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

July 8, 1962

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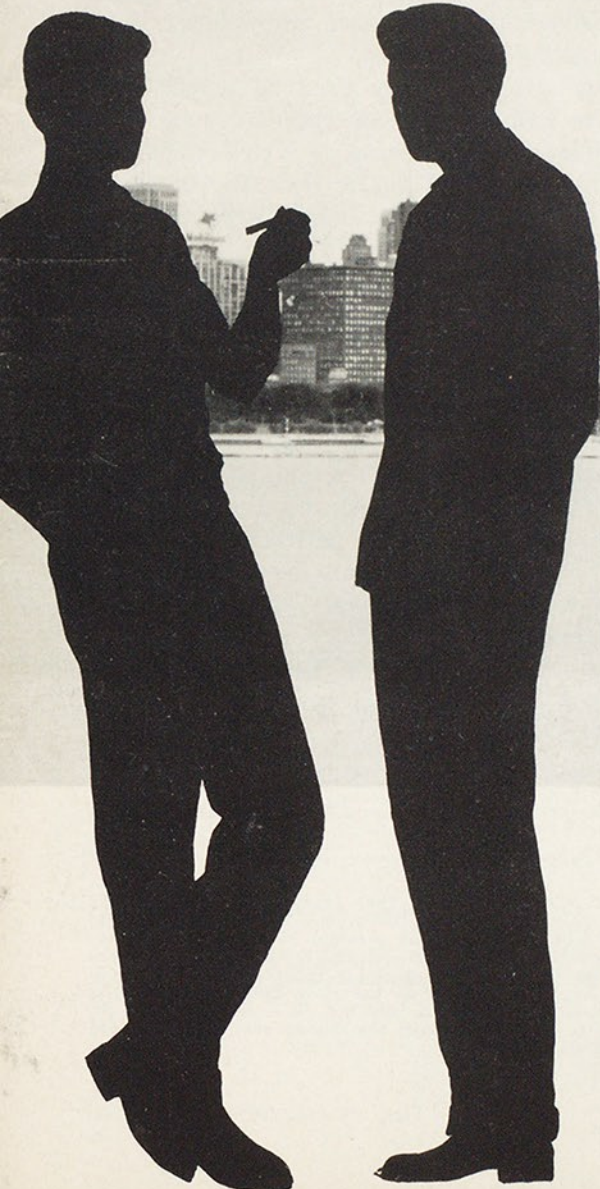


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GOD NEEDS YOU

Antonio Stradivari was the greatest violin maker of all time. It is estimated that he made more than a thousand violins—all after he was sixty years old. He died when he was ninety-three. Speaking poetically of the teamwork between himself and God, he said:

“When a master holds
 Twixt chin and hand a violin of mine,
 He will be glad that Stradivari lived,
 Made violins, and made them of the best!
 For while God gives them skill,
 I give them instruments to play upon—
 God choosing me to help Him.
 If my hand slacked
 I should rob God—since He is fullest good—
 Leaving a blank instead of violins.
 He could not make
 Antonio Stradivari’s violins without Antonio!”

—*Gospel Herald*

THE BLESSING OF SONG

A song of a miner in a railroad train so spoke to the heart of the drunken father of Joseph Parker that he never drank again, but saved the money to send Joseph to college. Joseph became a great gospel preacher.

A song of a plowman in a field kept the mother of Gratton Guinness from committing suicide in the river; so Dr. Guinness used to say, “All that I am for God I owe to a humble Christian plowman singing the praises of the Lord as he did his lowly task.”

“A merry heart doeth good like a medicine,” said Solomon. It is a real tonic to the singer and to the listeners. “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (Ephesians 5:19).

—*Choice Gleanings*

LIVE UP TO YOUR NAME!

One has written: “The Scriptures give four names to Christians, taken from the four graces so essential to man’s salvation; *saints* for their holiness, *believers* for their faith, *brethren* for their love, *disciples* for their knowledge.” Christians are called many other names besides: followers, friends, servants, stewards, kings, priests, fishers of men, undershepherds, witnesses, etc. But best of all, we are called *Christians*.

What’s in a name? A fond mother of my acquaintance, who was very proud of her family tree, gave this advice

Day by Day in Your Bible

Read It Through in '62



July 8—Begin Psalm 105

July 14—Finish Psalm 138

to her daughter when she was going away to college: “Remember that you are a Randolph.”

We should all remember that we are Christians. We should revere that name as something that God, in His mercy, has bestowed on us. We should think highly of the name *Christian*, and all that it stands for, as something infinitely precious and eternally significant.

—J. HAROLD GWYNNE, in *Gospel Herald*

HOW TO RETAIN LOVE

The only condition attached to spiritual wealth is that we give it away. “When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.” Our giving must begin at the moment of our loving. The only way to retain love is to share it. An acquirement becomes dim as soon as it is selfishly used. Our spiritual wealth is increased through sacrifice. “As poor, yet making many rich.”

Greatheart grew stronger every time he helped Mr. Ready-to-Halt. He gained new conceptions every time he sought to illumine the judgments of Mr. Feeblemind. He grew more like his Lord as he bore the cross of others.

—J. H. J., in *John Three Sixteen*

CONSTANT CARE

God careth. He whose love is as great as His power and knows neither measure nor end—*He careth.* Precious word in which all the tenderness of the most devoted mother, all the skill of the most expert physician, all the attention of the most accomplished nurse are compressed—and all according to the perfection of deity!

He careth *for you* as though in all the worlds which He sustains you were His special and peculiar charge—as indeed you are.

“God is *before* me, He will be my Guide;
 God is *behind* me, no ill can betide.
 God is *beside* me to comfort and cheer,
 God is *around* me so why should I fear?”

—*The Prophetic News*

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

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

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This is not a tirade against noisy children or irreverent teen-agers. If boys and girls are unruly in church services it is the duty of adults to correct the situation. Firmness needs to be mixed with patience and understanding. Grown-ups need to remember how hard it was for them to keep still when they were that age! Parents lament that there is very little in the services of some churches that engages the interest of youth!

No, the apostle Paul was addressing adults when he wrote his letter to Timothy telling "how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church..." Here are seven points to which we all ought to give attention:

1. *Open the door and enter.* The New Testament warns us not to stay away from the assembly of the believers. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together... and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." As Jacob said, "This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

2. *Open your heart and worship.* The Psalmist said, "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker." But it is not enough to kneel. We must worship with all our heart. The Saviour said, "God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

3. *Open your lips and pray.* Don't be afraid of your voice. God loves to hear it. The Psalmist said, "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee." He knew the blessing of *audible* prayer.

4. *Open your mouth and sing.* "In psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord"—that's the New Testament pattern. Don't merely listen to others sing. The Lord is listening for your voice, whether it be flat or tuneful. If Christ has saved you, you have something to sing about.

5. *Open the gates with praise.* You are bidden to "enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise." Praise opens the way into the royal court of heaven and provides an avenue by which the King can bless His people. When you praise God more you have more to praise Him for.

6. *Open your purse and give.* In Old Testament times the people were required to bring their tithes into the storehouse to supply the needs of the Temple and of those who served there. The promise was, "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty..." Jesus made a similar statement—"Give, and it shall be given unto you... Freely ye have received, freely give."

7. *Open your mind and learn.* Don't be preoccupied or prejudiced. The oldest, wisest saint can always learn something more from any preacher who is anointed by the Holy Spirit.

"Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them." Then go out from the house of God and turn your faith into works. There are many *hearers* of the Word; but it is the *doers* who influence the world toward Christ and who win a full reward.

—R.C.C.

SOMEONE HAS SAID THAT MAN'S REACTION to truth causes him to fall into one of four categories.

1. The man that doesn't know and doesn't know that he doesn't know is a fool. Pity him!

2. He that doesn't know but knows that he doesn't know is ignorant. Instruct him!

3. He that knows but doesn't know that he knows is asleep. Awaken him!

4. He that knows and knows that he knows is a wise man. Follow him!

Have you ever asked yourself, "How do I react to truth?" Of course there is no problem when truth is pleasing and we agree with it, but how do we react when we disagree?

Webster informs us that truth is that entity which conforms to facts

or reality that which is characterized by being in accord with what *is*. Jesus' definition of truth was: "I am the way, the TRUTH..." (John 14: 6).

As we stand on this side of Calvary and look back on history it is not hard for us to be objective and place the Jews who rejected Him as examples of our first category. They did not know Him as the TRUTH. They refused to know Him; therefore, *they didn't know that they didn't know. We pity them.*

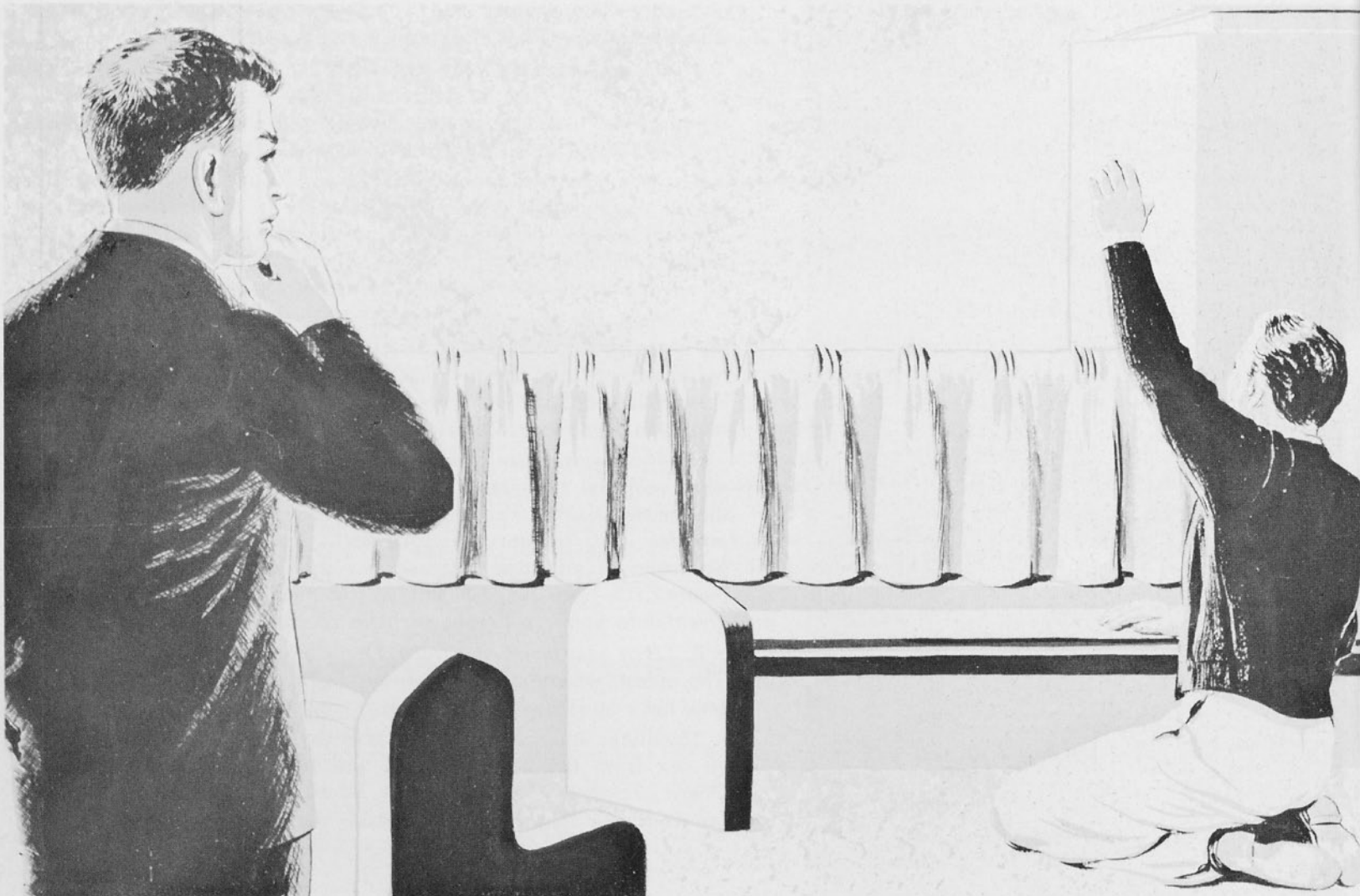
Nicodemus, the secret believer, did not know Jesus, but *he knew that he didn't know*, and came to learn under cover of night. *Jesus instructed him.*

Peter knew Jesus, the TRUTH, but he let down. He went to sleep. *He*



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Do You *KNOW* That You Know?



didn't know that he knew the One through whom he had power over Satan. In his weakness he denied Christ. Jesus *awakened him* with a look.

The apostle Paul said, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep. . . ." *He knew that he knew.* This is wisdom. *Follow him!* He stated, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."

Truth has a way of being lost and rediscovered. Traditions of men and politics in the church had almost strangled the truth of salvation through faith, when suddenly it was rediscovered by the young monk, Martin Luther, as he penitently climbed the steps in Rome on his knees. "The just shall live by faith." Salvation is through faith, not by works. When this truth was rediscovered the Reformation was born. Again, the great majority of Christendom fell into the first category when they faced the Reformation truth.

At the beginning of the twentieth century, in a lavish old place known as Stone's Mansion, in Topeka, Kansas, a remarkable event occurred. This mansion had been turned into a faith Bible school with some forty students from different denominations enrolled. Twelve of these students already held credentials with the Methodist, Friends, Holiness, and other denominations. Their only course of study was the Word of God and prayer. They had gone through the subjects of repentance, conversion, consecration, sanctification, divine healing, and the soon coming of the Lord. Now they were studying the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Their instructor asked them to search the Scriptures and see if there was some one distinct sign in evidence when persons received the Baptism. They came to the conclusion, from studying the New Testament, that the one clear sign of the baptism of the Spirit was speaking with other tongues. Suddenly, there in Topeka, Pentecost was repeated. The Spirit of God came over a number of the students in the supernatural way that characterized the Day of Pentecost, and they spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

This baptism of spiritual power manifested itself in a special love for the Lord and in an outstanding com-

passion for the lost. The results traveled like fire across the nation and around the world. Wherever hungry souls sought God for more reality, the result was the same—the Holy Spirit filled them to overflowing, with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues. The truth of access to Pentecostal power had been rediscovered.

Can you recall when you first faced this truth? What was your reaction? I can still remember mine. I asked my father to explain it to me. He was a dentist, highly respected in the community and an avid reader and scholar. He made no pretense of being a Christian and scoffed at the poor deluded Pentecostal folk who were suffering from "autohypnotism." What's more, he warned me to stay away from them because most of them were low-class riffraff and drunkards. A number of my friends in the community felt the same way. We would disturb the church services by throwing firecrackers, and even talked about riding that "crazy preacher" out of town on a rail—then tarring and feathering him.

My father, my friends, and I clearly fit into the first category. *We didn't know and didn't know that we didn't know. God had pity on us.*

I shall never forget my reaction when one convert, a former drunkard, spoke in tongues. That man, whose mouth used to let loose a string of oaths that could make a sinner blush, began to praise God out loud. He raised his hand, and his face shone with an inner light which impressed me tremendously. Then it happened. Under what seemed to be a powerful inward compulsion, he raised his voice and began to speak fluently in an authoritative tone. No one had to tell me; I knew. He was speaking in other tongues. The fear of God swept over my soul and I said to myself, "This is of God. I know that man, and he's not capable of doing that in himself." That night my category changed. I recognized that *I didn't know; but now I knew that I didn't know.* I asked to be *instructed.*

Several months later, on a Sunday afternoon, the power of God fell on a proud young man who had been humbled under the mighty hand of God and who, by that time, had been soundly converted. When the power of God strikes a human body it is comparable to electricity. It is a burn-

ing surge of power which causes a tingling sensation. On this occasion it seemed to come in waves of ever-increasing intensity. That which was most outstanding was not the physical experience, but the revelation of Christ. From that moment Christ was made more real than He had ever been before. It was there that that young man dedicated his entire being to God and that dedication was to lead him into years of service in foreign fields. That afternoon I again changed categories. *I knew, and I knew that I knew!* And I wanted everyone to *follow me* in that experience.

Soon, however, I was to face great disappointments. As I returned joyfully to my own denomination to recount this wonderful experience, I found myself very unpopular. I was asked to leave the church! That was the typical denominational reaction to the baptism in the Holy Spirit in those days.

During the past twenty-two years I have watched this great Pentecostal revival ebb and flow across the nation and on different continents. As people face this truth they continue to fall into the four categories mentioned. It is with great joy and intense interest that we have observed in the last few years a different attitude on the part of other denominations. God is pouring out His Spirit in a variety of churches. Their ministers are experiencing this great spiritual power that results in a new love for lost humanity. Inactive, prayerless Christians are being revived. Empty churches are being refilled and are opening their doors for prayer meetings which had died out long ago. Miracles of healing are taking place. People are discovering that God is real.

The great Cuban apostle of liberty, José Martí, said, "Those who have thee, O Liberty, do not really know thee. And those who do not know thee should not just talk about thee, but must conquer thee." Truth, like liberty, must be reborn with every generation. God grant that all who have received the Pentecostal experience may never forget that there is a danger of falling into the third category and going to sleep. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed? As you face this truth, which of the four is your category? ■■



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THE FULFILLMENT OF CHRIST'S GREAT PLAN OF redemption for all people depended on the assumption that His followers would catch His passion and vision and accept the responsibility of His cause, even if it meant martyrdom and death. It depended on the disciples accepting the task and working at it with consuming passion, and then being able to pass on the Master's commission to others who would continue to make Christ known to the world.

These assumptions provide the framework on which is constructed the story of the Church. In it all, it would seem that everything depended on the individual and his attitudes. What were the men like who initiated this spiritual march on time and space? What was their secret? Was it something we all may share?

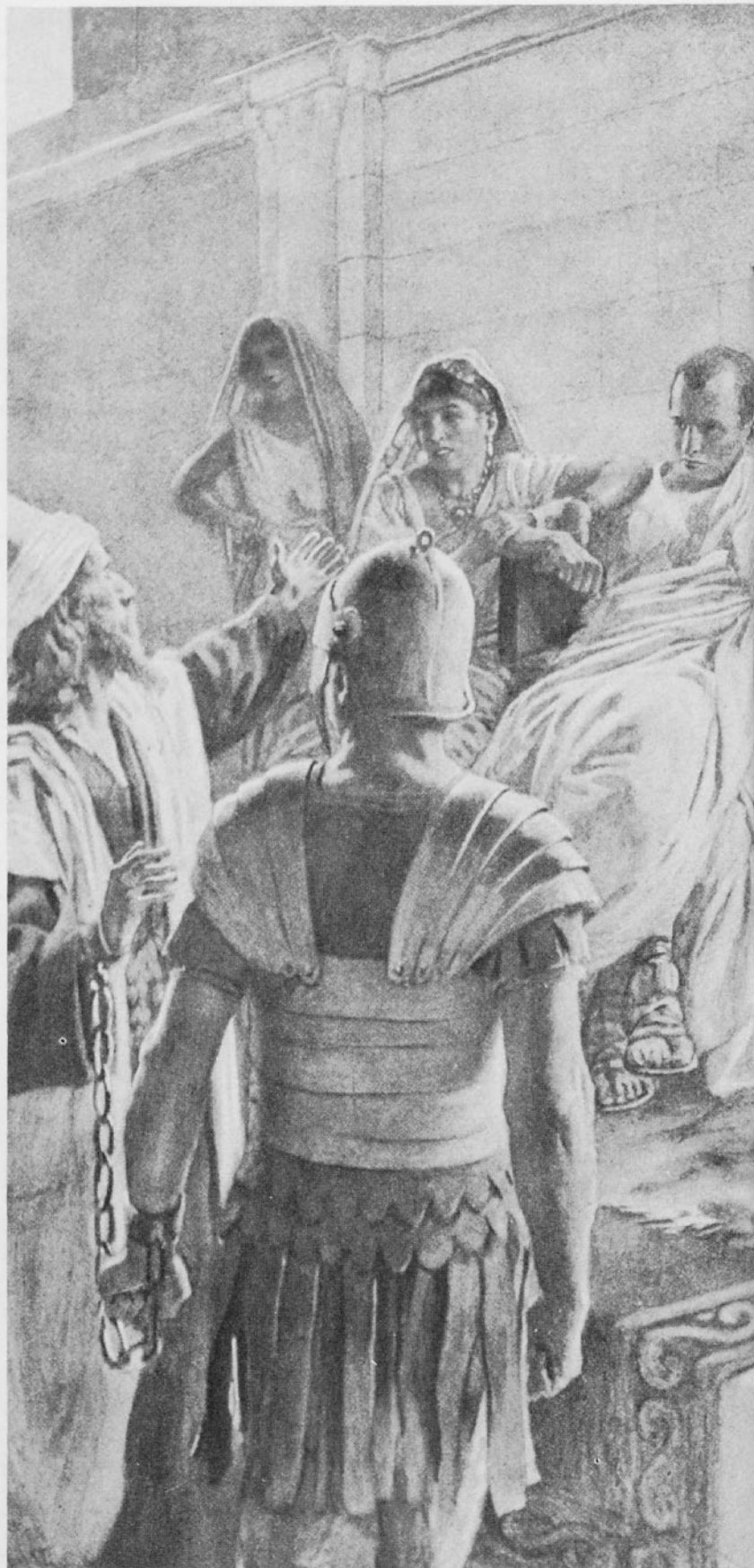
Perhaps we find it summarized best in the words of Paul when he says of himself and the apostles, "We are fools for Christ's sake" (1 Corinthians 4:10). Paul was not saying that he or the apostles were either ignorant or stupid, but if his all-out dedication caused men to call him a fool then Paul gladly accepted the word and gloried in it.

And the first-century world did regard the apostles as fools and fanatics. Surely they were fanatics in the truest sense of that word—"of single-minded passion or wild enthusiasm." They were men with eyes of single vision and with hearts aflame as they gave themselves to the sacred task of bringing Christ to the nations. Nothing else mattered to them.

Paul was plainly told by Festus, "Thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad" (Acts 26:24). Paul's answer to this was both simple and forthright. "Whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God," he said (2 Corinthians 5:13). If there is any secret cause of triumph in the lives of the first-century believers, it lies right here, for their spirits were set aflame with the passion and purpose of Christ. That flame was so vital, so consuming that their lives glowed and burned for the fulfillment of Christ's great plan.

Do we follow in this sacred apostolic succession? Does this holy flame burn within us? The fiery torch of truth has been passed to us. How does it fare in our hands? With all our vaunted advantages, how do we of the twentieth century compare with the saints of the first century? Examine several check points and consider some of the reasons why Paul and the apostles were called fools and fanatics.

They were wholly, utterly abandoned to the cause of Christ. Paul records an almost unbelievable list of his sufferings for the sake of the Lord Jesus in 2 Corinthians 11:23-28. Read the list slowly. Weigh the meaning of each word. Note how simply and impersonally Paul relates his trials. He does not ask for sympathy. He rejoices in the privilege of sharing Christ's sufferings. How could he take such abuse? Why would he



Paul Before Felix

OUS FOOLS!

accept such punishment? His spirit was aflame with the love of Christ. His heart bent in rhythm with Christ's heart. He lived for the accomplishment of God's purpose.

The intensity of Dante's life is pictured for us in these words:

"He had power to describe the infernal regions because his spirit had descended into the realms of darkness and torment. He had gazed on the awful vision till he was gaunt and emaciated, with eyes as if set in sockets of sorrow, and with heart throbbing with sympathetic suffering. From time to time as he passed along his native streets children would point to him and exclaim, 'There goes a man who has been in hell!'"

Paul had not been to hell, but he had been to heaven! (2 Corinthians 12:2-4) The intensity of his dedication can only be understood by that which he had seen. The glory and the eternal triumph of Christ and His kingdom filled and thrilled him completely. There was no other cause worthy of his full and utter devotion.

In the light of that glorious kingdom, what cared he if people considered him a fool for Christ! He moved forward in absolute confidence. His life was controlled by a single passion—"this one thing I do . . . I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13, 14).

The early Christians *dared to do the impossible*. To go into all the world! Evangelize the Roman Empire! Turn a pagan world to God! This was their assignment. Of course it was impossible! Only fools and fanatics would try it.

Look at those disciples—erstwhile fishermen and tax collectors. They were without social, political, or ecclesiastical prestige. They had no funds. They owned no property. They had no printed literature. They possessed no tools of propaganda. And so the list could be continued *ad infinitum*. It obviously would be much simpler to state what they *did* have.

Their chief assets were spiritual. They were convinced completely that Jesus Christ—the crucified, risen One—was the Son of God; that in Him and through Him one may receive forgiveness of sins and citizenship in His eternal kingdom. They believed in Christ's kingship and in His kingdom; that Christ was Daniel's "stone cut out without hands"; and that His was the kingdom which ultimately would fill the entire world. All this they believed with passionate fervency.

As a group their appearance was not very impressive facing the pagan Roman Empire. The disparity between them and it seemed comparable to the shepherd boy David as he faced the giant Goliath. But, like the shepherd boy, they won! The immensity of their triumph thrills us all to this hour. Ordinary men were transformed into extraordinary men by the flame of the Holy Spirit. They dared to attempt the impossible, and by the grace and power of God they succeeded.

Centuries later John Geddie, a Canadian boy who caught the apostolic flame, became the first witness for Christ in the New Hebrides. In the span of his brief life he saw the gospel triumph over the fears, superstitions, and cannibalism of the natives. When John Geddie died the believers carved these words on his grave marker:

*When he came there were no Christians;
When he left there were no heathen.*

The impossible becomes possible when hearts flame with the fire of the Spirit.

They regarded themselves expendable in the cause of Christ. What happened to the believers was considered incidental and secondary. The fulfillment of the Great Commission, and the extension of Christ's kingdom, was of major and primary importance.

Will White immortalized the word "expendable" in his famous wartime book, *They Were Expendable*. He told the dramatic story of a squadron of PT boats—six torpedo boats made of plywood, powered with Packard engines, and manned by twelve men each (seventy-two men in all). They were all sent to the Philippines. Not one of the boats came back. Only *four* men returned! When Mr. White asked about this, one of the survivors replied, "You see, we were expendable!"

Materials, ships, planes, tanks, money, men—all are expendable in war. And in the great spiritual struggle that the first-century saints faced they counted not their lives dear to themselves for Christ's sake. Paul summed up their feelings when he cried, "I will very gladly spend and be spent for you."

One day I walked in a sun-filled square in the beautiful city of Florence, Italy. In the center of that square I caught a glimpse of a bronze plaque fixed in the cobblestones. I looked closely and read one word—Savonarola! This was the spot where Girolomo Savonarola, the forerunner of the Reformation, was strangled and burned at the stake. He sealed his testimony with his blood. He was expendable!

S. D. Gordon imagined a conversation between Christ and the angel Gabriel after the Ascension. Gabriel tenderly looked at the wounds Christ received at Calvary and said, "Master, you died for the whole world?"

"I did, Gabriel," replied the Saviour.

"And the whole world knows this?" inquired Gabriel.

"Not yet. But they will. For, you see, I asked Peter, James, John, and the others to go and tell them," said Jesus.

"But Master, what if they fail! Judas failed. What if *they* fail?"

The answer came, "I have no other plan. I am depending on them. They will not fail."

And they did not fail! So what if the world called them fools and fanatics? They were! Glorious fools! Magnificent fanatics! Heroes of the Cross! ❧



Supermarket Christianity

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I WALKED HOME ABOUT HALF DISGUSTED with myself. I had gone to the store a few minutes before to get soap—we had been out of it for several days and had not remembered to buy any—and here I was carrying home a bag with over five dollars worth of groceries in it.

True, they were all things I needed, but I had already done my shopping. How then did a trip to get one forgotten item turn into an additional shopping tour?

I thought back over my expedition. Inside the store I had started toward the soap counter. Enroute I noticed the boxes of wax paper. "Better take one," I had thought, "mine is getting low." Nearby, the pickles were on sale, so I chose a jar. Graham crackers had also been overlooked in my previous shopping, I noted. And that cheese, grated, would be just right for a salad topping.

With company coming I certainly needed some whipping cream, which

also caught my attention. From item to item I had gone until, when I finally secured the soap and reached the check stand, I had collected a bag of groceries that I hadn't intended to buy at all when I came in.

What had happened? Why had I chosen all these items? The answer seemed evident: they had been packaged and displayed in a fashion to attract my attention and to cause me to desire them.

I thought back to the grocery stores I had known as a child. In those days the grocer stood on one side of the counter and the customer on the other. The customer enumerated the items he wanted and the grocer gathered them up. But somewhere someone got the idea that if the customer could see and smell and feel the groceries he would buy more. That someone put the idea to a test and it worked so well that now most grocery stores have adopted it. And by my own experience I had just proved it successful. I had spent about fifty times more money than I had originally intended when I came to the store.

The thought was staggering! A fifty-fold increase! Being a Christian worker I turned the thought to the spiritual. Suppose that Christians could be increased that much? Suppose that instead of just the preacher standing behind the pulpit telling people about the gospel, we put it out in view where folk could really examine it? Suppose that instead of waiting for someone to come and ask for it we scattered it freely about, done up in pleasing packages? Suppose that every Christian was overflowing with the kind of Christianity that made all whom he met want some? Would Christians increase fifty-fold?

These thoughts were firing rapidly through my mind when suddenly another thought hit me: *that was exactly what Jesus had in mind when He said, "Ye shall be witnesses"!* Not just the preacher but every Christian is to be an advertisement for Him.

Under the Law the priest approached God for the needs of the worshiper—sort of like the old-style grocer getting the goods for the customer. But on Calvary Jesus opened the way for each of us to approach the throne of God for himself and do his own shopping among the bounties of heaven.

Then on the Day of Pentecost He poured out power so that His disciples could take Calvary's blessings to all the world. It was God's way of saying, "Here it is! See what's happened to quaking Peter and doubting Thomas! Look at these men who but a few weeks ago had bolted themselves in an upstairs room for fear of the Jews. Now they stand boldly proclaiming the message on the street. And this same power is for you!" Christianity had been brought out from behind the counter into full view.

The people of the disciples' day came and saw. Seeing, they desired, and sought, and received. The Spirit's impact on their lives changed their world. Neither they nor it were ever the same again. They had something that sent them forth and everywhere they went they displayed Christianity so attractively that the reaction started all over again.

Wouldn't we change our world more than we do if we were all completely filled with the Spirit—so completely filled that it would bring the love of Calvary into view in our every word and deed, testifying to the world, "This is Christianity! This is what it does for me."

Paul listed for us the things that the Spirit would cause to come forth from our lives, in Galatians 5:22, 23: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

He is saying, "Here are the things a real Christian ought to have to show to the world. These are the displays that attract those who are longing for a changed life."

And it works! When the fruit of the Spirit is present, others desire Christianity. It sells to those who never intended to buy.

Finally I realized that I was standing at my own front door. This idea had gotten such a hold on me that I just stood there thinking. Supermarket Christianity! It was a new dimension of thought to me. I went into the house praying, "Lord, let the evidences of your love be so prevalent in both my attitudes and my actions that others will see and desire a personal acquaintance with you. Fill me so full of the Spirit that only His fruit will be evident in my life and all else will be hidden. Make me a supermarket Christian!"



“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.”

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

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‘Goodness and Mercy’

“ALL THE DAYS”—AND WHAT DAYS may not come? Spring days, when all the world shall be full of glad, young life; summer days, in which the year shall have reached its glorious prime; autumn days, when the fields shall be full while busy hands work; winter days, season of mist and rain and somber light when we gather around the bier of the departed year and lay its glory in the dust.

We sometimes stand, as it were, on the brow of a hill, looking off to the next peak, and wonder what kind of days lie in the valley between. What will a year, a month, a week bring? Will the days be golden, or will they be red-letter days stained with blood of sacrifice and suffering? Will they be bright and happy or drab, dark, sad? Birthdays, death days, marriage days, anniversaries of past joys and sorrows (which refuse to be forgotten); how much of weal or woe, of sweetness or bitterness, may be crowded into one brief space of time which we call a day!

But there will never come a day throughout all the future in which we shall not have the two guardian angels — heaven-commissioned escorts, God-sent messengers. “*Goodness and Mercy*” shall attend us during all the days of our earthly pilgrimage. We have never seen angels like the two that came to Sodom—nor even like the angelic forms which bent over the ark in the inner shrine of the holy tent. But there is something better even than angel help—the personified attributes of God, His goodness and His mercy. We have God, Himself, in all His tenderest manifestations of love and pity toward men.

Goodness and Mercy—not goodness alone, for we are sinners needing forgiveness; and not mercy alone, for we need many things besides forgiveness; but both, each linked with the other. Goodness, to supply every want; mercy, to forgive every sin. Goodness, to provide; mercy, to pardon.

What shall we say of these blessed attributes? *Goodness* is laid up in vast reservoirs in the nature of God, prepared for the poor, the food of the hungry, the lodge of the righteous, the crown of the year. “O taste and see that the Lord is good.” “How great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty.” *Mercy* is the daughter of God, in whom He delights. “He delighteth in mercy.” Mercy is His

wealth, for “He is rich in mercy.” Mercy is His throne, for He has said, “I will commune with thee from off the mercy seat.”

“Goodness and mercy shall follow.” In the East, the shepherd always goes in front. And our Good Shepherd never puts us forth to the work or warfare of any day without going before us. But He does not leave us unprotected in the rear. We have a rear guard against the attacks of treacherous foes. We have two strong helpers to lift us from tier to tier on the pyramid of life. You may not realize that they are near; you may be lonely and sad and desolate. It may be one of your bad days, sunless and dreary without a ray of comfort. Yet there, close by you—though veiled from your faithless sight—stands the glorious, loving, pitying forms of God’s infinite Goodness and tender Mercy which cannot fail. They will spread a table before you in the desert as they did for Elijah. They stand beside you, bidding you *fear not* as they did for Paul. Of this there need be no doubt.

“*Surely*,” says the psalmist, “goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.” Why so sure? “*Surely*,” because God has never failed in the past. “*Surely*,” because it would not become Him to take us in hand and not complete His promise. “*Surely*,” because He has pledged Himself by exceeding great and precious promises which he cannot break. ■■

New Every Morning

By Annie Johnson Flint

Yes, “new every morning,” though we may awake,
Our hearts with old sorrow beginning to ache;
With old work unfinished when night stayed our hand,
With new duties waiting, unknown and unplanned;
With old care still pressing, to fret and to vex,
With new problems rising, our minds to perplex;
In ways long familiar, in paths yet untrod,
Oh, new every morning the mercies of God!

His faithfulness fails not; it meets each new day
With guidance for every new step of the way;
New grace for new trials, new trust for old fears,
New patience for bearing the wrongs of the years,
New strength for new burdens, new courage for old,
New faith for whatever the day may unfold;
As fresh for each need as the dew on the sod;
Oh, new every morning the mercies of God!

THIS PRESENT WORLD

Courts

Amish Tangle Over Social Security Law

Leaders of the Old Amish Order have gone to court at Pittsburgh, Pa., to establish their right to stay out of the Social Security System. Action was begun in U.S. District Court after 84 bishops and leaders of the Church decided it was not immoral to become involved in litigation.

Social Security, the Amish claim, violates their religious belief. They object for several reasons, including a fear that it will lead young people to shirk the Biblical injunction to care for parents, widows, and orphans and pass this duty off to the state. They have always rejected insurance plans, holding that these imply a lack of faith in the judgment of God.

Bishop Andy M. Byler said that if the Old Amish are forced to pay Social Security taxes they will leave this country and settle in Australia. "We're looking for a place to go where we can escape religious persecution," he said.

Court Rules Against Wichita Church

The Kansas Supreme Court has ruled that the First Baptist Church of Wichita may not be withdrawn from the American Baptist Convention and related groups, even though a majority of the congregation voted for such action.

The State Supreme Court, reversing a decision of a state district court, declared that "not even in an autonomous Baptist church may the denomination of the church be changed by a mere majority vote."

Two years ago the congregation, then the largest in the denomination, voted 739 to 294 to withdraw from the American Baptist Convention, the Kansas Baptist Convention, and the Wichita Association of Baptist Churches, to protest the denomina-

tion's affiliation with the National Council of Churches. A minority group, loyal to the ABC, asked for an injunction from the court to prevent the larger faction from using the church property, which is valued at about \$2,500,000, and the Supreme Court has granted it.

Statistics

Population Explosion Poses Challenge

The human race took many centuries to reach its present population total of three billion. But if current trends continue unchanged, says the Population Reference Bureau, Washington, D. C., three billion more will be added in only forty more years, and there will be six billion people on earth by the year 2000.

Should Jesus tarry, the challenge

to world evangelization looms greater than ever before. The harvest field will be twice as big in another generation!

Spotlight on Marriage

Brides and grooms in the United States are younger in age at first marriage than are those in any other *urban-industrialized* country in the world, according to the National Office of Vital Statistics, Washington, D. C. In 1960, the median age was 22.8 for grooms and 20.3 for brides. More men married at 21 than at any other age; and more women at 18.

Men are now marrying about three years earlier and women two years earlier than at the turn of the century. Census data for 1890 show that at first marriage the median age for men was 26 years and for women, 22 years. The median age has been



REFUGEE CHILDREN IN HONG KONG—Surrounded by squalor and poverty, these Chinese children play in an overcrowded area of Hong Kong where thousands of refugees from Red China live. New waves of refugees arriving in recent weeks have aroused worldwide concern. Assemblies of God missionaries are reaping a harvest of souls among Hong Kong's millions. This summer they are conducting Vacation Bible Schools in twelve organized churches and chapels in the colony and also on rooftops, and in resettlement areas.

declining slowly but steadily since.

India's nuptial partners are youngest: 20.0 years for grooms and 14.5 years for brides. India's Marriage Restraint Act of 1930, curbing child marriage, forbids marriage of men under 18 and girls under 14 (later amended to 15 years for girls).

Statistics indicate that Ireland's couples marry at the oldest ages: 31.4 for grooms and 26.5 for brides.

Miscellany

T. F. Zimmerman to Preach in Far East

Thomas F. Zimmerman, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, will conduct a preaching mission in Okinawa and Japan in October at the invitation of Major General Terence P. Finnegan, Air Force Chief of Chaplains. Previously, Brother Zimmerman participated in a similar mission to servicemen in Iceland.

Plans Unveiled for Three Chapels at New York Airport

The Port of New York Authority has made public architectural plans for the Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish chapels to be erected at the International Airport at Idlewild, N. Y.

About forty feet high and twenty-eight feet wide each, the chapels will serve some 30,000 employees and 10,000,000 passengers annually, along with thousands of airport visitors.

The three modern chapels, each on a one-acre site, will be located on a picturesque 655-foot-long lagoon in the central landscaped area of the airport.

Colored Nations to Rule World?

The colored nations of Asia and Africa will be controlling the world by A.D. 2000, according to Dr. Martin Niemoeller, president of the Evangelical Church of Hesse and Nassau. Addressing a group of Protestant clergymen at Washington, D. C., recently, the German churchman said the colored nations will be dictating to the people of Europe and America "how many calories a day we shall eat or not eat" within forty years.

The present situation will change radically, he said, as the more populous races of the underdeveloped countries, rich in raw materials but currently poor in industrialization, begin to match and surpass Europe and America in productivity.



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THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

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YOUR *Revivaltime* TEAM HAS ACCEPTED a challenge—a challenge to reach the English-speaking world with the full-gospel message by means of radio. This group of men feels deeply the need to get the gospel out *now* in the fastest way possible.

Ours is a troubled world. Few clear voices are being heard. Newspaper headlines scream and other mass-communications media blare. But their



Bartlett Peterson



C. M. Ward



D. V. Hurst

Your REVIVALTIME Team

BY D. V. HURST, NATIONAL SECRETARY OF RADIO

message is garbled and conflicting. There is little sense of direction. The world is rushing on without knowing its destiny!

It need not be this way. The message of Jesus—who loves, who lives and who is coming—is still true. It is the one message that still gives purpose to life and a *basis* for hope. It must be heard. I like the line of the song: “Give the winds a mighty voice—Jesus Saves!”

Your *Revivaltime* team has pledged itself to do just this—at home and abroad. And it is seeing results! Under God, “bread” that has been cast upon the “waters” has returned.

At home in home missions areas beachheads have been established. In thousands of communities, each without an Assemblies of God church, *Revivaltime* has contributor-listeners. These friends have first listened to *Revivaltime* and then have become interested in helping the broadcast. In many other communities there are listeners who have not as yet contributed, but who are interested in *Revivaltime's* message, have been blessed by it, and have written to our office.

Never a week goes by but that letters from friends who have been saved, healed, and helped in many ways are received. *One of the miracles of preaching is this: a single message can be used by the Holy Spirit to meet the personal needs of thousands—yes, millions of persons.*

There is no thrill quite like the thrill of hearing that a person was saved while listening. From St. Petersburg, Fla., a *Revivaltime* friend wrote to say, “Several months ago we requested prayer for my son...two weeks ago his two boys were with

us... At 10:30 we tuned in to *Revivaltime*. As we listened to the choir singing and to the message, suddenly, Gary began to cry. We knelt with him and began to pray. He really prayed through... We feel that this is the beginning.”

Never a week goes by but that ministers of other denominations write to *Revivaltime*. This type of mail has recently taken a sharp upswing. These letters contain direct inquiries about the baptism in the Holy Ghost. *Revivaltime* is being used of God in the current Pentecostal move which is spanning denominational lines. It is stirring to receive letters from Baptists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Methodists, and others—all writing about the Holy Spirit.

Abroad the results are the same. Space will never permit each story to be told on the pages of the *Evangel*. Indeed, many a story will never find its way to Box 70. But heaven's books hold the records! Eternity will tell!

There is little wonder that the *Revivaltime* team is humbly grateful for these kinds of results and is glad it accepted the challenge. Who wouldn't enjoy giving bread to the hungry, cool water to the thirsty, new horizons to the hopeless, and eternal life to the dying? Who wouldn't enjoy sending a clear voice with divine truth to be heard in a world of noise? It's a *privilege* to labor in the harvest field.

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Meet the Team

Bartlett Peterson, *Executive Director*

In 1952 Bartlett Peterson first became associated with *Revivaltime* as announcer. He has served the broadcast service in a number of capacities

since then and at present is the executive director of the Radio Department which produces *Revivaltime*.

For more than thirty years Brother Peterson has engaged in evangelistic, pastoral, and administrative ministries. He was superintendent of the Minnesota District, secretary-treasurer of the Southern Missouri District, and was president of Central Bible Institute and Seminary. At present he is the general secretary of the Assemblies of God and so is one of the executive presbyters of the General Council.

D. V. Hurst, *National Secretary*

D. V. Hurst is secretary of the National Radio Department of the Assemblies of God as well as producer and narrator for *Revivaltime*. To fulfill these responsibilities he travels extensively to represent the broadcast service, and to engage in origination services on the field and in *Revivaltime* crusades.

Before becoming associated with the Radio Department, Brother Hurst served several pastorates, was an instructor at North Central Bible Institute, was a national Sunday school representative, and for three years was assistant secretary of the National Sunday School Department. He has written two books—“Ye Shall Be Witnesses” and “And He Gave Teachers,” and has co-authored a third book, “The Church Begins.”

C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime Speaker*

Brother Ward had already distinguished himself as a radio evangelist, pastor, editor, and Bible school instructor before he became the unanimous choice for speaker when *Revivaltime* went on the ABC radio network in December, 1953.

He has distinguished both himself and the *Revivaltime* broadcast service further as the radio ministry through *Revivaltime* has reached around the world to a great weekly audience of more than twelve million persons.

Since becoming *Revivaltime* speaker he has carried on an extensive evangelistic ministry both in the United States and abroad in addition to speaking for the weekly broadcast service. He has been speaker for *Revivaltime* crusades in British Guiana, Trinidad, Australia, Canada, and in many of the large cities of the United States. His influence as a spiritual leader is being recognized by both ministers and laymen in all denominations as is shown by the ever-increasing correspondence from these friends.

Cyril McLellan, Choir Director

For the past ten years Cyril McLellan has directed the *Revivaltime* radio choir. He has contributed greatly to the musical caliber of the broadcast service. His arrangements have attracted listeners around the world, and the choir's recordings have been favorites of record buyers for many months.

Before coming to Springfield, Brother McLellan had won several violin competitions and had received a violin performer's degree from the London Royal School of Music. For a time he served as assistant conductor of the Vancouver, B. C., Philharmonic Orchestra, and for four years taught in the Vancouver public school system.

In addition to directing the *Revivaltime* choir, Brother McLellan is a music instructor at Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo. He has published two books of choir arrangements which are receiving good acceptance.

Lee Robbins, Revivaltime Soloist

Lee Robbins, a 1962 graduate of

Central Bible Institute, has just been appointed soloist for *Revivaltime*. For the past four years he has served on the staff as student soloist while attending Central Bible Institute.

The newest *Revivaltime* choir record album featuring Lee Robbins as soloist has just been released by Word Records, Inc. In the three previous records made by the choir he also was soloist for several numbers.

Stanley Michael, Field Representative

Stanley Michael became promotions director for *Revivaltime* in 1955. In this capacity he assisted in the development of the literature program, the statistical and district representative programs, and in field representation. As the Radio Department has grown this area has been divided, and at present he is serving as field representative and in radio station promotions.

Prior to joining the *Revivaltime* team Brother Michael served as assistant pastor and pastor. He traveled extensively in the States in behalf of the missionary program of the Christ's Ambassadors and in a series of regional Sunday school conventions.

C. T. Beem, Program Director and Office Manager

Ever since *Revivaltime* went on the ABC radio network in 1953, C. T. Beem has been a member of the team. He serves as program director.

As office manager he directs in handling all mail, recording offerings, answering letters, distributing literature, and supervising personnel.

Before joining *Revivaltime* Brother Beem pastored churches in the mid-western states for more than twenty years. During this time he served as secretary-treasurer of the South Dakota District. He produced his own radio broadcast for a number of years.

Wildon Colbaugh, Publicity Director

Wildon Colbaugh joined the team almost a year ago. He has brought a wealth of experience to his post. He has served on the editorial staff of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, was editor of the *Missionary Challenge*, (former Foreign Missions Department publication), and was promotional secretary for the Foreign Missions Department. He was national promotional director of Church Extension Plan and served as secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina District. Pastorates have been held in North Carolina, Missouri, and Oregon.

In his present capacity Brother Colbaugh supervises general publicity for all Radio Department work—handles direct mail, printing and production, counseling by mail, and preparation of program copy for the foreign versions of *Revivaltime*.

Your *Revivaltime* team needs your help!

This broadcast service should be heard on many more stations. It should open more home mission and foreign mission fields. And it can! But we have been forced to cancel stations recently for lack of funds! We have been forced to withdraw—instead of advance.

It could be so simple. If every Assemblies of God church would contribute one dollar per week, *Revivaltime's* entire budget would be met. Then all personal offerings could be channeled to a new "Breakthrough" at home and abroad. Hundreds of stations could be added!

Or just one dollar per year from each adult member of the Assemblies of God would more than cover the *Revivaltime* budget. Think of it: less than a dime a month! Accept the challenge with us. Let's reach our world with the full-gospel message.



Cyril McLellan



Lee Robbins



Stanley Michael



C. T. Beem



Wildon Colbaugh

The Pastor Is a Gift

A MINISTER IS ALWAYS RELUCTANT TO discuss his own office. Yet there is no one else to explain it for him. The apostle Paul was quite frank in discussing the ministry in his letters to the churches. Here is one sample:

"When he ascended up on high . . . he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:8, 11-13).

The New Testament says nothing about Christ conferring wealth upon His Church. The work of the Lord has never been hindered, primarily, for want of money. The retardation of God's work is always caused by a deeper lack than that. It is the need of what Peter had when he said, "Such as I have give I thee . . ." (Acts 3:6). When we have power to minister to needy people we need not worry about money. That will follow as day follows night.

You may have known a preacher or two whom you doubted were gifts from the resurrected Christ. But who could doubt that such men as the Wesleys, Whitefield, Finney, Moody, were such gifts? So the first thing to do when you want a pastor is to *pray*. Any other course is unthinkable, for who but the Head of the Church would know where to find one? All true pastors are in Christ's hands.

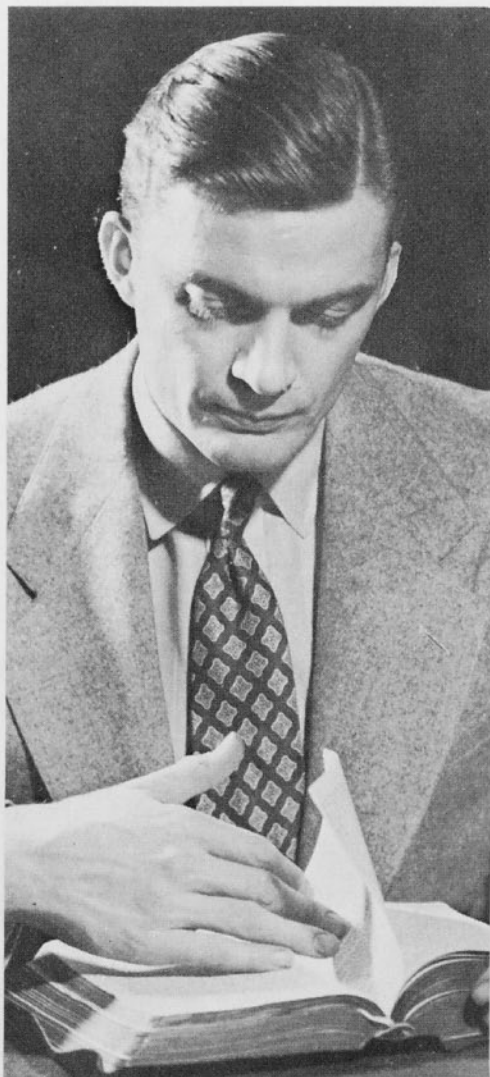
A pastor is a divine gift. Schools cannot make pastors. They can guide them a little in their studies, but a real pastor is God's gift. Paul said, "How shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Romans 10:15). This means that no man can possibly preach the gospel unless he is sent of God. You can recognize such a man immediately. That man is the gift of God. Be careful what you do with God's gift! Prize him highly. Prize him much more than you would your church property or your church program. God's man for God's place is

the most important single matter in your community. Everything else will work out if you have the right man—God's man.

Jesus Christ is the Bishop. He reserves the right to place preachers. Paul said to the elders of Ephesus,

By C. M. WARD
Revivaltime Evangelist

Thank God for your pastor. You may owe far more to his faithful ministry than you can realize this side of heaven!



at Miletus, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers . . ." (Acts 20:28). Unless a man is appointed by God he will never accomplish anything that will stand in eternity. He may wear certain clothes like a preacher; he may use words like a preacher; he may be paid like a preacher; but he must be confirmed by the Holy Ghost if he is to accomplish anything that will stand the test of time. Accept such a man as God's selection.

A pastor must be a teacher. Too many people expect the pastor to be a sort of glorified nursemaid. The pastor's real duty is to teach. It is his God-given task to teach "line upon line . . . precept upon precept . . . here a little, and there a little" (Isaiah 28:10). He must know the Bible. He can't teach it unless he knows it. His time should not be cluttered with trifles. He must get on with the Lord's work in the souls of men—not with what the decorations will be at the next church social. The pastor's big business is preaching the Bible. Paul said to Pastor Timothy, "Preach the Word . . ." (2 Timothy 4:2).

Notice the purposes of pastorship which are set forth in our text. These will serve to give us a healthy appreciation of the work of the minister.

"For the perfecting of the saints . . ." That is one of the most comforting lines in the entire Bible. Even saints are not perfect. I have not met many who thought they were perfect.

It is a lovely thing to see God's people growing up into Christ. The greatest reward a preacher can have is to see a man who has been won to Christ through his ministry and to have him come to his office years later and say, "Pastor, you have taught me all I ever learned of grace—save what I learned directly from the Book itself." That's the joy of spiritual parenthood—to see people grow spiritually. The real profit of an extended pastorate is to see people grow spiritually.

"Unto the work of ministering . . ." How do you make saints perfect? This is done by encouraging the believer

unto good works. Paul said, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto *good works*, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10). Biblical ministry will make a church a working church. Every member of every church ought to be busy doing something for Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit has a place for every born-again member.

The work of the pastor is to constantly proclaim the truth by the expository preaching of the great principles of God's Word. Thus members are brought into a knowledge of the place each one has in the ministry of the body of Christ. Soon folk are busy working for Christ; they don't have to be told or begged to serve; they find their places.

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith..." This is not accomplished overnight. It isn't the result of one sermon, or one revival campaign, or the decision of a committee. People enter a church with different ideas and viewpoints. All of us like to ride spiritual hobbies and we usually want the whole road to ourselves. I believe in contending for the faith, but I hate contentiousness as I hate the devil. It isn't a mark of Christian character to be contentious. It's a mark of the flesh—of the carnal nature. Preach the Word, in season and out of season, and little by little people will move into the unity of the faith.

It isn't easy to weld a working, winning team together. Individual performers have to learn to work with each other—to place the welfare of the whole above the pleasure and profit of the individual. This takes time and direction, and God realizes that. By nature we are born with preferences and prejudices; we are psychologically and emotionally different; it isn't easy to learn how to live and work together. Pastor, keep your eye on that goal of unity.

"And of the knowledge of the Son of God..." Here is the secret of success—the secret of secrets! Keep everything Christ-centered. That must be our "major"—to know more about our Saviour.

Paul was a university man. No one ever called Paul "unlearned and ignorant." They charged that he knew too much. His enemies said, "Much learning hath made thee mad." He said as he grew older and wiser by

'Aren't You Glad for Pastors?'

Paul Miller

Colorado Springs, Colo.

Say, aren't you glad for pastors;
Those faithful men of God
Whose lives so true,
Whose love for you,
Whose care,
Whose prayers,
Have helped you through
Each troubled way you've trod?

Well, aren't you glad for pastors;
That rugged, hearty brand
Who stand so tall
To meet the call;
Nor bend
To trends;
Who give their all
Of heart and soul and hand?

Oh, aren't you glad for pastors;
Those gracious men, and kind,
Who sense each pain,
The storm and rain;
Who lend
A hand
Through stress and strain
With care and thought benign?

My, aren't you glad for pastors;
Those winsome, loving men
Who work in love,
And thus to prove
God lives
And gives
From heav'n above
The human heart to gladden?

experience: "I count not myself to have apprehended... but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. . . . I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord..." (Philippians 3:13, 12, 8).

I have been learning about Jesus during many years of ministry, but I'm still an undergraduate. Jesus is so wonderful. Every day I want to know Him better!

"Unto a perfect man. . . ." The business of the church is to make men—real men. There's so much pretense in this world—so much that is fraud and sheer buildup.

I like to read the story of David. There is a remarkable thing about his administration. He built no cities, but he did fight battles. And there was something about him that made men. Read these words, "These are the mighty men that David had." I admire people with backbone—folk who will stand for right—who can be counted upon. If the church doesn't produce this kind of humanity, who will?

"Unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Thank God for stability! Some folk are always trying out churches, sampling preachers, tasting sermons. I'll tell you the

churches that are full. They are the churches where the gospel is preached—where the Word is ministered. You will find there people whose appetites are satisfied. People will settle down when they are served a full meal, piping hot, right out of a heart that is full of God's anointing and blessing.

All life *organizes itself*. Remember that! You cannot organize an oak, a maple, or any other kind of tree; they organize themselves according to their own nature. So does a vital, New Testament church—I mean a body of believers in which this spiritual life abounds. In such a body every member will find and exercise his or her own peculiar function-ministry.

I do not know of anything this side of heaven to equal the fellowship found among Bible believers who simply believe the Word. This is the New Testament goal for us. Let us set our eyes upon it and work toward it. ❧

I prayed for faith and thought it would strike me like lightning. But faith did not come. One day I read, "Now faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." I had closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I now began to study my Bible and faith has been growing ever since. —Moody.

The Chicago Story



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Teen-age Evangelism in America's big cities is the newest ministry of the National Home Missions Department. On Home Missions Day, July 8, we spotlight this great crusade to win Chicago's teen-gang members and drug addicts to Christ.

ON JUNE 4 THIRTEEN BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENTS MOVED into the Teen Challenge Center situated right in the heart of Chicago. Located at 315 Ashland Avenue, this building offers complete facilities for an extended ministry among the teen gangs and drug addicts in the great metropolitan Chicago area.

Duplicating the work of Teen Challenge in New York City, these consecrated students are spending their full time on the streets this summer preaching deliverance to the thousands of youth who roam troubled turfs.

The establishment of a Teen Challenge ministry and center in Chicago is a miraculous story of divine lead-



The Teen Challenge Committee of Chicago is composed of metropolitan pastors of the area. Paul Bredesen (fourth from left) is chairman.

ership, apostolic faith, and personal sacrifice. It started over a year ago when a few metropolitan pastors began to follow with great interest the work that God was doing in New York City under the direction of Dave Wilkerson and his committee. Recognizing the great need in their own city, and alarmed at the critical delinquency problem, these metropolitan Chicago pastors made exploratory visits and calls to New York. Initial contact was made by Paul Bredesen.

In December Dave Wilkerson and G. F. Lewis, executive director of the Home Missions Department, met with Illinois Section One pastors, at which time a temporary committee was appointed to initiate a Teen Challenge ministry as soon as possible. In a few weeks God miraculously led the committee to a strategically located nursing home that could be converted into a Center. The owners were asking \$85,000 for the building and furnishings, but the committee held a prayer session and afterwards agreed upon an offer of \$35,000. Their offer was accepted.

The building is a stately stone structure well furnished and recently decorated. It provides offices, dining facilities, three apartments for married workers, and thirty additional beds. A chapel on the third floor will seat over 100 youth. A large supply of canned foods and other supplies already had been purchased by the previous owners and this was donated to the Teen Challenge Center.

By spring the committee had thirteen willing workers, an available building, a great desire to undertake the necessary risks—but they had no money. Within thirty days they needed to raise \$13,500 for the down payment of the Center, money to purchase vehicles for street evangelism, and funds to purchase literature for the summer invasion. No less than \$15,000 was needed. A meeting of all interested pastors was called. At this meeting the committee decided to request Brother Wilkerson to itinerate in the Chicago area for two weeks to challenge the people and ask for support.

In a remarkable way God blessed these Teen Chal-

lenge rallies. A converted gang leader, Nicky Cruz, and a converted drug addict, Sonny Aronzoni, assisted in challenging the hearts of the people. Some drug addicts and gang members from the Chicago area attended the downtown rallies. Five gang members were saved.

Most unusual was the sacrifice so evident in each rally. In one suburban rally an offering was to be taken for a Volkswagen bus for street work. The need for \$1,200 was presented. Before the offering could be taken a young couple stood weeping. They asked for the privilege of buying the vehicle with their life savings. They had been saving for a new car.

At the end of the two weeks over \$15,000 had been raised in cash and pledges.

The summer workers are all students of Central Bible Institute. Each of them had to obtain parental permission to enter this ministry because of the great risks involved. Furthermore, each must take care of his own transportation to and from Chicago. These students are working without salary. They spend at least six hours each day on the streets and in nightly open-air rallies.

Grady Fannin, full-time Teen Challenge evangelist, itinerated throughout the Illinois District. These Teen Challenge rallies focused attention on the great challenge in Chicago's teen gangland. Hundreds of sponsors pledged to support the work with monthly offerings.

On Saturday, June 9, a great kickoff rally was held in the Filadelfia Church. Ministers and members of all Chicago Pentecostal churches participated including the Full Gospel Business Men, the Pentecostal Ministers Association of Greater Chicago, and the PYPF, all looking to God for a mighty spiritual awakening on the streets and for His protection on all the young workers.

The Teen Challenge Committee of Chicago requests the earnest prayers of friends throughout the nation—that Chicago will have a great witness among its teen gangs and drug addicts, and that every financial need in this great undertaking will be supplied.

(Offerings for Teen-Age Evangelism in Chicago may be sent direct to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. This ministry is part of the work of the National Prison Division.)



This is one of the lovely bedrooms in the Teen Challenge Center.

The Chicago Challenge

CHICAGO, A BUSTLING CITY OF OVER FOUR MILLION PEOPLE, is a city of contrasts. It is one of the great cultural, educational, and religious centers of the world, yet its newspapers are filled with stories of crime every day. Behind the startling new skyline of this second-largest city in the U.S. there is hideous teen-age activity on the street level. Thousands of teen-agers are members of active "jitterbugging" gangs. Thousands of juveniles are using drugs of all kinds. School drop-outs are high and youth morale is low. Civic, law, and church groups are worried. Something must be done immediately to stem the rising tide of sexual promiscuity, drug addiction, and juvenile crime. Boys clubs, YMCA's, and athletic clubs are doing much to keep youths out of trouble but it is not enough. Teen Challenge believes that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the answer to the problem of Chicago's teen-age problem. It is sending its evangelists out into the city's streets every day. They go into gang hide-outs, contact gang leaders, addicts, pushers, debts and dolls. Each night they conduct street rallies. They are "getting through" to the teen-age gangsters simply because they have something few social workers have—a divine call and a mighty Holy Ghost baptism of compassion to lead these young people to Christ.



The previous owners donated a large supply of canned foods.

We Forgot JESUS!



By VIRGINIA L. SCHNEIDER

IT WAS ONE OF THOSE BUSY HECTIC mornings. Each member of the family was in a hurry to get off to work or school.

Mother hastily placed the breakfast on the table. Daddy reached for the butter and began spreading his toast. The small son of the family with a worried expression exclaimed, "Mother, we forgot Jesus!"

Father's butter knife stopped. Mother glanced up, feeling that their son had given their haste a just rebuke. At other times they had always said grace, but this time they had been too busy. Humbly they paused to return thanks and to silently ask pardon for "forgetting Jesus."

It is so easy to forget. This is why some of us circle "special-engagement" dates on the calendar. Others use "jot-em-down" tablets for shopping or business reminders. Advertisers spend millions of dollars to keep their products before the public eye. The observance of our national holidays serves to keep alive the memory of important people and events.

Yes, it is so easy to forget—especially to *forget Jesus!* God knew man's tendency to stray from Him. That is why He warned Israel, "Beware lest thou forget the Lord..." (Deuteronomy 6:12). "Take heed... lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen and lest they depart from

thy heart" (Deuteronomy 4:9). "We ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip" (Hebrews 2:1).

We forgot Jesus! Careless soul, have these words ever haunted you for your spiritual neglect? Your Bible lies untouched—the door to your prayer closet is unopened. You really didn't mean to forget. "I'll wash the dishes first," or "I'll do my shopping—then pray." You were waiting for the "right time" but the "right time" never came. As you pillowed your weary head after a hard day's toil you remembered the Lord. With shame you prayed, "Lord forgive me!"

It takes bulldog tenacity to put *first things first* these days. So many other things seek the pre-eminence of "the one thing needful" (Luke 10:42). The Christian must lay aside hindering forces and "take time to be holy." Dwight L. Moody said, "He who is too busy to find time for prayer is busier than God asks him to be."

We forgot Jesus! Christian, have these words ever condemned you for your lack of gratitude? "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits," cried the psalmist (Psalm 103:2). Then he lists the blessings of salvation, healing, protection, lovingkindness, and provision.

A kind uncle who had just returned from Paris brought his little niece a fine French doll. "Did you thank Uncle for the beautiful present?" asked her mother as the little girl rushed into the house all aglow with delight over the new toy.

"Yes, Mama, but I didn't tell him so," was the surprising reply.

This is how poorly some of us express our gratitude to God. "My people have forgotten me days without

number" (Jeremiah 2:32), God said of Israel.

How many days have we let slip by without praising Him? Let us vow with the psalmist, "I will remember... the most High. I will remember the works of the Lord... I will meditate... and talk of thy doings" (Psalm 77:10-12).

We forgot Jesus! Backsliding friend, have you forgotten the One who saved you? Israel "soon forgot his works... they forgot God their saviour, which had done great things..." (Psalm 106:13, 21). They "forgot the Lord their God, and served Baal-im..." (Judges 3:7).

What made you forget? Was it laxity in church attendance? Lukewarmness in prayer? Leniency in Christian living? Allurement of the world?

Why not return unto the Lord? "Return... saith the Lord... Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God... and have not obeyed my voice... Turn, O backsliding children..." (Jeremiah 3:12-14).

We forgot Jesus! Sinner friend, will these words be your bitter cry at the end of a wasted life? The last words of an aged dying man were these, "I've forgotten... I've forgotten... I've forgotten my soul!"

Don't wait until it is too late! You intend to be saved *sometime*—why not *now*? The Bible says, "Remember *now* thy Creator." And again, "Behold, *now* is the accepted time; behold *now* is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). Your decision *here* determines your destiny *hereafter!*

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

CODE MESSAGE

JUNIOR READER'S FEATURE . . . BY DICK CHAMPION

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

MESSAGE

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(To check your answer, look up Proverbs 15:5)

TESTIMONIES OF HEALING



Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever (Hebrews 13:8).

Healed of Internal Hemorrhage

ALTHOUGH DECEMBER 6 WAS A RAW, windy day, a team of young people—for whom I was counselor—spent about an hour after school handing out copies of *The Pentecostal Evangel* from house to house. We finished what could be done at that time, and I went home for my supper and to prepare for the night shift on my job at the Eastern Gas and Fuel Company mine at Colver, Pa.

By this time I was feeling weak and dizzy, and my wife called our pastor to come and pray for me. After prayer I felt some better. I rested until work time and drove the ten miles from my home to the mine. While I was endeavoring to carry out my duties firing the boilers I collapsed with a severe internal hemorrhage.

At the nearby hospital my family doctor informed me that I had a bleeding ulcer. He sent me immediately to a larger hospital at Johnstown, Pa., and there I was given three pints of blood. During the next ten days thorough tests and examinations were made.

The morning after I was admitted the specialist told me, "Davis, you have bleeding ulcers, and we are going to treat you for such." All this time prayer was going up for me, and I had an assurance that God had undertaken for me.

However, the doctor was intent on further X rays and tests; so I consented to let him try every means. Once I heard a nurse in the hall say, "Well, God can heal."

After two sets of X rays and the use of a fluoroscope, the doctor made another set of X rays of the entire digestive tract. Thank God, they couldn't find a thing wrong!

The Lord answered the prayers for

my recovery and I am now in perfect health. I worked every day in January. To God be all the glory!—James S. Davis, 209 N. Marion St., Ebensburg, Pa.

(Endorsed by Pastor Patrick O. McLane, Bethel Assembly of God, Ebensburg, Pa.)

Healed of Rhumatic Fever and Heart Murmur

WHEN I WAS SIX YEARS OLD I WAS stricken with rheumatic fever. For a whole year I was bedridden—my temperature running as high as 103 degrees. At the end of the year our family physician said there was nothing else he could do for me and recommended me to the Los Angeles Children's Hospital.

Before my parents took me there, they requested prayer for me. When the heart specialist at the hospital examined me he told me I didn't have rheumatic fever, after all. He said that my heart, which had been enlarged, was now normal in size!

However, there was still a hole in one of the heart valves, causing me to lose some of the pure blood. The heart specialist told me I would always have that murmur and would have to be very careful.

Since that time six ministers have prayed for me and each time our family doctor could see improvement. On Dec. 17, 1961, I was prayed for by Brother Royce Peterson and the Lone Pine Assembly of God group. It was then God completed what He started to do nearly eleven years ago. I had an electro-cardiogram, X ray, and a complete heart check. Dr. Zimmerman told us there was no longer a heart murmur, and said the electro-cardiogram reading made by a heart specialist was normal.

I am now a freshman in Junior College, seventeen years old. I was saved when I was nine and received the baptism with the Holy Ghost when I was twelve. Christ means everything to me. He truly is all I need.—Carlene Cass, Lone Pine, California.

(Endorsed by Pastor R. G. Peterson, Assembly of God, Lone Pine, California.)

Healed of Hodgkin's Disease

I CAN REMEMBER SITTING OUTSIDE THE doctor's office, waiting while my mother talked with the doctor. I was thirteen years old and had waited many times before, but somehow I knew it was different this time.

Many months before I had complained of pains in my neck, so my parents had taken me for a checkup. This was followed by specialists, tests, an operation, and radium treatments. And now, months later, the doctor said there was no hope. I was to die in a matter of weeks of Hodgkin's disease.

We were told it would be best for everyone concerned if I were put in a rest home until the end. My grandparents, however, were Christians and, along with my parents, they believed God would answer prayer.

We went to many different places to get prayed for, and made several trips to Long Beach where my grandparents attended church. One Sunday afternoon our family and members of the church gathered to fast and pray. I was not instantly healed, but grew stronger from that day on. I can remember feeling the faith of others around me and this encouraged me; I knew the Lord was healing me.

I am now twenty-six years old, the father of two lovely children. We are looking forward to working for the Lord. He has been so good to me and I wish to give Him all the glory for healing me thirteen years ago.—Thomas E. Baker, 4325 N. Bresee, Baldwin Park, Calif.

(Endorsed by Pastor J. B. Lindsey, Assembly of God, Covina, Calif.)

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo.

HAITI IS UNIQUE AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN America and the West Indies. It is an all-Negro republic, and the languages spoken are French and Creole. A visitor in Haiti could well imagine he was in Africa because, although Roman Catholicism is the accepted religion of the people, the real religion—voodooism—is a mixture of African paganism, witchcraft, and spiritism. The beating of drums, devil dancing, pagan shrines, and fetishes are evidences that Africa is the mother country of this small republic. Haiti has over six million people, and poverty and disease are everywhere.

Some of the people readily admit that they worship the devil. They say, "God is good; He won't hurt you.

But the devil is mean. We want to stay on the good side of the devil so he will do us no harm." So they pray to the devil and make sacrifices to him. They burn his mark upon the cheeks or hands of babies so the devil will know the children belong to him. Their reasoning is that the devil won't hurt his own property.

There are now fourteen established churches in Haiti, thirty-one outstations, and a total of 1,700 members. Three missionary families are laboring in this harvest field: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fairbanks, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turnbull, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Specter.

Mrs. Homer Specter tells what it's like to be a missionary's wife in Haiti.

A Missionary's Wife in Haiti

*When voodoo drums echoed through
the night her heart stood still!*



Mrs. Homer Specter

"TOURISTS ARE ALMOST ALWAYS IMPRESSED WITH THE beauty of this tiny island republic. They often have the opinion that life here is a veritable paradise on earth. Just the other day I heard someone exclaim, 'Why, Haiti has everything!'

"Towering mountains, arid desert, rugged coastline, verdant foliage, brilliant flowers—yes, Haiti has all of these and more. Haiti is fascinating, mysterious, and enchanting—until one looks beyond the beauty to the unspeakable filth, hopeless poverty, and hapless condition of a people weakened by decades of disease, malnutrition, and starvation. Looking still further one sees spiritual poverty, sin and moral degradation, and indifference to God. This, of course, is the concern of the missionary. If it were not for this spiritual darkness, we would have no reason for being in Haiti.

"The missionary, unlike casual visitors, sees both the good and the bad, the beautiful and the ugly. The missionary experiences moments of exultation and times of deepest depression. A missionary's wife, less active in travel and visitation work than her husband, is more subject to times of depression than he.

"My faith was tried again and again during our early years in Haiti. We lived in the mountains, far from any village or town, with no English-speaking neighbors. I was not proficient in Creole or French and I was left with no means of transportation when Brother Specter had to be gone for several days. The children

would become suddenly, and sometimes violently, ill. Several tropical maladies are quickly fatal. Their symptoms are so much like those of less serious diseases that no one but an experienced physician can safely diagnose an illness.

"Faced with the almost unsurmountable task of learning a foreign language, of teaching the children their correspondence courses (a time-consuming, nerve-racking job unless one is especially gifted for it), of adjusting to an entirely new way of life while coping with incompetent, untrained and illiterate help, the first-term missionary-wife often has a brutal battle with nerves that saps her strength and spiritual vitality, and threatens her sanity.

"The missionary wife sometimes feels that the children have a mental block and will never learn anything, and that the help are deliberately conspiring to drive her out of her mind. Hours of waiting for her husband's return from a hazardous trek become an eternity of anxiety, and wild imaginings seem to become a terrible reality.

"I shall never forget my first experience with voodooism. It happened soon after our arrival in Haiti ten years ago. Brother Specter had gone on a trek which was to last several days. Our little two-room house was located high in the mountains. Our neighbors were all Creole-speaking people who lived in little thatch-roofed huts around us. At that time I knew about ten words of Creole.

"Being nervous on the first night without my husband, I put the children to bed but I did not fall asleep for quite awhile. I could hear the voodoo drums echoing back and forth through the mountains. At last I slept from sheer exhaustion—but not for long. At 3 A.M. I was suddenly awakened. My heart seemed to stand still as I listened. What an unholy din of horrible noises! I slipped from my bed and, by the light of the full moon filtering through the cracks of the heavily shuttered windows, I tip-toed to the door. I didn't dare open it, so I found a small opening near the high iron lock and looked through.

"There, in front of the house, I beheld hundreds of voodooists carrying torches. They were chanting and beating their drums and cracking whips. Some were screaming and writhing under demon possession. I had no idea what it meant, but I was caught in a vise of fear. I couldn't move! Finally, I mustered all my strength, crept back to my bedside, and dropped to my knees. My attempt to pray was very feeble but God heard and understood. At last, although the noise continued on the outside, the beating of my heart grew quieter and my troubled spirit became calm as I committed myself and the safety of my children to the loving care of the Lord. Finally, a little after 5 A.M. the throng of voodooists dispersed and we were left in peace. I never learned their intentions, but God protected us.

"There have been times when I felt my own sanity was at stake as the powers of darkness and oppression became very strong. And thieves often tried to break into our home. At such times my only refuge was in quoting portions of the Holy Scriptures. Through all these things I have found that His grace is sufficient for me!

"All this, of course, is the dark side of missionary life. There is a much brighter side, too. There are seasons of rejoicing when souls are brought to Christ. After a trek, there is the joyful reunion when the loved one arrives home safely. The knowledge that we are working for the Lord is gratifying.

"Although education for the children (we have six) is a problem, and we, like other missionaries, face the loneliness of being separated from our children in their later school years, we are grateful for the added experience travel gives them.

"I praise God for these years on the mission field—for every trial experienced, for every battle fought, and for every victory won. Our lives are unique.

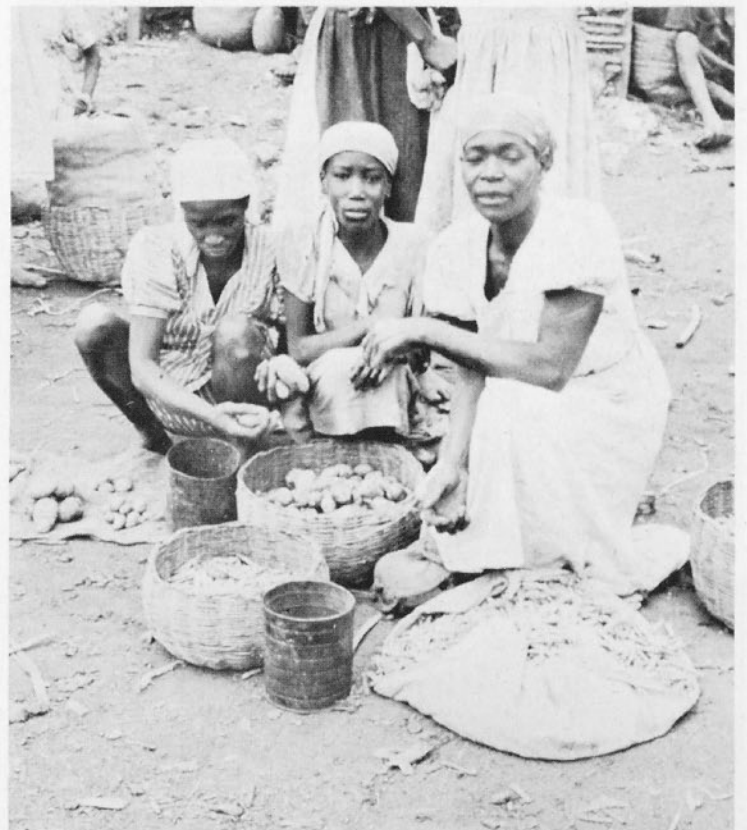
"My trials in Haiti are perhaps different from those of a missionary wife in Japan or Alaska. We are fighting a common enemy, however—the principalities and powers of darkness. We have the same Captain leading us. Momentary defeats shall turn into glorious final victory for all of us whether we are in the States, on the home mission front, or on the foreign mission field."



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Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



GOD DEFEATS DAGON

Sunday School Lesson for July 15, 1962

1 SAMUEL 5:1-8, 11; PSALM 32:3-5

THE CAPTURE OF THE ARK (1 Samuel 5:1)

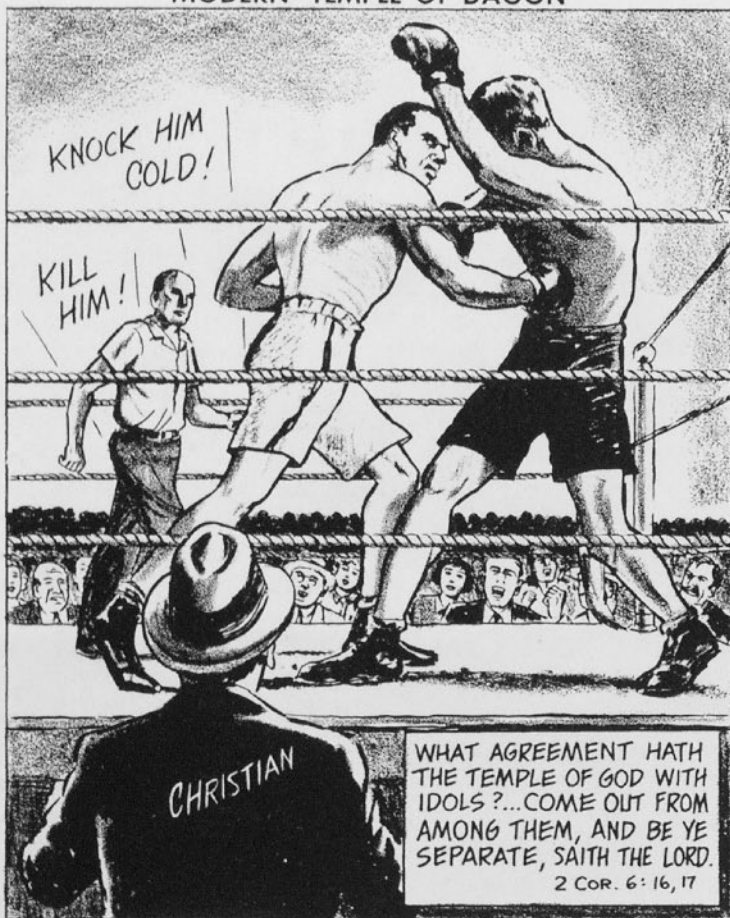
In our previous lesson we saw that Israel was defeated by the Philistines and the ark of God in which Israel had trusted was captured. It was placed in the temple of Dagon, the Philistine god.

What was God's purpose in permitting the ark to be taken? (1) To discipline Israel and to teach the nation that God's presence did not accompany a people who lived in sin against Him. (2) To reveal both to Israel and to the heathen that He was supreme and far more powerful than the Philistines and their gods.

The Philistines assumed that because Israel's God permitted His people to be defeated and the ark (symbolizing His presence) to be taken, He was therefore inferior to Dagon, and that Dagon had triumphed over Him. Acting on this false assumption they destroyed Shiloh, the city in which the ark had been kept, and massacred its priests (Psalm 78:60-64; Jeremiah 7:12; 26:9). After this they placed the ark in the heathen temple beside Dagon.

All of this made it appear that God had suffered defeat and that His plan had been hindered and frustrated.

MODERN 'TEMPLE OF DAGON'



However, it was Israel and not God who had failed. This often happens. Human failure may seem to thwart God's program, but not so! God's eternal purposes are irresistible. God always wins. The vital question is—shall we be on His side and line up with His holy will?

THE FALL OF DAGON (1 Samuel 5:2-5)

The ark was brought into the temple of Dagon as an offering to Dagon. It was set by the idol to indicate the subjection of the God of Israel (whom it represented) to the god of the Philistines. But—

"On the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the Lord." Thus Dagon's position suggested prostration before Jehovah and adoration of Him. The Philistines, however, thought Dagon's fall was accidental and replaced him on his pedestal.

The next day Dagon was found to have suffered an even worse calamity. Not only had he again "fallen upon his face" before the ark, but "the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold." The supernaturalness of this judgment was quite evident. Note that Dagon's head and hands were not broken off but "cut off," as if God had taken a knife to him. The head and hands, instead of being scattered promiscuously on the floor, were laid on "the threshold" to indicate the contempt in which God held Dagon, since the threshold represented that which was to be stepped upon! A number of practical lessons suggest themselves.

1. *Wrong cannot stand finally before right.* Wrongdoing is contrary to God's universe. God's moral laws are not arbitrary. Long before they were written in the Bible they were written in the nature of man, written in the universe, written in the nature of things. Though wickedness seems to triumph it is only that God's judgments which are certain, are sometimes delayed due to His longsuffering.

2. *God will tolerate no rivals.* It has been well said that "God's place is never by anything else, or on a level with anything else. His place is above everything else. He is not to be given a place, but given the place in a house, a home, a heart. Many people would give God a second place in their hearts if their idols might remain. But that cannot be; there must be a choice—God or idols—not both."

THE PUNISHMENT OF THE PHILISTINES (1 Samuel 5:6-9)

Not only was their god destroyed, but the Philistines of Ashdod were smitten with a loathsome, painful, and fatal disease. Furthermore, it appears from chapter six that God sent a plague of field mice who devastated their crops and reduced them to dire economic straits. Thus the Philistines who had been proud of their victory were cursed by their ill-gotten gain. So it always is. The great preacher, Dr. Joseph Parker, commenting on the incident, said, "It will be even so with ill-gotten results; with undeserved, unrighteously attained gain; be it wealth or influence (or position) or what it may. The bad man has a hard time of it; when he wants to get clear of his gain, he begs and cries that somebody will relieve him of his very victories."

—J. Bashford Bishop



SUMMERTIME IS HARVESTTIME

BY EVELYN C. GUNTER, *Martin, Tennessee*

The Scriptures said "Go"—the Spirit said, "Go"—so she went. And Jane accepted Christ.

SUMMERTIME IS A WONDERFUL TIME TO WORK IN THE harvest field for the Master. Contacts seem easier to make at that time of the year when people love to be out of doors and are so accessible to one who is looking for opportunities to testify. Relatives come that you perhaps see only once a year. Friends get together for outings and picnics.

What a responsibility this puts on us, and how sad it would be if some whom we might be able to contact and win for the Lord should come to the end of that swiftly passing season and have to say in the words of Jeremiah 8:20, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

I am thinking of Jane (we'll call her) who was won for the Lord last summer. I was asleep one night and dreaming. The dream was *different* somehow—so vivid and distinct that I could not forget it after I awoke. It seemed that in my dream I saw Jane hungry and looking for food; and when I went to help her, she accepted the Lord as her Saviour. When I awoke the Lord spoke to my heart, "Now is the time for Jane to be saved. Go to her."

Jane was my husband's cousin who lived some fifty miles from us. But no matter what the distance—no matter that it was haying season and my husband needed me at home, I knew I must go. I had promised the Lord I would always go at His direction and we were determined to put His cause first.

In my morning devotional, the key word seemed to be "Go." The Scriptures said "Go," the Spirit said "Go," so I went.

As I covered the distance to their farm, the car wheels sang a song of salvation and the wind whispered it to me. Every breath was alive and anointed. I felt the presence of the Lord very real and could not doubt that He would make my mission successful.

My thoughts dwelt on Jane and her family. I remembered that she had not been to church for several years. Both she and her husband once had been saved, but sin had entered and the last few years were dark and ugly—scarred by the ravages of sin. The month before, her husband had gone away to the city to find work while she had remained on the farm, sending the children to summer school. The dream had indicated that she was hungry for natural food (I was longing to see her receive spiritual food, and had almost forgotten the other aspect in my dream). What had happened that they were also in physical need?

When I arrived, it was the husband who greeted me at the door. His explanation was quickly heard and did not surprise me. He had lost his work in the city—the food supply was low. There were hungry mouths to feed.

Jane herself was spending the day helping her aunt who had been in the hospital, and in a little while we were talking together in the back bedroom of her uncle's house. I told her my mission—how the Lord had sent me—and for an hour I talked to her about her soul's salvation. Then we had prayer together. Big hot tears splashed—first of repentance, and then of joy. Jane was saved! God had prepared her heart for my coming and had made my trip profitable. I knew there was joy also in the presence of the angels over the soul that had repented.

It was time for me to leave and in my mind there was no question as to what I should do. Could I take the message of salvation and then return home, leaving this family destitute? Of course Jane didn't want to accept it, but I insisted on leaving her our grocery money for that month. I knew the Lord would send in our meat and potatoes, and He did.

Along with the lesson on obedience, the Lord had opportunity to teach us also a lesson on trust in the month that followed. We simply passed up the grocery stores as though they didn't exist, and soon Elijah's raven would come by with a balanced diet for God's children!

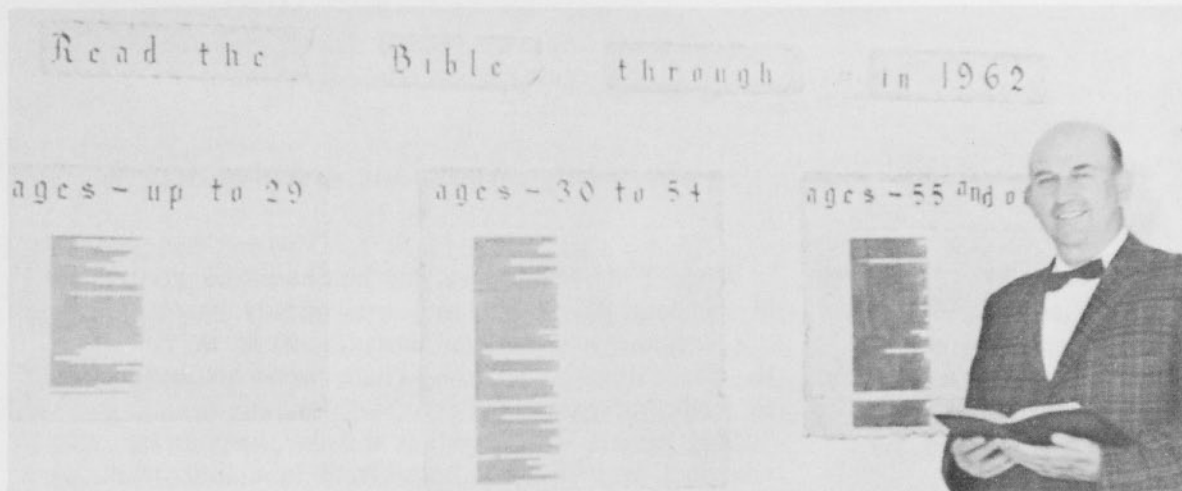
Every week, and from sources wholly unexpected, God sent the "ravens" bringing every kind of food for His children: milk, eggs, peas, tomatoes, corn, rice, beans, pickles—even chocolate cake! I remarked to my husband one day how full our table had been since the day I gave our grocery check away! The food kept coming—in abundance.

There came a day when I wanted apples and I mentioned it to the Lord. "Lord, I'd like apples on our menu—fried apples like those Mother used to fix." Could they come in when there was no money and no grocery list for human eyes to see? Yes. That very day a neighbor who had not sent me anything in all these years sent over apples—big, juicy red ones. The Lord included this in His liberal promise, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

The summer ended, the harvest passed, but thank God, Jane is saved. ■■

Read It Through in '62

BIBLE-READING PROGRAM MEETS WITH ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE EVERYWHERE



EVERY MEMBER A READER—First Assembly of God in San Bernardino, Calif., is giving enthusiastic support to the "Read It Through in '62" Bible-reading program. As shown on the chart, the church has been divided into three age groups to see which group is most faithful in reading the prescribed twenty-three chapters a week. Over 200 people signed up to read the Bible through in 1962. Up to May, 175 had kept their reading up to date. The chart provides 52 small squares after each name and these are colored in each week if 23 chapters are read. A number of shut-ins are also participating. Pastor Louis H. Hauff is shown at the right.

Evangel Receives Letters From Bible Readers

NEW IBERIA, LA.—

"I have read the Bible through two times this year. I have not much to do but read, as I am past the work age; I was 90 last November. I have found much good in reading the Bible. Please pray for me."—*J. B. Henlef.*

SANTA, CRUZ, CALIF.—

"I read your editorial in the *Evangel* (May 6) on reading the Bible through in '62. I have ten children, six of whom are seven years old and under. Being greatly pressed for time, I have found the best time for Bible reading is while I am getting dressed in the morning. Is this irreverent? Well, it works for me!

"I have tried various ways of reading the Bible through. Some years I have read it straight through. This year I am reading it according to a method suggested by Alex Hunter (associate pastor, Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash.) in our workers training course last year. By beginning simultaneously in Genesis, Psalms, and Matthew—reading three chapters a day—the Old Testament can be read once in a year and the New Testament in nine months."—*Mrs. John Manchester.*

STILLWATER, OKLA.—

"Several times in my lifetime I have started to read the Bible

through but never did succeed in completing it. The schedule that appears in the *Evangel* has sure helped me.

"I never dreamed Bible reading would be so interesting. Sometimes after I put my family to bed, I get my Bible and read until 2 and 3 o'clock. Reading the Bible through in '62 definitely has drawn me closer to the Lord and has opened my eyes to the need of a closer walk with Him."—*Wilma Sinclair.*

OROVILLE, CALIF.—

"I thought it might be of interest to tell you of our Bible-reading program which we have conducted for several years. About the first of the year we pass out pledge slips which people sign, indicating they will read either the New Testament or the entire Bible during the calendar year. About 75 signed up this year. A chart with places for names, records the progress of the reading. Once a year we have a "Bible Readers Banquet" or pot-luck dinner, after which we have a time of testimonies about the benefits and blessings we have received from Bible reading. I believe that such a program could be a blessing to any church."—*Pastor Charles R. Shuss.*

FOLSOM, CALIF.—

"Please send me a chart for reading the Bible through. I've read it through once this year on my own, but I want to read it at

least one more time this year—using your chart. I am a licensed minister of the Assemblies of God (Oregon District). Though retired from active ministry because of ill health, I teach the adult class in Sunday school and am the WMC president. I live with my daughter and her husband who are pioneering a church here in Folsom."—*Mrs. Nancy Jo Boyd.*

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—

"I am far ahead of your day-to-day reading schedule—eight books ahead (May 21). I was saved when I was ten years old



COLLEEN ERICKSON, 11-year-old daughter of the pastor at Baraboo (Wis.), Gospel Tabernacle, is holding the record she won by reading the Bible through twice during a two-week campaign conducted by Evangelist Dale Helle of Seattle, Wash. Standing beside her is her sister Karen who was a close runner-up. The two women shown on the left are Mrs. Grace Mielke and Mrs. Claude Haskins who also participated. Pastor and Mrs. George Erickson at right.

and have read the Bible each day since. I have made a regular practice for many years of reading the New Testament through four times a year.

"One time in a Bible-reading contest (which I won) I read the whole Bible through in two weeks and three days, and I read the New Testament through in three days. I read 114 chapters in one day. I am now past the 60 mark in age, and it is my desire to live for God all the days of my life—not only to read His Word, but to live it too."—*Mrs. Eva V. McGuffin.*

CASTLE ROCK, WASH.—

"I had intended to read the Bible through for years, but didn't. Now that you have a reminder each week in the *Evangel*, I am happy to say I am doing just that. I really have enjoyed reading the Bible, putting together the bits and pieces I have learned over the years. It's been a real challenge for me."—*Mrs. Q. L. Moody.*

NORTH VERNON, IND.—

"I determined to read the Bible through in 1962, even before there was so much said about it. I started to read in three different places in the Bible—Genesis, Psalms, and Matthew. I read three chapters from each of these places, making nine chapters a day. Then I increased my reading to ten chapters a day from each place—30 chapters a day. By the end of February I had read the entire Bible. I am reading it again in the same manner."—*Mrs. Pauline E. McCoy.*

MAUSTON, WIS.—

"I am writing a few lines to let you know that I have just finished reading my Bible through (May 26). It never grows old to me. I get a better understanding of it every time I read it. My pastor, Charles H. Belkstrom, gave me an achievement card in recognition of my reading the Bible through."—*Seth Teed.*

TAMPA, FLA.—

"I am almost 70 years old and have been reading the Bible through each year for about twenty years. I started doing this when the Sunday school quarterlies included a plan for reading the Bible through.

"I have taught an adult class for the last twenty years, and I encourage the people to read the whole Bible. No words can express what the Word of God has come to mean to me."—*Mrs. James N. Ford.*

ARLINGTON, VA.—

"I have often thought of writing you to thank you for the lovely, helpful editorials in the *Evangel*. I have read the Bible through at least 23 times, but, since my eyes

are not as good as they used to be, I can only do a small amount of reading now. There are peculiar trials for the aged, but I know the Lord is able. I am looking forward to my heavenly Home with my precious Lord."—*Janet Blower.*

STIGLER, OKLA.—

"I started reading the Bible just after the first of the year and have read it through (May 2). I did the same thing last year. I am now 72 years old and was saved back in 1915 under the ministry of Brother 'Jake' Miller. I have belonged to the Assemblies of God church since that time and love to read the *Evangel.*"—*H. H. Smith.*



BIBLE READATHON—Wanda Shows from Natchez, Miss. participated in the round-the-clock Bible reading at Evangel College, which was part of the college's "Read It Through in '62" program. The 120 students read at thirty-minute intervals and completed reading the Bible in 65 hours and 37 minutes.

15th Annual PFNA Conference to Meet in Los Angeles



J. A. Cross

The 15th annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America will meet in Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, Calif. October 30, -November 1.

Following the theme from Colossians 3:11, "Christ—All in All," nine speakers will present various phases of the Pentecostal message in relationship to Christ.

James A. Cross, general overseer of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tenn., and chairman of the PFNA, will be the opening speaker on Tuesday, October 30, at 10:30 A.M. Each morning service will be preceded by an hour of personal testimonies at 9:30 A.M.

led by Howard P. Courtney, vice president and general supervisor of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.

In addition to morning and afternoon preaching services there will be tarrying meetings and prayer for the sick. A special missionary film will be shown each evening at 7 P.M., just before the 7:45 P.M. service.

The evening speaker on Tuesday will be Bennie S. Triplett, program director for the radio voice of the Church of God. The Wednesday and Thursday night speakers will be chosen by the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel respectively.

Preconvention PFNA Youth Commission and Missionary Commission services will be held on Monday preceding the convention.

All requests for information and housing should be sent to the chairman of the local committee, Earl W. Dorrance, 3419 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.



PLAN WORLD CONFERENCE—Members of the Advisory Committee met May 9-10 in Hamburg, Germany, to lay plans for the 1964 World Pentecostal Conference which will be held June 23-28 in Helsinki, Finland. Committee members shown in picture are (left to right): Front Row—Howard P. Courtney, U.S.A.; Donald Gee, England; Lewi Pethrus, Sweden; and Gayle F. Lewis, U.S.A. Back Row—Veikko Manninen, Finland, (son of Eino Manninen, committee secretary, who could not be present); James A. Cross, U.S.A.; Walter McAlister, Canada; Oiva Karna, Finland; and Paul Rabe, Germany. The theme of the conference will be "World Evangelism." Services will be held in a tent seating 12,500.

"Pentecostal Forest" Half Planted in Israel



Pastors Hunziker and Steiner of Switzerland planting the first trees of the Pentecostal Forest in Israel.

The collecting of funds for the planting of a forest in Israel, resulting from the decision of the World Pentecostal Conference in Jerusalem in 1961, has been going on in several countries. Thus far, funds have been donated for about 4,700 trees (Jerusalem fir trees), giving a start toward the goal of at least 10,000 trees within the next year. Switzerland alone has donated 2,200 trees. (These figures are from reports in May, 1962.)

The planting of the "Pentecostal Forest" about seven miles west of Jerusalem was inaugurated with a dedication ceremony on March 28. About seventy were present, including a delegation from the Swiss Pentecostal Mission and missionaries from Canada, Finland, France, Great Britain, Sweden, Switzerland, and U.S.A.

Pastor Leonard Steiner of Basel, Switzerland, was in charge of the dedication service. It was a solemn moment when he read passages from Ezekiel and Isaiah, causing God's Holy Word to resound over the hills of Judea. Brother Steiner gave a short dedication address, emphasizing the spiritual side of the act. He said the forest represents faith in the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Israel.

The culminating point in the service came when Pastor Hunziker of Geneva led in the dedication prayer, calling down the blessing of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob on the mountains and on the people that will settle in this region. When the "amen" was pronounced there were many wet eyes. The official representatives present from the State of Israel appeared moved also.



A section of the group taking part in the dedication ceremony on the hills of Judea.

Evangelism **BREAKTHROUGH**

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CARTHAGE, ILL.—A two-week revival meeting was recently conducted at Calvary Assembly of God by Evangelist Danny Betzer of Springfield, Mo. On the night of the sectional C. A. rally a number of young people sought the Lord for salvation and rededication. The revival spirit is still evident, as souls are being saved in the Sunday school and in the regular services.

—D. E. Skiles, Pastor

DAYTON, OHIO—Bethel Temple recently concluded a ten-night revival with Evangelist Tommy Barnett. The attendance was excellent, and each service was unusually blessed with the presence of the Lord. Several persons received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and others were refilled. On Palm Sunday more than 125 attended a combined Sunday school

class of young people between the ages of 13 and 25, and 20 decisions for Christ were made. Twenty were baptized in water.

—Cyril E. Homer, Pastor

PLATTEVILLE, WIS.—The Assembly of God Church here is happy to report a recent revival with Evangelist Robert A. Paul. Seven persons came to the altars for salvation during these special services.

—Peter Brayko, Pastor

MANHATTAN, KANS.—One young lady with rheumatic fever felt a definite healing touch from God on the closing night of a revival conducted at the Assembly of God Church here by Evangelist Ray Eskelin. Eleven students from the Manhattan Bible College attended these services, and there

was a keen interest in the baptism of the Holy Spirit as several people received this wonderful in-filling.

—Ernie Camery, Pastor

DYERSBURG, TENN.—All ages were challenged to increased efforts in soul winning at the First Assembly of God here during a recent evangelism crusade conducted by Evangelist William E. Kirschke. People of various denominations attended the crusade.

—J. E. Tucker, Pastor

CLEARWATER, FLA.—At least 30 conversions were recorded during a revival at the First Assembly of God here conducted by Evangelist Tommy Barnett. Many who were saved during the services were baptized in water and united with the church following the revival.

—A. L. Shell, Jr., Pastor

AUBURN, WASH.—Children seven years of age as well as persons over 70 were baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit during a recent four-week revival conducted at the Assembly of God Church by Evangelist Marvin Moe. Over 40 persons accepted Christ as Saviour or were reclaimed, and nearly the same number were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Outstanding healings were also reported.

—James W. Nicholson, Pastor

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Local newspapers, television and radio stations gave coverage to the revival services conducted recently at the Southside Assembly of God by Evangelists Jimmy and Carol Snow. Approximately 60 persons accepted Christ as their Saviour, and five received the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Prayers for the

150 Saved or Reclaimed During Meeting in Rock Island, Ill.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.—Bethel Assembly became the center of a great outpouring during a four-week meeting with the Musical "Vanns" Evangelistic Party. Originally scheduled for two weeks the meetings were extended because of the special moving of the Holy Spirit upon the services—the greatest in years. By the end of the meetings, more than 150 were either saved or reclaimed. The Spirit of God moved in such a

wonderful way that several received the baptism in the Holy Spirit while seated in the audience. Capacity crowds attended each night and there were more than 300 first-time visitors. The mighty flood-tide of salvation brought entire families to the Lord. The sweet touch of the Holy Spirit, plus the evangelists' burden for souls, proved to be just what was needed in the church.

—George W. Clark, Pastor



Bethel Assembly of God, Rock Island, Ill., was the scene of a great revival with the A. R. Vander Ploegs. George W. Clark is pastor.



Congregation at Bethel Assembly during the Vander Ploeg meeting.



Some of the individuals who were saved or reclaimed.

sick were blessed in an unusual manner with testimonies of God's healing power. The attendance was unusually good with over four hundred visitors present.

—J. B. Davis, Pastor

CHERRY TREE, PA.—There were 141 present in Sunday school at Kinport Assembly of God during the opening Sunday of a revival conducted by the Busse Team of New York City. Many consecrations were made, several persons were saved, and others received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. —C. L. Hundley, Pastor

NEVADA, MO.—Four new members were received into the fellowship of First Assembly of God Church here on Easter Sunday following a revival conducted with Evangelist and Mrs. E. L. Damron of Climax Springs, Mo. Several testified to definite healings as a result of these services.

—Floyd L. Dennis, Pastor

DENHAM SPRINGS, LA.—First Assembly of God here recently concluded a four-week revival with Evangelist C. C. Pontious of Broken Arrow, Okla. Thirty persons accepted Christ as their Saviour, and approximately 18 received the baptism with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday school attendance record was broken with 19 more persons attending Sunday school than had attended previously.

—Lloyd McGuire, Pastor

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—One of the most outstanding things about a revival recently conducted at Island Home Assembly of God with Evangelist Ed Vibbert of Indianapolis, Ind., was the attendance. Fifteen persons came forward for salvation, 11 received the baptism with the Holy Spirit, and on the last Sunday night of the revival 23 persons joined the church.

—J. W. Jordan, Pastor

ELIZABETH, N. J.—During April Evangel Church conducted a revival campaign with the Sunshine Party and Bruce Thum. The attendance was far above normal for the area, and many visited the church for the first time. A number of persons came to the altar for salvation and many, both young and old, reconsecrated their lives to the Lord.

—Frederick H. Huber, Pastor

WEED, CALIF.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God enjoyed a two-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Fred Byers of Brooks, Oreg. Several persons received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and others

were refilled. God moved especially upon the young people of the church, burdening them for more prayer and consecration.

—Donald Trimmer, Pastor

MOBILE, ALA.—Evangelist Grant Daniel of Montgomery, Ala., recently concluded a revival meeting at the Cedar Point Road Assembly of God here. Two persons received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—Jack Fowler, Pastor

JERSEY SHORE, PA.—An all-time high of 128 was set in Sunday school attendance on Easter Sunday during a recent revival conducted at the Assembly of God here with the Musical Olshevskis. Attendance was near capacity in many services. Six persons accepted Christ as their Saviour.

—Jack Provard, Pastor

MAURICEVILLE, TEX.—April 29 marked the closing date of a revival at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Charles Hyde. Two persons accepted Christ as Saviour and one was reclaimed. Two others received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and one was refilled. The revival was a spiritual uplift especially for the young people of the church.

—Lee M. Joiner, Pastor



TEXAS CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED

FREWAY-VIDOR, Tex.—The Vidor Assembly of God church, a memorial to the late W. A. Petty, will be dedicated on Sunday, July 15. The dedication will be followed by two weeks of camp meeting.

Brother Petty passed away on Easter Sunday in 1961. Pastor Dorothy Petty, widow of the former pastor, will be in charge of arrangements for the dedication and camp meeting.

PLAINVIEW, TEX.—Morning prayer meetings were the outgrowth of a recent three-week revival just concluded at the Southside Assembly of God Church here which was conducted by Evangelist Clyde Powell of Mesa, Ariz. During the revival people were saved, baptized with the Holy Spirit, and healed. One visitor has been saved during a morning prayer meeting following the revival.

—M. W. Putnam, Pastor

LUBBOCK, TEX.—An all-time Sunday school record was broken on Easter Sunday with 320 present during a three-week revival at Northside Assembly of God conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Merritt of Atlanta, Ga. During these services more than 30 persons either accepted Christ as their Saviour, were reclaimed, baptized in the Holy Spirit, or refilled. Many others received healing.

—Scott Mitchell, Pastor

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Excel	A/G	June 24-July 8	Grant Daniel	John Wm. Sowell
	Yarbo	*A/G	July 3—	Bobby Jackson	Leland Todd
Ark.	Cabot	A/G	July 15-29	Howard Watkins	T. G. Jenkins
	Fayetteville	First	July 15—	J. W. & Mrs. Walker	Wayne Danner
	Fort Smith	New Bethel	July 3-8	Bob & Jeri Winford	Merle Harris
	Natural Dam	Grandview	July 8—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	Doyle Crane
Calif.	Carlsbad	Gospel Tab.	July 15-22	J. G. Hall	Philip A. Zimmerman
	Fillmore	**Pentecostal	July 10-15	Virgil & Edythe Warens	N. E. Carlson
	Oakdale	Bethel	July 11-15	John French	Gordon Swanson
	San Jose	Calvary Temple	July 11-16	Ernie Eskelin	T. Kermit Jeffery
Colo.	Brush	A/G	July 1-15	Musical Mathans	Paul Baugher
Fla.	Baker	Shady Grove	July 11-15	Grant Daniel	Albert Vickers
	Miami	Christian	July 15-29	Roland Blount	M. Q. Spencer
Ga.	Douglas	First	July 8—	E. J. Stufflebeem	J. C. Walker
Iowa	Conrad	A/G	July 15-20	Charles Senechal	George Mosby
Kans.	Kansas City	First	July 15-29	Bob & Lillian Watters	U. S. Grant
La.	Venice	First	July 1-13	Franklin A. Burns	Gayle D. Erwin
Minn.	Menahga	***A/G	July 8-13 (a.m.)	Victor Etienne	Vernon D. Peterson
	Wadena	***A/G	July 8-13 (p.m.)	Victor Etienne	Sherman Buschow
Mo.	Brighton	***Highway	July 15—	T. T. Ward	C. J. Greer
	Canton	A/G	July 10-15	Norman & Evelyn Hays	Marvin Nichols
N. Y.	Lyons/Newark	*A/G	July 10-22	John Wesley Briscoe	R. L. Kleinstauber, Chm.
N. C.	Greensboro	Third	July 8-15	Jim & Tammy Bakker	Herman Nichelson
	Hertford	A/G	July 10-22	Robert J. Price	Albert A. Eller
Ohio	Columbus	***Calvary Temple	July 15-29	Eddie Wilson	L. E. Loretz
	Napoleon	A/G	July 9-15	Jack Stewart	Ralph L. Palmer
Okla.	Seminole	First	July 11, 15	Paul M. Wells	Paul Savage
Oreg.	Ashland	*A/G	June 18-July 15	Fuchsia T. Parrish	Robert Cornwall
Pa.	Easton	**A/G	July 9-15	Mrs. Robert Beisel	Conrad Schaefer
	Irwin	**Pentecostal	July 10-15	Musical Wellards	Samuel Weidler
	Philadelphia	Highway Mission	July 15-29	Tommy Barnett	W. Howard Roberson
Tex.	Albany	A/G	July 15-22	Franklin A. Burns	W. A. Stanley
	Houston	Fairbanks	July 15	Melvin McKnight	Charles Taylor
	Orange	First	July 15-29	Mike Wright Family	C. J. Shields
Va.	Wytheville	-A/G	July 8—	Don Logan	G. C. Elliott
Wash.	Wenatchee	**First	July 10-15	Christian Hild	John J. Clement
Mexico	Mazatlan, Sinaloa	N. Dist. Council	July 11-13	Lloyd Perera	Don Fullerton, Miss.

*Union Tent Revival **Children's Revival ***Youth Revival ****Brush Arbor Revival

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CAMPUS COLUMN

Hardy W. Steinberg
NATIONAL EDUCATION SECRETARY

NBC Construction Program Continues

KIRKLAND, WASH.—Ground-breaking ceremonies were held recently on the campus of Northwest Bible College at the site of the new food service building, officially marking the beginning of construction. This will be the second of two new buildings being erected on the NBC campus.

Participating in the ceremonies were members of the college administration, the board of directors, and the campus planning commission. The ground-breaking shovels were manned by four representative individuals: B. P. Birkeland, representing the alumni association and the planning commission; Dean John W. Lackey representing the faculty; H. J. Secrist, construction superintendent; and Lowell Wood, vice president of the associated student body.

In his remarks President C. E. Butterfield stated that the campus was brought into being by divine bestowment as an instrument in fulfilling the divine call of God upon the college.

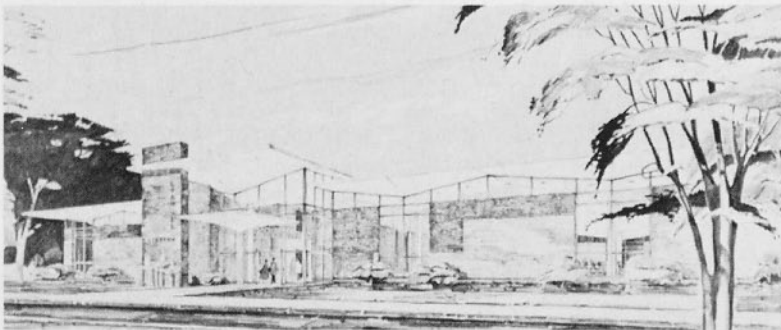
The men's residence building is already under construction. The two new structures will be the eighth and ninth buildings respectively to be erected on the new campus since 1959.



Ground breaking for new food service building on NBC campus was a joyous occasion. Left to right: Lowell Wood, John W. Lackey, B. P. Birkeland, and H. J. Secrist.



George Hicks (seated, fifth from left), architect for the new Evangel College library building explains the floor plan of the building to officers of the Council of Evangel College. Seated, left to right: Sam Monzingo, secretary; Al Rediger, president; Bill De Witt, south central regional vice president; Murle Webster, treasurer; Hicks; Vernalee Wofford, public relations staff member; and Grant Wacker, executive secretary. Standing, left to right: Charles Young, northwest regional vice president; Oscar Love, north central regional vice president; and L. P. Safford, northeast regional vice president. The Council of Evangel College is underwriting the cost of this building.



Architect's drawing of the new Evangel College library. The building is planned so that the north wing will be used as an auditorium until a permanent chapel can be built.

Permanent Building Goes Up at Evangel

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Construction of the new \$190,846 Evangel College library building began May 7. The structure is scheduled to be completed by November 2.

The building is planned so that the north wing will be used as an auditorium until a permanent chapel can be built. The south wing will be used immediately for stacks and reading room. Eventually the entire building will be occupied by the library.

The roof system will utilize the hyperbolic paraboloid inverted umbrella type construction. It will be the first building in Springfield to use this design with structural elements of reinforced concrete.

There will be a continuous band of windows around the top of the walls, shaded by the roof overhang. In addition, vertical glass

panes will reveal the hyperbolic paraboloid structural elements, to display the basic beauty of the design.

The "Stone of Faith," which contains the names of those who have made major contributions to the college since its foundation, will be built into the new library.

Capacity of the new library will be 30,000 books. When the entire building is converted to library use, it will have room for 100,000 volumes.

Cost of the library building is being paid by the Council of Evangel College, an organization of Assemblies of God business and professional men whose members are scattered throughout the United States. The college board of administration, headed by President J. Robert Ashcroft, is serving as the building committee.

Bethany Bible College Plans Expansion

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.—At the recent Northern California and Nevada District Council in Sacramento, Calif., the Bethany Bible College Corporation unanimously approved joint recommendations of college president C. C. Burnett and the college board of trustees for a two-phase expansion program costing approximately \$245,000.

The program includes conversion of the present camp-meeting tabernacle into a multi-purpose, year-around auditorium, and the construction of a new dormitory to house one hundred additional students.

Construction costs for converting the tabernacle are estimated at \$95,000. The sloping floor will be leveled to seat 700 on the main floor. Bleachers will extend from the floor upward on three sides of the proposed auditorium to accommodate 1,050 additional persons, bringing the total seating capacity to 1,750. The main floor will also be used for a gymnasium and related activities.

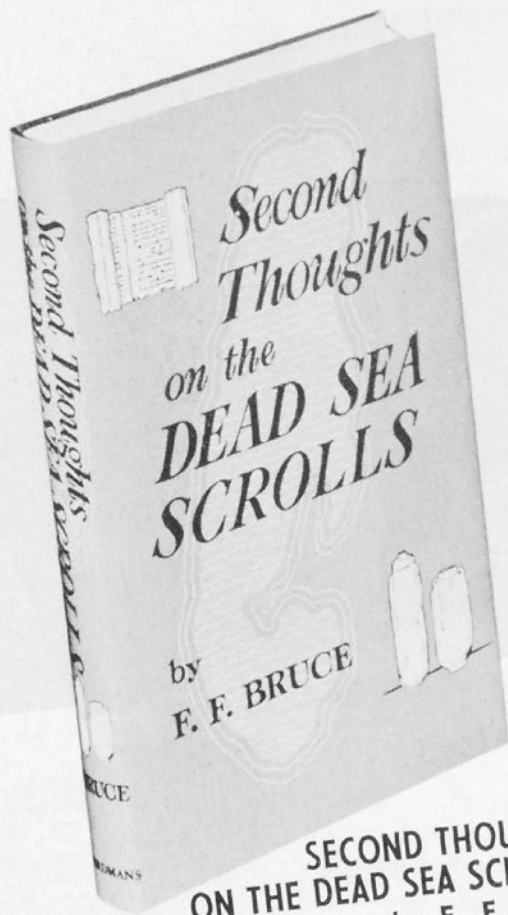
The stage area of the auditorium will be shell-shape in design to afford the best of surroundings for musical presentations, baccalaureate and commencement services, and similar occasions.

The present gymnasium which occupies the rear of the building will be divided into several small classrooms on a two-level arrangement. Installation of removable walls on the lower level will permit easy conversion of those rooms into a spacious prayer room accessible from the auditorium proper. The prayer room will be used during summer camp meetings.

Because of the additional classrooms provided in the new arrangement, it will be possible to remodel the present library allowing for twice its current capacity.

Construction on the multipurpose auditorium is expected to begin early this fall.

The second phase of the expansion program involves the erection of a new dormitory building on campus across the street from the student center. Construction costs for the proposed two-story structure are estimated at \$150,000. Plans and architects' drawings have not yet been finalized, but it is hoped that details of the project may be completed and work begun soon after remodeling is completed on the multipurpose auditorium.



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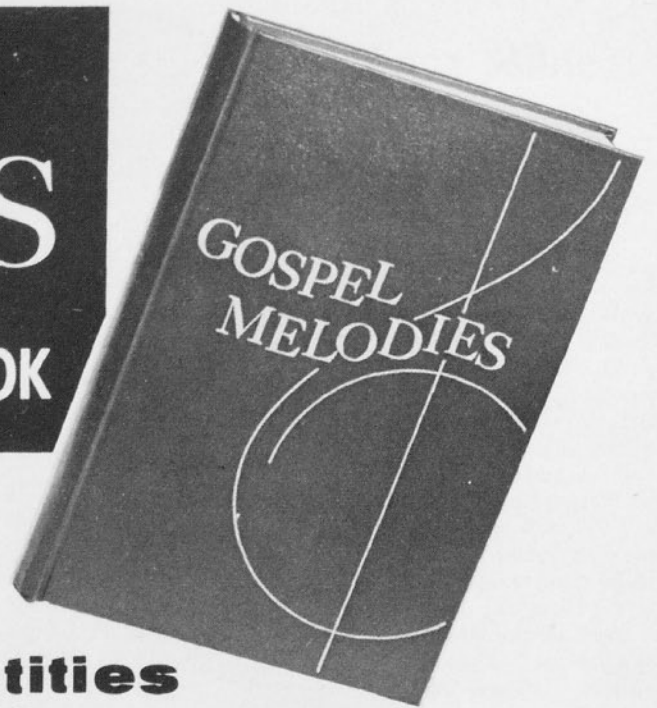
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'Can You Tell Me the Way to Heaven?'



LET ME TELL YOU A STORY. IT HAPPENED IN FRANCE during the First World War.

Shells were bursting all around. Presently there was a black cloud as pieces of shrapnel came whizzing past. Poor Bert fell like a log. Tiny Jim (6 feet 3 inches) jumped down beside him and then returned to his place in the trench.

Suddenly there was a startled cry, "Can you tell me the way to heaven?" Tiny jumped down again. "The way to heaven? I'm sorry, buddy, I don't know the way, but I'll ask the other fellows."

He returned to the fire step and walked along to the next man and asked him, but he did not know. So he went on to the man beyond him, but he did not know either.

Jumping down, he walked around the trench into the

next fire bay, jumped on the fire step, and inquired of the third man. Then he went to others until he had asked seven men the same question, but none of them knew the way to heaven.

Leaving that part of the trench, he went on to the next. His question was always the same, "Bert is dying. He wants to know the way to heaven. Can you tell him the way?" He had now asked sixteen men, but not one of them could answer his question, though they had all come from a so-called Christian country.

Finally Tiny Jim reached a machine gunner sitting alone with his gun, his eyes glued on the enemy lines. The gunner felt a thump on his back and then heard a voice shouting, "Gunner, there is a fellow in our company who has been hit. He's dying and he wants to know the way to heaven. Can you tell him the way?"

The machine gunner turned around and a smile lit up his face. "Yes," he said, "I know the way, but I cannot get along the trench. I dare not leave my gun. But wait." He thrust his hand into his pocket and pulled out a little Testament. Quickly turning over the pages, he said, "Look, there is the way to heaven, that verse there—John 3:16. I'll turn the leaves back, you put your thumb on that verse, and tell him THAT is the way to heaven."

Quickly Tiny Jim rushed back. He jumped down beside Bert, who lay so still that for a moment he thought he had gone. He touched his shoulder. "I've got it, Bert," he exclaimed. "Here it is, the way to heaven—John 3:16, 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'"

Poor Bert's eyes were wide open now. He was drinking in every word. What a scene it was—Tiny Jim kneeling on the bottom of the trench, his great hand holding the little Testament, the tears running down his cheeks, reading again and again those life-giving words in the ears of Bert.

A look of peace came over the face of the dying man as he kept gasping out "whosoever." After a bit he lay quiet and still again. Tiny Jim got back on the firing step. All at once he called out, "Look, fellows!" And there was Bert. With one last great effort he had raised himself up. He seemed to be gazing at the little piece of blue sky just visible from the trench. His hands were stretched toward it. His face lit up with angelic glory, and with one last gasp, "whosoever," he fell back dead.

Yes, Bert had found the way to heaven. What a change! One moment he was in a trench on the battlefield, the next with Christ. What about you? Have you, too, found the way? If not, read the verse again. It is the greatest verse in the Bible. Then open your heart to the Lord Jesus Christ and accept Him as your own personal Saviour.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). This is indeed the way to heaven.

"Whosoever" meant Bert and it means you too. God gave His Son that you might not perish but have everlasting life, if only you will believe on Him. Have you accepted Him by faith as your Saviour? Do so—and do it now. ❖