated it. As the bright rays of the sun streamed in the frosted windows, the first notes of music filled the air. Simon was playing the piano. A tiny knot of Eskimo people gathered and tears of joy ran silently down weather-beaten faces. Hearts, as well as voices, were lifted in thanksgiving and praise to God who again had answered prayer in Wainwright. This Easter there would be piano accompaniment for a fine choir.

Note: The Alaska Missions Fund set up by the National Home Missions Department to provide for emergencies on the Alaska field is depleted, due to the many demands on it occasioned by the very severe Alaska winter. Your offering is urgently needed. Send it to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo.

VENEZUELA: AFTERMATH OF REVIVAL

BY RAYMOND T. BROCK
Editor, Foreign Missions Publications

OUR FLIGHT FROM ASUNCION, PARAGUAY, to Caracas, Venezuela, is via Pan American jet. The 2,600 miles over the Amazon jungles is covered in slightly more than four hours. Almost before we know it, we have left one of the most primitive capitals of South America and landed at one of the most modern.

Missionary Wilfred Morris meets us at the airport and drives us in his Speed-the-Light car over the mountains that cascade into the Caribbean. Caracas is in a bowl on the other side of the mountains. Super highways radiate from the heart of the city into the many suburbs of Caracas. North American culture is more in evidence here than in any place we have visited.

On the outskirts of town, however, shanties cling to the precipitous cliffs, mute evidence that the poverty-stricken, although pushed out of town, hover ever near as an omen of reaction. It is here that anti-governmental demonstrations breed and spill over into Silencio Square near the official buildings.

The mission house is next door to the *Templo Evangelico Pentecostal* in Catia. Pastored by a faithful national worker, Elidoro Mora, this Assembly has mothered several outstations in various parts of the city. Much of the success of the recent Eugenio Jimenez campaign was due to the faithful workers from this Assembly who assisted in personal work and follow-up

activities when the crusade in the bull ring was over.

Our first night in Caracas we visit the new Evangelistic Center which was established as a result of the recent Jimenez Crusade. A former garage in the heart of the metropolis has been reconditioned to serve as sanctuary and bookroom. It is our privilege to minister here on Thursday night and see more than 150 people—most of them new converts—worshiping the Lord and listening hungrily to the Word. Our hearts rejoice as we see two visitors respond to the evangelistic invitation and make their decision for Christ.

Since this is primarily an educational rather than an evangelistic trip, we are thankful that Brother Morris and his nine-year-old daughter Jeanie have arranged to drive us the 200 miles to Barquisimeto where the Bible school is located. Leaving Caracas, we climb the mountains surrounding the city and continue through a series of ranges and valleys that take us from the tropical coastal region into the desert-like plateau on which Barquisimeto is located. It is here we meet the Elmer Nileses, who direct the Bible school, and the Ralph Williamses and Stig Sundbergs who teach in the school and minister in the outlying regions of the interior.

As usual, a service has been an-



Students and faculty at the Venezuela Bible Institute in Barquisimeto. Director and Mrs. Elmer Niles stand at the left; Instructor Stig Sundberg at the right.

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nounced and we prepare quickly for the privilege of ministering to another group of Pentecostal Christians—a monument to the faithfulness of missionaries and national workers who have labored to reap a rich harvest in Venezuela.

The following morning we speak in the Bible school chapel. This is a special thrill.

As Ralph Williams interprets, we try to share with the twenty students the truth that evangelism should be perpetual ministry. As the Holy Spirit moves over the students and they respond in demonstrations of His divine presence, we are confident that there is a bright future for the Pentecostal church in Venezuela. Here are ministers-in-training that have more than a theoretical knowledge of theology: they have learned the importance of the Spirit-filled life and are continuing to be led by His presence.

Viewing the rubble that surrounds the Bible school buildings emphasizes that the school is in desperate need of relocation. A new campus must be sought that will provide space to house not only single students, but married couples who are responding to the call of God. It is to discuss these plans that the missionaries meet for a work-luncheon. When the meal is finished, the dishes are cleared away and plans for advance in Venezuela are discussed. An important part in this planning is setting aside the last two weeks of May, 1963, for a Bible school seminar for both Venezuela and Colombia. From this proposed conference it is hoped a stronger training program for northern South America can evolve, as was experienced by the Bolivian seminar we have just attended.

Driving back to Caracas, we are impressed with the beauty of Venezuela. Roadside shrines point to the need for spreading the good news of the living Christ.

As many villages and cities are passed, we are informed that there is no full-gospel witness in many of them. Community after community stands with beckoning arms, inviting the Pentecostal witness. The field is ripe, and it is consoling to know that reapers are being prepared at the Venezuelan Bible Institute to meet the challenge of the harvest in this strategic Latin-American nation.

Next week: "Crossing the Caribbean"



Fourth Annual School of Missions

by WILMA JONES

THE CAMPUS OF CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE, Springfield, Mo., will buzz with activity June 4-16 for the fourth annual School of Missions. Attending the school, which is sponsored by the Foreign Missions Department, will be missionary candidates, missionaries on furlough, Bible school instructors in missions, missionary secretaries, and district missionary representatives.

The school provides orientation for candidates and brings missionaries up to date on policy matters. It covers the missionary's relationship to mission boards, fellow missionaries, nationals, and the home church. Emphasis is given to proper use of mass media and establishing indigenous churches.

Noel Perkin, director emeritus of the Foreign Missions Department, is dean of the school. Guest lecturers include Henry R. Brandt, Eugene A. Nida, and Clyde W. Taylor. Dr. Brandt is consultant to several mission boards and lectures widely on family life and social adjustment from the Christian standpoint. Dr. Nida is secretary for translations in the Ameri-

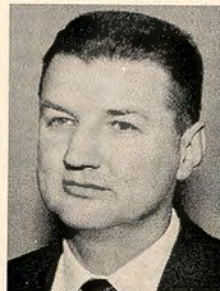
can Bible Society. He gives valuable advice on translation and publication of the Scriptures. Dr. Taylor is executive secretary of Evangelical Foreign Missions Association and Washington representative for the National Association of Evangelicals.

Other faculty members will be Thomas F. Zimmerman, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God; J. Philip Hogan, assistant general superintendent and executive director of missions; Robert T. McGlasson, national secretary of the Foreign Missions Department; M. L. Ketcham, field secretary for the Far East; M. L. Hodges, field secretary for Latin America; V. G. Greisen, field secretary for the Middle East, Europe, and India; Everett L. Phillips, field secretary for Africa; Wesley R. Hurst, Jr., promotions secretary; Mrs. June Hurst, former missionary to East Africa; Raymond T. Brock, editor of foreign missions publications; J. Robert Ashcroft, president of Central Bible Institute and Evangel College; and Robert E. Goggin, superintendent of the Oklahoma District.

Noel Perkin



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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Sunday School

Sunday School Class Organized For Retarded Children

What is believed to be the first Sunday school class for retarded children in Miami, Fla., has been organized in the University Christian Church.

"We feel the class will meet the need not only of such children, but of their parents who often stay at home to care for the children because there is no place for them at church," Mr. Whitley, the church's pastor, explained.

FBI Chief Lauds Sunday School

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover stressed recently that the religious education of youths is a prerequisite to meeting the challenges of crime and communism.

Observing that America's future "depends on the preparedness of her

youth—our leaders of tomorrow," he said that "only by seeking God's guidance can they find the way. The Sunday school is the vital link between child and God," he declared, adding that children who are taught "to respect the laws of God will have little difficulty respecting the laws of men."

Peace Corps

Senior Citizens Serving in Peace Corps

By September some 4,000 more Peace Corps Volunteers will be assigned to various projects in thirty different countries overseas. The Corps, an agency of the U. S. Government, is hoping that many of these positions may be filled from "senior citizen" groups.

Already nine persons in the 60-70 age group and eight in the 50-60 year bracket have been assigned to overseas projects by the Peace Corps.

Peace Corps Collaborating With Catholic Institution

The Peace Corps has announced it will send twenty-six volunteers to Honduras in a project of public health and social service conducted jointly with St. Louis University, a Jesuit institution. The Honduras project will be the second the Peace Corps has undertaken in Central America. St. Louis University assisted the Peace Corps in developing the project and will help to administer it overseas, Director R. Sargent Shriver announced.

The men and women will begin their training at St. Louis University on June 15, and will embark for Honduras on September 5. The project will employ fourteen nurses, twelve social workers, and two child care workers. Nurses will work in hospitals and child care centers in small towns and villages in Honduras, while social workers will assist at social

TEAM MAGAZINE BECOMES A MONTHLY

TEAM, the magazine for men, will be published monthly beginning with the July 1962 issue.

It will be a sixteen-page magazine with the same pocket-size format that has made it so popular among thousands of Assemblies of God men.

Price of the two-color monthly magazine will be \$1.50 a year on single subscriptions. When ordered in bundles of four or more copies, the price will be 40 cents a quarter, or \$1.25 a year. It is hoped this low price will result in a very wide circulation by enabling many to order gift subscriptions for their friends.

TEAM is published by the Men's Fellowship Department of the Assemblies of God. The name of the magazine not only speaks of the teamwork spirit which motivates MF members as they cooperate with their pastors but also embodies the evangelistic aim of the organization in that the letters stand for the slogan, "To Enlist All Men."

Burton Pierce, National Secretary of the Men's Fellowship Department, says the monthly issues of *TEAM* will continue to uphold a very high standard of readability to catch a man's interest. "The articles will be the kind our full-gospel men like to read," says Brother Pierce. "Hard-hitting articles to challenge men's consecration will be mixed with heart-warming stories of personal adventuring for Christ. There will continue to be a strong missionary emphasis with latest news on the progress of 'Light for the Lost,' the missionary arm of MF. A new addition to *TEAM* will be its features on the 'Royal Rangers,' the new MF program for boys.

"We are confident the new monthly schedule of *TEAM* will make the magazine more popular and more powerful than ever as a great unifying force among our splendid Assemblies of God men."



Charles Van Ness (left) is seen receiving a plaque from Joseph T. Bayly, retiring president of the Evangelical Press Association, on behalf of *TEAM* magazine. The Assemblies of God men's magazine received top rating among denominational magazines entered in the association's annual competition this year.

agencies, children's institutions, and community centers.

Tobacco

Tobacco Ads Outlawed in Italy

The Italian Parliament recently passed a bill outlawing tobacco advertising throughout the country.

Three Christian Democrat deputies introduced the bill which forbids advertising of "any form of tobacco for smoking" whether Italian or foreign. Offenders can be fined \$30 to \$300 and repeated lawbreakers can be fined up to \$3,000.

Increase in Cigarette Production Reported

Cigarette production set an all-time record in the U.S. in 1961, the Department of Agriculture reported. In spite of warnings from many quarters concerning the harmful effects of cigarette smoking on physical health, Americans bought 528 billion cigarettes, an increase of four per cent over the previous record total bought in 1960. The government department predicts that cigarette use will continue to increase during 1962 and may go as high as 550 billion.

Evangelism

Ministry to Skyscraper Apartment Dwellers

How to bring a spiritual ministry to Americans who live in "high rise" apartments sixty or more stories above the ground was described at the recent board meeting of American Missions of the Augustana Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minn., as one of the most difficult problems facing the church today.

"These structures are castles of irresponsibility where people pay a premium to be left to themselves, employing a footman to guard against intrusion," said O. V. Anderson of Chicago.

Dr. Anderson said the situation is being further complicated by the purchase of "air rights" in Chicago above Illinois Central Railroad tracks by a corporation which plans to build apartments to house some 30,000 people.

The board voted to inaugurate a special ministry on the near North Side of Chicago to deal with the situation.



YOUR QUESTIONS

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

* Does the scripture, "If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course..." (1 Corinthians 14:27), mean that a man may speak two or three times? Or does it mean that only two or three persons should speak in a service?

It means that not more than two or three messages in tongues should be given in a service, and they should be interpreted. If it meant that one person was free to bring two or three messages, another person might do the same thing. This would run into freedom for all to speak in tongues, causing unbelievers to say, "ye are mad"—meaning crazy (1 Corinthians 14:23).

* Will you please explain the marriage complication set forth in Deuteronomy 24:3?

According to Deuteronomy 24:1, if a man in Israel discovered some uncleanness in his wife he was at liberty to give her a letter of divorcement and put her away. Young's Analytical Concordance explains uncleanness in this passage as "anything offensive."

After her divorce the woman was free to remarry (v. 2). If her second husband put her away, she was not to be accepted again by her first husband (v. 4). Since we now live in a different dispensation, it is better that we consult the New Testament for guidance in these matters.

* I am eighteen years old, and am a member of a non-Pentecostal church, but I am much interested in a girl who is a zealous worker in an Assemblies of God church. I have attended some of the services with her and like them very much. Would you advise me to join her church?

The sincerity of those in the church of which you are a member is appreciated, but there is an infilling with the Holy Spirit which your church evidently does not think is necessary. Were you to join an Assemblies of God church just because of your in-

terest in the girl, and marry her, and then drag her back into your present church, it would be an injustice to the girl. She has a rich experience in the grace of God which should ever be honored. Since the Bible says, "How can two walk together except they be agreed?" I recommend that you pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Then you would find yourself at home in her church.

* A minister says the true meaning of Genesis 2:21, 22 is that God took blood from Adam—not a rib—with which to make Eve. Is this correct?

The Hebrew word translated rib here is "tsela." I am told it could mean either rib or part of the side. It is used only in Genesis 2:21, 22. The word "ala" is translated rib in Daniel 7:5. Let us believe Adam was right in saying his wife was "bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh..." (Genesis 2:23).

* If Old Testament sacrifices were not sufficient in themselves, will the people of the Old Testament have to accept Christ in order to be saved?

I feel confident that Old Testament believers will not need a second chance. When Jesus died, many graves of the Old Testament saints were opened. Their occupants came forth after His resurrection. See Matthew 27:52, 53. These, together with Christ, became "the firstfruits of them that slept" (1 Corinthians 15:20). At His resurrection and ascension Christ "led captivity captive" (Ephesians 4:8). It seems evident that through Christ the location of Paradise was changed. The Jews spoke of Paradise, or Abraham's bosom, as being down. Since the ascension of Christ, Paradise is in the third heaven. See 2 Corinthians 12:2-4.

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).

Friday, June 8, will be a day of prayer for Pentecostal women everywhere

Praying for a Perpetual Pentecost

BY ELVA M. JOHNSON
National WMC Representative

THOSE OF US WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED Pentecost—the power of God coming into these temples of clay and dwelling there by His Holy Spirit—realize that we have been given an exceedingly precious gift. We also know that “we have this treasure in earthen vessels.” *Today* we live, serve, pray, and give as members of the body of Christ. *Tomorrow*, if Jesus tarries, the youth of our churches will replace us. For this reason, the Women’s Auxiliary of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America sponsors a day of prayer each year on the Friday before Pentecost Sunday. Permanent theme of the day is “Perpetuating Pentecost Through Prayer.”

This year, Pentecost Sunday is also Children’s Day, so the theme is especially appropriate. Pentecostal women are urged to unite in prayer for a renewal of Pentecost in their own hearts, and that Pentecost in its fullness and power may be perpetuated in each succeeding generation until Jesus comes.

In Psalm 145:4 we read, “One generation shall praise thy works to another. . . .” Every privilege that comes to us brings some responsibility. What a privilege to know God as we do! What a joy to have His Spirit fill these earthen vessels to overflowing! What a comfort to have Him as our Teacher and our Guide! And what a responsibility is ours to see to it that our young people enter into this experience and know the power of God in their lives too.

We can only pass on to them what is real in our own hearts. When the mighty power of God is evident in our lives and in our churches, then they too will feel the same irresistible Spirit of God drawing them—as He has drawn us—to Himself. Their spiritual needs are no different from ours, and they can be met by the same God.

A minister (who is not Pentecostal) once remarked, “Many Christians who were born in the fire are living in the smoke.” He pictured the flame of love and blessing dying down to ashes on the altars of hearts once ablaze with the love of God. It is an inescapable fact that we can only light the hearts of tomorrow’s church if the fire burns brightly in our own.

This is a crucial hour for the Pentecostal movement. One of the dangers is that the young people who have grown up in a Pentecostal atmosphere will fail to seek their own experience, not realizing its importance. It is easy for a child, brought up in a Christian atmosphere, to absorb Christian ideals and mannerisms without having had a personal experience with God. He may even be able to ask the blessing at the table, pray in family worship, and take part in the church services without a horn-again experience and a knowledge of the Holy Spirit’s power in his life. Neither he nor his associates may be fully aware of this lack until at some point in his life when he is thrown back on his own resources.

A young man, brought up in a Pentecostal home and church, soon discovered this lack when he went into the Armed Forces. Speaking later of his experience, he said, “I backslid in twenty-four hours!” He had discovered for the first time that his convictions and Christian attitudes had been borrowed or absorbed from his family and his church. They had never been his own. We must pray that this tragedy may never happen on a wide scale to our Pentecostal youth. They are tomorrow’s church. Tomorrow we will not be here. They will. What they do then will depend upon their spiritual foundation now.

When Hezekiah was an old man, ready to die, Isaiah came to him with a dire prophecy of what was to come. But Hezekiah failed to see that it had any meaning for him. In his shortsightedness he said, “Is it not good,

if peace and truth be in *my* days?” The future did not seem to concern him, even though he was a good king. But God makes each generation responsible to share its revelation, its understanding, its experience, with the next. Let us pray on this Pentecostal day of prayer that not only shall there be Pentecostal blessing in our day, but that the youth in our churches shall enjoy it when we are gone.

Jesus said, “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.” We are living in the end time. Jesus may come at any moment. But as long as He tarries, the church must be about its business of soul winning. As the shadows of evening fall across the world, there is a solemnity and an urgency among thoughtful people everywhere, both inside and outside the church. Our missionaries’ even now plead more for our prayers than for the works of our hands. They know that the forces of evil are working harder today than ever before. And tomorrow—what of that? If Jesus tarries, the work will not be easier. It will be harder. If our missionaries today need the anointing and power of Pentecost how much more will tomorrow’s laborers need it? Tomorrow’s missionaries, pastors, evangelists, and deacons are in our churches now. They are in our Sunday school classes. They are in our C. A. groups. They are in our schools.

Night is coming on. We have a choice: either we pray and believe God for the perpetuation of Pentecost in the church of tomorrow, or we fold our hands in deadly self-satisfaction and fail our youth. The latter is the way of spiritual decay, the quiet dying of a once Spirit-filled church. There is nothing more tragic or unnecessary in all the world.

On the Day of Pentecost, Peter told the people, “The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.” Let us claim this promise. God wants to pour out His Spirit like “fresh oil” on our own hearts. And thus renewed, we shall be able to share the blessing and meaning of the Pentecostal experience with our youth. ■■



*Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear
no evil: for thou art with me.*

*Number Five in a series of articles
on the Twenty-Third Psalm*

*by W. H. ROBERTSON
Secretary-Treasurer, Southern California District*



HE WALKS BESIDE

IN ALL SCRIPTURE THERE IS NO VERSE more familiar than this. No Bible figure has made a more lasting impression. In millions of cases these have been the last words uttered by dying saints.

See that valley now. It is dark and plunges downward. It has many ravenous beasts. But the child of God does not tarry there because the Great Shepherd passed through alone and now He conducts all His flock to their Home. Thus the child of God passes into the sunlight of heaven.

This figure gives us some comforting thoughts about death. It is *not* a state, an enduring condition, or an abiding place. It is a passage through which we walk. The valley may be dark, lonely, and infested with evil things, but we don't pitch our tent there; we pass through it to our rest. In death the spirit leaves the body and proceeds heavenward—just as an artisan leaves the workshop at the evening hour, shutting blinds and doors as he proceeds home. The workshop is left deserted and still, but the voice of the artisan is heard in his home as he makes glad the wistful hearts that have waited for him.

In Damascus there is a long, dark, narrow lane ending in a tunnel. The traveler descends and passes through, but on the other side he emerges into the bright sunny yard of a palace. This is an example of a believer's death. Dying, to the child of God, is being borne out of darkness into the glorious light and liberty of heavenly life.

Death is the gate to life. Our loved ones who have known Christ are not

dead. They are living. They have passed through death into the glorious presence of the King. Yet the valley is dark. The pain of this body often depresses the spirit and overcasts it with gloom. But, at the worst, death is only a shadow. Christ met the substance; we encounter but the shadow. A shadow is the exact counterpart of its substance, but it is harmless in itself. The shadow of a dog cannot bite; the shadow of a giant cannot kill; the shadow of death cannot destroy when we know God who is our own personal Shepherd.

We pass through many a "valley of shadow" ere we reach even the valley. Every step has been measured for us, even as it has been trodden before us. God is testing us to see whether we can trust Him in the dark as well as in the light.

Listen to the courageous declaration of David, "I will fear no evil. . . ." There is no fear in love. "Perfect love casteth out fear. . ." (1 John 4: 18). Nothing else can do it! Sorrow and dying make Christ's presence real.

Have you noticed the change of pronoun? Hitherto the Psalmist has spoken of the Lord in the third person, but now he says, "*Thou, thou, thou art with me.*" In the green pastures it was enough to speak of "*He*"; but now there is need for the closer, tender address. In this way the death-chambers become presence-chambers.

The darkness is sometimes too dense for us to see Christ. But faith can always be sure that He is there, not because of the evidence of sense or feeling, but because He has said, "I will never leave thee."

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Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



THE BELIEVER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

Sunday School Lesson for June 10, 1962

HEBREWS 11:1, 2, 4-10, 23-27, 32, 39, 40

The pre-eminence of faith is kept in view throughout the entire Epistle to the Hebrews. It was unbelief that excluded the Israelites from the Promised Land. It was unbelief which was causing the Jewish Christians, to whom the Epistle was written, to yield to discouragement, to neglect church attendance, and to consider returning to Judaism. In order to encourage and comfort them in the midst of their temptations, the writer brings before them in vivid and comprehensive sketches the history of their fathers, and their accomplishments of faith.

Faith Defined. "Now faith is a well-grounded assurance of that for which we hope, and a conviction of the reality of things which we do not see" (Weymouth). A little girl asks her mother for a needed new dress. "All right, Dear, when I go to town today I shall get you one." Her words are a "well-grounded assurance" to the little girl and produce a firm conviction that the dress is as good as hers. Thus she runs out joyfully to tell her playmates about the new dress she is getting. She has "a conviction of the reality" of the dress which she does not yet see. Likewise, the ground

of our assurance of the reality of things spiritual and of the certainty that God will provide our needs is the fact that God has spoken! Faith, then, is believing that what God says is true, and acting upon it, or obeying it.

In the rest of the chapter the inspired writer presents Old Testament believers who illustrate the power of real faith.

Faith's Worship (verse 4). Abel's sacrifice was "more excellent" than Cain's because it was offered "by faith." Since faith is always obedience to divine revelation, God must previously have taught that those who would be accepted of Him must bring a bloody sacrifice by which they signified confession of their own unrighteousness and their trust in a coming Redeemer. Cain, whose offering was manifestly not of faith but of works, was rejected.

Faith's Witness (verse 5). Enoch's faith was so real and so active that it resulted in his translation. But the writer says, "For before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God." This does not mean he was translated by work, but that his faith, being genuine, produced a life which pleased God.

Faith's Work (verse 7). Faith is practical. It acts and works. Only faith in God's Word could have caused Noah to obey and to do what seemed utterly ridiculous: namely, to build an ark. Noah's faith issuing in his righteous life and deeds "condemned" the unbelief and ungodliness of the people of his times.

Faith's Walk (verse 8). Abraham especially illustrates the obedience of faith. It was quite a step for him to leave the security and comforts of his home in Ur for an unknown future. But—"he went out, not knowing whither he went." He did not know *what* was in the future, but he did know *who* was in the future and was fully persuaded that the God who had *called him out* would *lead him in* to a "place which he should after receive for an inheritance."

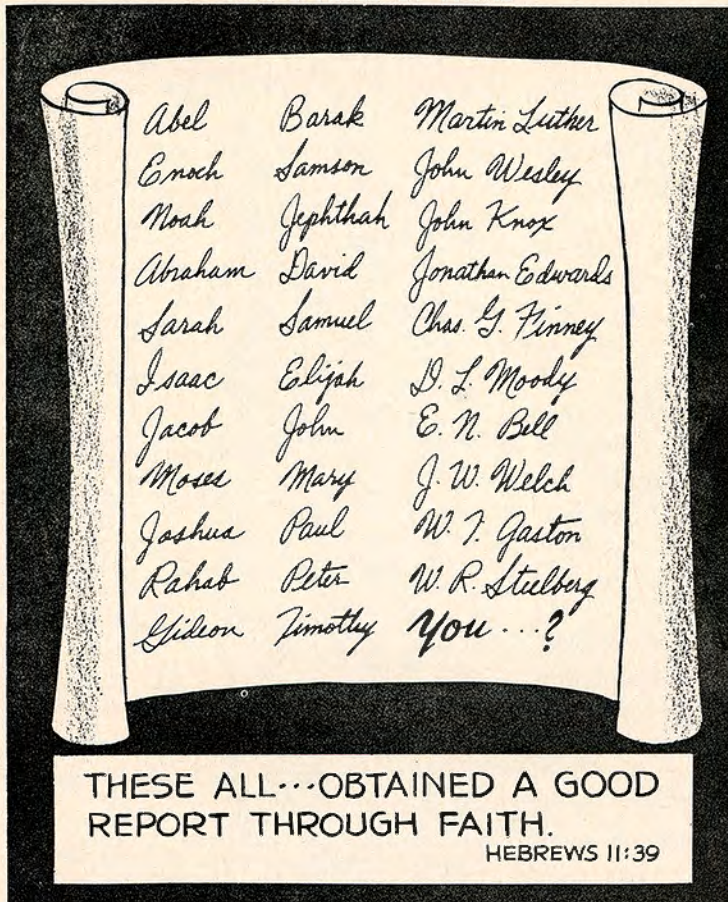
Faith's Waiting (verses 9, 10). It is harder to wait than to work; and Abraham's entire life was a life of waiting faith. God had promised that Abraham's seed should inherit the land of Canaan. But how could it be done? Said Martin Luther, "If you would believe, you must crucify the question, *How?*" This Abraham had done; for though he did not live to see the promise fulfilled he nevertheless believed God!

God had also promised Abraham an eternal dwelling place which he should some day inherit. Abraham proved the reality of his faith in that eternal home, for all his life he dwelt in tents—temporary dwelling places—thus considering himself a pilgrim and a stranger, and all the while laying up treasure in heaven. Are we living like people who look forward to an eternal home?

Faith's Decision and Refusal (verses 24-27). What a magnificent choice Moses made, refusing fame and fortune and the highest of earthly relationships in order to identify himself with a race of downtrodden slaves. What was the secret of this choice? Faith! He refused earthly rewards and relationships because he enjoyed a relationship with the living God and because He saw a future glory which outshone the glitter of Egypt. God grant us all that keenness of vision which is born of faith in our Lord.

—J. Bashford Bishop

GOD'S HALL OF FAME



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Pioneer Church Aided by Local Radio Releases

SINCE JANUARY 1962 A SUSTAINING release of *Revivaltime* on station WVOT in Wilson, N. C., has been helping a four-year-old church gain new friends in the community.

Last year Dewey O. Huston, pastor of Calvary Assembly Church in Wilson, read an article in *The Pentecostal Evangel* describing how to secure a local release of *Revivaltime* ("Your Community Can Have Revivaltime," November 19). Inspired by the article, he approached three radio stations in Wilson. Not only was he offered space on each station but two stations offered to air the broadcast for a year without charge, as a public service broadcast. *Revivaltime* is now being released each Sunday at 5:30 P.M. over WVOT.

Calvary Assembly Church was begun as a home missions effort in December 1957 by Jack and Eunice Carmichael. They saw the challenge of Wilson, a city of nearly 30,000 people without an Assemblies of God church. The first services were held in an old Roman Catholic chapel which they rented. Within two months Sunday school attendance had climbed to fifty.

The following October the services were moved temporarily to the Wilson's Woman's Club building. Six months later they were able to rent the present church building.

In June 1960 the Carmichaels turned over the work to Brother Huston, a 1960 graduate of South-Eastern Bible College at Lakeland, Fla. At this time the congregation numbered approximately twenty-five. For more than a year Dewey Huston and his wife Constance struggled with a small and often discouraged congregation. At times

there were only two Sunday school classes—adults and children. But the church and the Hustons knew that God was guiding, and they continued in faith. Eventually the Sunday school grew, classes were added, and souls were saved. By April 1962 the attendance was forty-five.

Recently they dedicated a choice piece of land on which to erect their church building. Plans for the first unit—a chapel and parsonage combination—are nearly complete. The design was secured from the Home Missions Department.

Pastor Huston reports that the active teen-age group has sixteen members. The Christian Cadets number ten. At present a Women's Missionary Council is being formed and is already active on church projects.

Pastor Huston feels the success of the new work is due to three major factors: support of prayer warriors during long and difficult months, work of members of the congregation in bringing their friends and relatives to the services, and a family (his "vocational volunteers") who travel ninety miles each Sunday to help in the services. Brother Huston is also thankful for the *Revivaltime* broadcast and for the help it has given in reaching new friends since it has been released in Wilson.

Many pastors could obtain free time from local radio stations for a release of *Revivaltime*, Pastor Huston believes, if they were at the station at the right time to ask for it. For information about securing a release of *Revivaltime* in your city, write to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. We will be glad to help you.



View of the city of Bakersfield, Calif., with Full Gospel Tabernacle circled (Pastor D. H. McLaughlin, inset)

REVIVALTIME ORIGINATES FROM BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA TONIGHT

Tonight, June 3, the *Revivaltime* broadcast will originate from the Full Gospel Tabernacle, Bakersfield, California. The *Revivaltime* team—C. M. Ward, speaker; Bartlett Peterson, narrator; D. V. Hurst, producer; and Cyril McLellan, choir director—will be in the city for this broadcast.

A special feature of this out-of-

Springfield origination is that the regular *Revivaltime* choir, traveling through California on a summer tour, will be singing for the broadcast.

Dwight H. McLaughlin is the present pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle. For nine years C. M. Ward was pastor of the church before becoming *Revivaltime* evangelist in 1953.

New Stations

The following stations have been added to the *Revivaltime* log:

LOURENCO-MARQUES, MOZAMBIQUE, PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA (RADIO CLUBE DE MOZAMBIQUE)
Sundays, 10:45 p.m.

ST. MAARTEN, NETHERLANDS, WEST INDIES (PJD2)
1250 kc.—100 watts
See local newspaper for time.

CANTON, MISSISSIPPI (WDOB)
1370 kc.—1,000 watts
Sundays, 7:30 a.m.

CORNING, NEW YORK (WCBA)
1350 kc.—1,000 watts
Sundays, 8:30 a.m.

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA (KCIB-FM)
94.5 mc.—40,000 watts
Sundays, 9:30 p.m.

YIDALIA, LOUISIANA (WVOP)
970 kc.—5,000 watts
See local newspaper for time.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. (KQXR-FM)
101.5 mc.—14,500 watts
See local newspaper for time.

NEWNAN, GEORGIA (WNEA)
1300 kc.—500 watts
Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

JUNEAU, ALASKA (KINY)
800 kc.—5,000 watts
See local newspaper for time.

BEND, OREGON (KBND)
1110 kc.—1,000 watts
Sundays, 9:30 p.m.

CHIPPEWA FALLS, WISCONSIN (WAXX)
1150 kc.—5,000 watts
Sundays, 4:00 p.m.

WEBSTER CITY, IOWA (KJFJ)
1570 kc.—250 watts
Sundays, 8:00 a.m.

DETROIT LAKES, MINN. (KDLM)
1340 kc.—1,000 watts
See local newspaper for time.

Time Change

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA (WWOK)
1480 kc.—1,000 watts
Sundays, 8:15 a.m.

FORT DODGE, IOWA (KWMT)
540 kc.—5,000 watts
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Itineraries

Revivaltime representatives may be heard in person in the following places:

C. M. Ward

June 3: BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA—Full Gospel Tabernacle, *Revivaltime* origination.

June 13-15—DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS—Couples seminar.

D. V. Hurst

June 1-3: BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA—Full Gospel Tabernacle.

Stan Michael

May 25-June 22—Accompanying *Revivaltime* choir on summer tour. (See *The Pentecostal Evangel*, May 20, for choir's itinerary.)

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Persons planning to visit the Springfield area during June are invited to attend a *Revivaltime* broadcast service. *Revivaltime* will be originating from the Assemblies of God headquarters' auditorium each Sunday night except June 3. The prebroadcast rally opens at 8:15 P. M., and the service goes on the air at 8:30, Central Standard Time.

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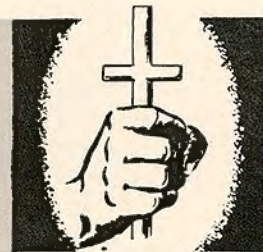
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BUCKEYE, ARIZ.—A genuine old-fashioned Pentecostal revival has been in progress for three weeks at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist John Potet of Anaheim, Calif. Twelve were saved and an equal number were filled with the Holy Spirit. There were many definite refillings and numerous healings. In some instances confessions and restitutions were made.

—Leroy Cloud, Pastor

EL PASO, TEX.—One of the finest revivals ever to be conducted at the Valley Assembly of God Church was held recently with Evangelist and Mrs. A. C. Bates of Waxahachie, Tex. The attendance was the best ever, with lasting results in the church. On the last Sunday of the meeting Brother Bates was instrumental in raising a large sum of money for the new \$100,000 relocation program. Valley Assembly continues to grow both numerically and spiritually.

—Wesley J. Lange, Pastor

HARTSVILLE, S. C.—The Victorious Life Campaign conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Michael H. Lord was one of the most successful revivals in the history of First Assembly. Many were saved, several were filled with the Holy Spirit, and there were numerous healings. There was an excellent attendance throughout the entire campaign with many first-time visitors from approximately ten different denominations. Through a special effort on the part of the evangelist, the Sunday school attendance reached a high of 169.

—J. L. Dutton, Pastor

SALINA, KANS.—God poured out His Spirit in a gracious way at First Assembly during two weeks of revival with Evangelist Watson Argue. A total of 38 sought God for salvation and nine were filled with the Holy Spirit—six of these in the Sunday morning services. There were also some definite healings. The revival climaxed with the largest attendance in over 20 years of ministry here.

—Fred W. Prather, Pastor

EUGENE, OREG.—The spiritual level of First Assembly was greatly enhanced by the ministry of Evangelist Zelma Argue who re-

cently ministered here. In every service there were those that God baptized in the Holy Spirit. Many others were refilled.

—Murray W. McLees, Pastor

TUCSON, ARIZ.—Eastland Assembly continues to rejoice in a three-week revival held by Evangelist and Mrs. Arnold Segesman. Sinners were saved as the convicting power of the Holy Ghost moved upon the services. All previous Sunday school attendance records were broken.

—Gail Capple, Pastor

GRANTS PASS, OREG.—The Assembly of God here experienced one of its greatest moves in its history during a five-week evangelistic crusade conducted with the Balm in Gilead Crusade Team. Fuchsia Parrish, the evangelist, is a recent convert to Pentecost after having served for 17 years as a minister in the Methodist Church. Her ministry was a great blessing to the church here. Some 35 individuals were either saved or reclaimed, over 50 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, 32 were refilled, and many were healed by the power of God.

—Harry L. Ayers, Pastor

ATLANTA, GA.—Much enthusiasm was shown in a personal soul-winning crusade conducted March 14 through 25 with Evangelist Robert McNew of Baltimore, Md., at the Bouldercrest Assembly of God. The first part of the meeting was devoted to instruction in soul winning. This was followed by actual visitation as teams of workers went out into the community to knock on doors and witness for Christ. During the course of the meeting the evangelist presented his audio-visual messages, "The Russian War," "Man Into Space," and "The Seven-sealed Book." These messages stirred and challenged the people immensely.

—Eugene Gustafson, Pastor

PORTAGEVILLE, MO.—The anointing of the Holy Spirit was manifested in every service of a campaign conducted by Evangelist Glenna Byard at the Assembly of God here March 11 through 25. Thirteen accepted Christ as Saviour and seven were reclaimed. Five individuals were baptized with the Holy Spirit and there were

a great number of refillings. A lady was instantly healed of spasms of the windpipe which directly affected her heart. Three previous attacks had resulted in each one becoming worse. The attendance was good throughout the services.

—Manford P. Smith, Pastor

COFFEYVILLE, KANS.—Individuals from other denominational circles became very interested in the full gospel during a recent revival at First Assembly with Evangelist Horton McDonald of Sasakwa, Okla. Some of these denominational folk continue to attend and enjoy the morning prayer meetings.

—L. J. Choate, Pastor

ADRIAN, PA.—A mighty move of the Spirit of God was noted each night during a revival campaign conducted by Evangelist James Tucker of Medina, Ohio, from March 13 to 25 at the Assembly of God here. Nine were saved, two were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and four were refilled. A special highlight of the revival came on a Thursday night during a social gathering which followed the meeting. Following a message on "Fellowship with Jesus," there was an unusual move of the Holy Spirit around the altar. At this time many were refilled with the Holy Spirit. So great was the presence of the Lord that even in the social gathering which followed, in honor of the birthday of the evangelist, the lingering presence of the Holy Spirit was evidenced. As the ladies served refreshments, they continued praising God and speaking in tongues. Truly this was a night long to be remembered.

—Roger I. Pence, Pastor

ELMHURST, ILL.—A series of revival services with Evangelist Samuel H. Reaves of Wood River, Ill., was a source of great blessing to Bethel Assembly of God. The Spirit-anointed preaching of the Word drew many to the altar each night to seek the fulness of the Holy Spirit. There were 37 first-time visitors, some of whom have continued to attend the regular meetings since the revival. This was the first revival effort in this pioneer church.

—Wesley E. Butler, Pastor

LENNOX, CALIF.—The Sheets Evangelistic Party recently ministered in a three-week revival at the Glad Tidings Assembly here. During this time three were filled with the Holy Spirit and the entire church was greatly revived. It was one of the best revivals in recent years.

—Burton D. Lancaster, Pastor

SPEARMAN, TEX.—The entire church was uplifted and strengthened by the Bible-centered ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. L. C. Eldridge of Bakersfield, Calif., in a recent two-week revival conducted here at First Assembly. Six persons accepted Christ as Saviour and three received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—J. V. Barker, Pastor

ATMORE, ALA.—Bratt Assembly reports its third and most successful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Swaggart. Record crowds attended the services as the Spirit of God moved in an old-fashioned Pentecostal way each night. Sinners found Christ as their Saviour. Some of the most influential men in the community were saved.

—T. E. Barnes, Pastor

PALM CITY, CALIF.—Lloyd Perera, the Ceylonese evangelist, has just closed a successful two-week revival at the First Assembly of God here. His powerful, pointed, and anointed preaching resulted in the saving and reclaiming of sinners as well as the spiritual stirring of the believers.

—R. W. Krake, Pastor

MINAS GERAIS, BRAZIL—Meetings held in Lavras and Varginha, churches here by Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmie Mayo, Jr., were a spiritual awakening to the people. The Spirit of God moved upon these meetings in a wonderful way and the congregation was set on fire for God. Sinners came to the altar for salvation, and the sick were healed and testified immediately to the healing power of God. A woman who for months had been tortured by demons which caused her to pull her hair, burn her body, and laugh aloud as the Scriptures were read, was delivered by the power of God from

this demon possession. Upon receiving deliverance she dedicated her child to God. The musical ability of this young evangelistic team in addition to their zeal and fire for God, influenced many to serve the Lord.

—Bernard Johnson, Jr.,
Dist. Supt.

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LAWTON, OKLA. — Sunday, March 4, climaxed one of the greatest revival campaigns ever conducted at Bethel Assembly here. John Newby of Oklahoma City was the evangelist. Six found Christ as Saviour, and 16 were filled with the Holy Spirit in the old-time Pentecostal way. A seven-year-old girl was baptized in the Holy Spirit and spoke in as clear and beautiful a language as anyone could ever hope to hear. C. H. Davis is pastor.

—James M. Eubank,
Associate Pastor

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FREDONIA, KANS.—For two weeks the Assembly of God here enjoyed a revival with Evangelist E. L. Damron of Climax Springs, Mo. Six individuals were saved, seven were filled with the Holy Spirit, and several were refilled.

—Clyde Davis, Pastor

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ELKO, NEV.—First Assembly reports a gracious revival this past winter with Evangelist Helen Loucks. There were a good number at the altar for salvation, one was filled with the Holy Ghost, and many were healed of various illnesses. Through this revival an opportunity was given to minister to the Indian people of the area.

—Harold L. Smith, Pastor

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APOLLO, PA.—Interest was high as the Spirit of God moved upon the revival services conducted at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Buddy Creel. Sinners found Christ as Saviour, and believers were drawn closer to the Lord. It was a thrill to see a complete family dedicate their lives to Christ.

—Roy Wasdin, Pastor

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NEW CASTLE, IND.—First Assembly has just concluded a great revival with Evangelist Charles Crank. A number sought the Lord for salvation, and some also received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. There was a good attendance throughout. A special high light of the meeting occurred during the Sunday school period on the last Sunday of the campaign. As the evangelist spoke to the combined classes, God gave him a tremendous anointing and eleven came forward to be saved.

—Paul Davidson, Pastor



The district superintendent and home missions director assisted in planning the 'breakthrough' effort. Left to right: Phinis A. Lewis, Hugh M. Cadwalder, W. Litzman.



Before each service the "ministerial team" united in faith that God would bless the meeting. Left to right: Presbyterian Mangrum, Pastor Kitchens, Evangelist Litzman.



The meeting was well attended, with many visitors. About \$1,000 was raised to finish the inside of the church.



Each service closed with fervent prayer at the altar. Numbers were saved, healed, or filled with the Spirit.

'Breakthrough' Evangelism Effort Successful in Dallas

DALLAS, TEXAS—Warren Litzman was the evangelist for a "Breakthrough in Evangelism" crusade at the Gospel Temple Assembly of God in Dallas. According to W. C. Mangrum, presbyter of the South Dallas Section, the results were excellent.

"God moved in a marvelous way every night," Brother Mangrum says. "Several were healed and many were filled with the Holy Spirit. The crowds were beyond our expectation."

"Many of the South Dallas churches helped to sponsor this revival by furnishing music and special songs."

"About \$1,000 was raised in cash and pledges to finish the inside of this new church. We are thankful for this home missions campaign."

The campaign was conceived in a committee meeting at Springfield, Mo., last December. Members of the national advisory committee on evangelism decided they each would take personal responsibility for some effort toward

achieving a breakthrough in evangelism in 1962. E. M. Clark, being a district superintendent, decided to provide funds for a pioneer evangelism project in the Illinois district. Kenneth Schmidt, being a pastor in Grand Junction, Colo., determined to ask his church to underwrite an evangelism campaign in his part of the country. Warren Litzman, being an evangelist, decided he would offer his services for an evangelism crusade in some pioneer church in North Texas, his home district.

Brother Litzman told his district superintendent, Phinis A. Lewis, about his desire to conduct a home missions revival, donating his services, and to explore the possibilities of a continuing program of this type by other evangelists. He found Brother Lewis as enthusiastic about the plan as he himself was. They conferred with Hugh M. Cadwalder, home missions director for the district, and selected three likely places where a breakthrough in evangelism was needed. It was decided

that the Gospel Temple Assembly of God in Dallas should be approached. The pastor, W. D. Kitchens, responded to the offer very readily and eagerly.

The church was started about five years ago by Brother Kitchens. He did most of the construction work with his own hands. He carried his own brick, mixed his own mortar, and laid the brick all by himself. His unselfish spirit inspired a sacrificial spirit in the people who attended his meetings.

The little congregation erected a large house of worship but the cost of building materials was so high they were unable to support a revival campaign. Therefore Brother Litzman's offer to donate his time was received with much gratitude.

"I feel this sort of program could be worked nationally," says Brother Litzman. "I thank God for the support of the North Texas district and the South Dallas section. Such teamwork as this can give all America a breakthrough in evangelism."

'Evangel' Editor Named President of Evangelical Press Association

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI—The 1962 convention of the Evangelical Press Convention was held in Springfield, publishing center of the Assemblies of God. Some 150 editors representing various denominational and interdenominational periodicals met at the Kentwood Arms Hotel for the three-day convention.

Some of the sessions were held in the new headquarters office building of the Assemblies of God. At a buffet supper meeting in the cafeteria of the new building the delegates were blessed by the singing of the *Revivaltime* choir and were addressed by two Assemblies of God leaders, T. F. Zimmerman, general superintendent, and J. R. Flower, general secretary (retired).

Other speakers heard during the convention were Dr. Harold Englund, president of the Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Mich.; Lloyd Colbaugh, graphic arts specialist of Springfield, Mo.; and two faculty members of the Missouri University School of



Newly-Elected officers of Evangelical Press Association: (left to right) Louis H. Benes, advisor (editor, *The Church Herald*, Grand Rapids, Mich.); William Boyle, treasurer (publication manager, *Moody Monthly*, Chicago, Ill.); Joseph T. Bayly, adviser (president, *Windward Press*, Havertown, Pa.); R. C. Cunningham, president (editor, *The Pentecostal Evangel*, Springfield, Mo.); W. S. Mooneyham, vice president (editor, *United Evangelical Action*, Wheaton, Ill.); Larry Ward executive secretary (editor, *World Vision Magazine*, Pasadena, Calif.)

Miss Anita M. Bailey, managing editor, *Alliance Witness*, New York, N. Y., is secretary of the E. P. A. but had to leave the convention before the picture could be taken.

Journalism, Donald George Romero and Paul Myhre as well as a number of editors within the E. P. A.

R. C. Cunningham, editor of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, was named president of the press organization. He succeeds Joseph T. Bayly of Havertown, Pa., president of *Winward Press*.

Larry Ward, editor of *World Vision Magazine* and E. P. A.

executive secretary, reported that the group's 175 member periodicals include publications of 41 denominations as well as many interdenominational bodies. Total circulation of E. P. A. member periodicals, he said, exceeds 7,600,000.

The next annual E. P. A. convention will be May 13-15, 1963, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, Ill.

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Dick Champion (photo at top), editor of *C. A. Herald*, led the Group Dynamics buzz session. Lloyd Colbaugh (lower photo), layout editor of *Sunday School Counselor*, *C. A. Herald*, and *Team* magazines, addressed the editors on the subject, "How to Make Your Magazine More Attractive."



Members of First Christian Assembly of God in Cincinnati who will become charter members of the new Tri-County Assembly, Fairfield, Ohio, meet to plan their new church.



The ground-breaking service for the new Tri-County Assembly was a day of rejoicing for the First Christian Assembly of God members who helped make the new church possible.

Baby Church in Fairfield Growing Fast

FAIRFIELD, OHIO—The doors of the new Tri-County Assembly of God in Fairfield were opened for the first service on March 4 and attendance climbed steadily in the weeks that followed. By March 25 it reached 110. On April 1 it rose to 124. By Easter it had climbed to 141.

Best of all, six young adults were saved during these opening weeks.

The new church is the offspring of First Christian Assembly in Cincinnati, which donated \$75,000 toward its budget. The "mother" church also parted with its assistant pastor and a large group of its members in order to give birth to the infant congregation.

A telegram was handed to Pastor Hugh Rosenberg during the new congregation's first service in its church building. The telegram said: "The thrill is yours and the glory is God's. Mama." The sender, of course, was First Christian Assembly.

Three hundred people were packed into the new building on



The beautiful new Tri-County Assembly is a monument to vision, cooperation and sacrifice.



The new church is beautiful as well as functional. By Easter the attendance had climbed to 141.



The Hughs and Rosenbergs are pastors of the new Tri-County Assembly.

dedication day. D. Leroy Sanders, formerly pastor of First Christian Assembly, was guest speaker. God's blessing was so evident during the service that the congregation broke forth spontaneously in united praise to God.

High lights of the dedication week crusade were a sacred concert on Wednesday evening by the choir of North Central Bible College in Minneapolis; a missionary service on Thursday; and an address by V. G. Greisen, field secretary for Assemblies of God missions in Europe, the Middle East, and Southern Asia. In one service the infant church pledged \$116 a month for world missions.

The Fairfield church, grateful for all the "mother church" has done for it, replied to First Christian Assembly's telegram with a message of love on Mother's Day!

Cuba Delays Sunday School Literature

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—A sudden halt in delivery of U. S.-produced Sunday school literature to Assemblies of God churches in Cuba is the first break in missionary work since Castro came to power, church workers on the island report.

The recent stoppage has necessitated mimeographing of literature to keep Sunday schools in operation. It is believed the materials have been held up in customs where it is being read before clearing to churches.

Besides the problem of receiving literature from the U. S., churches have experienced problems in currency exchange for literature and other church-related materials.

In spite of the holdup on delivery of literature, missionaries indicate a spirit of revival exists among nationals. Currently, at least one church is under construction and a revival campaign is in progress.

With the withdrawal of part of the missionary force, teaching and pastoral positions have been as-

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS					
STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Winfield	First	June 4—	Ernest Oliver	E. F. Foster, Jr.
Ark.	Atkins	A/G	June 4-17	Robert Bowden	R. E. Hawkins
	Lambert	A/G	May 28-June 9	Jackie & Peggy Nichols	G. N. Robbins
	Osceola	First	June 5-17	Frank Martin	H. L. Barnett
	Salem	A/G	June 3-17	Paul Murray	Tommy Carpenter
	Van Buren	* First	June 10-15	Gladys Voight	Edwin Burris
Calif.	Bellflower	First	June 3-17	Wallace S. Bragg	David D. Pearce
	Fairfield	Glad Tidings	June 7-10	Robert Fierro	Eugene W. Ness
	Glendora	A/G	June 6-17	Marrles Moore	Gerald L. Fry
	Hughson	* Full Gospel	June 4-10	Virgil & Edythe Warens	J. D. Smith
	Long Beach	First	June 10—	Watson Argue	Fulton Buntain
	Monteca	First	June 4—	Jimmy & Mrs. Swaggart	Don Annas
	Stockton	Calvary Tab.	May 29-June 11	Ernie Eskelin	L. H. Rogers
Fla.	Cypress Grove	A/G	June 4-17	Douglas Bartlett	Jack Howell
Ga.	Cairo	First	June 3—	E. J. Stufflebeam	P. W. Hires
Ind.	Columbus	First	May 30-June 10	Charles Crank	Wesley Holmes
	Greensburg	* First	June 4-8	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	J. E. Friend
Kans.	Larned	A/G	June 5-17	Jeremiah Hanley	Edwin Rosenberg
	Pratt	** A/G	June 3-15	Victor Etienne	L. Glen Ahlf
	Topeka	First	June 4-10	Bob & Jeri Winford	Paul E. Lowenberg
	Wellsville	First	June 4-17	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	Gordon Norris
	Wichita	South Seneca	June 3-17	Ron & Pauleta Mickley	John W. DeVasher
La.	Monroe	* Central	June 4-10	Gladys Voight	W. R. Blair
	Shreveport	Jewella	June 5—	John Higginbotham	R. C. Ayers
	Shreveport	Jewella	June 8-12	W. V. Grant	R. C. Ayers
Maine	Augusta	Gospel Tab.	June 5-17	John Wesley Briscoe	Wm. A. Burnell
Mass.	Revere	Parkway	June 5—	Ron Prinzing	Corbett Crace
Mich.	Reed City	A/G	June 5-17	Robert J. Price	Donald L. Roberts
	St. Louis	A/G	June 5-10	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Robert Muirhead
	West Branch	A/G	May 31-June 3	Robert J. Price	William Gesell
Minn.	Worthington	* A/G	June 4-10	Roy Blakeley	John Everett
Mo.	Davis Crossing	A/G	June 10-24	Glenna Byard	R. B. Melander
Mont.	Hungry Horse	* A/G	June 4-8	Evelyn Glosser	R. D. Ross
N. Mex.	Aztec	A/G	June 1—	Melvin McKnight	Oscar Elliott
N. Dak.	Rolla	A/G	June 5-17	Wes & Pat Larson	Ray Loven
Ohio	Cuyahoga Falls	A/G	May 29-June 17	William MacFarlane	L. Arnold Thompson
	Dayton	Evangel	June 5-10	Olshevski Musical Tm.	Clifford Yates
Okla.	Chandler	A/G	May 27-June 10	Marcus L. Alexander	J. L. Fleming
	Howe	A/G	June 5-17	Billy & Mrs. Guthrie	James Craig
Oreg.	Portland	Calvary	June 3	L. H. Sheets	A. C. Phillips
Pa.	Landisburg	A/G	June 4-10	Mrs. Robert Beisel	F. Eber Reitzel
	New Castle	Gardner Chapel	June 3-10	Paul Hild	Gilbert Bender
S. Dak.	Wanblee	*** Glad Tidings	May 30-June 10	L. L. Bisonette	F. W. Beckstrand
Tenn.	Jefferson City	A/G	June 3-17	Dick & Nancy Messner	D. A. Worley
Tex.	Lubbock	Faith	June 11—	Al Davis	Sam Wagner
	Midland	First	June 5-17	Ken George	W. D. Metzgar
	Whitesboro	First	June 10—	Daniel Wisenbaker	B. R. Mills
Va.	Norfolk	Calvary	June 5-17	The Musical Bogdans	Stanley Cooke
	North Tazewell	First	June 5—	John Eller	Dale Holmes
	Richmond	Bethel	June 5—	L. K. Dodge	Harry Wiles
Wash.	Spokane	* Glad Tidings	June 3-8	Christian Hild	W. H. Boyles
	Tacoma	South Tacoma	May 29-June 10	Stanley P. MacPherson	C. Ross Chittim
	Vancouver	Bethel	June 5-10	The Tanner Team	Samuel McGill
W. Va.	Cabins	A/G	June 5-17	Peiffer-Harden Team	Ira Moore
Canada	Dawson Creek, B.C.	A/G	June 6-17	John French	Elmer Martin
	Galt, Ont.	Revival Centre	June 5-17	Kudra Musical Team	S. Fredericksen
	Windsor, Ont.	Bethel Pent.	June 5-17	William H. Kautz	William Fitch

* Children's Revival

** Youth Revival

*** Tent Revival

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.

sumed by nationals previously trained in the Bible school. Missionaries remain in charge of the Assemblies of God Bible school, one of two Protestant Bible institutes in operation in Cuba.

Some fifty to seventy-five students were enrolled for the spring term at the Bible school. Plans were made for a spring youth convention on the campus and it was estimated 350 persons would attend.

The Assemblies of God retains only three missionaries in Cuba as compared to a high of thirteen in 1958. Seven remain under appointment although they are now in the U. S. The remainder have been

reassigned to other Latin American countries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UKRAINIAN BRANCH CAMP—July 15-29 near Lanesville, N. Y. in the Catskill Mountains. Peter Kerychuk, speaker. Youth camp, July 30-Aug. 5; children's camp, Aug. 4-11. For information write Ukrainian Branch Camp Department, Nine East 7th St., New York 3, N. Y.

KINGSPORT SECTIONAL CAMP—June 25-28 at Camp Placid, Blountville, Tenn. Carl Brumback, speaker. For informa-

tion write Donald N. Cooke, 1656 Maryland Ave., Bristol, Tenn.

THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY—June 3 at Assembly of God, Route 519, Baptistown, N. J. Arne Thomassen, speaker. Services at 11 a.m., 3:30 and 7 p.m.—by James Occhipinti, pastor.

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RALPH WARE, 76, of Watsonville, Calif., went to be with the Lord April 17. A licensed minister of the Northern California & Nevada District, Brother Ware was superannuated in 1957. He is survived by his wife.

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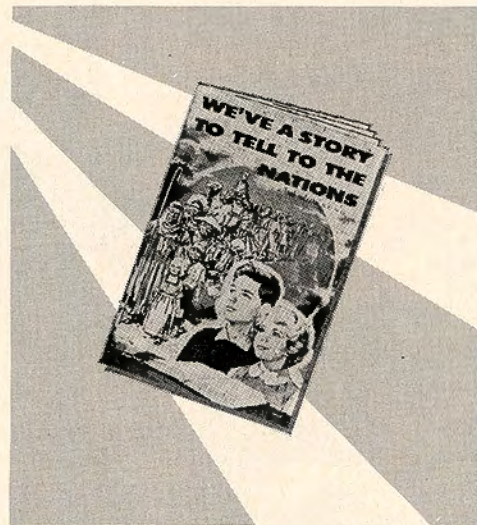
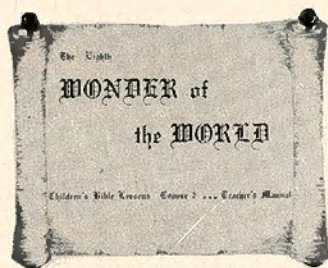
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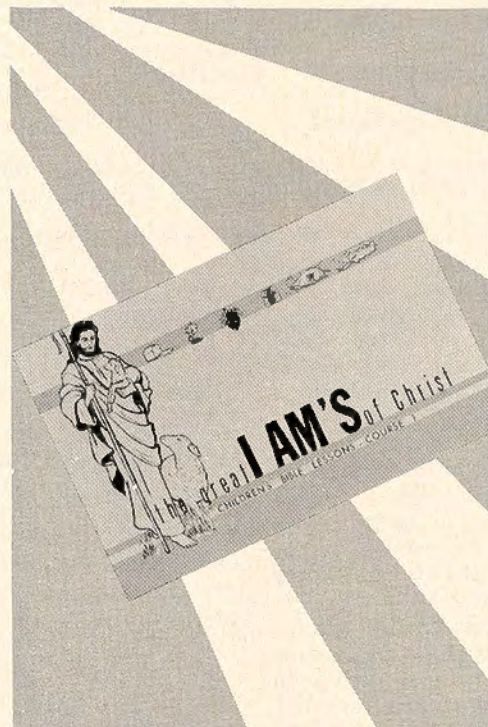
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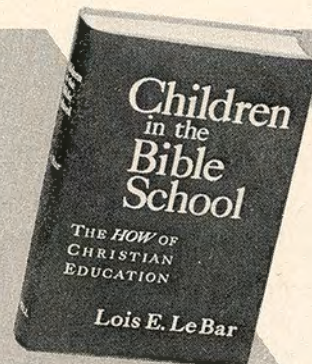
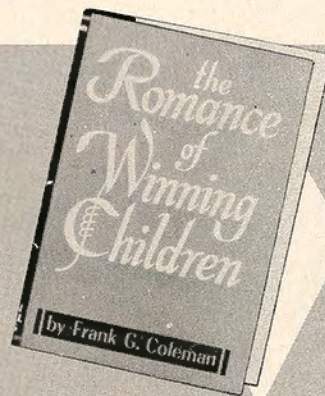
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Did He Wait Too Long?

By Dorothy Oram Skoog

HE WAS 101 YEARS OLD AND HAD NEVER POSSESSED more than a nodding acquaintance with God.

Now he lay dying in a county poor farm, alone in the world as far as blood kin were concerned.

The pallid, wrinkled face blended with the bed linens on the cot which, in view of his certain death, had already been assigned to the next charity case on the list.

My husband, pastor of the Assembly of God in that Missouri city, first became acquainted with the centenarian about nine months previous when we began conducting services once a week in the chapel of the home.

The dying man was by far the eldest resident of the county home, and he also surpassed the others in keenness of wit and perceptiveness. He had become a favorite of our church group.

During the months that we ministered to these old folk scarcely a service went by without one of our group speaking to this man about the urgency of accepting Christ as his personal Saviour. The answer was always the same, "I'm not ready now."

At no time did he manifest bitterness or opposition to the invitation. He just wasn't ready! Nothing we could do or say could bring him to a decision.

Was he ready now that the fingers of death had their stranglehold on him?

The superintendent had met us on this particular day with word of the old gentleman's condition. "Please go up to his room and pray with him before you leave. He won't last long and he still isn't converted." Although members of another denomination, the superintendent and his good wife were wholeheartedly behind our evangelistic efforts.

The chapel service didn't seem complete with our elderly friend absent—he had never missed one of our services before. When we went to his room afterwards we were not prepared for the change we saw in his physical body. In just a month's time he had shrunken to this pathetic semblance of transparent flesh and bones.

His eyes gripped ours. It was the only sign we had that he even knew we were in his room. The superintendent whispered, "He's had a stroke. He can hear you but he can't speak."

How were we to communicate with him? How could

we get a response from him? He seemed too weak even to move his head.

Our hearts sought God in prayer. There was so little time! Everything was against this old man's accepting the Lord *now*. We knew statistics argued strongly against the probability. And it wasn't as though this old friend had not had a chance before! Could the Lord's mercy reach him now—was there divine grace sufficient for this apparently impossible case?

Simply and briefly my husband once more unfolded the plan of salvation, quoting John 3:16, and making it personal: "For God so loved—you—that He gave His only begotten Son, that if *you* believe on Him *you* will not perish but have everlasting life."

He quoted too, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," and "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

But the man couldn't speak!

Kneeling beside his bed, my husband took the frail hand of the dying man in his and began to pray. Midway through the prayer an idea came to him as though heaven-born.

He addressed the motionless figure on the bed. "I'm going to pray the prayer of a sinner asking for forgiveness and inviting Christ to come in. If I'm saying what you'd like to say right now to the Lord; squeeze my hand the best you can and God will understand and save you."

We bowed our heads as prayer was uttered—but we watched, too, anxious for the muscle movement of the bony arm that would indicate he was pressing the preacher's hand.

And then it happened!

Before our very eyes we saw heaven come into a man's soul and 101 years of self-life and sinfulness washed away in a moment's miracle!

The flexing muscles became a joyous staccato to the glory which was filling his life with the entrance of Christ's presence. Though dying he was being born again! His countenance was transformed until it radiated with angelic beauty. God's grace had been sufficient and had overcome all the difficulties and barriers between this soul and God!

He still couldn't speak, but we knew from the expression on his face as he looked up at us that he was saying, "I'm ready now!"

That was the last time we saw him. He went to be with Jesus a few hours later.

What a close brush with death and eternal torment that was! Yet how many there are today in the world who are saying, "I'm not ready yet!"

Not all will have the chance for "deathbed repentance" that God saw fit to give to this 101-year-old man. Some will go suddenly with no chance for prayer. Others will sink into a coma or be put to sleep with drug medications before they can make things right with their Creator.

May God help you to decide, here and now: "I will not gamble on eternal life; I'm going to take Christ as my Saviour without further delay."

The Bible says, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:26). You can get ready *now*!"