

THE PENTECOSTAL evangel

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

A Proclamation

We, the Executive Presbyters of the Assemblies of God, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM January 6-13, 1963, to be a WEEK OF PRAYER to be observed in all the churches of our Fellowship.

BECAUSE of the urgency of the present hour, which demands forceful action by the Church of Jesus Christ, and prayer is our most effective weapon; and

BECAUSE of the moral degeneration in the world, religious declension in Christendom, and spiritual coldness in many hearts; and

BECAUSE of the rising tide of anti-Christian forces, creating barriers to the spread of the gospel; and

BECAUSE of the lost condition of our loved ones, friends, neighbors, fellow-workmen, and mankind everywhere; and

BECAUSE of the signs on the world scene which indicate that time is running out and that the Lord Jesus is coming soon; and

BECAUSE of the commission Christ has given us, which we cannot fulfill without the power of God and the anointing of the Holy Spirit; therefore

LET US PRAY

THAT THERE MAY BE

PREPARATION of hearts and minds—through seeking God and searching the Scriptures;

REPENTANCE—deep and sincere, as individuals and churches turn to God in contrition and dedication;

EXTENSION of the Kingdom of God—both in America and around the world;

INTERCESSION for the lost—those close to our hearts and also those unknown to us, for whom God the Father has equal concern;

EVANGELISM—its torch kindled by a flame from the altar of God, that multitudes will be reached and won to Christ;

RENEWAL of spiritual life—that each member, pastor, evangelist, missionary, educator, official, church, district, and our entire Movement may be renewed in the convictions and experiences which brought the Pentecostal revival in this century.

"Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you" (Hosea 10:12).

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Patrons

In the parable recorded in Luke 16, the rich man said to his steward, "Give an account of thy stewardship." Our Lord will direct the same command to us, so let us examine ourselves to see if we are faithfully discharging our responsibilities as Christian stewards.

Stewardship literally means "the management of the household." As stewards therefore we are called to manage the household of God. What an honor, as well as responsibility, this confers upon each of us!

Too often stewardship is limited by men's thinking to the matter of the money we should contribute to the church as an institution. Stewardship is much more than this; it is the investing of our whole life for God. It is letting God have His way in our lives. It is living in conformity with God's plan.

STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE

David in the 24th Psalm said: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." All belongs to God—not our possessions only, but ourselves. Life itself is a stewardship and God wants us to share it with Him. He is interested in the well-being of His children. He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities and has promised to supply all our needs—temporal, physical, and spiritual. He only asks that, as recipients of these many blessings, we be faithful in our use of them, recognizing that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights."

What a privilege it is to be in partnership with God, for it is a two-way relationship. While we are partners of His, we reap the benefits of having Him as a partner of ours. Surely it is an arrangement that works to our great advantage.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

Each week there is given to each of us the gift of 168 hours to be used as we may choose. Are we faithful stewards of these precious hours or do we squander them carelessly? Benjamin Franklin said, "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff which life is made of." Wasting time is as wrong as wasting money.

Yesterday is a cancelled check; tomorrow is a promissory note; today is the only cash we have. Let us use it wisely.

I have just a little minute,
Only sixty seconds in it;
Forced upon me—can't refuse it,
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it.
I must suffer if I lose it,
Give account if I abuse it:
Just a single little minute
But eternity is in it.

Some of the Lord's stewards have tithed their time as definitely as they have tithed their material income. This suggests to us the question, Do we set aside enough time each week for God? How much time do we spend



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***We cannot be faithful
stewards for Christ without
becoming deeply involved
in the work of His church***

By CHAS. W. H. SCOTT
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IN ONE OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE ROCKEFELLER Foundation the director suggested that the Foundation's supporters were either patrons or partners. The hope was expressed that the patron attitude might become the partner experience.

Thinking about this matter of Christian stewardship as we face a new year, we do well to ask ourselves, Are we patrons of the Gospel or partners of Christ—workers together with Him? January is Workers Training Month and the subject to be studied by our Sunday school workers this year is *stewardship*. We shall discover, as we study the subject, that Christian stewardship involves partnership in the Gospel and not mere patronage.

A patron may give lip service to a cause. He may lend his name to it; may even donate some money to it; but he is merely a benefactor. He gives it a measure of support but does not get deeply involved in the cause. A partner, on the other hand, commits himself fully to it.

God is looking for partners, not patrons. He wants those who, like Caleb, will "wholly follow the Lord"—who will accept the full responsibilities of Christian stewardship and become partners with Omnipotence.

or Partners?

in prayer, worship, studying the Bible, meditating on it, witnessing personally for Christ, and serving others in His Name? We must give an account of our stewardship of time.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENTS

Just as the master in the parable (Matthew 25:14-30) gave talents of silver to his servants, so our Lord has given talents of various kinds to all of us. Some have natural abilities. Others have acquired certain talents as a result of study and training. Regardless of the type of talents we may possess, whether great or small, many or few, if we are good stewards we shall recognize that they are God-given and that they must be used for His glory.

Let us not be like the "wicked and slothful servant" in the parable who buried his talent in the earth. Far too many of God's servants have wrapped their talents in the napkin of selfishness and buried it. If we feel our talents are few, is this any reason why we should say, "Any contribution I could make to God's kingdom would be insignificant; I will not try"? Should we not rather say, "Since my talents seem to be few, I will be diligent to do all I can, for I am determined to be of some service to Him who has done so much for me"!

It is surprising how a few talents, when put to use by faithful stewards, soon multiply! The Lord will give additional talents to those who faithfully use what they have.

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

Jesus taught that "men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). Jesus makes this a continuing responsibility in which you and I as stewards must be faithful.

What a privilege it is to be a partaker of this ministry which occupies so much of our Saviour's time. He is constantly at the right hand of the Father in heaven, interceding for us. He invites us to join Him in prayer for our loved ones, our neighbors, for all men everywhere, for the Church, and for those who are in authority. Prayer is the power that moves the arm of God and digs a channel from the reservoir of His boundless resources to the tiny pools of our lives.

Adelaid A. Pollard well expressed the efficacy of prayer in these beautiful lines:

There is a place where thou canst touch the eyes
Of blinded men to instant perfect sight;
There is a place where thou canst say, "Arise,"
To dying captives, bound in chains of night;
There is a place where thou canst reach the store
Of hoarded gold and free it for thy Lord;
There is a place—upon some distant shore—
Where thou canst send the worker or the Word;
There is a place where heaven's resistless power
Responsive moves to thine insistent plea;
There is a place—a silent trysting hour—
Where God Himself descends and fights for thee.
Where is that blessed place—dost thou ask, "Where"?
O Soul, it is the secret place of prayer.

STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY

All are aware of the fact that the church as an institution must have the support of its members in order to continue to exist. The church cannot do its God-appointed work without money. The divinely given plan is for members to support the church with tithes and offerings.

The Bible tells us of a certain rich man who told the Lord Jesus Christ that he had faithfully kept all the law. Jesus said to him, "Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me" (Luke 18:22). Was his money sinful that he should give it away? No, money is not sinful. Some have misquoted the Scriptures by saying, "Money is the root of all evil." What the Scriptures actually say is, "*The love of money is the root of all evil*" (1 Timothy 6:10). Money is a blessing if handled wisely, but the rich ruler let it get into his heart. Evidently he loved his money too well, for he turned his back on Jesus rather than part with it, and we do not read of him again.

Tithing (that is, paying one tenth of our income to the work of the Lord) is a good way to guard against the perils of avarice. It has been taught and practiced for thousands of years. It was done before the law was given (Genesis 14:21; 28:22). Centuries later it was taught by Moses (Leviticus 27:30). Finally it was approved by the Lord Jesus Himself (Matthew 23:23).

God has promised to prosper those who are faithful stewards of their income. His challenge to His people is recorded in Malachi 3:10—"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Tithing gives us a way to acknowledge the fact that God owns all we possess. It brings us great spiritual blessing. It makes us partners in the ongoing work of the church. Whether our contributions be large or small, we all have an equal share in financing the great program of the Gospel if we faithfully and regularly bring our tithes to the Lord.

Let us rededicate ourselves to be diligent stewards of the household of faith throughout this new year. Let us give our time, our talents, our energies, our possessions, and life itself to the service of Christ—not as patrons but as partners—so that when we see Him we may hear Him say to us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matthew 25:21). ❧

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty.

Proverbs 11:24

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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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Advancing in 1963

The Church advances only on her knees. As we face the new year it is well to realize that the amount of solid progress we shall make in gospel work in the months ahead, if Jesus tarries, will be in exact proportion to the measure of our praying. It is appropriate, therefore, that our emphasis during the first full week of 1963 should be on prayer.

As we go to our knees and observe the Week of Prayer we should bear in mind the fact that God measures our prayers by weight rather than by volume. The Lord will be pleased if we spend protracted periods of time seeking His face, and He will be pleased if we pray in the Holy Ghost until we are moved to strong cryings and tears. When His people pray loud and long, He pays attention and comes down to do His mighty work among them. But let us never forget that when He measures our prayers He will not use a stop watch—nor will He use a sonic meter or seismograph.

God will put our prayers in His scales of truth and He will analyze them to see what motives and meaning they really contain. He examines our prayers to see how much pure love is in them. He tests them to see how strong our desires are. He weighs them to see how sincere we are. For example, if we pray for souls to be saved He will search our hearts to see whether we desire their salvation earnestly enough to witness to them and to work with them lovingly, patiently, until they are won to Christ.

The men of our Movement are challenged by the *Action Mandatory* program which began on New Year's Eve and continues until March 31. "Win men at work" is their slogan. During the Week of Prayer the MF members will pray for specific individuals who need to be saved. Let the men remind themselves that prayer alone will not get a workmate saved. Only a genuine love, an individual concern, and a day-by-day witness of Christian living will do the job.

The young people likewise are challenged to put legs on their prayers in the "Operation Saturation" campaign. During the Week of Prayer the C.A.'s will have opportunity not only to intercede for their unsaved schoolmates but also to offer them a gospel booklet entitled *Chicken*. Gospel literature, personal witnessing, and earnest prayer will prove to be an irresistible combination that God will use to win thousands of young people.

Prayer without evangelism is powerless. And evangelism without prayer is fruitless. Both are needed. Said B. H. Pearson: "From the day of Pentecost there has not been one great spiritual awakening in any land which has not begun in a union of prayer, though only among two or three. No such outward, upward movement has continued after such prayer meetings have declined; and it is only in exact proportion to the maintenance of such joint and believing supplication and intercession that the Word of the Lord in any land or locality has had free course and been glorified."

Therefore, let us pray and let us mean what we say to God. The Lord Jesus gives us this promise: "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done..." (Matthew 18:19). If we really want revival and will pray unitedly for it, God will send it. He will work with us if we will work with Him, trusting Him with all our hearts and serving Him with all our strength.

—R.C.C.

WHY WORRY?

Worry is a little stream of fear trickling through the soul. Faith will dry up this annoying stream.

Worry never blesses anybody. It upsets our digestion. It robs us of sleep. It makes us irritable. It destroys our peace. It embitters us.

If we are children of God, let us quit worrying. Why should we worry when we can pray?

—*War Cry*

MARRED PETITIONS

Bob Richards, the pole-vaulting champion, is an outspoken Christian. When asked if he prayed before each contest, he said: "I have always prayed in competitions—not to win, but that God would help me to do my best."

This is true prayer. How often have our petitions been marred by selfish interests, by self-made plans, or preconceived ideas! The purpose of prayer is not to bend God to *our* will but to discover *His* will. Not to achieve our ambition, but to bow to His purpose and plan for us. Not to tell God what to do, but to say, "What wilt Thou have me to do?"

—AARON LINFORD, in *Redemption Tidings*

From Glory unto Glory

From glory unto glory! Be this our joyous song.
As on the King's own highway we bravely march along.
From glory unto glory! O word of stirring cheer,
As dawns the solemn brightness of another glad New Year!

The fullness of His blessing encompasseth our way;
The fullness of His promises crowns every brightening day.
The fullness of His glory is beaming from above.
While more and more we learn to know the fullness of His love.

O let our adoration for all that He hath done
Peal out beyond the stars of God, while voice and life are one;
And let our consecration be real and deep and true,
O even now our hearts shall bow and joyful vows renew.

Now onward, ever onward, from strength to strength we go,
While grace for grace abundantly shall from His fullness flow,
To glory's full fruition, from glory's foretaste here,
Until His very presence crown our happiest New Year.

—*Frances Ridley Havergal*

A COSTLY EXPERIMENT

"I want you to spend fifteen minutes every day praying for foreign missions," said a pastor to a youth group. "But beware how you pray, for I warn you that it is a very costly experiment."

"Costly?" they asked in surprise.

"Yes, costly," he said. "When Carey began to pray for the conversion of the world, it cost him himself, and it cost those who prayed with him very much. Brainerd prayed for the dark-skinned savages, and after two years of blessed work it cost him his life.

"To be sure, it is a dangerous thing to pray in earnest for this work. You will find that you cannot pray and withhold labor; you cannot pray and withhold money. Your life will no longer be your own when your prayers begin to be answered."

—*Redemption Tidings*



HOW IS YOUR PRAYER TRACK?

In a certain West African village the native Christians had no privacy for prayer in their huts. So each Christian would go off to the bush, behind his hut, for seasons of prayer.

After a while there was a worn track from the hut to the place of prayer. Then if it ever happened that the track became overgrown from want of use, another Christian villager would admonish his neighbor, "Brother, there is grass covering your prayer track."

TELLTALE SHOES

"Show me the toes of your shoes, and I shall know how much you pray," said an old saint of God.

If you kneel for a few minutes, the toes of your shoes will have faint creases and a slight upward curve. Spend hours on your knees and the marks will become more pronounced. But the surest sign will be in your daily life.

Prayer habits leave unmistakable imprints on the heart and mind. The more time is dedicated to prayer, the stronger will be the evidence.

Therefore, do not neglect to pray. Your daily walk—as well as your shoes—will tell the difference. Those who pray as Christ prayed will walk as He walked—showing all humility, compassion, and love. They will be ever swift and zealous to do His will.

—F. HELEN JARVIS

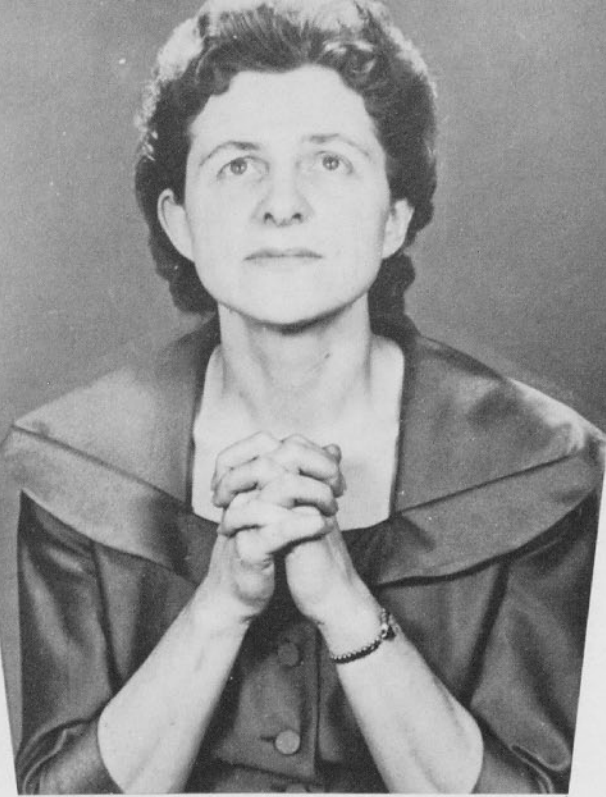
TODAY'S GOOD WORD

A new year is here; an old one has passed! A new era is about to dawn upon a troubled world. Its birth pangs are severe. An old age is dying—earth trembles and suffers in the death throes. God is moving in history—moving in a mysterious way toward the accomplishment of His wonders!

Our hearts are hushed; our idle words are silenced; our lips are often still. But our ear is open—open heavenward. God is speaking to those who have ears to hear. He is saying that the advent of His holy King is at the doors! And eager hearts are crying, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

As we wait we remember His words, "Occupy till I come." The Bible tells us that "now" is the accepted time. Now! Thank God for that good word. Not yesterday, for it is gone, with all its opportunities, its failures, its fears. Nor *tomorrow*—for tomorrow is not promised. Only today is ours for certain. What a wealth of opportunity it affords. The kind words we would say, the unselfish deeds we would do, the loads we would lighten, the prayers we would utter, the souls we would win, the offerings we would make as fragrant ointment poured out before our Lord—what we would do we must do today, for *now* is the time that is acceptable with Him!

—ZELMA ARGUE



THERE'S POWER IN PRAYER

*The intercessor stands between
the dead and the living.*

*In his hands he may hold the fate
of his own family and friends.*

By L. A. MESSICK
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THE POWER OF PRAYER IS PORTRAYED VERY DRAMATICALLY in a story that is recorded in Numbers 16. The plague was spreading throughout the camp of the Israelites until Aaron intervened and, through his intercession with God, blocked its onward sweep.

The Israelites deserved to die. They had taken sides

with Korah in his rebellion against God's appointed leaders. Then, when God judged Korah's group by letting the earth open up and swallow them, they blamed Moses and Aaron for the people's death!

The Lord was justifiably angry with this murmuring, disobedient people and He said to Moses, "Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them..." But Moses and Aaron did not want to see the people die. They fell on their faces; then Aaron quickly took a censer of sweet incense which he swung to and fro in the midst of the people. Though he was a hundred years old, Aaron literally ran in among the people who were dying of the plague and made atonement for them. "And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed."

Aaron did not stop to think of his own safety. He knew the plague was contagious and deadly; it was spreading fast from tent to tent, but he went in and stood in the midst—between the dying and the living—and the plague ceased to spread.

This is typical of our great High Priest, Jesus Christ. Because He loved men and did not want them to die He came to this earth, identified Himself with man, and gave His own life to deliver us from the awful plague of sin. Having made atonement for man, He ascended to heaven where He ever lives to make intercession for us.

The consequence of sin is far too terrible for our finite minds to understand—so dreadful, in fact, that no one returns from that place of punishment to describe its terrors to us. Once the Lord Jesus drew back the curtain and showed us the terrible plight of a certain rich man in hell, tormented in the eternal flames, begging for a drop of water to cool his tongue.

Christian friend, can you be content to enjoy your religion while men and women of your acquaintance are speeding toward hell? Perhaps there are members of your own family and close friends who are unsaved. Have you contemplated what their eternal fate may be?

Perhaps in your place of employment you are surrounded by men and women who need the Saviour. You may find the surroundings unpleasant. You may be tempted to ask, "Why am I working in this unholy place? Why can't I work among Christians instead?" That would be more pleasant, no doubt, but God loves those sinners among whom you are working. He loves them so much He sent His only begotten Son to die for them; He loves them so much He sent one of His dear children—you—to work among them. He wants you to let your light shine in that dark place—to love those people, to tell them of Him, and to pray for them.

Perhaps you alone are standing between the dead and the living. You alone may be keeping divine judgment from sweeping your workmates, neighbors, or friends into the eternal abode of the wicked.

Does this idea seem too farfetched? I think not. Let me ask a question, "When will the Tribulation come upon the earth?" You will immediately answer that it will come when the church is raptured out of the world—when the "hindering force" is removed. Now apply this thought to your personal position. You may be that very one upon whom these men and women about you are dependent for the measure of security which they

have for the moment. The hope of salvation and of eternity will be lost to them if you fail to stand as their intercessor.

The sinner may think that he has outguessed God because as yet his sin has not resulted in judgment. The "peculiar person" at whom once in awhile he secretly laughs may be more important than he thinks. The very one who does not participate in vain conversation or smutty jokes may be the one that stands between him and eternal punishment. The sinner would do well to heed the voice of God through such lives.

The Christian is not as weak as some may suppose. Consider the effectiveness of Aaron's intercession for the Israelites. The visible sign was a censer of sweet-smelling incense. The golden altar and its incense speaks of the intercession of Christ and is based on sacrifice and atonement. To the believer, it speaks of prayer and service to man. In the hands of a praying saint who dares to believe God, intercession is a powerful instrument.

Note the power of intercession in the experience of Abraham—his earnest pleas for the righteous in the

doomed cities of the plain. He asked God to spare the cities if there were ten righteous persons found dwelling there—and God agreed. Probably Lot and his family would have suffered the same fate as the others in Sodom if Abraham had not prayed.

In the early days of the settling of the West, one of the things most feared was a prairie fire. These fires burned so fiercely that neither man nor horse could outrun them. There was only one hope of safety. That was to start another fire, then follow it over the charred ground and stand where the fire had been. There the holocaust could not touch them.

The Cross is the only place of safety for the sinner. If he will stand where the fire has been—if he will kneel at the place where Christ interposed Himself between him and the destroying fires of certain judgment—he will find salvation.

Christian friend, eternal death threatens the sinner. He will find the way to life only as we point it out to him. We must intercede for him. Do we hear the call of God? Will we stand, like Aaron, "between the dead and the living"?

THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

By MRS. ALFRED JACOB
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Jesus taught that men ought always to pray and not to faint. Oh, that we would "pray without ceasing" until victories are won. There is a fellowship in praying one for another. As we pray for others, He directs others to pray for us.

While I was attending college in Seattle, one evening I dropped to my knees as I usually did before retiring and started to pray. After making the rounds of those I always remembered, I began to pray in an unknown tongue.

As I prayed in this heavenly language, it was not long until a heavy burden came upon me. After an hour or so, my roommate slipped out of bed and knelt beside me. She asked if something were wrong. I answered that I had a burden for someone, but did not feel the battle was won and could not stop praying.

As I continued to seek the Lord, I finally asked Him to reveal the object of my prayers. This He did. That night, unknown to me, one of my instructors at college

was praying with great urgency, waiting upon the Lord, and seeking His will. Oh, how I thanked God that He had chosen me to intercede for that man of God!

God has also those He uses to pray *for* us when we are in need. We were pastoring in a small town in southern Washington. People gave what they could, but our offerings were small. Our boy needed a pair of shoes. For several weeks I had told my husband, "Maybe *next* week we can get him a pair of shoes." Then finally I decided we had better make it a matter of prayer.

A few days later a letter came from a lady in Delaware. We had never met her nor had we heard from her before. She said that God had placed on her heart a burden for us, and she felt impressed to send us a check for twenty-five dollars. This was the first time anything like this had ever happened to us, and we were so thrilled with what God had done. This lady continued to pray for us. And when we needed prayer, we never told her, but God did!

One morning I was very discouraged. My husband lay in bed unable to walk because of a back injury. In addition to all the care of one who was bedfast, I had tried to keep things going in the church and home. We had two small children and our washing machine broke down. I myself felt so ill that it was difficult to get up that morning, but God was there with me. He said that He would never leave or forsake us!

He caused some dear friends who pastored twenty-eight miles from us to come our way. What a blessing and encouragement they were. While they were visiting us, the lady from Delaware called and said: "I don't know what is wrong. But I felt something awful was wrong, so I called my prayer-partner in New York. She is praying now and I have called to find out what is the matter."

To think that God cared for us so much that He spoke to these people to help and to pray for us. We
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Many Christians wonder when God does not answer their prayers in the affirmative. There is always a reason.

FOR CENTURIES SAINTS HAVE BEEN DISTURBED BY WHAT someone has termed, "The problem of unanswered prayer." Many times, however, the "problem" boils down to this: we term prayers "unanswered" because God, in His great wisdom, has said, "No."

Certainly if you asked someone a question and he replied in the negative, you could not consider your question unanswered. Or, if you requested a favor of a friend, and that friend found it unwise to fulfill your request and told you so, certainly you could not consider your request unanswered. Unfulfilled, yes; unanswered, no.

Christians must recognize that He who sees the end from the beginning knows when it is best to withhold that for which we ask. There are spiritual laws which operate in this realm; we should become acquainted with them and understand their importance in our lives.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

"He that soweth to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption."

David found forgiveness from God for committing adultery with Bathsheba, and for the murder of Uriah. But there was a child born to David and Bathsheba from their sinful union, and the prophet of God announced that this child would die.

When the child became violently ill, the Scripture records the fact that "David therefore besought the Lord for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth."

If there was ever a sincere prayer, no doubt it was this one which David prayed, earnestly and contritely. But the Scripture also records that soon after this the child died. God said "No" to David's petition.

David learned that prayer will not always remove the consequences of our sins, even though God has forgiven those sins. There is an eternal law of retribution. If God were to remove the consequences of our sins when He removes the guilt, we might lose sight of the awfulness of sin.

God has obligated Himself to forgive our sins when we cry to Him. But He has never obligated Himself to remove the consequences of our actions. In some cases, in mercy He does; in others, out of His infinite wisdom, He allows us to live with the consequences of our mistakes, knowing we will be better servants of His for it.

DISOBEDIENCE A HINDRANCE

Moses led the children of Israel through forty grueling years in the wilderness. When they finally approached the Land of Promise, the climax of Moses' whole life was at hand. What would be more fitting for the one who had so patiently put up with this self-centered people than for him to lead them victoriously into the land God had given them?

Deuteronomy 3:23-25 records Moses' rehearsal of his prayer to God, asking to be allowed to "go over, and see the good land that is beyond Jordan." He re-



WHEN GOD SAYS, 'NO'

by **RICHARD G. CHAMPION**
C. A. HERALD EDITOR

Prayer

*Pray'r is the soul's sincere desire,
Uttered or unexpressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.*

*Pray'r is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye,
When none but God is near.*

*Pray'r is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try;
Pray'r the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high.*

*Pray'r is the contrite sinner's voice,
Returning from his ways;
While angels in their songs rejoice
And cry, "Behold, he prays!"*

*Pray'r is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gates of death,
He enters heav'n with pray'r.*

*O Thou, by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way;
The path of pray'r Thyself hast trod:
Lord, teach us how to pray!*

—James Montgomery

calls that he "besought" the Lord for this request—an earnest, sincere seeking. But it was Joshua, not Moses, who finally led Israel across the river.

Why wasn't Moses' request granted? The denial stems from one incident in the wilderness—an occasion when Moses, in a fit of temper, publicly smote the rock instead of speaking to it. There was more involved than just this simple act, but it was disobedience that brought disappointment to Moses. His petition was not fulfilled.

God desires our implicit obedience; disobedience will not go unpunished. Our work for Him is meaningless unless it is prompted by a loving, obedient life.

TRIALS A BLESSING

One of the apostle Paul's prayers is recorded in 2 Corinthians 12:8, 9—a request that the "messenger of Satan," Paul's "thorn," be removed. Whether this was a physical infirmity or a supernatural being matters little. It did exist and was a constant test to Paul; perhaps he even felt as if it were limiting his usefulness for God.

When Paul asked God to take away this "thorn" he was persistent: he asked three times. Yet God said "No." Why? What was a source of embarrassment to Paul became a source of strength. It made him keep his trust in God—a constant reminder of his own inabilities, lest he should be tempted to rely on himself. Through this test, Paul was able to bring more glory to God than if the "thorn" had been removed.

We must desire more to bring glory to God than for God to do everything we desire. He may allow us to suffer, to keep us trusting. Let us submit to His will, knowing it is always for our best.

SOMETHING BETTER AHEAD

The prophet Elijah, who prayed down fire from heaven, and whose prayers withheld rain from the earth for

over three years, also made a petition that God did not grant. It is found in 1 Kings 19:4.

Elijah had just come from a great spiritual triumph on Mount Carmel, where he had prayed fire down from heaven. Israel had admitted that the Lord was the true God. Then he had been instrumental in slaying four hundred false prophets and finally prayed down the needed rain. It was a definite victory.

But when wicked Queen Jezebel heard of the happenings, she decided that this prophet must die, so Elijah had to flee for his life. Safely out of the hands of the evil queen, he made his request of God, asking God to let him die.

Obviously, Elijah was not earnest in this prayer, for if he had really wanted to die Jezebel would have been glad to oblige him! His prayer was the prayer of a discouraged worker—the kind that, if granted, would shock us. How wonderful it is that God doesn't always grant the requests we make when we are discouraged.

God didn't let Elijah die, because He had something better for him later. Nowhere in the Bible will you find Elijah's obituary, for God took him to heaven in a whirlwind—he never died. Elijah would have missed this special blessing if God had granted his request. God often withholds the good, and even the better, to give us the best!

The believer has the glorious prospect of going to heaven, as did Elijah, without dying—when the rapture of the saints takes place. So don't ask God to let you die. You may be one whom God chooses to take home without dying. Don't take the good when you can have the best.

When it seems your prayers are not being answered, consider these things: Are you expecting God to remove a consequence of your own foolish actions? Is there sin in your life? It will break the spiritual connections between you and your heavenly Father. Are you more concerned about deliverance from trials and suffering than in bringing glory to God? He may ask you to suffer. Are you being satisfied with the good when God wants you to have the best? Consider your life; evaluate your situation and motives. Then—and always—believe God. However He answers your petitions, you can be sure that this is the right answer for you.

Fellowship of Prayer (Continued from page seven)

were so thankful! Also that day a dear lady from the church came on her time off from her work and asked if she might help with the cleaning. Praise God for the people to whom God can talk!

We are now working in another state, but God is still with us. He continues to speak to us and to put people on our heart, and He also reminds others to pray for us. When a special friend calls me and tells me she has had us on her heart all day, I just say: "Thank you, Jesus. Though we are so insignificant and unworthy, you are still on the throne!"

We live in a very needy world. Let us get on our knees and intercede until the victory comes. James 5:16 says, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man [or woman] availeth much." As you pray for others, you too will be blessed of God!

God never fails



*So says Lois Gretzinger,
a businesswoman in
Ypsilanti, Michigan*

DID YOU EVER GET TO THE END OF YOUR ROPE, AND then have to tie a knot in order to hang on?

This seemed to be the very spot in which Lois Gretzinger of Ypsilanti, Michigan, found herself.

Lois had been a Christian as far back as she could remember. As a faithful member of an Assemblies of God church she tithed, read God's Word, and tried to follow directions the way any housewife does when baking a cake.

Daily she would take her basket of bills and place them on her bed as she went to her room to pray, because God's Word says, "In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." She had plenty of requests—a basket of unpaid bills—and her health was poor due to so much worry.

Lois made use of her hymnbook at devotions, too, because the Bible said she was to make "a joyful noise unto the Lord." At times she raised her hands in praise because she knew somewhere in the Bible the instruction was to "lift holy hands unto the Lord."

But a day came at last when she left the bills on her desk in her living room because she realized that the Lord could see the bills there just as well as if she placed them on the bed!

The never-to-be forgotten climax of her problem came in November, 1952. She had been praying and telling the Lord how hard she had tried to obey Him and His Word. But, she informed Him, today she could not sing—she could not even make a squeak—and she just could not pray even a little prayer.

In her desolation she suddenly was aware of a picture appearing before her very eyes—a picture that was about the size of a TV screen. What she saw was a little black sheep, frightened and bleating, crouched in a corner under a bush. Lightning was flashing and rain was coming down in torrents.

In the midst of the storm she could hear the intermittent "baa, baa" of the little black sheep between claps of thunder. For just a few seconds the picture remained before her vision, and then it was gone. But as it was

disappearing she heard a noise that drew her attention away from the black sheep in the storm. The sound was like that of a garment catching on a bush. She saw an arm reaching out and picking up the frightened lamb.

"I am the little black sheep," she exclaimed in awe. "Oh, how wonderful!" All that day she had the realization that she was being carried in the arms of the Shepherd. She sensed that He was picking ticks out of the wool and giving very close attention to the sheep He held in His strong arms.

The next day she felt a complete change had come in her life. She was on her own feet and she knew it was up to her to follow the Shepherd. She was not to be coddled and carried around all the time. But she also knew that the Lord's arm was not shortened and that she was within reach of it at any time!

From that day on people rapped on her door: "Mrs. Gretzinger, I know you do income taxes and you have a typewriter. Would you fill out some papers for me?"

Others said: "I just can't keep my records straight for Uncle Sam. Would you take care of them and also do my income tax reports?"

Bit by bit her business grew until it became a full-time operation. It now includes secretarial work, transcribing services, bookkeeping, income taxes, photo-copy work, mimeographing, telephone answering and mailing services. (Last year she used 8,500 sheets of copypaper for income tax reports alone. The copies were made from the original tax forms.)

She had dreamed of having a business in her home so that she could take care of her two adopted daughters, Barbara and Sue, as well as her husband who has a heart ailment. Her business now is practically crowding her out of her home!

Lois Gretzinger says: "There are many success stories of Christian businessmen, but it is seldom we hear of Christian businesswomen. I would like the *Evangel* readers to know that God never fails. It is only my faith in Him that keeps me going on. He does bless those who trust Him. I would not part with the experience I had ten years ago for any amount of money." ◆◆

1962—a year of movement

religion in review

By LARRY WARD

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LOOKING BACK OVER THE YEAR THAT IS PAST, ONE thing is certain: 1962 was a year of *movement*.

Early in the year Lt.-Col. John H. Glenn, Jr., rocketed off into the skies to become America's first man in orbit—and millions of people around the globe followed his movement through the uncharted stretches of outer space.

Late in the year American warships moved out into the seas to fence in Cuba with a determined blockade.

And thus it went, as 1962 moved along. Space probings, military ventures, political marches: a year of movement.

In the world of religion, too, 1962 was marked by movement.

Millions in the Church were moved to react as the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its historic verdict banning a Board of Regents-composed prayer in the public schools of the state of New York. Some were moved to righteous indignation, viewing this as a major step in an anti-God movement; others stood up to defend the legal aspects of the High Court's decision.

Church bodies, too, were on the move. Most were moving along in a slow—but steady pace—their progress marked by ever-increasing membership totals and burgeoning construction statistics. Some found their orbits drawing closer together . . . and merger talk (whether fact or fancy) linked the names of such groups as the Evangelical United Brethren and The Methodist Church; the Christian Alliance and the Missionary Church Association; The Presbyterian Church in the U.S. and the Reformed Church in America; plus the inevitable various and sundry Lutheran bodies. There was even the formation of an "unofficial but permanent committee" to explore the linking of the American and Southern Baptist Conventions.

Movement . . . and some were also moved to pray. Missionaries suffered personal hardships to an unusual degree: kidnappings; hospital raids; earthquakes; massacres.

But through it all they found ways of taking advantage of unusual opportunities: witnessing at the Communist-sponsored World Youth Festival in Helsinki; broadening the outreach of radio and journalism in Latin America and Asia; translating the Scriptures into new tongues.

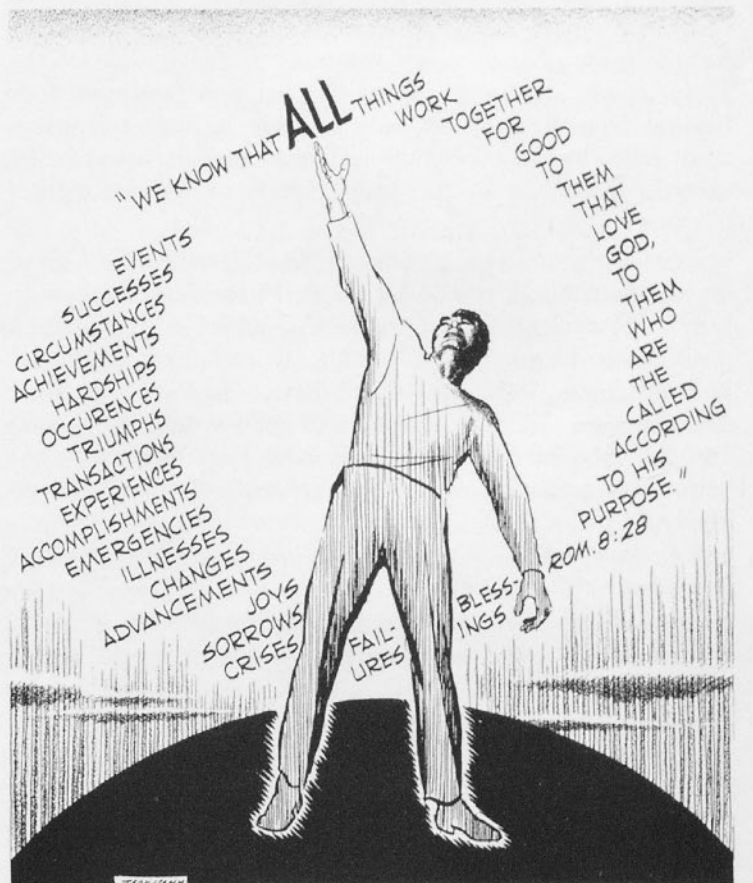
The sun was hot that summer afternoon along Chicago's lakefront . . . but few in the crowd of 116,000 seemed to mind, least of all the 1,729 who moved forward in response to the evangelistic appeal to register their decisions for Christ. (All in all the aggregate attendance for Billy Graham's nineteen-day Chicago crusade exceeded 703,000 . . . and the decision total reached 16,451.)

Movement. All year long . . . For more than a few beloved friends throughout the ranks of evangelicalism, 1962 was the year they moved into the presence of the *One whom they had served so long*. Death, as always, left gaps behind the pulpit and in the classroom and out on the mission field. In the field of evangelical journalism alone, for example, familiar names of well-beloved leaders marked the obituary columns: Clyde Dennis (Good News Publishers); William R. Barbour (Fleming H. Revell); Esther Ellinghusen (Gospel Light Publications); Martin Erikson (*The Standard*, Baptist General Conference).

Movement, movement, movement. Much of it was predictable. Separatists and ecumenicists moved as expected; integrationists and segregationists failed to surprise; the Second Vatican Council made no great headlines because of either its pace or its pronouncements.

There were starts and stops and detours to mark the move of the world of religion in the Year of Our Lord 1962. But close observers of the evangelical movement thought they saw in it all an encouraging measure of advance for the cause of Christ.

They dared to sing it: "Like a mighty army moves the Church of God." ❧



Christ Restores a Withered Hand

Sunday School Lesson for January 13, 1963

MARK 3:1-12

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THE OCCASION OF THE MIRACLE (vv. 1-4)

The Needy Sufferer. When Christ entered into the synagogue, he found there a man with a withered hand. The very presence of this afflicted one was in itself a challenge to those who worshiped there. It also rebuked them for their indifference and powerlessness. And should any church, in which the living Christ desires to be present by His Spirit, ever cease to pray and believe for the afflicted of its number to be healed?

The Heartless Pharisees. "And they watched Him, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath day; that they might accuse Him." What strange words to be said of men who professed to love and worship God! It is plain to see these men had come to the synagogue not to worship, but to criticize. The Pharisees kept their eyes on Jesus, not because they desired His blessing, but to better accuse Him of something they considered to be a violation of the Sabbath.

These men regarded bodily healing to be a purely material and secular matter, and that same mistake is commonly made today. The source of healing for the body is not thought of as being spiritual, but as mere human skill and ingenuity. Yet God revealed Himself in His Word not only as the Creator of the body but, because He *was* the Creator, also as the logical Physician for the body. Again, since the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, it would appear a Christian ought to seek healing from heaven not only because he wants freedom from pain, but also because he feels that his body, being sacred, should be in the holy Hands of its omnipotent Creator!

The Embarrassing Question. "Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill?" How clear Christ made the issue! He was in a position to do good to this man—to heal him. He "that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin," says James 4:17. Not to heal this man would be to sin; and the Son of God could not sin! Furthermore, what better day was there than the Sabbath on which to do good?

The Guilty Silence. "But they held their peace." What else could they do? They dared not say it was lawful to do evil on the Sabbath and yet, under the circumstances, they would not say it was lawful to do good!

The Righteous Emotions (v. 5). According to the Greek tenses employed in the words, "looked round . . . with anger," and "being grieved for the hardness of their hearts," it is evident Christ's anger was temporary, while His grief was continuous. His anger was not born of wounded ego or self-love, but was the result of wrong done to the great heart of God. Christ is angry at sin,

but He is *grieved* because of the hardness of the heart of the sinner.

THE WORKING OF THE MIRACLE (vv. 3, 5)

The Gospels record seven miracles wrought on the Sabbath. Mark relates three of them. The one performed here was a test case. And along with the others, it emphasized the fact that the Sabbath was instituted for man's well-being and for his eternal good.

The Commands. "Stand forth." This command called for grace, humility, and obedience. It would not be easy to be singled out thus. Yet the man obeyed instantly. Obedience is essential in the matter of experiencing the presence and power of God!

"Stretch forth thy hand." This would seem an impossibility. However, he could *attempt* to stretch out his hand. Deliverance involves the will. All spiritual blessings begin from within. As the will is exercised in implicit obedience to the explicit Word of God, the power of God comes into action!

The Miracle. "And he stretched it out; and his hand was restored." It was just that simple! How the Lord must long to reveal Himself today as the Healer of withered souls, as well as bodies, in response to simple faith—if only people will trust Him.

In the aftermath of this miracle three results may be observed (vv. 6-12). It raised the wrath of Christ's enemies and incited a murderous purpose in their hearts. It increased His fame and popularity with the common people, causing multitudes to follow Him for His divine touch. And Satanic forces were forced to acknowledge His power and deity. Today these same results will follow those who will believe and obey the miracle-working Christ.





PREPARE- OR PERISH!

In a world threatened by nuclear war, the alternatives are inescapable

By BRUCE E. MANNING

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THE CUBAN CRISIS A FEW WEEKS AGO FOUND CIVILIANS of our country woefully unprepared to meet the threat of nuclear war.

The President's announcement that the Russians had built missile bases in Cuba capable of dropping nuclear bombs on a large portion of the U.S. suddenly sent citizens into an excited effort to furnish fallout shelters with the necessary equipment and supplies for survival. Civil Defense authorities said the emergency showed how poorly prepared the nation was, and hoped the experience would shake people out of their lethargy.

The weather disaster that struck the Pacific Northwest in mid-October brought similar revelations of unpreparedness. After the slashing winds knocked out power and telephone lines, flipped over trees, and smashed buildings, many residents lacked just about every basic necessity. About ten percent of the people were prepared for the emergency. To them the storm was of no major concern.

A typhoon in the Pacific Northwest? Never in the history of this area had there been a typhoon. People said, "It can't happen here!" Yet the unexpected took place, and many millions of dollars' worth of damage occurred. Worst of all, twenty lives were lost in a few hours.

Over four thousand years ago a man by the name of Noah warned the people of his day to be ready. He declared that a disastrous flood was coming upon the earth. No doubt they laughed and made fun of him and said, "It has never rained; it can never happen!" But it did rain, and there was a great flood that destroyed all except those who listened and were in the ark.

Civil Defense officials have "preached" for years that

we should be ready for *any* emergency. Have we followed their recommendations? Most of us have ignored the warnings and have said by our actions, **IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN!**

When Jesus comes most Americans will be just as unprepared! Gospel ministers and Christian laymen have been sounding out the alarm for years, proclaiming the soon return of the Lord. A solemn warning is given in God's Word: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44).

Fellow Americans, have you been saying that you want to get right with God someday? Do you plan on starting to attend church someday? Do you intend to change your ways someday? How long will you continue to think of serving God without ever doing it?

Listen to the warning. Why be careless about this most important matter! It is true that the majority are not prepared to meet God. Neither are most Americans ready today to face nuclear war and radioactive fallout. Neither were 90 percent ready for the disaster in the great Pacific Northwest. Nor were most of the people prepared for the great flood back in Noah's day. They hoped it never would happen, and took a chance on unpreparedness. And they perished.

But you need not be one of the foolish majority. You can be one of the wise minority that prepares in time.

Remember, though men say by word or by deed, **IT CAN NEVER HAPPEN**, it **SHALL** happen. The Lord shall return. Men must prepare or perish.

Will you be prepared if disaster—or death—suddenly strikes? Are **YOU** ready to meet Christ if He should return today? **“**

CRISIS!

IN SPANISH LITERATURE

SHALL WE CURTAIL THIS MISSIONARY MINISTRY AND LEAVE IT TO THE COMMUNISTS AND CULTISTS TO PROVIDE THE READING MATTER FOR OUR SPANISH-SPEAKING NEIGHBORS? THE ANSWER MAY DEPEND ON YOU.

By GLENROY SHEDD

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE IS SO ABUNDANT in the English language that it is difficult to comprehend the plight of our Latin American brethren who have so little from which to choose.

Spanish Christian literature is limited to district periodicals, a few national magazines in South American countries, and some literature produced by other denominations. To aid the situation, the Assemblies of God Spanish Literature Division is producing one general readership maga-

zine called *Poder*, comparable to *The Pentecostal Evangel*, and eleven Sunday school periodicals.

There are approximately 100,000 Spanish-speaking people in the Assemblies of God and only 10,000 are being reached monthly with *Poder*. This high-quality magazine has received the acclaim of pastors throughout the Spanish-speaking world. In fact, it is the only source of literature inspiration some pastors receive, according to letters written to the editor.

Printed in two colors, the sixteen-page magazine is packed with articles

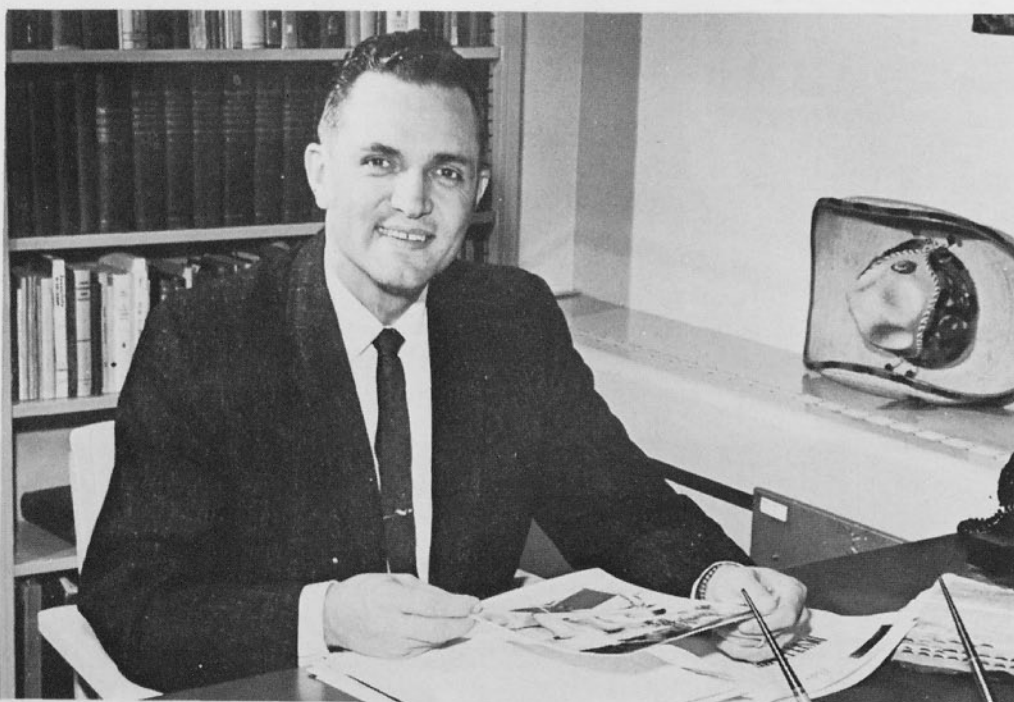
on salvation, healing, and teaching. Because of its artistic style and approach, *Poder* is being used by several denominations in thirty countries. Missionaries and Christian workers prefer it for general distribution as well as for the testimony made by its presence in institutions such as hospitals and prisons. Currently, *Poder* is the only piece of our Spanish literature allowed to enter Cuba.

The demand for literature of any kind among the Latins is increasing daily. According to some sources 1,000 new adults a day are becoming literate in Latin America. These people are reading anything they can get their hands on.

The challenge is being met by the communists and religious cults much faster than by evangelicals. Quality communist magazines in color are available on newsstands throughout Latin America at a fraction of the cost of printing. The power of the printed page is valued so highly that the communists spend an estimated three and one-half to five billion dollars yearly on written propaganda.

A piercing indictment has been made against the Assemblies of God by a highly educated young Indian in South Asia—"The missionaries taught my people how to read but they have let the communists give my people what they read."

Even religious organizations such as Jehovah's Witnesses and Seventh-day Adventists are doing more with



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Maintaining subscription lists and accounts. Left to right: Maxine Richardson, Evelyn Peterson and Mabel Henderson.



Processing orders and correspondence to thirty countries. Left to right: Trinidad Jordan, Earnie Douglas, Mrs. Gloucia Lopez, and Leticia Tolosa.

literature than we are. The Witnesses designate 50 percent of their missionary offerings (or an estimated 25 to 50 million dollars a year) to literature, according to Dr. Kenneth Strachan, head of the Latin American Mission, San Jose, Costa Rica. The Adventists designate 30 percent of their missions offerings for literature, which in 1960 was approximately 15 million dollars, according to Dr. Clyde Taylor, executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association.

The Assemblies of God with its Speed-the-Light, Boys and Girls Mis-

sionary Crusade, Light for the Lost, and Global Conquest literature emphases, spent little more than four percent of its missionary contributions on literature in 1961.

Leroy Williams, Assemblies of God missionary in Honduras, has stated, "Some 80 to 90 percent of conversions are indirectly associated with literature." This puts the spotlight on the distribution program of our Spanish literature and finds it pitifully lacking.

In spite of the thousands of Christians in Latin America who earnestly desire literature and the vast potential

of new literate masses, the Assemblies of God is unable to sell large quantities of its Spanish publications because of the prohibitive prices.

The average Latin earns between fifty cents and one dollar a day. Consequently a year's subscription to *Poder* at one dollar costs him one or two days' work. Transferred to U. S. standards that would equal \$10 to \$20 for the year's subscription. Few can afford it.

To buy a Sunday school teacher's quarterly selling for twenty-five cents in the U. S., a Latin Christian must pay the equivalent of \$2.50 to \$5. At the present time the majority of teachers have to buy their own quarterlies.

The solution rests in the hands of Assemblies of God readers throughout America. You are a steward of the Lord and have the opportunity to multiply your outreach through giving. Literature is one of the most potent avenues. Your gift will make it possible to continue publishing in Spanish.

The Spanish Literature Division is currently operating at a loss of \$3,000 a month. Unless sufficient funds are received in the coming months, the Spanish literature ministry will have to be curtailed drastically. These are days in which every effort to spread the gospel is necessary. Don't let this challenge pass unheeded!

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Translating articles and writing Sunday school quarterlies. Left to right: Mike Santiago, Becky Roque, Mrs. Ruth Tañon, and Ben Mercado.



REVIVALTIME STIRS SAN BERNARDINO

"YOU WILL JUST HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL you reach heaven to see all the results. God has done a great thing for San Bernardino, California," remarked Ronald E. Wiseman, pastor of the Del Rosa Assembly of God and program chairman of the city-wide *Revivaltime* crusade, November 13-18.

"This was a week of rich spiritual blessing. C. M. Ward was at his best in preaching each night. We had wonderful cooperation from the pastors and congregations of the Greater San Bernardino area with almost a full house nightly," writes Louis H. Hauff, host pastor of the First Assembly of God where the weeknight rallies were held.

The final service, including broadcast origination and Thanksgiving World Prayermeeting, was held in the San Bernardino Municipal Auditorium. A fifty-voice choir from the area churches furnished music for the evening services. The choir was directed by Cyril McLellan for the Sunday broadcast. The Espanosa Ladies Trio was featured. The accompanists for the crusade were Mrs. Pat Lotze and Mrs. Evelyn Welk.

"About 1,500 persons were present for the origination of the broadcast. They remained for the following evangelistic service," Brother Hauff reported. Many of these persons then joined with 873 prayer groups and

31,851 individuals across the nation in praying for more than 18,000 requests for all kinds of deliverance.

The *Revivaltime* team, feeling the need of prayer for many problems—healing, salvation, finances, and God's leading—had called the Prayermeeting for November 18. This year there were twenty-six more prayer groups and 1,090 more prayer warriors than last year. These persons based their faith on the Bible record: "BUT PRAYER WAS MADE. . . And his chains fell off" (Acts 12:5, 7).

"Even before the team arrived, our town had been covered with personal contacts, testimonies, handbills, and much prayer," Brother Wiseman noted. "When 7:30 P.M. Tuesday night came, the entire area was ready and expecting a great *Revivaltime* rally. Certainly no one was disappointed. From the very beginning, one could feel the power and anointing of God sweeping over the audience."

Following an area-wide planning session spearheaded by James Pepper, pastor of the Redlands First Assembly and presbyter for the San Bernardino section, the area pastors pledged themselves to lead their people in consecrated prayer for a definite move of the Holy Spirit. Cooperating further, they canceled their Sunday night services to attend the *Revivaltime* Crusade and Thanksgiving Prayer-

1. C. M. Ward talks with James C. Geggie, religion editor for the San Bernardino *Sun-Telegram*. Looking over their shoulders is Louis H. Hauff, pastor of the First Assembly of God in San Bernardino.

2. C. M. Ward speaks at First Assembly during the week-long crusade.

3. The *Revivaltime* team and crusade choir wait in readiness as C. M. Ward makes a few remarks before the broadcast goes on the air.

4. C. M. Ward's message is almost completed and the choir waits to end the broadcast with the song, "There's Room at the Cross for You."

5. Ronald E. Wiseman, director of the city-wide *Revivaltime* crusade, leads the congregational singing.

6. Bartlett Peterson presents Pastor Louis H. Hauff with a *Revivaltime* origination plaque. James Pepper, presbyter for San Bernardino section, stands at left, and T. C. Cunningham, Southern California *Revivaltime* representative, at right.

7. Approximately forty-two ministers attended the evangelical ministers' luncheon. C. M. Ward was guest speaker.



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meeting Sunday. As Brother Wiseman remarked—"This was a great climax of a truly great week."

In speaking of the effects of the crusade on the city, Brother Hauff said: "Our city received great publicity and much spiritual blessing in this *Revivaltime* Crusade. Any church and city would be greatly blessed with such a campaign."

Besides the nightly services, members of the *Revivaltime* team participated in some city functions. On Tuesday, November 13, the publicity committee for the crusade, headed by Charles H. Gass, together with C. M. Ward and D. V. Hurst, met with local radio and newspaper personalities for breakfast in the California Hotel. Brother Ward also spoke to an evangelical ministers' luncheon on Tuesday where forty-two were present, and at the Kiwanis Club with 200 present.

In conclusion, Brother Wiseman said: "As we look back over this wonderful week, we remember that every night someone was saved or baptized in the Holy Spirit. Brother Hurst directed our worship in a masterful way, and Brother Ward thrilled the large crowds nightly with his positive preaching from God's Word. Although the crusade is now history, this city will long remember and be grateful for this visit of the *Revivaltime* team." "



BREAKTHROUGH-8000

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS SECRETARY

National Projects Show Progress

NORWALK, CONNECTICUT

Harvey Meppelink, pastor at Norwalk, announced in his church bulletin November 13 that the foundation of the new church building is finished. The first floor is on and they were waiting for the steel superstructure.

"This building program has been made possible by the combined efforts of the National Home Missions Department and the people of the new congregation of the Parkway Assembly of God. God has blessed this new congregation in a miraculous way with many individuals saved, healed from sickness, uplifted and encouraged—and now, the added blessing of our new church building coming to be a reality. How we praise God for His goodness to us!"

KINSTON, NORTH CAROLINA

The wheels of progress are turning in Kinston. The Lord has helped Pastor Daniel Duncan and District Superintendent Fenton Jones to obtain a fine, well-located property. The district has received \$3,500 of the National *Breakthrough* funds for the project.

TOOELE, UTAH

Milton Newman, pastor at Tooele, writes: "The congregation is beginning to take form and shape into what we feel will be a good Assemblies of God church. We have six Sunday school classes and a record attendance of 61. For two months we have averaged 49. We are blessed with a good

group of teen-agers, about 14 in all.

"A young couple from Colorado Springs are the latest 'vocational volunteers.' They both have jobs and are helping to support the church."

A reporter came to take a picture of the vocational volunteer, Sam Abeyta, as a new clerk in the Tooele Mercantile; and from this interview an article appeared in the Tooele paper as follows:

"Sam Abeyta, a new clerk in the Tooele Merc., is active in the lay ministry of the Tooele Assembly of God church. Mr. Abeyta comes to Tooele from Colorado Springs where he worked with Pastor Newman, newly arrived minister to the local Assembly of God congregation. When Pastor Newman and his family transferred to Tooele, Mr. Abeyta and his wife volunteered to join with them in building up the local congregation.

"Mr. Abeyta is especially interested in young people and their activities. He gives a personal testimony as to the value of Christian living and is active in promoting his church's Youth for Christ and Christ's Ambassadors program.

"He attended a Bible school in El Paso, Tex., for two years, then returned to his home in Colorado Springs and became active in conducting regular Sunday afternoon services in the County Jail."

News From the Districts

ILLINOIS

The Illinois presbyters, together with members of the Home Missions Committee, have devised a plan whereby the income from the Lake Williamson Center can be used to help the Illinois District build one hundred new churches before 1970. The challenge of 350 unreached cities in Illinois is great. In the past two years, the district has gone into twenty new cities with the full gospel. It also has

assisted quite a number of older churches to strengthen their position and get into adequate quarters.

The City Temple, Granite City (Ray Randolph, pastor), is the first church to qualify in the new *Breakthrough Crusade* for Illinois. The church voted unanimously to give at least twenty percent of their outreach offerings direct to the Illinois District for Home Missions. At least two dozen other churches are in the process of putting this plan into action.

SOUTH, TEXAS

The current district *Breakthrough* project is being launched in Clear Lake City, Tex., the home community for the National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA) Manned Spacecraft Center. From there our great nation will prepare for a manned flight to the moon before 1970. This is the home community of sixteen of the world's most famous personalities—the U. S. astronauts. Anticipated population for Clear Lake City is 140,000 within three years. Plans for Clear Lake include a primary shopping center, several large apartment projects, paved streets, and a few houses by mid-winter.

Negotiations are underway for a satisfactory site for the new church.

Official launching of the *Breakthrough—Clear Lake City* project is scheduled for the sectional councils in January and the District Council in Houston in March.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI

Gene Putnam, pastor of the new *Breakthrough* church at Crestwood, Mo., reports that twenty people attended the first service September 2 and attendance is increasing. Services are now being held in a school building, but the district is planning to build soon. A beautiful site has been purchased in this St. Louis suburb. The district's goal is 100 new churches by 1970.

GEORGIA

The Georgia District, under the leadership of District Superintendent Jesse Smith, has launched its first *Breakthrough*—8000 project at Athens. Brother Smith reports: "*Operation Breakthrough* rallies and revivals were conducted in many parts of the district in October. All who participated in the meetings report that they were good for the fellowship of each section."

Breakthrough pastors for Athens are Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Weech, who have been ministering for the past two years in Savannah. Brother Weech was born and schooled in Nassau, Bahamas. Before entering the ministry he worked in airline administration with British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC). He spent three years evangelizing in the United States and has pastored both in the Bahamas and in the U.S. Two years ago God laid a burden on the Weeches' hearts for Athens. Now they feel God has made it possible through the Georgia District *Breakthrough* program to do a work in Athens.

Athens is located seventy miles east of Atlanta in the Piedmont Plateau section. The town was incorporated in 1806. It is the home of the Uni-



DURING FEBRUARY, HOME MISSIONS *Breakthrough*—8000 rallies across the nation will feature the new "Sites for Souls" project. This was designed to provide funds for the purchase of strategic sites for pioneer churches across America and was adopted at the Home Missions Seminar at Springfield, Mo., in August. *Breakthrough* rallies are spearheaded by the National Home Missions Department and conducted on the district level.

The rally goal will be one dollar per Assemblies of God member. "Sites for Souls" will be an annual project to help reach the over-all *Breakthrough*—8000 goal of 8,000 new churches by 1971.

Be sure to attend the rally nearest you.

versity of Georgia, the oldest state-chartered university in the nation.

Athens has a population of 31,355 not including 7,500 students in the University of Georgia and several hundred more in the Navy Supply Corps School.

Athens is the seat of Clarke County, Georgia's smallest county in area, but with more than 45,000 people, about a quarter of whom are nonwhite. Within the last twenty years, the population of Clarke County has nearly doubled. The outlook for a strong new church in Athens is very bright.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky is on the move, according to E. C. Bredbenner, the district secretary. He writes:

"Faith is at an all-time high among our ministers. We've asked God for the impossible—fifty new Assemblies and a revolving fund in excess of \$50,000! Almost spontaneously we have cash and pledges in the amount of \$3,400 and the program hasn't actually been introduced yet.

"We have a thought-out plan to pursue over the next few years. If the Lord tarries, the plan includes sites, finances, recruitment of workers, strengthening of our present situation; and we haven't forgotten the need to develop district support to make all of this attainable."

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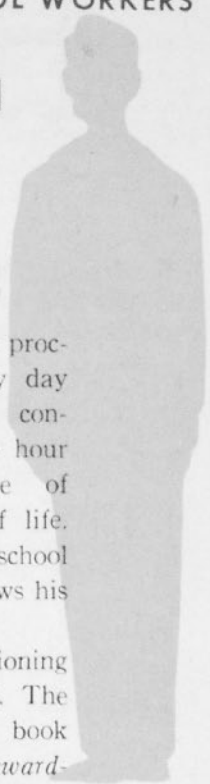
At a recent District Conference in Nebraska, Superintendent L. E. Dickinson presented the *Breakthrough*—8000 pilot project for Nebraska—Cozad. The district is in the process of purchasing property in Cozad. In the early part of 1963 they hope to open a new work in this fine city.

FIRST DECISION FORM SIGNED

Congratulations are due to Earl Goodman, Superintendent of the Montana District and district Home Missions representative. He was the first to sign a "Sites for Souls" decision form, indicating he will do all in his power to make his district a "Sites for Souls" district. Brother Goodman's attitude shows a most unselfish spirit. He says he wants his district to cooperate fully even if the district should never receive a "Sites for Souls" grant. "We're expecting to oversubscribe and to be the first district to achieve our goal." ■■

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JOHN HYDE'S AMBITION AND LIFE story can be expressed in the words of the apostle Paul—"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable to his death" (Philippians 3: 10).

He hated pride, yet on the first day of his setting out from New York for India as a missionary, John Hyde discovered that pride still possessed his heart.

He found a letter in his ship cabin written by a godly friend of his father. It said: "I shall not cease praying for you, dear John, until you are filled with the Holy Spirit."

How bitterly he resented that! Crushing the letter, he threw it away. But God had spoken through that faithful friend, and soon Hyde was stooping to recover the letter. He pondered its words long and earnestly. Then he fell upon his knees to seek that blessing which is pre-eminently the missionary's qualification for service—a Spirit-endued life!

In a sense, he never arose from his knees. From that hour he began to live a life of prayer which has few parallels in the history of the Church.

HEAVILY BURDENED

His sphere of ministry in India was the Punjab, and the spiritual condition of the church in the Punjab troubled him. Together with R. McCheyne Paterson and George Turner he became greatly burdened over the poverty of faith, the worldliness, the prayerlessness of the church, and the consequent dearth of conversions. The three men gave themselves to prayer—not merely half an hour daily, but spent whole days and nights in persistent, agonizing prayer.

The answer came in the assurance that, if a convention of the saints were called, God would bless it with an outpouring of His Spirit. Sialkot

was selected as the place of meeting.

It was determined that prayer and not preaching should be recognized as the chief feature of the convention. Therefore a prayer room was arranged; and here, before the convention began, Hyde and his friends spent thirty days and thirty nights in prayer. And throughout the ten days of the convention Hyde spent nearly all his time here.

He spent most of the time on his face, for he felt he never could get low enough before God. Sometimes he paused to take some food, and at times he threw himself down in a corner for a little sleep. He shunned publicity; but when he did speak, though his utterance was quiet, his words had a burning power. In the prayer room he obtained the Tongue of Fire, according to his biographers.

The break for which they had been praying came in August 1905. And, as in the Welsh revival, the leaders often had to stand aside while the Holy Spirit directed the people in heartbroken confession of sin, or in glowing testimony, or in rapturous song.

UNSLEEPING AGONY OF SOUL

John Hyde's inner life story has been described as an ever-nearing approach to our Lord in the dark shadows of Gethsemane. The bulk of God's people are like the eight disciples who only went as far as the outskirts of the garden. Some, like Peter, James, and John, go farther, and witness their Lord's agony, but sleep overcomes them (Matthew 26: 36-45). But there are others who, like the Lord Himself, go "a little farther"—these know something of the unsleeping agony of soul travail and they become, in a peculiar sense, one with their Lord in His present ministry of intercession. John Hyde was one of these.

In 1906 he began to know Christ as the Lamb of heaven, ever suffering for and with His Church on earth. Then he knew as never before "the fellowship of His sufferings."

He began to experience a pain of

soul that affected his bodily frame, that actually displaced his physical heart. With this deepened pain came a richer fruitfulness. The deeper he went into the death of Christ, the higher he rose in the power of His resurrection.

In 1908 he was led to claim definitely one soul a day for God. He threw himself into the hard, joyous work of evangelism with great zeal. He often journeyed far after the lost sheep and, though "the dews chilled him by night and the drought exhausted him by day," he searched until he found it. At the end of the year he was able to count more than four hundred whom he had gathered into the Good Shepherd's fold.

INFINITE COMPASSION OF CHRIST

Then he felt the growing hunger of the Shepherd's heart. In 1909 he claimed two souls a day for God. He went deeper still into Gethsemane. He learned that self must be crucified, dead and buried. If not buried, he said, the stench of the old man would frighten souls away.

Eight hundred souls in one year! Surely this would satisfy John Hyde. No, his heart hungered for more. He would go farther still into the Garden; he would know yet more deeply the fellowship of Christ's suffering, and urge a larger claim.

In 1910 he asked God for four souls a day. "Everyone that asketh receiveth," the Saviour said (Matthew 7:8) so John Hyde went after converts in faith. God wonderfully enlarged his field of service. During the year he traveled all over India and reaped a bountiful harvest of souls.

THE STORY OF "THE TEN"

One day he went out in a country cart with two Indian evangelists. God had given the assurance that morning that ten souls would be brought in before the day closed. But when they reached the Punjab village on which they had set their hearts, they were very coldly received. There was no response to their preaching and sing-

PRAYER

ing, and, as in that Samaritan village of old, no one would receive them into his house.

Hungry and weary, the two Indians begged him to return. But Hyde would not leave. God had ten souls here, he said, and he must find them!

At last, as the day was declining, they asked for a drink at a humble cottage. To their surprise the man offered them milk, and they entered his home. They found he knew the Gospel; in fact, he and his whole family were on the verge of decision, and soon they yielded to the tender pleadings of the missionary. As was his custom, Hyde baptized them, nine in all.

Then the Indians made hurried preparations for departure. It was now dark and the way was long and dangerous. But still John Hyde lingered. To their angry remonstrance, he kept saying, "What about that one?" The father, wondering at their delay, asked what was wrong. John told him of the sheep that was lacking.

"Why," he cried, "here he is," and he pointed to a bright lad who had just come up, "my nephew, whom I have adopted." They spoke to him and the lad gave evidence of real intelligent faith in the Saviour. He too was baptized. "That is the ten," said John Hyde with a sigh of glad content; and, climbing in the cart, they journeyed home (Psalm 126:6).

FRAGRANCE OF CHRIST

He became known as Praying Hyde, but he might as truly be called Praising Hyde. He found the joy of the Lord in the soul winner's strength. When the daily tale of souls was not complete, he discovered that the cause was invariably a lack of the spirit of praise. He would then confess this joylessness as a great sin. Anointed with the oil of gladness he would again go forth, and again men would be drawn into the fold by the fragrance of Christ.

Like Paul he learned to give thanks for everything (1 Thessalonians 5:18) and in a most wonderful way

God overruled his pains and sicknesses. One morning he awoke in a village with a headache which quite prostrated him. But from his couch he looked up and thanked his heavenly Father for the pain and the seeming interruption of service.

Now it happened that in this village some of the men had confessed Christ, but their wives had refused to come forward. When these women heard of the missionary's illness they gathered about him in pity. He spoke to them of Christ and their hearts were softened. In the end they all yielded. They were baptized, and out of John Hyde's pain came great joy to that village (Acts 8:4-8).

IN GETHSEMANE WITH THE LORD

But the corn of wheat must die. In 1911 he was examined by a doctor, who assured him that unless he ceased from the strain of his intercessory labors he would die within six months. His heart was in an extraordinary state; it had shifted from its natural place on the left to the right side of his body, and could only be restored by perfect quiet.

But John Hyde now knew why he had been sent into the world. For him life meant prayer. He left the doctor's presence with a radiant face. It had ever been his desire, oft expressed, that he might burn out and not rust out. He would die praying.

He finished his course in 1912, but he still lives even here in the beautiful story of his life, and already that story has transformed many other lives. Its lesson can be briefly stated: prayer is primary, other work is secondary. It is prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit that gives pith to our words and power to our deeds (Acts 1:8; Romans 8:26-27).

The church today is cumbered with much serving. She must come like Mary to the Master's feet and learn to pray (Luke 10:38-42). Then will revival be at her doors. Then will she have the same triumphant assurance as the prayer warriors of Sialkot who, after long days and nights of intercession, leaped to their feet and shouted, in an ecstasy of divine joy, "Bol, Yisu Masih, Ki, Ji"—"Shout the Victory of Jesus Christ!"

Preacher Narrowly Escapes Death

I AM GLAD THAT PSALM 91:11 IS God's promise to all His people: "For he shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." I was reminded of it once again on October 12, 1962.

It was storming that afternoon as it had been doing all week. The previous week a Sunday school family in the church of which I am pastor had been burned out, and now I was taking another load of clothes and food to them. My two older children were riding with me.

Over eight inches of rain had fallen and now the wind was blowing harder. About two miles from town I noticed small branches from trees blowing onto the road. As I looked up, I saw on my right a large Douglas fir, about three feet in diameter. It was standing alone on the bank at the side of the road.

The top was waving in the strong

wind. The thought flashed through my mind that a fir tree has a small root system and so it would not take much force to blow down the tree.

As I approached the tree at perhaps forty miles per hour, my eyes glanced down its trunk. At the base of the tree I suddenly saw bare wood appear in the bark. I was almost under the tree so I stepped on the accelerator and drove on quickly. Just as I passed the tree there was a blue flash. The tree had fallen and had broken the high-voltage power line beside the road. I had not driven more than 100 feet beyond when, in the rear-vision mirror, I saw the tree crash on the road.

As I went on my way, how I praised God for His protecting hand. I truly believe He spared our lives in the worst storm that has ever struck the Pacific Northwest.—*Pastor Bruce E. Manning, Box 102, Glendale, Oregon*



SPEAKING OF BOOKS

BY RUSSELL P. SPITTLER

As a service to Evangel readers the price and order number are given for each book. All books reviewed here may be obtained from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

- *GREAT PERSONALITIES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT*. 192 pages. Order number, 3 RV 1619.
 - *GREAT PERSONALITIES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT*. 192 pages. Order number, 3 RV 1620.
- Both by William Sanford LaSor.

When *Time* magazine does a story on Russia's space exploits you'll find Spaceman Titov on the front cover. When it reports the election results, the winner's picture is on the cover. When it analyzes Wall Street fluctuations, it features a leading business tycoon. In other words, when *Time* reports news, it does so in terms of the people who make the news. News is not merely events, trends, things. News is *people*.

Have you ever noticed the attention given in the Bible to people? Remember the many parables of Jesus that center on people—the wise man who built his house on a rock, the husbandman who went to a far country, the overjoyed father welcoming the prodigal son? "I know of no other religious literature," writes author LaSor of the Bible, "in which history and geography, in other words, men in time and space, are so essentially part of the religious ideas." The fullest revelation of God was when He Himself became a Person.

Human personalities, those in the Bible not excluded, are filled with both dramatic interest and theological meaning.

There are several ways to approach the people of the Bible. You can look on them as "types" of people found everywhere today. You can read yourself into their circumstances. There are preachy sermons on Bible characters which nearly deify them—raising them to unwarranted heroic heights that disregard the Bible's habit of listing a man's faults as well as his virtues. There are sentimental biographies which aim to make you imitate the Bible character.

In these twin volumes the approach is above all historical. The author is

a reverent scholar, a seminary professor well known for his mastery of the history, languages, and customs of the people of the Bible. Spotlighting the prominent characters of both Testaments, the author weaves together an amazing mass of historical information, sketching clearly the times in which each selected person lived. The result is a vivid recreation of the background of these lives.

Imagine what usefulness this would have to the Sunday school teacher, to the minister preparing his own biographical sermons, to serious students of Scripture anxious to learn all they can!

Perhaps a mere listing of the characters treated would be useful. The volume on the Old Testament looks at Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Ruth, Samuel, David, Solomon, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and Ezra. The New Testament volume often considers several persons together: John the Baptist; Mary the mother of Jesus; Andrew, the family of Lazarus, Mary and Martha; Peter; Stephen; Paul; Barnabas and Mark; Luke; Priscilla and Aquila; Timothy and Titus; Thomas; John "the Theologian"; and of course, The Triumphant Christ.

Guides to books for further Bible study are provided, together with comments of a helpful nature. For sheer historical wealth and informative richness alone, these two volumes are unexcelled.

- *STRICTLY PERSONAL*, by Eugenia Price. Paperbound, 180 pages. \$1.50. Order number, 3 RV 2581.

Over thirteen years ago something that affects you happened to a radio script writer in a New York hotel room. Eugenia Price, twenty-three years of age, wrote well: she was moving toward the top in a well-paid field.

But she was a *pagan*, to use her own word. On that October day in 1949, someone introduced "Genie" to Jesus Christ. She became His follower.

And, she kept on writing. This time, for the "Unshackled" radio series—the warm story of Skid Row conversions. Then she ventured into other types of writing. In the past dozen years she has turned out at least eight books, books at once distinctively Christian and eminently readable.

Today the name Eugenia Price stands as a symbol of warm, penetrating writing on but a single theme—Jesus Christ. If you haven't yet shared any of Genie's writings permit yourself that privilege, that challenge.

A decade after encountering Christ, it came to Genie to record for others what she found in her "continuing discovery of the nature of the One whom I follow." This she has done in a most invigorating book entitled *Strictly Personal*.

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For the bored Christian, reading this book can be a kind of spiritual revitalization. It's almost like the automatic carwash: moving slowly into the front end, bearing the grime of work-a-day living, you are gripped by a hook which irresistibly pulls you along. Refreshing waters splash about. You come out at the other end sparkling clean.

There is a reason why Genie's book is so compelling. I think I've discovered it.

Too often current Christian writing—and preaching—reduces to mere exhortation, at times even to denunciation. "We must do this. We must not do that." And everyone agrees. Knows it beforehand, even. There's nothing wrong with that—if balance with other Biblical moods is preserved.

Genie Price writes on the other side. She is thrilled with all that Christ is. In place of disheartening denunciation, she offers attractive invitation—a challenge to "behold the Man," to stand amazed in His presence. Confrontation with Him has its own marvelously transforming effect, an irresistible magnetism.

You can denounce the sinner. Or you can announce Christ. Genie Price chooses the latter method.

"In the heart of every human being," she writes, "Jesus Christ has an ally." Unveil to that heart the Man of the Cross, and the excited heart will flee to Him who made it.

Once through this book, and your own heart will flee to Him.

By RAYMOND T. BROCK

Another Night Out!

Some wives may say it—others only think it—but MF does pose a problem for the family man with a crowded schedule.

"NOT ANOTHER NIGHT OUT!" MY wife said as she saw me write the Men's Fellowship date on the kitchen calendar.

How could I justify another evening away from the family? With so many demands on each member of the household, she reminded me, Christian families find it difficult to have the togetherness they need. Why, then, should I take *another* night out? There must be a good reason, I agreed, so while she poured me a cup of tea I explained.

Christian men need times of fellowship and spiritual refreshing together. More than that, they need times of instruction in giving the most of their manhood to Christ. Another night out for a dinner and entertainment I could not justify. I didn't even try. But a night of instruction in evangelism and activities in soul winning enrich a man's life and make him a better Christian.

One of the most effective activities of Men's Fellowship is *Action MANDATORY*. Instruction in soul winning, praying for the lost, witnessing to unsaved men, bringing men to church to hear "my pastor" are all phases of this man-size job. Since soul winning is not optional but obligatory, every man of our Assemblies of God churches should dedicate himself to witnessing. And, training must precede action. Then the purpose of MF meetings becomes obvious—training men to win men.

This is not uniquely a Pentecostal concept. I was discussing it recently with a physician who is a member of a denominational church. In glowing terms he talked of the men's activities in his church. I was surprised when he said, "I never miss our men's meeting if I can help it. We meet at

six o'clock each Monday morning for breakfast, testimonies, and inspiration. I know it sounds like an unearthly hour," he continued, "but I challenge any man to go with me four consecutive weeks. The inspiration of starting a work week with other Christian men is the most rewarding of my activities. The hour is especially convenient for our traveling salesmen who would not be back in town for a night meeting."

Would I get up at six o'clock for an MF prayer meeting and instruction—even if ham and eggs were thrown in? I wondered.

But, the hour is not important: it is the purpose of the MF meeting that counts. For food? No! For fellowship? Maybe! For instruction and inspiration for soul winning? Definitely!

With evangelism as the purpose of *Action MANDATORY* and instruction in soul winning the theme of the MF meeting, participation becomes a Christian privilege.

When I explained this to my wife, she agreed. Men's Fellowship is worth a night or breakfast or luncheon out. For, as she puts it, "Men who are active soul winners are easier to live with!"

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By F. HELEN JARVIS

THE LITTLE FELLOW STUMBLED through the words of his bedtime prayer, then paused for a moment. He breathed a sigh and added, "And, dear God, please help Mama to stay home."

His father glanced across the kneeling three-year-old at his wife. Her face was a study—she looked as though she had been slapped. The father said, "*This is enough.*"

The very next day the mother resigned her position as head dietitian at the local hospital. Really, it had not been of necessity that she had sought employment. Her husband was a good provider, and they lived modestly. But she had enjoyed her profession and valued the years spent in training. When there had been an appeal for someone to fill the place, she had applied.

She had hired a combination housekeeper and baby-sitter to care for her two small children during her working hours. Now, a year later, she heard this petition of her little son.

There is emerging in our American way of life a startling pattern. A large group of women in the middle-class bracket have become designated as *working mothers*. Their husbands earn at least an average wage. Their homes are blessed with ordinary comforts. They may be the mothers of one, two, or perhaps three young children. The women themselves are intelligent, capable, and well educated.

Their reasons for working are varied. Although often cloaked with excuses, underlying most is a financial pressure. They may desire more luxuries than one pay check can provide. Perhaps they are ambitious, or have had specialized training. Through illness and other reverses the family may be in debt. Or possibly they do not like the monotony of homemaking or the responsibilities of motherhood.

Perhaps they have not fully evaluated the privilege which is theirs as a homemaker.

The financial necessity of many families and the benefits of part-time employment must not be overlooked. There *are* mothers—widows with insufficient income, girls assisting their husbands through college, women whose husbands are ill or otherwise unable to provide for them, and divorcees with children whom they must support—who must be breadwinners. Such women deserve the highest commendation for the extra effort they are making.

In many foreign, heathen, and primitive cultures women do carry the double burden of the home and of outside labor. In some societies they work along with their men folk. In others they are entirely responsible for the tilling of the soil, cultivating the crops, and reaping the harvest. It is their way of life; they have done it for centuries.

We have all seen pictures of African mothers with babies on their backs, hoeing in their gardens and performing other manual tasks. Prior to the "bamboo curtain," Chinese mothers who worked in the fields took their children with them. People acquainted with Japanese life tell us this is also done in Japan. Perhaps an older child has been the real baby sitter, but the Oriental family unit has been preserved even as they toiled.

In communistic countries the mother works and pre-school children are cared for in state-operated nurseries. Communal in character, it is a definitely regimented program to further the aims of Communism.

Numerous apparently satisfactory arrangements exist in America. However, many mothers would do well to fully weigh all the difficulties and

possible dangers to be encountered when they join the ranks of the employed.

Each type of child care presents its own particular problems. Sometimes doting relatives may humor and "spoil" a child if it is left with them. Occasionally baby-sitters themselves become unduly attached to their charges. Others are harsh and unfeeling. Unwise incompetents create many disturbing situations.

The best supervised day nursery or school can have its difficulties too. Christians placing their youngsters in such places should remember that ordinarily their children's associates will come from many backgrounds. Those from non-Christian homes bring with them unexpected (and sometimes undesirable) ideas of play, conduct, and even decency.

Many children are stubborn and undisciplined. These attitudes are contagious. Saucy pertness and *show-off* performances are easily imitated.

Emotionally, children demand security, and the wise mother will be in the place where she can best give it. If pressed by too many duties, a woman has little time in which to listen to her child's troubles. Many times the little folk are made to wonder, "Does she really care?"

The rush of early-morning activities of any family can be so disturbing. Where mother is getting ready to go to work it is doubly so. Tiny children must be wakened from a sound sleep. Dressing and breakfast are hasty—sometimes forced—affairs. Half-asleep, some children cry and others may start the day in downright rebellion.

A physical illness of the child poses a real dilemma for mother. Her child needs her at home, but her employer is depending upon her to work. Torn with anxiety, hoping for the best, she must place her child in the care of another.

Discipline suffers when mother works, as studies on juvenile delinquency show. The wisest baby-sitter cannot wholly cope with every problem. In an effort to make up to a child for mother's absence during the day, promised rewards for good behavior and treats of all sorts are a general rule in many households. This may assume the proportions of unwise indulgence.

Many good Christians are excellent

baby-sitters, and there are those unfortunate little ones whose only knowledge of Jesus is found at the knee of some such person. But who shall take the place of the Christian mother in imparting to her children high ideals—instilling principles of faith, morality, and honesty—and training in social conduct and manners? Who shall answer the questions of her starry-eyed, innocent child?

Not only is mother confronted with problems directly related to her children, but she herself will meet personal conflicts. Because of her full schedule, she is often tempted to curtail her private devotions. Her example of prayer may be less noticeable and lose its impact on her family. Her opportunities of service to her church may be hampered. She is too tired to pray long in the altar service. Her participation in the WMC suffers.

The delight of having a home with the sound of little running feet and the oft-heard call for "Mummy" is limited. For five or six days each week mother sees nothing of her children for eight, nine, and sometimes ten hours a day. This can become genuinely frustrating.

Constant separation may also blunt the child's sense of allegiance to home and parents. As Susie stays with first one and then another, eventually she is quite happy to be with anyone and everyone. The day may come when mother discovers to her sorrow that her little daughter no longer regards her as paramount to her happiness.

One mother found it so. When her first child was small she worked continuously. Today she admits there is a peculiar remoteness in their relationship. Be assured that after the second daughter was born the mother chose a different course.

Although mother goes to work to help the family, the reverse is often true. Older children depend on "Mom" for spending money which they themselves should have earned. The family usually takes her income for granted. Sometimes even Dad regards his financial responsibilities less seriously. There are many homes where this attitude has become a source of trouble between husband and wife.

The constant drive and rush will often disturb the peace and quietude of a home. Mother may be weary and nervous from long hours of work. Then she is less able to cope with petty annoyances, and perhaps her

housekeeping suffers. Both Dad and the children are unhappy with the situation.

The blessing of family worship can be lost. It may be omitted entirely from the morning routine. Perhaps it is "short-changed" with an eye on the clock and a car key in the hand.

Much is being said and written about the subject, but this employment trend in our national life—barring some unexpected social upheaval—is probably here to stay. Therefore it must be faced very realistically.

No family should overlook the value of a PRACTICAL inventory. Unless mother takes an unusually well-paid position, her job may be a poor financial investment.

Consider the increased items of expense and compare them with "net" take-home pay. The clothing bill grows. Mother herself must dress better. Perhaps her work requires a special uniform and shoes. There are additional cleaning bills. The cost and kind of food enters the picture. Often a second car with its insurance, taxes, and upkeep becomes a necessity.

Good child care is expensive. Neither is this deductible for families who earn above a set amount. Income-tax rates increase in proportion to the total salaries of both wage earners. Father loses a dependent.

Standards of living should be carefully analyzed. Many families must decide what constitutes a NEED, and distinguish between a need and a want!

Prayer for wisdom and direction in the use of family funds yields definite results.

Best of all, God can give grace for *self-denial* in nonessentials! Who knows but that many financial problems could be solved easily by recalling what the Bible says about contentment being great gain?

One mother, an earnest Christian, decided that cheaper living quarters would solve their particular problem; so she resigned her position and contented herself with a less expensive house.

If in the light of close economy it seems necessary for mother to work, why not ask God to help find the answer without disrupting the family? Prayer plus some clear thinking and initiative may find a surprisingly novel and remarkable solution!

The Christian family must not overlook the great potential of faith. ALL—including those who depend on a pay check—live by faith! Fathers can trust God for a raise in salary or a transfer to a better paid position. As they are faithful in tithing, God will make the needs and the income coincide.

It is easy to suggest solutions, but each family must make its own decisions. God grant that families, mother in particular, will believe God for His best in life, in the home, and for the children! Think it over, mother—you may *have* to work. But be sure it is worth the pay check! ❧

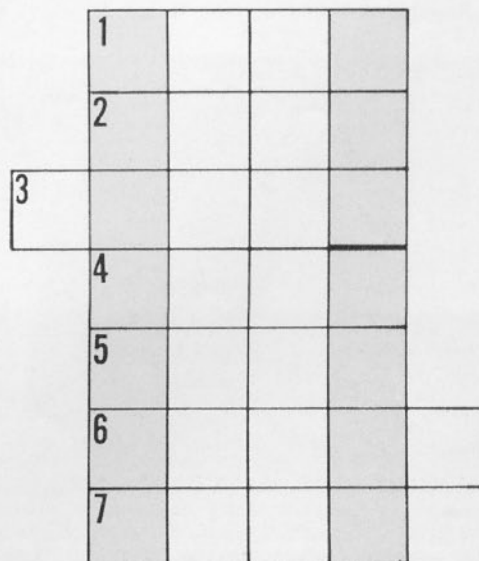
FEATURE FOR YOUNGER READERS

BY DICK CHAMPION

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

One word is missing from each of the following Bible verses. Fill that word in the same number on the crossword puzzle. All words go across. When you have completed the puzzle correctly, The Evangel staff's wish for you will appear up and down in the gray squares.

1. "But gather the wheat into my" (Matthew 13:30).
2. "..... one another" (John 13:34).
3. "They that wait upon the Lord shall their strength" (Isaiah 40:31).
4. "But the Lord was my" (2 Samuel 22:19).
5. "For the Son of man is come to that which was lost" (Matthew 18:11).
6. Jesus answered and said unto them, truly shall come first" (Matthew 17:11).
7. "A was opened in heaven (Revelation 4:1).



Evangelism BREAKTHROUGH

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SOPER, OKLA.—A great move of the Spirit of God was witnessed at the Assembly here during a two-week revival with Evangelist Leo Gaston of Abilene, Tex. Several were saved, two baptized in the Holy Spirit, and a number testified to healing in answer to prayer.

—L. R. Helms, Pastor

FAIRVIEW, OKLA.—A revival spirit continues at Midway Assembly of God following a recent revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Colman McDuff of Texas City, Tex. These services were a time of spiritual refreshing for young and old alike.

—J. P. McCamey, Pastor

BRISTOL, TENN.—The West Highlands Assembly of God, a pioneer work, reports a very profitable series of special meetings with Evangelist John Eller of Greer, S. C. Five persons were saved and the church was spiritually uplifted and encouraged.

—J. Samuel Rasnake, Pastor

FRESNO, CALIF.—Attendance has doubled in the ten weeks following a nine-night revival with Evangelist A. M. Redding from Waterford, Calif. His anointed preaching and broken spirit stirred the congregation. A revival spirit continues in the regular services with sinners finding Christ as Saviour.

—J. L. Jeffrey, Pastor

TAMPA, FLA.—Evangelist Robert Rogers was used of God in a

successful two-week revival at the Glad Tidings Assembly of God here. The church enjoyed every night of the Spirit-anointed preaching and singing. Some came forward for salvation as well as the baptism in the Holy Spirit. As many as 250 attended the services.

—P. D. Creel, Pastor

ATLANTA, GA.—God blessed the ministry of The Larimore Party of Los Angeles, Calif., during five weeks of revival conducted at Faith Memorial Church in the absence of the pastor. Several were saved, and some were filled with the Holy Spirit. A revival spirit was continually felt in the services. (Ralph Byrd is pastor.)

—Mrs. W. S. DeVault, Sec'y

FLORALA, ALA.—A great move of the Spirit of God was experienced at Liberty Hill Assembly during meetings conducted by Evangelist Bobby Jackson during the month of November. Two persons were saved, several backsliders restored, and 18 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—D. Z. Finch, Pastor

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Friendly Assembly of God enjoyed a very profitable revival with The G. A. Snavely Evangelistic Team recently. The fine musical program (as well as the anointed preaching of the Word) was a great blessing to everyone. Some 90 first-time visitors attended and there were 15 conversions.

—L. C. Ramsey, Pastor



LORAIN, Ohio—Many accepted Christ following the illustrated sermon, "The Gates of Heaven," given by Evangelist Bruce Thum at the Broadway Assembly. During the five-week campaign over 100 came forward for salvation, and 41 requested water baptism. The Sunday school reached a record attendance of 939. Several were healed, including a lady who was delivered of a tumor. (K. A. Smith is pastor.)

BUNKER HILL, ILL.—October was a time of refreshing for the congregation here at First Assembly of God. J. C. Collins from Bethalto and C. J. Campbell from Pocahontas were the evangelists. One was saved, five filled with the Holy Spirit, and four refilled.

—Eugene Thrasher, Pastor

LAMAR, ARK.—A number of non-churchgoers attended a revival at the Strawberry Assembly of God during ten nights of meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Lilburn Richardson of Stockton, Calif. Three were saved, one filled with the Holy Spirit, and everyone was

conscious of the presence of God in the meetings. (Oren Bridges is pastor.)

—Mrs. Charlene Dodge, Church Sec'y

LONDON, ARK.—A most profitable revival has just been concluded at Martin Chapel Assembly of God here with Evangelist James A. Doan of North Little Rock, Ark. One of the most faithful members, who had been a Christian for some 21 years, received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Good altar services were enjoyed each night.

—Audrey C. Booher, Pastor



COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa—October 7 marked the close of a successful campaign at First Assembly of God with the Lowell Lundstrom Evangelistic Team. Everyone in the above group was either saved or filled with the Spirit during the meetings. The music was a great inspiration. (C. E. Turner is pastor.)



SANDUSKY, Ohio—Pastor and Mrs. Abraham Garlock (right) display the Sunday school board showing record attendance of 152 reached during the meeting with Evangelists David and Jan Olshevski. A good number of visitors attended each night and several were saved.

TULSA, OKLA.—Capitol Hill Assembly of God reports a very successful revival just concluded with Evangelist and Mrs. Kenneth McGee of Oklahoma City. Twelve were saved, nine received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and several were healed by the power of God.

—M. D. Hartz, Pastor

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DES MOINES, IOWA—A very successful revival has just been concluded at the Southside Assembly of God here with Evangelist Lloyd Huffey of Adrian, Mo. Twenty-five were either saved or reclaimed, and two received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. There were numerous testimonies of healings from such afflictions as epilepsy, varicosity, and poor eyesight.

—Stanford F. Raleigh, Pastor

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SANTA PAULA, CALIF.—An outstanding two-week revival has just been concluded at the Assembly of God here with Evangelists Johnny Barton and Mike Lasky of Madison, Ill. Many new people at-

tended and the Sunday school enjoyed a fine increase. Twenty-two accepted Christ as Saviour and 11 were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Paul Wells, Pastor

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HILAND, CALIF.—Three weeks of revival have been enjoyed recently by the Assembly of God here. Gelene Jeffers of Glendora, Calif., was the evangelist for the first week, and Evangelist David Bunch ministered for the following two weeks. In all, there were seven saved, 11 reclaimed, and two filled with the Holy Spirit. Each service was well attended.

—Robert Turner, Pastor

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WELEETKA, OKLA.—A spirit of revival continues at the Assembly of God here following special services conducted by Evangelist Harold J. Baker of Wetumka, Okla. The blessings of God were manifested in each service. Nine were saved, 16 filled with the Holy Spirit, several were healed, and many testified to a spiritual refreshing.

—Claude Sherrod, Pastor

BROOKPORT, ILL.—First Assembly experienced a spiritual refreshing during recent meetings with Evangelist Clyde Walls of Alton, Ill. One young man was saved, one reclaimed, two baptized in the Holy Spirit, and two others received a refilling. Many were stirred anew in their spiritual life and two received divine healing.

—James Arant, Pastor

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FORT WORTH, TEX.—Evangelist George Hayes of Houston, Tex., just concluded an eight-day campaign at the Riverside Assembly of God here. Large crowds were present each evening and both young and old responded to the old-time gospel preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The crowds, public interest, and results at the altar indicated that old-fashioned preaching still moves the hearts of people.

—Elbert Wilkinson, Pastor

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CRESWELL, OREG.—A ten-day revival conducted at the Assembly of God here by Evangelists Cliff and Carol Traub of Myrtle Creek, Oreg., stirred the church to a new

vision for the lost. Ten came forward for salvation, four received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and one experienced a refilling. A new record in Sunday school attendance has been established.

—Thermon A. Scevers, Pastor

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MONTGOMERY, ALA.—Calvary Assembly continues in a spirit of revival following special meetings of two and one half weeks duration with Evangelist Bobby Jackson of Frisco City, Ala. Fourteen persons were either saved or reclaimed, and 15 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Twelve persons joined the church and a number of others have expressed a desire to become members.

—Paul L. Nixon, Pastor

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MONETT, MO.—The Assembly of God here rejoices over the blessings of God and the contacts made for Christ during recent meetings held with Evangelists Ivan and Mrs. Kimmel of Leavenworth, Kans. These services were preceded by a week of prayer. A "Teen Challenge" team captained by Mike Zello brought great in-

REVIVAL IN NEW CHURCH FEATURES THREE SPEAKERS

MAPLE VALLEY, WASH.—October 21 marked the beginning of a three-week dedication revival at the Tahoma Assembly of God here. R. J. Carlson, Northwest District Superintendent, was the dedicatory speaker. Various other ministers were engaged as speakers for the revival services that followed. Dale Carpenter, Northwest D-CAP and Sunday school director, ministered four nights; Glen Horst, pastor of Seattle's Calvary Temple, was guest speaker for ten nights; and Lloyd Perera, Ceylonese evangelist, was the preacher for two weeks. The Sunday school attendance record was broken both Sundays of the two-week campaign. But more wonderful than the attendance increase was the spiritual impact of the meetings. Several were saved and four men of the church received the infilling of the Holy Spirit, as did also a 19-year-old girl.

The blessing of God was noted upon the finances as well, for after the regular offerings one Sunday evening \$60 was received for the Global Conquest project in Dakar, Senegal, West Africa, and \$81.44 for Evangelist Perea's district-sponsored trip to Alaska for ministry in some of the villages there.

Tahoma Assembly is located 25 miles south of Seattle on a lovely



Ricky Cole, son of Pastor Glen Cole, "broke the Sunday school record" during the revival with Evangelist Lloyd Perera.

five-acre plot. The educational wing is 30 by 102; and the main building is 42 by 113 with a full basement. The sanctuary will seat 325 and features open beam construction, ripplewood paneling on the platform, walnut pews and trim. The building also contains pastor's study, nursery and crib rooms, large prayer room, baptism, and Sunday school office. The outside is covered with marblecrete and features a steeple containing three large speakers through which chimes are played before each service.

The facilities are appraised at near \$100,000. A. E. Henning, a deacon in the neighboring Kent Assembly of God, was supervisor of construction, working closely with the pastor.

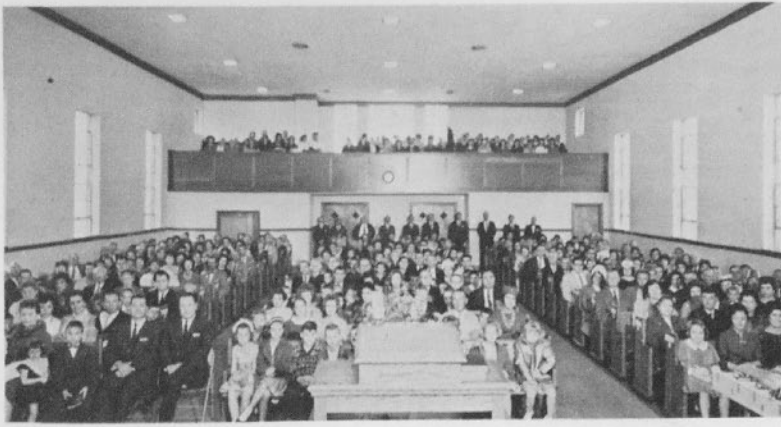
—Glen D. Cole, Pastor



The beautiful new Tahoma Assembly of God in Maple Valley, Wash. is located on a lovely five-acre plot. The outside is covered with marblecrete. The steeple contains three large speakers and chimes which are played before each service.



The sanctuary seats 325 and features open beam construction, ripplewood paneling on the platform, walnut pews and trim.



MADISON, Tenn.—Crowd attending revival at First Assembly during meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Eskelin. Many new people attended the church. (Jay Alford is pastor.)

spiration on the previous Saturday and Sunday. By the time the seven-night revival had concluded, five persons had found Christ as Saviour, five were refilled with the Holy Spirit, and four baptized in water. Believers rejoice and look forward to more converts as new contacts continue to be made.

—Donald J. Anderson, Pastor

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HARRISON, MICH.—Outstanding interest was displayed by the children during a very successful children's crusade conducted recently by the "Gospel Keys" from Grand Rapids, Mich. Attendance averaged 142 for the five-night meeting. Seventy-three of the children had perfect attendance. Many responded to the altar calls. New families were reached for the cause of Christ and others became interested again.

—D. L. Roberts, Pastor

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BEDFORD, PA.—Revival fires continue to burn at the village Assembly of God following three weeks of special meetings with Evangelist Harold May which concluded November 11. Daily prayer, earnest efforts, anointed preaching, and the blessing of God added up to a mighty move of the Spirit during this time. Thirty-seven made decisions for Christ and 22 were either filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit.

—David Hardt, Pastor

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RICE LAKE, WIS.—Many first-timers were drawn to the church by the excellent musical program and soul-stirring messages presented by Evangelist Lowell Lundstrom and the "Message for America" team during a ten-day crusade at the Gospel Tabernacle here. The ministry of this fine team brought great blessing to the church and the community as well. Over 100 visitors attended, and 14 persons found Christ as Saviour. Seven received the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

—Mark Carter, Pastor

DERBY, COLO.—Attendance reached an all-time high during a two-week meeting with The Musical Lebsacks which concluded November 25 at First Assembly of God. There was an especially good representation of visitors and the faithful attendance of the regular members was commendable. There were a number of genuine conversions—mostly adults. Others were visibly stirred; the church is praying that these also will be saved.

—Richard D. Emerson, Pastor

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AZTEC, N. MEX.—Evangelist Melvin McKnight of South Texas District recently concluded a revival at the Assembly of God here. Many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and there were several outstanding healings. There was a good attendance each night. Many new families were reached for Christ and the Sunday school attendance record was broken.

—Oscar Elliott, Pastor

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WICHITA, KANS.—Central Assembly reports a most outstanding revival with Evangelist Warren Litzman of Waxahachie, Tex. Sixty persons found Christ as Saviour, and 100 were filled with the Holy Spirit. Crowds were the largest in the history of the church. Days and nights were spent in prayer and in searching the Word. As a result, lives were transformed. The meetings surpassed all expectations.

—Victor Trimmer, Pastor

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LAKE WALES, FLA.—First Assembly rejoices in a wonderful moving of God's Spirit in a ten-night revival with Evangelist Charles Cooper of Jacksonville, Fla. The presence of the Holy Spirit was evident in every service. Four persons were saved and there were many rededications. Ten were baptized in water, eight united with the church, and more are considering joining.

—James R. Abell, Pastor

Outstanding Musicians to Be Heard at Music Conference

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The National Music Conference, to be held February 6-8 at the international headquarters of the Assemblies of God in Springfield, will offer attendants an opportunity to hear some of the most outstanding musicians in gospel work today.

In addition to Paul Mickelson, formerly organist for the Billy Graham Crusades and now president of Supreme Recordings, the conference program will feature Emil Balliet and Dave Yoder, among others.

Brother Balliet, pastor of First Assembly of God in San Diego, Calif., is an accomplished violinist, having graduated from the McPhail School of Music in Minneapolis, in addition to his wide experience as a pastor, evangelist, and educator. He served for many years on the faculty of North Central Bible College in Minneapolis. A former pastor of Central Assembly in Springfield, Mo., he served for two years as administrative assistant to the Executive Director of Foreign Missions. His inspiring teaching ability, combined with his wide experience in music, radio, and television ministry, qualifies him to fill a key position on the program of the National Music Conference. He will address the entire conference regarding the place and purpose of music in worship, and will also be speaking in special sessions to pastors.

Another outstanding musician who will take part in the conference is Dave Yoder, a music teacher who teaches in the public school system and serves as minister of music at the First Assembly of God in North Hollywood, Calif. Brother Yoder will deal

primarily with instrumental music and will also participate in other phases of the conference. He earned his master's degree in music at Stanford University. He has had wide experience as conductor of bands and orchestras, director of graded choirs, and as teacher at Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz.

The choral sessions will be conducted by Paul Mickelson, who with Dave Yoder will direct the young people's rehearsals for their choral and instrumental presentation on the closing night of the conference.

Evening sessions promise to be very inspiring as opportunity will be given to hear talented musicians from all parts of the country. Those who have the ability to sing or play—whether individually or in a group—are invited to write in advance, if possible, or to report at the registration desk if they are willing to participate. All who play musical instruments are urged to bring them.

Attendants at the conference are invited also to bring tapes or other recordings of their local music groups, radio broadcasts, etc. as well as pictures of their gospel music activities. Opportunity will be given to display these.

The registration fee, including meals and lodging, will be \$12.00. A special price of \$9.00 will be extended to high school and college students.

Edwin P. Anderson, Music Editor at the Gospel Publishing House, says he has received reports from people at many points across the nation who plan to attend the conference. These include pastors, ministers of music, choir directors, pianists, organists, orchestra and band members, soloists, choir members, Sunday school workers, students, and others. Friends from other denominations plan to attend. Some choir directors are planning to bring their entire choirs. Some pastors are bringing their music directors.

Further information may be obtained by writing to: National Music Conference, Assemblies of God, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.



Emil A. Balliet (left) and Dave Yoder, speakers at Conference.

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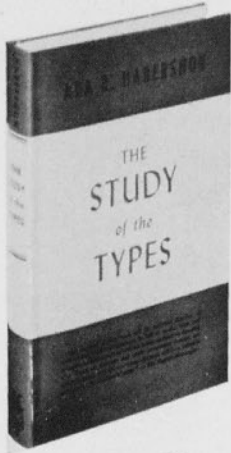
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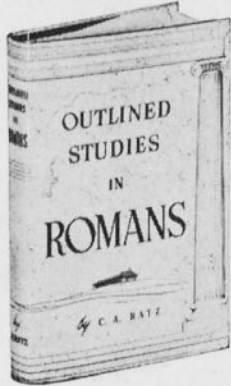
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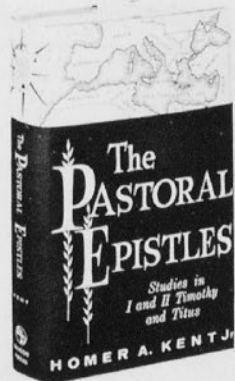
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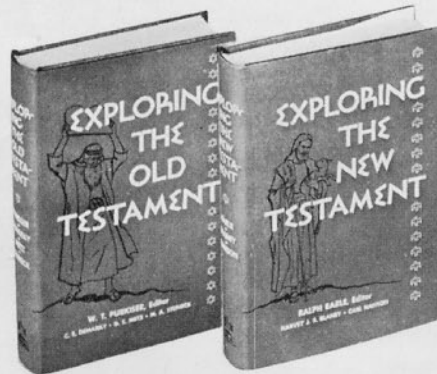
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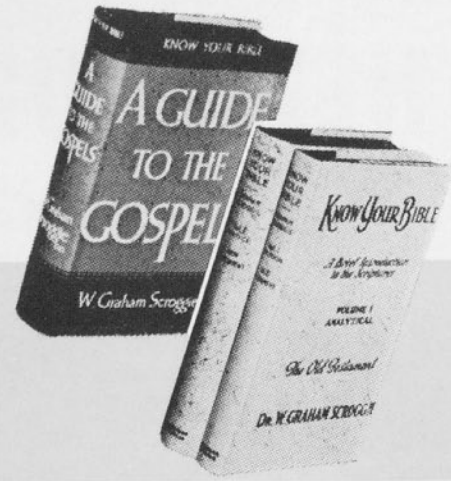
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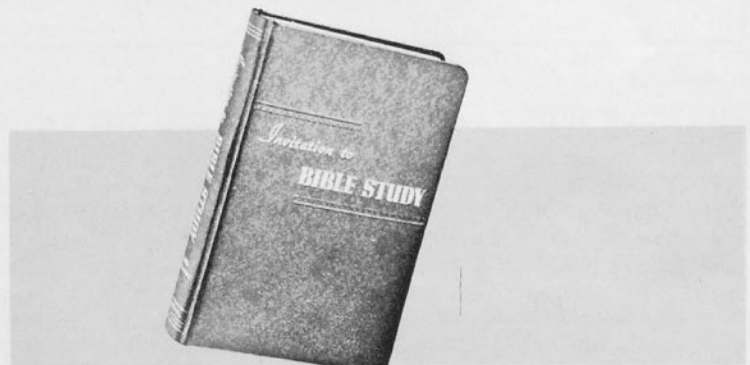


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**FIRST ASSEMBLY REPORTS
YEAR OF CONTINUOUS REVIVAL**

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—Doors may have closed for 1962 but not the doors of First Assembly. During the past year the congregation has expanded numerically and grown spiritually due to a continuous revival.

According to Pastor Carl E. Curtright, 40 or more have been saved (up to November 15) and 10 filled with the Holy Ghost. Average attendance at Sunday school has increased by 25.

In a recent service 16 new members were received and 10 were baptized in water.

Among the converts are a couple 67 years old, former Roman Catholics. This lady was invited by friends to visit Sunday school. When she came she was so convicted of her need of the New Birth that she had a glorious conversion. She thought her husband would rebuke

her and would not even think of attending a Protestant church, but to her surprise the next Sunday he also visited First Assembly. God saved him, delivered him from smoking, and this fine couple were baptized in water—one of the oldest couples to be baptized in this church. The pastor reports they are most faithful in church attendance and work.

The children were among the first to begin seeking the Lord. One testified to her parents. At four o'clock in the morning the pastor received a call to come to their home and pray for their salvation. Since then, they and their nine children have rarely missed a service.

**900 ATTEND INDIANA
DISTRICT C. A. CONVENTION**

The annual C. A. convention was held in the Armory in Lafayette, Ind. A crowd of 900 people came to hear David Wilker-

son, New York's preacher to the teen-age gangs. Some were saved and hundreds of young people made a new consecration to God after the stirring messages. Brenton Osgood was re-elected as vice-president and Karl Strader was elected secretary-treasurer. Charles Hackett is C. A. president.—by Gordon H. Matheny, district secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AREA-WIDE WORKERS TRAINING for East Side Metropolitan Detroit, Jan. 14-18 at Bethany Tabernacle, Mt. Clemens, Mich. William Kirschke, instructor.—by Charles E. Green, chairman.

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Ala.	Birmingham	Norwood	Jan. 2-13	Calvin Melton	Leonard Page
Ark.	El Dorado	First	Jan. 6-20	Eddie Eaton	Erling Saxelid
Calif.	Artesia	A/G	Jan. 13—	Knouse-Stovall Team	Michael Alvarado
	Bakersfield	Wayside	Jan. 8-13	Douglas Payne	Norman Jones
	Buena Park	A/G	Jan. 1-13	Sara E. Sharp	O. D. Burkett
	Caruthers	Full Gospel	Dec. 30—	H. C. Lafferty	Cecil O. Branson
	Los Gatos	First	Jan. 6-20	The Bender Team	Kelsey Prinzing
	Rohnerville	A/G	Jan. 6-11	Charles Senechal	Joseph C. Murray
	Sebastopol	A/G	Jan. 8-13	Doug Payne	Richard Jeffers
	Taft	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 6	Bobby Black	Leonard Palmer
	Taft	Taft Heights	Dec. 30—	David Bunch	W. E. Davis
Colo.	Denver	First	Jan. 13—	Arthur & Anna Berg	V. J. Crews
D. C.	Washington	Bethel Pent.	Jan. 6-13	L. K. Dodge	J. Renton Hunter
Fla.	Clewiston	A/G	Jan. 8-13	Olshewski Musical Team	James Kimbrel
	Lakeland	First	Jan. 2-6	John French	James F. Johnson
	Panama City	Dirego Park	Jan. 6-20	Woodrow Oxner	Crawford Railey
	St. Petersburg	Seminole	Jan. 6-13	Linton (Buddy) Creel	A. D. Hollingsworth
	West Palm Beach	Calvary Temple	Jan. 8-13	John French	Roy Harthern
Ga.	Atlanta	Bethel Temple	Jan. 9-20	Perrello Brothers	Grover Langston
	Thomaston	First	Jan. 9-20	Perrello Brothers	Raymond B. Collins
Idaho	Hansen	A/G	Jan. 7—	Dick Colsen	Elmer E. Richardson
Ind.	New Albany	First	Jan. 6—	J. B. Woolums	J. H. Wooldridge
Iowa	Cedar Falls	A/G	Jan. 6-20	Larry Allbaugh	F. E. Wilson
	Dubuque	A/G	Jan. 8-13	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Clifford Nichols
Kans.	Garden City	A/G	Jan. 6-13	Jeremiah Hudley	J. J. Krimmer
	Independence	First	Jan. 6—	J.W. Henegar	Marvin Haley
	Topeka	Highland	Jan. 6—	David & Mrs. Howe	Ruth Smith
Mich.	Battle Creek	F-F Gospel	Jan. 8-20	Arthur F. Thornton	R. A. Rieben
Minn.	Worthington	A/G	Dec. 30-Jan. 13	Lundstrom Party	John W. Everett
Mo.	Fredericktown	First	Jan. 6-20	Bonnie M. Ruble	Floyd Heady
Mont.	Wolf Point	A/G	Jan. 11-13	Dave Tonn	W. L. Roset
N. Y.	St. James	Full Gospel	Jan. 6-20	T. P. Beck	Harry Tripp
N. C.	Durham	Bible Revival	Jan. 6—	Don Martin	Louie Shultz
N. Dak.	Jamestown	* First	Dec. 30-Jan. 13	Evelyn Glosser	G. L. Riffe
Ohio	Akron	Bethel Temple	Jan. 1-13	Andrew & Mrs. Basell	Lillian M. Derfer
	Youngstown	Calvary	Jan. 2-13	Musical Lebsacks	Raymond E. Taber
Okla.	Alva	A/G	Dec. 30-Jan. 13	Erwin Moore & Family	Lynn Beeson
Pa.	Alum Bank	Pleasantville	Jan. 2-13	Ralph A. Creider	Ellwood Bell, Sr.
S. Dak.	Winner	A/G	Dec. 30-Jan. 13	Jerry & Joy Spain	Wayne D. Allen
Tex.	Boyd	A/G	Dec. 30-Jan. 13	Ike Davis	Thural B. Reid
	Clarksville	First	Dec. 30—	Mathers-Pharr Team	J. D. Griffis
	Pasadena	Evangel	Jan. 1-13	Mike Wright	H. V. Hayman
	Waxahachie	South Park	Jan. 2-13	Wes & Pat Larson	Arlen Tipton
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Va.	Petersburg	First	Jan. 1-13	Harold Brumback	N. E. Haupt
Wash.	Lynden	A/G	Dec. 30-Jan. 6	W. F. Morton	Alfred Nelson
	Walla Walla	A/G	Jan. 8-20	W. F. Morton	Leonard Philp
Canada	Creston, B.C.	Pentecostal	Dec. 31-Jan. 13	Gaidies-Wagner Team	K. H. Pennoyer
	Toronto, Ont.	Willowdale	Jan. 6-20	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	Gerald Morgan
	Windsor, Ont.	Bethel Pent.	Jan. 13-20	The Musical Muirs	W. H. Fitch
El Salvador	San Salvador	Evang. Ctr.	Jan. 13-27	Watson Argue	John Bueno
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